

HISTORY GUILD of LALY CITY/COLMA

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"PICTURE OUR PAST"

Our next History Guild meeting will feature a very special presentation for our members and friends, a compact, but thorough pictorial history of Daly City. The date is November 19th, 7:30 p.m., at Doelger Center.

The slide content was requested by our city's 75th Anniversary Committee, and was presented at the gala Black Tie Anniversary Dinner at the Lake Merced Golf and Country Club on October 4th.

Photographed by Neil Fahy, and narrated by Ken Gillespie, the program embraces the history of our area, which grew from sand dunes to civilization, from the days of the Ohlone Indians to the present Daly City.

The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. sharp, so come early for a good seat and a good glimpse into our beginnings!

OUR SEPTEMBER GATHERING

Police, real and ceramic, were the attractions at the September meeting of of History Guild. Speakers were Richard Sims, Daly City Police Chief, Art Dollosso, Colma Police Chief, and William Noonan, Broadmoor Police Chief.

The ceramic policeman was a charming teddy bear vase, filled with fresh flowers, which was awarded in a drawing to Enid Williams.

Many thanks go to Stan Roderick, of Rose and Leona's Flowers on Mission Road, for the generous donation!

Each chief gave a splendid history of his department, bringing us from the earliest days up to the present. Chief Dollosso had a particularly choice anecdote of the Colma Police, telling of a police car chasing a speeder who was traveling down El Camino at 70 mph, and both being passed by a #40 streetcar, on its way to San Mateo!

Circulating through the audience to take donations for chances on Mr. Teddy were LeRoy and Aida Larsen. Many thanks, and our Treasury was improved by \$40!

Especially gratifying to see were the collections of memorabilia and photographs, brought by members and the police guests. There were seven tables of display for us all to admire.

Recognized and welcomed were many local officials, including Mayor Tony Giammona, Councilpeople Jane Powell and Jim Tucker, Daly City, Colma Councilman Ted Kirschner, San Mateo County Supervisor Bill Schumacher, DC Librarian Emeritus Sam Chandler, and former DC Mayor Eddie Dennis.

Splendid refreshments were dispensed by Hospitality Chairperson Mary Hutchings and her hard-working elves, George Gaggero, Cathy Skupien and Marilyn Olcese.



WOODLAWN CEREMONY

GATHERED AT the Woodlawn
Cemetery gravesite of John
Daly are Guild members
(1 to r) George Gaggero,
Millie Sims, Bunny and Ken
Gillespie, May and Jack
Elliott, Fred Daly, who
portrayed John Daly in
the 75th Anniversary
Parade (no relative), and
Lynn Boldenweck.

UP AND COMING PROGRAMS

Our next two programs are all locked in, and three more are just awaiting date confirmation! If that ain't looking into the future, just call me Jean Dixon!

Through the good work of our Program Committee, chaired by Belva Carroll, we can look forward to:

Jan. 18 - Colma Town Hall
Featuring - Colma, History that
Remains!

Mayor Charles Gerrans

Mar. 18 - Doelger Center
Featuring - A History of the
Presidio of
San Francisco
Col. Milton Halsey

Slated for the next three meetings in May, July and September are great history programs on:

☆ The Golden Gate Bridge
☆ San Mateo County Historic
Building Preservation
☆ The San Francisco History Room

Just which program will come on which date we'll know soon, but we surely want to thank Belva and her hard-working Committee, Mary Hutchings, Sam Chandler, John Palmer, Marilyn Olcese and Ken Gillespie.

THE 75th ANNIVERSARY PARADE

Our Guild was well-represented at the parade, thanks to the generosity of members Blanid and Lanty Molloy, who invited the Guild to ride in antique cars, as part of a large delegation that started at the famous watering place in Colma.

Names drawn at the September meeting were Millie Sims, George Gaggero, and May Elliott. Unable to participate because of illness was Mary Hutchings.

Taking her place was Jack Elliott, and because the Guild-assigned cars were stranded down in Woodside, the Guild guys and gals piled aboard a motorized cable car for the trek.

