

AN AL MEMBERS' PARTY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, all you History Guilders! It's our 5th Anniversary, and will be celebrated in cheerful fashion on Sunday afternoon, **JANUARY 18th**, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Colma Town Hall, El Camino and Serramonte Blvd.

Mayor **Charlie Gerrans** of Colma will be our host, and will present a brief commentary entitled **COLMA, THE HISTORY REMAINS!**

There will be great num-a-nums as presented through our terrific catering team of **Mary Hutchings**, with elves **George Gaggero**, **Marilyn Olcese**, and **Cathy Skupien**. There will be champagne to toast our birthday, and a very cheerful atmosphere.

Treasurer **Roz Babow** will be at the table to receive your 1987 dues, assisted by Board Member **Yolanda Hardiman**. You all should have received your membership renewal cards to send or bring in.

Incidentally, congratulations to Colma for the most beautiful holiday decorations of any public building in the area. Completely wreathed in lights, garlands and bells. What a super presentation!

A final note: This is an off week as regards football, one week before **Superbowl**, so, all you members, there ain't no good reason for missing our birthday party!

OUR NOVEMBER GATHERING

On November 19th our Guild met at Doelger Center for a very pleasant occasion, to start the holiday season and to see/hear the presentation of "PICTURE OUR PAST", a narrated slide show of the history of Daly City.

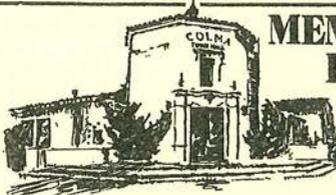
The show was the same as presented to the Black Tie Dinner attendees on October 4th last, which gala event was held at the nearby Lake Merced Golf and Country LClub (just over the fence from Doelger Center). Actually, it was a bit different, since the first presentation involved

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a taped narration, synchronized with the slides, 15 minutes long.

But, for the History Guild, who have the luxury of a few more minutes, the narration by **Ken Gillespie** was live, and with plenty of opportunity for viewers to ask questions, get a slide shown again, and amplify on the contents.

Especially lively in his comments was **Lyle Ingersoll**, long-time Daly City resident, who had worked with many of the personalities shown in the pictures. He especially recalled his working with **John Marchbanks**. When asked what some of his duties had been, Lyle replied that he had been in the "balancing business." Knowing that he is a skilled building contractor, we were a bit puzzled, but Lyle cleared the mystery by continuing, "I balanced Marchbank's roulette wheels!"

There was a good turnout for our sixth program of the year, and we were pleased to see our Daly City official family out in almost 100% form, with Mayor **Tony Giammona**, and Councilfolks **Jim Tucker**, **Jane Powell** and **Al Teglia**. Our City Hall fathers (and mother) have been wonderfully supportive, and it is very much appreciated!

And, of City Hall, we would express our appreciation to **Al Gee**, who prints our History Guild bulletin. **Al** always does a beautiful job, on time, and with great interest in the Guild work. Oh, in case you might wonder, the Guild is charged, at the same rate as any other City Hall client, through our association via History, Arts and Science Commission. We would also thank **Lorraine McClay**, of the Serramonte Library, for being our mail and phone call forwarder for the Guild, which uses said address as a message center.

THE JOHN DALY HOUSE

On the corner of 21st and Guerrero Sts. in San Francisco, is an imposing mansion, built by/for **John Daly** in 1895.

We've been trying to sort out records of when **Daly** actually built the house, since all accounts indicate that he moved his family into San Francisco in 1885, with a motive of finding better schooling for his children.

City maps show that in 1885 the lot in question was conveyed to **Lillie Daly**, wife of **John**, but descriptions of the Victorian in architectural journals list the building date as 1895. In fact, the house currently flies a large pennant, probably presented by a Victorian house preservation group, with the inscription **Daly-1895**.

The lot immediately west of the mansion was purchased, and another, more modest home was built, used by other **Daly** family members.

It's well worth a trip into San Francisco to see the home where the benefactor of our city lived, with

beautiful stained glass on the north side, impressive reception hall, and graceful stairways to the upper floors. We peered in through the front door glass panels, and thought of the kindly dairy farmer, who now could walk to his Milk Association offices a few blocks away on Valencia Street.

