

Miss Daly City... Where Is She Now?

Yoo, hoo...you, hoo! Miss Daly City, WHERE ARE YOU? That's the call that has been going on in preparation for our upcoming extravaganza meeting on Wednesday, May 15th, 7:30pm, at Doelger Center's multi-use room.

From 1955 through 1983, selection of a "Miss Daly City" was a project of the local Chamber of Commerce, with individual sponsorships by local merchants. The contest continued for 29 years, and one year a runner-up filled out a term.

Trying to find former Miss Daly City winners hasn't been an easy task. Program chair Bunny Gillespie has been doing detective work for several months, and has found 9 of the former winners, mostly in California, but one as far away as Kansas. No, her name was not Dorothy Gale!

Four of the former reigning beauties have indicated intention of coming to the May 15th reunion, headed by center-piece speaker Lynette Fishel, Miss DC of 1961. She is a resident of Belmont. Her year was especially busy, since 1961 was the 50th Anniversary of Daly City, and there were innumerable civic functions at which her presence was a highlight. In that year there was also a Mrs. Daly City chosen, Mrs. Melford Battye.

NFL Hall-of-Fame inductee, Bob St. Clair, former '49er great tackle, was our DC mayor that year, and **BOB HAS SAID THAT HE WILL BE AT THE MEETING!**

Planning to attend, besides Miss Fishel, are Carolyn Richenbacher (1969), Selena Lencioni (1980), and Dianne Wagner (1971), who also became Miss California for 1972 and competed in the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City that year.

This will be a very happy, nostalgia-filled evening. Come to hear of the experiences of these lovely young

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WEDNESDAY, *May 15th*, at 7:30 pm



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Daly City lasses who represented their city and mercantile enterprises during the great years of DC's growth.

Nominations/Elections

At our upcoming meeting the nomination and election of Guild officers and directors will be held. A list of the current officers and directors is on the back of the Tattler.

Any members in good-standing are eligible for the slate to be elected. Our Nominating Committee chair is Jane Powell, who will receive any recommendations at 992-2757.

The officers and directors form the governing body of a non-profit organization of more than 500 members, who conduct five members' meetings per

year, operate a Mini-Museum on a weekly basis year round, provide historical information on request from the city government and the public, and are part of a county-wide network of similar organizations.

The Guild is self-sufficient financially, deriving its income from member dues and gifts and raffle monies from donations and meetings. The City provides free meeting space and room for the Mini-Museum in the Serramonte Library. Our Tattler is printed by the City at competitive-with-outside cost.

Address lists are on computer and Tattler mailings (five times yearly) are on a non-profit permit basis at the Daly City Post Office. We are continually grateful to the Babow family, Roz, Ted and son Richard, for their excellent membership roster works and care of our Guild finances.

Gateway on Dunks!

The weekend of June 1 & 2 will see the return of the GATEWAY FESTIVAL, a gala gathering of arts, crafts, community groups, food and entertainment, concentrating on the Festival's theme of "A Community of Cultures."

Our Guild will have its booth once more, for the 5th consecutive year. The Colma Historical Assn. will also have a booth, so that the historical aspect of the area will be well-represented.

This year the location of the fair will be on the paved area directly west of the Serra Bowl, on a street that has historical significance, **Dunks Street**. The street is only two blocks long, and only has a sign at the entrance to a parking area between San Pedro Road and Washington Street.

Dunks Street was named after an early-day Colma family, who originally owned a good deal of land along San Pedro Road, and who donated the lots on which Holy Angels Church was originally built.

At the corner of Dunks and Washington Streets was the home of **Margaret Pauline Brown**, early day educator, and after whom a school was named on Eastmoor, former Edgemar Road.

At the north end of Dunks she and her husband, Assemblyman **Henry Ward Brown**, had built a Protestant Sunday School which later became a community center, library, infant shelter, and the classrooms for the first years of Jefferson High School.

All this was swallowed up by the construction of the 280 Freeway, with the Brown house and community center now the on-ramp at Washington and Junipero Serra Boulevard.

Volunteers are sought to help man our Guild booth in two hour shifts on both days, from 10am to 5pm. The activity is most pleasant. The displays are self-explanatory, and it's a great way to show what our Guild is up to, and to meet and greet friends and neighbors. There will be a sign-up sheet at the May 15th meeting, or you are urged to phone the Gillespies at 755-5123.

Snazzy Design by Walter!

Guild director Walter Riney has come up with a new and improved design to display our photos. Using PVC pipe, with elbows and T's, we now have a tri-sided frame from which to suspend our pictures at Gateway, Victorian Days streetfairs, etc. Our previous foam-core tent signs were utilitarian, but flimsy in the winds, and Walter's craftsmanship gives us a portable, yet sturdy system for display. Thank you so very much, good friend Walter.

Diamonds + 10 a Gas!

