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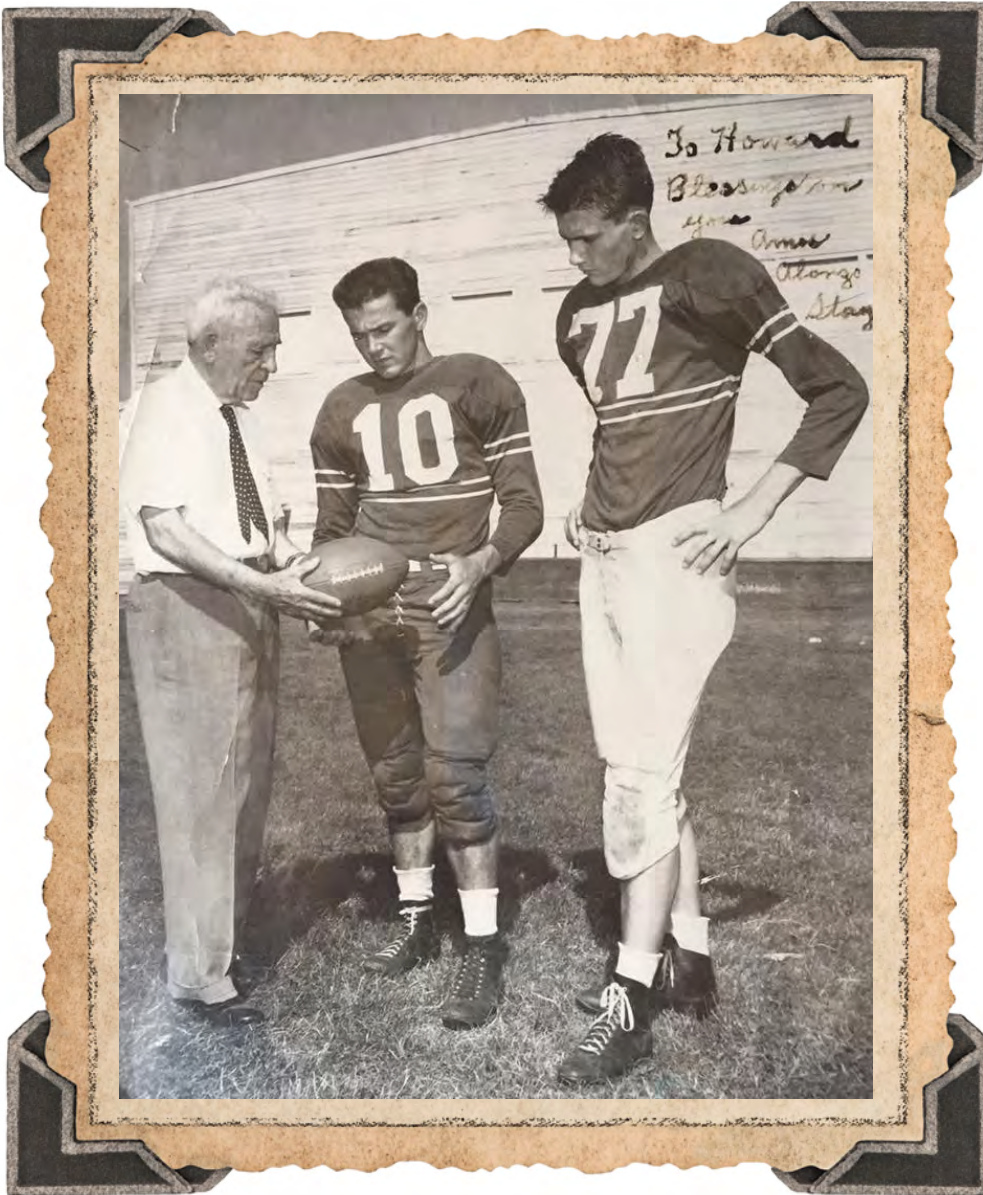
VIEWS

October 2018

From the Archives

#45 Stagg and Girard

Over the years, numerous Galt High School athletes have gone on to play intercollegiate sports. In 1954, three-sport star John "JB" Girard attended Stockton College (later to become San Joaquin Delta College) to play football and baseball. Pictured to the left in the photo is legendary football coach Amos Alonzo Stagg. Having coached at the University of Chicago for forty years and then College of the Pacific for another thirteen, Stagg assisted at Stockton College while Girard played there. He was the originator of the "man in motion" and the "lateral pass" both of which are still in use today. Girard would later play at the College of the Pacific (later to become the University of the Pacific) where an injury ended his playing career. Coach Stagg retired in 1958 at the age of 96. Also pictured in the photo is another three-sport star at Stockton High School Howard Jackson. Thanks to Laura Jackson for the photo and John Melhaff for some of the information.



