



# THE TATTLE

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### DALY CITY'S FILIPINO HISTORY MARCH PROGRAM

The history of Daly City's Filipino community will be the focus of our "History Night" program on Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 pm. Well known Filipino community leaders **Perla Ibarrientos** and **Erlinda Galeon** will be telling us the history and many contributions by Filipinos who have made Daly City their home. Perla Ibarrientos is President of the Philippine Bayanihan Resource Center, Vice-President of the North Peninsula Food Pantry Dining Center, and a member of the Personnel Commission of Daly City. She has received the Citizen of the Year Award from Daly City and was the State of California Legislator Woman of the Year in 1997.

Erlinda Galeon is President of the Philippine Association of University Women-USA, President of CORA Kumares/Kumpares and a member of the Daly City Library Board of Trustees. Erlinda has received the Presidential Award (for CORA Outreach Program) from Phillipine President Gloria Arroyo and was named "Peninsula Angel" by the San Francisco Examiner. It is a real treat to have these two great women join us.

REFRESHMENT DONORS WILL BE:  
**Algis Ratnikas, Pat Hatfield, Alice Brockman, and Judith Christensen.**



*Thank you!*

THE HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY/COLMA  
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## HISTORY EVENING!



DALY CITY'S

### FILIPINO HISTORY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> - 7:30 PM

Presented By

**Perla Ibarrientos & Erlinda Galeon**

Doelger Community Center

101 Lake Merced Blvd., Daly City

**ADMISSION FREE!**

Donations Gratefully Accepted ♦ Phone 755-5123 for Information

### Greetings from President Mark

I want to thank everyone who has joined the Guild or renewed their membership. We have increased membership by 10 so far, and revenue from member dues has doubled with the increase in dues this year. YOUR generosity and support has been overwhelming and the Board thanks each and every one.

We now have the keys to the building and are in the process of beginning our early renovations. We will be working with



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Rebuilding Together, a community organization that assists groups such as ours with renovations. We anticipate making improvements in the next few months including: painting the interior, hanging donated lights, laying a new hardwood floor, and repairing bathrooms. Some of these improvements will be donated and other larger ones, such as the floor, may have to be paid for out of Guild monies.

I'm pleased to report that we have received a very generous donation from **Fitness West** of Daly City – a donation facilitated by Board Member Rich Rocchetta. Unfortunately, they have decided to close their doors (Daly City's loss!), but as a stroke of good luck for us. They have donated filing and storage cabinets, beautiful hanging light fixtures that will fit the architectural style of our museum, office partitions, and more. This wonderful kindness came to us from **Bob McLennon** and **Connie O'Leary** and we very sincerely thank them.

As I mentioned at our January membership meeting, we have a vacancy on the board. If you are interested in attending monthly evening board meetings and sharing the tasks of managing our organization and new museum, please contact me at 415-750-1939. We hope to appoint by April.

## JANUARY MEMBERS RECEPTION

Guest speaker archaeologist **Teresa Saltzman** shared artifacts and a fascinating glimpse into the everyday life of local Native Americans.

The Guild is fortunate to have volunteer professional musician **Vaughn Jones** who played a piano medley of golden oldies for our entertainment, accompanied on accordion by **Richard Rochetta**, with vocals by **Gloriann Jones**. We walked down memory lane with

these tunes: *It's De-Lovely; June in January, Tea for Two; The Best Things in Life are Free; Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries; Side By Side; What'll I Do; Always; Melancholy Baby; I'm in the Mood for Love; You Made Me Love You; I Can't Give You Anything But Love; It Had to Be You; Too Marvelous For Words; Star Dust; Nevertheless, I'm in love with you; I don't know why, I just do; When I Grow Too Old to Dream; The Song is Ended, but the melody lingers on; I'll Be Seeing You; Happy Trails to you*

“Thank-you” to **Tom McGraw**, CEO of First National Bank of Northern California, for the donation of Heritage Calendars as a special gift to our membership. **Bunny and Ken Gillespie** were presented with flowers as a token of our appreciation for their 21 years service as editors of our *Tattler* newsletter. Thank you K/BG!! Special treats, cakes and champagne were enjoyed by all.

