

IN THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY

Our sixth and last program of the History Guild year promises to be another winner. On Wednesday, May 20th, members and friends will gather at Colma Town Hall, Serramonte Blvd. and El Camino Real, for a 7:30 p.m. description of the San Mateo County Historical Association.

Presented by Executive Director Mitch Postel, and titled "Storehouse of History", the program will detail the history of the Association, its projects, accomplishments, outings, the brand-new Museum and Carriage Collection, and bring their mid-Peninsula operations closer to us in the North County.

We appreciate the continuing hospitality of the Township of Colma through our good friends and members Mayor Charles Gerrans, Councilman Ted Kirschner, and City Manager-City Clerk Frances Liston.



Our May 20th speaker, Mr. Mitch Postel, executive director of the San Mateo County Historical Association, poses before a collage of historic photos.

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HISTORY EVENING!

WEDNESDAY, May 20th, at 7:30 pm

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MARCH MEETING A BLAST!

With a full house on hand at Doelger Center, Col. Milton Halsey, executive director of the Fort Point and Army Museum Association, took command of the March meeting and delivered a resounding report on the history of the Presidio.

Possessed of a cannoneer's voice, and with no need for amplification, Col. Halsey wrapped a rapt audience in facts, figures, fun and fantastic interest.

Profusely illustrated with slides, the story of the Spanish arrival, the building of barracks and fortifications that were never used, the expansion, decline, revitalization and current status of San Fran-

cisco's choicest real estate made for the quickest hour our Guild has enjoyed for many a moon.

A "Certificate of Appreciation" was presented to Col. Halsey, and our members and friends were treated to beautiful displays of Presidio and Army memorabilia, photographs, badge, and medals, a vintage Army blanket, and the display of the night, a beautiful silver saber, formerly used by Col. James Hamilton, husband of member Bernice Hamilton.

Many thanks are expressed to members Mayor Jane Powell, Betty Schultz, Mae Benson, Stan Roderick for displaying their Army memorabilia.

The minutes of Bunny Gillespie were approved, not read, since they'd been in the March mailing, and John Palmer gave the report of the Auditing Committee, finding the books in good order as of Feb. 28, 1987, and with a balance of \$2,520.01. Committee member Dan Gilbrech complimented Treasurer Roz Babow, saying, "These books are among the best I've seen. She does a super job!" Paid membership was listed as 147, including 5 patron members.

Besides our always shining members there were a number of illustrious attendees, Mayor Jane Powell, Councilman Al Teglia, School Board exec. Betty Schultz, and, in one of their farewell appearances, Daly City's 75th Anniversary Celebration "King and Queen", members Hartley and and Esther Appleton.

The Refreshment Committee, led by Col. (for the night) Mary Hutchings served miniature cannon balls in keeping with the military theme. She was assisted by Sergeant George Gaggero and Officer of the Day Marilyn Olcese!

BRISBANE BELL

From the bulletin of the Friends of the Brisbane Library we note that an historic fire bell, with origins in Daly City, is being reconditioned in a joint Brisbane city/library cooperative effort.

Two feet across at the bell mouth, and weighing 200 lbs., the bell has been in the Schmidt family of Brisbane since the early '30's. Anybody know a bit more about its history?

THINGS ARE A-COMIN'

Our July and September meetings look most promising from a program standpoint; to wit:

- July - "What to Keep and Why and How to Keep It!", with San Francisco Public Library Archivist Gladys Hansen.
- Sept - "The Golden Gate Bridge from Dredging to Driving", with Carney Campion, General Manager Golden Gate Bridge District.

In keeping with the promotion of history association groups we note the opening of the San Mateo County Historical Association "Best Little Warehouse in San Mateo County."

May 16, 4-7 p.m. at the facility, 27 Tower Road, San Mateo, there will be a barbecue, country music, and a first-time showing of the carriage collection. \$25/person, tax-deductible. Call 574-6441.

PICTURE CATALOGUING

Cataloguing of the photographs in the Samuel Chandler Historical Collection at Serramonte Library is progressing well, according to Library Liaison Chairman Neil Fahy.

On Friday afternoons, from 1 to 4 p.m., Guild volunteers gather in the lower meeting room, and systematically catalogue photographs according to criteria established jointly by the Committee and Mike Wilson, who initiated the activity as a volunteer from City Hall.

