



Journal of the History Guild of Daly City/Colma

Westlake Merchant Is Topic for May Meeting

From the membership at large comes the idea for May's general meeting: long-time Guild member **Georgia Esteves** of Broadmoor suggested many months ago that it would be nice to salute her uncle, **John Bundros**, who was an early-on merchant in the **Westlake Shopping Center**.

Georgia has been researching her topic over the months, and is looking forward to sharing her information with the Guild. **Mr. Bundros**, proprietor-owner of the **Westlake Cleaners** was well known to many local residents and fellow business people, a member of professional, fellowship, and philanthropic organizations. In her own words, **Georgia** plans to highlight his local involvement, as well as sharing some memories from other members of his family. The presentation promises to be pleasantly thought-provoking, and lovingly nostalgic.

As an adjunct to **Georgia's** presentation, **Ken Gillespie** has prepared some pertinent slides of the **Westlake Shopping Center** in construction, and during the early hubbub days.

It was a wise practice of builder **Henry Doelger** to have photographs taken of the development of **Westlake** and his other projects as they evolved. Thanks to HG members **Eddie King** and **Susan Doelger West**, a fine collection of in-progress pictures is among the HG's archives. **Ken** will narrate the slide-show, with the hope that nostalgia will be heightened, and information shared. Some of

HISTORY EVENING!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19th, at 7:30 pm



*John Bundros (right) with
DC Councilwoman Jane Powell*

Georgia Esteves Salutes

John Bundros

Early Westlake Merchant

—plus—

Westlake Shopping Center

Under Construction

Slides by *Ken Gillespie*

**Doelger Center Multi-Purpose Room
101 Lake Merced Blvd., Daly City**

us will remember those early days of dust and development. Others will not.

The "double bill" will be presented on Wednesday, May 19, 7:30 p.m., in the multi-use room at **Doelger Center**, 101 Lake Merced Blvd. Just for the evening, we might be able to imagine that **Henry's** garden-sculpture bust, just outside our meeting room, is smiling upon the proceedings.

City Clerk Flowerday Delights Guild Audience

Our Daly City City Clerk **Helen Flowerday** was in fine voice at the March meeting in Doelger Center, as she recounted the history of *her* office, and also offered a splendid history of similar offices from medieval times. Even the Sheriff of Nottingham called upon his

“Citte Claric” to issue documents relative to Robin Hood’s miscreancy we heard, having no idea how ancient was the work.

In a charming, pixie-esque manner, member **Helen** framed her duties, the requisites of recording and keeping local, county and other constituency information. There is an amazing amount of activity that must be accurately noted.

Helen brought a tableful of vintage pictures and paper goods relative to the work of her responsibility. The Guild audience was generous in its reaction to the talk, offering intelligent questions and nodding in appreciation as pertinent points were illuminated.

Oops!

The ink was hardly dry on the **Tattler** for March when we started hearing from readers about a larger-than-life error in that issue. We were totally erroneous in reporting that **Helen Flowerday**, the current **City Clerk**, was the “first selected by public vote”. Actually, the office of Daly City Clerk has been filled by public election since 1911! **Helen** was the first **City Clerk** elected *after* a recent vote to *keep* the office an elected post!!!

Bunny stands very much corrected, and apologetic. She was just plain wrong when she plunked out that part of the **Tattler**, and should have reverted to her old journalistic habit of “checking once, and then re-checking.”

First to point out the error was **City Manager John Martin**, who favored us with one of his deep-voiced, polite phone calls. Five minutes later we received a call from former **City Clerk** (Guild member) **Lorraine D’Elia**, also polite. We sincerely thank them, and all the others who called to let us know of the error. Now we *know* we have readers.

Lorraine also filled us in on the identity of **Shelby Ross**, whose numismatic club award

was found and donated by **Marilyn Olcese** for the history collection. (March Tattler.)

Lorraine remembered **Mr. Ross**, now deceased, as a long-time DC Central Services employee, in charge of printing activities when they were housed in the basement of City Hall. The retiree passed away, she tells us, “recently”.