## RECENT HISTORICAL DONATIONS:

Lucca Market 1970 Calendar and 1977 Ernie's Liquor calendar from **Michael and Rich Rocchetta**; Jefferson High School's 1944 graduation program from **Morgan Gussie**; article on Paul Talovi's WWII experiences in Germany from **Paul Talovi** (Jefferson High Grad); DC/Colma Chamber of Commerce announcement of Georgette Sarles as new CEO, *READERS' DIGEST* article about Ben Franklin School and program from the Annual Memorial Services for Intermediate and Public Safety from **Shirley Plank**, two photos (Harold's Motel and Liebes of Westlake) from **Russ Brabec**; programs of Daly City events from **Ray and Sharon Keenan**, lithograph (4'x11') of 1850's SF shoreline from Bagatelle Restaurant on West Portal Ave. from **Connie O'Leary**; and the plaque honoring librarian Mrs. Jean O'Rourke from **DC Libraries**.



## Museum Donations/Volunteers

We are grateful for the generous donations from **Fitness West** (mentioned in the President's Message). Our thanks go to volunteers who helped move these donations and offered the use of their trucks: **The Hipona family, Al and Annette and son Chris; Frawley Lynch, and Robert Brizuela.** Board members **Mark Weinberger, Rich & Michael Rocchetta, and Dana Smith** joined the moving crew.

We also express our appreciation to City Maintenance Supervisor **Doris Thomasson and her able crew** for helping with logistics of our new building and for the fabulous job dismantling and moving shelving and furniture that couldn't be used in our museum. We appreciate the donation of three glass display cases and original library furnishings from **Carole Simmons**, on behalf of DC Libraries.



## Centennial Countdown

Happy Birthday, Daly City! In March of 1908, just one hundred years before this month, you did not exist. You might have been a "glimmer" in some person's mind, but residents of the area had not yet made known their official feelings on the matter of incorporating as a city of San Mateo County.

Dedication to starting a city was indicated on March 18, 1911, when 274 men cast ballots for incorporation. (Women, of course, could not experience the privilege of voting at that time.) The vote was 138 to 136.

County supervisors, when canvassed four days later on March 22, were unanimous in their support of the resolution voted by north

county residents. Thus the deed was accomplished. According to the front page of the *Colma Record* newspaper of March 24, 1911, there was "naught by joy at the result."

The election had been hard fought. The *Record* reported: "Good men and true were opposed to the issue, and their honesty cannot be questioned. For the most part, they are public-spirited men and naturally inclined toward progressiveness, but through personal misunderstandings and misrepresentations they were led to oppose the project at the polls. Such men always make 'good losers'." The *Record* had "confidence that they (anti-incorporation people) will come forward with feelings of true patriotism and determination to give incorporation a fair trial."

Thus you were born. Happy Birthday, again. We love you. K/BG.

*In March, 2011, Daly City will reach the admirable age of 100. The History Guild has set a target date of approximately 36 months to transform the interior of the former John Daly Library building into a loving and lasting showcase for Daly City history as our Centennial gift to the people of Daly City. All kinds of help is needed, brawn as well as brains and bucks. Your consideration, as always, is appreciated.*

B/KG



**New Tattler Team:** Board Secretary **Dana Smith** has volunteered to be editor and production manager of the *Tattler*, assisted by Board Member **Vaughn Jones and wife Gloriann Jones** who will take on the duties of mailing the newsletter, and Board Member **Michael Rochetta** who will be our new database and mailing list manager.



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### "Thank You" to Richard Babow

**Richard Babow**, now living in Arizona with his lovely wife Libby, has been the Guild's "computer guy" since the early 1990's. The son of former Guild **treasurer Roz** and **director Ted**, two of our charter members (1982), he voluntarily maintained the Guild's computerized address lists and supplied mailing labels for the *Tattler* faithfully since the passing of his parents in the late 1990's. He steadfastly declined any kind of recompense for work and expenses over all the years. "I do this in memory of my folks", he'd say. We can almost see his parents smiling down on him as we recognize his outstanding work on behalf of the success of the Guild. Thank you, Babows all. B/KG

### Guild Loses Long-Time Member

**Doris Hill**, wife of **Richard Hill**, died suddenly in mid-January. She will be fondly remembered for her generous donations of refreshments at our member meetings. Richard was "Senator David Broderick" for our re-enactment of the Broderick-Terry duel. The Hills moved from South City to Vacaville. Guild condolences go to Richard and the Hill family.



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