

A KNOCK-OUT PROGRAM UPCOMING ON JUNE 21st

For the very first time in the history of the Guild, we have had to postpone a meeting. Our regular May Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, the 17th has been changed to a month later, to Wednesday, JUNE 21st, 7:30 p.m. at the Doelger Center.

Why this unprecedented upheaval? Well, the ROOF at the Doelger Center will be under going repairs, and our usual meeting room, the Doelger Cafe, will not be available. We received a call from Mike Stallings, who heads the Parks and Rec Dept. for the City, with the news of the repairs go-ahead.

So...we'll be meeting a month late, same time, same station, but on the **FIRST DAY OF SPRING**, tra-la!

Thank goodness for the flexibility of our speaker, JERRY FLAMM, noted S.F. author, who will reflect on the events of earlier-day San Francisco and the prize-fighting scene across the County line into what became Daly City. Mr. Flamm has written a new book, "**HOMETOWN SAN FRANCISCO**", which will be the core of his presentation.

A former newspaper reporter, he worked for the New York Herald Tribune, the S.F. News and Call, as press and publications director for the California State Assembly, and produced the definitive narrative of life in S.F. in the depression years, "Good Life in Hard Times."


His father, Dave Flamm, was a career S.F. policeman, serving on the famous "Chinatown Squad."

We previewed his presentation at another recent history group meeting, and found it fascinating.

This issue of **The Tattler** is coming to you a full month before the next meeting, so we do hope that you will indeed **M-A-R-K--Y-O-U-R--C-A-L-E-N-D-A-R-S** for **JUNE THE TWENTY-ONETH!**


THE HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY
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HISTORY EVENING



new date!


WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 at 7:30 pm




"BOOTLEG BOXING"

Early Day Life in S.F.
and County Line Boxing
as Narrated by
JERRY FLAMM
noted local journalist

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



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MAYOR DENNIS DELIGHTFUL

Eddie Dennis, our former Councilman and mayor, brought a myriad of memories to a full house at Doelger Center on **March 15th**. Display tables were filled with photographs, posters, election memorabilia, as our five-term councilman (1944 through 1970) proudly reflected on the growth and changes in the small-town Daly City that suddenly became huge.

From his days as a racing dog handler for his owner/trainer father, through his works as a milk delivery man and union leader, to his 1944 decision to run for the Council, Eddie Dennis was a chronicler of commitment to the good of the City, the good times,

the hard times, and the steady progress that has hallmarked Daly City.

Attending the meeting was former Assemblyman Lou Papan, who paid gentle tribute to Mayor Dennis.

It was an evening of quiet pride, spoken by the kid from Station Avenue who married the dairy owner's daughter Hilda Witt (Ed worked for Witt's Dairy that was located where Colma and Pollicitas Schools are now located).

The raffle was lively, the refreshments tasty as laid out by Marilyn Olcese, Fran Bullard, Lydia Kirschner, Bob and Enid Williams. Chair Mary Hutchings was under the weather, and appreciation was expressed for her leadership, and for the donations of refreshments by Lu Fliegler, Dorothy Orton, Irene Krueger, Bianca Caserza, Nancy Chiappari, Angela Uccella, Myrtle Belli and Rose Veronello.

Expert on the raffle ticket sales were Walter Riney and Fran Bullard, while Ted Babow presided over the display tables in fine fashion.

GOODIES REMINDER

The following goodie-getters had signed up for the original May 17th meeting. Now that the meeting is on June 21st, if there's a problem, give Mary Hutchings a call, 756-0864.

Ray Harman, Julie Lenkert
Fran Bullard
Pat Hatfield
Lola Garcia
Bunny Gillespie
Michael Rocchetta (apple juice)

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR...WOW!

It's hard to believe that another Guild year has passed, with a great deal of activity over the months. Our June meeting will close out 13 years of original organization, and 9 as an independent group with officers and by-laws.

With such passage of time comes election time also. On June 21st we will hear the report of the Nominating

Committee (chair Jane Powell), and elect officers for the coming Guild year. The president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and four directors will be named.

Please call Jane if you have suggestions for the above offices. Her number is 992-2757.

Over the past year the Guild has held 4 meetings in Doelger Center, one at Colma Town Hall, a brown-bag lunch at the Broderick/Terry Duel Site, participated in the Gateway Festival, the Westlake Festival of the Arts, the Colma Noodlefest, Victorian Days in the Park in San Mateo, and hosted a visit from the San Mateo County History Buffs.

THE REFRIGERATOR DOOR

Upcoming events where the Guild will have participation are:

GATEWAY FESTIVAL - 4th annual street fair, located in the parking areas off 90th Street at the City Hall. May 20-21st, 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Volunteers to staff our canopied booth are solicited for 2-hour shifts, Saturday and Sunday. This is always a very happy community event, where you meet and greet your friends, make new ones and show the public just what the Guild is all about. To volunteer for this or any of the following, call Bunny or Ken at 755-5123.

