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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE GUILD!

On Sunday, January 20th, the Guild will celebrate its 20th BIRTHDAY in high style, with the annual birthday party at Colma Town Hall, 2-4 pm. There will be the usual special goodies, bubbly to quench the thirst, a pleasant, informative speaker on a subject of interest, and the usual warm-hearted atmosphere that we enjoy at our Guild meetings.

The program will be an update of facilities available at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in San Bruno, presented by Lisa Miller, Senior Archivist at the local Federal Government repository.

Lisa holds degrees in American Studies from University of Minnesota, and presents a charming program entitled **WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?** She has archival experience nationwide, and will bring us up-to-date on methodology.

Many of us are already using the facilities of the National Archives and Records Administration. There ARE opportunities to volunteer to work with the historical records down in San Bruno. Lisa will tell you how.

It has been ten years since we last heard from a representative of NARA, and much more information has been plugged into the collection. More than 50,000 cubic feet of original records generated by Federal courts and agency field offices are available for inspection. Of special interest are the genealogical documents, whereby visitors can ascertain family tree information in a pleasant atmosphere, with helpful assistants.



THE HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY/COLMA
PROUDLY PRESENTS ANOTHER

HISTORY EVENT!

SUNDAY, January 20th, 2:00pm.

MEMBERS' PARTY

Lisa Miller
National Archives
& Records
Administration

at COLMA TOWN HALL

ADMISSION FREE!

Donations Gratefully Accepted ♦ Phone 755-5123 for Information

Seeing Spots???

IF THERE IS NO DOT ON YOUR MAILING LABEL, YOUR 2002 DUES ARE DUE, AND WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.

A RED DOT on your mailing label means we've not received dues from you for quite a while...over three Januarys. If so, THIS IS YOUR LAST 'TATTLE'. (AFTER 3 UNANSWERED January invitations to pay, we drop you. CLUNK!)

A GREEN DOT on your mailing label means YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY at this time. IF you joined since Nov. 1, 2001, your dues are counted for the year 2002. OR, you might have paid for several years ahead. (Hurrah for you.)

A BLUE DOT means no dues are expected. (We do reciprocal mailings with other history organizations throughout San Mateo County.)



In Our Memory

Long-time Guild member Ruth Collopy, wife of Everett Collopy, passed away at her Daly City home in early-November. Condolences go to her loving husband, family, and friends.

Continuing sympathy goes to our dear director Marilyn Olcese. In honor of her brother, Alan, the Museum fund has been enriched substantially, including recent contributions from Robert and Pam Ivani of Colma, plus Hank Quinn and Shawn D'Archambeau of Quinn Realty in Sonoma. Our thanks to all.

Donations in memory or honor of loved ones are noted in the Guild's beautiful Memorial Book, which is kept in the Mini Museum.



Drawing Prizes Welcome

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TOBIAS MEMORABILIA, HOLY ANGELS HISTORIES GIVEN TO HG FILES

New to Guild files are copies of the fine reports given about Holy Angels Church at our September, '01, meeting. For those who missed the History Evening that focused on Colma's historic home of worship, the reports are uniquely precious for future researchers. Our sincere appreciation, again, to Bianca Caserza and Julia Padreddii, for their talents as well as their generosity.

A touching memorial Nov.5 honored long-time Jefferson School District educator Marjorie H. Tobias, who had passed away on Oct. 9, 2001. HG member Marie Brizuela chaired the event, at the former Vista Mar Elementary School that had been re-named "Marjorie H. Tobias School" in 1975. An outstanding display of MHT photos and other items were shared. Students were privileged to view the materials the following day. Marie later received the appreciation of the Guild as she donated the photos, reminiscent of Ms Tobias' early life and teaching career, to the Guild.



HISTORY GUILD EVENING SALUTED LOCAL MERCHANTS

Michael J. Markovich, president of the Daly City Mission Merchants Assn., charmed his audience at the Guild's November meeting as he recalled many of the businesses along Mission Street in highly personal manner. Among those present was one of Daly City's premier restaurateurs, Vern Berkowitz, proprietor for many years of his own name-sake gathering spot on Mission Street. Mike brought along a healthy collection of photographs of the business-front along DC's "Miracle Mile", which were displayed and which were donated (in a binder) to the Guild's collection of historical memorabilia. It is now on display at the Mini-Museum.

