



Journal of the History Guild of Daly City/Colma

Vintage Top-of-the-Hill BW Home Movies For March 19 Meeting

Ever wonder what Daly City's business-section at the Top-of-the-Hill looked like in the Good Old Days? Thanks to the original **Lions Club of Daly City**, the Guild's collection of archival treasures includes footage taken by the Daly City Record's chief photographer, **Dale Hovey**, back in 1941. Things looked a lot different then. **Mr. Hovey** took his movie camera along Mission Street, up Wellington Avenue, into Smith's Lumber Yard on Hillside, to the office of **Mayor John Fahey**, etc. The film is a true "walk back in time" experience.

Thanks to friend-of-the-Guild **Bill Verducci**, **Hovey's** vintage film reels were translated into video tape for the Guild in 1999.

Thanks to **Mike Stallings** and the DC Parks & Recreation Dept., the Guild is now able to share historical videos at our membership meetings at the Doelger Center's multi-use room, utilizing equipment maintained by DGP&R. Such usage debuted last November when DC Sports Hall of Fame video was shown. That was a 15-minute experiment. It proved successful.

The 1941 Lions' video shows "**Charter Members at Work**" in 34 locations around the Daly City business sector, ranging from McGraw's Drug store to Dr. Budaeff's office to Bill Sweeney's gas station and car lot, two Banks of America, the flower shop at Olivet, Garden Village being constructed, Belli Motor Co., Vireno's Market, the Colonial Caf , the Villa Sanitarium, etc etc.

THE HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY/COLMA

PROUDLY PRESENTS ANOTHER

HISTORY EVENT!



Wednesday, March 19, 2003, 7:30 p.m.



DALY CITY'S
"Top-of-the-Hill"
BUSINESSES ON
FILM, 1941

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

We plan to show *half* of the footage, which runs about 35 minutes. During the "silents", attendees will be encouraged to provide input as to locations, personalities, identifications, and whatever. The other half will be saved for another History Evening.

Lions Club members are encouraged to wear their organizational vests and/or other Lions' regalia to the program on Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., at Doelger Center.



Election Upcoming

Betty Schultz, ongoing chair of the HG's nominating committee, is again looking for nominees for Officers and Board Members to be nominated, elected and installed at our annual May meeting. If you have a yen to be on the board, please contact **Betty (650-756-3875)**. Our By-Laws state she will "report to the Board not less than 30 days prior (ie by April 16) to the annual meeting. The Board shall approve or modify the Roster of Nominees to be recommended to the membership. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting, with prior approval of those so named."



First-ever Honors Presented at Meeting

Selected by the Board of Directors of the History Guild, fifteen of our members were presented with Certificates of Appreciation at the annual Members Only meeting/party in January. Created by **Russ Brabec**, and presented in suitable frames located by **Walter Riney**, documents of grateful appreciation were awarded to the following:

Enid Williams, Bob Williams, Angela Uccelli, Elinor Charleston, Richard Babow, and Frank Franceschini.

Their certificates noted dedication and outstanding contributions to the goals of the History Guild.

Additional awards, also noting their dedication and outstanding contributions to the goals of the Guild, as well as their participation at the Guild Mini Museum as greeters, archivists, organizers, display artisans, and resource founts over the years, were given to:

Betty Schultz, Walter Schultz, Walter Riney, Diane Pitto, Marilyn Olcese, Don Manning, Jo Lyman, Mary Hutchings, and Russell Brabec.

Awards for those not present were accepted by friends on behalf of the recipient, or forwarded

to honorees after the meeting. The awards ceremony was photographically documented by HG member **Al Belotz**. Our thanks to him, also.

It is hoped that awarding of Certificates of Appreciation might become an annual event at our January anniversary gathering.

January Anniversary Party a "Blast!", Speaker Top Rate

With **Susanna Gilden**, director of Daly City Library Services, as the focal speaker, our anniversary meeting Jan. 19 at Doelger Center was, indeed, one of the more memorable events of the early year. If you missed it, you really (!) missed a happy wingding, with lots of warm moments, cheerful comments, neighborly conversation and a beautiful array of party foods, decorated cakes, munchies and pleasantly poured potables.

