

## WORLD WAR II FLASHBACKS

Our next meeting will be a few days after what we used to celebrate as Armistice Day, on Wednesday, November 16th, at Doelger Center. Time will be 7:30 p.m.

The program will be a specially-created narrated slide show about what it was like here on the home front in Daly City and Colma during the days of World War II, from December 1941 until August 1945, when the war was over.

Using material from the Daly City Record, taking pictures of those in the back issues, Bunny and Ken Gillespie will present a story of how our communities were galvanized into civil defense activities, had an Army camp (appropriately named Camp Daly City), Red Cross and other relief agencies, continuing War Bond drives, etc.

Members are urged to bring any memorabilia of those days, as well as service-connected pictures, uniforms, badges, medals, etc. Ken will bring his Navy Signalman's semaphore flags and send a message to the group. This will be an evening of nostalgia. We'll read the names of several of our members, going off to war, returning on leaves, notices of casualties, etc.

Daly City and Colma were changed forever by WW II. Our young people left, and homefronts rallied as they never had done previously or have done since. Homes were opened to house war workers who flocked to the Bay Area.


Guild Director Ted Babow will supervise any materials brought for display during this special evening.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING A VEGETABLE DELIGHT!

When George Ginilo, our speaker at September 21st's meeting at Doelger Center, arrived on the scene, he asked for a little help in unloading the car; we never dreamed that he had an


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# HISTORY EVENING!



**WEDNESDAY, November 16 at 7-30 pm**

**FOR VICTORY**



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## **OUR WWII YEARS**

### **The Homefront**

Daly City and Colma  
during 1941-1945

A narrated slide show  
by Bunny and Ken Gillespie

**Doelger Center Multi-Purpose Room**  
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entire trunkload of wonderful fresh vegetables and fruits for display and as it turned out, for great raffle prizes! Wow! What a variety of the most beautiful veggies and berries were **Ginilo Gifts!**

His story of the rise of agriculture in San Mateo County, where he had served for 31 years as Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures, was fascinating, augmented by an update of the current ag business presented by his replacement as Commissioner, Gail Raabe.

The raffle was a wild affair, with more than 60 prizes awarded, bags of vegetables, boxes of strawberries, hastily and expertly re-packed from their bulk arrival in the Ginilo buggy to more portable bundles. We managed to find plastic bags via Bob Williams.



Marilyn Olcese brought a beautiful assortment of vegetables and eggs from her Edgeworth Avenue spread, and two tempting jars of marmalade, and John Olcese contributed 17 begonia plants, all for the raffle. Just about everybody won a prize.

The centerpiece of flower and vegetable displays had to be the EEEEE-NORMOUS cabbage brought by member Frank Maffei. The head was more than 18" across, had to be hauled in on a wagon, and was a most-happily received raffle prize!

Special goodies were baked for refreshments, many with veggie bases, by Kurt Pochleran, Irene Krueger, Betty Schultz, Fran Kelly, Russ Brabec, Mary Hutchings, Bob and Enid Williams, Trudy Erlich, Albena Ivani and Bunny Gillespie.

Many thanks to the above, and to the ever-faithful Hospitality Committee, headed by Mary Hutchings, with Bob and Enid Williams and Marilyn Olcese, for the beautifully-decorated refreshment tables.

Other great helpers were Fran Bullard on the raffle tickies, Jane Powell at the front table, taking in membership dues, etc., Russ Brabec for his pumpkin display. There were about 80 members attending, and it was a veggy, veggy good time!

## A JOLLY GUILD PICNIC

The Guild Picnic at the Broderick-Terry Dueling Site Park was a very pleasant outing, with 30 humans and one nice dog in attendance, last August 20.

With the great cooperation of Daly City's Parks and Recreation Dept., the park at the north end of Westlake was in beautiful condition, with the sprinklers turned off for that morning, and the weather cooperated beautifully, warm, sunny....deeeelightful!

We set up the Guild tent canopy over a picnic table, on which the beverages were displayed. Members brought chairs, blankets, lunches and hearty appetites. The story of the Broderick-

Terry Duel was recounted by Ken, after which many of the attendees strolled down the path to the marked site of what has been called "The first shot of the Civil War."

## TED KIRSCHNER PASSES

Our long-time member and friend Ted Kirschner passed away on September 29th. What a loss to everyone who had the privilege of knowing him!

Ted had lived in Colma 44 years. As a councilman and mayor, he had served the community with honor, dignity and charm. The funeral services that commemorated his passing were absolutely jam-packed with friends, from all parts of the Bay Area.

Ted and Lydia were fixtures at our meetings, often vying in good humor with Jane Powell as the most frequent attendees who were in political life. Ted's marvelous smile was always a beacon of warmth, and he will indeed be missed by his enormous circle of friends.

We are saddened to note the passing also of a stalwart of the early days of the Guild, our good friend Belva Carroll, who died last July in Madison, Wisconsin.

Belva had moved to Wisconsin to be nearer relatives when her health began to fail some years ago. Remembered as a bright, cheerful, ever-energetic go-getter during the formative years of the Guild, she was a central figure around which our organization took shape.

