



# THE TATTLER

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## May Meeting To Host Pioneer Family Member


Tom Kahle, whose family roots reach 'way back in this area, will favor the Guild by sharing some historical memories of his family, growing up and attending schools in DC/Colma, and his years of dedicated service with both the DC Police Department and the DC Fire Department. Mr. Kahle formally retired earlier this year. (Editor's note: We heard Mr. Kahle speak at a DC Council Meeting, and we were very impressed with his unique and sincere presentation.)

Tom is the grandson of the late Anna Kahle, one of the Guild's earliest members, and he is the nephew of Marie Rusert, one of our continuing, long-time, out-of-the-area, members. The program promises to be unique and interesting.

Also on President Ken's agenda will be introduction of Betty Schultz, the HG Nominating Chair, who will place before the membership the names of those who have agreed to vie for election to offices on the HG Board of Directors. ? has agreed to install the officers for the new HG year.


THE HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY, COLMA  
PROUDLY PRESENTS ANOTHER

## HISTORY EVENING!



Wednesday, May 19, 2004, 7:30 p.m.

"Remembering Daly City and Colma"  
with  
Tom Kahle



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

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## Inquiring Minds Ask & Get Answers!

In the March Tattler, we asked: What ever happened to Mike and Ben Sharpe, tag-team wrestlers that lived for a while in Broadmoor during the 1950s?

Flo Vallerga, Carolyn Livengood, Bob Ivani and Marilyn Olcese were early responders...The



Sharp's place was the **Copperwood Lodge** on Hillside Blvd. at Chester and Linden, on the site of Lovchen Gardens, later Vincenzo's, and still a restaurant.

**Bernard Winn's** great "*From the Top of the Hill*" book credits Lovchen Gardens as "a site for gambling, popular during and after prohibition... Later the facility was called "Lera's Lovchen Gardens" with Italian dinners and bowling."

Internet probing told us that **Mike** died in 1988 at age 65, **Ben** died in 2001 at age 85. Second-generation "**Iron Mike**" followed in dad's field. We still wonder if any of their swim-students are still around???? And whence the name "Lovchen?????"

### **Treat Donors**

THANK YOU!!! To **Dana Smith**, who signed-up to bring treats for the May Guild meeting! When the sign-up board for May Munchies was passed, only **Dana** put her name down as a volunteer. Additional munchies, as always, will be welcome.

Treats for the March meeting were fabulous, thanks, again, to **mystery donors** plus **Marilyn Olcese Marie Brizuela, Leah Berlanga, Elsa Ramos, Angela Uccelli, Eleanor Charleston and Bunny Gillespie.**

### **HG Memorial Book Lists Donors/Honorees**

*Monetary Memorials honoring loved ones 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.*

### **NEED FOR OFFICER CANDIDATES IS URGENT**

Dear Friends:

Guild election month is upon us. Nominating chair **Betty Schultz** (650-756-3865) is now searching for people to serve on the HG Board. Formal nominations, elections, and installations will be part of the May meeting.

Since helping to organize The Guild in 1982, the undersigned have been honored to be elected to help guide The Guild's activities for eighteen years. We have yet to meet a Guild member that was not friendly.

With somewhat heavy hearts, we find that our advancing years, declining health, and waning energy prompts us not to seek re-election to places on your board as President and Secretary-Program Chair. We will, of course, continue our membership and try to be helpful to incoming leadership.

As the saying goes, Now Is The Time For All Good Men (& Women) To Come To The Aid of Their...History Guild of Daly City Colma. We have every faith that The Guild will be a viable part of Daly City for many years.

Thanks for the memories.

**Ken & Bunny Gillespie**

### **Home Movies Shown**

If you missed the March 17 meeting of the Guild, you missed the second half of vintage 1941 silent films recalling people that helped to charter the first **Lions of Daly City/Colma.** (The first half was shown in March of last year.) Now the video goes back into the archival locked-files, hopefully to be enjoyed again some years hence. Our thanks to the current **Lions Clubs of DC/Colma** for their interest, presence,



display, smiles and greetings via marvelous, always willing to help, Mrs. Marian Mann. .

