# NOB HILL ABLES

### LARGEST CROWD EVER FOR CALIFORNIA

### **MILLE 2006**

The California Mille 2006 attracted hundreds of Nob Hill Association members, guests, friends and car enthusiasts to its 17th annual affair to celebrate the drivers and vintage sports racing cars. Longtime attendees said it was the biggest crowd ever. That shouldn't surprise anyone as it was one of San Francisco's warmest and most beautiful days after what seemed like months of non stop rain. There was an air of enthusiasm throughout the crowd, and one man, Harold Boucher, was there to celebrate his 100th birthday. All this was captured by KRON 4 and broadcast live.

The California Mille unites an international group of rare sports racing and production cars dating from 1927



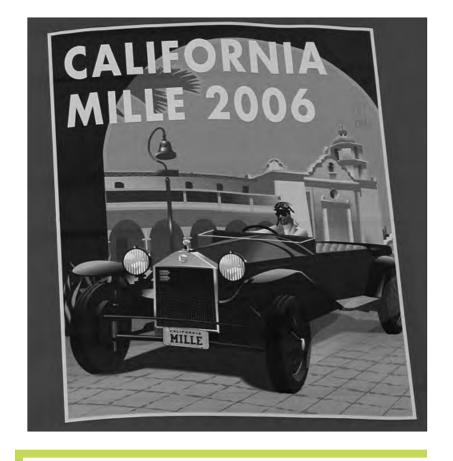
1928 Rolls Royce

through 1957 for a 1000 mile journey throughout Northern California. 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.

Held in front of the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, manager Francisco Gomez and his staff provided a sumptuous Italian buffet with Champagne, wine and cocktails. Proceeds from the event benefit the Nob Hill Association which serves to preserve the beauty and history of Nob Hill and Huntington Park. Special thanks go to Daimler Chrysler and the Nob Hill Gazette as well as to Chairman Bella Farrow and Co-Chairs Sylvia Clough, Francisco Gomez, Lois Lehrman and Martin Swig.

For photos of California Mille 2006, see pages 4-5



NHA Members Only Fall Social at the



Restaurant in the Gramercy Towers September 25 ~ 6-8pm

BRONZE BRICKS AND
BENCH PLAQUES



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## THE BRONZE BRICKS OF HUNTINGTON PARK

Huntington Park incorporates in its name the very history of Nob Hill. It is named in memory of Collis P. Huntington, who together with Leland Stanford, Mark Hopkins and Charles Crocker comprised the "Big Four" men who grew wealthy on profits of the Central and Pacific Railroad. They were captivated by the view atop Nob Hill where they built their mansions.

In 1915 Huntington's widow, Arabella, gave her mansion grounds to the City after the home was destroyed in the 1906 earthquake and fire.

The centerpiece in the park is a copy of Rome's Tartarughe Fountain, the Fountain of Turtles. This beautiful fountain was purchased in Rome by Mrs. William H. Crocker for her family estate. When the estate was sold the Crocker children gave the fountain to the city.

In 1942 Mrs. James Flood donated her gift of the "Dancing Sprites", a work of art in bronze by French sculpture Henri Leon Greber.

Generosity built Huntington Park. As part of its ongoing restoration, we need your generosity. Bronze bricks and bench plaques may be purchased to be placed around the fountain as a permanent reminder of generous donors who have contributed to the Park. They are also fine memorials honoring friends and loved ones. Bricks are \$5,000 and bench plaques are \$2,500. All contributions are tax deductible. For futher information or to place an order please call the NHA at 415/546-8720.

Below is an honor roll of bronze brick and bench plaques.

### BRONZE BRICKS

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### BENCH PLAQUES

Elyse Chamove Allina Susan Alice Smith Armstrong Judge Henry Cabaniss Harriet Lowell Cabaniss George D. Hart "Ojala" Marie Jeanne Jackson "Miss Marie" Anthony S. Koshland Lisa and Peter McCubbin D. J. McDaniel, Esq. Robert Mettler James L. Murphy Iared Robert Nodelman Ron and Joe (2 benches) In Memory of Sidney Stackler Ko Wong - Chi-Kung Institute

### Voluteer Clean- Up of Huntington Park

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If you love Huntington Park, please join your neighbors there for a volunteer clean-up session. They intend to make this a monthly event on the FIRST SATURDAY of each month, 10 am till noon.

