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FROM MARY'S HELP TO SETON MEDICAL CENTER

When good member Stan Roderick was in Seton Hospital recently, he had a lot of time to ponder many things. One thought was that of having the hospital's history as a topic for our History Guild.

The administrators were contacted by Program Chair Bunny Gillespie, and the result will be the presence at our upcoming September 18th Guild meeting of Sister Florence Urbine, chairperson of the Board of Directors of Seton Medical Center, 7:30 p.m., Doelger Center.

Sister Florence will be joined in a two-part history of the hospital by Marie Mahoney, Assistant to the President and CEO, a veteran of 55 years in the nursing profession.

Ms. Mahoney is the author of a beautiful book "Reflections on Mary's Help Hospital and Seton Medical Center." She will present the history of the hospital, from its inception in 1893 in San Francisco to its 1965 move to Nanny Goat Hill in Daly City.

The more recent history of Mary's Help, and now Seton Medical Center will be related by Sister Florence.


Many of our members have held volunteer positions at the hospital over the years, and many have been patients in the imposing 10-story building overlooking most of Daly City and Colma. Members are invited to bring pictures, mementoes, etc. for the display table at the September 18th meeting.

GATES & GARDENS A DELIGHT


On May 15th last, members and friends were treated to a splendid show presented by Betty Horn, of the San Mateo County Historical Association, entitled Gates and Gardens of the Peninsula.

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HISTORY EVENING!



WEDNESDAY, Sept. 18th 7:30 pm



**MARY'S HELP
AND SETON MEDICAL**

with
Sister Florence
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Marie Mahoney

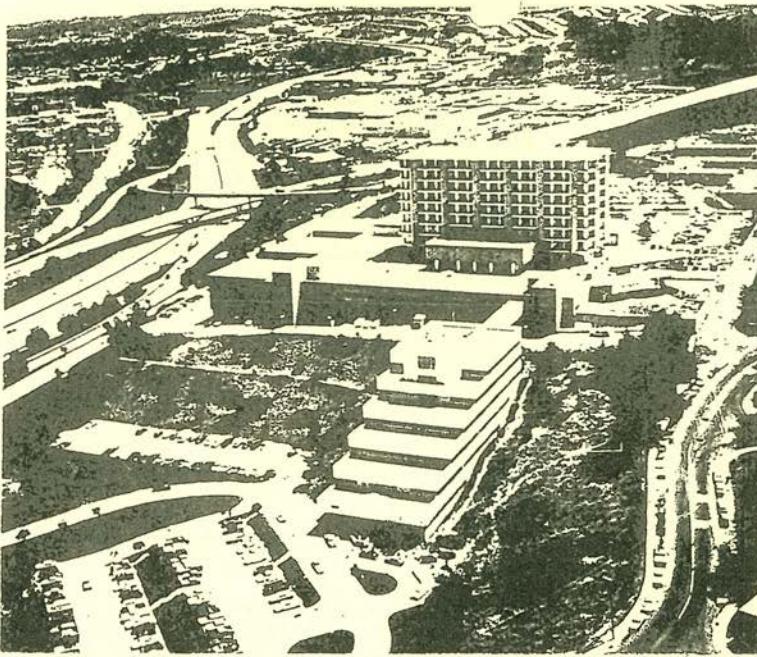
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A wide range of estate gardens and their imposing gates was shown, highlighted by the 600 acre Filoli. An enthusiastic photographer, Betty has preserved for viewing many of the beautiful sites which have since disappeared. Prior to her showing, several slides of the Meussdorffer mansion were displayed. The square block estate, used as a summer residence by the San Francisco hat manufacturer, was a showplace since the 1880's, until it was destroyed by fire in 1960. Its site is now occupied by the George Washington Elementary School in Daly City.

Exhibit tables were presided over by Ted Babow, raffle tickets sold by Walt and Elaine Riney. The prize of a beautiful chrysanthemum was won by Aida Larsen. Refreshments, under the fine management of Mary Hutchings, were dispensed. Many thanks to Marilyn Olcese, Bob & Enid Williams for their genial behind-the-counter activities, and to goodie donors Gwen Newman, Anita Stagnaro, Esther Appleton, Chuck Meagher and Anne Ingersol. Attendance at the meeting was 127.



Featured speakers at the September meeting will be Sister Florence Urbine (r) and Marie Mahoney, of Seton Medical Center.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Acting under by-laws established for the Guild in 1986, election of officers was held at the May 15, 1991 meeting at Doelger Center. All members of the standing Board were re-elected, after proposal by Nominating Committee chair Jane Powell, who then installed the Board, with the help of Guild members Betty Schultz and Ted Kirschner.

Returned to office were:

Ken Gillespie	President
Neil Fahy	Vice-President
Bunny Gillespie	Secretary
Roz Babow	Treasurer
Yolanda Hardiman	Director
Ted Babow	Director
Elaine Riney	Director
Walt Riney	Director

Availability of nominations by the membership at large had existed since the March meeting, through the May bulletin, mailed in late April, and from the floor on May 15th. Since there were none, the current officers were nominated and elected. President Ken spoke on behalf of the Board, extending appreciation for the members' votes of confidence in the administration.

