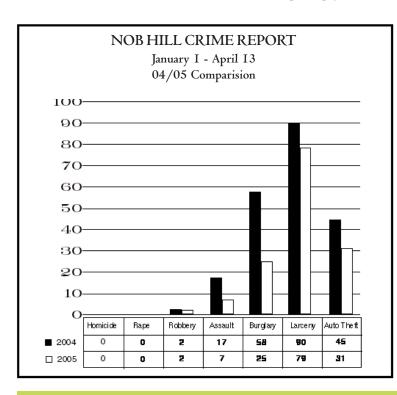
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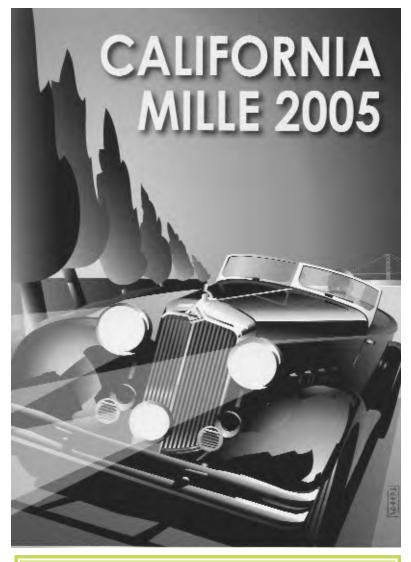
## A FESTIVE 2005 CALIFORNIA MILLE

Tob Hill once again féted the California Mille. This I5th annual affair celebrating vintage sports racing cars and their drivers took place under a bright sun and pleasant temperatures. Neighbors and visitors alike wondered among the rare sports racing and production cars dating from 1927 through 1957 that lined Mason Street and were throughout Huntington Park. The tour is patterned after the world-famous Italian Mille Miglia, a 1000 mile open road race which ran from 1927 through 1957 from Brescia in the North of Italy to Rome and back. It was revived in 1982 as an annual event and, today, the California Mille is the only American event recognized by the Mille Miglia Storica (Historical Society) of Brescia, Italy.

The event was chaired by Bella Farrow with the able assistance of co-chairs Sylvia Clough, Lois Lehrman, Martin Swig and Francisco Gomez.

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# University Club Hosts Spring Social

University Club General Manager Desmond Elder and his staff truly outdid themselves recently in hosting a spring social for the members of the Nob Hill Association. Held in the Club House overlooking the skyline of San Francisco, members munched on an extensive variety of hot hors d'oeuvres while catching up on each others' activities and sipping red and white wines. Club food and beverage director, John Nicolai, provided a beautiful layout of cheeses and fruits in one end of the Club House while staff members passed hot chicken on skewers, cheese puffs, crab cakes and other delectables throughout the group. Special thanks go to them and, as always, to event chair Bella Farrow and co-chair Sylvia Clough.



Dr. David and Doreen Jolliff



Irene Harris and Pauline Robert



NHA President Catherine MacMillan and Agnes Chan



Claudia Owen and Bob Formisano

Executive Chef of the University Club since 2000,



John Kane has been nominated for American Culinary Federation's National Chef of the Year. John has served two years as President of the Chef's Association of the Pacific Coast (CAPC) and is

currently seated as Chairman of the Board. He was awarded the San Francisco CAPC Chef of the Year Award in 2002, and received the presitgious Antonin Careme Medal #128.



Bish and Joan Lawrence with Suzanne Diamond



Diane Paskerian, Dr. Ronnie Elvebakk and Christine Torrington



Debbie and Alma Vogel



Fran Hildebrand and Dr. Karl Ludwig



Cynthia Smith and Joel Goodrich



Syndi Seid and Ron Hildebrand

John D. Rosin, Agnes Chen Brown and Joel Goodrich





Simi Barjesteh and Mary Sagan





### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



By Catherine MacMillan

Your association is working hard to improve Nob Hill! We are very proud to see the completion of the Jones Street Tank project. Torey and Virginia Presti's vision and desire to renovate what was once an eyesore has now resulted in an asset for Nob Hill. Nancy Jarvis and Steve Farrand contributed innumerable hours and expertise to this project and many others contributed funds to see this effort completed. All those who took part in the transformation of this lovely space will soon have a chance to celebrate the "Tank's" facelift at a special celebration.

If you haven't had a chance to look at the Nob Hill Association web-site recently, please do. We are averaging 4,000 visits per month to the site! Tom Horn has done a great job of maintaining and upgrading the site and following through on inquiries received. He keeps Caesar Alexzander's photos of our events up to date and has added a downloadable membership application that allows for membership dues to be paid by credit card.

We would like to welcome Desmond Elder, new General Manager of the University Club to Nob Hill, as well as Francisco Gomez, Regional Vice President and General Manager of the Fairmont. Both have recently been very generous to our association. Mr. Elder hosted our social on March 22 and Mr. Gomez hosted the California Mille on April 24. We are so grateful to have these two gentlemen as part of our association. Thank you!

Please let me hear from you about any ideas you have to improve our association and to improve Nob Hill. I am always ready to receive your thoughts. You may reach me at huntingtonGC@aol.com.

