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Greetings from President Mark

I want to take this opportunity to thank three stellar Guild members who have made the difficult but necessary decision to leave our board after varying terms of service.

Marilyn Olcese has been active with the group since the inception and served on the board since 1986. She has overseen the mini-museum, memorial bequests, and provided innumerable assistance to the organization over the years. We are sorry to lose her at this exciting and challenging time, and wish her all the best.

Janice Uccelli has served as a board member since 2003, but has been no less a valuable participant. She has contributed a wealth of expertise to the Guild, advancing to become our treasurer two years ago.

Walter Riney, along with his late wife, Elaine, served on the board since 1990. He has graced the organization with great capability, including performing as event photographer and chief raffle ticket-seller at Guild events.

While each individual is taking a well-deserved rest, they have promised to maintain their membership and will assist us in other ways as we continue the journey to secure a permanent home. We are set to meet with the city regarding a new use agreement at the end of April. Stay tuned.

Mark



THE HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY/COLMA
PROUDLY PRESENTS ANOTHER

HISTORY EVENING!



Hour-long video produced by
San Mateo County Historical Association

Made in America:

**San Mateo County's Journey
from Dairies to DNA**

Wednesday May 16, 7:30 PM

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

ADMISSION FREE!

Donations Gratefully Accepted ♦ Phone 755-5123 for Information

A short intermission will be observed midway through the film to allow for refreshments and the Guild's traditional drawing for prizes.



"Made in America" includes cameo appearances, interviews, hundreds of vintage photographs and a wealth of information about the business enterprises in and development of the county we call home. Among the faces to be seen and voices to be heard are those of many instantly-recognizable "local personalities", ranging from Bob St. Clair to Adrienne Tissier, Al Teglia, Mike Nevin, Ken Varner, Gene Mullin, Quentin Kopp, Tony Zidich, Tom Lantos, Jackie Speier, and (even) Daly City historians Bunny and Ken Gillespie. Gillespies, they jest, "will be on hand to sign autographs at the end of the program." Some of the filming of the video was done at the Guild's Mini-Museum. Several of the HG's historic and easily recognizable photos were filmed for the documentary.

Honoring SMC's 150th year, the film was created by a team headed by Mitch Postel, Jon Rubin, Bryan Kingston and Kevin Mullin. The Guild acquired a DVD of the documentary through the courtesy of HG member, Tess Lagandoan, director of the Daly City Small Business Center.



MUSEUM VOLUNTEER WALT SHULTZ PASSES

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of **Walter Schultz**, a long-time member of the Guild and the beloved husband of HG membership chair, **Betty Schultz**. A faithful, knowledgeable, and cordial HG Mini-Museum docent for many years, Walter was a regular aisle-seat attendee at "History Evenings", and a reliable donor of donut holes for HG meeting refreshment times. His family has requested that financial donations in honor of Walter be made to the History Guild of DC/C, 40 Wembley Dr., DC, 94015.

ELECTIONS SET FOR MAY MEETING

Gloriann Jones, appointed by President Mark Weinberger as nominations chair for the HG, will give her report at the May 16 meeting. Members are invited to contact Gloriann (650) 756-6795) to volunteer as board members or to place names for consideration. Additional names may be raised at the meeting, with permission of the person being nominated. Election and installation of officers and directors will follow. Replacements due to resignations are being sought for the offices of HG Treasurer and three directors.

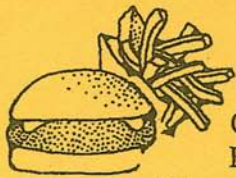


REFRESHMENT DONORS FOR MAY 16 MEETING

Appreciation is expressed in advance for the generosity of the following, who have signed-up to contribute treats for the upcoming HG "History Evening": **Sandra Bolds, Judith Christensen, Christina Dockter, Bunny & Ken Gillespie, Algis Ratnikas, Annette Hipona, , and Janice Uccelli**. Additional goodies are always welcome.

