



Journal of the History Guild of Daly City/Colma

Part II of 1941 Lions' Home Movies to be Shown

As promised last March, the second half of the black and white, silent, home movies filmed on behalf of the emerging **Daly City Lions Club** just before WWII will be shown at the Guild's March 17 "History Evening", 7:30 p.m. at Doelger Center's multi-use room.

Lions Club members are again encouraged to grace the meeting, with or without their colorful organizational regalia. Non-Lions, and their friends, are invited to come along and view images of "The Way We Were in 1941". Pertinent display materials are also invited, to be taken home at the end of the program.


Filed some 60 years ago by the DC Record's chief photographer, **Dale Hovey**, the nostalgic footage was translated to VCR by friend-of-the-Guild **Bill Verducci**. Thanks to **Mike Stallings**, DC Parks & Recreation Dept. director, we will be able to utilize Rec. Dept. equipment for the program.

January Annual Meeting Brings Sizable Crowd


At least four "new members" were among the nice crowd that packed the tables in the Doelger Center's multi-use room for the Guild's annual January-party meeting. The weather was wonderful, the refreshments were more-so, and the friendly chit-chat was great.

THE HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY/COLMA
PROUDLY PRESENTS ANOTHER

HISTORY EVENING!



WED, MARCH 17, 2004, 7:30 P.M.



**"The Way We
Were in 1941,
Part II"**

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

ADMISSION FREE!

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Taking to the podium in poetic form was refreshment-committee-faithful **Bob Williams**, who delighted those present with a reading of his inspirational and thought-provoking poem, followed by a mini-quiz.

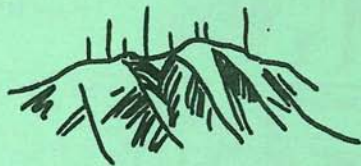
Treasurer Russ Brabec let us know that the Guild is financially sound, with a nice increase in our balances from a year ago. Thanks, of course, for that is due to YOUR continued paying of annual dues and your participation in the fund-raising raffles at each meeting. Donations from Memorials, straight-on donations, and profit from our several items for sale (available at the Mini Museum) help also, for which the Guild is VERY grateful.

Attendees at the January meeting heard a State-of-the-Guild type of report on activities of organization during 2003. Although afternoon sun warmed the room, attention was polite and only interrupted by the sudden and noisy drop of a cupboard door at the back of the room. Quickly remedied, nobody hurt, but enough to wake the dead!~! All in all, it was a nice party.

COLMA HISTORY GROUP MOVING TO NEW MUSEUM

Congratulations to **Pat**

Hatfield, president of the **Colma History Assn.**, and all her merry members for their huge dedication and hard work in bringing to life their new Museum on Hillside Blvd. The facility isn't quite open yet, but it is definitely an admirable "work in progress". Cheers!



New Daly City Book Available at CH & Libraries

"**Images of Daly City**", presenting Daly City history in photographic form, may be purchased at the Serramonte and Westlake libraries, as well as at the City Hall Gift Shop and in local book stores (\$19.99). Library sales will aid the several branches of the DC Library, according to Library Director, **Carol Simmons**.

The volume includes 234 captioned photos of DC. Written by Guild member **Bunny Gillespie**, "**Images**" is chronologically assembled, covering 150 years or so of the development of this North County area. Members of The Guild and friends contributed to the unique publication by sharing photos from private collections. As often as **Bunny's** editor permitted, photos were credited to the source.

Headlines from 1954

Fifty years ago, the DC Record and Westlake Times were THE newspapers to read in this area. Headlines of March 17, 1954, in the WT focused on " \$1,000,000 Catholic Church is Planned Here"; "Local Man Receives PG&E Award for Lady's Rescue"; "Vision Testing Program Scheduled for Schools"; "Westlake Well Pumps 700 Gallons"; "Four Unopposed in Colma Election", "John Mongon Will Address Chamber", and "Paving of Orange St Near Colma School Now Underway."

