

## "WE WENT TO WAR SINGING" AT DOELGER CENTER NOV. 18TH

Our upcoming Guild meeting will be held on Wednesday, NOVEMBER 18TH, at Doelger Center, 7:30pm. This will be a special evening, just one week after what we used to call Armistice Day on November 11th.

Joe Marchi, who heads the Center for the American Musical at Canada College, is a teacher and counselor at the peninsula campus. He has put together a delightful program entitled "WE WENT TO WAR SINGING," a story of the music of 1942, when so many of the songs we all knew and loved were branded into our minds by our war-time emotions.

Mr. Marchi gives a little recap of the song, its history, features, etc., and then plays a part of it. In each case the audience is invited to recall the lyric and sing along! It's amazing how many of those stimulating,



"W'ot do ya mean, 'It's nice to git back to th' rear echelon'? Ya been out huntin' souvenirs agin?"

patriotic, emotional and joyous songs that the audience remembers.

Guild members are invited to come with World War II memorabilia, badges, medals, posters, trophies, caps, uniforms, whatever, for display at the meeting. We've talked to several of our friends who've already promised such great items as Flying Tigers survival outfits, enemy weapons and uniform exhibits.

The displays will be overseen by Director Ted Babow, who always does such a great job in such matters. So, dig out those caps, etc. I'm gonna bring my red and yellow signal flags, used with still-remembered skills aboard U.S. Navy ships in the Atlantic areas of operation.

## HURRAH! MINI-MUSEUM OPENS

It seems ages ago, but the Mini-Museum was opened on September 8th last with a very happy party, lots of goodies, champagne, short speeches and a real sense of accomplishment on behalf of our membership.

The Community Room of Serramonte Library was crowded, about 100, which was just a tad short of the Fire Department's Fire Code Limit. Usually we have a somewhat larger attendance, but since the meeting was changed, not only in location, but date, it actually was an advantage, because of the smaller gathering place.

There were brief dedicatory talks by Mayor Jane Powell, Mayor Pro-Tem Al Teglia, Library Director Linda Saltzer, and then the crowd moved down the hall to the entrance to the Mini-Museum. Yellow and blue ribbons, Daly City's colors, barred entry, until the Mayor cut the ribbon, officially opening the first general history museum in the City of Daly City. There is a fine Fire Department Museum next door at the Gellert Fire Station, but our Mini-Museum is the first official col-

lection that attempts to embrace the past history of Daly City and Colma.

Appreciation is extended to the City of Daly City for their splendid cooperation in authorizing the concept, and to Library Director **Saltzer** for her coordinating work with the Guild in the use of the Serramonte Library History Room space for the Museum.

The Museum Steering Committee was made up of many members, who worked long and hard on the design concept, visited display outlets, negotiated prices and set up the displays. Among those who volunteered to work on the project were **Yolanda Hardiman, Josephine Lyman, Collins Orton, Marilyn Olcese, Mary Hutchings, Jane Powell, Elaine and Walter Riney, Stephanie and Andy Ramroth, Bunny and Ken Gillespie.**

**President Ken Gillespie** reflected on the concept of the museum from the very outset of the Guild, back in the early 1980's, and the notes in file of early history buffs, materials gathered in the 1960's and 1970's to start the collection which has become the nucleus. The great bulk of the photos were gathered by Librarian Emeritus **Sam Chandler**, and cataloguing was begun by **Mike Wilson** of City Hall, on a volunteer basis, continued by our Guild after official organization in 1986. **Al Teglia** remarked on the start of the History, Arts and Science Commission, under whose blanket the Guild is connected to the City of Daly City.

The Mini-Museum is made up of three general areas, central to which are the three beautiful new showcases, purchased by the Guild. They are in a time-line sequence, **Pre-1915, Small Town, 1915-1945, and Expansion, 1945 to Date.**

Refreshments were served at the Museum opening, highlighted by delicious champagne, contributed by **Linda Saltzer** on behalf of the Library Staff. Hospitality chair **Mary Hutchings**, with **Marilyn Olcese, Bob & Enid Williams**, presided over the goody tables.

Also in attendance were **Dal** ity Councilwoman **Madolyn Agrimonti**, High School District Trustee **Betty Schultz**, and our good friend **Manny Esquerro**, of Daly City's Maintenance Division, who installed the electrical work on the display cases.

Goodies were brought for the gala by **Marion Rochetta, Susan Storni and Annie, Betty Schultz, Max & Elsa Ramos and Ray Harman.** Many thanks to all the contributors. Presiding over the bubbly department was good friend **Russ Brabec.**

The creation of the Mini-Museum has been a long and hard project, just a hope in the beginning. Now it's a reality, and Daly City now joins the many communities in our County who have provided civic blessings, space and cooperation. We have talked to **Frances Liston**, City Manager of the Township of Colma, who had encouraging thoughts about a Colma History Museum, possibly in the old Colma railway station after its use connected with the new BART station in Colma.

So, congratulations, good Guild members. You did it!

