



Journal of the History Guild of Daly City/Colma

GUILD TO SALUTE HISTORIC HOLY ANGELS CHURCH

Acting on a very welcome suggestion made by board member Marilyn Olcese, the Guild will focus on Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church, Colma, for the September meeting. Please note: **Both the DATE and LOCATION FOR THE EVENT HAVE BEEN CHANGED.** The program is set for Wednesday, Sept. 26, just one week later than our regular third-Wednesday date. The location has been moved to the Social Hall at Holy Angels, 107 San Pedro Road.

Participating in the "Salute to Holy Angels" will be congregants **Bianca Caserza and Julia Padreddii**, plus HA School alumna **Jean Gallagher**. The trio will focus on the history, pool, and associations of the pioneer Church of Colma, dedicated in 1867. It is interesting to note that our meeting will be held in what is now considered the *oldest building* in the area.

Attendees are invited to bring memorabilia-- photos, programs, directories, whatever -- for exhibit that evening, taking them home at the close of the meeting. Also, Guild members are encouraged to invite friends of the Holy Angels congregation to this special meeting. Unofficially, it will also serve to welcome **Pastor Fa. Manuel Curso** and **Parochial Vicar Fa. Victorio Balagapo** to this important historic area of Colma.

Victorian Days Included Guild Display Again in August

Again this year, Guild Vice-President **Mark Weinberger** chaired our annual participation in Victorian Days in Central Park, the fund-raiser sponsored by the San Mateo County Historical

THE HISTORY GUILD of DALY CITY/COLMA
PROUDLY PRESENTS ANOTHER

HISTORY EVENING!



WEDNESDAY, Sept. 26th at 7-30 pm



Salute to
**HOLY ANGELS
CHURCH**
in Original 1867 Bldg.
(First known as St. Anne's)

Parish Hall, 107 San Pedro Road, Colma

ADMISSION FREE!

Donations Gratefully Accepted • Phone 991-8025 for Information

Assn. on Aug. 25 & 26. The Guild set up and hosted an informational display booth in the event's "History Lane", adjacent to the Main Stage.

At the May Guild meeting, **Mark** collected names for volunteers to help with the activity, and they were indeed welcome, as always. While the HOT San Mateo sun can be a bit intense at times the event does afford a pleasant day, and only comes around once a year. Perhaps next year, you would care to volunteer. Sincere *thanx* to all who staffed and chatted with passers-by, lugged display materials and equipment from here to there and from there back to here, put up the displays and took them down, and helped in a myriad of ways

Daly City "Then & Now" Was Topic for May Meeting

Ken Gillespie's unique "Then & Now" narrated slide presentation about Daly City and Colma history brought a good group to Larcombe Hall, across from Doelger Center, for the May gathering of the Guild. Competing with the closing episode of tv's "West Wing", the evening enjoyed the benefits of Daylight Saving Time with a pleasantly delayed sunset. Ken has been presenting his "Then & Now" for 3rd grades of the Jefferson Elementary School District since 1989. He enjoyed doing the program for the Guild.

Prior to the program, Guild officers and directors were installed for yet another term by Daly City's popular City Clerk, Helen Flowerday, who brought her talent and dignity to the traditional "raise your right hands" ceremony. The nominating committee's report had been given by chairperson Betty Schultz. Additional nominations from the floor were not forthcoming, a voice vote was accepted, and the new/old slate was deemed elected, unanimously. Both Helen and Betty are fine examples of the cooperation exhibited by Guild Members, always *busy* but never too busy to help when needed. Thanks, ladies.

Quietly and efficiently, the hospitality committee, headed by Mary Hutchings (behind the scenes), Enid Williams, Bob Williams, Marilyn Olcese, and Some of the Best Bakers and Treat Providers of the North County, again provided after-meeting refreshments with which to tickle our taste buds and satisfy our thirsts. The Guild is indeed, *grateful* to the generous members who continue to provide the yummys for our happy chat & munch times.

Anna Ohlendorf Passes

It is with sincere sadness that we note here the passing of Daly City's former City Clerk, Anna (Mrs. Elmer) Ohlendorf, who had served her community in that elected capacity from 1962-1979, when she retired. The Ohlendorfs are long-time members of the Guild, having joined as charter

members in 1983. Guild condolences to Eln her family, and legion of friends.

Treat Donors For September

Treats for Guild meetings are attractive, delicious, and plentiful, thanks to generous members that sign their names on the Cookie Chart, as well as dear souls that add to our largess in spontaneous fashion. The array of munchies is always great! Bless you all.

Hospitality-lady Mary Hutchings will be phoning the following with gentle reminders of their promise to bring cookies or other finger-food for Sept 26 (note change in date) ready to place on the festive table: Gloria & Lee Weis, Marie Brizuela, Marie Loretta, Alice Brockman, Julia Padreddii. Thanx in advance.

