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# PROMINENT COLMA 'RESIDENT', WYATT EARP, IS PROGRAM TOPIC

The colorful gentleman of the past that annually attracts more visitors to his gravesite than any other of the more quiet residents of Colma, Wyatt Earp, is the topic for the next meeting of the Guild.

Drawing on his vast knowledge of The West, the presenting speaker will be **Dr. Norman E. Tutorow**, who holds a Ph.D. in History from Stanford University. **Norman** has taught at several universities and is currently a visiting fellow at the Hoover Institution in Palo Alto. He has been widely published in the fields of military and Western history.

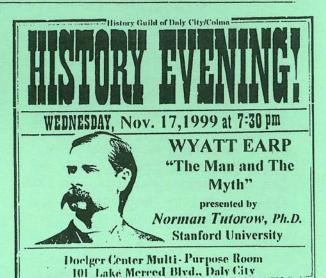
**Dr. Tutorow**, and his lovely wife, **Evie**, are the 1999 "sheriff" and "trail boss" for the S.F. Corral of Westerners International, an organization of history buffs whose membership includes a nice representation from our History Guild at its monthly meets.

Dr. T. has chosen to call his talk "THE MAN AND THE MYTH". He promises to "tell the truth" about Marshal Earp, and also introduce us to other members of the famous Earp family. This will be a uniquely memorable program.

In a moment of whimsy, President Ken has suggested that attendees so inclined might wish to dress in "western garb", in the spirit of the evening...hats, neckerchiefs, boots, etc.

### Earp Museum Display

Heralding the Nov. 17 meeting is a special display of **Wyatt Earp** clippings and



paper memorabilia in the Guild's upstairs showcase in the Serramonte Branch of the DC Library. It may be viewed any time you are in the facility, through the end of November.

# September Program Provides New Info. re Duelist David Terry

With **Dr. Robert Chandler**, historian for Wells Fargo Bank, as the speaker, attendees at the Sept. 15 HG meeting received fascinating insight to the "rest of the story" regarding **Judge David Terry**, the "winner" of the famed duel commemorated with markers at Daly City's "Duel Site Park" in Westlake.

No stranger to HG members, having graced our podium several times previously, **Dr. Chandler** used slides and other visuals to tell the story of **Terry's** career and life after the 1859 duel. Along the way, his romances were headlined and linked with famous names.

To fill in those absent, Terry did end via bullet, a kind of "poetic justice."

In the words of a famed comedian, the speaker "was maaarvelous!" Thanx again, Dr. Bob!

#### Living in our Memories

Marian Rocchetta, a member of the Guild with her family since 1987, passed away on August 31. She is survived by her sons, Michael and Richard, who continue to follow the example of their mother and late father in doing good works as opportunity arises.

Jose F. deLarios, a member of the Guild with his wife, Edna, since 1991, died Sept. 2. A municipal court justice from 1963-1983, he spoke before the Guild in March, 1990, about the historic Portola Expedition.

#### **Loving Tribute**

Former director Yolanda Hardiman has been honored with a donation in her memory sent along by former chairperson, Christiana Graham, for which the Guild sends its sincere appreciation. Chris now lives in Fullerton, CA. Their gain, our loss.

### **Mini-Museum Memories**

Recent visitors to the museum included our nice friend, Ned Crary, the great grandson of John Donald Daly, the man for whom Daly City was named. Ned, (actually Edward) regularly comes to see us in Central Park at the Guild's Victorian Days history exhibit each August. A look-alike to JDD, he's caused passers-by to observe the similarity as he stands near our JDD photo.

Other recent MM visitors were the entire 4<sup>th</sup> grade class of Ms. Amelia Axter from Our Lady of Perpetual Help school, for whom Ken G. had presented a then & now slide program the month before. Nice kids, all

33 of them! MM hosts that day included **Don** Manning and Marilyn O.

#### **Holiday Gift Time Coming**

Of possible consideration as little gifts during the upcoming holidays are the following, all available at the Mini-Museum, and at the Nov. 17 meeting:

- One-fold stationery with six linedrawings of vintage DC. \$2.50
- "Top of the Hill" book by HG member Bernard Winn. \$17.95
- "Great DC Historical Trivia Book" by member Bunny Gillespie.
   \$5.00
- "Crab is King" book by HG friend Bernard Averbuch. \$5.00



 DC street signs in use between 1965 and 1995. Available are Abbott, Alemany, Creston, Eastmoor, Geneva, Knowles, Lycett, Pierce Each is a "collectors' item". \$25.02.

