

NOB HILL NOTABLES

TOP BRASS ATTENDS ANNUAL MEETING



The Nob Hill Association's 2008 Annual Meeting was a truly unique event, exceptional in every way. While there is always a good representation of police and fire personnel for the annual Police Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year awards, this year, Police Chief Heather Fong and Fire Department Chief JoAnne Hayes -White were both present along with numerous other department officers. Captain Jim Dudley of Central Station presented the Police Officer of the Year award to Officer Tom Cunnane, and Chief Hayes-White presented the Firefighters of the Year award to Firefighter Paramedic Megan Franzen and Rescue Captain Kevin Boone. Many remember Firefighter Paramedic Franzen for her leadership and courage during the tiger escape at the San Francisco Zoo on December 25, 2007.

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CALIFORNIA MILLE



APRIL 26

THE FAIRMONT HOTEL
GOURMET FOOD, FINE WINES,
& GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES

THE BANKER'S CLUB

Over 100 NHA members topped off their holiday celebrations by attending an elegant social at the private Banker's Club on the panoramic 52nd floor of the Bank of America Center chaired by NHA Membership Director Mary Kay McNulty. On hand to greet our members was the President Mark Casillas, Gil Jacobs Membership Chair as well as Dwayne Arikawa Banker's Club Manager. Besides the majestic view backdrop on a perfectly clear San Francisco evening, NHA members were treated to an evening of music, cocktails and hors'doeuvres and a private tour of the Club.

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LETTER to NHA from SUPERVISOR CHIU

Last November, I was incredibly honored to be elected by the voters of District 3 to be your Supervisor. A remarkable and diverse group of volunteers representing every corner of District 3 helped to push our campaign across the finish line, and I am very grateful.

I also salute my fellow District 3 candidates. By all accounts, we had the most talented field of Supervisorial candidates in any district in the city. From my conversations with many of them, I am heartened that they are willing to work together to move our wonderful district forward in the coming years.

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AN EVENING OF HONORS & APPRECIATION

A nice contribution was also made in the name of the Association by NHA President Torey Presti to the San Francisco Firefighters Toy Program. In addition to the recognition given annually by the NHA to honor those in public safety, the Association also recognized retiring Dean Alan Jones for his 24 years of service to Grace Cathedral and to the citizens of San Francisco. Finally, the Association recognized the many years of service to the NHA of Bob and Lorraine Baxter, who have long served as Treasurer and Membership Chair, respectively, of the Association. Gary Gielow, past President of the NHA, made touching remarks and President Presti and Gielow presented a gift from the Association to Bob Baxter in thanks for their service.

A sumptuous buffet and cocktail reception followed the meeting presented by the Stanford Court Hotel, venue of this year's annual meeting. It was a wonderful opportunity for the members to catch up, many having not seen each other since the summer vacation.

January 20th was a memorable day nationally as well as for our membership. While we inaugurated our 44th President of the United States in Washington we also inducted David Lefkowitz, as our new president. I know David will bring a lot of energy to the new position. He shared with me some of his ideas that will make the next two years not only exciting but goal oriented.

I wish to thank all of the officers and Board of Directors who have assisted me over the past two years. The chairs and their teams worked very hard to once again exceed all expectations which resulted in record fund raising and donations. The Nob Hill Association in our 81st year continues to be the organization that is always identified with verbs like 'action' and 'direction' in the community.

Andy Grove, one of the founders of INTEL, used to comment that American companies spend too much time celebrating their successes and not enough time analyzing their failures. In line with this comment, I think there is one key area that I fell short during my tenure – Huntington Park.

The Park, being our 'raison d'être', is in need of renovation. New signage, lights, benches, children's playground is in the scope of work. While it will not be inexpensive, we can 'spruce up' the park for an affordable amount of money. Unfortunately, we have interested parties that would like to work with NHA but we have not been able to come to terms. It is my sincere hope that we can put our differences behind us and give our full focus and funds towards this project in 2009.

It has been a pleasure serving you during the past two years and I look forward to remaining on the Board of such a fine association.

