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**"The John Madden-DC Connection"
is topic for Nov. 20 HG meeting.**

Most of us are aware (and even fans) of the great and famous football-coach-turned-television – and-radio-sportscaster **John Madden**, but are we aware that there is a very real bond between that gentleman and our own Daly City??? As **John M.** himself might say, "Hey, I grew up in that town!"


President Ken Gillespie will be the primary speaker when the History Guild meets at the Doelger Center multi-use room on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. **Ken** will have with him a few slides to show and paper memorabilia regarding **John M.**, including his days as a local teenager.

Anyone that would like to bring along Madden Memorabilia, of any vintage, from their personal collection is most welcome to exhibit such material at the meeting, and take it home after the session. Did you graduate with John M.?? Do you have class photos, or year books with his image imprinted?


John M. will be quoted heavily during the program, and the nostalgia attributed to him should bring back some pleasant memories for those who "remember when" and were around when **Madden** graduated from Jefferson Union High School (1954) after an illustrious sports career. **Ken's** research extends to four of **Madden's** career-oriented books, co-authored by Pulitzer Prize-winning sports columnist for the New York Times, **Dave Anderson**. Sports Jocks and Janes are urged to wear their JUHS Letter Jackets or Sweaters. *A unique History Guild acquisition/surprise will be unveiled at the meeting!*

THE HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY/COLMA
PROUDLY PRESENTS ANOTHER

HISTORY EVENING!



Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002 7:30 pm



The
**John Madden-
Daly City
Connection**
Is Topic
For November 20

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

ADMISSION FREE!

For Guild Information, phone (650) 755-5123

**Original DC Protective
Assn. was Sept. HG Topic**

The **Original (formerly Old) Daly City Protective Assn.** was the topic for the Guild's September meeting in the Doelger Center multi-use room. Favoring the Guild as speaker-coordinator was **Dana Smith**, abetted by **Judith Christensen** and **Annette Hipona**. All three are new members of the Guild, and the Guild is most grateful to them for their outstanding presentation and participation.

Providing background for **Ms Smith's** discussion was a vintage **ODCPA** scrapbook recently acquired from the family of DC's fondly remembered **Conrad Pavelles**, who died in 1999.

The scrapbook and other paper exhibits prepared by **Dana** and her cohorts attracted lots of lookers. **Mr. Pavelles**, with **Joe Guisto** and **Ernie Pezzola**, was a founder of the **ODCPA**.

Giving credit where credit is due: The suggestion of the **ODCPA** as a Guild topic came some months ago from **Tom Roop**, who, unfortunately, could not be at the September program. Our sincere thanx to him also. (Editor's note: Your program chairperson, **Bunny G.**, is always open to topic suggestions from our membership, especially from those that might like to present a program themselves. Only caveat is that the subject is historically related to the quality of life in Daly City.)

Thirtieth Year Anniversary For DC's Gellert Park

From the Oct. 4, 1972, issue of the now defunct North County Edition of **The Post**, then part of Amphlett Printing Co.'s empire of newspapers published by J. Hart Clinton to serve San Mateo County, we found a front page story headlined "**Gellert Park Dedicated**" in Daly City. The park, wherein is located the Serramonte Branch of the DC Library and in which the Guild enjoys space for the Mini Museum, was dedicated with fun, food and speeches.

The facility honors not the generous **Gellert** brothers, **Fred and Carl**, who had donated the 21-acre, but their parents, **Charles and Wilhelmina**. After coming from Germany to America, Charles worked in a Pittsburgh, Pa., steel mill before acquiring citizenship papers in Chicago, Ill. Gold fever brought him to Idaho, but efforts at mining disheartened him. In 1880 he came to SF and drove a milk wagon until he entered the building trade. He helped build "Alma House", today known as SF General Hospital.

Wilhelmina, born in Latvia, spoke four languages, did private tutoring, and taught at Columbia University. She was advised to "go west" for her health, married Charles in SF, and became the mother of five.

An impressive granite monument on the west

lawn of the Library honors their memory. Thank you, Gellert Family, for your contributions to Quality of Life in Daly City.

Drawing Prizes Welcome

Our treasury continues to grow, thanx to generous help from our members and program attendees. You *can* help. Just bring your contributions to the meetings & place them on view. No junkie, please. Things most welcome are those that you might wish to adopt for your own. Chances are 3 for \$1, or 50 cents each. **Marilyn Olcese** oversees the display of potential claims at our meetings and **Walter Riney** is the ever-willing-to-take-your-money ticket seller.

