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SETON MEDICAL CENTER

SPEAKER FOR MAY 18

Daly City's MVMML (*Most Visible Man-Made Landmark*), **Seton Medical Center**, will be the topic for the Wednesday, May 18, 7:30p.m. meeting of the History Guild of Daly City/Colma in the Community Room at Doelger Center, 110 Lake Merced Blvd., DC.

Arranged by Vice-President **Richard Rocchetta**, the program will recognize **Seton's 40th** year in Daly City. Speaker will be **LeeRoy Eyheralde**, Clinical Nurse Educator, who will outline the history of the institution that moved to DC in 1965. **Mr. Eyheralde** began his career with **Mary's Help Hospital** in 1961, **Seton's** former name, when the facility was located in SF's Mission District.

Twice before, the hospital was the topic for Guild-sponsored meetings. In January of 1983, a history of the hospital was given by **Sister M. Florence** and **Jeremiah Guerini** at Serramonte Library.

In September of 1991, **Sister Florence Urbine** and **Ms. Marie Mahoney** presented personal "Reflections on MHH and SMC".



GUILD MEETING
7:30 PM, MAY 18
101 LAKE MERCED BL. DC

MARY'S HELP HOSPITAL &
SETON MEDICAL CENTER

ELECTION TIME FOR GUILD OFFICERS

Where does the time go? Our May meeting will again see selection of HG Officers and Directors for another year. IF you have a yen to be on the Board, nominees will be welcomed. Ask for more information from any board member, or contact HG Secretary **Dana Smith** to toss your hat in the ring. A tentative slate will be read at the May meeting. Additions and/or changes may be made from the floor. *Election and installation* will follow.

Treat Donors For May Meeting

Those who signed up to bring finger food for the May 18 meeting include **Janice Uccelli**, **Angela Uccelli**, **Linda Minnix**, **Flora Muhlebach**, and **Joan Lopiccio**. Additions to the refreshment table are always welcome. **Elinor Charleston**, Hospitality Chair, will phone volunteer donors with a gentle reminder,

Thanks to You,

The Collection Grows!

Recent contributions to the Guild's collection of vintage historical items relating to Daly City or Colma include:

Linda Minnix—Vintage 200-point award badge from Swanson's Westlake Bowl.

Alice Agresti – 1947 photo of Globe Tavern interior co-owned by **Dino Agresti**.

Ray Garibaldi—Recap of 1894 Colma News Events.

DC City Clerk **Maria Cortes**, via **Dana Smith**— Video copy of **Ken Gillespie's** "90 Years in 9 Minutes" salute to DC History as presented in March 2001 before DC Council meeting.

Vaughn Jones—DC Rotary Club golden jubilee program (2004)

Frank Maffei -- "S.P Trainline" winter issue with featuring "Railroading Through The Cemeteries", written by **Frank**, assisted by **Henry Bender Jr.** Cover photo of SP's Colma local, taken in 1971, is by HG Member **Ray Willie**. Story focuses on "over a Century of SP operations in Colma." Other Guild members mentioned include **Ed Graham**, **Don Manning**, **Pat Hatfield**, **Lou Craviotto**.

Robert Keil—Audio disc interview regarding Westlake builder Henry Doelger.

LeRoy & Aida Larsen – Thirteen photos of Garden Village homes with snow on the ground. Year is uncertain.

Pat Hatfield – Gateway Chevrolet yardstick; 1935 DCFD Widows & Orphans Fund benefit program; vintage First National Bank deposit bag; 1951 salve bottle from Anchor Drug Store; 1993 DC Chamber of Commerce installation program; 1990 ribbon from Hwy #280 ramp opening; 1990 North County Sanitation District program; 1990 Daly City installation dinner souvenir.

IF you're tempted to toss out something of local historical interest, please consider donating it to the HG Mini-Museum.

HG director Marilyn Olcese, as overseer of activities at the Mini-Museum, is STILL INVITING VOLUNTEERS for once-a-month shifts as Museum Hosts. On the job training, educational benefits. This is a nice way to serve your Guild, as well as visitors, and enjoy some pleasant chatting on Tuesdays from 1 pm to 2:30 pm at Serramonte Library. (The Guild strives to have the museum open each Tuesday. Your volunteerism could deter a lapse in such service.)



