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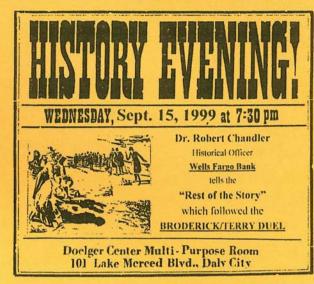
#### BRODERICK/TERRY DUEL 'THE REST OF THE STORY'

Tucked off Westlake's El Portal Way is the reputed location of the famed duel site of **Broderick and Terry**, where two hot-blooded men of note shot it out over political rancor of the day. Much of their disagreement focused on the status of California and slavery.

The duel took place just over the County line, on the morning of September 13, 1859, 140 years ago. Senator **David Broderick** was mortally wounded, dying in Fort Mason's Haskell house three days later. It was the "end" for **Broderick**, but "the rest of the story" (as the noted radio commentator **Paul Harvey** might say) was yet to unfold for **Terry**.

Much has been written and spoken about the events leading up to the fateful morning, but the post-duel story is equally intriguing. We are pleased to welcome Guild friend and History Officer of Wells Fargo Bank Robert Chandler, PhD, to our September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at Doelger Center, 7:30 pm.

Dr. Bob will concentrate on the dramatic happenings that followed the duel. Terry came under considerable fire from the people and left the state to serve in the Confederate army. He returned to law practice in California and 20 years later was shot in a San Joaquin Valley railroad station. In 1880 he had married Saran Althea Hill, a scandal-ridden presumed mistress of William Sharon.



This will be a fascinating story, told by a well-credentialed historian. **Dr. Bob** received his PhD for a dissertation on Civil War California from U.C. Riverside. He is the author of a dozen articles on California topics, a member of the San Francisco Civil War Round Table, the SF Westerners Corral, and E Clampus Vitus. He has favored our Guild on several occasions with his scholarly discourses on local history. This will be a Jim-dandy evening, come early....stay late!

### WHAT'S BEEN A-GOIN' ON?

As Gomer Pyle might have said, "Golly Gee! Where did summer go?" With the last year of the century running out fast, the landscape of Daly City and Colma has been changing rapidly over the past few months.

Colma's pioneer railroad station is now in full view, the shrubbery around its Serramonte

Blvd. and El Camino Real perch trimmed. Westlake's median and traffic light changes at the Shopping Center are finished and usable, as are ramps and lights from Hwy 280 to Sullivan Avenue.

Serra Theater demolition orders have been issued and the 40 year old structure will be replaced by an 86 room Hampton Inn, due for completion in the spring of next year.

Of major interest to the Guild is proposed expansion of Serramonte Library to provide some 5,000 sq. ft. of multi-use space for community activities, meeting rooms, class and lecture rooms, after school programs AND the home of the Daly City HISTORY MUSEUM and HALL OF FAME. Keep those good thoughts focusing, please.

# WESTLAKE SHOPPING MEMORIES A HIT

Our May meeting was chock-a-block with agenda items, including officers' election, and early construction slides of Westlake's Shopping Center, plus proud and tender memories of **John Bundros** by his niece, HG member, **Georgia Esteves. Bundros** was an early day WSC merchant and DC figure.

Painlessly, officers were re-elected (see back page of Tattler) and life went on.

Introductions included those of the ubiquitous Al Belotz, as well as relatives of the speaker and Mr. Bundros.

Pleasantly, prizes for the traditional fundraising drawing (we used to call it a "raffle") were plentiful and the treasury benefited nicely.

We look forward to another handsome array of take-homes (that's a bold hint for donations!) for the upcoming meeting. To support this activity, look for ticket sellers and whoever is at the reception desk. Marilyn Olcese continues to oversee prize contributions, if you should wish to contact her in advance.

#### **FAREWELL TO MORE FRIENDS**

It was just this past May that the Tattler used a vintage picture of Mayor Jane Powell on its cover. Alas, three weeks later we learned of her passing, after illness that had seriously altered her long and precious lifestyle of service and love for others.

Jane loved the Guild and went out of her way to attend meetings, even with her busiest schedule during her years of public life on the DC Council. She never failed to offer her help and was a long-time up-front greeter and aide, in so very many ways. Jane was a member of the Guild since 1983.

At the end of July, we learned of the passing of Yolanda Hardiman, one of the first elected to the Guild's Board of Directors, stepping down because of serious health problems. Even so, Yolanda dropped by the HG exhibit booth at Victorian Days in Central Park to put in time as a staffer for 1997 and 1998, a spot she filled faithfully for over a decade. She had joined the Guild in 1983. Hers was a smile to remember.