The fire in 1906 came within a block of 21st and Guerrero, but the imposing Queen Anne Victorian was untouched.

Subdivided into four apartments, or perhaps more (we just counted the mailboxes), it continues to be an imposing edifice.

LOOKING FORWARD IN THE NEW YEAR

Our Program Chairperson, **Belva Carroll** certainly has her act together! This dynamic little lady, our representative from Daly City's History, Arts & Science Commission, has us programmed through the September, 1987 meeting.

You'll remember that the Board recommended the first two meetings of a new Administration (July 1, right after the June elections) be planned in advance from a program standpoint, this to give incoming officers a wee bit of breathing space as regards programs. And the new Administration would, in turn, program into September in that Guild year.

Well, **Belva** presents our 1987 slate of programs:

- January 18th - Colma Town Hall
Mayor **Charlie Gerrans** of
Colma - Membership Party.
- March 18th - Doelger Center
Col. **Milton Halsey** - Fort
Point & Army Museum Assn.
- May 20th - Colma Town Hall
Mitch Postell - San Mateo
County Historical Assn.
- July 15th - Doelger Center
Gladys Hansen - San Francisco
Library Archivist.
- September 16th - Doelger Center
Carney Campion - General
Manager - Golden Gate Bridge



Junipero Serra Hospital
and ambulance (1941 view) 000

Junipero Serra Hospital Gone

On the move again is the former Junipero Serra Hospital, which for many years was our local medical facility. First located in 1936 at what was then Briggs and Pierce in unincorporated Colma (just east of the now Texaco station at Sullivan and Pierce), it provided 16 beds for the burgeoning population of Broadmoor and Westlake. It was moved when Hwy. 280 was built, over to Hill St. in Colma, off San Pedro.

The latest move was necessitated by the BART turnaround project. It is now located on Mission St., just south of Wendy's, near Market St. in Colma.

We have vivid memories of rushing injured children and family members to the kindly ministrations of Dr. Drees and his small staff.

Also, have you noted that Serramonte Blvd. is being extended east to Hillside Blvd., from El Camino.

BITS AND PIECES

Our Guild condolences to go **Mary Hutchings**, whose mother Caterina passed away in December at age 99.

Board Members **Neil and Claire Fahy** are recently returned from a month-long roundtrip aboard the Royal Viking Sky, San Francisco to

Fort Lauderdale, FL, and return, with twin daylight passages through the Panama Canal. **Neil** is an enrichment lecturer for Royal Viking. The **Gillespies** were fortunate enough to attend the gala sailing...envy, envy!

At the November meeting it was good to greet **Milt and Doris Goldberg**, who'd been wandering around the Pacific Northwest, at Expo, etc., and everybody's favorite Daly City historian, **Sam Chandler**. We spied the chairman of H.A.S., **George Riba**, but didn't get a chance to chat.

There were many Guild members at the November City Hall installation ceremonies. We spotted the **Knudsens, Gilbrechs, Babows, Ingersolls, Larsens, Pleskachs, Ribas**, all of whom were enjoying the activities of the evening.

1906 REFUGEE HOUSES IN S.F.

Right behind the Army Museum in SF's Presidio, are two little houses, which were part of some 6,000 built to house refugees after the earthquake and fire in 1906.

Reconditioned by the Army, after being found in the Sunset District, they are representative of what was brought out to Daly City by **H.H. Smith** and other building or drayage contractors, and which provided the basis for the growth

of what turned to be our city,
Daly City!

Inside the cottages are many photos of their locations throughout San Francisco, in parks, on vacant lots. The buildings provided much needed shelter for those who'd lost their homes.

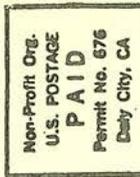
Throughout Daly City, you can find these little houses, tucked in behind other structures, altered, but with that significant original look.

LIBRARY LIAISON

There will be a meeting early in the year with City Librarian John Sullivan, city rep Mike Wilson, and Library Liaison Neil Fahy to establish cataloging guidelines for the photos and history papers and artifacts in the Serramonte Library history area. More about this January 18th.

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