Susanna gave a brief overview of the current four-library system, before launching into the tempting hopes for the future by means of the Master Plan for each of the branches. The presentation by our Director of Library Services was splendidly optimistic and we thank **Susanna** most sincerely for her presentation, as well as the thoughtful consideration of City Manager **John "I'd like this to be a state-of-the-art museum" Martin** and his staff.

Treat Donors for March 19

Donors for the March 19 meeting signed-up at the January program. Our thanks to them, and anyone else that feels inclined to add to the bountiful buffet. Signees were:

Marie Brizuela, Aida Larsen, Shirley Pappas, Elsie Tonelli, Pat Hatfield and Bernie Smotkin.

Adieu, Nice People

A memorial was held at Holy Angels Church, Colma, following the death of longtime member **George Ciarlo** in Palm Springs. A note to HG director **Marilyn Olcese** in his 2002 Christmas card read "*I enjoy receiving **The Daly***

City/Colma Guild newsletter – lots going on with such good speakers and other activities.”

Also in our memory is **Agnes**, the mother of former DC Mayor **Robert (Bob) St. Clair**, and **Colonel William Wade**, a longtime member of the Guild while he lived in Westlake. **Bill** felt keenly about the serving of cookies at our meetings and anonymously supplied a fund for buying them in days before contributors were so dependable. Also remembered is HG member **Carolyn Opperman**, sister of **Daniel**, who remains on our membership roster, and the late **Esther Vireno**, daughter of the pioneer proprietor of Vireno's market on Mission Street .

We shall miss all these good people.

Remember: Monetary Memorials may be sent to the History Guild Memorial Fund, 40 Wembley Dr., DC. 94015. The fund is earmarked for the benefit of a proper Daly City/Colma History Museum. Donors and honorees are recorded in our beautiful Memorial Book, which may be viewed on request at the Mini-Museum.

The Collection Grows

The Guild's archival and nostalgic collection of locally related items has been enriched by the contributions from the following :

- **Frank Maffei** – a fine collection of 58 1946-54 Jefferson Union High School “Totem Pole” newsletters, two 1949 Jeff football programs (when **Glen South** was the Coach), and a program for the 1949 Senior Class play “Big Hearted Herbert” for which **Albert Teglia** (DC Mayor 1977,1981,1988) was a member of the stage crew. Great items, **Frank**.
- **Marian Mann** – Photo binder regarding Gateway Festival, 2002, held at Westlake Mall, and 1975 Guadalupe Health Center newsletter.
- **Bunny Gillespie** – a Daly City Library (circa 2003) book bag and logo magnet.
- **Frank Franceschini** -- progress photos taken at various Daly City locations.
- **Russ Brabec** –19 photos of rock-fill operations at Avalon Canyon, 1998; 18 images of the DC coast from Ft. Funston south to the transfer station; 12 photos, 1982, of Thornton Beach after heavy rainstorms; 24 pix taken 1989 showing earthquake damage along coast; 17 photos of '89 quake damage in Palisades area, with written report. Treasures all!



Honored Members:
Present to receive their Certificates of Appreciation were (l-r) Marilyn Olcese, Don Manning, Russ Brabec, Elinor Charleston, Walter Riney, Walter Schultz, Betty Schultz, Enid Williams, and Bob Williams. At rear, right, are HG President Ken Gillespie and HG Vice-president Mark Weinberger who presented the awards.

Cypress Lawn Tours 'n Talks

HG members and friends of Cypress Lawn are invited to note the dates for **The Heritage Foundation's** upcoming historical tours and talks: **March 15 & April 19**, 1:30 p.m., monthly coach tours of locations within park commence from Newall Chapel...**March 16**, 2 p.m., "Imperial San Francisco" historical talk in Newall Chapel; **April 20**, 2 p.m. "Animal Cemeteries". Free. For reservations: (650) 550-8810 (tours) and (650) 550-8811 (talks).



Yes, I (we) would like to join the
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