



Journal of the History Guild of Daly City/Colma



March Meeting Has "Wild & Wooly" Focus

In recognition of San Mateo County's sesquicentennial year, the History Guild's March 15 "History Evening" will recall some local tidbits of the days when San Mateo County was lopped away from being the southern part of San Francisco.

The program will probe some of the "wild and wooly" brashness involved with the election that "hatched" San Mateo County. The story has uniquely colorful moments. The program is free, open to the public, and will be given in the Multi-Use Room at Doelger Community Center, 101 Lake Merced Boulevard, Daly City.

Bunny Gillespie, past HG Secretary and Program Chair, will be the speaker for the Wednesday, March 15, 7:30p.m., presentation. **Bunny**, with her husband, **Ken**, have been the Council-designated Official Historians for Daly City since 1987.

. FYI: "wild & wooly" has been defined as "typical of the rowdy, lawless, spirit of the pioneering west."

Those inclined to wear their Western-style garb are encouraged so to do.

**HISTORY GUILD MEETING
7:30 PM MARCH 15
101 LAKE MERCED BL. DC**

Greetings From President Mark:

I'm pleased to report that a committee of the History Guild Board (Marilyn Olcese and I) and the City Council (Sal Torres and Carol Klatt), along with Daly City Historians Ken and Bunny Gillespie, met in late February to begin discussions about the transformation of the John Daly Library to a permanent history museum. We all remain cautiously optimistic and very excited about getting the historic John Daly Library building for our future museum. There are still many details to be worked through, but we are well on our way. I look forward to updating the membership at our March meeting.



Treat Donors For March Meeting

Those who signed up to bring finger food for the March 15th meeting are **Mark Weinberger**, **Russ and Eunice Brabec**, **Walter Riney**, and **Annette Hipona**. Additions to the refreshment table are always welcome. **Elinor Charleston**, our Hospitality Chair, will phone donors with a gentle reminder prior to the meeting.



ANNUAL GUILD BASH WAS PLEASANTLY NOSTALGIC

A nice crowd was on hand mid-January at Larcombe Hall, due west of the Doelger Multi-use room, as the Guild celebrated 2006 with sparkling wine, apple juice, cake and a galaxy of goodies, supplied by lots of generous people. Although the location was changed by the DC Recreation Dept. after mailing of the January Tattler, we are again most grateful to Recreation Director **Mike Stallings** for the use of the hall, equipment, and efficient services by staff.

Arranged by HG Vice-President **Richard Rocchetta**, the program was a fast-paced nine-minute video of a Daly City history slide-and-speak program created in 2001 by Past HG President **Ken Gillespie**. ("Ninety Years in Nine Minutes" is the type of video available to be shown within the hoped-for Daly City History Museum, someday.)

Dropping by to chat with attendees was *California Legislator* **Leland F. Yee**, who raised his (plastic) glass to toast the Guild. As usual, the atmosphere was most cordial all around, conversation filled the air, and one would be hard-pressed to have found a more pleasant place to enjoy a Sunday afternoon.

Special appreciation goes to **Elinor Charleston's** refreshment committee, which included **Marilyn Olcese, Janice Uccelli, Bob and Enid Williams, Russ Brabec**, and all the donors of the fantastic array of taste treats. **YUM! You're The Greatest!!!**

Also "The Greatest" were the donors of an almost-overwhelming collection of raffle prizes. Temptations, all. *President Mark* cut short the awards time by directing winners to double their take-home pleasure after the first five prizes were chosen. *Treasurer Russ Brabec* and *ticket-seller Walt Riney* were delighted with raffle proceeds.

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. A recent Memorial Donor was Verona Williams, long-time HG member now living in Nevada Verona's donation was in honor of her late husband, Dale. 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.



Recommendation for Official Daly City Flower

Elsie Garrison Martin, a longtime Guild member and former President of the Daly City Garden Club, has suggested the "Poor Man's Orchid," i.e. "Cinneraria," for consideration as DC's "Official Flower."

"This is a near-yearly plant that has the sought after colors of blue and purple," Elsie writes, "it grows to 3 1/2' tall, with perfection in shady or near-shady areas... beautiful... an original DC wildflower that is a beauty that will grow in the crack of a sidewalk."

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** encourage donation of presentable, take-home condition prizes and purchase of lucky tickets at Guild meetings.

Sharing the Good News

Hillside Homeowners

Improvement Assn., DC's oldest neighborhood group, celebrated their 50th years with a gala dinner dance last month. Congratulations to President **Richard Rocchetta** and his HHIA cohorts.

Jefferson alum **John Madden**, on accepting entry into the Football Hall of Fame, mentioned Daly City! He pointed out that, with his pal **John Robinson**, there were now two "Daly City doofuses" in the prestigious organization. It was the highlight of the Super Bowl weekend.

Progress IS being made on the new **War Memorial Bldg.** on Mission. Street. A Council Study Session viewed construction slides and considered names for several of the public rooms within the facility. Not to be changed, we hope, is the name for the to-be-uprooted and installed John D. Daly branch of the DC Public Library.

FYI: Immediately after publication of the November *Tattler*, HG member **Betty Williams** took time to act upon an editorial suggestion to write the DC Council urging use of the John Daly Library building at the Top of the Hill as a DC History Museum. A copy was sent to the Guild.

Recently, the Guild received a copy of a letter sent to the Council by HG-member **Father Joseph A. Gordon**, now at Holy Family Church in Wilmington, CA., urging Council concurrence with the Guild's hopes for museum use of the Library. **Fa. Joe** recently authored a history of his home parish, Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Betty, Joe, and everyone else that has taken time to let the Council know of their support for the Museum project is sincerely appreciated.

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 were:

Mystery Donor: Seton Medical Center memorabilia left at Serramonte Library desk, including cuff links, logo pins, letter opener and cotton tote bag. Names are nice...we like to say "Thanks." Hope you see this.

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.

Bob & Enid Williams: 1972-92 photo collection regarding AARP Chapter #1541.

Mario Panoringan, CEO, DC/Colma Chamber of Commerce: 2006 Pocket Diary and logo decal.

Ken & Bunny Gillespie: 1949 "Drew Pearson's Predict a Word" game rubber stamped by Colonial Gift Shop, 6272 Mission St., Daly City, 25, CA.

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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days of San Mateo County’s 1856 start.
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FIRST CLASS MAIL

WEINBERGER NAMES JONES TO HG CHAIR

Local DC man-about-town **Vaughn Jones** has been appointed by President **Mark Weinberger** to serve as Nominating Committee Chair for the History Guild. If you’ve an urge to volunteer for an office in the Guild, please contact **Vaughn** at (650)756-6795. He will report to the May HG Membership Meeting, when annual elections and installation will be held.

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HOORAY FOR COLMA HISTORICAL TALENT

Our nice neighbors to the Southeast, ie **Colma Historical Assn.**, launched their own website, filled with great information about the organization and their unique community. Congratulations to them!!

You may access the site via
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