Best wishes,

Torey Presti



Stephen Farrand, Torey Presti and Dean Alan Jones

Former NHA president Gary Gielow speaking of the contributions of Bob & Lorraine Baxter



President Presti with Robert Baxter accepting a gift of appreciation for he and Lorraine

Tom Horn, Chief SFPD Heather Fong and Stephen Farrand





Frank Stein and Lenore Karp



Caesar Alexander and Bob Varni



Ron Hummel,
Irene Bechtel,
Simi Baresteh
and
Cathy Candelaria

SUPERVISOR CHIU *continued*

I want to express my deep thanks for the accomplishments of outgoing District 3 Supervisor Aaron Peskin. Over the past 8 years, Aaron worked hard to protect our neighborhoods, to ensure that District 3 was well-served by city agencies, and to pass more legislation than any Supervisor in recent history.

As anyone who reads the papers know, San Francisco – as well as our nation and the entire world – is facing significant challenges. While our resilient local economy was able to stave off the impact of the global economic crisis for some time, in recent months, we have seen a steep decline in tax revenues and city funding for our most important governmental functions. From health and public safety services, to libraries, parks, street cleaning and public transportation, every city agency will be deeply impacted by San Francisco’s most significant budget shortfall in decades.

On the day I was sworn into office, I was also elected by my colleagues to serve as President of the Board of Supervisors. I am extremely humbled by this responsibility, and I look forward to working with every member of this Board and the Mayor in addressing our fiscal crisis and other citywide challenges.

While we address our citywide challenges, I plan to continue to be a zealous advocate for the needs of District 3 and our neighborhoods. In addition to working with individual residents and merchants, I plan to work closely with our rich network of associations to address issues of concerns specific to each neighborhood and shared across our neighborhoods. I look forward to working with the members and leadership of Nob Hill Association to improve the quality of life on Nob Hill and in our city.

All my best, Supervisor David Chiu

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



David Lefkowitz

Prince Philip of England once said, “Change does not change tradition. It strengthens it. Change is a challenge and an opportunity, not a threat.”

The Nob Hill Association is entering the end of the first decade of the new millennium. What began 80 years ago as an organization dedicated to the preservation of Huntington Park now faces the same challenges and opportunities as all of San Francisco: rapid change.

We communicate over the internet; assemble groups in an instant, to rise to any neighborhood challenge. Police and fire respond in 5 minutes. We live in an “instant” society.

But we still cling to our “old ways”: that gentile sense of living on the Hill, breakfast at the Big Four, the Mille outside the Fairmont, wedding pictures by the Fountain of the Tortoises, and the bells of Grace Cathedral.

Many of our institutions are undergoing change as well: the Masonic Auditorium’s plans to change its operation, our new District 3 Supervisor, David Chiu, dogs off-leash at the Park, graffiti, skateboards, a new tower at the Fairmont.

Your Nob Hill Association leads the Nob Hill neighborhood’s efforts to improve the quality of life on the Hill; its members are not only in a position to do so, but are duty-bound to make Nob Hill the safest, most rewarding and liveable slice of San Francisco. While wars rage and economies fail globally, we see the opportunity to enjoy this “island of beauty” locally. It is up to each of us to identify which specific part of our neighborhood we wish to improve, and then find a way for that improvement to manifest.

Your Board of Directors are charged with executing those improvements for the benefit of all of us on the Hill, and those visitors privileged enough to visit us. The directors are your voice toward that end; use them to make your wishes known, and charge them with bringing about the improvements our neighborhood deserves. The age of “passive participation” has passed. Our collective desire to be a “neighborhood” is a powerful force, and I challenge each of you to submit ideas for those improvements.