Mr. Berkowitz brought along several items pertinent to his unique eatery, among them the Opening Day advertisement and menu of 1964, closing-day menu, AND a decorative brass airplane, airborne with a banner proclaiming Vern's Restaurant. The Vern's treasures were given to the Guild. We thank Mr. M. & Mr. B.



Treat Donors for January

Munchies for meetings in January are always festive. The Guild purchases yummy cakes, the bubbly is poured, and the tables overflow with temptations. For the upcoming Annual Membership Party, the following have signed up to be among the treat donors:

Marlene Manzanares
Julia Padreddii
Elsa Ramos
Annette Hipona
Dana Smith

Interesting to note: Annette and Dana are among our newest members. Hospitality chairperson Mary Hutchings will be phoning the above with gentle reminders. We invite others to bring finger-food on a plate, ready to place on the table..for all to enjoy.



"Frank's Photo Corner" Volunteer Sorters Invited

Over the years, Frank Franceschini has been most generous in keeping a photographic record of the changing skyline and scenery of Daly City. He has shared his pictures with the Guild, and his donations have been noted in the Tattler. As buildings are completed, or demolished, Frank has been right on the scene as our "Paparazzi on the Prowl", often one step ahead of bulldozers.

Recently, the Museum Committee decided to dedicate a display board to his ongoing collection. It will be titled "Frank's Photo Corner."

There are hundreds of prints, covering dozens of locations, that need to be sorted and labeled. *This is where you come in.* *Volunteers are hereby sought to help with this hands-on activity, starting Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Museum between 1 and 2:30p.m.*



Mini-Museum Mementos: Today's Trinkets, Tomorrow's History

Recent additions for the MM collection generate our sincere appreciation, including those from:

Director Mark Weinberger was among those savoring goodies when Krispy Kreame Donuts opened in Daly City. He liberated one of the KK hats to donate, with his official invitation to tasting ceremonies, to the Mini-Museum.. Also given were School Board election items re the campaigns of Mary Ann Petrone, Hans Hansen, and Proposition "H".

From Marie Loretta, the collection has gained a handsome World War II Army Air Force silk scarf with Winged Star logo, and a printed 1961 "Century of Progress" schedule of events celebrating DC's Golden Anniversary of Incorporation.



Serramonte Library Upstairs Showcase Displays

During the month of December the upstairs display case maintained by the Guild in the main entrance of the Serramonte Library featured items

reminiscent of holidays past, including 1904-10 postal greeting cards, 1920s glass bead garlands, photos, and 1950s plastic decorations. It followed the three-month display of winners, entries, and awards recalling 1960s DC Doll Shows at the DC War Memorial Building on Mission Street.

From the beginning of January, through March 31, the Guild display will "Pause to Remember" as it focuses on the earlier days of the 1940s, when Daly City realized sad participation in World War II.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes, I (we) would like to join the
History Guild of Daly City/Colma.
 (please print)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

YEARLY DUES (renewed each January)

Senior/Student	\$4.00
Individual	\$6.00
Family	\$9.00
Patron/Business	\$26.00
	(or more)

Special gifts to the Guild in honor of
 Daly City or Colma pioneers or others
 are gratefully accepted.

(Gifts are tax-deductible)

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Unique Anytime Gifts Always On Sale At Mini-Museum

Available only through The Guild are several interesting publications, and some other nice gift items. They are historically-pertinent to the area and sales benefit the organizational treasury. They include:

- "From the Top of the Hill" by HG member Bernard Winn \$17.95, autographed.
- "Gateway to the Peninsula" by former DC Librarian Sam Chandler, \$15.00.
- "The Great Daly City Historical Trivia Book" by HG members Ken & Bunny Gillespie, \$15.00.
- Notepaper six-packs, \$2.50.
- HG Logo pins, \$4.00.