

NOB HILL NOTABLES

80 YEARS YOUNG!

Since 1928 the Nob Hill Association has worked to preserve the beauty and history of Nob Hill and Huntington Park.

On the eve of its 80th Anniversary, the Nob Hill Association prepares its annual welcome to the holidays with the Association's Annual Meeting and our always favorite Tree Lighting in Huntington Park.

DELIGHTFUL WEATHER FOR CALIFORNIA MILLE 2007

Over 500 Nob Hill Association members and friends contributed to the annual California Mille benefiting the Nob Hill Association and its effort to preserve the beauty and history of Nob Hill and Huntington Park. Many hundreds more dropped by to spend a beautiful Sunday afternoon admiring the dozens of rare cars assembled in front of the Fairmont Hotel and in Huntington Park. The California Mille has become one of Nob Hill's most popular events. And everything 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 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. In addition to the Fairmont Hotel, California Mille 2007 was sponsored by Audi, Blancpain Watches and the Nob Hill Gazette. Special thanks go to Chairman Bella Farrow and Co-Chairs the late Sylvia Clough, Francisco Gomez, Lois Lehrman and Martin Swig.

For photos of California Mille 2007, see pages 4 and 5

*Mark Your Calendar!
Annual Meeting
for NHA Members*

*Ritz-Carlton Hotel
Monday, November 19, 2007*

6 pm ~ 8 pm



Cocktail Reception following meeting
hosted by the Ritz-Carlton Hotel
and the
Nob Hill Association.

In Memory of SYLVIA CLOUGH

Sylvia was a former Nob Hill Association president and served as the NHA's volunteer publications director. She passed away in June.

Bella Farrow writes:

— A Time of Remembrance —

We all will miss Sylvia.

She was a devoted member of the Nob Hill Association.

Long Live Sylvia!



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OUT & ABOUT ON
THE HILL



Californian Bar and Restaurant

New Restaurant Opens on Nob Hill

The new restaurant, Californian, located in Gramercy Towers at California and Jones streets on Nob Hill has opened to wonderful reviews. Owned by the Frantin family, Dorothy, Phil and Matthew, the Californian is the newest restaurant for fine dining to grace the Hill. Nob Hill Association members and their guests were recently invited to the Californian for a splendid evening of conversation and camaraderie and hosted to a wonderful spread of tasty dishes prepared from the menu of Executive Chef Gérard Savé, formerly of the Gold Spike and Mortons. St. Supery donated wines for this NHA social. Over two hundred members attended and were quick to comment on the wonderful gathering and fantastic time they had. Sincere thanks to the Frantin family for their generosity. Now, let's show our appreciation by patronizing their **Californian Bar and Restaurant**. Special thanks to Fran Hildebrand and her helpers for doing a great job.

— *Love,*
Bella



Giselle McKellar, Roland Petersen and Carol Ritter



Phil, Matthew and Dorothy Frantin — Californian Bar and Restaurant owners



Bob Varni and Lorraine Baxter



John Rosin and Simi Barjesteh



Pat Collins and Hazel Blades



NHA Special Events Chair Bella Farrow, Leslie Lefkowitz and Veronica LeBeau



Elizabeth Woodall and Herb Kritz



Irwin and Marion Gibbs and friends



Nicola Spence and Irene Harris



*Members
enjoying an
evening of
great food*



*great
conversation
and
NHA
camaraderie*



*at the
Californian
Bar &
Restaurant*



ABOUT OUR NEW NHA PRESIDENT

From 2001 to present, Torey Presti has been President of Gulf Pacific Lines a steamship company located in San Francisco. GPL is a subsidiary of National Shipping Lines which is owned by Dr. C. C. Chen, founder of Wan Hai Lines. Wan Hai Lines was one of the pioneers of short sea shipping in Asia.

Mr. Presti's experience spans 30 years in the ocean transportation industry where he held key positions in the Middle East, India-subcontinent and Far East for U.S. Lines and APL.

Mr. Presti graduated from U.C. Berkeley in 1975 with a BA degree in political science. He also completed post graduate courses at the California Maritime Academy. Mr. Presti is a lifetime member of NDTA.

The company's new proposed venture is an intercostal container service from Texas to the U.S. Northeast to commence in the third quarter of 2008.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



By Torey Presti

This year we have kept up the pace of contributing to our community. We have gifted \$5,000 to the St. Francis Hospital Emergency Room which is a 'best in class' facility that we are proud to have as our neighbor.

