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JANUARY GUILD PARTY WITH NOSTALGIA

The Guild kicks off the New Year with a mid-January gathering of members and friends at the Doelger Center's multi-use room on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 15, 2pm, 101 Lake Merced Blvd.

In lieu of a guest speaker, program chair **Richard Rocchetta** has opted to show a vintage video focusing on "*Ninety Years of Daly City History in Nine Minutes*".

Created and voiced by HG member **Ken Gillespie**, the program was originally presented at the March 2001 meeting of the Daly City Council to highlight DC's 90th anniversary of incorporation in March, 1911. This presentation of local history is a condensed version of Gillespie's "Picture Our Past" slide-and-speak program created in 1986 for a black-tie dinner at Lake Merced Golf Club. That event celebrated Daly City's 75th anniversary of incorporation.

The January afternoon gathering will allow ample time for friendly visitations and chit-chat among attendees. It is suggested that those who own History Guild Membership Badges proclaiming their name wear them to the party, as was the norm when the Guild was launched. Some of our newer members have never seen the badges. It might be fun to wear them for identification.

Seeing YOU at the gathering will add a lot to everyone's enjoyment of the afternoon.

HISTORY GUILD MEETING
2PM. SUNDAY, JAN. 15
101 LAKE MERCED BL. DC



MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER; DUES ARE DUE

Again this January, the Guild asks your participation in our annual solicitation of membership dues. If you've received this Tattler in the mail, you're on our mailing list. Dues-payment categories are indicated on the enclosed **Membership Renewal card**. Over-the-top donations are, as always, most welcome.

***Those with RED DOTS ON THEIR LABEL may soon be dropped from the mailing list for lack of paying dues.

***Those with GREEN DOTS ON THEIR LABEL are wonderful people that have already paid their dues through 2006, and possibly for several years beyond.

***Those with BLUE DOTS ON THEIR LABEL are invited to pay dues, but have been placed on the mailing list, free of dues. Guild mailings are five issues a year and herald each of our five membership programs. Dues are kept at a minimum. You are encouraged to indicate your interest in the Guild's historic preservation activities by remitting your 2006 dues ASAP. For information: Call **Betty Schultz, Membership Chair**. (650) 756-3875.

Greetings From
President Mark:

By the time you read this, your History Guild Board will have met with City Officials regarding future use of the soon-to-be-vacated John Daly Library at the Top of the Hill. We will have made our case to the City, and hope that we persuaded the powers that be that the building must be preserved for the use of a permanent museum of local history, and that the Guild should manage and operate it. As always, words of encouragement from our membership to City Council members are very much appreciated and necessary as we continue to generate interest and make the case for a permanent museum. Thank you for helping us continue to build momentum. Happy New Year!!

WHERE was the "Happy Children's Room"?



Happy Children's Room...

In the John Daly Public Library on Mission Street. The room had been the city's first library, built in the '20s. When the facility was expanded three-fold in the late '30s, the room became a "back room", dedicated to young readers.



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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 towards 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. A recent donation was made by HG member **James Cleere** in memory of his friend, **Ralph Jordan**, a longtime resident of Colma.*

Treat Donors
For January Meeting



Those who signed up to bring finger food for the Jan. 15 meeting are **Pat Hatfield, Annette Hipona, Angela and Jan Uccelli, Marilyn Olcese, Dolores Chappell, Judith Christensen, Dana Smith**. Additions to the refreshment table are always welcome. **Elinor Charleston**, our Hospitality Chair, will phone donors with a gentle reminder prior to the gala event.

LISA ANGELOT PROVIDES LOVING TRIBUTE TO "GRANDPA"

Reminiscences of her grandfather, **Ricco Lagomarsino**, continued the Guild's tradition of hosting histories of local families when **Lisa Angelot** spoke at the Nov. 16 History Evening in Doelger Center's multi-use room.

Introduced by vice-president and program chair, **Richard Rocchetta**, the speaker traced her family history from earliest days through **Mr. Lagomarsino's** role as one of the founders of the First National Bank of Daly City, now First National Bank of Northern California. **Ms. Angelot** carries on **Lagomarsino Family** involvement with FNB as she serves on the current board of directors.