WESTLAKE FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS - Saturday only, June 10th, 10:00am to 4:00pm. The Mall at Westlake Shopping Center is transformed into an arts festival, with displays, entertainment, and our own Guild booth, again showing portions of our photo collection for the passers-by. Volunteers are needed for this pleasant Saturday adventure.

VICTORIAN DAYS IN THE PARK - Central Park, San Mateo, August 26-27th, when our Guild will have its History Lane booth, part of the San Mateo County Historical Association annual big bash.

This is the place where the history organizations of the County all gather to show their "wheres and wares", in a delightful park setting, with 125

arts and crafts booths, continuous entertainment, food, drink. Our booth's dispensing of "Official Daly City/Colma Condensed Air" from a spritz bottle is an institution at the Fair.

THANKS FOR THESE MEMORIES

Additions to the collection have been contributed by the following:

Don Manning - Sept. 27, 1967 brochure and piece of ribbon re the opening of the Eastmoor to Westborough stretch of I-280 freeway.

Donna McCune Stevens - Jefferson High School sports memorabilia scrapbook and Army Air Corps scrapbook re her brother Robert (Bob) McCune, KIA during WW II.

Sister Elizabeth Parton - Seton Medical Center "2nd Century" celebration wine glass.

Max and Elsa Ramos - Photos taken at Guild brown bag picnic in 1994.

Pat and David Hatfield - More pix from the brown bag picnic.

Lou Craviotto - Pic of Colma vegetable packing shed off Washington St.

Michael Svanevik/Shirley Burgett - Copy of their book "City of Souls"

Dick Larsen - Colored architect's rendering of proposed additions to Jefferson High School.

Eve and Tony Aiello - Aerial photos of the North County area, various years, 1947 to 1960.

BOOK SIGNING AT THE GLOBE

For those who haven't yet had the opportunity to view the splendid new book about the history of the Colma cemetery complex, there will be a very pleasant "meet-the-authors and book-signing event" at the Globe Tavern, Mission St. and E. Market Street, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on Saturday, May 20th, and gathered by Marilyn Olcese. Authors Mike Svanevik and Shirley Burgett will be on hand with copies of "City of Souls, San Francisco's Necropolis at Colma." The prolific pair have also just published another new book, hot off the presses, "Portraits of Dedications"

San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame - 1984-1994, containing the personal stories of over 100 County women, with illustrations and photographs. This is a beautiful publication. Mike and Shirley are to be congratulated on their continuing industry.

RAFFLE ROUND-UP

Donations of items to raffle off at our meetings are solicited from our membership. Bring white elephants, books, art objects, wine, things that you wouldn't mind winning yourself.

Remember that the raffle is the way that our treasury keeps level or growing. The dues structure is so modest (most of our members are in the 2.00/year) that we need the income from the hopeful winners at the meetings. We have a great Treasurer, Roz Babow, who keeps careful record of every penny spent, and tabulates how much the raffle brings in. The more prizes we have, the more tickets are sold.

Bring your items to the meetings, no need to notify anybody ahead. We thank you in advance for your kindness.

AT THE MINI-MUSEUM

It's time to express heartfelt appreciation to the MINI-MUSEUM MOB! Every Tuesday afternoon that the Serramonte Library is open, our doughty gang of regulars is on hand to act as hosts, cataloguers, set-up and take-down-display crew.

One regular is Collins Orton, who meets and greets, invites signing of the guest register, and points out the three general time periods the museum encompasses. At the catalogue/filing desk is Walter Schultz, also helping out with the display set-ups. Dick Larsen is our expert on Jeff Hi and the school systems, while Don Manning provides excellent information on roads and streets and the physical growth of our area. Whoever gets to the Mini-Museum first puts out the greeting signs upstairs and downstairs that guide visitors to the location.

Bunny and Ken Gillespie round out the regulars, checking the mail and

often bringing in photos and documents that have been donated to the Guild.

It's a very jolly, noisy group, a mini-society, each very effective in answering questions. There is a tremendous amount of DC and Colma lore that has largely been learned on the job, with nobody pretending to be expert, but surely willing to share.

Attendance varies from week to week, but the guestbook shows more than 1,600 signatures in the 30 months that we've been open. HOORAY FOR US!

FRANK VERDUCCI SPEAKS **ON SEPTEMBER 20th**

Our speaker for the September 20th meeting at Doelger Center is a very well-known citizen about Daly City and Colma, **FRANK VERDUCCI**, owner of Serramonte Ford, pioneer auto dealer, who will be celebrating his 24th year as a central figure in the auto business locally.

Famous Bay Area-wide for his very effective television commercials, he will highlight the history of the auto dealerships of Daly City and Colma.

This will be an intriguing program, as our own **Sir Monte Ford** asks us, "What are YOU WAITING FOR?"

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