This year also marked the passing of Sylvia Clough. Sylvia gave selflessly to the Association. She was always there for the membership, planned our events and compiled the NHA newsletter. We will miss her. We are very fortunate that our Fran Hildebrand has accepted an additional role and is succeeding Sylvia as our new Director of Communications. Welcome Fran!

Of special note, Bella Farrow outdid herself again and we enjoyed a huge success at the Millie in April. The Association earned \$16,000 and thanks to Bella, Sylvia and their team they continue to break the old marks.

This year we also embarked on the renovation of the Huntington Park. This will take about 3 years. Stephen Patton, chairman of a very strong park committee, recommended to the Board to engage a landscape architect who will provide a cost breakdown estimate for different park improvements, inclusive of updating the play areas, enhancing the landscaping, replacing an aging irrigation system, installing a drainage system, and creating more park security.

Upcoming events you do not want to miss are: The annual meeting at the Ritz on November 19th and the Lighting of Huntington Park on December 3rd.

Last but not least, the Association will be celebrating our 80th birthday next year! We hope to plan a special event for this milestone.

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

President - **Torey Presti**

Vice President - **David L. Lefkowitz**

Treasurer - **Bob Baxter**

Secretary - **James Fotenos**

Assistant Treasurer - **Lori Lefkowitz**

Director of Communications - **Fran Hildebrand**

Publication Contributors - **Tom Horn, Bella Farrow**

Photographer - **Caesar Alexander**



CALIFORNIA MILLE 2007

The sun was shining, the crowd was happy, the food was great, the cars beautiful. All in all it was a glorious celebration for the California Mille 2007. The biggest crowd ever and we realized over \$16,000.

My sincere thanks to my co-chairs the late Sylvia Clough, Martin Swig and the Fairmont General Manager, Francisco Gomez, and last but not least, Lois Lehrman, publisher and founder of the Nob Hill Gazette. Special thanks to Kurt Nehr, who once again hosted 14 people, and to Caesar Alexzander for providing the wonderful photography.

Special thanks to the Fairmont Hotel and its capable staff members especially Executive Chef James Pedro for the fabulous buffet.

Thank you for all your support.

*Love,
Bella*



R. J. Merck,
Bella,
Marie Mitchell,
Veronica LeBeau



NHA President
Torey Presti and
Virginia Presti



Lois Lehrman and Lisa Ramsey



Future Mille Driver!



Caesar Alexzander and Giselle McKeller



CALIFORNIA MILLE 2007

APRIL 29



Seen on the Scene





Schedule of Tree Lighting Ceremony

4:30 Meet at the Big Four Restaurant for a no host cocktail hour

5:30 Join us in Huntington Park and hear Christmas carols sung by the San Francisco Girls Chorus.

6:00 Mayor pulls the switch and lights the trees. The tree lighting will be held rain or shine –we will meet in Grace Cathedral in the event of rain.



WILD BOAR, YAK, AND ANTELOPE ...JUST TO NAME A FEW

The Big 4 Restaurant's Award-Winning Chef Gloria Ciccarone-Nehls Features Her Annual Wild Game Week Menu November 6 – 10, 2007

The special à la carte menu will feature mouthwatering and creative choices with starters such as Lightly Smoked Coffee Spice & Cacao-Rubbed Antelope Tenderloin, Crispy Wild Boar Carnitas Enchiladas, and "A Ducky Pairing" of Truffled Potato Bisque and Mini Duck Pastrami Sandwich, plus entrées such as Pancetta Crusted Tenderloin of Himalayan Yak "Rossini", and Braised Rocky Mountain Elk 'Osso Bucco'. The restaurant's club-like ambiance set in an elegant early-California decor with warm colors, rich leather and sparkling beveled glass, suggests another era of California's illustrious past. Call (415) 771-1140 for reservations.

THE FAIRMONT SAN FRANCISCO CELEBRATES ITS 100TH HOLIDAY SEASON

The Laurel Court will serve its annual festive Nutcracker Tea. In addition to enjoying a holiday menu worthy of the Sugar Plum Fairy, children will receive a Nutcracker gift and gingerbread toy soldiers to decorate with the help of the Fairmont Tea Fairy. Adults can toast the season with a complimentary glass of champagne. November 23, 2007 through January 2, 2008 on Wednesday through Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call 415-772-5260 for reservations.

Nob Hill Association Members,
the Stanford Court invites
you to join them for a 25% discount at
Fournou's Oven or the Lobby Bar.

