

NOB HILL NOTABLES

San Francisco's Brass

Show Up for 2004 Annual Meeting

For the first time in recent years, both the Chief of Police and the Chief of the San Francisco Fire Department were on hand for the Association's 2004 Annual Meeting held at the Stanford Court Hotel. San Francisco Chief of Police Heather Fong beamed proudly as Central Station Captain Steve Tacchini presented the NHA's Police Officer of the Year award to Officer Paul Doherty. SFFD Chief Joanne Hayes-White presented the Association's Firefighter of the Year award to Paramedic/Rescue Captain Pete Howes.

The NHA sponsors the awards which consist of a check for \$1,000 and a beautiful, framed certificate for each recipient. Captain Tacchini told the assembled crowd of some 200 NHA members of the many accomplishments of Officer Doherty which resulted in his being the unanimous selection for the award by every officer at Central Station. Apart from his tireless efforts, Captain Tacchini said that Officer Doherty is a quiet man who does his job in a quiet manner. Fire Chief Hayes-White, attending her first Nob Hill Association Annual Meeting, also spoke in glowing terms when presenting the Firefighter of the Year award to Captain Howes who has served for 14 years as a paramedic with the Department of Public Health and also as the department's liaison with the media. "He does everything asked of him," the Chief said, "way beyond the call of duty."

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"Puttin' on the Ritz"



MaryBeth Starzell, Chair Bella, Maureen Salaman, Robert Starzell

"Puttin' on the Ritz" has firmly established itself as the biggest and the best social event of the year on the Hill. Over 270 Nob Hill Association Members and friends, 100 more than last year, crowded into the grand ballroom of the fabulous Ritz Carlton Hotel to show off their finery and catch up on everyone's summer activities. Cocktail hour was particularly "spirited" with an additional bar provided by Damrak Gin along with the Belvedere Vodka bar and the fine champagne and wines served by the Ritz Carlton staff.

Under the guidance of Executive Chef Jean-Pierre Dubray aided by Sommelier Stephane Lacroix guests were treated to a superb four course dinner complemented by perfect wines. Entertainment was provided throughout the evening by pianist Allen Choy. Dinner was followed by "Cabaret at The Ritz" featuring vocalist John McCullough.

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Capt. S. Tacchini, Kersten and Paul Doherty, Officer of the Year and Chief Heather Fong

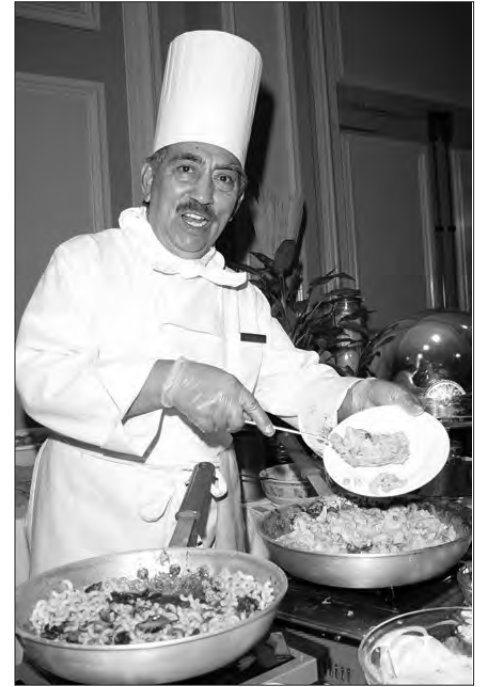
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2004 ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting continued with Chief Hayes-White introducing the Director of the Firefighters Christmas Toy Program, Sally Casazza, and thanked the Association for its support of the program. She also thanked the Association for its efforts to beautify the Jones Street Pumphouse and promised active participation of the Fire Department in the project.