Historical Note: DALY CITY's election regarding becoming an incorporated city was decided in 1911 by a 132-130 vote. YOUR VOTE COUNTS. REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOV. 5.

(Source: "Great DC Historical Trivia Book")

The Collection Grows

And aren't we fortunate?!?!

Donations to the Guild's collection of vintage treasures were recently welcomed from the following generous souls:

- **Norma Buell**—1962 Program re dedication of Margaret Pauline Brown Elementary School, with autographs of dignitaries attending event.
- **Marie Loretta**—1973 Medallions encased in plastic commemorating the opening of the BART station in Daly City. Marie helped to hostess the event.
- **Gloria & Lee Weis**—1978-79 Daly City/Colma Business Directory.
- **Marian Mann**—DC Mission Merchants Assn. paper memorabilia, bowling trophy; Gateway Festival posters; Tovoli estate

ephemera, news clippings & other relics collected over her pre-retirement from her Top-of-the-Hill business activities. (We wish her Happy Retreadment.)

- **Mark Weinberger**—2002 Daniel Webster School yearbook.
- **Marie Brizuela**—Vintage photos of Jefferson School District teacher-administrator **Marjorie H. Tobias**, deceased. Photos were used at memorial program for **Ms Tobias**, copied by the Guild; and the originals returned to **Marie**, with our thanks.
- **Russ Brabec**—Computer copy of cover of Steinbeck's "East of Eden" in which a reference to Daly City appears in the text.

Madden "Firehouse Fajitas" for your next Tailgate???

Betty Schultz found the following recipe in John Madden's "Ultimate Tailgating" cookbook:

Marinade: 1 bottle Jamaican Pickapeppa Sauce; ½ tsp paprika, ½ tsp cumin, 2tbs lemon-pepper seasoning, 2 tbs orange juice, 2 tbs key lime juice. Mix above and marinate overnight 4 whole skinless, boneless chicken breasts.

Grill chicken 8-10 minutes on medium heat.

Saute in bacon fat or olive oil and 1 18oz. tin stewed Mexican tomatoes (i.e. w/ pimientos) plus 1 (each) red, yellow, and green pepper, diced; and 1 lg. Vidalia onion, cut into 8ths. Simmer.

After chicken is grilled, chop into small pieces. Pour on marinade, cover w/ tomato-onion-pepper sauce. Serve w/beans, rice, jalapenos, and jack and sharp cheese. Serves 8.



(Editor's query..What is Pickapeppa Sauce?)
(Editor's suggestion: Anyone wish to try this and share at the Nov. 20 meeting....???)

Treat Donors for November

Here's a gentle reminder for those who signed up to be finger-food donors for the coming program. Others are always welcome to add to our bountiful table. Hospitality chair **Mary Hutchings** will phone donors prior to Nov. 20. Thanx in advance to **Lee & Gloria Weis, Diane Pitto, Mary Nano, Alice Brockman, Bunny Gillespie**

Eclectic Items of Local Interest On Sale at Upcoming Meeting

Available through The Guild are several items and publications historically pertinent to the area. All are unique and suitable as holiday gifts, but (alas) gift-wrapping is not included in the price. Sales benefit the organizational treasury. **Director Diane Pitto** will preside at the sales table. Temptations for purchase include:

- **Westlake Bowl** commemorative red glass candy dish w/ gold icon decoration...\$8.00
- **Westlake Bowl** combination metal shoe horn/bottle opener...\$1.00
- **Westlake Shopping Center** commemorative beverage glass...\$2.50
- **"The Great Daly City Historical Trivia Book"** by Bunny & Ken Gillespie, 2nd printing....\$15.00
- **"From the Top of the Hill"** by Bernard Winn w/autograph.\$17.95.
- **"Gateway to the Peninsula"** by Sam Chandler..\$15.00
- **DC Illustrations Stationery**, six to a packet....\$2.50
- **History Guild** enameled logo pin...\$4.00

Backpage: Looking Backward...

Sixty years ago this month, Daly City was experiencing hardships of WWII. As Thanksgiving neared, food crises approached the greatest ever undergone in America. Gone from grocers' shelves were canned-cranberries and pumpkin. Turkeys were scarce. Coffee and sugar were rationed. Turkey grease from roasters was to be turned in to become war-needed glycerine.

The **DC Record** reported "War or not, the annual Christmas Party will be held as in the past...The DC Council voted \$100 as partial financing of the party for community children". In another story, "Nearly 300 dimout violators appeared in DC traffic court to pay fines for failure to dim their lights in DC's zone or restricted lighting." The fine was \$2.50.

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

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YEARLY DUES (renewed each January)

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