On the same topic, we also had word of **Mr. Ross** from member **Father Joe Gordon**, of Saint Francis of Assisi Church in East Palo Alto, who was a former co-worker. **Father Joe** had attended the Guild meeting which featured the Colma Father Heslin murder of 1921. .

His letter, containing a detailed reflection on the workings of DC’s Central Services more than 30 years ago, was read to the membership.

Words of Gustatory Mien

This headline refers to the penchant of having delicious refreshments at Guild meetings, the supply of which is largely achieved by the generosity of members who sign up on the Cookie Chart, circulated at our meetings.

Mary Hutchings’ most efficient cookie crumblers, **Marilyn Olcese**, **Bob Williams**, and **Enid Williams** always set a most tempting table, complete with flowers and other decorations, ready to face the oncoming surge.

Those who have signed up for the coming **May 19th** meeting are: **Carolyn Gray**, **Betty Williams**, **Diane Pitto**, **Evelyn Franco**, **Angela Uccelli**, **Maggie Gomez**.

Many thanks are extended for the calorific generosity of the contributing members. **Mary Hutchings** will contact you a few days before the meeting to confirm that your pans will be greased in time. Her phone number, in case you need same is **756-0864**.



New Exhibit Coordinator

Your HG Board recently discussed the possibility of establishing an Exhibits Committee that would be responsible for Guild participation at events such as the Gateway Festival in Daly City, Westlake Mall community day, and Victorian Days in San Mateo's Central Park for the benefit of the San Mateo County Historical Assn.

Director **Mark Weinberger** has agreed to chair this important outreach portion of Guild activities. He will need volunteers, for staffing display areas as well as for moving properties from Guild storage to exhibit sites. Your consideration is politely requested.

Collins Orton Passes

We must note, with deep sadness, the passing of one of our most faithful docents at the Mini-Museum, member **Collins Orton**, who, with his wife, **Dorothy**, joined the Guild in

January of 1990. He served as an every-Tuesday host and cheerful welcomer since the Museum opened in September of 1992.

Collins was always willing to share his expertise and knowledge of the local surrounds and changes during his years as a resident of Broadmoor and, later, of Daly City. One of his delights was the fact that the family home was located on **Olcese Court**, a name proudly shared with our own director, **Marilyn Olcese**.

Memorial contributions to the History Guild have been received in **Collins'** honor.

Arrivederci, Emilia

A member of the Guild since January of 1990 was the late award-winning poet Emilia Tardito Salvo. Word of her passing was relayed to the Guild by her daughter **Sylvia Raquel**. The Guild has received contributions in **Emilia's** memory.

Knudsen Remembered

Guild pioneer **Knud Ove Knudsen**, whose passing was reported in the Nov. 1998 **Tattler** has been honored with a memorial contribution by the Guild's first chairperson, **Christiana Graham**, now a resident of Fullerton, CA.

Memorial tributes are acknowledged by the Guild in the form of notes sent to donors and the family of those so honored.

Volunteer Opportunities

We shall need nice people to (1) bring **refreshments** for the September 15 Guild meeting; (2) volunteer for **Victorian Days** and/or other exhibit venues, (3) serve as a Tuesday afternoon **docent/host** at the Mini-Museum, and (4) assist **Mary Hutchings'** **Refreshment Committee** at meetings.

Closely related: Those who wish to run for **Board of Officers/Directors** are invited to

phone **Betty Schultz** , Nominating Chairperson, 756-3875. Nominations and elections will be conducted at the May meeting, followed by installation .

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Recent Acquisitions

Souvenir BART Opening ,1973, coins in plastic case, gift of **Lorraine D'Elia**.

Colma Powder Co. photos, (taken at Sacramento RR Museum) by **Russ Brabec**.

Paper memorabilia re City Clerk's office, donated by **Helen Flowerday**.

"Vireno Wine Vaults" paper tag, given by **Tom Tromborg**.

"Blooming Dale's Nursery" ceramic mug, donated by **Ken Gillespie**.

Prizes for Drawings

Prizes are part of the fun of our meetings. Those wishing to contribute may bring them, or contact **Marilyn Olcese** in advance.

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