We recommend that you bring your own supplies such as gloves, brooms and trash bags. Some supplies will be provided and the City will dispose of the refuse.

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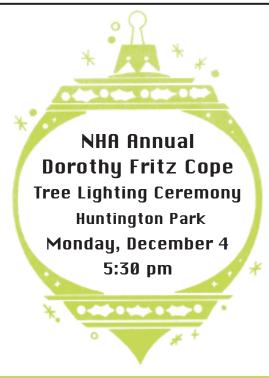
# Mark Your Calendar! Annual Meeting for NHA Members

Fairmont Hotel
Monday, November 20, 2006

6 pm ~ 8 pm

Cocktail Reception following meeting hosted by the Fairmont Hotel and the

Nob Hill Association.



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



By Catherine MacMillan

As we approach autumn and all the activities that come with the season, the Nob Hill Association will contribute to the social swirl with a mixer for our members on September 25 at the new Sparrow Restaurant at Gramercy Towers. Be sure to come and visit with your fellow members. I look forward to seeing you all!

At our July board of directors meeting, we had a lively discussion about Huntington Park's current condition and the Playground Project. We certainly appreciate hearing all the comments, favorable or not, about the Park and what we should be doing to help the City and County improve and maintain this neighborhood resource. Stephen Patton and the Park Committee are working to develop an overall plan that will address the concerns of our members and neighbors. We are very pleased that so many of you care about the future of the Park and are willing to come forward with your suggestions and help. Please keep posted for further developments.

We are sad to say aloha to a great friend of the Nob Hill Association, Chris Steuri, General Manager of the Renaissance Stanford Court. Chris's generosity to the Association and his passion and enthusiasm for Nob Hill have been a big asset to us all. Chris and his family leave San Francisco for another job and to return to their home in Hawaii and hopefully a slower way of life! We look forward to meeting Chris' replacement.

A new face on the Hill is Jean-Francois Gatti, General Manager of the Intercontinental Mark Hopkins Hotel. We are very glad to welcome Jean-Francois to the neighborhood and the Nob Hill Association!

### 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

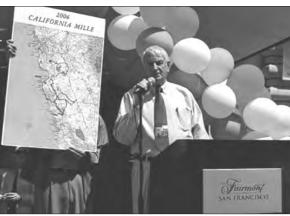
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NHA President Catherine MacMillan



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cia McDowell and Paul Reynolds



Robyn Levin with Cathy Chandelaria



Fritz and Lucy Jewett

# DRNIA LE 2006



Marco and Lorenzo Petroni with Joe Furtado

shinning after weeks of fog and rain. The crowd was happy, the food was ars beautiful. All in all it was a glorious celebration for the California he biggest crowd ever and we realized over \$11,000.

hanks to my co-chairs Sylvia Clough, Martin Swig and the Fairmont ager, Francisco Gomez, and last but not least, Lois Lehrman, publisher of the Nob Hill Gazette. Special thanks to Kurt Nehr, who once again ple, and to Alezander for providing the wonderful photography. Special a Fairmont Hotel and it's capable staff members especially Executive edro for the fabulous buffet.

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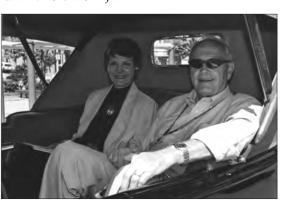
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Love, Bella

Richard Conlon and son



Theo and Gordon Johnson



Steve Farrand and Nancy Jarvis

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### NHA Members Inaugurate

### New Ferry Building Line



Thomas Escher, owner of the Red & White fleet invited the Nob Hill Association to take part in three inaugural cruises of his new Ferry Building Line on May 19. This new venture leaves from the Ferry Building, cruises south to the AT&T Ballpark, around Yerba Buena Island, past Alcatraz Island, and then back to the Ferry Building. During the cruise, participants may choose from three different Audio Tours: Architecture, Natural History and Native

American.

