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**NORTH COUNTY BAD GUYS
EXPOSED BY BILL SCHUMACHER**



San Mateo County
Supervisor
Bill Schumacher

The deeds, or misdeeds of the early San Mateo County citizenry will be recounted by Supervisor Bill Schumacher, at our March 18th meeting, 7:30pm, at Doelger Center.

A veteran of law enforcement, Bill has also portrayed the infamous Billy Mulligan, North County politico, who was instrumental in the Consolidation

Act passage in 1856, which split San Mateo County from the then-laid-out San Francisco County. The vote was unbelievably crooked, with 500 votes cast at the Abbey House, at the join of now San Jose Ave. and Mission St. Only 25 voters were eligible!

Supervisor Schumacher is well-known locally, a former JESD Trustee, Councilman and Mayor of Daly City in 1978-79, and currently Past Chairman and member of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

Our North County has a very checkered past, which is part and parcel of sparsely-populated areas, and tales of the miscreants who preyed on the more innocent citizens will make for a most pleasant history eve.

COLMA TOWN HALL PARTY

The 10th Birthday Party of the Guild was held January 19th at Colma's charming Town Hall, in the Council Chambers. It was a real blast, with 140 present, which filled all 120

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HISTORY EVENING!



WEDNESDAY, Mar. 18th, at 7:30 pm



**BAD GUYS OF THE
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featuring
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chairs set up, and standees around the perimeter.

There was no football game, with the exception of the East-West Shrine in Palo Alto, and folks started arriving at 1:00 for the 2:00 party. There was plenty to see and do even at that time, since Carlos Bowden, the photographer from Ferndale, had his prints of Colma farmers spread around on the huge Council table for examination.

The pictures have excited great interest. Taken in the 1920's, many of those pictured have now been identified by our members and friends. Finding relatives have been Marilyn Olcese, Mary Garibaldi, Bianca Caserza, and SM County Supt. of Schools Floyd Gonella.

Promptly at 2:00 p.m., Pres. Ken hushed the babble, and introduced our host, member and Colma Councilman Ted Kirschner, who greeted us on behalf of the Township of Colma.

Speakers for the day were members

of the C'deBaca family, who own and operate Pet's Rest Cemetery, on Hillside Boulevard. They told of the origin of the special business, where some 20,000 pets have been interred, some horses included.

The 15-acre cemetery provides 20-year renewable care for former pets. For 45 years Pet's Rest Cemetery has served as a care facility for pets, where, according to the C'deBacas, more flowers are placed proportionately than at any neighboring memorial area.

Keeping in the cemetery mode, a presentation was made by Christel Paul, from Cypress Lawn Memorial Park. The park is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, with a five-faceted program during August and September.

Ms. Paul invited long-time residents, former employees of Cypress Lawn, those who might have memorabilia of earlier cemetery days to participate in the events. Cypress Lawn has become a Patron Member of the Guild. Their generosity is most appreciated.

Words to a song "I Love Colma", were sung with great enthusiasm by the members. In the audience were two members of the original three singing pigs of the 1960 musical "Dear Old Colma", Ed Smith and Ken Gillespie.

Produced at Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, it tells the story of a Colma farmer who lived off Hillside Boulevard in the 1950's, watching the progress of local farmland being converted into thousands of new homes.

Other civic dignitaries were introduced, including Daly City Councilman Al Teglia and JUHS Trustee Betty Schultz. Colma City Manager Frances Liston, who is also a Director of the San Mateo County Historical Association, was introduced.

Raffle tickets were enthusiastically pushed by LeRoy Larsen, the great yummys were being placed with care on the refreshment tables, and people were happily visiting with one another, or paying their dues to Roz Babow or Yolanda Hardiman, who set their table up on Council table dais.

Raffle prizes were three copies of the book "Crab is King", the history

of San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf. Marilyn Olcese donated the books, and also brought a beautiful floral piece, which had been sent up for the raffle by member Joyce Olcese of Carmel.

Refreshment time concluded the afternoon, with champagne dispensed by Ted Kirschner, Walt and Elaine Riney, Neil Fahy, Bunny Gillespie. The special yummys were brought by Carl and Bea Hoppe, Aida Larsen, Chuck Meagher, Marian Rochetta, Betty Schultz, Bunny Gillespie, Irene Krueger. The table was decorated by Mary Hutchings and her live wire crew, Marilyn Olcese, Bob and Enid Williams.

Appreciation is extended to Mike Stallings, of DC's Recreation and Parks Dept., who facilitated the loan of 50 chairs for the party, to supplement the supply of Colma's. The chairs were delivered and picked up promptly, and, without their presence, most of our attendees would have been standing!

GOODIE TIME VOLUNTEERS

Signing up for goodies for the March 18th meeting were:

Olive Smith
Elinor Charleston
Doris Hill
Anne Ingersoll
Max, Elsa Ramos

Hospitality chair Mary Hutchings will phone you a few days prior as a reminder. Many thanks to all who volunteer for such a valuable part of our get-togethers.

