

NOB HILL NOTABLES

FESTIVE MOOD REIGNS OVER NHA ANNUAL MEETING



Officer Dominic Discenza, Catherine MacMillan and Officer Paul

The high point of the Annual Meeting was the awarding of the Firefighter and the Police Officer of the year awards. Chief Joanne Hayes-White was present to present a certificate and cash award to Firefighter Chase H. Wilson who attended with her search and rescue dog Jaeger. Also recognized by Chief Hayes-White were the SFFD's Toy Program and its coordinator Sally Casazza. The Police Officer of the Year Award was awarded to Officers Paul Doherty and Dominic Discenza. The awards were presented by Lt. Robert Mosier of Central Station. Also attending the ceremony were Chief Heather Fong and Commander Steve Tachini, both formerly Captain of Central Station. Alan Jones, Dean of Grace Cathedral was present to thank the Association for its contribution to the Cathedral's stained glass project.

A special thanks to Francisco Gomez, General Manager of the Fairmont, and his fine staff, for making this an unforgettable evening. A special thanks also to all the committee chairs, members and other volunteers who make the Nob Hill Association the best neighborhood association in San Francisco.

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More than 200 of the Nob Hill Association's members turned out for the 2006 annual meeting hosted by the Fairmont Hotel and the Association. As always, the business meeting preceded the generous reception that was to follow in the Hotel's Crown Room, with a 360 degree panoramic view of San Francisco from the top of Nob Hill.

Catherine MacMillan, as president of the NHA, gave the president's annual "State of Nob Hill" address on this the 74th year of the Association's existence. Reviewing the highlights of the last year, she pointed to the Emergency Preparedness Event sponsored by SFPD and organized by the Association for residents of Nob Hill; the dedication of the Jones Street Tank project, which beautified this neglected parcel on Jones Street; the dedication of the new Emergency Room at San Francis Hospital located on Nob Hill. Looking forward to 2007, Catherine reported that the NHA would hold an appraisal fair with the famed auction house Bonham and Butterfield in the spring. She also pointed to the continued challenge of maintenance and security for Huntington Park.

BELLA'S LEGACY AWARD

Saint Francis Foundation honored Bella Farrow recently for her dedicated service to Saint Francis Memorial Hospital and Foundation. Bella is the first recipient of the "Bella Farrow Legacy Award" recognizing her longstanding stewardship of Saint Francis and achieving a benchmark \$1M in funds raised throughout the 18 year history of the Holiday Hob Nob Hill for hospital programs especially the newly remodeled Gwendolyn Walsh Emergency Department.

Honoree Bella Farrow with her "Bella Farrow Legacy Award" and Robert Dureault, President of Saint Francis Foundation
Photo ~ Veronica LaBeau



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HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Sparrow

Restaurant on Nob Hill Opens

Members of the Nob Hill Association were the first to be invited to Sparrow the latest restaurant to open on Nob Hill. Located just across from Grace Cathedral in the Gramercy Towers, Sparrow showcases the contemporary French-Asian cuisine of Chef Terry Lynch. Association members caught up on each other's summer while enjoying sumptuous highlights from the menu's wide selection of fresh and organic meats, seafood and produce.



Michael and Annette Denunzio with Frank Stein



Jane and John Mazarella



Frank Stein and Paul May



Gail Weber, Rachael Reyes, Herb Kritz and Elizabeth Woodall



Tom and Jeannette Tseih toasting with the twins Josephine and Roslind



Hazel Blades and Pat Collins

John Rosen,
Katrina Swanstrom
and
Mary Kay McNulty





Jean-François Gatti, Ed Mady, Angela Jackson and Chris Moji

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



By Catherine MacMillan

As I end my second and last year as your President, I cannot help but be very proud of you and your organization. Over the past two years I have spoken with so many of you who support Nob Hill and strive to help and improve this beautiful area. You are indeed a dedicated group of neighbors! It has been a pleasure to work with you all.

2006 was a great year for the Nob Hill Association. We held several social events, dedicated the Jones Street Tank project, toured the new St. Francis Memorial Hospital emergency room, and worked many hours to solve the issues surrounding the beautiful Huntington Park. We also welcomed four new board members this January: James Wall, Leslie Gross, Maureen Birdzell, and John Doremus. We are grateful for their enthusiasm and participation.

There are many people who work behind the scenes to keep your Association working smoothly. I would like to thank Caesar Alexzander, Lori Lefkowitz and board members Bob and Lorraine Baxter, Linda Breitstone, Sylvia Clough, John Doremus, Stephen Farrand, Bella Farrow, Dan Finnane, James Fotenos, Fran Hildebrand, Tom Horn, Joan Lawrence, David Lefkowitz, Stephen Patton, Torey Presti, Syndi Seid, Adrianna Sullivan, and Bob Varni for their unselfish participation in Association activities and for their help these last two years.

Your new President, Torey Presti will lead you to even bigger and better events in the coming two years. He is already planning a fun event, an "Appraisal Morning" with Bonhams and Butterfields at the Fairmont on March 24. His wife, Virginia is the Chairperson of this event. It should prove to be a fun and very informative time. Please be sure to volunteer to help or attend with any precious objects that could benefit from an appraisal. See you there!