NHA President Elisa Stephens gave her report to the members on the "State of Nob Hill." She reported that the Association continues to fulfill its principal mission which is the preservation and beautification of Nob Hill. She noted that the Association, under the leadership of Board member Stephen Farrand and Tori Presti, had undertaken the exterior renovation of the Jones Street Pumphouse. Considerable funds have been raised to put native plants on the grounds and to install an iron gate as well as lighting. She concluded by presenting a check for \$1,000 to Dean Alan Jones of Grace Cathedral for the stained glass lighting project which shines over Huntington Park and beautifies the entire hill.

Following the business portion of the meeting, members moved into the India Room of the Stanford Court where GM Chris Steuri and his terrific staff served the finest of food and beverages. Chef Alfonso Ochoa offered a wonderful selection of delicious pasta dishes with assorted sauces, mushrooms, veggies and other add-ons. There was a separate cheese and desert table loaded with tasty selections. And each end of the room had a full bar and friendly staff. Thanks Chris for making the 2004 Annual Meeting one of the best ever.



Chef Ochoa



Robin and Capt. P. Howes with Chief Joanne Hayes-White, SFFD



Elisa Stephens, Chief Joanne Hayes-White, SFFD, Sally Casazza, Director, Firefighters Toy Program



GM Chris Steuri and Patricia Ditzel



Robert Hardie, Harriet Ross, Agnes Brown and Joanne Hardie



Officer Paul Doherty, Capt. Stephen Tacchini with Elisa Stephens



Serena Fritz Cope and Leslie Young



Fran Hildebrand, Irene Harris, Yuri Richter



Hazel Blades and Pat Collins



Hans Richter and Bob Baxter



Irene Bechtel, Dilys Jackson Lembi



Helene Winkler, Rachelle Reyes, Bertha Lanyadoo



Janet Grison, Dan Mount, Dorothy Trulsen



Jane Koss, Barbara Mount, Holly Huebel



Joyce Glick and Mae Glick



Phil and Lenore Karp and Bob Knox



Leslie Lefkowitz, Bish and Joan Lawrence



Ilene Finn, Giovanni Mazarella and Jan Farren



Supervisor Aaron Peskin, Simi Barjesteh and Bob Varni

PUTTIN ON



Former Mayor Willie Brown, Elisa Stephens,
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Jan Telesky, David Hatt, Pat Collins



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Howard and Iran Billman



Phil and Lenore Karp



Barbara Hall, Markham Miller, James
Sheridan, Veronica LaBeau, Donna
Sheridan



Joel Goodrich and Cynthia Schreuder



Fred Jordan and Anita Merriheu



Guests, Theodore and Ellie Brown



Lorraine and Bob Baxter

THE RITZ

5th Annual "Puttin' on the Ritz"

My sincere thanks to everyone attending "Puttin' on the Ritz" fund raiser on August 9th. Once again, the critics were proven wrong; they said no one would attend in August! Well, as you know, we had a full house!!!

It was a wonderful evening featuring the finest in wine, food and entertainment. The beautiful people were "dressed to the nines" and enjoyed the great ambiance of the Ritz Carlton.

Special thanks to all who could not attend but donated and to Mr. Ed Mady, General Manager of the Ritz, Mr. Barry Peterson, Director of Catering, and Angela Jackson, Director of Public Relations, and last but not least, our photographers, Caesar Alexzander and Sylvia Clough my co-chair.

*Love,
Bella*



Susan Blais, Reno Alonzo and Helaine Katz



Stephen Patton, Steve Farrand and Dan Mount



Axel Nilsson and Ying Zhang

Bob McCullough (Cabaret vocalist) and Sylvia Clough



Nanci Fisher, Linda Bulgo (Beach Blanket Babylon - Snow White), Clara Shayevich, Susan Fernandez



Diane Paulson and Dilys Lembi-Jackson



John and Romana Bracco

T'was the Night of the Tree Light

Howling winds could not keep Nob Hill Association members from the Hill's most magical event of the year — the Dorothy Fritz Cope Tree Lighting Ceremony, December 6 held inside Grace Cathedral, because of a threatening storm.