MINI-MUSEUM IN SIGHT!

The Mini-Museum is fast becoming a reality! An agreement has been met between Library Director Linda Saltzer and the Guild, spelling out details on use of part of the History Room at Serramonte Library for the museum.

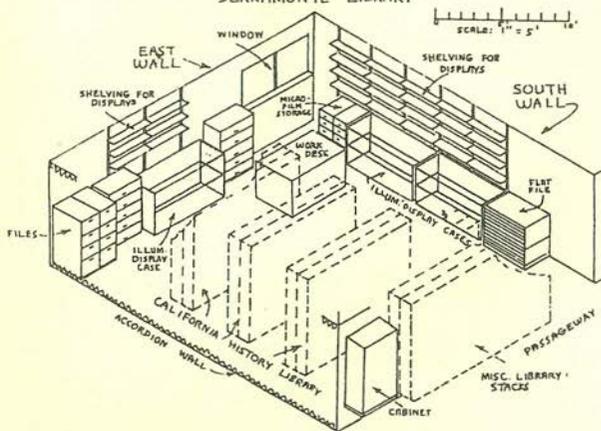
Electrical connections have been already relocated to power three six-foot illuminated showcases, which the Guild will purchase and install, on the scheduling of the Library Director.

Display areas will be the cases and already-placed shelving above the

cases, as shown on the diagram. The Guild will have the use of the eastern side of stack shelving in addition.

The Mini-Museum will provide an opportunity for schoolchildren to view special displays, and for the general public to attend on limited days, with Guild members present. Volunteer docents are needed for this activity.

PROPOSED
HISTORY MINI-MUSEUM
& CALIFORNIA HISTORY AREA IN
SERRAMONTE LIBRARY



MEMBERSHIP MUSINGS

The great, continuing work of our Treasurer **Roz Babow**, and her husband **Ted** is reflected in the super response to the annual dues returns.

Counting up all the names on the membership cards which have been sent in, and taking at least two for each of the "Family" category signups, our paid-up membership list is nearly 300!

WOW, SHAZAM, KABLOOIE, COWABUNGA!

All the above and other expletives of elation are certainly due to you... good and faithful members of our own **HISTORY GUILD OF DALY CITY/COLMA.**

HISTORIC PIX IN ARBY'S

Fifteen classic photos from the collection under the Guild's aegis were selected for reproduction by **T.J. and Marilyn McGuire**, representatives of the national **ARBY** restaurant chain. A new outlet has been opened in West-

lake, in the northeast section of the shopping center, facing John Daly Blvd.

Tastefully framed, and with depictive captions included, the pictures show several scenes of pre and building Westlake, and earlier historic scenes.

ARBY's made a generous contribution to the Guild for the use of the pictures, which now offer the patrons good conversational gambits while enjoying their tasty meals.

COLLECTION UPDATE

Added to the collection recently are a number of pictures (from which we have made 35 mm slides) from the early life of **Ed Dennis**, former Councilman and Mayor of Daly City.

Of particular interest are shots of Dog Racing, here in San Mateo County and Mexico. **Ed's** father was a dog racing enthusiast, owning and operating racing greyhounds. The local track was at the Union Coursing Park, where Jefferson High's athletic track is located.

When dog racing ceased in 1904 at the track off School Street, it began again in Bayshore, where the Drive-In movie is located, west of the Cow Palace.

In 1939 dog racing was outlawed in California, but remains legal in some 19 states. At the recent Dog Show at the Cow Palace, there was an exhibit of the activities of "racing dog rescuers."

A recent visit to the Bayshore Residents' Association by the Gillespies yielded an excellent photo of the Bayshore Fire Department in the 1920's.

The picture was shared by **Forrest Beckel** of Bayshore. The firehouse shown is the same building which later became the Bayshore Branch of the Daly City Library. Other memorabilia was made available for copying by **John and Millie Pleskach** of Bayshore.

We also appreciate the opportunity to make slides from the family photo collection of **Loretta Lagomarsino**, showing her family home and greenhouses which were located on Sullivan and Washington, now occupied by Hometown Realty.

Special contributions have been made to the Guild treasury by ARBY's, by Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, by the Emperor Norton Brigade of Yerba Buena Chapter #1, E Clampus Vitus.

We are deeply appreciative of the donations, and promise to use the monies in the best manner for furthering the goals of the Guild.

TRIVIA QUIZ

Question: What happened in our area exactly 81 years ago from the date of our next meeting, March 18, 1992?

The event would bring a definite change in the lives of the then citizens this side of the S.F. County Line.

Answer: On March 18, 1911, eligible citizens voted to incorporate their locality into a city, which would be named Daly City, after the dairyman John Donald Daly, who opened his farm at the top-of-the-hill to refugees of the 1906 earthquake and fire.

NAME BADGES READY

History Guild name badges have been ordered and paid for by the following members:

Bill and Frances Armanino, Margaret Richardson, Henry Calmels, Albert Mortara, Al Lanza and Elsie Martin. Loretta Lagomarsino, Ron Oxenham, Angie Mills.

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