



### *Greetings from President Mark*

On December 9<sup>th</sup> the Guild was honored by the Daly City-Colma Chamber of Commerce with their Golden Apple Award. We were recognized for outstanding service to the community by safeguarding its collective historical record. This is an esteemed honor which took us by complete surprise and for which we are very humbled. Bunny Gillespie and I were dinner guests of the Chamber and accepted the award and commemorative certificates on behalf of the Guild.



We are very grateful for two recent generous grants directed toward enhancing our museum exhibits: \$250 in November from First National Bank of Northern California, and \$1,000 in December from the Carl Gellert and Celia Berta Gellert Foundation. Thank you to Dana Smith, our 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, for preparing our grant requests.

We want to thank everyone who has renewed their 2011 membership thus far. We are doing very well, and the renewals continue to come in. We have enclosed a member response card and return envelope for your convenience for those who have not yet renewed. We value and rely on your continued support.

Daly City will be celebrating its centennial year beginning in March. We are waiting to hear what the city Centennial Committee is planning and we will be sure to share any announcements.

Meanwhile, I am pleased to announce two events in January that begin the celebration of Daly City's Centennial Year, 2011. The Guild is planning a special program for our great birthday bash in January. We are not only celebrating 29 years as a vital community organization with our annual cake and champagne, but this year we will also present a special Centennial Music Program. And on January 8<sup>th</sup> our Secretaru Emerita and Daly City's official Historian Bunny Gillespie will host a commemorative visit to the John Daly gravesite. We hope to see one and all at these two events in January.

On behalf of our board, I want to thank all of you for your continued interest and support, and wish each of you a joyous holiday season and a happy New Year.

## ANNUAL BIRTHDAY MEETING



*Rich Rocchetta on accordion,  
Vaughn Jones on keyboard*

**2 P.M. SUNDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**Entertainment in America in 1911**  
arranged by Vaughn Jones

**FREE - REFRESHMENTS**  
101 Lake Merced Blvd., Daly City  
Doelger Center Café



### **HISTORY GUILD KICKS OFF DALY CITY'S CENTENNIAL**

Our annual birthday meeting will present a mini-vaudeville show with jokes, comedy skits, and songs from 1910 and 1911 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Daly City's incorporation. **Vaughn Jones** will be at the piano, **Richard Rocchetta** at the accordion and **Michael Rocchetta** at the keyboard will accompany **singers who will be performing the songs of the era** when Daly City became a city. After this short program, **everyone will be invited to participate in a sing-along** of more songs of the period. There will be words on a large screen for all to see, but most songs will be familiar to everyone. Even if you don't like to sing, come to hear and enjoy the songs that were popular during your parents and grandparents time. Please join us in celebrating the 100th birthday of Daly City with a few laughs, a lot of great music, special food and drink, and good company. See you there!



## JOHN DALY GRAVESITE VISIT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
10:30 AM

WOODLAWN MEMORIAL PARK  
1000 EL CAMINO REAL, COLMA

Daly City Historian Bunny Gillespie invites you to join her in a tribute to John Donald Daly, the father and namesake of Daly City, as a prelude to Daly City's Centennial Year, 2011.

Historian Gillespie will give a brief talk at the Daly gravesite. You are encouraged to bring a flower or greenery from your garden in recognition of Daly's love of gardening. Ask for a map to the John Daly gravesite at the Woodlawn Memorial Park Office.



**THANKS TO  
REFRESHMENT DONORS  
FOR OUR JANUARY  
MEETING:**

Marilyn Olcese, Marie Brizuela, Mark Weinberger, Judith Christensen, Pat Hatfield, Dana Smith, and Annette Hipona have volunteered to provide treats for our January meeting. Elinor Charleston is our Hospitality Chair, assisted by Marilyn Olcese.

Thanks to **Marian Mann** for organizing our raffle.

### THANK YOU FOR MUSEUM DONATIONS & VOLUNTEER SERVICE

In addition to all of our board members, who also serve as docents, we appreciate the volunteer assistance of docents **Carole Hutchins, Alex Gallegos, Dave Crimmen, Christine Hernandez, Bunny Gillespie, and Russ Brabec**. Thank you to **Judith Christensen** for designing and printing member renewal materials and outreach flyers, to member **Don Grant** for his donation of a computer to the museum, and to **Shawn Heisler** for the donation of his bound Master's thesis for San Francisco State University "Living on the Edge: Environmental History At Mussel Rock, Daly City, California."

## NEARBY HAPPENINGS



Colma Tea on March 19<sup>th</sup> – mark your calendars! You don't want to miss the Colma Historical Association Annual Tea. Space is limited. Info: 650/757-1676



### Cypress Lawn Heritage Foundation Lecture February 27<sup>th</sup>

"The Wondrous and Strange Town of Colma" presented by **Pat Hatfield, Rich Rocchetta, and Michael Rocchetta** will highlight the town's special enterprise and interesting stories of underground residents in slides and commentary. Cypress Lawn Reception Center, 2nd Floor, 1370 El Camino Real, Colma. 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Free - light refreshments.



Child's reaction to Santa tombstone – Santa not an underground resident of Colma

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR GUILD'S MARCH PROGRAM

In continuation of our Centennial theme, on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Doelger Café our **Daly City Historian Bunny Gillespie** will talk about the founding of Daly City and its namesake John Donald Daly. There will be a video showing of **Ken Gillespie's** well-loved slide show "Ninety Years of Daly City History in Nine Minutes."