Our March program was a real hum-dinger, since everything hummed along and nobody dinged us!! The celebration of Daly City's 85th Anniversary was handled beautifully by Councilman Al Teglia, the only remaining Councilman from the 75th Anniversary board, from 1986, the year of the Diamond Jubilee.

There was a wide variety of 75th Anniversary souvenirs, brought by Al and from the Guild collection. Using the long microphone cord, Al picked out special items on the display tables and commented on the event(s) that belonged to the memorabilia.

A special song was sung, to the tune of "Kansas City", from the musical

"Oklahoma!", indicating that, as with the original, "Everything's Up To Date in Daly City!"

Since the preparation of a special audio-visual show for the 75th Anniversary was a real impetus to the Guild in 1986, a video version of the original "Picture Our Past" slide history was shown, on equipment from the Doelger Center. Many thanks to them for the cooperation of the Parks and Rec for their help!

The King and Queen of the 75th Anniversary celebration were decked out in sashes and tiara. Esther and Hartley Appleton looked most becoming. Their beautiful trophies were displayed and contributed to the Guild, and are now on view at the Mini-Museum.

Faithful Fran Bullard and Hearty Hartley Appleton really hustled the raffle tickets, and Mary Hutchings' fine Hospitality Crew, Bob and Enid Williams and Marilyn Olcese presented the tempting refreshments which had been brought by Mildred Eschler, Bianca Caserza, Pat Hatfield, Elsie Martin, Helen Nelson and Leonila Alvarez. Good show all round!

A surprise highlight was a presentation by member Marie Brizuela, who did a scrapbook show and tell about her daughter, Angela, who was Miss Colma/Daly City during the big celebration in 1986.

First-timers at the meeting were Col. Bill Wade, who's been a member for years, but had precluding engagements that matched our gatherings, and Susan Brisenden Smith, new manager of the Daly City/Colma Chamber of Commerce.

Victorian Days in August

Can it be that already we are in the throes of planning for our exhibit at Victorian Days in the Park?

Ah, yes indeedy, for the annual affair is slated in San Mateo's Central Park for Saturday and Sunday, August 24-25th.

Our Guild will have its booth in History Lane, in the middle of a score of parallel groups from many of the cities in San Mateo County.

Victorian Days is the principal fund-raising of the San Mateo County Historical Association, and is in its 17th year of activity, with continuous stage entertainment, more than 125 arts, crafts booths, fashion shows, food, drink and fun for everone!

Gifts to the Guild

Added to the collection since the last report have been the following:

Frank Francheschini - Color pix of the new North County Health Center; the new homes being built at the Savage site off Southgate; St. Andrew's Community apartment complex.

Kathy Shattuck - Boxed collection of vintage DC/Colma pictures.

Russ Brabec - Map copies of 1870 Railroad Homestead, 1859 Precita Valley development, SF.

Bob McClay - Original art (framed) for a Daly City promotional postcard. This was brought to the Mini-Museum by Don Manning.

Harriet Ratto/Fran Bullard, who are sisters - Forty-five glossy b/w prints of San Francisco streetcards; other paper memorabilia.

Richard Babow - 1981 Belle Vista Development report; 1981-1982-1985 BART Turnback Reports.

Mike Wilson - Snapshots and negs of 1986 Diamond Jubilee celebration.

Esther & Hartley Appleton - Queen and King memorabilia from 1986 75th DC Anniversary; trophies; headgear; sashes and paper items, newspaper clips.

The collection continues to grow, thanks to the thoughtfulness of folks like those listed above.

Guild Display in Coffee House

We now have a display on view in one of the show windows of the Serra Theater, with vintage picture copies and room for announcing current Guild activities. Member Al Teglia led the way with Coffee House manager Gerry Dorn for the use of the space, which gives those enjoying their coffees an opportunity to soak up a bit of local history. This will be experimental,

to discern the durability of such displays.

Upcoming Goodies

There is an all-star lineup of goody-donors for the May 15th meeting. Not only are they all generous, but all the names have double letters!

Pat & Lou Craviotti
Mary Chiappari
Marian Rocchetta
Julia Padreddii
Angela Uccelli

Our splendid refreshment chair-person, Mary Hutchings, will call you shortly before the meeting as a last-minute reminder, but, if there's any problem, her number is 756-0864.

Helping her will be Marilyn Olcese and Bob and Enid Williams (gee, more of the double letters!

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As a footnote to the upcoming May 15th meeting: We will have a special raffle prize, generously contributed by Mr. Richard Martini, manager of the Junipero Serra branch of Home Savings.

A brand-new Proctor-Silex Toaster Oven will be our first prize, along with other donated prizes by members. The raffle proceeds, together with the dues structure, pays our ongoing bills, and we are very grateful for any contributions. So, come May 15th, buy your tickets and go for the lovely new toaster oven from Mr. Martini! The tickets are only 3/\$1.00.

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