**Bunny's DC Photo Book**  
**"Revisited" by HG Board**

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, it was Moved by director **Marilyn Olcese**, Seconded & Carried, that sale of **Images of America: Daly City**, by **Bunny Gillespie**, would be offered for sale for the benefit of the HG treasury. The 128 page, 234 photo, paperback is now available during Mini-Museum hours from 1-2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Serramonte Library. The HG price is \$20. It will also be available at the upcoming membership meeting in May.

**Daly City** may also be purchased at the City Hall, Serramonte and Westlake Libraries for \$20. It can also found at the Colma Historical Assn.'s gift shop; Seton Medical Center's gift shop; San Mateo County Historical Assn., gift shop, and at most major book stores.

The book is chronologically designed, with historical memories from 1859 to 2003.

**The Collection**  
**Grows & Grows!**

Thanks to generous friends and members, The Guild's archival collection of locally related items has been enriched by contributions from:

- **Lorraine D'Elia** -VIP ceramic presentation plaque with DC logo; 1973 photo of **DC Mayor Bud Lycett** with City Staff co-workers, and nostalgic 1974 photo of our (now) **Retired City Clerk Lorraine** being greeted by CA Gubernatorial candidate **Joe Alioto** at Konocti Resort. He didn't make it.
- **Mr & Mrs Thomas (Gladys Lagomarsino) Callan**: Framed

clipping of 1951 JHS grad. class; Vintage matte photo of **Lovchen Gardens** around 1910s; Glossy photo of award-winning display of Colma's **J. T. Cresta** ranch vegetables at SMC exhibition. (Via **Marilyn Olcese**)

- **Alice Agresti**: Aerial view of Colma agricultural area in 1930s, abundant with greenhouses and farms. (Via **Marilyn Olcese**)
- **Mr & Mrs Andrew (Mary-Louise) Ferrari**: 1981 photo by **Don Buckley** of **Charles Christian** (DCFD Captain) residence, built in 1919. Courtesy of **Laurie Gatti** (niece), via **Joyce Olcese** and **Marilyn Olcese**.
- **Mr & Mrs William Quickert**: Red,white and blue Fraternal Order of Eagles (Daly City) #1848 Marching Band cap.
- **Mark Weinberger**: Chinese New Year-of-the-Monkey #4701 program sponsored by CA Assemblyman **Leland Y. Yee**.
- **Hazel Cargain**: 1970s photo of Patriotic Parade passing the Top-of-the-Hill, with local American Legion Post #410 and her dad, **Lesley Hill**, prominently carrying the US flag .
- **Ed Graham**: 1929 Membership booklet re. Daly City's Crocker Lodge #454 F&AM.
- **Michael & Richard Rocchetta**: Concrete Volume Computer from Balboa Building Materials of Junipero Serra Blvd., DC.
- **Andrew Parodi**: Photo of his dad, **John Parodi** and co-worker, with multi-blade mower at Westmoor HS. **Mr Parodi** was chief gardener for JUHS from early 1940s to retirement in the 1960s, and later in charge of Westmoor and Terra Nova grounds.

- **Mr & Mrs Ralph (Martha Bianci) Jordan:** Photo of Bianchi Residence on San Pedro Rd., opp. Holy Angels Church and three photos of Holy Angels's original building; 1960s photo of Jefferson School classmates of Fred Bertetta at annual party. (Via Marilyn Olcese)
- **Robert Ivani Family:** Business memorabilia from White Nursery (M. & D. Giacchino) & Garden Valley Land Assn. (Via Marilyn Olcese)
- **Dennis Matheny:** Photos of West Market St. businesses and people, circa 1953-58. (Via Marilyn Olcese)
- **Marilyn Olcese:** Circa 1910 school photo, unidentified; Stamanoni Store and home gardens photos (where Walgreen's is currently located on San Pedro Rd.); photos of Colma business sector opp. Holy Angels Church in 1940s; photo of (grandparent) Mrs. Adelfina Gaggero's Westlake residence and 1950 Property Deed; copy of Frank Maffei photo, circa late 1940s, of truck-tow activity on Mission St. with Collopy House in background (now Wendy's site.).
- **FYI:** REPRESENTATIONS OF ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE ON DISPLAY, WITH CREDITS AND CAPTIONS IN THE HG'S UPSTAIRS SHOWCASE AT SERRAMONTE LIBRARY.

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