Cathy Candelaria and Kamran Amjadi



Marilyn and Michael Cabak



Helena Gresik and Betty Kimble

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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Joan and Bish Lawrence with John and Pam Doremus



Mary Kay McNulty, guest and Leslie Lefkowitz



The gang's all here!



Mary Murphy, Irene Harris, Rachael Reyes



David Lefkowitz and
Angela Waite



Cesar Alexander, Giselle McKeller and Frank Stein



Doris Tumi and Irene Bechtel



Firefighter Chase H
Joanne Hayes-Whi

MEETING

~ Fairmont Hotel



Veronica LeBeau and Thomas

Ron Vernali and Friend



Officer Paul Doherty with wife and daughter



H. Williams and Chief

Tom Horn and Bob Varni



Carol Jean King with John and Susan Manoyan



Simi Barjesta, Homa Fatolazadeh and Kamran Amjadi



Officer Dominic Desceniza with his Family



Bella, Frank Denunizo and Alma Vogel

RESTORED GARDEN AT JONES STREET TANK

On a sunny, calm late afternoon in mid-September, the restored garden at the Jones Street Tank (on Jones between Sacramento and Clay) was dedicated. Everyone who donated to the project was invited, and a bronze plaque memorializing major donors was unveiled. Among those joining in the celebration were members of Fire Station 4, Assistant Fire Chief Lorrie Kalos, Chief Joanne Hayes-White, Supervisor Aaron Peskin and his wife Nancy, NHA President Catherine MacMillan, and many of the generous neighbors who made the restoration possible. Following a brief dedication ceremony led by Steve Farrand and Torey Presti, the celebration continued at Sparrow restaurant in the Gramercy, with champagne, wine and sensational hors d'oeuvres.



NHA President MacMillan with Asst. Fire Chief Lorrie Kalos



Marty and Sue Sherman with Torey Presti



L to R: Irene Begg, John Rosen, Dilys Jackson Lembi and Irene Harris at Sparrow after dedication

Angela and Charlie Waite



NHA BOARD VISITS NEW ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL ER



Abbie Yant with CEO Thomas Hennessey



Steve Farrand, Stephen Patton and Robert Varni



Members in the triage area

On Tuesday, October 3, the NHA Board of Directors was invited to tour the new Emergency Room of the St. Francis Memorial Hospital, just hours before it was to open to the public. Outgoing CEO Cheryl Fama, who has served on the NHA Board for many years, along with COO James Jackson, offered this exclusive tour to our Association. Abbie Yant, Sr. Director of Community/Advocacy conducted the tour, James Jackson and interim CEO Tom Hennessey accompanied us.

The innovations and disaster readiness of the Emergency Room was very impressive. One of the items that will help in the delivery of services to non-English speakers, is a blue "translation" phone with two handsets. One is for the patient and one for the care-giver. Both can be connected to a medical translator. A translator will be available for every language. This is a vital service aimed at improving the quality of care patients receive.

Another major benefit to our community is the level of disaster preparedness that St. Francis will offer. The entire emergency staff is trained in disaster relief. The facility has decontamination areas, should chemical warfare occur. Also, safeguards are in place for highly infectious patients. There are two negative pressure rooms that prevent any infectious agents present from contaminating areas outside of the rooms.

The space now has 18 beds, many of which are private. Overall, the emergency room is equipped with the latest in service and equipment, which will give our community the latest and best in service.

We are very fortunate to have such a high quality facility like the St. Francis Hospital as part of our Nob Hill community.

WARM WEATHER FOR HOLIDAY KICKOFF

An unseasonably warm evening greeted those attending the 2006 Dorothy Fritz Cope Tree Lighting Ceremony in Huntington Park. Several hundred neighbors and friends attended the yearly tradition atop Nob Hill.

Once again Nolan Gasser provided his musical trio, delighting adults and children alike. With Mr. Gasser on piano, Roger Glenn on reeds and vibes and Terry Miller on bass, the assembled group was treated to a concert of exceptional quality. And as has become tradition, the San Francisco Girls Chorus, under the direction of Elizabeth Avakian, sang holiday carols to everyone's delight.

Dean Alan Jones of Grace Cathedral gave an ecumenical invocation and Catherine MacMillan made remarks celebrating the season and the importance of Huntington Park in the lives of all those who live on Nob Hill. As Mayor Newsom was unavailable, the giant switch illuminating the trees was thrown this year by Aaron Peskin, President of the Board of Supervisors and our representative for Nob Hill. Then it was back to the music as the guests slowly left the area.



Sylvia Clough, Bella, Chief Hayes-White "in civies" and Simi Barjesteh



Supervisor Peskin throwing the switch



Steve Farrand, Supervisor Peskin, and Nancy Jarvis



John Doremus and Catherine McMillan



Dean Alan Jones



A Holiday Tradition



Holidays are all about the children. the lights and the music



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Have you paid your 2007 membership dues?

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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