NOTE FROM THE PAST

Eye-catching to some was a March public notice in the *Examiner* regarding vacating of an unused portion of Railroad Ave. right of way near Citrus Ave. Sharp eyes noted that the property was part of a "Survey of 13 Lots at Colma for **R.S. Thornton, ESQ.**" An accompanying map was dated Sept. 30, 1891. A public hearing was held April 9, 2007, at DC City Hall. FYI: **Robert Sheldon Thornton** is historically credited with settling, in 1853, in the then-wilderness of what is now Daly City and Colma. He pioneered, and prospered.



BURGERS SERVED WITH HISTORY

Owner of the new
Burgermeister Paul

Mogannam and his son **Omar** dropped by the museum with their muralist to view photos of the area and gather ideas for historical artwork for two very large walls in dining area. The Daly City/Colma Chamber of Commerce welcomed the new **Burgermeister**, one of the enticing new taste-tempters along "restaurant row" in Westlake Shopping Center, it as the organization's 481st business member.

GUILD MOUNTAIN 'TRIP' WITH DAVID SCHOOLEY

San Bruno Mountain's personable and dedicated preservationist, **David Schooley**, was the speaker for the March meeting of the History Guild. By way of photographic slides and sharing of personal knowledge, the speaker allowed attendees to romp the mountain vicariously and savor as they sat some of the here-to-fore secrets of the north county's largest and most enduring landmark. He was introduced by HG vice-president **Richard Rocchetta**.

Representing Mountain Watch, Mr. Schooley spoke of the plight of endangered butterflies, fauna and flora that have lived on the Mountain for thousands of years and ongoing threats posed to their habitat by man-made objectives in the name of progress.

Also on hand to share some of his collection of Mountain visuals and knowledge was charter HG vice president **Neil Fahy**, who had presented a history of the Mountain for the HG in May of 1992. In past years, Neil and David have collaborated on several publications regarding the Mountain. Schooley had previously spoken to the Guild in May of 2000



A beautiful collection of pressed and mounted wild flowers, gathered on the Mountain in 1942 by Daly City Girl Scout Troop #8, was liberated for the evening from the HG Mini-Museum's historical collection and arranged for table display by **Bunny Gillespie**. The speaker was presented with a Guild Certificate of Appreciation by president **Mark Weinberger**.



HG COLLECTION GROWS

Thanks to recent donors:

John Gersich: 1920s photos of Lake Merced Golf Course, Colma farm family, Crocker School 1925 grade 3 and 1928 grade 6 class photos, 1929 General Pershing class, Belli pioneer store logo, Vireno Wine Vault labels, etc.

Tom Smookler: possible Thornton Beach photos.

Hillside Homeowners Assn.: Store and apartment house plot plans.

Richard Rocchetta: DC Council 2006 reorganization program and Jefferson School District programs.

William P. Braas: DC Garden Club memorabilia, "silver" trophy, award ribbons.

Annette Hipona: DCFD souvenir program re. retirement of **DC Police Captain John Warren**, various paper memorabilia.

Robert Keil: items from **Casey McCord**, son of former **Henry Doelger** employee **Frank McCord**, including 1958 Western Union telegram inviting Doelger to serve on BART board of directors, photos of Doelger construction projects in SF's Sunset and DC's Westlake districts.



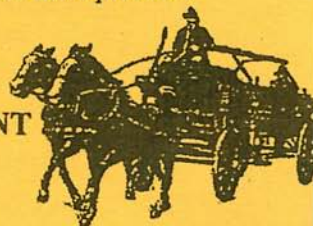
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SENATOR YEE SALUTES GUILD

Senator Leland Y. Yee, has honored the History Guild with a Certificate of Recognition noting the Guild's 25th anniversary year. The red-bordered Certificate is on display in the HG's main floor showcase at Serramonte Library. Guild thanks are extended to Senator Yee and his aide, David J. Canepa for their pleasant courtesy.



FIRE DEPARTMENT 100TH YEAR

Retired DCFD Chief Bob O'Donnell has paid several visits to the Guild's Mini-Museum researching the department's 100 years of service to Daly City. The FD will celebrate their historic milestone with a community celebration and gala banquet Sept 29 at Lake Merced Golf & Country Club. The public will be invited. Those with fond memories of the FD are advised to reserve the date. The FD will be saluted at the Guild's September 19 membership meeting. Look for more information in the September Tattler.

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