



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

### What Third Grade Students Know And You Might Not

Since 1989, on invitation of local teachers, Ken Gillespie has been taking "Then & Now" slide programs to third grade classes in the Jefferson Elementary School District, as it serves Daly City and Colma. He presents 12-15 of the slide shows each school year, between September and June. From hundreds of teacher-urged thank-you letters, the children seem to learn much from Ken's classroom visits.

A long-standing mandate from the California State Superintendent of School requires the teaching of local history to 3<sup>rd</sup> grades, statewide.

On Wednesday, May 16, 7:30 p.m., you will have the same opportunity to expand and/or enhance your knowledge of local history.

Ken will give the History Guild an introduction to local DC/Colma history, just the way 3<sup>rd</sup> graders hear it from him. At some schools, as many as four classes are brought together in multi-use rooms for his program. Each is tailored to the individual location of the school, focusing on the immediately surrounding area when appropriate.

Each school program fills 40-45 minutes of classroom time. Notices of Ken's availability are distributed from JSD Administrative Offices.

Ken, who visits the schools as a true "labor of love", was designated "Daly City Historian" in September of 1987. He is a charter member of the Guild, instrumental at 1982 organizational meetings.

There is every possibility that our May 16 meeting will be in Larcombe Hall, as it was in March. Repairs to the multi-use room at Doelger Center continue as we write. Signs will be posted.

THE HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY/COLMA  
PROUDLY PRESENTS ANOTHER

# HISTORY EVENING!

Wednesday, May 16th, at 7:30 p.m.

Daly City History

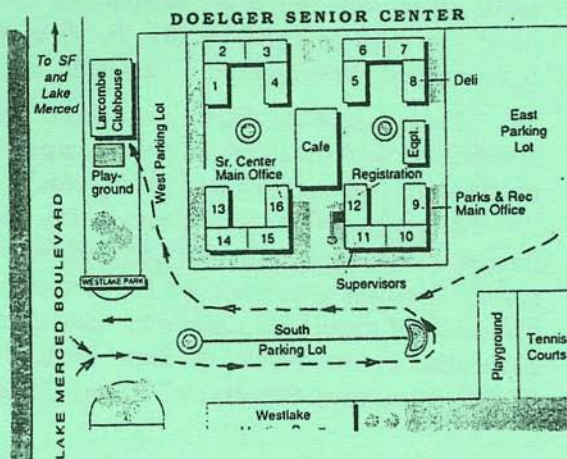
## THEN & NOW!

Larcombe Hall (Westlake Park)  
101 Lake Merced Blvd., Daly City

**ADMISSION FREE!**

Donations Gratefully Accepted ♦ Phone 755-5123 for Information

.See map below:



## Daly City's 1976 Bi-Centennial Parade Was Topic for March 21

In spite of the change of meeting location, from Doelger Center's multi-use room to Larcombe Hall we had a good house to hear the background story of the super-doooper Bi-Centennial parade that celebrated the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of our country.

Presented by Parade Chairperson **Al Belotz**, a most comprehensive slide program covered most of the 170+ entrants that walked, rode, twirled, tooted and strutted from the top-of-the-hill to the Westlake Shopping Center. Entrants were local and from other communities in the Bay Area, representing a wide swath of talents, musical and marching, gymnastic, horsy, homey, and artistic.

**Al's** personal photos of the big event were projected on the Larcombe wall. It was great to see familiar faces in the reviewing stand, among them civic dignitaries, many now-gone, others still happily with us, a splendid patchwork of friends who have made Daly City a great place in which to live and work and play.

**Al's** commentary was smooth as silk, born of long acquaintanceship with his responsibility as chair of the biggest parade in local memory. Names and organizations flowed from his tongue as if the event were yesterday, instead of 25 years earlier.

In addition to the slide program, memories of the Bi-Centennial were further refreshed by display tables filled with souvenirs, scrapbooks, ribbons, decals, etcetera collected by **Mr. B**, all of which has generously been donated to the Guild.

Those attending found **Larcombe Hall** a pleasant, cozy, room...complete with carpeting on the floor and "indoor plumbing", easily reachable. Parking was available, even closer to the meeting than when we meet in the Doelger Café/Multi-use room. Arrivals were guided to the location by the placement of three large signs with arrows, and by flashlights in the hands of **Lou Pitto**, **Mark Weinberger**, **Betty Schultz** and **Bunny Gillespie**.

## Drawing Prizes Welcome

Proceeds from drawings during meetings are adding nicely to the Guild treasury. Your donations of items that you would care to win, yourself, are sincerely appreciated. Getting the names of all the donors is an impossible task, but the manner in which prizes are claimed (with care) is the clue to how much they are enjoyed. The variety in March was astounding, ranging from beautiful growing plants from **John Olcese's Nursery**, to a formal arrangement from **Mezcala Florist**, and **Mary Jo Murphy's** trio of treat-laden baskets, plus a **See's Candy Certificate**, stuffed animals, kitchen towels, etc. etc.

