



## Journal of the History Guild of Daly City/Colma

### September Program R.A.G.B.L.??\* (About D.C.Libraries)

Library Director **Susanna Gilden** will present "the rest of the story" after DC Historians **Ken & Bunny Gillespie** present their findings on the history of the Daly City Library system at the Wednesday, Sept. 20 meeting of the Guild.

**Mrs. Gilden** will bring us up to date on the exciting and ongoing progress of upgrading, expansion, and/or reconstruction of the four libraries of Daly City, including the Serramonte Branch where the Guild has headquartered its Mini-Museum.

**Ken & Bunny's** research papers were first presented to a meeting of the DC Friends of the Library in May of 1998. When **Mrs. Gilden** was placed in charge of the library system in March of 1999, the background data was shared with her.

Vintage photos and memorabilia relating to the libraries will be on display at the meeting. Anyone wishing to share library mementos (i.e. your old library card?? overdue books??) for the evening is encouraged to add to the display tables.

The topic is a substitute for the previously announced September 20 program that would have focused on Westlake Shopping Center. That program will be presented next Spring, hopefully.

\*About "R.A.G.B.L.?" Translation will be provided at the meeting.

### Memorials

The beautiful Memorial Book donated to the Guild by one of our dear generous members was on display at the May 17 HG meeting, and received several very nice

THE HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY/COLMA  
PROUDLY PRESENTS ANOTHER

# HISTORY EVENING!

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7:30pm

**R.A.G.B.L.????**  
(History of DC Libraries)  
by  
**Ken & Bunny Gillespie**  
and  
**Mrs. Susanna Gilden**  
(Dir. Library Services)

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comments. Again, we thank the donor, who prefers to be anonymous. Thanks also to **Mrs. Louise Sokolik**, mother of the late **J. D. "Jay" Fase**. **Mr. Fase**, was a sea-farer who enjoyed visiting the Mini-Museum while in retirement. His mother made a contribution to the Memorial Fund in honor of his life.

For information about how to contribute to the Museum Memorial Fund in honor of a loved one, contact HG Director **Marilyn Olcese**. The book may be viewed at the Mini-Museum.

## Busy Days

By the time you read this, Summer will be a pleasant memory, hopefully, and September is bringing even happier days for you.

**Guild Members** participated in four outreach events and we thank the following:

At **Gateway Festival (June 10 & 11):**

**Marilyn Olcese, Russ Brabec, Don Manning, Diane Pitto, Bernard & Audrey Winn, Walt & Betty Schultz, Ken & Bunny Gillespie, and Mark Weinberger.** The wind was dreadful in the parking area of Serra Bowl. We closed our display early Saturday and didn't return on Sunday.

At **Victorian Days (Aug. 26-27):**

**Mark Weinberger, Marilyn Olcese, Russ Brabec, Don Manning, Walt & Betty Schultz, Bern & Audrey Winn, Ken & Bunny Gillespie.**

Sincere thanks to all of the above. You, too may join this happy throng when the next opportunity arises. Sign-up sheets are passed, and additional volunteers are most welcome.

*If the list looks strangely repetitive, it is.*

The Guild "Show & Tell" history slide program was presented by **Ken & Bunny** at a recent meeting of the DC-Gateway Lions and again for Doelger Center as seniors there celebrated Independence Day. Good audiences!

## Library Showcase Display Heralds Library Program

Now on view in the Main Entrance show case at Serramonte Library is a special display focusing on Daly City libraries, the topic for the Guild's upcoming Sept. 20 program. During June and July, the display featured local sports, from mountain runs through football and personalities that went on to playing field fame. Installed periodically, displays pertinent to things historical are proving of gratifying interest to Library patrons, many of whom visit the Mini Museum 1-2:30 p.m., Tuesdays to see more history materials. You can do the same. It's free, of course.

## Prizes Invited For Fund- Fun Raising Drawings

Prizes are always needed for fund-raising drawings at our meetings. This activity provides a nice part of our annual income, and is sorta fun. If you're inclined, donate items that you would like to win & take home-- edibles, potables, pretty things, good-looking things. Delivery to the meetings appreciated. Qs? Call director Marilyn Olcese, (650) 755-5616.



*New History  
Guild Pin*

## About Those Badges

Our NEW Guild Pins have arrived, and were on sale at Gateway Festival in June and Victorian Days in August. Those of you who have been requesting an "Official Guild pin" may now look forward to purchasing and wearing your very own pin with which you may proudly proclaim your membership in and support of this unique organization. The price is \$4. Available at the Museum or at Guild meetings.

Expediter **Gino Fambrini** (thanx to him!) submitted **Ken Gillespie's** Guild logo to the pin maker, and the rest, as the saying goes, is history.

