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FORMER THORNTON RANGER
TO SPEAK AT SEPT. 21 MEETING

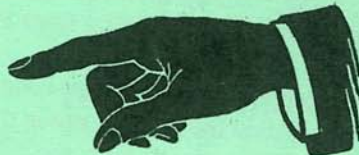
Donald M. Scott, a former ranger stationed at **Thornton State Beach** on the San Mateo County (Daly City) coast, will be the guest speaker for the Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m., **History Guild of Daly City/Colma** membership meeting at Doelger Center's multi-use room. The program will be followed by refreshments. The public is invited.

Mr. Scott, a former Skyline College instructor, is a biographer of the late **George Rippey Stewart**, a Professor of English at the University of California at Berkeley, starting in the 1920s. **Stewart** was a prodigious author, weaving human and natural sciences and history into remarkable works, including "*Whole Earth*" long before Earth Day was popularized. His "*Earth Abides*" has been published in 27 languages and his "*Storm*" gave rise to the continuing practice of naming storms.

Because **Stewart** had helped to heighten awareness of the role of people as part of the ecosystem, a **Thornton Ranger** suggested naming the park's nature trail for him.

Mr. Scott was inspired to become a ranger by reading **Stewart's** works and actually met **Mr. Stewart** while working at **Thornton State Beach**. **George R. Stewart Nature Trail** on the coast no longer exists, but **Mr. Scott** encourages the re-establishment of it, or another to honor **Stewart's** name.

GUILD MEETING
7:30 PM, SEPT. 21
101 LAKE MERCED BL. DC



Greetings From
President Mark:

I want to share with the membership a recent action of the board. We decided to purchase a \$200 commemorative brick at the new War Memorial Building on Mission Street. When it opens, our brick will be one of many that will grace this multi-use building. The text on the brick will read, "History Guild of Daly City/Colma," with additional words (date established, etc.) to be determined. No individual names will appear on the brick.

The board believes that this is an investment in the future, which will allow us to preserve our good name in stone for generations to come.

Anyone wanting to purchase a commemorative brick of their own (several price categories available) should contact the Daly City Public Library for a brochure and additional information.

"Our Lady of 280" Was May HG Topic

Drawing on personal experience spanning a four-decade career of care-giving and caring, **LeeRoy Eyheralde** held his HG audience spellbound at the May membership meeting as he chronicled the history of Seton Medical Center.

Clinical Nurse Educator for the area's most visible man-made landmark, **Mr. Eyheralde** was among those actually involved with the physical move of Mary's Help Hospital from SF to its local hilltop.

Resplendent in his badge-bedecked clinical attire, he recalled the unique parade of ambulances that transported patients from the old to the new walls, and a myriad of medical firsts achieved over forty years.

Introduced by VP-Program-chair **Richard Rocchetta**, he was presented with a Guild Certificate of Appreciation by President **Mark Weinberger**.

During refreshments, a 15-minute video was shown depicting the history of the hospital. The film was provided through the courtesy of **Katherine King**, executive director of Seton Health Services Foundation and "major domo" for Seton's recent charity and awards gala. Guild input, information, and photos contributed to the creation of the video, which debuted at Seton's anniversary celebration last April.

***FYI: "Our Lady of 280" was one of the (facetious) names suggested in 1965 for Mary's Help, since the new hospital was undergoing completion about the same time as the local link of the freeway.

Members Elect New Director

At the annual History Guild election during the May meeting, **Janice Uccelli** was elected to the Board of Directors, replacing **Al Teglia**. All other officers and directors, as listed in *The Tattler*, were re-elected and subsequently installed by Daly City's City Clerk **Maria Cortes**.

Thanks to You, The Collection Grows!

Recent contributions to the Guild's collection of vintage historical items relating to Daly City or Colma have been received, with appreciation, from the following:

Katherine King, Executive Director of Seton Health Services Foundation—Copy of Seton 40th Anniversary DVD and video, including History Guild information and photos.

Robert Keil – copies of 16 Westlake area photos owned by **Bob Garrison**, son of HG member **Elsie Garrison Martin**, long of Westlake, now of Millbrae.

Michael Smookler – Autographed copy of his 2004 book, "Montara, A Pictorial History." Colma resident **Levio Marsigli**, 84, is mentioned on page 123.

Eve Aiello – 1964 black & white photo of Jefferson HS graduating class.

Vaughn & Gloriann Jones – Malvina Reynolds' songbook, including her "Ticky Tacky Houses" hit of the '60s.

Frank Franceschini – DC photos of City Hall holiday decorations, Mission Bell, Bepler Firehouse, Thornton Beach Vista. Developed after his death and donated by members of his family.

