HISTORY ILD of DALY CITY/COLMA

Vol. 10, No. 2 Nov. 1991

COLMA TOPIC FOR AL TEGLIA AT NOVEMBER 20 MEETING

"GROWING UP IN COLMA" will be the topic for a nostalgia-laden History Evening on Wednesday, November 20th, 7:30 pm at Doelger Center. Speaker for the program will be Daly City Councilman Al Teglia, who was raised in Colma and moved from there to Daly City as a teenager.

Al has a wealth of growing-up tales to share, ranging from the times he caught wriggly tadpoles in Colma Creek to the chimes which rang out over Colma each 15 minutes from one of the local cemeteries.

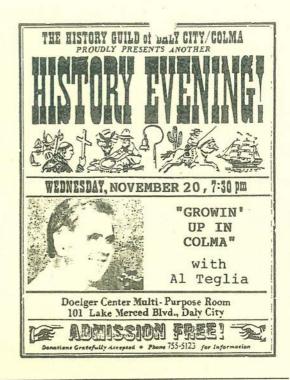
"It was a beautiful, pastoral area," he recalls, "with a wealth of intriguing activities for kids. We played hide-and-seek among the tombstones, fed the ducks at Cypress Lake, ate berries right from wild bushes, and hiked over the farms and dunes right to the beach. They were wonderful years!"

Although a DC Councilman for four years and Mayor of Daly City in 1977, 1981 and 1988, Guild member Teglia will not focus on his vast public and political experience in the North County.

The son of Genovese immigrant parents, Teglia was born on Collins Ave., is a grad of Jefferson High School, and earned a degree from College of San Mateo

"The Guild meeting will be a night for remembering," Al promises. "I've seen a lot of growth for Colma and Daly City, and I recall it with fondness. We sold vegetables from a roadside stand that was in open space that became Westlake Shopping Center."

Currently employed as an aide to San Mateo County Supervisor Mary Griffin, Teglia retired two years ago after 38 years with the San Mateo Union High School District, where he was Operations Manager.



Attendees at the November 20th meeting are invited to bring any memorabilia of their own "growing-up days" in Colma. These will be for display on the exhibit table, under the watchful eye of Guild Director Ted Babow.

Refreshments will be served by Mary Hutchings' splendid Hospitality Committee which includes Marilyn Olcese, Enid and Bob Williams.

MARY'S HELP/SETON BIG HIT

The most visible landmark in Daly City, man-made at least, is Seton Medical Center, perched on a prominence that may or may not have been called "Nanny Goat Hill." Last September 18th our members and friends were treated to a wonderful history of Mary's Help Hospital (its original name), from two great representatives of the world-renowned medical center, Sister Florence Urbine and Ms. Marie Mahoney.

Ms. Mahoney, Assistant to the President and CEO, a veteran of 55 years in the nursing profession, told us of the origin of the hospital in 1893; its ser-



vice on San Francisco's Guerrero St. until 1965, when a new, full-facility structure was opened in Daly City.

A parade of ambulances, each with an attendant nurse, and in communication with a "trail boss", made its foggy way out to the new hospital, delivering safe ly its cargo. When the patients were in their beds, the hospital commenced its first day of operation.

Sister Florence, chairperson emeritus of the Board of Directors, brought the history of the hospital up to its current status, speaking with justifiable pride in the service extended to the entire North County area.

We are indebted to Guild member Stan Roderick, who, as a patient at Seton, was often visited by Sister Florence and other administrators, and who broached the subject of reps from Seton coming to speak at the Guild. Program chair Bunny Gillespie pressed the issue, and, the rest, they say, was a super history of a super institution! Many thanks to all.

There was a fine collection of newspaper pages, clips and photographs, that Councilman THE TEGLIA, shown on the steps of the DC City Hall, will bring memories of early days in Colma to the November 20th meeting.

was spread over three display tables, tracing the history of the construction and opening of the hospital. Ted Babow oversaw the display, offering succinct comments to the attendees.

Many in the audience had been in the hospital as patients, and others as long-time volunteers. Sara Kelecheva was for many years the head of the Gift Shop staff.

A beautiful azalea plant and an original oil landscape painting were raffled off, under the efficient ticket-pushing of Leroy Larsen. East Bay member Richard Duke won the painting, donated by an anonymous person. Richard expressed great pleasure at his good fortune, saying, "I've got just the spot for it!"

Ninety-one members and friends were in attendance at the meeting, which was adjourned for refreshments at 9 pm.