At the Lad & Lassie Shop on Mayfair, nylon fabric Communion Dresses were advertised at \$7.99. Veils were \$3.95 and \$5.95.

The next week, Thornton Beach received an OK to become a state park and ground was broken for a \$150,000 North San Mateo County Sanitation District sewage treatment plant in Westlake.

The Collection Grows

Thanks to generous friends and members, The Guild's archival and nostalgic collection of locally related items has been enriched by contributions from the following:

- **Daly City/Colma Chamber of Commerce:** via HG member Jeannene Minnix-Rubino -- Souvenir stemmed glasses from Colma Noodlefest and Colma Halloween event; DC 75th anniversary souvenir badges; DC Chamber plastic wall plaque, and assorted badges commemorating local businesses.
- **Russ Brabec:** Retired 1990 bank books re. Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, vintage postcards of local businesses, among them Millets

and Serra auto courts, Mission Bell and El Camino motels; recent DC slide area aerials, and Joe's of Westlake paper cocktail napkins.

- **Robert Keil** (new member): Translation to "long-term storage" DVD of HG video of Chamber of Commerce activity.
- **Cindy Balbi Oliver:** Additional photos for Silicani-Cavo family history binders.
- **Michael Amorose:** Autographed copies of his updated "Wine Guide" for use as fund-raising raffle prizes at upcoming Guild meetings.
- **Elsie Garrison Martin:** Personal note with memoirs of her involvement in earlier DC, including motivation behind the formation of the **DC Garden Club**, stemming (pun intended) from efforts to beautify the then-crumbling Hillside Rock Quarry slope.

Happy Birthday Daly City!

We'd be remiss, indeed, if this History organization failed to recognize March 18 and March 22, 1911. Residents of the North County voted on 3-18 to incorporate as a City, and on 3-22 officialdom was granted by San Mateo County. Now a graceful 93 years old and still growing, DC is wished a Very Happy Birthday!



Treat Donors

For the January afternoon meeting, these kind people signed up to bring treats: Dana Smith, Mary Nano, Annette Hipona, Marilyn Olcese, Elinor Charleston, and Bunny Gillespie. In addition, Lou and Diane Pitto supplied three decorated cakes and other nice people, unfortunately anonymous, brought other great treats to be truly enjoyed by all present. Yummy stuff from thoughtful donors. THANK YOU!!!

For the March meeting, volunteer treat-bringers are **Marie Brizuela, Leah Berlanga, Elsa Ramos and Angela Uccelli**. Those who would like to add to the treat table are also appreciated. **Mary Hutchings** or her deputy will phone with a gentle reminder a few days before the meeting. Thanx in advance to all.

HG Memorial Book Lists Donors/Honorees

Monetary Memorials honoring loved ones may be sent to the History Guild Memorial Fund, 40 Wembley Dr., DC. 94015. The fund is earmarked for the benefit of a proper Daly City/Colma History Museum. Donors and honorees are recorded in our beautiful Memorial Book, which may be viewed on request at the Mini-Museum.



Datebook Possibilities

March 20: **Cypress Lawn Heritage** bus tour, 1:30 Free. Depart from Newall Chapel.

March 21: **Michael Svanevik** speaks at **Cypress Lawn**, 2pm. Newall Chapel, re. Ralston, Sharon and Flood, pioneer builders.



Inquiring Minds Ask:

What ever happened to Mike and Ben Sharpe, two giants (6'5" Canadians) that lived for a while in Broadmoor during the 1950s and ran a bar/restaurant on Hillside Blvd.? Question is, Where Was That Pub? What Was It Called?

The Sharpe brothers were one of the most successful tag teams in world pro-wrestling history, recognized in Northern California over a dozen times through the '50s. They'd served with armed forces in WWII, made their wrestling debuts in '46. One of their 1952 matches, at Winterland, grossed over \$12,000 before a Standing Room Only crowd. Old timers tell of the brothers teaching Broadmoor kids how to swim in the athletes' backyard training pool. Truth or fiction? Any of those kids still around?

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