**Marilyn Olcese** is in charge of displaying and accepting donations of prizes, often preparing them in her own artistic manner. **Walter Riney** is the ticket seller. (3 for \$1, 1 for \$.50). Thanx to all.

## Thanx DC/C Chamber!

The Guild's March meeting (featuring the "**Chamber's Official Photographer, Al Belotz**"), received a nice plug on the **Daly City-Colma Chamber of Commerce's** "Calendar of Events" web page. Patron members for a nice long time, the **Chamber** continues to earn our sincere appreciation for printing notices of our upcoming events in their members' bulletin and turning over delightful "finds" for the archival museum collection as opportunities arise. Cheers!!!

Thanks also to other organizations that help us get the word out to their members regarding our meetings on an "as space permits" basis. Among them are the **Mission Merchants Assn.**, the **Hillside Homeowners Improvement Assn.**, **Bayshore Residents Assn.**, **Southern Hills Homeowners Assn.**, and **San Mateo County Historical Assn.**

## Treat Donors For May

Treats for the March meeting were attractive, delicious, and plentiful, thanks to generous members that had signed their names on the Cookie Chart, as well as dear souls that added to our largess in spontaneous fashion. The array of munchies was great! Bless you all.

Hospitality-lady **Mary Hutchings** will be phoning the following with gentle reminders of their promise to bring cookies or other finger-food for May 16, ready to place on the festive table: **Julia Padreddii, Mary Nano, Elsa Ramos, Mary Muffley, Diane Pitto.** Thanx in advance.

## Our Numbers Grow, and Grow.

According to the SF Chronicle's recent report on Bay Area Population Growth, per the 2000 Census, **Daly City** experienced a 12.3% growth between 1990-2000, up 11,310 people from 92,311 ten years before to 103,621.

**Colma** population was not given, since the story focused on California's "most populous cities." Ah, **Colma**, you're small but we love ya.

## HG Nominations/Elections Invite Your Consideration

Nominations Committee chairperson **Betty Schultz** is making her annual survey for HG members that might wish to serve as Officers or Directors. If you wish to volunteer for a post, or nominate someone (with their permission, of course) at the May meeting, contact **Betty** at (650)756-3875.

The current board is a happy bunch, but enthusiastic people wishing to replace them and take on responsibilities are welcome to toss their hats in the ring. Election/installaton will be part of the May meeting. No chads, pregnant, hanging, or other, please. **Official City Clerk Helen Flowerday** will graciously serve as installing person.

## The Museum Collection Grows With Help From Friends and Members

Additions to the Mini-Museum's stash of trinkets, treasures, trophies and other items of local historical interest include the following:

- Glass ashtray/candy dish souvenir from 1967 dedication of Daly City's new City Hall. From **Paul Grosshans**.
- "Retired" membership pin worn by the late **Elaine Riney**, a founding director of the Guild. From her husband, **Walter**.
- DC progress photos by paparazzi **Frank Franceschini**.
- Vintage account books re. Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, from **Russ Brabec**.
- **1982 DC Record** newspaper clipping re. unveiling of bust of **Henry Doelger** from **Dr. George Riba** and **Mrs. Riba**.
- Unique and fascinating memorabilia from the 1976 Bi-Centennial Parade, which he chaired, from Guild member **Alfred O. Belotz**.
- DC Water Dept. (1915-1920c) valve box cover used with original water system, patterned after those used in SF; souvenir keepsake and photos from E. Clampus Vitus' placement of bronze plaque at DC's Silver Moon Saloon. Items donated by **Russ Brabec**.

THANK YEZ ALL!



- Copy of vintage exterior photo of Brooksville Hotel, Colma, now Historical Molloy's Tavern. Gift of **Lanty Molloy**.
- History of DC Fire Department written by three members of the Goldkuhl family, firemen all, from **DCFD Chief Robert J.O'Donnell**.

### In our Memories

With sadness we report the passing of long-time, dear and cheerful members, **Robert Smyth**, husband of **Eleanor Nessler Smyth**; **Art Goldberg**, husband of **Doris Goldberg**; and **George Sneddon**, husband of **Deena Sneddon**. All were true history buffs, enjoying the programs presented and consistently presenting smiling, encouraging, faces and most welcome words of appreciation. Thank you **Bob, Art, and George**.

There have been others near and dear who have passed in the harsh winter from which we emerge. As trees display their glory and buds turn into blooms, we give thanks for times shared, memories stored, and friendships treasured.

### More Cypress Tours Coming

Cypress Lawn Cemetery has scheduled additional lectures by History Guild member, **Michael Svanevik**, in the Noble Chapel, just to the north of The 1892 Arch. Reserve by calling 650-550-8811.

Topics include Military Memorials, May 20; Father's Day, June 17; Notice of Eviction, July 15; The Necropolis of Colma, Aug. 19, and Plagues of the Past, Sept 16.

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