In spite of it being a gloomy day, many of our members came out to participate in what was a delightful

event. We were presented with a luncheon buffet and open bar, all compliments of Mr. Escher. There was indoor seating below and on an upper deck as well as outdoor seating. It was great to see AT&T Ballpark from the water, as well as the shores of Yerba Buena and Alcatraz. It was especially interesting to see the construction of the new Bay Bridge from close up.

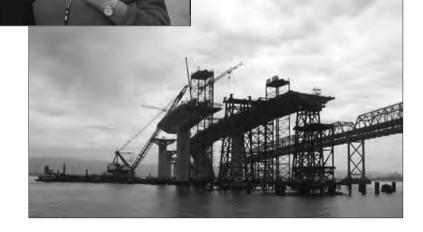


Leslie Luttgens, Joanna Ballou, Ruth Conway

Linda and Robert Takken with Gordon and Julia Held



Catherine McMillan and Valerie Pinkert



### Jean-François Gatti

### New GM at InterContinental Mark Hopkins

Jean-François Gatti has been appointed General Manager of the InterContinental Mark Hopkins. His hospitality career with InterContinental began in 1971 with the Paris InterContinental Hotel where he was a Trainee Assistant Manager. He remained in Paris for the next 9 years and held various positions with increasing responsibilities, and eventually moved into the role of Executive Assistant Manager with a transfer to the InterContinental Portman Hotel in London. After spending two years there Jean-François relocated to Athens, Greece as the Resident Manager to open the Hotel Athenaeum InterContinental and was subsequently promoted to the position of Manager for the Hotel Athenaeum.

Mr. Gatti's first U. S. assignment was to open Willard InterContinental Hotel as Resident Manager in Washington D.C. and his first General Manager appointment was at the Hotel InterContinental Cologne in Germany, where he spent two years before moving on to the Hotel InterContinental Abu Dhabi in the UAE, also as GM. His most recent assignment began in 1996 when he assumed the position of General Manager at the Hotel InterContinental Montreal.



Jean-François Gatti

### HAROLD BOUCHER AT 100



Harold Boucher with his wife, Dilys Jackson-Lembi

At I00 years old, Harold Boucher has likely outlived most of his clients. The partner who retired from the firm formerly know as Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro made a career out of writing the wills of executives from large San Francisco companies such as Standard Oil, the predecessor to Chevron Corp.

In June, Boucher celebrated his century milestone with a party at the Pacific Union Club in San Francisco. About 50 of his closest friends and partners were in attendance, and proclamations from Pillsbury and his alma mater Boalt Hall School of Law were read in his honor.

"The party was great, " quipped Boucher. "Although, some part of my partners are a little bald-headed and have grown a little old."

Boucher, who has a full head of hair, isn't one to over-think life.

He says that following high school, his father told him to choose between becoming a truck driver and a lawyer. Boucher opted for law, attending UC Berkeley and starting law school at Boalt Hall his senior year. Upon graduation in 1930, he initially went to work for a small firm that did work for the British consul but moved over to Pillsbury in 1934 after the two partners from his first firm died. "I was just a youngster, so Pillsbury said they wanted me to come over to their firm and to continue to act as counsel to the British consul, "Boucher said.

It was the height of the Depression and people were lucky to get any job. Boucher says he earned approximately \$150 a month, an amount that today would cover the lunch tab for a couple of summer associates.

These days however, Boucher says he mainly enjoys traveling and dining with his wife, Dilys Jackson Lembi, age 86. "I never thought about turning 100," he says. "It just crept up on me."

Harold is a Life Member of the NHA.

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Peter Seely
Joan & David Traitel
Mrs. Donna Treadwell

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 <a href="https://www.nobbillassociation.org">www.nobbillassociation.org</a>.



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