MEMBERSHIP

As a member of our Galt Area Historical Society you play an important role in protecting and preserving our historical records and also interpreting the past to the public, especially our younger Galtonians.

Each year that you renew your membership you join us in our mission of engaging and empowering each other to make history a meaningful part of our contemporary lives. Your membership helps preserve the legacy of our ancestors, commemorate local heroes and preserve our historic architecture. Our members in GAHS help answer the Who, What, Why, Where and When questions that make historical societies important. It puts those of us in the present in touch with the people of the past who shaped our landscape, named our landmarks, and made the decisions that ultimately affect us today.

A great big thank you to all annual members who have paid their 2018 dues. Our goal is to have 100% dues paid ASAP. A reminder that dues are due in January of each year. So, if you wait to renew too long it will seem like you have paid twice! You can submit your dues through the mail, PayPal on the GAHS Website or at our monthly meeting. Also, within our membership area, we encourage you to inform us when you have a change of address. Please email any concerns to Rhonda Smith, guildstreetsmith@sbcglobal.net or call, 209-745-4504.



A Message From The President

It does look like Fall now. The weather seems to have cooled and we are looking at a little rain on the horizon. Along with the Fall colors showing themselves and Halloween coming, the month of October is very significant to our organization. In October 1987, we became the Galt Area Historical Society. This is our 31st year since our Founders, Beatrice Orr Smithson, Eugenia Olson, Orvell K. Fletcher, and Margaret Greer organized our society to become the “keeper” of the history of Galt and the area.

Along with the four Founders, we had a total of 52 Charter Members: Some are still members today. In another section of the newsletter, you will see the names of all our Charter Members. We want to honor them here today.

We have had 16 individuals who have been President of our society; some being President multiple times since 1987. Today our membership continues to grow with people who want to join in our mission of historical preservation of our area and preserving the irreplaceable as well as preserving the memories of all those who came to our area before us.

We have seen many successes: We acquired and restored the Rae House and made it into

Galt's only museum; we acquired and maintain the two historic cemeteries of Liberty and Elliott; we entered into a 99 year lease with Sacramento County to restore and maintain the McFarland Living History Ranch; we have fostered many successful fundraisers and activities to help fund our many projects. Our list of accomplishments goes on. However, without the help of all of our volunteers, we could have never succeeded. To celebrate our founders, our Charter members, and our current members, we will have our Charter Night Dinner October 22. I hope that many of you will attend. Every volunteer, regardless of what role you play is necessary for our success. It is a right to honor all of you.

~ Janis Barsetti Gray



2018

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Policy and Procedure Review

Purchasing including Credit Accounts, Credit Card Purchases and Members Reimbursements

1. Only authorized persons shall use the established Society credit accounts for the purchase of any items and/or services for the Society. The Society executive officers shall be in charge of authorizing such persons.
2. No member of the Society or individual shall establish a new credit account, make any purchases on behalf of the Society or incur any other debt to the Society without the express consent of the Society executive officers.
3. All original credit receipts shall be submitted to the Society Bookkeeper within thirty (30) days of the transaction date. In addition, each receipt shall indicate a description of the items or services purchased, a notation as to the need for the purchase and for what project, activity, repair, etc. the purchase was used.
4. No member of the Society or individual shall be authorized to sub-contract any services, repairs, etc. for the Society without the express consent of the Society executive officers.
5. Any claim for reimbursement for Society related items and/or services from a Society member or individual shall be subject to prior Board approval and submitted to the Society Bookkeeper within thirty (30) days of the transaction date. Reimbursement will not be honored after the thirty (30) day period. All claims shall include the original receipt, a description of the items/services purchased, and a notation as to the need for the purchase and for what project, activity, repair, etc. this purchase was used.
6. When requesting the authority to make a purchase on behalf of the Society, the member making the request needs to provide the Board with three quotes if the purchase will cost over \$100.
7. Any reimbursement for fuel shall follow the requirement in item 5 with the exception of fuel for individual mileage. Individual mileage will be paid only to individuals that have been pre-approved by the executive officers to receive mileage reimbursement. All mileage reimbursement will be paid for the actual miles traveled for Society related business only and shall be submitted to the Society Bookkeeper within thirty (30) days of the occurrence on the approved mileage reimbursement form as attached. Mileage reimbursement rate shall be at the current IRS guidelines. Mileage forms shall be available on request from the Galt Area Historical Society.
8. Any misuse or nonuse of the procedure by a member will result in losing privileges of using the Society's credit accounts, credit cards, and receiving reimbursement for purchases.