Memorial Book

Monetary tributes honoring living loved ones, and those in our memories, may be sent to the History Guild, 40 Wembley Dr., DC, 94015. Donations benefit realization of a proper/larger Daly City/Colma History Museum or for Guild operating expenses. Our beautiful Memorial Book may be viewed on request at the Mini-Museum. A memorial page, noting donors, is placed for each honoree. All contributions are appreciated and acknowledged as soon as possible.

No Guild money is spent on personal reimbursement for travel, phones, representation at community fetes and/or fund raisers, historical conferences, memberships in other historical organizations, subscriptions to historical periodicals, or other historically-related temptations.

Raffle Prizes Provide Recycling & Rewards

The Raffle is a very important part of the Guild's fund-raising for wonderful things such as postage, printing, stationery, office supplies, hospitality, and materials used for displays in the museum.

Director Marian Mann and **Walter Riney** are the pleasant people that circulate with lucky tickets to buy at Guild meetings. Both of them invite you to *donate prizes (in presentable condition)*. **Tix are 3 for \$1.00, or \$.50 each.** To donate in absentia, contact **Marian**, please.

As always, Guild income is primarily earmarked for establishment of a "proper" Daly City History Museum (some day, hopefully, in the **John Daly Branch of the DC Library, at the Top-of-the-Hill**) plus immediate expenses as above.

THORNTON BEACH VISTA DEDICATED

Now officially opened for the enjoyment of any and all is Daly City's new Thornton Beach Vista, named to honor the memory of **Robert Sheldon Thornton**, the first person to settle on land now known as Daly City and Colma.

An uprooted Rhode Islander, **Thornton** rode his horse south from the Cliff House and obviously liked what he saw as he camped in sand dunes just South of what is now Olympic Golf Club property. That was in 1853. The terrain, while beautiful, was inhabited only by wildlife and sparse vegetation. **Thornton** put down roots; established a blacksmith and other businesses; brought his wife, **Sarah**, west to join him; started a family as well as a nucleus of population; dabbled in politics; started the Jefferson School District, and eventually had a school named in his honor,

The Vista, located at the west end of John Daly Blvd., is a beautiful spot.

Guild Gossip

These have been busy days at the Mini-Museum as volunteers continued to help with research and other history-related projects, among them:

--Background on a vintage "Daly City Constable" badge purchased off the Internet by a former DCPD officer.

--Seton Medical Center's charity ball (their 17th annual) that included a retrospective historical film utilizing photos and information from the HG Collection.

-- New-member Robert Keil's projected book about Westlake Architecture, which is to include photos from the HG Collection. He continues to seek neighborhood information.

-- San Mateo County Historical Assn.'s several photo documentaries "in the works"

-- Being instrumental in the loan of 14 framed photos to the **DC Business Center's Tess Langandoan** for display in their headquarters. The photos were donated to the Guild after the demise of Arby's Restaurant that operated in Westlake Shopping Center from 1991-1996.

-- Solving a "Mystery of Lights" within Daly City for **Phyllis Enrud**.

-- 1911 DC-boundary searching for **Pat Hatfield**, via **Terry Sedik**.

Adieu, Al

After eight years on the Board of Directors, pleasant **Al Teglia** opted not to continue as a Guild officer. **Al**, and his dear wife, **Verna**, are charter members of the Guild. **Al** served on the Board from July of 1997. He received a Guild *Certificate of Appreciation* from **President Mark** at the March general meeting. He will be missed.

Al was appointed to the Board by (past) **President Ken**.

**March Meeting Fun,
Even for Speaker!**

Tom McGraw, CEO of First National Bank of Northern California since 2002, was the guest speaker for March 16 meeting of the History Guild.

Personable and informative, Mr. McGraw discussed the establishment of the bank, and his family background, rooted in South San Francisco and the Top-of-the-Hill McGraw's Drugstore, dating from 1928. His first job there, he confided, was scraping chewing from entrance-way sidewalks.

Preceding his talk, and as a surprise for Mr. McGraw and attendees, rare vintage silent film footage showed the McGraw Brothers at work in the store in 1941. Richard Rocchetta, HG vice-president/ program chair, introduced the speaker. At the end of the program, President Mark presented the Guild's Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. McGraw.

Mark Your Calendar

(Subject to change.)

HG programs for the future are:

- May 18, 7:30, re Seton Medical Ctr.
- Sept. 21, 7:30, re DC'S Coastal Trails
- Nov. 16, 7:30, Mario Ciampi, AIA
- Jan. 15, '06, Annual Members' Party

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