Approximately 50% of the photos have already been catalogued, into easily discernible subject segments,

such as Mission Street and Nearby, Top of the Hill, Police, Fire Department, City Hall, Schools, Personalities, Businesses, Transportation, North County Communities, etc.

The project is both educational and enjoyable, with much banter and fellowship. It gives the volunteers a wide appreciation of Daly City and North County's photographic history. There is great exchange of information, minute examination to find clues about locations and personages in the pictures. At the first get-together, Board member Yolanda Hardiman found a picture of herself in a parade scene in 1941. All present agreed that she hadn't changed a bit!

Volunteers include Bianca Caserza, Pamela Giusti, Yolanda Hardiman, John Palmer, Elaine and Walter Riney, Ed and Olive Smith, Mike Wilson, Neil Fahy and Ken Gillespie. Many thanks to all who participate, with the note that additional volunteers are most welcome. Call Ken at 755-5123.

OUR HISTORY GUILD YEAR

Our History Guild year has just rocketed by, as David Frost used to say, with wonderful memories of cooperation and attendance from our members and friends.

The May meeting in Colma signals the last program in the current year, although the Board established a carryover policy of programming the first two meetings of an ensuing Guild year for transitional ease to incoming officers.

There will be an Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 17th, at Serramonte Library, 7:00 p.m. for the express purpose of electing officers for the new year.

A report will be made to the May Board meeting of the Nominating Committee recommendations. The Committee is chaired by Mayor Jane Powell, with Stan Roderick and Ed Smith as members.

At the Annual meeting there will be opportunity for further nominations, if so made.

We had dandy programs, thanks Belva Carroll and her Program pixies. Remember these winners?

- July - "From Mud to Beauty", with Myron Gershenson, recreating the 1939-40 Treasure Island fairs.
- Sept - "Police", the histories of our three local police departments, with William Noonan (Broadmoor), Art Dollosso (Colma), Richard Sims (Daly City).
- Nov - "Picture Our Past", the narrated slide history of Daly City, with Ken Gillespie.
- Jan - "Colma, The History Remains", our Guild birthday party, and Mayor Charles Gerrans' of Colma.
- Mar - "Presidio, Sentinel by the Golden Gate", with Col. Milton Halsey.

Special note should be made of the splendid refreshments tendered by Mary Hutchings and her Hospitality Committee, including George Gaggero, Cathy Skupien and Marilyn Olcese.

Kudos also to Stan Roderick for his generous contributions of beautiful floral raffle prizes, and the always great memorabilia displays, and to Roy Pulsipher, for his donation of a complete videotape of the 75th Anniversary Parade, sound and all. It's a real winner, and is available from Ken Gillespie to members who wish to borrow the tape.

Continuing appreciation goes to Mike Giusti, who provides truck and muscles when we need to move 50 chairs for meetings held at Colma Town Hall.

And, among our favorite people are Anne and Lyal Ingersoll, who are always bringing or mailing us clippings, articles, artifacts and pictures for the good of the Guild. How generous; how lovely!

We appreciate donations in similar manner from Merv Jones, Rev. Herb Tweedie and recently from Dorothy

Heller in San Francisco, who mailed us several great pictures of 1919-21 Daly City school groups, with identified teachers, schoolmates and relatives.

Presentation of such treasures for outright donation or re-photographing is earnestly solicited. They enrich our collection and broaden the knowledge of members of the Guild, guardians of the past for those in future generations of Daly Cityites.

On behalf of the officers and board members I wish to express our individual and collective appreciation for the warm, enthusiastic response to Guild activities.

Ken Gillespie

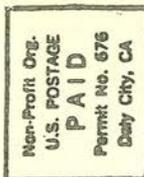
HISTORY BUFFS

On Sunday, April 26th the History Buffs met to celebrate five years of pleasant existence, this time in the beautiful council chambers of Menlo Park.

Headed by vivacious Betsy Bogel, the Buffs presented a delightful program with historian Dorothy Regnery, who prefaced in-person visits to two local landmarks, the gatehouse of the Barron-Latham-Hopkins estate, now used for civic organization offices, and a short distance away, the 25-room D.O. Mills mansion house, now called Bright Eagle Mansion, and inhabited by law offices.

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