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Sept. 16th Jeff. Nite

It'll be a night for Jefferson Grads and Jefferson Boosters Wednesday, Sept. 16, when two popular personages take to the podium at Doelger Center for the Guild's fall meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m. sharp in the multi-use room, 101 Lake Merced Blvd., DC.

Slated to speak are Mike Crilly, current superintendent of the Jefferson High School District, and Ms. Sidney Warren Rasmussen, president of the Jefferson HS Alumni Boosters. At this writing, we hope to have some wonderful surprises for attendees, but if we tell you about them they won't be surprises! Suffice it to say, it'll be fun.

As is our practice, we invite any and all that might have Jefferson Memorabilia, Jefferson pins, Jefferson block sweaters, etc., to wear their trophies, or bring them along for display that evening. Vice-president Mark Weinberger will be in charge of display tables and the "more's the merrier" is the byword for the night. Everybody loves to see pictures, print, albums and other treasures from those days when bobby sox, cords, pony tails and pork-pies were the style. Only you can make this phase of our program unique and fascinating. A glimpse into the past.....

About the program, Mr. Crilly has promised to bring us up to date on the progress of the conversion of the cafeteria/library on the campus, and Ms. Rasmussen will delve into her "Totem Pole" files to share some personality and personal tidbits as supplied by Boosters for her unique publication. Yes, a little background history of the institution will also be forthcoming, and your comments and input will be welcome, as always.

If you've a friend, relative or neighbor with Jefferson ties, remember our meetings are always open to everyone.

THE HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY/COLMA
PROUDLY PRESENTS ANOTHER

HISTORY EVENING!

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 16, at 7:30 pm

Salute to
Jeff. HS

Speakers:
MIKE CRILLY,
JHS Dist. Supt.
SIDNEY RASMUSSEN,
JHS Booster Pres.

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

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The Big Shew Did Go On!!

In spite of a five-month delay, last minute cast changes, *Dear Old Colma* did hit the bored (whoops) boards at Doelger Center last May, to the enthusiastic reception of a full house of members and friends.

Many thanks must be extended to the brave cast members who said and sang the words and music of the 38-year old script with great gutso (whoops) gusto! Appreciation is extended to the staff of the Parks and Recreation Department for supplying three mikes, turning around the spotlights at the front of the auditorium—the better to see the cast – and for making the place look "real downtown".

The ongoing hospitality and cooperation of the Recreation Department is greatly appreciated by the Guild. Where would we be without them? Out on the streets somewhere, or paying rental for a hall. We meet at Doelger Center with the blessing of the Department and Director **Mike Stallings**. Thank, also, to the hospitable folks of Colma, who allow us to meet in their council chamber each January.

It was time for the report of the Nominating Committee, election and installation of officers of the Guild. **Betty Schultz**, chair of the Committee, made her report, indicating re-nomination of all incumbent officers.

There were no additional nominations from the floor, so the slate was elected. Installation of officers (*see back page of Tattler for names*) was deftly carried out by Daly City City Clerk **Helen Flowerday**.

A vote was taken for the Guild to take part in the Victorian Days in the Park, the annual gala at San Mateo Park on behalf of the **San Mateo County Historical Assn.** A sign-up sheet was sent around for volunteers to staff the Guild's booth for two-hour slots over the weekend of **August 29-30th**.

Leona (Lee) Robinson Passes

One of our long-time members, **Leona Robinson**, who played the part of one of the carpenters in *Dear Old Colma*, suddenly died in mid-August. She had been a very faithful Guild member since 1983. Her cheerful smile and always-faithful attendance will be sorely missed. Lee was retired from many years of service in the Jefferson Elementary School District. Possessed of a fine alto voice, she was a staunch member of the adult choir of the **Broadmoor Presbyterian Church**.

Model Ocean Shore RR

Historic Rails of San Mateo County, a new project of the San Mateo County Historical Assn., has attracted the talents of HG member **Roger Vincent**.

Roger's enthusiasm and encouragement to the Guild is ongoing and most welcome. With other rail buffs, **Roger** is helping to recreate (in miniature) the Ocean Shore Railroad whose cars whoo-whooped down the tracks of our North County area in the earliest decades of this century.

Still It Grows

Man alive! Do we have a snazzy list of new contributions to the Guild collection. It is so gratifying to receive items of great relevance to our Daly City/Colma heritage. Our problem, you know, is space in which to store the materials. But, that too will someday be ameliorated.

Sincere thank-you's are extended to all the following contributors:

Marilyn Olcese - Current map of our area, as produced by the Chamber of Commerce.

Elsie Martin - Snapshot of 1948 Daly City Garden Club "Hat Day."

Verna Moresco Calderon - B & W pix (1930's?) of youth group at Thornton Beach.

Frank Franceschini - Continuing film coverage of the current changes in Daly City/Colma streets and building **Frank** keeps a wonderful log of how our area keeps changing.

