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6TH ANNUAL

"PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ"

TO BENEFIT THE NOB HILL FOUNDATION

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2004

RECEPTION 6 P.M.

DINNER 7 P.M.

ENTERTAINMENT BY
"CABARET AT THE RITZ"

THE RITZ-CARLTON, SAN FRANCISCO
600 STOCKTON AT CALIFORNIA STREET

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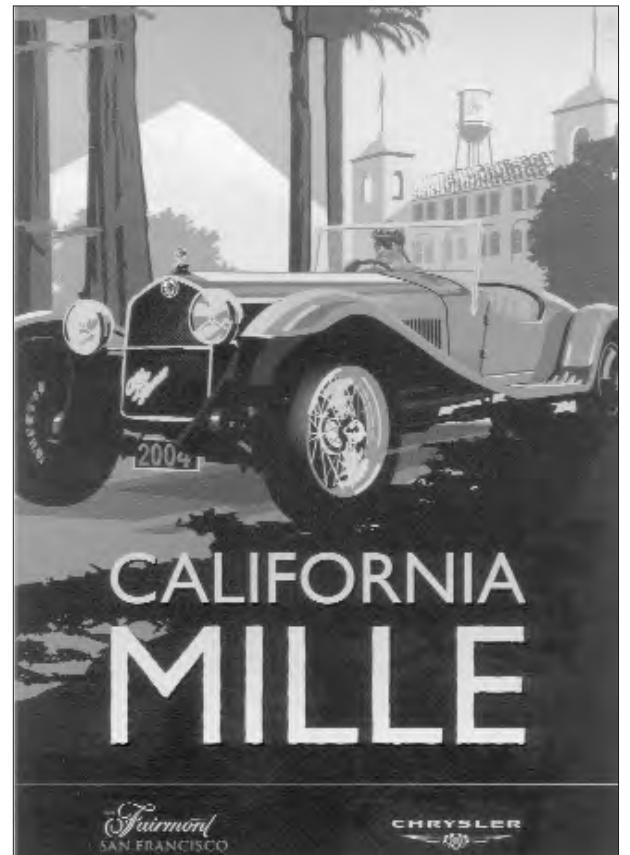
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Just when you think an event can't get any better, one comes along to "blow your sox" off. Such was the case on Sunday, April 25th when a record crowd of several hundred car enthusiasts and other pleasure seekers got together under a warm, sunny sky to celebrate the 14th annual California Mille hosted by the Fairmont San Francisco and benefiting the Nob Hill Foundation. This year counted some 50 vintage and classic sports cars made from 1928 to 1961, and for the first time, cars were placed throughout Huntington Park.

The Fairmont Porte-Cochère featured white glove servicers passing hors d'oeuvres. An Italian buffet, champagne, wine and beer were also available.

Early Monday morning many of the classic cars, headed out from the Fairmont crossing the Golden Gate Bridge and traveling to Mendocino, Ferndale, Redding and then to Nevada's Incline Village before the tour ended in Sonoma. The drivers are properly fêted along the way and this year the "race" ended at John Traina's 1840s Rutherford vineyard where he and vintner Clarke Swanson hosted a lunch for everyone.

The local version of Italy's famous Mille Miglia was founded by Martin Swig, who along with his wife Esta, could be seen in their 1928 Alfa Romeo 6C 1500 Zagato Spider. This annual event was hosted by Mark Huntley, GM of the Fairmont Hotel, chaired by Bella Farrow and co-chaired by Martin Swig, and Sylvia Clough, all of whom worked their booties off to assure that everyone had a good time. And we did!



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Peter Mintun

Returns to Nob Hill

It was a nostalgic evening with magical pianist Peter Mintun, April 19 at the University Club for the Community Music Center's annual *Salute to the Joy of Making Music* benefiting their scholarship fund for low income youth.

Some comments from guests: there were smiles, everyone was happy, it brought us back to L'Etoile—to an era that was very special, we didn't know how special until this event, singing along with Tea for Two—playing We're in the Money during auction with Terry Lowry...dancing to Mintun music...lovely...Peter Mintun is a doll.

Since leaving San Francisco, Mintun has appeared in New York at The Stanhope Hotel, the Madison Room at The Palace Hotel, and Bemelmans Bar at The Carlyle, as well as The Greenbrier Hotel in West Virginia. Mintun says, "I had a wonderful time at the Nob Hill benefit. I saw many, many faces from my past and got to hear some marvelous music by the C.M.C. students and staff."