With his brother **William**, aka **Willie**, **Ricco Lagomarsino** was instrumental in development of homes and apartments on the east side of Junipero Serra Blvd. after WWII.

Attendees were also given the opportunity to view a wall-mounted display of vintage building plans and enjoy power-point photographic images of the family through the years. On conclusion of the program, president **Mark Weinberger** presented the Guild's traditional "Certificate of Appreciation".

Raffle Prizes Welcome

The Raffle is a very important part of the Guild's fund-raising. Ticket-seller **Director Walter Riney** and prize-shepherd **Director Marian Mann** are the pleasant people that oversee availability of prizes and purchase of lucky tickets at Guild meetings. *Donations of presentable take-home condition prizes are encouraged.* **Tix are three for \$1.00, or \$.50 each.** Prizes may be brought to Guild meetings. For information, contact **Marian**. You, too, can get lucky!!!

Trader Joe's Unique DC History Gallery

Just to prove that an interest in history can be evidenced in unusual places, we have noted during our recent visits to Trader Joe's (Westlake) that patrons are actually pausing in the Rest Room hallway to peruse captioned photos of Westlake in days past. We assume most of the visitors are exiting the comfort facilities at the back of the store, but we didn't spy long enough to truly determine that fact. Thanks again to TJ's for fostering interest in Daly City history.



GUILD'S FRAMED PHOTOS HAVE NICE NEW 'HOME'

Known as the "Arby's Collection", fourteen of the Guild's most treasured large photographs are currently on display in the Daly City Business Center managed by Guild Member **Tess Langandaon**. The collection, on loan to the Center, is fully captioned and available for viewing by visiting the offices 355 Gellert Blvd., Suite #230, DC, during regular business hours.

Also on display are framed reproductions from vintage newspaper and periodicals relating to Daly City history and business activities. Guild members were among those attending the Center's gala "Open House" in November. Questions? Call **Tess** at (650 757-2060).

★ Mark Your Calendar ★
(Subject to change.)

Jan. 15, '06, 2 pm— Annual party for dues-paid/paying Guild Members, Doelger Center.

March 16, 7:30 pm – “Wild & Woolly” days of San Mateo County’s 1856 start. Speaker: **Bunny Gillespie**.



Of Possible Interest

Westlake Shopping Center is again becoming a place of interest and convenience, with its upgrading, remodeling and innovations.

The mall is now a two-way drive-thru street, palm trees have been moved about and seem to be thriving, and facades of stores have been given a modern, cohesive look. There are clean, non-splintery benches on which to ponder surroundings, and oversized planters with weather-tolerant greenery grace the area.

At this writing, construction continues on buildings, but most of the south end (Safeway area) parking has been reconfigured, including on-street parking along Southgate.

During the holidays, the mid-mall facility for purchasing photos with Santa was again functioning and twinkle lights danced in trees.

Bit of Nostalgia: Your editors missed seeing the tremendous Holiday Displays, complete with ride-upon miniature train and North Pole denizens, with which Henry Doelger Enterprises delighted visitors to Westlake in the 1950-60s. Treats were handed out to tots and joyous holiday music brought sidewalk smiles. The memories linger.

IT'S YOUR MINI-MUSEUM,
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP???

*Volunteers for once-a-month shifts as Museum Docents/Hosts are invited to serve on Tuesdays from 1 pm to 2:30 pm at Serramonte Library. For more information, contact HG Museum Director: **Marilyn Olcese**.*

Recent donors to the Guild's Collection of historical memorabilia include:

Russ Brabec: “White Cliffs of Doelger” souvenir program for Lincoln HS play.

Al Romaine: 1935 photo of Moffett Field blimp and pre-Gellert “Sunstream Homes” development photo of Christen Dairy Lands.

Rob Keil: 1962 photo of Chester Dolphin, head draftsman for Westlake development.

Donations to the historical files and display areas are always welcome. Before you toss out vintage photos or items of local interest, please give your Museum volunteers an opportunity to evaluate them and possibly add them to the HG collection. “Your Junk could be our Treasure!!!”

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