### **POETRY CONTEST WITH A DALY CITY/COLMA FLAVOR**

Guild members are invited to participate in the upcoming Poetry Contest, sponsored by the Poetry Guild, a sister Guild of the History, Arts and Science Commission.

A special category, **DALY CITY/COLMA**, has been established, open only to residents of our two communities. Subject matter must pertain to the history of, or feelings about, our area. Historical references must be accurate.

We are supplying cash prizes, and head of the Judging Committee will be long-time resident **Bianca Caserza**, of our Guild. Three prizes will be given and the winners may be read at our Guild meeting and/or printed in the Tattler. Entry blanks will be avail-

e at the November 18th meeting, or from Ruth Hoppin, Contest Coordinator, 15 Portola Ave., Daly City, 94015.

It's hoped that our members will respond enthusiastically to this new activity of the Guild. Awards will be made on February 6th at Serramonte Library, with a closing date for all entries of January 4th.

### GOODIES FOR NOV. 18th

The following nice people have volunteered to bring goodies for the November 18th meeting. Hospitality Chair Mary Hutchings will phone you shortly before to give a last reminder.

Carl & Bea Hoppe  
Lola Garcia  
Evelyn Martin  
Bunny Gillespie  
Bianca Caserza  
Lou Craviotto

Thank you all for your generosity for your time, talent and tasties!

### VICTORIAN DAYS IN THE PARK

VICTORIAN DAYS IN THE PARK was held over the weekend of August 29-30 in San Mateo's Central Park. As usual it was well attended, with more than 125 arts & craft booths, foods, beverages, entertainment, clowns, etc.

Our Guild had its booth in History Lane, and received good attention up until it rained late Saturday morn. That put a little crimp in the style, but the displays on History Lane were quickly covered until the rain abated.

Many volunteers again make the activity lots of fun, and we thank the following members for their generosity of time and talent: Russ & Eunice Brabec, Walt & Elaine Riney, Bob & Enid Williams, Yolanda Hardiman, Rolly Recio, Marilyn Olcese, Mary Hutchings, and beautiful plants contributed by John Olcese as decorations for the booth. Frances Liston is the chair for the raffle for Victorian Days, and as such does a super job in rounding up dozens of valuable prizes to raffle off at the end of the two-day fair.

### NOODLE FEST LOTS OF FUN

Hey, how about that COLMA NOODLE FESTIVAL! Blessed by great weather, the section of Junipero Serra Blvd. between "D" St. and Colma Blvd. was cordoned off on October 24-25th for a big street fair, with booths of all kinds lining both sides and middle of the roadway. There was something for just about everybody, many arts & crafts booths, rides for the little kiddies, dunk the policeman, and food booths of many kinds. There weren't as many pasta outlets as we'd anticipated, but it's just the first year!

Spearheaded by Marilyn Olcese, we had a fine booth at the Festival. We hadn't applied for space. Frankly, we had hoped to be invited to participate as a Guild, since we are involved with both Daly City and Colma in our name. Well, I guess we weren't known to the producer, a Hayward chap. Can't blame him. We don't know pasta about Hayward.

Anyhoo, Marilyn, a very determined lady, made contact, and found that the producer would be happy to let us have booth space FREE, so the wheels began to turn, two days before the event.

So, on Saturday morning, 7:00am, Marilyn went down to find out which space was allotted. At 8:00am, Mary Hutchings and the Gillespies followed with all the gear necessary to set up a fine display, our easels with pictures, table, chairs, many enlarged pics from the Sbrano collection. The area was beautifully decorated in harvest theme, pumpkins, flowers, strawdolls and hay spread on the ground.

Volunteers for staffing the booth were most helpful over the two-day fair, and we want to express appreciation to the Rineys, Babows, Williams, Chuck Meagher, Les Balestra, Ralph Jordan, Frances Bullard, Bianca Caserza and especially Marilyn Olcese and Mary Hutchings. Oh, we mustn't forget a very important staffer, Fred, the big black labrador that is an important

part of the Edgeworth Ave. clan of Olceses! Add to that the generosity of Marilyn for providing a raffle of two beautiful dry plant arrangements from Joyce Olcese of Carmel. Some \$40 of tickets were sold, won by two visitors to the booth from San Bruno and San Mateo. The arrangements were delivered to the winners by Marilyn and Ken. All in all it was a good start to an elaborate project, and we were delighted to participate in it.

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A few comments on the Mini-Museum are in order at this time. It is open currently on TUESDAYS, from 1:00pm to 2:30 pm. Needed for future weeks will be volunteers to sit at the desk in the Museum area, downstairs at Serramonte Library. The volunteers just need to be there, not to be experts in our local history...just to be available, and to watch over the collection.

The displayed materials either have captions attached, or are self-explanatory. Usually there will be Guild members involved in cataloguing activities, which is a separate entity from the Mini-Museum staffing.

We hope that you will feel impelled to help out in this most valuable Guild function, to help out once in a while. It will be most definitely appreciated. Sign up at the November 18th meeting, or call Bunny at home, 755-5123.

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