"Oh, Those Beautiful Dolls" On Display Through November

The Guild's main floor display case at Serramonte Library currently exhibits a fine collection of dolls and ribbons reminiscent of the DC Recreation Dept.-sponsored Doll Shows held 1960-63 in the War Memorial Bldg. on Mission Street. "Oh, Those Beautiful Dolls" represents the hundreds of dolls that participated in the annual events, attracting growing crowds each year. Ah, those were the Good Old Days!

Drawing Prizes Welcome

Proceeds from drawings during meetings are adding nicely to the Guild treasury. Your donations of items that you would care to win are sincerely appreciated. Getting the names of all the donors is an impossible task, but the manner in which prizes are claimed (with care) is the clue to how much they are enjoyed. The variety in May was again astounding, ranging from beautiful growing plants from John Olcese's Nursery and Mary Jo Murphy's trio of treat-laden coffee mugs to little

lots of US Postage (34s), hand-crocheted hangers, jigsaw puzzle challenges, beverages, boxed costume jewelry, books, etc. etc.

Marilyn Olcese is in charge of displaying and accepting donations of prizes, often preparing them in her own artistic manner. **Walter Riney** is the cheerful roving ticket seller. (Three opportunities for \$1, one for \$.50). Thanx to all.

"For the Good of the Order"

Upcoming at Cypress Lawn Cemetery, under the auspices of the CL Heritage Foundation, will be "Plagues of the Past" Sept 16 and "Honoring Our Ancestors" Oct. 21 talks by HG-member **Michael Svanevik**, 2 p.m., Noble Chapel. Phone 650-550-8811 for reservations. Free!

*Did you hear?? Former DC Mayor (1961) **Bob St. Clair**, several times a Guild speaker, has been honored with the renaming of Kezar Stadium in SF to "**Robert St. Clair Stadium**".

*Congratulations to HG member **Jeannene Minnix-Rubino**, who has taken over the CEO reins of the Daly City-Colma Chamber of Commerce, formerly held by **Susan Brissenden**. **Sweet Sue** has joined the staff of **State Senator Jackie Speier**.

*About HG dues – **Lola Garcia** again holds the lead among members paid in advance. **Lola's** on board through May, 2007. Way to Go, **Lola!**

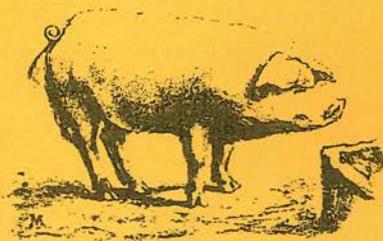
*Snooping through old documents, we wish to remind you of DC Ordinance #46 (passed Oct. 28, 1912), to wit: "It will be unlawful to engage in disorderly or immoral dancing....ie Turkey Trot, Bunny Hug, Texas Tommy." A \$50 fine, 3-months in prison, or both, could be exacted from offenders.

The Museum Collection Grows.

Additions to the Mini-Museum's stash of trinkets, treasures, trophies and other items of local historical interest include the following recent donations. As space allows, historical memorabilia is displayed. Thru June, 1986 Bi-Centennial items could be viewed in the Guild's main-entrance showcase at Serramonte Library. They were

happily received from **Alfred O. Belotz**, after his March program for the Guild. Our sincere thanks to all donors.

- From **Jim Piccinini**, two vintage (1925 & 1929) Bank of Italy savings account pass books, via **Marilyn Olcese**. Account owners were the "Five Friends" and "Colma Athletic Club." Anyone have information about these clubs. Who were the five friends? Were the Colma Athletes really athletic?
- Two small decorative plates of the 1950s, the kind we (maybe) all grew up with on the kitchen wall. Donated by **Marie (Mrs Frank) Loretta**. Also vintage magazine with cover pix and story re CHORA, the unique local homeowners organization, the late **Frank Loretta**, and his lovely lady.
- Photo memorabilia gathered by **Mrs Peter Conci** and **Loretta Lagomarsino**, delivered to Mini Museum by **Tom Conci**.
- Daly City/Colma "progress" pix "par excellence", by **Frank Franceschini**, the Guild's generous, watchful, roving photographer.
- From **Keith Collins**, via **Bernard C. Winn**, author of "*From the Top of the Hill*", vintage (1932??) notes & property owners' list re. DC Water and Fire Alarm Systems.



Our Numbers Grow, and Grow.

According to the SF Chronicle's recent report on Bay Area Population Growth, per the 2000 Census, **Daly City** experienced a 12.3% growth between 1990-2000, up 11,310 people from 92,311 ten years before to 103,621.

Colma population was not given, since the story focused on California's "most populous cities." Ah, Colma, you're small but we love ya.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes, I (we) would like to join the
History Guild of Daly City/Colma.
(please print)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

YEARLY DUES (renewed each January)

Senior/Student	\$4.00
Individual	\$6.00
Family	\$9.00
Patron/Business	\$26.00
	(or more)

Special gifts to the Guild in honor of
Daly City or Colma pioneers or others
are gratefully accepted.
(Gifts are tax-deductible)

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