There turned out to be plenty of room on the cable car, which picked up the riders at Joe's of Westlake and tra orted them to Molloy's, so Jack's prother-inlaw, Bernie Simon, was invited to join the delegation, hosted by Ken and Bunny Gillespie.

A charming sidebar to the parade story was a pilgrimage made to the gravesite of John Daly, in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Some 15 classic cars, two motorized cable cars and a fire engine made the trek to the hilltop site, where a wreath was laid on the grave by the Molloys, a banjo band played a very gentle hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and a brief history of John Daly's life was given by Mitch Postel, from the San Mateo County Historical Association.

The mini-parade then motored to the top of the hill to join the maxi parade, and, blessed by incredibly good weather, enjoyed the trip down John Daly Blvd.

THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

"Living the Good Life" is more than a commercial slogan here in the North County. 'Midst the bustle of the holiday soon upon us, we might give thanks for:

- * A rich ethnic mix of neighbors
- * Friendly smiles
- * Integrated schools, churches and organizations
- * Recreation facilities for all ages
- * Well-stocked, staffed libraries
- * Temperate, beneficial weather, no hurricanes, tornadoes, devastating floods, frost bite or sun stroke!
- * Good-tasting water
- * Convenient shopping
- * Freedom from parking problems
- * Quiet garbage collections
- * A majority of tidy, propertyproud residents
- * Freedom from fear on the streets * Excellent police and fire protection
- * A supportive, approachable City Hall/official family
- * A continuing sense of "belonging".

You're part of the City's excitement and progress...for which THANKS are most sincerely given. Happy Thanksgiving!

Bunny Gillespie

JOARD BUZZINGS

Since President Ken will be the guest speaker at the November 19th meeting, Veep Pam Giusti will preside. Members will be invited (through the media) to bring photos of the 75th Anniversary Parade for display. Ted Babow will preside over the display area.

Membership Chairperson Roz Babow reported that our mailing list had been cut by some 150 names, eliminating many non-active names. This was done to conserve postage costs. Our mailing list is now approximately 375-400.

Library Liaison Chairman Neil Fahy will spearhead a cataloguing activity after the New Year, working with the cooperation of City Librarian (and member) John Sullivan, and city liaison personnel.

Neil hopes to enlist Guild members to go through the large numbers of photos and other historical material, to get them into a more facile collection.

Ken was authorized to announce at the November 19th meeting that an "unofficial ad hoc" gathering of Guild members at Molloy's would be held, on Friday, November 21st, at 9:00 p.m., for the purpose of examining the historic pictures, enjoying the banjo band, and perhaps having a dance or two!

Special appreciation is noted to artist Bob McClay, who has provided our Guild meeting flyers for so many years.

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A policy was established by the Board that programming be carried two sessions into the term of a new administration. This would afford a modicum of continuity, and give new officers and committee members opportunity to plan for a full six programs in the new Guild year, which begins after the membership meeting in June of each year.

THESE ARE FOR SALE

75th Anniversary Badges \$2.00 Sold through Fire Department

75th Anniversary Stamp cachets \$.75 to \$1.75 Sold on behalf of 75th Anniversary Committee

Great Daly City Historical
Trivia Book - Bunny Gillespie
Sold with 50¢ rebate \$5.00
to the History Guild

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Also honored with certificates were the Chiefs of Police Art Dallosso of Colma, William Noonan of Broadmoor, and Richard Sims of Daly City, who were speakers of the evening. Each gave a brief history of his department and a description of law-enforcement activities in the North County.

In a light-hearted manner and the guise of black-robed psuedo-"Judge Wapner," emcee/President Ken Gillespie directed a mock arrest of Mrs. Belva Carroll by the three chiefs for presentation of her Certificate of Appreciation. Mrs. Carroll, program chairman of the Guild and a member of the Daly City History, Arts & Science Commission, was honored for her sustained efforts in planning programs of historical content. importance, and interest.