Frank Maffei - Series of wonderful B & W prints of 1948 and 1998 comparisons along Skyline Boulevard.

Mark Weinberger - Serra Theater relics, removed by **Mark, Marilyn Olcese, Ken** and **Bunny Gillespie**. **Mark** cleaned and polished some of the items so that there can be a display at the Mini-Museum at a future date. They include rug sample, film samples, film reels, curtain signal, work logs, standing ticket box (now at the Mini-Museum available for donation \$\$\$ drops.), film can, wall grills.

Rev. Howard Bryant - Daly City Referral Center, photos, ephemera, letters, print.

Mike Scott - Westlake Shopping Center-Advertising materials, including tv promo tapes.

Marilyn Fullam - 1917-1920, 1949 & 1950 Jefferson Sch. District photos, with identifications.

Mike Rancatore/Tom Roop - Photo copy of Crocker Tract home & business of Rancatore family.

Eleanor Cameron/Lillian Felch/Marilyn Olcese - Druid Temple 143 scrapbooks and Firehouse #3 photos.

Marshall Sutton - Photos taken at HG meeting of May 18, 1998.

Edward J. "Ned" Crary - permission to copy photo of his great-grandfather's house, John D. Daly.

Mark Weinberger - Marble chunks from construction of restored Westlake Library branch.



Hospitality chair **Mary Hutchings** will give you a last-minute reminder, or, if you have any problem, her numero is **756-0864**.

Westlake Library Dedication on Sept. 20

Just 25 months and one day since **Westlake Library** closed for remodeling, the Southgate Ave. facility will be formally dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. At this writing, the principal speaker is to be Kevin Starr, chief librarian for the State of California. DC's current Director of Libraries, Susanna Gilden, will be the lady with the large smile on her face.

Ribbon-cutting, light refreshments, and tours of the building are planned. The public is invited.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to: HG member **Rich Rocchetta** on taking over as President of DC's Board of Library Trustees, and to HG member & Mini-Museum host **Collins Orton** for having his picture in the Academy of Sciences' publication for his volunteer services.

Victorian Days Sign-ups

Again, sincere appreciation is extended to the following good guys and gals who signed up to staff the Guild's History Lane booth at **Victorian Days in the Park** over the weekend of **August 29-30th**.

Walter Schultz, Max and Elsa Ramos, Mildred Eschler, Elinor Charleston, Mark Weinberger, Bill Wade, Bern and Audrey Winn, Elsie Martin, Charles Balch, Stella Loveless, Ken and Bunny Gillespie, Russ Brabec, Yolanda Hardiman, Marilyn Olcese and Don Manning.

This activity is always a happy occasion, a time to meet and greet the hordes of attendees who bask in San Mateo's Central Park sunshine, and who return to receive a spritz of genuine Daly City/Colma condensed air to cool their fevered flesh.

Trudy & Bill Gfroerer - Pre-1965 Thiers Street sign, white with black lettering differing from the blue-background signs now in HG's collection.

Susanna Gilden - Original art used for 1986 75th Anniversary Celebration stationery, created by local artist **Bob McClay**. (Ms. Gilden is the new Director of Library Services for DC. We welcome her expertise among the volumes and as our new **Mini-Museum** land-lady.)

Pat Hatfield - Snapshots of '98 Kops & Kids.

Last, but not least: **Emile Thomas and Betty Williams** for the cleaning and packaging of vintage Jefferson HS band uniforms, two of them, in his historic five-generations' establishment. The uniforms were contributed by member **Dick Larsen**, long-time JUHSD music teacher.

Poetry Guild Gift

Since the onset of the History Guild in 1982, a sister-activity, the **Poetry Guild of Daly City**, has been spearheaded, nurtured and directed by HG members **Ruth Hoppin** and her husband, **Stuart**.

Ruth recently stepped down from her poetic position of leadership to pursue her own writing goals. Her decision brought feelings of regret from poets all over the country who had participated in her annual Poetry Contests.

A staunch advocate of the History Guild over the years, **Ruth** has favored the Guild with a generous donation of \$500. The Guild is delighted to add the money to our treasury, earmarked for our hoped-for (someday, somewhere, larger-quarters) Museum.

Thank you, Ruth!

Yum, Yum Time

Hooray for the **COOKIE CREW**, who have happily pre-heated their ovens for the meeting of **Sept. 16**. These generous, talented caterers will bring their contributions for our enjoyment.

**Bern and Audrey Winn
Esther Appleton
Walt Schultz
Helen Asplund
Mildred Eschler
Marian Mann
Janice Mason**



Thornton Grave Search

Gossipy stuff: HG treasurer Russ Brabec and his wife, Eunice, plus the Gillespies, paid a visit to North Scituate, Rhode Island, on their recent jaunt to the far East. The quartet looked in vain for the grave of **Robert S. Thornton**, the gentleman who pioneered locally in 1853. He'd arranged for his remains to be sent back to his hometown on his demise in 1918. (Actually, he made the arrangements *before* he passed on.)



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