This offer is valid through
December 30, 2007 with the exception of 11/22/07, 12/24/07, and 12/25/07.

Please bring in this newsletter and enjoy!

OUT AND ABOUT ON THE HILL

GRACE CATHEDRAL

For more than a decade, top writers, scholars, entertainers, theologians and public servants have appeared at The Forum on Sundays 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for free, open, unrehearsed conversations with Alan Jones, Dean of Grace Cathedral, unless otherwise noted. The Forum is held in Gresham Hall on the lower level of Grace Cathedral. For a schedule of Forum guests go to: www.gracecathedral.org/calendar.

- **November 4**
Kevin Padian, UC Berkeley professor of biology and curator of the Museum of Paleontology
- **November 18**
Fritjof Capra, best selling author of *The Tao of Physics* and new book, *The Science of Leonardo*
- **December 2**
World AIDS Day Panel
- **December 9**
Mollie Katzen, vegetarian food pioneer; author of *The Moosewood Cookbook*, this year 30 years old
- **December 16**
Dr. Lillian Rubin, San Francisco based psychotherapist and author of *60 on Up*

Grace Cathedral is also a venue for musical lovers particularly at the holidays. Call 415-468-3399 to reserve tickets.

- **December 10**
A Brass & Organ Christmas with The Bay Brass
- **December 15, 16, 21, 22, 23**
Grace Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys Christmas Concerts

THE UNIVERSITY CLUB, located at 800 Powell Street, invites NHA members to some special events. This historic private club will celebrate its 100th birthday on Nob Hill next year. Members interested in these events or the University Club should contact 415/781-0900.

Friday, November 2, - 5:30 PM

Boxing Night

Boxing night started at the University Club over thirty years ago and has been one of the most popular benefit events on the Club's calendar. Enjoy an evening of cocktails, prime rib, and the main attraction- sanctioned three-round boxing matches. This is a formal, black-tie optional, event. Cost is \$115 per person.

5:30 PM Cocktails • 7:00 PM Dinner • 8:30 PM Boxing Matches

Tuesday, November 6 - 6:30 PM

Make Your Own Appetizers.

Club Chef McCausland is offering a demonstration cooking class at the Club featuring holiday appetizers demonstration. Enjoy wine, appetizers and your new found cooking savvy. Cost is \$55 per person.

Tuesday, November 20 - 6:00 PM

San Francisco History by Charles Fracchia

Mr Fracchia is a noted historian. Cost of \$20 per person includes an evening of city lore and appetizers.

*In the New Year watch for "Nob Hill Nights"
casual Thursday dinners at the Club
beginning January 10, 2008*

**[FOR CURRENT EVENTS ON THE HILL GO TO
[HTTP://WWW.NOBHILLASSOCIATION.ORG](http://www.nobhillassociation.org)]**



The Nob Hill Association invites any individual or business that shares our mission to preserve and improve the Nob Hill neighborhood and Huntington Park to join.

Please fill out the information, and mail to:

The Nob Hill Association, c/o Lorraine Baxter, *Membership Chair*, 3400 Laguna St. #242, San Francisco, 94123-2252

For more information visit our website: www.nobhillassociation.org

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Address _____

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Telephone No. _____

Annual Dues \$60

Business \$80

Life Membership \$500

Donation \$_____

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Mercedes Restaurant

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The Sterling Co., of S. F.
Twins Hill
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Wells Fargo Insurance Services
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* New Member

SPECIAL MEMBERS

Pacific Union Club
Saint Francis Memorial Hospital

HOTELS

The Fairmont
The Huntington
Inter-Continental Mark Hopkins
Renaissance Stanford Court
The Ritz-Carlton

2007 NEW MEMBERS

Ms. Elaine Arnold	Mr. Tony Malandra
M/M Amir Assar	Mr. Robert M. Mason, III
Ms. Nancy Byrne	Mr. Matthew Meiners
Ms. Maureen Cassedy	Ms. Terry Meyerson
Ms. Diana Chace	M/M Michael Mondavi
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Mr. John M. Kenney	M/M Norman Rosenblatt
Mrs. Irene Kivitiz	Mr. Kent Roger
M/M Timothy Julet	Ms. J. Maggie Weiss
Ms. Nancy Lauck	M/M Aaron Zeff

NEW LIFE MEMBERS 2007

• Mr. & Mrs. Homer Dunn • Mr. Gary Hacker • Mr. Craig Lipton

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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Save the Dates

Annual Meeting November 19

Dorothy Fritz Cope

Annual Tree Lighting December 3