Curtis Rezendes was a member of the Guild since 1996, but in 1993 had donated for the archives two vintage video tapes. The 1941 film captures a "Preparedness Day" parade, the other is of DC's splendid 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade. Both are unique treasures, for which we shall ever remember the kindness of the donor.

**Curtis** died in early August at much too young an age.

Although not a member of the Guild, Frank Verducci, who also died in early August, was a nice friend of the Guild. He'd readily accepted an invitation to speak of the history of Colma's Auto Row at a general meeting, and was gracious in greeting those who'd enjoyed his "What are YOU waiting for?" TV commercials. Again, our thanks, Sir Monte.

Also part of the passing parade, sadly, are HG member Marlene Sheridan, who joined the Guild in 1994, and HG friends Al Serini and Tom Tromborg Jr.

A year ago Marlene donated to the HG archives in the form of a well-kept 1960 scrapbook about the DC Players. In the May, 1999, issue of the Tattler, Tom was thanked for his gift of a small paper tag reminding us of the days of "Vireno's Wine Vaults." Al favored the Guild with his participation at the Nov. 1997 HG salute to pioneer hog farmers of this area.

We'll miss them all.

#### MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

Designated for use in furthering the development of the HG Mini-Museum were monetary tributes from **Leah and Tom House**, honoring the memory of **Collins Orton**, and from **Marilyn Olcese**, saluting the life of **J. D.** (**Jay) Fase.** Special gifts to the Guild in honor or memory of DC/Colma pioneers or other loved ones are gratefully accepted.

Looking ahead, there are plans for a Guild Memorial Book in which such generous contributions will be recorded and updated.

Meanwhile, a list is being kept, and the appreciation continues for both the lives honored and the thoughtful donors.

# RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- ◆1933 newspaper item re. DCFD chief from Madelyn Bechini.
- ◆ 1981 and 1986 honors from DC and State of California to late Shelby Ross, donated by Richard Di Taranto of Sweet Home Antiques, delivered by Marilyn Olcese.
- ♦1999 souvenirs from dedication of DC park, re-named "Gilbrecht Park", donated by Mark Weinberger. Also campaign badges re upcoming election for JESD trustee.

- ◆ Photos of possible 1906 Earthquake house in DC and measurements, taken by Russ Brabec.
- ◆Memorabilia re. funeral services of the late Jane Powell, gathered by Betty Schultz.
- ♦ 1969 Ca. State history text book and 1999 Colma Elementary School booster shirt, given by students of 3<sup>rd</sup> grades in Colma School, under direction of teachers **Penny Manis** and **Shirley Plank.**
- ◆Vintage photo copies dating from 1940-1951 of Jefferson School class groups, nicely laced with identifications; 1920 JES outing to Muir Woods, and 1940 DC Parade at Top of the Hill, all sent along by HG member Marilyn Toole Fullam, her sister Janice Toole Bacigalupi, Nancy Park Spinelli, and Carol Benedetti Kipperman, chums and classmates.
- ◆ BART 1992 "update" publication and 1984 San Mateo County Fair & Fiesta 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program given by **Bob and Enid** Williams.
- ◆ And, last but far, far, from least: two additional sets of DC "progress" photos by the Guild's faithful ,generous, and talented Frank ("lens") Franceschini,

# 'BY THEIR GOOD WORKS, THEY SHALL BE KNOWN'

Sincere thanks to the following:

Chairperson Mark Weinberger and his cheerful volunteers at yet another SMC Historical Assn. benefit, Victorian Days Aug. 28-29,in San Mateo. The Guild display is always popular, with many visitors during both days. Moving, maneuvering, and setting up of all that comprises the display area, as well as staffing, is a LARGE labor of love, time, commitment. And then, there's the taking down and placement into storage. Many hands ease the task, for which the Guild is indeed grateful.

Walter Riney for his skill and knowledge in adding two more shelves to a most useful storage cabinet at the Mini-Museum.

Bernard and Audrey Winn for donation of 10% of the price (\$17.95) of their wonderful new book, "From the Top of the Hill", when it is sold under HG aegis.....at the Mini-Museum, or at our meetings. The book is subtitled "Growing Up in the Daly City of the '20s and '30s" and is heavily embellished with photos, some borrowed from Guild files.

Betty Williams, and others, for cheerful, encouraging notes. Always appreciated.

#### **GOOD CHEWS!**

Our Guild refreshments are always a snazzy, cheerful wrap-up to the meetings. BUT...they don't just happen. We are very grateful to the generous COOKIE MUNSTERS who have signed up as found below for our upcoming September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Pat Hatfield
Dennis Lipsett
Ann Papia
Betty Schultz

Bernie & Audrey Winn

As they say on the Pillsbury promos, "nothin sez lovin like somethin from the oven."

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