VICTORIAN DAYS A-COMIN' AUGUST 24-25!



VICTORIAN DAYS IN THE PARK

Hopefully this bulletin will be received in time to remind members of **VICTORIAN DAYS IN THE PARK**, held in San Mateo's Central Park on the weekend of August 24-25.

Always a very pleasant event, the two-day arts and crafts fair will feature two activities of interest. At 3:00 p.m., Saturday, August 24th, there will be a **CIVIL WAR WEDDING**, a real, honest-to-goodness ceremony on stage in full period dress, the groom in Civil War uniform, the bride in a lovely, hoop-skirted wedding dress. A cross-

sabre honor guard will form a processional arch for the couple, who will be married by Judge Jose deLarios, past president of the San Mateo County Historical Association.

The second event will be the recreation of the BRODERICK/TERRY DUEL, the duel which many say sounded the first shot of the Civil War, and certainly the end of dueling as a mode of settling differences. Last year the duel was recreated at its actual site, in the little park in Daly City near the County line.

On stage to portray the antagonists will be Geno Fambrini (Terry), and Richard Hill (Broderick), both members of our Guild. Narrating will be a team of commentators, Dr. Robert Chandler, history officer of the Wells Fargo Bank, and Ken Gillespie, doubling in brass as the m.c. for the entertainment during the weekend. The duel will be at 12:00 noon, Sunday, August 25th!

Our Guild will have its place on History Lane, along with 16 other history-related organizations. We will have displays of photographs, Guild information, stationery and Trivia books for sale. Come on by and get a spritz of "Official Daly City Air", which we bottle and spray for cooling effect on passers-by...always good for a laugh!

WESTLAKE FETE SUCCESSFUL

On June 1st the Guild provided a booth at the Celebration of the Arts in the Westlake Mall. On invitation of the Visual Arts Guild, a sister organization under the umbrella of the Daly City History, Arts & Science Commission, the booth attracted good attention, a steady stream of passers-by.

Shown were photographs and scrapbooks which mainly related to the building of the Westlake Shopping Center, which was celebrating its 40th anniversary. Ten Guild members staffed the booth at varying times, Ed and Olive Smith, Yolanda Hardiman, Jane Powell, Betty Schultz, Elaine and Walter Riney, Chuck Meagher, Ken and Bunny Gillespie.

Of special interest was a scrapbook loaned by the Westlake Improvement Association, compiled by the late Jack Kendree, long-time Doelger associate.

MERCI, BEAUCOUP, FOR DONATIONS

The Guild extends thanks to the following for donations to the collection of historical materials:

Margaret Richardson - vintage Westlake souvenir glass

Jane Powell - collection of vintage photographs

Russ Brabec - Colma cemetery tour information and celebrity grave locations

Chuck Meagher - copy of 1958 Doelger Westlake Christmas card

Pat Kaplan - 1960's school information

B.A. Bell - news article re the Collopy House, formerly at East Market and Mission Street.

GOODIE VOLUNTEERS

The following members are reminded of their signing-up to provide goodies for September 18th meeting:

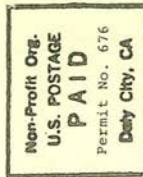
Bianca Caserza
Irene Kreuger
Bea Marquez
Elaine Riney
Bunny Gillespie

Your volunteering is much appreciated, and Mary Hutchings, chairperson of the Hospitality Committee, will be phoning you prior to the meeting.

COUNTY ASSOCIATION MEET AT MOLLOY'S JAM-PACKED

The annual meeting of the San Mateo County Historical Association was held on June 2nd at Molloy's, on Old Mission Road in Colma. More than 150 members jammed the historic tavern, hosted by members Lanty and Bland Molloy. Old Colma residents related tales of growing up in the early farm and cemetery community. Especially informative was long-time resident Les Balestra, whose family had arrived here at the turn of the century.

A special presentation was made to our Guild by the SMCHA, a framed picture of the original Mission Auto Court, which became the current Mission Bell Motel. The visitors from all over the County enjoyed refreshments from Molloy's, and delighted in the collection of photos and artifacts which cover the walls of the 1870's building.



YOUR BADGES ARE READY!

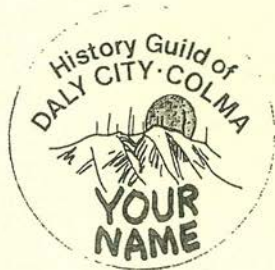
Guild badges have been paid for and made, and may be picked up at the September 18th meeting:

Paul Guisti, Nadine Dean, Elsie Martin, Evelyn Todd, Rush Manbert, Lois Manbert, Florence Oppermann, Christen Wegener, Eda Giusti, Helen Nelson, Hal Fliegler, Lu Fliegler, Hartley Appleton, Don Stiewell

MEMBERSHIP BADGES, ANYONE?

Membership badges of the Guild are available from Ken Gillespie.

Buttons are as represented below, with names lettered - 2 1/4" in diameter and can be ordered at \$1.00 each, with 75¢ going to the Guild treasury.



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