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A New Year's Message from the President

As 2015 begins, I would like to reflect on how much we accomplished in 2014. We had a very successful year of which we all should be proud.

Over 200 supporters attended our An Evening in Italy fundraiser in support of ongoing efforts to preserve Montebello's Juan Matias Sanchez Adobe and Museum. The funds raised from this event have been designated for capital projects to refurbish the Adobe, including a fresh coat of paint and the establishment of a 20th century Montebello history collection to capture even more of Montebello's memories.

In 2014, we continued to make strides towards the refurbishment of the Adobe. We renovated the upstairs and built a much needed storage area with shelving and proper lighting. Broken doors were repaired and the furniture rearranged. The entire Adobe was cleaned and the inside painted. We are grateful to the Montebello Rotary Club for their assistance in 2014 with projects ranging from painting to cleanup of the grounds.



We finished the year with a Christmas potluck where we enjoyed each other's company, delicious food and the music of Bobby Z. Thank you to everyone who brought a toy. The toys were taken to the Montebello Fire Department and distributed to needy

children in the community.

All the best,

As you can see, it was a very busy year. While many challenges were met, many more are yet to come. We are in need of docent volunteers. Contact Vice President Kathleen Rabago at 323-721-3479.

I thank the Montebello Historical Society Board of Directors, along with our members, for their support and ongoing efforts this past year. I wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy new year filled with love and friendship, and I look forward to working with you in 2015.

Rosie Vasquez, President

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Montebello Mayor Makes Donation

The Montebello Historical Society wishes to thank Montebello Mayor Jack Hadjinian for his personal donation in memory of his uncle, Garekin Arakelian. Hadjinian donated his first month's stipend as mayor to several Montebello non-profits.



Rosie Vasquez accepting check on behalf of Historical Society from Hadjinian's mother, Margaret.

Annual Meeting Alert!

Election of Officers Set for January 8, 2015

The Montebello Historical Society's annual meeting and election of officers is set for Thursday, January 8, 2015, at 6:30 pm, at the Montebello Senior Center, downstairs, located at 115 S. Taylor Avenue.

It is vital that everyone attend this very important meeting. At least 20 members must be present in order to hold elections.

Should you have any questions, contact election committee meeting members Ed Vasquez at 323-646-6606, Mary Jordan at 323-721-2799 or Maria Halpern at 323-724-9288, email chavarriainsuranceagency@gmail.com.

