

A BLUE DOT means NO DUES owed.

NO DOT means dues ARE PAYABLE, hopefully before March 1, 1997.

Our dues structure is probably lowest among all the history-related organizations of which we have knowledge. Thanks to all our supporters!

### AND THE STUFF COMES IN!

Additions to the Guild collection were made by the following generous guys 'n' gals:

Frank Franceschini - photos of changes in the Daly City/Colma scene, construction, demolition, etc.

Mystery Donor (appeared at the Guild desk on Nov. 20th) - dance program of Halloween dance at Colombo Auditorium, benefitting Holy Angels.

Marilyn Olcese - copy of Deed of Trust, dated May 11, 1925, wherein a parcel of land on the then southwest corner of Washington and Dunks Sts. was sold by Margaret Pauline Henderson (formerly Margaret Pauline Brown) was sold for the sum of TEN DOLLARS to Giuseppe and Adelfina Gaggero. The latter were relatives of Marilyn Olcese.

Incidentally, we are trying to determine when Mrs. Brown became Mrs. Henderson, and then back to Mrs. Brown. Anybody have any info?

### YUM-YUMS ON TAP

Goodies for our January 12th Birthday Party have been volunteered by the following lovely members:

Emile Thomas, Jr.  
Pat Hatfield  
Bunny Gillespie  
Ingrid Salazar  
Angela Uccelli  
Rose Veronello  
Evelyn Franco  
Elsa Ramos  
Helen Nelson

Hospitality chair Mary Hutchings will give you a call a few days prior to see if everything's okey-dokey. Her number for reference is 756-0864.

### GOOD OF THE HORS D'OEUVRE

Miscellaneous miscellany...The Guild has purchased for \$15 a model kit of a blimp that resembles the L-8, which went down in Daly City in 1942. If there are any model makers who'd like a shot at putting the 10" plastic model together for use as a display in the Mini-Museum, give us a call at 755-5123.

Long-time Patron member Marie Brizuela, has changed the name and location of her firm to North Peninsula Dance Academy, now at 361 East Market St., Daly City.

Many people have mentioned seeing the notices about our meetings on the very visible reader board at Westlake Shopping Center (whoops...West-lake Shop-ping Cen-ter), and on Channel 8, the City Hall tv outlet.

Appreciation goes to two Mikes, Scott of the aforementioned reader board, and Wilson, of Daly City's City Hall.

Congratulations to member Maria Mann, who just finished her very busy year as president of the Mission Merchants Association.



Dr. Floyd Gonella  
circa 1977

### HISTORY GUILD OF DALY CITY/COLMA Officers and Directors

Ken Gillespie - president 755-5123  
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Bunny Gillespie - sec'y 755-5123  
Ted Babow - director 994-7662  
Marilyn Olcese - director 755-5616  
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# The Tattler

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THE HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY/COLMA  
PROUDLY PRESENTS ANOTHER

## HISTORY EVENT!



SUNDAY, Jan. 12, 2:00pm.



### MEMBERS' PARTY

featuring  
DR. FLOYD GONELLA  
County Superintendent of Schools  
San Mateo County

at COLMA TOWN HALL

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### MEMBERS' PARTY COLMA TOWN HALL, January 12th

The 15th BIRTHDAY of the Guild will be celebrated at Colma Town Hall's beautiful Council Chambers on Sunday, January 12th, 2-4pm.

This is a week earlier than usual, and was changed due to the availability of our guest speaker, Dr. Floyd Gonella County Superintendent of Schools in San Mateo County.

The party will embrace the usual fun and fellowship, champagne and special foods that have marked the birthday bashes in years past. Get

there early as seating is limited. Remember, this is our annual **MEMBERS ONLY** celebration. If you ain't a member, though, you can jern at the door.

**Dr. Gonella** is surely a case of "local boy makes good!" Born in Colma to a farm family, he attended local schools, San Francisco State University, where he received AB and MA degrees, and UC Berkeley, where he received his doctoral degree.

His education credentials are most impressive, beginning his teaching career at Westmoor High School, then to Terra Nova High School as Athletic Director, Department Head, thence to Thornton High School as its first principal.

For 16 years he was Superintendent of Jefferson Union High School District, then elected to his current position as Superintendent of Schools in San Mateo County in 1991.