# **Recent Acquisitions**

- Gifts for the Guild collection of historical memorabilia are always welcome. Recent donors include:
- Silvio Tringali, typed memoirs and 1939 photo copies re Vireno's Market, delivered by members Tom and Joan Tringali.
- Paul Azevedo, 1981 "Artichoke Gulch Gazette" (Pacifica Tribune special edition) with in-depth stories re Ocean Shore RR.
- Al Belotz, memorabilia regarding 1976 Bi-Centennial celebration in Daly City, photos, clippings, souvenirs, etc.

- Mary Lou and Charles Sharp, 1951 DC snow pictures and other vintage views of Crocker tract.
- Walt & Betty Schultz, from estate of Jane Powell, "Polonsky for Judge" bumper strip. Not dated. Anyone remember when?
- Mark Weinberger, metal admission sign from Geneva drive-in; "I Love DC" strip.
- Mike Wilson, vintage newspapers re 1973 BART opening in DC, 1980 final issue of DC Post, and others.
- Dorothy Busalacchi, permission to copy vintage (cc 1907-11) postcards and Vista Grande property documents, plus scrapbook photos re Our Lady of Perpetual Help school days in the 40s, performing with Miss Rose's Dance Studio in the 30s, and at the Golden Gate International Exposition, etc. Mrs. B. is the former Miss Langensand.
- (Gossip: We met Mrs. B. at a recent luncheon hosted by SSF Elks Club ladies, on the invitation of Gladys Shannon, mother of HG member Denise Crocker.
   Asked for a brief overview talk about DC history, the Gillespies were delighted to oblige, and thrilled to receive \$100 for the HG treasury. Wow!)
- Frank Franceschini, Mark Weinberger, Ken & Bunny Gillespie, documentation photos re final days of Serra Theatre, permit-to-demolish ceremony, roof removal, interiors and exteriors; and other scenes of local changes and progress.
- Kermit Leong, 1998 Gateway Festival photographs.
- And Elsie Garrison Martin, who was "right-on-the-spot" with a contribution for the juice fund for future meetings. Our sincere thanks to all of the above.

## **Hospitality Honeys**

The "Goodie Chart" took on a new look

at the September meeting. Two new categories were listed, as indicated below. Those kind enough to sign their names as upcoming donors of munchies/cookies for the Nov. 17 meeting are:

Walt Schultz Betty Williams Ingrid Salazar Helen Asplund Bunny Gillespie

Additional generous people that signed are Michael Rocchetta (2 jugs of apple juice) and Marian Mann (to aid as needed with serving.)

As always, our refreshment/hospitality table is under the direction of Mary Hutchings, with able aides Marilyn Olcese, Enid Williams and Bob Williams. Chairlady Mary has made it a practice over the years to phone signees prior to meetings, as gentle polite reminders, and follows up with notes of thanks. Should you wish to contact her, the number is 650-756-0864.

Mary, Marilyn, and the Williams, have hosted the goodies through the life of the Guild. The Williams are the donors of the delicious coffee prepared, and Marilyn also serves as a Guild Director and chief collector for those treasures awarded via ticket-drawing at our meeting. They have earned loving pats on their backs, and a round of "Well Done!!! as they continue in their all-important roles. The Guild would not be as nice without them and all the treat donors over the years. Thanks to them, again, and to all those who've contributed in so very many ways.

While writing of things for which we are especially grateful, thanks in bunches to the ongoing generosity of the Daly City
Recreation Department, under whose auspices the Guild is allowed to use, rent free, the Doelger multi-use room for meetings. We petitioned Rec. Director Mike Stallings after the September meeting, and have been assured

that the customary "row upon row" seating (as preferred by members) will again be provided.

We also had a little chat with the local Post Office, and have been told that steps will be taken for more prompt delivery of the Tattler. We mail them out on the first of the month. The September issue gave us much concern as members let us know they had not been delivered by the Monday before the Wednesday program. Thus the chat. Keep fingers crossed.

#### **Another Reminder:**

Prizes for the winning are most welcome, the benefit of ticket sales going into the Guild treasury. If you have items that you would wish to contribute, just bring them along and place them on the display table, or phone Director Marilyn, for pickup. Many of you are so faithful with donating—we couldn't begin to thank you enough or list all your names, however Ms. Irene Kreuger is winning gold stars for her ongoing contributions that Marilyn packages so beautifully.

Tix chairman Walter Riney and his crew will happily help you purchase winning bits of cardboard at meetings. Thanx to Hartley Appleton for filling in for Walter at the September gathering.

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