



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

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### MOST HAUNTED LOCAL AREA IS NEXT HG TOPIC

**Mrs. Patricia Hatfield**, president, major-domo, and guiding light of the **Colma Historical Society**, will be the guest speaker for the Wednesday, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m. meeting of the DC/C History Guild at Doelger Center, 101 Lake Merced Blvd., (Westlake Park) DC.

No stranger to the History Guild, **Mrs. Hatfield** has been a faithful attendee, donor of refreshments and enthusiastic participant at most of the Guild's "History Evening" programs. A patron member of The Guild since 1994, **Mrs. Hatfield** is a charming and personable treasure trove of Colma and cemetery historical information.

For the September meeting, **Mrs. Hatfield** will speak on the history of the cemetery city of Colma and she will debut a brand new short film about California's historically unique "necropolis city."

The program will be introduced by HG Vice-President **Richard Rocchetta**.

### Pioneer Family Member Tom Kahle Delights HG Spring Meeting

The May 19 meeting of the History Guild hosted as speaker **Tom Kahle**, whose local family roots predate the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and whose personal career spanned 31 years of wearing the blue DC uniforms of the Police and Fire Departments.

**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 corresponding members. He delighted his audience with his unique memories of growing up in Daly City/Colma. As he spoke, smiles of recognition were shared as he recalled names and haunts of his childhood. Our sincere appreciation to **Tom** for his unique and generous sharing of nostalgia.

### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR GUILD

Another highlight on President **Ken's** Spring Meeting agenda was the introduction of **Betty Schultz**, the ever-efficient membership and HG Nominating Chair, who placed into consideration the names of those later elected to conduct the business of the Guild for 2004-05. They are

**President: Mark Weinberger**

**V-Pres.: Richard Rocchetta**

**Treasurer: Russ Brabec**

**Secretary: Dana Smith**

**Director: Marilyn Olcese**

**Director: Marian Mann**

**Director: Al Teglia**

**Director: Walter Riney**

The elected were pleasantly given their Oaths of Office by California State Assemblyman **Leland Yee**, down from Sacramento

to do the honors. Warm appreciation is extended to good Guild Member (and friend of history) **Yee**.

The evening also saw the closure of 18 years of service to the Guild as President by **Ken Gillespie** and the same number of years by **Bunny Gillespie** as Secretary-Program Chair. They were instrumental in organizing the Guild in 1982. Both have now been named "**Directors Emeriti**", reflecting their hope to continue to be of service to the Guild. They have been asked to continue to produce "**The Tattler**."

Prior to adjournment for refreshments, surprise presentations were made to the **Gillespies**. Thrilled with each of them, the couple received Certificates of Recommendation from the **California Assembly**, via Assemblyman **Yee**; a Certificate of Recommendation from the **City of Daly City**, via Vice-Mayor (& Guild member) **Carol Klatt**; a magnificent engraved brass plaque from President-elect **Mark Weinberger** and members of the History Guild; and a huge floral arrangement, via Guild director **Marilyn Olcese**. More surprises in the form of decorated cakes were waiting at the refreshment tables. For all of the above, and the pleasure of having served the Guild as officers for 18 years, **Ken and Bunny** expressed their heartfelt thanks to all concerned.

No passing of the gavel was executed, since the Guild doesn't own one, but hearty congratulations were extended to the new HG board.

#### **Guild Scrapbook Is Our Ongoing History**

Guild secretary **Dana Smith** has accepted responsibility for keeping current the Guild Scrapbook that dates from

1982. The volume includes photos and printed notices (newspapers, newsletters) etc. directly *pertinent to the Guild*. Sharp-eyed donors may bring items to HG meetings.

#### **Raffle Prizes Welcome At Guild Meeting**

HG director **Marian Mann** has accepted the responsibility of managing HG raffle activities and will welcome the arrival of attractive and interesting prizes to be awarded to lucky ticket purchasers at Guild meetings.

Director **Walter Riney** will continue to cheerfully circulate before and during our program gatherings to share his supply of colorful raffle tickets: \$1 for three, \$.50 each. Bring your donations for the raffle to Doelger center on meeting nights. **Marian** will help you place them on a display table.

Proceeds, as always, benefit the HG fund towards a proper-size history museum.

