

# THE TATTLER

# JOURNAL OF THE HISTORY GUILD OF DALYCITY/COLMA

# Greetings from President Mark

We had an absolutely phenomenal reenactment of the Broderick-Terry Duel of 1859. If this had been an indoor event, we would have broken out all four walls. It was gangbusters! There was a crowd of upwards of 350, who joined us on an overcast Sunday afternoon when we were competing with professional football. Folks from near and far joined us; we had history groups come from Fremont, San Lorenzo, Santa Clara, and one fellow came all the way from Los Angeles just for our event. Talk about your die-hard history buffs, as well as the Guild's reputation preceding us! Everyone we heard from was beaming and complimentary, expressing what a wonderful period event this was. San Francisco even sent out a vintage fire engine (in honor of David Broderick who had been a fireman) which came and left in a hurry--perhaps an emergency call? A live band played Civil War era music, we had a surprise visit from Emperor Norton, and Bruce David Terry (a relative of original duelist David Terry) tossed the coin for the choice of pistols (authentic period pistols loaned by the Gunfighters of the Old West in Fremont.) In the near future we expect to post both still photos and video of the event to our new web site that is still under development. Stay tuned.

**Rich Rocchetta**, our first Vice-President and Guild Program Director, deserves kudos for organizing the duel reenactment and holding rehearsals to ensure that our production was as authentic as possible, minus real bullets! Many thanks go to our great cast of costumed characters.



Russ Brabec (who grew a beard for the event) and Rich Rocchetta in tophats.

Rich reviews the script he wrote for the event.

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# HISTORY EVENING



**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18** 

7:30 PM

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

**Father Joseph Gordon** 

75th Anniversary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

FREE - EVERYONE WELCOME

# November History Night to Commemorate 75th Anniversary of OLPH School

On November 18<sup>th</sup> **Father Joseph Gordon**, longtime Guild member and a 1959 OLPH graduate, will be speaking on the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. Established in 1933, the school started with 80 students in grades 1-6. Among its most well-know graduates are football coaches John Madden and John Robinson in addition to countless children from Daly City who are proud to say they attended OLPH. Come and enjoy our final "History Night" for 2009 and learn about a great institution. Share fond memories with others who attended the school. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.



# THANK YOU IN ADVANCE TO OUR REFRESHMENT DONORS:

Richard Rocchetta, Dana Smith, Michael Rocchetta, Mark Weinberger, and Judith Christensen will bring refreshments to our November meeting. Additional treats are always welcome. Elinor Charleston is our gracious hostess and Hospitality Chair, assisted by Marilyn Olcese. The one order of business we had at our November meeting was the addition of an additional officer to our bylaws. We now have a second vice-president, who will oversee museum operation; the membership enthusiastically moved by acclimation to have Dana Smith, formerly secretary, fill the position.

## Make a Difference Day Project - Daly City Host Lions



(Led by Bob
O'Donnell,
crew members:
Ed Dollard,
Don Fleming,
Cory and Bridget
Roay, Al Hipona,
Bob Brizuela, and
Steve Hawthorne.
Old quarry behind the
museum shown with
new retaining wall and
bark ground cover.

The Daly City Host Lions Club generously chose to help the museum on Make A Difference Day on October 24<sup>th</sup> and donated \$300 to help us begin work on our back yard project. The Lions weeded the yard and put down plastic covered by tan bark to help mitigate the chronic growth. At a future time, dependent upon funding, we would like to build a deck with planters and have an exhibit of outdoor artifacts, including a vintage plow.

Also, a big thank you is due to **Robert Keil** for constructing our new tabletop displays that rest on top of the former 1938 vintage library oak tables. These display units will provide space to showcase rotating exhibits of our vast collection of photographs and memorabilia. **Michael Rocchetta** contributed to the effort by expertly painting the new displays.

In addition to the duel reenactment, we had several other events which made for a very busy September. Our fundraising committee (Marie Brizuela, chair, Marian Mann, and Marilyn Olcese) hosted a "Mixer" for the Daly City /Colma Chamber of Commerce to introduce 35 members of the business community to the museum on the evening of Tuesday, September 15th. Midday on Sunday, September 20th, Dana Smith arranged a visit by the Pacifica Historical Society. PHS and Guild board members discussed our experiences creating museums. Refreshments were provided by the Guild for these two events and Michael Rocchetta's slideshow of our renovations were shown on the big screen TV. And finally, Dana Smith and I represented the Guild at "History Lane" for the Annual Victorian Day celebration at the County Historical Association in Redwood City on Saturday, September 26th.