Mintun has recently achieved local celebrity as well. In early April he was inducted into the Berkeley High School Hall of Fame, so now his picture hangs in a huge lobby of the Berkeley Community Theatre. Other inductees include Belva Davis, Jack Lalanne and Thorton Wilder.

Mintun says, "I would love to play the Geary Theatre



Peter Mintun with Terry Lowry

some day, perhaps with one of the concerts I do around the country, such as songs by women songwriters, songs about New York, songs from Hollywood, and songs from "*Peter Mintun's Broadway*."

Arlene and Kon Balin, Georgette Beainy and Dr. Abraham Giannini, Greg Cheng, Leslie Young, Lynne Gildred, Judge Isabella Grant, Fred Levin and Nancy Livingston, Irma Levin, Irving and Lois Sugarman, Sooky Trattner, Diana Whitehead, Fran Hildebrand, Bob and Lorraine Baxter all NHA members were among those celebrating with Peter Mintun music for a good cause.

Peter Mintun was a popular and adored pianist on Nob Hill in the 1980s to mid 1990's era, playing at L'Etoile in the Huntington Hotel and playing at Mason's in the Fairmont Hotel.



Fred Levin, Nancy Livingston and Irma Levin



Rene and David Whitehead with NHA members Diana Whitehead and Gail Mejuer

*Annual Meeting
for
NHA Members*

*Stanford Court Hotel
November 22, 2004 ~ 6 pm*

Reception following meeting



Members new and old, there were some errors in recording our 2004 membership roster. The roster has since been corrected. Thank you for your understanding. Your support is as always greatly appreciated.

Lorraine Baxter, Membership Chair

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



By Dr. Elisa Stephens

Thus far, 2004 has been an exciting and successful year for the Nob Hill Association. This year's iteration of the California Mille attracted more people than ever to our beautiful neighborhood. Not only was the turnout fantastic, but both the weather and collection of vintage automobiles were pristine -- a combination that did not disappoint. Thanks to everyone who made this event so memorable.

Board Member Steve Farrand is continuing to diligently pursue the NHA's interests regarding Jones Street Pump House Project. He recently informed me that the NHA will be receiving a \$2,000 grant for the Project from San Francisco Beautiful.

Having been a part of the event in years past, I would like to encourage all the membership to attend the 6th Annual "Putting on the Ritz" event coming up on August 9th. This festive dinner marks the high point of summer on the Hill, and it has traditionally been our biggest fundraiser of the year. Come join us in making "Putting on the Ritz" a successful experience again this year.

As we transition into the second half of the year, excitement is beginning to build for our year-end events. Members should be aware that the Stanford Court Hotel will host this year's Annual Nob Hill Membership Meeting on November 22. Soon after, Huntington Park will once again be aglow from the Annual Dorothy Fritz Cope Tree Lighting Ceremony. This event always brings the whole neighborhood together, young and old alike, as it marks the official beginning of Holiday Season on Nob Hill.

In the meantime, I am looking forward to another fabulous summer filled with exciting events!

The Nob Hill Association

*Founded in 1928, the mission of the Nob Hill Association
is to preserve the beauty and history of Nob Hill and Huntington Park*

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Alexia & Luther Gentry - 1925 Pierce Arrow



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Jones Street Tank Project

Progress Report

By Torey Presti ~ NHA Board of Director



I am pleased to provide a progress report for our members. For those who have not heard about the Jones Street Pumping Station, here is a brief history about this landmark.

The Jones Street Tank High Pressure System quietly resides at 1239 Jones between Clay and Pleasant Streets. Many are unaware that this San Francisco Fire Department pumping station is not only historic but an active asset of our great city.

Responding to the Great Earthquake of 1906, an entire water support system was created with a \$5.2 million bond approved by the voters of San Francisco in 1908. That year the City Engineer, Marsdon Manson, conducted a study of 250 cities in the world to develop plans for a guaranteed water supply system for the sole purpose of fire protection. In the same year a civil project

known as the Auxiliary Water Supply System (AWWS) was established. This plan created a high-pressure water supply system in case of fire or other disasters. A reservoir on Twin Peaks, 758 feet above sea level, was built to support the two tank stations downstream: the Ashbury Tank, 495 feet above sea level and holding 500,000 gallons and the Jones Street Tank that is 369 feet above sea level, with a capacity of 750,000 gallons. The AWWS remains the only high pressure water supply system of its kind in the United States.