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, **David Lefkowitz** • Vice President, **James Fotenos** • Treasurer, **Lori Lefkowitz** • Secretary, **Joan Moon Lawrence**
Director of Communications, **Fran Hildebrand** • Publication Contributors, **Bella Farrow, Tom Horn and Mary Kay McNulty**
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SANTA COMES TO NOB HILL

Santa Claus was working Huntington Park like a politician at this year's Dorothy Fritz Cope Tree Lighting ceremony. It was a crisp, but beautiful, evening filled with music by the San Francisco Girls Chorus, led by director Elizabeth Avakian and accompanied by Doug Franks on the piano. Association president Torey Presti wished everyone a happy holiday season and asked Grace Cathedral Dean Alan Jones, retiring this year after 24 years of service, to give an invocation. Then following tradition, the giant switch was thrown by the Acting General Manager of Recreation and Parks Department, Jared Blumenfeld, illuminating all the trees in the park for the season. Hot chocolate and cookies were abundant all evening thanks to the generosity of the Huntington Hotel.

Photos by Caesar Alexander



Tom Horn and his cousin Ruthie Robbins and her husband David with Santa



Revelers at the Big Four before the tree lighting



Randy Craig



NHA President Torey Presti



Jared Blumenfeld



SF Girls Chorus were invited to perform at the inauguration of our 44th President Barak Obama



Dean Alan Jones

THE BANKER'S CLUB

DECEMBER 15, 2008

Photos by Pat Mazzera



Henry Kim, Roland Quiroz, Cathy Candelaria, Robert Moore, Glenn Toth



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David Lefkowitz, Stephen Patton



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Herb Kritiz, Elizabeth Woodall, Norm Wallin

The Banker's Club has extended a special membership offer to all NHA members:

- * Initiation fees waived
- * First month of membership free
- * Second & third month half price

Membership is \$110/month for resident, \$55/month for junior (to age 36), and \$45/month retired. There is no minimum food usage. We are pleased to report that due to our request they have generously agreed to **extend this special invitation to April 1, 2009!!**

This extension is perfectly timed for new members to take advantage of their up-coming Spring events which include a Wicked Theatre evening, wine tasting events, a complimentary St. Patrick's day buffet & cocktail evening and Cinco de Mayo evening. Consider joining this premier social club during this special "by invitation only" membership offer. The club is just a short cable car ride for most of our NHA members.

Interested parties should contact Gil Jacobs, Membership Director at (415) 397-9881.

HOB NOB ON THE HILL

Photos by Alain McLaughlin



Dame Bella and her look-a-like Linda Bulgo.

Holiday Hob Nob on the Hill celebrated its 20th year and was the biggest ever!!! A record breaking crowd ate, drank and danced the evening away. The grand total of \$520,670.10 was raised for the Bothin Burn Center at St. Francis Hospital. People are still thanking me for inviting them to attend this beautiful event at \$350 per person!!! It proved that if you give them a fun party for a great cause, they will come!! Thank you to all who came or donated auction items or just made a donation—you all helped to make this an affair to remember.

*Love and Hugs,
Bella*



Dame Bella with SFFD Chief Joanne Hayes-White



Michael and Marilyn Cabak
NHA members



Mayor Gavin Newsom
and
Dame Bella

THE NOB HILL SPA INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

March 10, 6 p.m.,

Dr. Daphne Miller, author of *The Jungle Effect: A Doctor Discovers the Healthiest Diets From Around the World - Why They Work and How to Bring Them Home*.

March 11, 6 p.m.

Christine Switzer, Dev. Director, International Museum of Women

RSVP the **FREE** speaker appearances: Kellie James at 415-345-2826
or kjames@huntingtonhotel.com

10% of proceeds for all treatments donated to Women for Women International • 10% discount off of all spa treatments • 25% off retail items made by international women designers in the Nob Hill Spa boutique

On Turning 85 — the Huntington Hotel Gets a New Look

The Huntington Hotel is proudly debuting 39 renovated guest rooms this season in contemporary design schemes, marking its 85th anniversary with style and flair. Two design schemes will be reflected in the new guest rooms, both inspired by San Francisco itself.