Your historic items may be brought to Guild meetings or delivered to the Mini Museum any Tuesday afternoon. **VOLUNTEERS** for once-a-month shifts as Museum Docents/Hosts are still invited to serve on Tuesdays from 1 pm to 2:30 pm at Serramonte Library. For more information, contact: **Marilyn Olcese 650-755-5616**.

Mark Your Calendar (Subject to change.)

HG programs for the future are:
Sept. 21, 7:30, Don Scott, Thornton Beach Ranger.
Nov. 16, 7:30, Lisa Angelot, reflecting on her Lagomarsino family heritage.
Jan. 15, '06, Annual Members' Party

Memorial Book

Monetary tributes honoring living loved ones, and those in our memories, may be sent to the History Guild, 40 Wembley Dr., DC, 94015. Donations benefit realization of a proper/larger Daly City/Colma History Museum or for Guild operating expenses. Our beautiful Memorial Book may be viewed on request at the Mini-Museum. A memorial page, noting donors, is placed for each honoree. All contributions are appreciated and acknowledged as soon as possible.

Treat Donors

For Sept. Meeting

Those who signed up to bring finger food for the Sept. 21 meeting are **Jean & John Gallagher** and **Angela & Janice Uccelli**. Additions to the refreshment table are always welcome. **Elinor Charleston**, Hospitality Chair, will phone volunteer donors with a gentle reminder.

Raffle Prizes Welcome

Walter Riney and prize-provider **Director Marian Mann** are the pleasant people that oversee availability of prizes and purchase of lucky tickets at Guild meetings. *Donation of presentable take-home condition prizes is encouraged.* **Tix** are three for \$1.00, or \$.50 each. Prizes may be brought to Guild meetings. To donate in absentia, contact **Marian**.

Local Concert Honors

HG Member Dick Larsen

The late **Richard T. (Dick) Larsen**, one of the Guild's devoted Mini-Museum volunteers, was honored at a Memorial Concert presented by the **North Peninsula Wind & Percussion Ensemble** in June. **Dick**, of the "**Big-Band**" school of musicianship, was a respected instructor at Jefferson High School and organizer of the **NPW&PE**.

Fond Farewells

The passing of several people has been noted recently, among them **Mel Tafoya**, longtime DC/C activist and community leader; **Tony Giammona**, former DC Mayor, coach and the man for whom Giammona Pool is named at Westmoor High School, and **Tom Walter**, late of Iowa, longtime Guild enthusiast and supporter. Our sympathy goes to family members & friends.

Looking Back in History:

1965 – Mary's Help Hospital, now Seton Medical Center, moves to Daly City from SF, dedicates 270-bed general hospital.

1955– Daly City adopts a Council-City Manager form of city government. Howard Stites becomes the first City Manager. Fifty years later, Pat Martel becomes DC's first woman City Mgr.

1945 – Henry Doelger purchases 1350 acres of land from Spring Valley Water Co., which had acquired it from owners of Laguna de la Merced Rancho. The property stretched south from Lake Merced. On it, Doelger would build Westlake.

1935 – Groundbreaking ceremonies are held on 25 acres of land in Visitacion Valley for a huge livestock and agriculture display building to be known affectionately as the "Cow Palace."

1925 – Large ranches in the Hills of Colma are being sold in small one or two acre parcels to new investors, a practice emulated down the Peninsula.

1915 – Fifteen out of 49 business in the North County are recorded as saloons or locations that sell liquor. The Lagomarsino family employs dozens of women to pick violets and fashion them into nosegays for visitors at the Panama Pacific International Exposition.

1905 – Local dog racing makes headlines in SF newspapers. Woodlawn Memorial Park opens as a Masonic Cemetery. Pugalists Battling Nelson and Jimmy Britt duke it out at Coffroth's Arena.

Victorian Days
In Redwood City

By the time you read this, the annual fund raiser for the San Mateo County Historical Assn., "Victorian Day", will have happened, Aug. 27 at the historical Court House in Redwood City. Again this year, your History Guild was invited to host a display. This was, for years, a two-day event in San Mateo's Central Park. The venue was changed several years ago, but the fun goes on.

DC's GATEWAY FESTIVAL
SET FOR OCTOBER 1&2

HG members **Marian Mann** and **DC Mayor Carol Klatt** are again spearheading plans for celebration of DC's "*Islands of Many Cultures*" in the parking area of the Serra Bowl. Other Guild members are also on the committee or taking part. The **Gateway Festival** has been presented at various locations since 1992, then subtitled "Community of Many Cultures". It is always a gala affair featuring good clean family fun with food and beverages (no alcohol), entertainment, games, exhibits, contests, giveaway treasures, sales booths, informational materials, and a chance for mingling with and appreciation of Daly City's rich ethnic and cultural mix of residents. Both days, admission is free of cost. Nearby parking is abundant, and also free.

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