And now friends, I want to take a moment to thank you for all of your past support for the Guild and the Museum. Your generosity has made us the success that we are. We are an all-volunteer organization and every bit of your donations go directly to paying expenses for our museum, our lecture series, and newsletter. As we go into 2010, we hope that each and every one of you will **renew your membership** with us and, if you are able, that you will consider renewing at a still more generous level. If you renew at the \$100 level, we would be very happy to send you a copy of Bunny Gillespie's Arcadia Press book *Daly City* as a small token of our appreciation. Also, remember that a **membership to the Guild makes a great holiday gift** for that relative, friend or student you know!

We know that you will give what you can, and more than anything else we appreciate your friendship and support for what we do.

We hope to see you all in November.

#### **VOLUNTEER AT THE MUSEUM!**

We're ALWAYS looking for volunteer docents to help us staff the museum. We're open every Tuesday and the first Saturday of the month from noon until 3:00 PM [Closed legal holidays.] We would like to expand operating hours to the third Saturday of the month, but again that would be dependent on volunteer coverage. Being a docent is fun, easy and requires no prior experience or expertise. You all are encouraged and invited to join the museum family by donating a couple of hours of your time to help out. We would endeavor to work with your schedule; you could join us one time, once and a while, or monthly, whatever works for you. Call Dana at 650/755-3432.



History Guild of Daly City-Colma invites you to attend the

1st Annual Dinner Celebration

"Memories"

Sat., Feb. 13, 2010

Mark your calendar

For info, call: Marie 650-755-7188, Marilyn 650-755-5616 Marian 650-991-9386



#### MEMORIAL DONATIONS-

Donations can be made in honor or in memory of loved ones. Checks may be sent to the Guild at 6351 Mission Street, Daly City, CA 94014. Please list the name of the person remembered, any comments you wish to pass on to the Guild, and the name and

address of anyone you would like notified of your donation. A special page will be made in our Memorial Book on display at the reception desk at our Daly City Museum and an acknowledgement card will be sent.



## GIFT MEMBERSHIPS A GREAT IDEA!

Also, note that a membership to the Guild makes a great holiday gift for that relative,

friend or student you know! Please send us the name and address of the recipient and we will acknowledge your gift with a special holiday card, a copy of the *Tattler* newsletter, and a Guild pin.



From bottom L-R: Richard Heskett, trombone; Ed Andre, tuba, Kay Arnaudo, piccolo, Susanna Hnilo, flute. Top L-R: On trumpets Buzz Wilkes; Earl Friend

# And the Band Played On....

A special thanks to Susanna Hnilo for organizing the band that played at the duel. They performed a special selection of Civil War era songs: 1843 Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean & Old Dan Tucker; 1844 Over the River and Through the Woods; 1847 Oh, Susanna & Abide with me (hymn); 1848 Simple Gifts (Shaker hymn); 1849 Santa Lucia; 1850 Camptown Races; 1851 Old Folks at Home (Way Down Upon the Swanee River); 1852 Home, Sweet Home; 1853 Battle Hymn of the Republic & My Old Kentucky Home; 1854 I Dream of Jeanie with the light brown hair; 1855 Juanita; 1857 Jingle Bells; 1859 Dixie.



ADDITIONAL THANKS Are due for the Duel

Broderick felled...

"The wound does not appear to be fatal" – Photo by Randy Dodson

Refreshments were provided by Teresa Saltzman from Atria Senior Living; Judith Christensen and Elinor Charleston brought additional food and drink offered by the Guild and served on picnic tables; Bunny Gillespie greeted early arrivals while Marian Mann handed out hosted a table with Guild information; Dana Smith made signs and arranged media and public outreach, the San Francisco Examiner featured a photo and article on the duel in the "Local News" section; the Richmond Review featured a front page photo "Ready, aim, fire!" and commentary; Judith Christensen and Robert Brizuela recorded the event on video cameras;; and Lake Merced Hill condominiums provided parking.

### **BRODERICK'S SLEEPLESS NIGHT**



Lake House, owned by the Green family in the 1800s, was a roadhouse inn and bar situated on Ocean House Road on the north side of Lake Merced. (Photo from Western Neighborhood Project)

David Broderick and party spent a sleepless night, reputedly fighting bedbugs, at the Lake House inn on Monday night (September 12<sup>th</sup>) before the duel. Broderick's mishandling of the pistols has been attributed by some to have resulted from lack of sleep. Terry had passed the night in the vicinity in a comfortable farmhouse, possibly occupied by a William Higgins.