Each of the new rooms has individual design elements, as furniture and décor accents change throughout the design schemes and three color palettes. "We aimed to maintain the Huntington's tradition of uniqueness within the rooms, and we certainly achieved that goal," stated Gail Isono, general manager of the Huntington Hotel. "We began 85 years ago as a residential apartment building, and we've kept that warm and welcoming feel in the new rooms, as you truly feel as if you're in someone's home when you're in them."

The first design features a spirited and bright impression, including a lighter palette and custom cabinetry made of ecologically sustainable bamboo. Set for completion in March, the second design scheme embodies the urban pied-a-terre that embodies the Huntington's rich history, including large commissioned photographs of iconic San Francisco images by a local photographer. These rooms evoke a timeless feel, with colors including foggy blues and sage greens, and textiles of wools, linens, leathers and suede with metallic accents.

Details were of utmost importance to designer Jim Neeley of Wisecracker Designs, as the renovation includes custom bedding, casework and writing desks that perfectly reflect the essence of the Huntington Hotel, including embroidered "H" decorative pillows.

"It's an exciting time for us, as we're debuting these new rooms," noted Ms. Isono. "The luxurious new elements incorporated into the rooms perfectly fit the Huntington Hotel's sophisticated residential feel. We're continually committed to providing our new and loyal guests alike a new experience each time they stay with us, and we are so grateful that we're able to be our guests' home away from home in San Francisco."

GRACE CATHEDRAL

Visit www.gracecathedral.org/calendar for other events

Friday, March 20, 7 p.m.

Documentary Screening: The Color of Fear

This insightful and ground breaking film explores the state of race relations in America through the eyes of eight North American men of Asian, European, Latino, and African descent. A discussion on racism follow with nationally acclaimed lecturer and director of the film, Lee Mun Wah.

Monday, March 23, 7:30 p.m.

San Francisco Choral Festival

Now in their 10th year, the World Projects Choral Festival presents a festival featuring an ensemble of outstanding high school and college choirs.

Through March 27

"Wounded In America"

Grace Cathedral collaborates with the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence to present Wounded in America, an exhibit by Robert Drea & Stephanie Arena that documents, through photographs and the stories of Americans who are survivors of gun violence. The exhibit is on display in the cathedral's Nave (main sanctuary).

April 27, 7:00 p.m.

Long Time Passing:

Mothers of War, Mothers for Peace

celebrates Susan Galley's book. Music by Sarah Cahill and MC's by musician Kaylah Marin. Includes Afgani, Iraqi, Palestinian and American voices. Doors open for art exhibit and reception at 6:30pm. \$10 donation requested.

SUNDAY ORGAN RECITALS

March 8, 4 p.m.

Jeremy Filsell, Senior Organist at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington D.C. offers Bach's *Clavierübung* Chorales interspersed with more virtuosic twentieth century fare.

March 15, 4 p.m.

Christopher Herrick, English virtuoso recording artist. Works by Buxtehude, Bach, and Bartók among others.

March 22, 4 p.m.

American Guild of Organists Members' recital

March 29, 3 p.m.

Jeffrey Smith, Grace Cathedral's Canon Director of Music offers improvisations on the Stations of the Cross.

All above events are free of charge; donations are appreciated.

TOP OF THE MARK

THE INTERCONTINENTAL MARK HOPKINS HOTEL

The legendary Top of the Mark sky lounge is located on the 19th floor of the InterContinental Mark Hopkins Hotel and famed for its panoramic views of the City and Bay and its 100 Martinis menu. For information/dinner reservations, please call 415-616-6916.

SUNDAYS

SHARMAN DURAN ON PIANO FOR SUNDAY BRUNCH

TUESDAYS

RICARDO SCALES, Bay Area Music Awards-nominated pianist has redefined smooth jazz during his eleven consecutive years at the Intercontinental Mark Hopkins' famous Top of the Mark.

WEDNESDAYS

BEN MARCATO AND THE MONDO COMBO

Cool jazz, soulful swing and rocking rhythm & blues

THURSDAYS

STOMPY JONES, and his band with its vintage attire and romping small-band swing, deliver the romping, joyous style of jazz that would come to be known as rock 'n' roll.