#### 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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Luigi Silvestri and Willie Brown



Patricia Ditzel, Giselle McKellar, Leah McCann and Ceasar Alexzander



Josephine & Rozzalynd Wiebe



Joe Fink and Tom Horn

# CALIFOF

A record crowd of voer 300 enjoyed the warm and sunny day to celebrate the Galifornia Millé 2005. The Fairmont provided a fabulous buffet lunch with excellent wine and champagne. Also offered were martinis and expresso coffee - something for everyone! Over 60 owners and drivers of vintage cars mingled with the guests to enjoy this unique celebration.

Hats off to Martin Swig, founder of the San Frnacisco Millé who organized the event and to my co-chair Sylvia Clough and Lois Lehrman.

Grazié

Bella



Rita Lau, Mgr. of The Fairmont Hotel and Giselle McKellar





Takeko Wolfe and Concierge Tom Wolfe

Co-chair Sylvia Clough and Chair Bella Farrow

# RNIA MILLE

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2005

Kurt Neh's City Building Group





Shiryl Brugger McCormick ~ Winner of two raffles!

Carl Christian and Filomena Buck





The Fairmont Hotel Gen. Mgr. Francisco Gomez and Martin Swig, founder of the S.F. Mille



Ray Sciotto, Lisa Ramsey, Susan and Rich Marshall



Jack Ryder and Consul General John Newmyer



Michael and Marilyn Cabak



Pat Collins and Hazel Blades

### NHA DIRECTORS ~ 2005



Left to right - top row: Tori Presti, Niels Larsen, Rick Swain, Campbell Black, Steve Farrrand, Stephen Patton, David Lefkowitz, Robert Varni Middle Row: Linda Breitstone, Gregory Fleharty, Robert Baxter, Agnes Chan, Elisa Stephens, Tom Horn, Fran Hildebrand, Jim Fotenos Seated : Mary Sagan, Sylvia Clough, Angela Waite, Bella Farrow, Catherine MacMillan, Lorraine Baxter, Harriet Ross Absent Board Members: Joanna L. Ballou, Gregory Cheng, John J. Cope, Cheryl A. Fama, Don Figone, Dan Finnane, Gary M. Gielow, Richard J. Guggenhime, Terri Holbrooke, Mark S. Huntley, Very Rev. Alan W. Jones, Suzy Katz, Angie Lame, Edward Mady, Barbara Mount, Syndi Seid, Chris Steuri, Adrianna Pope Sullivan

### Jones Street Tank Project

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### Francisco Gomez Appointed Regional Vice President and General Manager of The Fairmont San Francisco

Fairmont Hotels & Resorts has appointed Francisco Gomez regional vice president and general manager of its flagship property, The Fairmont San Francisco. Mr. Gomez brings more that three decades of experience in the hospitality industry to his new position. In addition to managing The Fairmont San Francisco, he will oversee all Fairmont properties in California; including The Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa, The Fairmont San Jose, and The Fairmont Miramar Hotel Santa Monica.

"I look forward to managing The Fairmont San Francisco as it nears 100 years of operation. Since 1907, The Fairmont has set the standards for luxurious accommodations and gracious service. I welcome the opportunity to guide the newly restored hotel into its next century of unrivaled hospitality, " remarks Mr. Gomez.

Most recently, Mr. Gomez served as regional vice president and general manager of The Fairmont Royal York in Toronto where he managed the 1,365-room luxury property and oversaw operations of Fairmont properties in central Canada. Prior to joining Fairmont Hotels & Resorts in 2000, Mr. Gomez was regional vice president and general manager of Delta Bow Valley and in this capacity, was responsible for seven other Delta hotels across central Canada.

From 1979 to 1993, Mr. Gomez worked for Four Seasons

Hotels & Resorts and held senior management positions in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Chicago and Houston.

A native of Hermosillo, Mexico, Mr. Gomez began his career with Westin Hotels in Mexico in 1972 after graduating from Instituto Torres Andrade in Guadalajara. In 1975, he moved to Canada to continue his career at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver.

One could say Mr. Gomez was born into the hotel industry. His grandmother owned a small hotel in Mexico where, as a child, he ran around "getting in everyone's way". Working his way up through the ranks, he developed a thorough understanding of every facet of the industry and the importance of the people who make it work.

Mr. Gomez states, " Just as we all work in developing a great experience for our guests, we must develop an experience for all people who work at our properties as truly they are our greatest assets. It is essential to create an environment in which people develop a sense of ownership for their property and the brand. Committment to our staff, in turn, generates commitment to guaranting the perfect guest experience. Only with that kind of commitment, at every level, does a guest experience rise from acceptable to exceptional and the hotel from merely fine to extraordinary."

## NOTABLE MEMBERS

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HOTELS The Fairmont The Huntington Inter-Continental Mark Hopkins Renaissance Stanford Court

The Ritz-Carlton

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Mr. Todd Imbermom Claudia Owen & Robert Formisano Ms. Kathy Keene & Mr. Richard Heisel Ms. Kelly Kyle Mr. Michael Meniktas Ms. Jennifer Soloman Ms. Valerie Pinkert Dr. Lois Shaiker

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Mr. Frank Basa & Mr. Philip Aiford
M/M Timothy Blackburn
Ms. Agnes Chen Brown
Mr. John H. Felt
Ms. Terri Holbrooke-Felt
M/M James Fotenos
Dr. Elisa Stephens
M/M Richard Swain

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 <u>www.nobhillassociation.org.</u>



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