# THE HISTORY GUILD OF DALY CITY/COLMA

# Thank you to all our 2009 members

Your renewed membership and support in 2010 is crucial to our continued success.

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# Thank you one and all!





# CENTENNIAL MEMORIES

By Ken & Bunny Gillespie, Daly City Historians

It's been 45 years since Republicans en masse took over

the Cow Palace for a national convention to nominate their 1964 presidential candidate, Barry Goldwater. He lost the general election to Democrat Lyndon Johnson. For local residents two other memories of that historic convention are sometimes recalled:

#1- There was a fervor as to whether the convention was being held in San Francisco or Daly City. Republicans had spent big bucks on pre-event publicity stating the location as San Francisco. Daly City, however, had recently annexed the neighborhood around the Cow Palace and was rightly proud of the acquisition. Daly City wanted the national recognition that would come with being identified as the host city for the big event. Convention planners and SF and DC officials argued. A billboard on Geneva proclaimed Daly City as the site for the convention. Then-Mayor Michael DeBernardi officially welcomed delegates to Daly City in an opening-day speech. Even so, San Francisco was most often credited with being the host city.

#2- The convention spectacle, filled with hoopla, speeches, and continual demonstrations, may be recalled for the arrest of NBC News correspondent John Chancellor, who refused to give his spot on the convention floor to a bevy of costumed "Goldwater Girls." Dragged by security while still on the air, he was forced to sign off with "I've been promised bail, ladies and gentleman, by my office. This is John Chancellor, somewhere in custody." TV cameras were rolling.

Visible at the incident was a DC police officer thereafter known to the nation as "Badge 21". Later he remarked, "Of 104 cops, why did it have to be me?" Westlake Times columnist Steve Cook deemed the removal "the biggest public relations coup of the convention." DCPD Chief Roland Petrocchi received congratulatory telegrams from all over the nation for the way convention security was handled. K/BG

#### IN MEMORY OF HELEN FLOWERDAY

Longtime Guild member Helen Rae Flowerday died on Aug 27, 2009 at age 73. Helen lived in Westlake and was employed by the City of Daly City from 1974 until her retirement as City Clerk in 2003. Our condolences go to her life partner Bill Gompert, daughter Dana Bennett (Dennis), grandchildren, and her many friends. She will be fondly remembered by the Guild for swearing-in our officers and board members, her warmth, friendly smile, and constant enthusiasm for life. She will be buried in a family plot in Chico.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FUTURE PROGRAMS

The annual champagne birthday meeting will be held on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Doelger Senior Center's multi-use room. Police Chief and history buff Gary McLane will join us for this annual party to share stories about the Police Department and his recent museum donation of PD artifacts. On Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> JoAnn Semones, author of "The Complete History of the Shipwrecks of Pigeon Point" will speak.

Below: **Bruce David Terry** (great-great grand nephew of David S. Terry) and granddaughter at the duel. *Photo by Jerry Azzaro*.





Reenactors: Left to right: Gunfighters of the Old West Gunmaster (and provider of our period pistols) Paul Fry, Pascual (Tito) Mota as David Terry wearing a large Bowie knife, Russ Brabec as David Broderick, Terry's second Stephen Frothingham (with Dr.'s satchél), and Broderick's Second, Michael Hatfield. Photo by Michael Rocchetta.

Crowd at Broderick/Terry Duel Reenactment



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Current Hours: Open every Tuesday and the first Saturday of the month from noon to 3 p.m.

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### **RECENT MUSEUM DONATIONS**

Böoks on the history of coastside donated by the Pacifica Historical Society; Shirley Plank donated Susan B. Anthony Elementary School yearbook 2008-9; Ronald Doyle donated a metal Daly City Police belt buckle and business card given to Ron's father by Police Chief David A. Hansen; Barbara Parodi donated an assortment of old photographs and visited the museum to add names and notes, Bianca Caserza donated items from 1944 class reunions and some large photos from Jefferson HS; Rob Keil donated 14 architecture awards given to Mario Ciampi from 1956-1961 for the schools he designed in Daly City (Olympia, Westmoor, Tobias, and Fernando Rivera.)

Museum collects historical source materials and artifacts on cultural, historical, and technological subjects that relate to Daly City and the historic Colma area from ancient times to the current day. Relevance to our local history is the main criteria for acceptance of donations. Copies of our "Collection Policy" and "Deed of Gift" forms are available on request. For more information, contact Museum Director Dana Smith at 650/755-3432.

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