Calendar

October 11 | 2 p.m.
Executive Board Meeting

October 13 | 9 a.m.
Workday at Liberty Cemetery

October 22 | 6 p.m.
Charter Night Dinner at the Hall

October 26
Halloween Spooktacular
at the Rae House

October 12 & 13
Yard Sale at the Hall

October 27 | 8 a.m.
Workday at Elliott Cemetery

November 10 | 8 a.m.
Workday at the Rae House Garden

November 17 | 9 a.m.
Workday at Liberty Cemetery

December 2
Christmas Open House
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Rae House
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - McFarland Ranch

December 9
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Dates and Times are Subject to Change

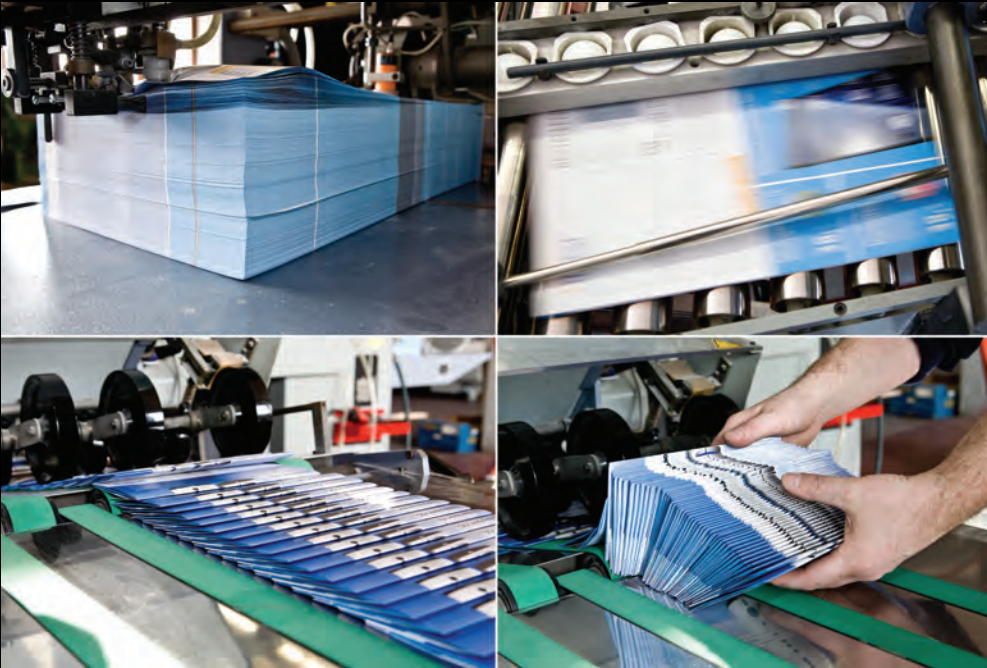


In Memoriam

One of our lifetime members, Nancy McEnerney Fawcett passed away recently in Biggs, CA. Our sincere condolences to Nancy's family. Nancy's son Robert has arranged a reception/memorial lunch at the Rae House Museum on October 28th from 11 am-3 pm. Any members who knew Nancy and who wish to come to the reception, please RSVP to Robert at 916 799-0013. Again, we are very sorry for the Fawcett Family's loss.



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Louise's Walk Down Memory Lane

Alta Mesa Fair

The Alta Mesa Fair was on the corner of Alta Mesa and Blake Road. There were quite a number of poultry ranches in the area and the ladies would cook a delicious chicken dinner for the evening meal. The fair was a one day and evening affair.

The young women could enter the "Queen Contest". Marge McEnerney and I were contestants in 1936 and she was chosen. I had been queen of Galt Fair in 1935.

One old fellow provided entertainment by reciting a poem about little pigs with appropriate "oinks and snorts and their tails curled high."

Exhibits were mostly ladies handiwork and the attraction for kids "The Grab Bag"

It probably cost a nickel. For grown ups and young people there were sack races and three legged races. The ladies had a rolling pin throwing contest to see who could throw the farthest.

There was music under the stars by the Stamp sisters (one is here at Golden Living), Helen, and her sister Clara is deceased. It was fun with a good time enjoyed by all.

Gossip from the

Galt Gazette

October 1883

A site has been selected at the Arno Station for the building of a Catholic Church.



The Galt School, under Miss Georgia Ray, has an enrollment of 51 boys and 46 girls.



Charlie Quiggle's Arcade is all the rage. Drinks and cigars for all.



Mrs. F.M. Fowler is having a neat residence built at her ranch on the Lagoon.