FYI: Director **Al Teglia** has volunteered to spearhead efforts to obtain the John Daly branch of the DC Library (on Mission St. at the Top of the Hill) as a site for the Guild's History Museum. To that end, he has met with, and is serving as the HG liaison with, **DC City Manager John Martin**.

#### **MINI-MUSEUM NEWS NOTES**

Director **Marilyn Olcese** has assumed responsibility for the management of the HG Mini-Museum, after a long "apprenticeship" as a host, researcher, and contributor. Available Tuesdays from 1-2:30 p.m. in the lower area of Serramonte Library, her helpers include **Betty Schultz, Russ Brabec, Don Manning, Ken Gillespie & Bunny Gillespie**.

For continuing to add to the HG's collection of historical photos, memorabilia, etc., thanks are extended to generous members and friends, including the following:

LeRoy & Aida Larsen, for Anti-Crime League of DC envelopes and keys, circa 1960s.

Peter Gleichenhaus, DC Public Works director, Carol Simmons, DC Library Director, story of Thornton Beach cabin, circa 1937-40.

Marianne Petroni, for a wood souvenir of the gymnasium floor of the 1952 DC War Memorial Building; two class photo copies with images of educator M. Pauline Brown.

Don Manning, for paper matchbooks and political campaign badges of years past.

Jeannene Minnix-Rubino, former CEO, and the DC/C Chamber of Commerce for DVD history video created for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Russ Brabec, for computer prints of DC/C streetcars and local cemeteries, news clippings, etc.

Pat Hatfield and the Colma Historical Society, for 1939 & 1940 DC directories; two heroic 2'x3' framed photos by Frank Maffei of the view from Westmoor Hill to Westlake, 1949 and 1956 construction of St. Francis Hts; a framed copy of an 1884 Colma land auction poster, 1929 DC Record & 1962 SF Chronicle clippings, from Jim Callan collection.

DC Public Works Dept., for photo copies of February 2004 Flood Damage to DC properties, via Betty Schultz.

Marian Mann, for a photo of a Veteran's Tribute plaque being engraved at the Fontana Memorial Co. in 1976., two packets of 1976 & 1986 parade snapshots.

Frank Franceschini, for scores of DC progress update photographs. Our own roaming photog is very busy.

Jean Fahy, via Neil Fahy, for 1982 DC Recreation Dept. zippered jacket; DC phone books & Our Lady of Mercy Church directories.

Mike Stallings, DC Parks & Recreation director, blue and gold vintage DC Municipal Band uniforms, long in storage at (now gone) 1952 War Memorial Bldg. on Mission St.

Emile Thomas, Guild Member & owner G.F. Thomas Cleaning (SF), restoration-cleaning of three of above band uniforms (jackets, pants, hats).

Linda Minnix, and Flora Muhlebach, vintage Chamber of Commerce maps of DC & area.

### In Our Memory

Sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of the late Mary Garibaldi Hutchings, who passed to her Heavenly Reward in Mid-June at Seton Medical Center.

Mary was a charter member of The Guild and chaired our hospitality activities for many years. She is dearly missed.

Mary was the sister of HG member Albina Parma, and the aunt of HG member Gary Parma. She was also the sister of Eugene Garibaldi and HG members Mr &

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**Mrs. Ray Garibaldi.** A long-time Colma booster, **Mary** uniquely refused to open mail addressed to her Broadmoor home that lacked Colma identification.

Her pleasant phone reminders, and thank you notes, to HG Treat donors were always well received and appreciated over the years.

Contributions have been received for the Guild Memorial Fund in **Mary's** honor.

### Treat Donors

Those who signed up to bring munchies for the September are urged to bring them on serving-ready platters. They are **Marie Brizuela, Judith Christensen, Betty & Walter Schultz,** and **Marilyn Olcese.** **Eleanor Charleston** has accepted responsibility for managing the Hospitality/Refreshment portion of our meetings. Helping her are **Enid & Bob Williams, & Marilyn Olcese.**

### Images of America: Daly City

The book noted above was written by **Bunny Gillespie** and is offered for sale for the benefit of the HG treasury during Mini-Museum hours from 1-2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Serramonte Library. The HG price is \$20. (More at bookstores.) It embraces 128 pages, 234 local photos.

### Datebook Possibilities

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