## San Bruno Mountain Expert Proves Splendid Speaker

**David Schooley**, complete with out-doorsy backpack and a fine collection of printed give-aways, slide photos, and highly specialized knowledge, was the Guild's May 17 speaker. **Schooley** is the director of San Bruno Mountain Watch, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving natural floral beauty and wildlife habitat on the North County's oldest and most obvious landmark. **David** is a new member of the Guild.

In addition to his talk, **Mr. Schooley** personally led our Guild on a very special outing the following Saturday morning on the mountain. *This was a first for the Guild.* Fans of fresh air and the mountain who trekked the trail were few but friendly, including **Ken Ashe, Neil Fahy, Bob and Marge Murray, and Ken Gillespie.** **Bunny G.** "sat it out", enjoying the sun and sights from a comfortable bench while looking for arrivals.

A definite highlight of the Wednesday evening gathering was a collection of vintage photos of the mountain displayed by **Frank Maffei**, including rare shots of the summit bedecked with snow, and pre-tv poles. Thanks again, **Frank**, for sharing your wealth of resources with the Guild.

Despite the non-or-late deliverance of the **May Tattler**( for which the local Post Office is totally to blame!!!), a pleasant crowd did turn out to hear **Mr. Schooley.** The evening Spring air was comfortable, the refreshments were outstanding, the drawing prizes plentiful, and all went well. We counted 78 in the audience. **K&B** were very upset to learn that our **Tattler** newsletter had not reached all of our members by the previous Friday, and attempted to phone as many as physically possible on Saturday, May 13. As usual, the posting date had been the first day of the month. *It's another Unsolved Mystery.*

### **It was That Time Again!**

**Betty Schultz**, the HG's ongoing Nominations Committee chair, did her annual "thing" at the May meeting. **Diane Giacchino Pitto** was elected to fill the vacant director's slot. **Diane's** family settled in the Colma area in the early 1900s. The existing slate of officers and directors was re-elected. The Guild is grateful to **Betty**, again, and to **Diane** for her interest in things historical, and to all the members of the Guild's shepherding group. HG member, **DC Mayor Sal Torres** officiated at the swearing-in, favoring the Guild with his talent and taking time away from

ongoing City Hall duties at the same time that very evening to pay tribute to the Guild and its place in Daly City History.

### **The Munch Bunch**

Those who so kindly put their names on the Cookie Chart at our May meeting are hereby gently reminded of their promise to help provide finger foods for the Sept. 20 meeting. Thanks, in advance!

1. Diane Pitto
2. Walter Schultz
3. Julia Padreddii
4. Rosa Veronello

### **Contributions to THE Collection**

Historical memorabilia items donated recently include:

From **Elsie Olcese Schenone**, vintage snapshots of several locations: Jefferson ES in the 1900s and 1935, exterior of Belli Motors and interior sales floor.

Vintage 2000 pocket calculator with DC Employees Credit Union imprint from **Eunice and Russ Brabec.**

"About Town" progress photos by roving-cameraman **Frank Franceschini**, of Geneva Ave (Bayshore area), Skyline renovations, Westline, Midway Village, etc. **Frank** is truly a blessing as he focuses on changes going on around us for the sake of historical documentation.

Jefferson School District employee recognition event program from educator **Shirley Plank.** By the way, it was the privilege of the **Gillespies** in May to present a "Then & Now" history slide program for Colma ES students of **Ms. Plank** (Rm. 9) and **Ms. Lorie Yourd** (Rm. 10).

Daly City Mission Merchants' newsletters 1991-94, plus photos of a graffiti shed and Sugar Bowl bakery from HG-er

**Mike Markovich.** Also artwork rough re.  
DC-Gateway Lions Club (by Mike.)

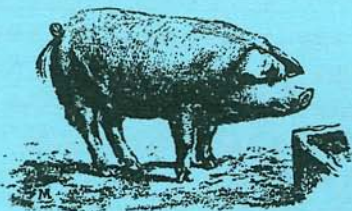
From **Mary Lou and Charles Sharp**, who stopped by the Museum recently, a fine collection of various DC memorabilia including Jefferson HS block letters earned by her late brother, **Joseph Becker**, his 1942 class photo, 1939 football team, DC Record clippings, and 1930s class pix 1930-37 at General Pershing and Crocker elementary schools. Treasures all.

From friends of the Guild, envelopes used when (now) Thornton High School was designated "Alternative Education Center."

*Thanx to all of the above.*

### A Century Ago

*Looking back at 1900:* April--Belgian Hare farm opens in Colma. July--Dog racing to commence at the county line. October--Druids elect officers and R.S.Thornton runs for California State Senator on Democratic ticket. Doesn't make it. Local sports teams include the Colma football eleven and the "Finisville" (cemeteries) handball team. The new "California" violet has been introduced.



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