Kitchen Kuties

On a trip to Montana in 1966, Bert and Marie Olson attended a meeting of the Ladies Auxillary of the American Legion. There they heard a performance of a "kitchen band" composed of ladies playing kazoos and kitchen utensils. She was so impressed that when she got home, Marie put together a band of her own originally called the Fun Club but became better known as the Kitchen Kuties. The group was made up of women over 50 and mostly from the Galt Christian Church. Marie's idea was to give these women something to do and have fun doing it. Starting in 1967, the Kitchen Kuties performed, over a 10-year period, all over the area including the State Fair, Sacramento County Fair, Galt Festival, and the Lodi Grape Festival. Marie Olson, who called herself the "head Chef," kept a journal on the Kitchen Kuties that contains all the exploits of the group as well as awards, group trips, illnesses, and passings of everyone related to the group. Other individual nicknames included Mrs. Food Chopper, Mrs. Curtain Rod, and Mrs. Pie Pan. Two notable acts at every performance were Ida Compton doing the Charleston and Ruth Lumsden singing "How Great Thou Art." Because of varying circumstances, the group slowly dwindled down to just a handful of members and complete cessation of performances. Pictured in a 1969 photo are, back row left to right, Iva Baer, Oakie Martin, Ruth Lumsden, Grace Merritt, Mae Funston, Bessie Jones, and Ida Compton. Front row, left to right, are Myrtle Quashnick, Nora Brown, Margaret Gill, Mabel Neilon, and Sara Westrup.



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Bits & Pieces

Car Show a Success

Even though we had fewer cars this year, we made over \$4,000 at our annual car show, Drive Down Memory Lane. We had 55 cars registered, 135 people paid at the gate to come in, vendors, lots of food and goods for sale, and a DJ. The raffle was a HUGE success. Maria Spannuth reports that the raffle generated \$1,440. Maria wants to thank all those who donated items for the raffle, those who helped set the raffle up, those who worked in the raffle and helped tear down the raffle booth, and a big thank you to all those wonderful guests and members who purchased tickets. We could not have done it without all of you.

Charter Night Dinner

October 22, starting at 6 pm. Must RSVP. Cost is \$15 per person. All those who come to dinner will be given a ticket for a door prize. Must come to dinner to get a ticket. See insert for details

Charter Night and Election

After dinner there will be our regular General Meeting and election of new officers on the Board. All Executive Board positions are uncontested except First Vice President. Running for 1st VP is Incumbent, Ida Denier and challenger, Ron Jacobson. Please come to the meeting to vote.

Christmas is Coming

Sue Dean is in need of people to help decorate the McFarland House and the Rae House for the Christmas open houses. Please contact Sue as soon as possible so we can get started. It is a big job.

Halloween at the Rae

October 26 is our Spooktacular at the Rae House Museum from 6-10 pm. There will be games for the kids, pumpkin carving, food for purchase, treats. It is a free family event.

Restroom Update

We are having final inspections coming up. There are a few items that need correcting and some we are still researching. We will keep you posted.

Cleanup at the McFarland in July/August

Just to let everyone know, all the items that went in the dumpsters at the MAC were about 42,000 lbs or about 21 ton. We have to work harder not to accumulate things that eventually have to be thrown out. Please try to keep our properties clean and organized.

Historic Plaques

We are ready to have the following historic plaques made. These plaques will be paid by private donors:

Elliott Cemetery
The Loll Family

Liberty Cemetery
The Barsetti Family

Arno/Hicksville Cemetery
Ron & Judy Jacobson

Galt Cemetery
Lavagnino Family

Herald Store
Sandy and Robert Olson

Each plaque will cost \$250. We ask the donors to make checks out to the Galt Area Historical Society and then we will send one check. Thanks so much.

McFarland Fence Donors

Ron Jacobson has informed me that there are still sections of the fence around the McFarland Home that do not have donors names. If you would like to have your name, or your family's name on a name plate on the fence, please contact one of the officers. The cost is \$150 per section.

Obe Harvey Award

At the Charter Dinner the winner (s) of this year's Obe Harvey Award will be announced.

We're Still Looking For Archival Materials



There is still a lot of Galt History out there that Galtonians or former Galtonians have stashed in boxes in closets, basements, and attics. Whether you donate items to us or let us "scan and return," please search through those boxes and collect the items listed below. You can drop them off (Barsetti Vineyards, 400 4th Street #150, Galt, Ca) or mail them to us. Many of you don't realize that what might be insignificant to you is very significant to us. The only requirement is it has to do with people and places in our Historic Area (Galt, Herald, Thornton, Liberty, Elliott, Hicksville, Arno, or Colony). Remember that Galt Area History is 1869 to 2018.

1. Photographs (People or Places)
2. Old Property Deeds
3. Diplomas
4. Awards
5. Newspaper or Magazine Clippings
6. Store Receipts
7. Programs from school or specials events
8. Church Programs
9. Wedding Announcements
10. Funeral Programs
11. Advertisements
12. Business Cards from any business
13. High School or any Elementary School Yearbook
14. School Report Cards from any school
15. Old Galt Herald or Galt Gazette Newspapers
16. Matchbooks
17. Calendars
18. Military Induction or Discharge Papers and Commendations
19. Tickets to any events in our Historic Area
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