

BART COMES TO DALY CITY/COLMA

Historical reasoning behind BART's presence in Daly City and Colma will be the topic for our upcoming Guild meeting at Doelger Center on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Speakers on the subject of how BART came to our communities will be Molly Murphy and Alan Lee, representatives of BART's Community Relations office. Ms. Murphy has unique DC ties, being the niece of long-time proprietor of the West-lake Lounge, Frank McCann.

It's hard to believe that the planning for what has turned out to be BART's eventuality dates back 50 YEARS!

As far back as 1947 a joint Army-Navy Commission recommended a twin-tube under-the-Bay crossing for fast electric trains to reduce future traffic jams on the Bay Bridge. Ten years later, under the guidance of then Mayor George Christopher (SF) and Oakland's John Houlihan, the California legislature created a five-county rapid transit district, activated with an appointed board of directors.

The rest is history...as will be highlighted by our BART speakers.


Our November meeting usually is one of modest attendance, possibly because of proximity to Thanksgiving, and because we're off Daylight Saving Time. But, this will be a very interesting, informative gathering, and members are urged to bring any memorabilia they might have kept over the years relative to the growth of BART and its affect on the lives of residents of DC and Colma. Our jolly director Ted Babow will watch over the display tables of pix and other items from the members and the Guild's museum collection. **Y'all come now!**

NORTON COMES TO D.C.


The Emperor took his seat, waved an imperial hand, probably would have taken a pinch of snuff if there had been anything in the pannikin, and the court was in session!

THE HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY/COLMA
PROUDLY PRESENTS ANOTHER

HISTORY EVENING!




WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20th at 7:30 pm



BART ROLLS IN TO DC & COLMA

featuring
MOLLY MURPHY
and
ALAN LEE
BART
Community Relations

Doelger Center Multi-Purpose Room
101 Lake Merced Blvd., Daly City



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We refer, of course, to the appearance of his Majesty Norton I, Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico, at our September 18th meeting in Doelger Center.

A full house, 135 by actual count, sat in awe of Norton, who listened in rapt attention to an expert depiction of his life by a most learned depicter, Robert Chandler, PhD, Wells Fargo Vice-President in charge of historical services for the bank.

The Emperor, regal raiment covering the earthly frame of Petaluma's own Jerry Brandt, nodded in approval as Dr. Bob related the events that made Norton the beloved SF character in the burgeoning days of post-goldrush SF.

At the end of the discourse, Norton presented two magnificent proclamations under his royal scrawl, given for the

collection of the Guild, and both of great significance to the times.

Many members and friends of the Guild are also members of E Clampus Vitus, and arrived in fool Clamper attire, red shirts and black vests. The Clampers, you will recall, have been partners with the Guild in the procurement, installation and dedication of two DC historical plaques, on the Masonic Building at the top-of-the-hill and in the DC War Memorial Building. Other Clamper plaques are at Colma Town Hall, in Olivet Cemetery, Donohoe and Carroll Monuments, and Molloy's Tavern in Colma.

Appropriate refreshments were served to the royal entourage and members of the Court by Chief Lady-in-Waiting Mary Hutchings, assisted by her staff, Lady Marilyn Olcese, Lady Enid Williams and Sir Bob Williams. Murmurs of contentment were heard from all corners of the palace.

Those faithful donors of ye goodies included the following:

Pat Hatfield, Fran Bullard, Max and Elsa Ramos, Evelyn Franco and A. Nonny Mouse, mystery man of means who donates cash to the exchequer for the purchase of afore-mentioned viands.

Further supplementing the Treasury was the raffle, expertly handled by the great team of Walter Riney, Fran Bullard and Hartley Appleton.

Generous contributions of prizes were made by various members, most of whom placed their donations on the table in front. We do want to thank Bob Salazar, however, for the delightful Disney character refrigerator magnets which he lovingly jigsaws and hand-paints. The work is exquisite, and so much appreciated!

Incidentally, both Bob Williams and Fran Bullard have had recent stays in the hospital, as well as Max Ramos. We're glad to see them up and around, their usual ebullient selves, and feel so grateful for the wealth of medical assistance that is close-at-hand.

MINI-MUSEUM UPDATE

Our Guild Mini-Museum information is now on Daly City's Channel 8 television, with a top-of-the-hill picture

to catch the eye. Again, many thanks to City Hall's Mike Wilson for creating opportunity to advertise our modest, yet most seemly collection.

While on the Mini-Museum subject... we'd be amiss if the very, very constant attendance by our corps of hosts was not highlighted periodically. We've never had to go dark on a Tuesday afternoon open time for lack of hosts. Only if the Library is closed is the Mini-Museum shut. Our very steadies are: Dick Larsen, former music teacher and band leader in the Jefferson Union High District, our expert on Jeff High; Walt Schultz, who holds down the information desk; Collins Orton, long-time Daly City resident, who has fabulous recall on what was there before what is there now, especially from the early housing tract days; Don Manning, our roads and highway man, who can look at a bulldozer track and tell you where it went and who was driving the cat; Bunny and Ken, who are always picking up more choice tidbits of information from the combined group; and Josephine Lyman, who comes around enough to keep the rest of us on our toes.

Whoever gets to the Library first puts up the signs upstairs and at the foot of the stairs indicating the joint is open. Then the temporary displays are affixed with heavy magnets to the stack ends in the Library's California History collection. The attendance book is placed out for use...and away we go!

