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**CHAIRMAN’S MESSAGE**

Giovanni “G” Simi



The 2019 Fair is over and the sweet treats and carnival delights are packed up and gone, or in some cases, eaten!

Our museum groundbreaking was a highlight with our Board of Directors, Fair Board members, Lancaster City Council members, and several past AVRM Directors. What a wonderful accomplishment of the AVRM Board to receive the checks from Supervisor Barger’s office and the City of Lancaster for \$100,000.00 each, although the City of Lancaster upped the ante by \$1.00 to have a bigger check than the County. Friendly competition is always great. I would also like to

thank Debbie Dino for manning the Museum during the Rural Olympics so all of our Board of Directors could attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony. Our two Fair Directors, Debbie Dino and Gary Van Dam, have been doing a tremendous job for us, Thank you.

Now that we have construction started, we must continue fundraising to finish construction and then onto phase 2 of the building. Please plan to attend our Annual Night at the Rural Museum on Sept 28 from 5 to 8 PM. Ticket cost \$50.00.

We received a note to the community from R. Rex Parris that was very complimentary. We thank the Mayor for his comments. Please see page 2 for the Mayor’s note.



## RAWLINGS' REVIEW

Whew! July and August have been a whirlwind of excitement and activity beginning with the grading and compaction of our building site by Mark Norris's California Compaction Corporation, the Fair Kick Off Dinner followed by the 10 fun filled days of the AV Fair and finally our Groundbreaking during the Rural Olympics. September and October promise to be just as busy and thrilling. The highlight will be our *Annual*



*Night in the Rural Museum* fundraiser dinner. You may purchase tickets by clicking the button at the beginning of this newsletter if you are online, or on our website, or through any AVRМ Board Member. Tables for 8 may also be reserved with a \$500 sponsorship, which includes recognition for your business. See page 3 for details.

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Rural Olympics legend and friend of the AVRМ Glenn Losey who passed away early this month. His service will be at Joshua Memorial Park on Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. followed by a reception at the AVRМ and in the Harley Building.

Note from Mayor Parris below—THANK YOU!

*Dear Antelope Valley Community Members,*

*As we wrap up another delightful year of the AV Fair festivities, the excitement continues as the Antelope Valley Rural Museum prepares for bright new beginnings.*

*During this year's Rural Olympics, the Museum broke ground on its new building. As a show of continued support of the Museum's mission and future endeavors, the City of Lancaster presented a \$100,000 check for construction of their new permanent home — still to be located at the AV Fair and Event Center.*

*Excitingly, the new building will result in an expansion of exhibitions and education. The development will also allow the Museum to continue its hard work in preserving our Valley's rich history and tell our story for generations to come. As a community that has benefited greatly from its efforts, I encourage everyone to engage with and support the Antelope Valley Rural Museum.*

*Sincerely,*

*R. Rex Parris, Mayor, City of Lancaster*

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2019

SEPTEMBER 21: Museum open Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 28: **SAVE THE DATE! AVRМ annual fundraising dinner, Saturday from 5—8 p.m. See page 3 for details.**

OCTOBER 5: **ELECTIONS!** Board meeting the 1st Saturday of the month. Museum open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 6: **Sunday—FLEA MARKET at the Fairgrounds. 7:00 a.m. early bird/9:00 a.m. to public.**

OCTOBER 13: **OLD TIMERS BBQ, SUNDAY, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$15 for deep pit BBQ.**

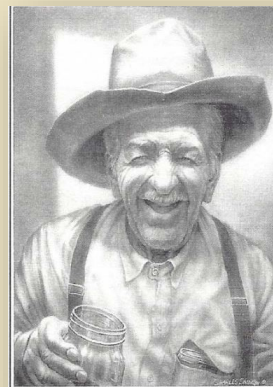
OCTOBER 19: Museum open Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2: Board meeting the 1st Saturday of the month. Museum open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 16: Museum open Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 7: Board meeting the 1st Saturday of the month. Museum open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 21: Museum open Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



**AV's 92nd  
ANNUAL  
OLD TIMER'S BBQ  
OCTOBER 13, 2019**

Van Dam Pavilion (A. V. FAIRGROUNDS)

2551 West Ave. H, Lancaster, Ca.

*Serving:* 12:00 pm. to 2:00 pm.