A gentleman who knows the education process from A to Z, **Dr. Gonella** comes back to the locale of his birth, to bring us a fine reflection of his experiences.

### TREASURER ROZ BABOW PASSES

Our **Guild** has been struck an enormous blow in the passing of our original and only Treasurer, **Roz Babow**, who succumbed early in the morning of Saturday, December 7, 1996.

**Roz** had been ill for a number of months, but never let her physical conditions over-ride the many roles she carried as wife, mother, volunteer in many directions, and friend to all those fortunate enough to be in the charmed and charming circle in which she and husband **Ted Babow** moved.

From the very outset of the **Guild** the Babows were active and enthusiastic participants. Back in 1982 a series of interest meetings were held to form the original structure of the **History, Arts and Science Commission**. The Babows were in that first group, and from the beginning were listed as enthusiastic participants in the **History** segment of the **Commission**.

When the **History Guild of Daly City/Colma** became a self-sustaining organization, with officers and by-laws in 1986, **Ted** and **Roz** were elected as original officers, directors and in **Roz's** case, as **Treasurer**. In addition, she became **Membership Chair**, keeping the rolls of membership and our monies in exquisite detail.

Seated at the **Guild** table at all meetings, taking dues, selling **Guild** items and raffle tickets, **Roz** was a fixture, ever-smiling, always immaculate in dress and mien, a warm, cheerful greeter, who knew her work and carried her responsibilities in splendid fashion.

The Babows had been dealt an additional emotional circumstance in the passing in the same week of **Roz's** brother, **Harold Fliegler**, also a **Guild** member.

At this writing we are not certain that **Ted** will continue as a **Guild** director. Son **Richard** has been a tower of strength in this time of sorrow, and lives nearby to help **Ted** when the needs occur. **Richard** is our **Guild** computer whiz, who maintains the roster and address labels for the **Tattler**, and who has volunteered to continue this most valuable activity.

The Daly City Council meeting of December 9, 1996 and the San Mateo County Supervisors' meeting of December 10, 1996 were both adjourned in memory of **Roz Babow**.

The deepest expressions of sympathy are expressed on behalf of the **Guild** to **Ted**, **Richard**, sister-in-law **Lucille Fliegler**, and all those who are in the **Babow/Fliegler** clan.

Bye, bye, **Roz**. We'll always be grateful for your time, talents and friendship. The strength of the **Guild** is evidenced in the way you kept our records. You are missed.

The card that was circulated at our November meeting was received and appreciated greatly by **Roz**, and, according to **Richard**, his mother was "greatly impressed" by its sentiments.

### NOVEMBER BART PROGRAM A HIT!

The history of **BART's** construction to Daly City and Colma was well-depicted at our November 20th meeting by **BART** spokespeople **Molly Murphy** and **Alan Lee**. Using vu-graphs and with side-table displays of photos, posters and other **BART** memorabilia, the progress from the idea to reality was beautifully presented.

Especially lively was the Q and A time following the prepared program. Almost all of our 68 attendees (it was a dark and stormy night!) had a pointed question for the **BART** speakers, who were very impressed (they said) with the quality of the questions.

Congratulations on election to the Daly City Council were offered to **Sal Torres** and **Adrienne Tissier**. President **Ken Gillespie** apologized for misspelling **Mr. Torres'** name in the November **Tattler!**

### DUES ARE DUE

Oh, golly! We don't want to be "hard-nosed", but...**IF** a **RED DOT** follows your name on your mailing label, you've not indicated an interest in membership in the **Guild** through 1996, 1995, or earlier.

With this **Tattler**, our annual buff-colored invitation to receive the newsletter as a dues-paying, supportive **Guild** member is enclosed. Minimum dues just cover the cost of of printing and mailing our 5-times/year mailings. Dues per person are encouraged.

Red-dotted addressees from whom 1997 dues are not received will be deleted from the mailing list as of the cut-off date of **March 1, 1997**.

To summarize: A **RED DOT** means this is your last **Tattler** issue, unless we hear from you via the enclosed return envelope.

A **GREEN DOT** means your dues are not due. You have already paid in advance through 1997 or beyond. (One member has paid through 2001!)