A record crowd of over 300 community members came together, warmed by the San Francisco Girls Chorus who welcomed visitors with traditional carols. New guests may have been attracted to the event by the San Francisco Chronicle which featured the Huntington Park tree lighting as a place for *Swells* to be seen this season.

Association President Elisa Stephens introduced notables including SFFD Chief Joanne Hayes-White and long time park gardener Phillippe Elissetche and his wife Julie. Stephens thanked hardworking members of the Association, the family of Dorothy Fritz Cope and the Huntington Hotel for helping to continue the tree lighting tradition.



Girls Chorus of San Francisco under the direction of Elizabeth Avakian

Dean Alan Jones, decked in his purple velvet Santa hat, thanked the Girls Chorus for their professional performance under the direction of Elizabeth Avakian accompanied by pianist Douglas Franks.

Presiding for the first time, Mayor Gavin Newsom said he wished every neighborhood had an organization as committed as the NHA. Under the watchful eye of San Francisco Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White, he threw the giant switch illuminating the trees in Huntington Park. After lighting the trees remotely from the steps of the Cathedral, the crowd chatted on the Cathedral steps, posed for photo opportunities with the Mayor, or met at the Big Four for a "Twas the Night of the Tree Light" dinner.

Spotted at the event was NHA's youngest member two year old Georgianna Pope-Sullivan with her mother Adrianna Pope-Sullivan.

Happy Holidays to all!



Albert Lander, Elisa Stephens, Dean Alan Jones



Monique Wells, Bella Farrow, Dewayne Echerdt, Gregory Cheng



SFFD Chief Joanne Hayes-White, Simi Barjesteh, Mayor Newsom

Peter Mintun

Return Engagement

By popular demand, Peter Mintun returns to the University Club May 16, 2005. NHA members Irma Levin, Fred Levin and Nancy Livingston are Honorary Event Chairs for the party benefiting the S.F. Community Music Center's financial aid program for low-income youth.

For more than twenty five years Peter Mintun's name has been synonymous with American society. He has performed with symphony orchestras including our own S. F. Symphony in Davies Hall, with his own society dance orchestra, and has entertained royalty, film and stage stars, heads of industry and composers themselves. His elegant piano playing helped define Nob Hill in the 1980's and 1990's as he entertained and graced such rooms as L'Etoile in the Huntington Hotel and Masons in The Fairmont.

For information and reservations call 647-6015 ext 76.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



By Dr. Elisa Stephens

What a wonderful year it's been for the Nob Hill Association! As I reflect back on 2004, I am reminded of the record-setting turnouts for the California Mille and Putting on the Ritz events, the exciting progress on the Jones Street Pumphouse Project and the Huntington Park Playground, and the establishment of the online registration and payment capabilities for Nob Hill Association events. The perseverance of all our members, and in particular the dedication of Board Members Bella Farrow, Sylvia Clough, Steve Farrand, Gregory Cheng, David Lefkowitz and Bob Baxter, has been instrumental in the achievement of these outstanding accomplishments.

The upcoming Directors Meeting in January will mark the end of my two-year term as President of the Nob Hill Association. I have enjoyed my tenure immensely: having the opportunity to be intimately involved with the inner-workings of the oldest and finest neighborhood association in San Francisco has been a singular and enlightening experience. I have also learned a great deal and met countless wonderful people over the past two years, and I look forward to maintaining these relationships through my continued involvement as a regular Member of the Association.

I am confident that 2005 will bring more of the same first-rate community service and fabulous events. The Association will be in excellent hands under its new leadership, and I can't wait to participate in next year's festivities. Congratulations once again to all of our Members for another successful year!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2005 MEMBERSHIP DUES ?

MARCH SOCIAL next on NHA Agenda

*Invitations will be sent mid-February
to paid membership only.
All dues received by February 9
will be entered into a drawing
for a FREE one year membership
through December 2006.*

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*

OFFICERS

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Business Members and New Individual Members

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NEW LIFE MEMBERS 2005

Alvin H. Baum, Jr. • Marc Packer

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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