Also noted is the passing of a former well-known educator in the Jefferson Elementary School District, Marie Traynor, who died Sept. 13th.

## NOODLEFEST NEWS

The Colma Noodlefest was held on the weekend of October 22-23, under bright, sunny skies in the SamTrans parking lot off Junipero Serra Blvd. and D Street.

Our Guild had a booth, in spite of the pronouncement at the September 21st meeting, through the good offices of member Al Teglia, who is on the Sam-



Trans board. Merci backup, Al, for getting us a free booth. We shared the space with Colma Historical Society, and a group of our Guild volunteers staffed it together with Pat Hatfield, prexy of the Colma group.

The booth was busy all weekend, with many passersby noting the photo displays and chatting with those in the shade of the canopy.

Helping out were Mary Hutchings, Marilyn Olcese, Ted and Roz Babow, Walt and Elaine Riney, Ken and Bunny Gillespie, Les Balestra, Ralph Jordan, John and Jean Gallagher, Fran Bullard.

When the wind came up mid-afternoon on Sunday, we packed up. These events are always very cheerful, with great exposure for our history groups, and many friends old and new coming by.

### NEWS ABOUT DUES?

Next January's Tattler will be enclosed with the annual dues renewal card, together with a return envelope to the Guild. This procedure, devised by our crackerjack treasurer Roz Babow, has worked effectively for many years now, but we often get inquiries as to "When are my dues due? I haven't paid for it seems eons!" Have no fear, it's probably because our dues are the lowest of any parallel organization we know about.

After all, the structure starts at \$2.00 per year, for seniors and students; zooms to \$4.00 for individuals; families are \$6.00 per year... AAAAND...if you feel really good about the Guild and its work, put in an amount above the aforementioned.

**PATRON MEMBERSHIPS** are \$25.00, and we're proud to note that we have a healthy number of those...thanks!

Reps of other groups ask us how come our dues are so modest. We reply that we don't spend much money... so we can keep the prices down. After all, our major expenditures are for the printing of the Tattler, and its mailing costs. We buy a few bucks of art supplies and display stuff for the Mini-Museum, but we take in enough

money from raffles at meetings and dues that we stay solvent.

When the time comes that we have a larger exhibit hall for our MUSEUM, then the Board can reassess our dues rates. Until then...HEY! We're doin' great!

### ADDITIONS TO COLLECTION

Additions to the collection recently have been the following:

Marilyn Olcese - large photo of the Costa Ranch, Colma, mounted and tinted. Now showing in the Mini-Museum.

Bianca Caserza - program from the 50th anniversary Jefferson High reunion.

Juliet Lenkert - Book, "South From San Francisco", Stanger.

George Barajas - early school pic, Colma School, for photocopying.

Richard Duke - Magazine, "Military History".

### GUILD MEMBER HILL ON JEREMIAH O'BRIEN VOYAGE

One of our members, Richard Hill, was a member of the engine-room crew aboard the Jeremiah O'Brien, on her roundtrip from San Francisco to the celebration of the 50th anniversary of D-Day in France. What an adventure! The ship was the only surviving vessel of some 5,000 craft that were marshaled to cross the English Channel on the 6th of June, 1944.

The voyage and especially the receptions given the crew in the various ports, coming and going, were unbelievable, according to handsome Richard, whose visage was seen in a number of tv clips seen locally during the epic voyage of the O'Brien. Welcome home!

### VICTORIAN DAYS A HOOT!

Victorian Days in the Park, the annual weekend fundraiser for the San Mateo County Historical Association, was held on August 27-28th with a good number of our members staffing our Guild booth on History Lane.

Attendance at the fair was probably the largest in its 16 years of



existence, helped out no doubt by the tandem celebration of San Mateo's 100th birthday, with special events and a parade that ended at Central Park, home of Victorian Days.

In our booth, making friends for the Guild were Max and Elsa Ramos, Walter and Elaine Riney, Helen Miller, Eileen Ford, Fran Bullard, Marilyn Olcese, Enid and Bob Williams, Ted and Roz Babow and the Gillespies.

### COUNTY MUSEUM HAS NEW EXHIBIT, FOOTBALL

A new exhibit is now open at the San Mateo County Historical Ass'n Museum at the College of San Mateo. Entitled **PENINSULA HOMECOMING: Hard Heads and Leather Helrets**, the exhibit features Peninsula football since its earliest days. The first recorded organized game took place in 1906 at San Mateo High. Memorabilia from all over the Peninsula is featured at the display. It's well worth a visit!

### MEMBERSHIP BADGES READY!

Membership badges already paid for and available at our Nov. 16th meeting include the following:

Jeanne Nelson, Richard Rochetta, Albert Mortara, Nadine Dean, Henry Calmels, Les Balestra, Evelyn Todd, Ronald Oxenham, Marian Rochetta, Frances Armanino, Bacci Rochetta, John Harrison, Mary Truscott, Michael Rochetta, Bill Arranino, Adele Beaudreau, Trudy Ehrlich.

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