The Jones Street Pump Station garden has been in neglect for many years and many Nob Hill residents have expressed an interest in beautifying this historic site. Plans have been drawn for the garden, which include native plants, an iron gate, irrigation and lighting system. The 'beautification' proposal has the full support of the San Francisco Fire Department. Additionally, The Cathedral School for Boys has agreed to include the Jones Street Pump Station as one of their community service projects, which will help contribute to the ongoing maintenance of the landscape.

We are about 75% funded for the project and awaiting the outcome of our grant application with 'San Francisco Beautiful'. We still need to rely on the generosity of the community. We are taking pledges in any amount as a final push to complete this worthwhile project. If you are interested in helping or have any questions please contact the Association, or myself, Torey Presti (415) 397-2024 ext 333. Please make your tax deductible donation payable to the Nob Hill Foundation. You will be provided with a receipt for your tax records.

We hope to break ground in the Fall!

The Ritz-Carlton

Ron Siegel Named Chef of The Dining Room at The Ritz-Carlton



Ron Siegel, most recently Executive Chef at San Francisco's famed Masa's, is the new Chef of The Dining Room, at The Ritz Carlton, San Francisco. Chef Siegel, whose menu will debut July 15, 2004, replaces Chef Sylvain Portay.

Chef Siegel's career in the culinary arts began as a butcher in a grocery store in Palo Alto, CA, where his family moved from New York when he was seven. A few years, and many jobs later, Siegel enrolled in San Francisco's California Culinary Academy. It was during this time that he met Michael Mina, who hired him as a line cook at Aqua in 1991. In 1994, Siegel returned to his native New York to work with Daniel Boulud at Restaurant Daniel. Just one year later Thomas Keller brought the young Siegel back to the Bay Area as his opening sous chef at The French Laundry in Yountville, CA.

In 1996, Siegel left The French Laundry to become the Chef at Charles Nob Hill, where he remained for five years. During this time, Siegel quickly became one of the Bay Area's rising culinary stars, including defeating the reigning Iron Chef champion Hiroyuki Sakai on national television in 1998, and being named one of *Food & Wine* magazine's "Best New Chefs of 1999". In 2001 Siegel was offered the position of Executive Chef at Masa's where he remained until June of this year.

Located in a 1909 Nob Hill landmark, The Dining Room is open for dinner only, Tuesday through Saturday. A private dining room is also available for parties of 12 to 28. For reservations and information please call 415/773-6168.

The Mark Hopkins

Breakfast and Paninis at the Top Of The Mark

Sunset views of the City and Bay have long been synonymous with the "Top Of The Mark" throughout its 60 years of history. Now add panoramic sunrises, aroma of freshly brewed coffee and sumptuous grilled paninis to the list.

Recently, the world famous sky-lounge opened its doors for breakfast and will start lunch service in July. Breakfast features a spectacular showcase of over 40 items ranging from classic breakfast fare to contemporary favorites, and lunch offers a fabulous antipasti and salad bar, hot soup, made-to-order paninis and desserts. Both are served Mondays through Saturdays. (Breakfast 6:30 am - 11:00 am ~ Lunch 12 noon - 2:30 pm).

A lavish Champagne Brunch is featured on Sundays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Dancing and a 3 course prix-fixe dinners are available Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm.

For information and reservations please call 415/616-6916.

Breakfast \$23* / Lunch \$25* / Brunch \$49* / Dinner \$49* *All prices quoted are exclusive of tax and gratuity.



Bella Farrow and Sylvia Clough with Al Smyth, Director of Catering at the "Top of the Mark" to inaugurate Daily Breakfast service.

Huntington Hotel and the Big 4 Restaurant

"Twas the Night of the Tree Light"

The Huntington Hotel and Big 4 Restaurant will feature a special (\$32) 3 course prix fixe dinner menu, "Twas the Night of the Tree Light" on December 6th in honor of the Nob Hill Association annual tree lighting ceremony in Huntington Park. For additional information and reservations please call 415/771-1140.

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We appreciate the support of the mentioned business members and are delighted to list our new individual members. For membership information about the Nob Hill Association please call (415) 346-8720 or visit our website at www.nobhillassociation.org.



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