**ADULTS \$15.00 CHILDREN (12 AND UNDER) \$5.00**

Doors Open 11:00 AM.

Plan your next Class Reunion at this event

*See Old Photo's, Friends, Cars, Books,  
History of the Antelope Valley*



# ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE RURAL MUSEUM

Saturday, September 28, 2019  
5:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm

BBQ Chicken & Pulled Pork  
Catered By: Friends of the Fair ~ \$50.00  
Location: Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
in the Antelope Valley Rural Museum  
2551 West Avenue H ~ Enter Gate #3



"Honor the Past ~ Invest in the Future"  
Make Checks payable to Antelope Valley Rural Museum (AVRM)  
The AVRM is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity EIN: 27-1002922



## 2019 ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE RURAL MUSEUM

Can we count on you to support the ground-breaking effort of the AV Rural Museum by purchasing a ticket (or two...) to our 'ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE RURAL MUSEUM' to be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.? If you are not able to attend, a donation would be very much appreciated!

The dinner will be held at the Antelope Valley Rural Museum at the Fairgrounds, 2551 West Avenue H. Please enter at Gate #3. Tickets are \$50 each and are available from any director, on our website, or e-mail Bill Rawlings at [avmuseum@verizon.net](mailto:avmuseum@verizon.net).





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US! 9/8/2009—9/8/2019 MEMORIES AT THE AVR

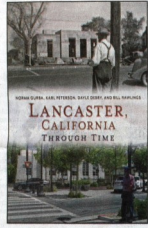




# MEMORIES AT THE AVR



## Book sales aid rural museum



### Four authors write about history of city

**Valley Press**  
 LANCASTER — Profits and royalties from a new book on the history of the city will go to support the Antelope Valley Rural Museum. "Lancaster, California Through Time," by Norma Gayle, Karl Peterson, Dayle Bailey, and Bill Rawlings, explores the community's ever-changing architecture. Many early structures have disappeared or are in ruins, but several treasures remain and are seen in the book's vintage and current photographs. "It was an honor to co-author this book with Norma, Dayle, and Karl. The writing skills of both Norma and Dayle are already proven in their previous books," Rawlings said in a Facebook post. "I am so awe of the teamwork that went into this project."  
**See BOOK on A6**



**Benefit Sale** — Bill Rawlings, above, financial officer for the Antelope Valley Rural Museum, stakes down the sign at the location of the museum's planned building at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds. The museum's current site is the fairgrounds' Farm and Garden building. Copies of "Lancaster, California Through Time," top left, about the history of Lancaster, will go to support the museum. Rawlings is a co-author of the book.





Website: [www.avmuseum.org](http://www.avmuseum.org)  
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*Donate and pay dues via PayPal and credit card on our website*

### DONATIONS

Pickus Challenge 2019—2020 Building Fund	\$1,000
Honor the Past Plaques and Display Sponsorship (Custom laser cut wood plaques with Personal memorial or message)	\$1,500
Bronze Sponsorship Donor	\$100
Silver Sponsorship Donor	\$1000
Gold Sponsorship Donor	\$10,000

### ANTELOPE VALLEY RURAL MUSEUM GIFT STORE

Annual membership dues	\$20.00
Hats—all baseball hats (Members)	\$10.00
Hats—all baseball hats (Non-members)	\$15.00
Lancaster, CA Through Time	\$25.00
History books—all books are priced at:	
Images of America “Lancaster”	\$20.00
Images of America “Palmdale”	
Legendary Locals of the AV (Above AV history books signed by Norma Gurba)	
P-38 Lightning	
Images of America “Edwards Air Force Base”	
DVDs Listed DVDs are priced at:	\$20.00
Jane Pinheiro Wildflowers NEW!	
Yester Years—AV History 1876—1942	
1987 Rural Olympics (narrated)	
Evolution of the Rural Olympics book (On DVD—Excel & Word Doc format)	

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** The AVRM will honor the history of the Antelope Valley with documentation, preservation, exhibition, and education.

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**HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY  
to the AVRM!**

9/8/2009 - 9/8/2019



In just one decade we have grown from a tiny collection of photos and a giant vision to a real museum about the history of the Antelope Valley. Now construction is about to begin on our new 12,000 S.F. permanent home.

Thank you to all our **M**embers, **D**onors, **S**ponsors, and **V**olunteers!