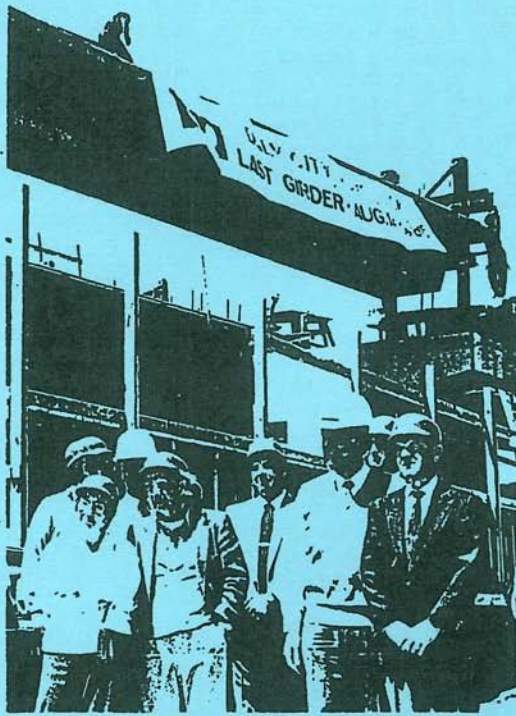
GOODIES FOR NOV. 20TH

Yum-yums for the upcoming November meeting have been volunteered by the below-listed goodhearts:

Betty Williams
Fran Kelly
Elinor Charleston
Angela Uccelli
Mary Chiappari
Steve Chapralis*

*Steve contributed money to the goody fund for the next meeting.

Hospitality Chair Mary Hutchings will contact you shortly before November 20th as a last-minute reminder. Her number is 756-0864, if you should have problems or questions. Many thanks to all for their Thanksgiving generosity!



THE LAST GIRDER is lowered into place to complete the extension of BART to the Turnback Project in August of 1986.

The picture above is significant, showing people who were on hand for that segment of local history:

(1 to r) **Bill Hirschmann** (San Mateo Times, deceased) - **Bunny and Ken Gillespie** (History Guild) - **Ted Kirschner** (Colma Town Council, deceased) - **Al Teglia** (Daly City Council) - **Patrick Sweetland** (then assistant to L. Papan, now with City of Daly City) - **Anthony Zidich** (Treasurer, City of Daly City)

D.C. and GUILD ON WWW

Recently at City Hall there was a computer set up outside the Council Chambers. Guild member **Mike Wilson**, who works in the City's Risk Management section, was demonstrating an Internet program that embraced vital statistics and information relative to Daly City.

Librarian **Cathy Scalice** had asked **Bunny and Ken Gillespie** if they would put together a brief history summary about Daly City for inclusion in the

program. This was done, and is now a part of a very informative and attractive Web Site. A wide range of our City's economic past, present and future is available for viewing. The history portion is complete with photos. Congratulations to **Mike and Cathy** for this giant step into the dissemination of Daly City data to the entire world.

The Internet Address is:
WWW.CI.DALY-CITY.CA.US

ALL OHLONE AT COLMA HISTORICAL ASSN. MEET

The October meeting of the Colma Historical Association was a jolly affair, held in the Colma Township council chambers, and featuring **Betsy Bogel**, well-versed speaker on the Ohlone Indians.

Betsy is a member of our Guild, and came to the Colma meeting under the auspices of the San Mateo County Historical Association. She speaks frequently to County schoolchildren, and is always a hit, especially since she appears in a reasonable facsimile of an Ohlone woman.

Her straight black hair (wig) and body stocking costume (simulated bareness plus replicated facial tattoos bring oohs and aahs from her audiences of all ages.

Frances Liston, City Manager of the Colma Township, presented President **Pat Hatfield** with a set of keys to the train station, now perched on a ledge at Serramonte and El Camino Real, symbolic of the turnover of the building which will become the Association's permanent museum.

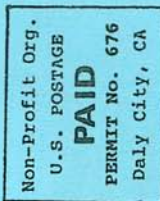
Grading work for the placement of the station (further west and lower) is expected to commence in the Spring of 1997. Congratulations to **CHA** for this giant step forward!

DUES WILL BE COMING DUE

Our January Tattler will be enclosed with the dues notification. This is an advance reminder that our dues are probably the most modest of any similar organization:

Senior/Student	\$3.00
Individual	\$5.00
Family	\$8.00
Patron	\$25.00
	or more

We regularly put people on our mailing list who express interest at Gateway, Victorian Days, etc., carrying them until the next January, when the dues notice goes out. If there isn't a desire to become dues-paying members, the names are generally deleted.



ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION

Recent additions to the collection:

John Gersich - Streetcar track relics from Mission St., spikes, etc.

Tom House - Aerial map of DC

Mr. George - Mission Bell Motel ephemera, keys, ledger pages, map

Pat Hatfield - Photos of quarry, Vista Grande School classes, Colma VG Eagles meeting

Nanda Sereni - Assorted newspaper pages re resignation of Ed Frank, City Manager, glossy pix re DC dedications

Betty Botti - Photos to copy of Thornton School, mid-1930's

Marian Mann, Adrienne Tissier - Candidates' badges, 1996 Council race, posters for above, Jim Tucker, Art Torres

Mike Wilson - Snapshots of work-in-progress at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, DC and the Hillside Park

FOOTNOTE

The street signs that have been placed on many DC locations, the ones with the seagull, have proved very attractive...so much that they are being stolen from their posts!

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