The evening was memorable also because of the passage of two resolutions by the members attending. Offered by the Board of Directors, after extended discussion with Daly City officials, they are the following:

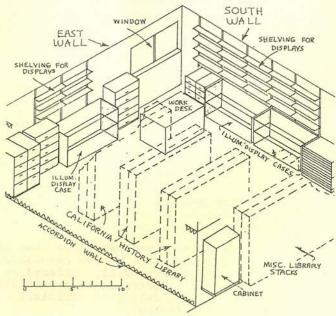
- That the Board of Directors, be empowered to enter into negotians with the City of Daly City through the Library Director, towards the establishment of a "Mini-Museum" in the History Room area of the Serramonte Library.
- 2. That the Board of Directors be authorized to expend the requisite amounts of money towards the acquisition of "up-to-four" illuminated show-cases, for the display of items relative to the history of our area.

Slides of the proposed area were shown, in its current status, and with the addition of the display cases. Such installation would require little alteration of existing facilities. The use

of a "Mini-Museum" would be limited to "request only" times, most probably when the cataloguing crews would be in the History Room area.

PROPOSED

HISTORY MINI-MUSEUM & CALIFORNIA HISTORY AREA IN SERRAMONTE LIBRARY



Schematic drawing of the proposed area for a Mini-Museum in Daly City at the Serramonte Library History Room.

As of this writing, the Board has met with Library Director Linda Saltzer, who attended our September 18th meeting, and preliminary negotiations have been accomplished.

Currently the only local history that the schools are receiving is in the form of tailored slide shows for 3rd Grade classes in the Jefferson Elementary School District. These are presented by Ken and Bunny Gillespie, on request from individual schoolteachers.

The use of a "Mini-Museum" would open possibilities of local history display for such and other groups.

GUDIE REMINDER FOR NOV. 20

Goodie donors for the November 20th meeting are the following:

Ed & Olive Smith Olga Tourkoff Russ Brabec Betty Schultz

Thanks for your generosity. Mary Hutchings will give you a reminder call before the meeting.

PHOTO EXHIBIT AT PARK DEDICATION

When Westlake Park was re-dedicated on September 14th, the photographer for the City asked if we would supply a series of pictures that depicted the area before the re-construction.

A dozen or so pix were pulled from the collection, and the photographer made enlarged prints, mounted them in a location central to the celebration, outside Pacelli Gymn.

The display was viewed by hundreds of attendees at the celebration, with many favorable comments.

DC BATTALION CHIEF O'DONNELL

Battalion Chief Bob O'Donnell, a good friend of the Guild from the DC Fire Dept., was an expert commentator on the East Bay fire on KRON-TV. His calm, straightforward analysis of the progress of the fire was most reassuring to hear and see. We are very proud of his skills and those of the other firefighters who helped during the terrible conflagration.

BELVA CARROLL IN WISCONSIN

Belva Carroll, an original founding impetus of the Guild, one of the first chairpersons, has moved to Madison, Wisconsin, to be under the care of her family. Ill health forced her to make the move. Belva certainly was a leading light in the Guild from the very start, and we all are in her debt for her early leadership.

Her address in Madison is:

Belva Carroll c/o Dolly Volenberg 4210 Esch Lane Madison, WI 53704 There were ... ay people who were of great help to Belva during the past few years, when her health was of great concern. We especially remember John Palmer Mary Hutchings, Christina Graham, George Riba of the Guild, and Cathy Scalice of the DC Library...good faithful friends!

Non-Profft Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
P A I D
Permit No. 676
Dary City, CA

WELCOME CONTRIBUTIONS MADE

Appreciation is expressed to these generous friends for the following contributions to the collection:

Al Romaine - a series of fine 1972 aerials photos taken over the 280 Freeway, and of the ground-breaking day at Serramonte. He also gave a beautiful picture of our City Hall at night.

Margaret Richardson - 1964 Doelger Christmas Card.

Russ Brabec - Weekly clipping of the history page of Michael Svanevek in the San Mateo Times.

Dr. George Riba - 75th Anniversary celebration newspaper clippings, 1986

Betsy Bogel - Photograph of our booth at Victorian Days in the Park, showing staffing members Chuck Meagher and Bunny Gillespie.

A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!

* * * *

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

755-5123
756-2753
755-5123
994-7662
994-7662
589-0188
992-4696
992-4696



DALY CITY ADVOCATES
HISTORY GUILD OF DALY CITY/C
40 Wembley Drive
Daly City, CA 94015