Sophie Tucker (left) was the new, young comic and singing star in New York nightclubs in 1911 and "Oh, You Beautiful

Doll" was a popular ragtime, love song published in 1911, with words by Seymour Brown and music by Nat D. Ayer. **BIG** hats were the signature fashion item of the time. Tucker's career remained big nationwide through radio, TV, Broadway, nightclubs until her death in 1966. Other new young stars who were emerging in 1911 included Al Jolson, Charlie Chaplin, Groucho Marx, Eddie Cantor, and Mae West.

(Thanks to Rich Rocchetta for the image of Sophie Tucker and Vaughn Jones for commentary.)

## CENTENNIAL MEMORIES

By Ken & Bunny Gillespie, Daly City Historians

The month of January 1911 was to usher in dramatic changes for the small suburban community adjacent and south of San Francisco located in San Mateo County's supervisorial district *Township One*. Not the least of the changes would be the adoption by popular vote of the name *Daly City*. The area had been designated *Township One* since organization of the county in 1856. The first township extended from the county line in the north to Belmont in the southern part of San Mateo County.

"In the early days people in the Redwood City county seat called residents of the area *sand hillers*", according to early pioneer Robert Thornton, then 94 years young in a 1913 memoir published in the *Daly City Record* newspaper. Thornton continued, "We accepted the name, but retaliated by dubbing our neighbors to the south, *mud stickers*." In later years, Thornton remarked, "They came out of the mud and we came out of the sand, so the terms passed into history and the sand hillers and mud stickers are cemented in the bonds of close friendship."

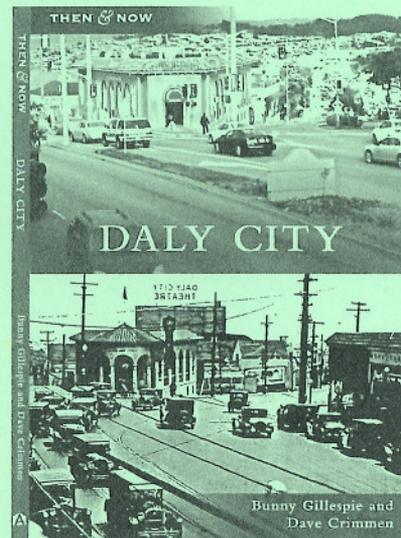
Some fifty years after Thornton had served as a county supervisor and road director for *Township One*, the petition for incorporation was presented to the Supervisors at Redwood City by the attorneys Harry E. Styles and E. D. Knight, and a delegation consisting of C. W. Butler, Wm. M. Talbott, Thos. J. Mullins, Wm. J.C. Goldkuhl, Edw. Freyer, A. L. Stockton, Josephy F. Pankewicz, Z.L. Montgomery, and J. L. Brown, each wearing a beautiful satin badge inscribed: "For Incorporation – Daly City." The petition asked that an election be held to vote on formation of an incorporated city to be known as *Daly City*. Their action would lay to rest forever the use of *Sand Hills* as the appellation for what would become San Mateo County's largest municipality.

In their proposal, Mr. Styles and Mr. Knight stated that there were at least 2000 people living in the area that they were representing and that the residents wished to

avail themselves of such amenities as better streets and roads, water, sewers, lights and "other utilities." The petitioners noted that the territory embraced the Mission Street, Hillcrest, Vista Grande, Wiggington, Knowles, Abbey, Crocker, Crocker Estates, Westend Homestead, and Concordia land tracts and extended from School and Price streets, near Colma, northerly to the San Francisco-San Mateo county line.

The request was granted and led to a highly significant event in Daly City's continuing history. This information was gleaned from the *Redwood City Democrat* newspaper of Jan. 19, 1911, and the *Colma Record* of January 6, 1911. K/BG

## NEW BOOK ON DALY CITY HISTORY DUE MAY 23RD, 2011



Daly City Historian Bunny Gillespie and local history author and recording artist Dave Crimmen have co-authored the newest *Arcadia Then and Now* book on Daly City history.

Bunny is the author of previous *Arcadia* history books on Daly City and Dave authored the recent *Arcadia* book on

Broadmoor Village. *Arcadia's Then & Now* series compares our present to our past, helping us understand local history. This new book contrasts vintage and contemporary images of Daly City as a welcomed contribution to the celebration of Daly City's Centennial Year, 2011. Bunny is a founding member of the Guild our Secretary Emerita, and a museum docent. Dave volunteers as a docent at both our Daly City History Museum and the Colma Museum.

## OUR MUSEUM - TWO BUILDINGS

In 1920 the first permanent library in Daly City, the original John Daly Library at 6351 Mission Street, was situated in a small 25'x25' wood frame building. In 1938, the original one-room building was moved back against the rock quarry and expanded with a front street addition in Art Deco style. Our current museum building was the only library in Daly City for over 41 years and combines two vintage buildings.



## THE HISTORY GUILD OF DALY CITY/COLMA

### DALY CITY HISTORY MUSEUM

6351 Mission Street, Daly City, CA 94014  
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Current Hours: Every Tuesday, Thursday, and  
first and third Saturdays of the month  
from noon to 3 p.m.

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## HISTORY OF RECIPES



The History Guild of Daly City-Colma is making a *"History of Recipes"* cookbook as a fundraiser. We need your special recipes to include with photos of our local history. It could be your own recipe or from your parents or grandparents. Thanks to all of you who have participated, but we

know there are great cooks who don't want to miss this opportunity. Please submit your favorite recipes with your name, address, phone number and/or email address. For info call or email Marie Brizuela 650-755-7188, mbriz1@aol.com, or Marilyn Olcese 650-755-5616, Zenese@aol.com. Email your recipes or send to: History Guild, 6351 Mission St, Daly City, CA 94014.



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