FRIDAYS

BLACK MARKET JAZZ ORCHESTRA is a six-piece combo mixing great combinations of today's hits, '80s pop, '70s disco and songs recalling the best of the '60s, '50s, and '40s.

SATURDAYS

RICARDO SCALES, brings his sizzling five-piece combo and guest vocalists to the Top of the Mark.

THE RITZ CARLTON

~ SMALL BOTTLES/SMALL BITES

On the heels of a repeat Mobil Five-Star rating awarded to both the hotel and The Dining Room, The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco unveiled February 5, *Small Bottles/Small Bites* offering in The Ritz-Carlton Bar. *Small Bottles/Small Bites* is a culinary extension of The Dining Room, enabling Bar guests to enjoy memorable bites from Chef Ron Siegel of The Dining Room, accompanied by great wines from an extensive new half-bottle selection.

February 5, also marked the launch of service in The Ritz-Carlton Bar of The Dining Room's à la carte menu— a move designed to address the schedules of today's travelers and local executives. Guests will be able to stop by the bar, order a full-size filet mignon or other regular menu selection and perhaps a half-bottle of a great cabernet.

"We are delighted to introduce Small Bottles/Small Bites and believe it will be relevant to our guests and to the San Francisco culinary community," said Ed Mady, Vice President and Area GM.

THE UNIVERSITY CLUB

800 Powell Street, San Francisco

The University Club invites NHA members to the following special events. Members interested in the following events or the University Club please call 415/781-0900.

SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIAN CHARLES FRACCHIA

Mr. Fracchia continues his monthly talks on San Francisco history at the University Club. He offers his witty and informative insights about our city to Club and Nob Hill Association members on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 17, 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19, 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, 6 p.m.

All talks begin with complementary appetizers which are included in the \$20 price per attendee. No host cocktails, wine and beer and non-alcoholic beverages are available.



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NHA member Community Music Center Celebrates Eighty-Eighth Birthday at Annual Event

Both Community Music Center and violin student Remo Del Tredici came into this world in 1921 during the Jazz Age, a time of prohibition and speakeasies, of F. Scott Fitzgerald and the Harlem Renaissance. The war to end all wars had been won and the Great Depression was almost a decade away.

On Monday, May 4 2009, Community Music Center (CMC) will celebrate its 88th birthday at the dazzling Rrazz Room at San Francisco's Hotel Nikko. The annual party, *A Salute to the Joy of Making Music*, supports scholarships for low-income youth.

Cabaret jazz vocalist Wesla Whitfield will headline the evening along with her husband, pianist Mike Greensill, who has promised to play all 88 piano keys. CMC students will also give a special performance. The Music Center's honored guest is a violinist in the CMC string orchestra, Remo Del Tredici, who started the school year at 88 years old. Longtime CMC supporters Nelson and Diana Wild head the Event Committee.

Community Music Center's 88th year of making music accessible to San Franciscans will be celebrated with fine wines, a wide array of appetizers and a birthday cake. Auction prizes will feature exciting travel packages, food and wine, and, of course, music!

A Salute to the Joy of Making Music Celebrating CMC's 88th Year

Monday May 4, 2009 from 6 to 9pm

The Rrazz Room of San Francisco's Hotel Nikko

For more information and to purchase tickets, call (415) 647-6015, x78.

UNIVERSITY CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

Photos by Julie Garrett



Fran Hildebrand
and
Larry Ku



Roland Petersen
and
Caryl Ritter

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, 235 Montgomery Street, Ste. 930, San Francisco, CA 94109

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

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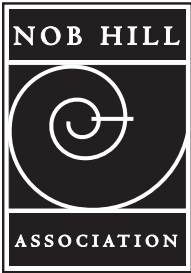
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to the MILLE!

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Ms. Juanell Hefner
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Mr. Ralph Latza
Mr. Andrew Schawel
Mr. Rupert Scammell
John and Donna Shoemaker
Mr. Rick Smoke

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Helene Ettelson • Lorna Lee • Mark Pressey

*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.*