

NOB HILL NOTABLES

NOB HILL TOASTS THE CALIFORNIA MILLE

NHA members can view one of the nation's most spectacular displays of vintage sports cars at "Nob Hill Toasts The California Mille" on April 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. in front of The Fairmont San Francisco. Marking the 20th Anniversary of the California Mille, the much anticipated event will showcase the 70 rare sports racing and production cars, dating from 1927 through 1957, which will participate in the prestigious event. In addition, the Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance will present approximately 55 luxury cars that represent the best automotive designs of the last 100 years.

Sponsored by The Fairmont San Francisco, "Nob Hill Toasts The California Mille," combines a festive street party with a delicious Italian buffet and wine tasting in The Gold Room. In addition, guests will enjoy the opportunity to win exciting raffle prizes, courtesy of Fairmont Hotels & Resorts.

With Bella Farrow as Honorary Chairperson, this annual event benefits the Nob Hill Association, which serves to preserve Nob Hill and Huntington Park. Tickets to "Nob Hill Toasts The California Mille" are \$50 per person. For more information, please call 415-346-8720. Tickets may also be purchased at the event.

Patterned after the world-famous Italian Mille Miglia, The California Mille is a four-day, 1000-mile tour through Northern California. The California Mille unites cars and drivers from around the globe.



April 25 ~ 1 to 4 p.m.

THE NOB HILL ASSOCIATION'S 81ST ANNUAL MEETING of 2009



NHA Police Officers of the Year
Sgt. John Colla and Officer Carl Payne

The Nob Hill Association's 2009 Annual Meeting was a lively reflection of the issues confronting the Hill's residents with discussion about the Masonic's expansion plans and Huntington Park safety coupled with a photography show featuring Nob Hill pictures by Ron Henggeler and a book signing with leading San Francisco historian Charles Fracchia. Mayor Gavin Newsom and Supervisor David Chiu were both there and shared their thoughts on the Hill's issues.

This year, Fire Department Chief JoAnne Hayes-White was present along with other department officers. Chief Hayes-White presented the Firefighter of the Year award to Lieutenant Anita Paratley, for her twenty years of significant service to San Francisco. A contribution was also made in the name of the Association by NHA President David Lefkowitz to the San Francisco Firefighters Cancer Program.

Captain Anna Brown of Central Station came with former Central Station Captain, now Commander Jim Dudley. They honored two police department members: Sgt. John Colla, a 32 year SFPD veteran, for his work assuring that events in the neighborhood have minimum

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Crisp Weather for Holiday Ceremony

The annual Dolly Fritz Cope Tree Lighting Ceremony on Monday, November 30, 2009, in Huntington Park featured clear skies, dry weather and several hundred neighbors and friends. The Huntington Hotel, a gracious partner with the Nob Hill Association in the tree lighting, once again provided a no host cocktail party before the traditional lighting as well as hot chocolate for assembled Huntington Park guests.

The San Francisco Girls Chorus sang holiday carols and the Rt. Rev. Peter J. Lee, Interim Dean of Grace Cathedral, gave the invocation. The President of the Board of Directors of the NHA, David Lefkowitz, welcomed guests and thanked members of the community and the Huntington Hotel who had made the evening possible. Supervisor David Chiu pulled the switch that lit the trees for another holiday season.

The Nob Hill Association, which celebrates its 82th birthday in 2010, and the Huntington Hotel have jointly sponsored the annual Dorothy Fritz Cope Tree Lighting Ceremony for years, making it one of San Francisco's oldest and most enduring traditions.

The ceremony is a truly local event, embracing family and the city's can-do, pioneering spirit. In 1945, real state developer Eugene Fritz turned his Huntington Apartments into the Huntington Hotel, and five years later stunned the male-dominated industry by transferring ownership to his daughter, Dorothy Fritz. It was Dorothy Fritz's hard work that made the Huntington Hotel the must-stay address for generations of royalty, celebrity, and people with supremely good taste. Today, the ownership and operation of the landmark hotel remains in the hands of a third generation of family members. It is the only hotel on Nob Hill not owned by a chain.



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impact on Nob Hill residents and Officer Carl Payne who is the Union Square and Nob Hill area Beat Officer and Ambassador to the community.

Firefighter of the Year
Lieutenant Anita Paratley



Mayor of San Francisco
Gavin Newsom

In addition to the recognition given annually by the NHA to honor those in public safety, the Association also donated to Grace Cathedral with The Rt. Rev. Peter J. Lee, Interim Dean, accepting the gift for the Cathedral.

A sumptuous buffet and reception was organized by the Mark's Diana Bulgo and hotel manager Christopher Holbrook who generously donated the wine.



NHA President
David Lefkowitz
presenting
Annual Address
to the NHA Association

Association members enjoyed. It was a wonderful opportunity for the members to catch up and plan parties for the upcoming holiday season while staying involved in their neighborhood.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



David Lefkowitz

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

When I wrote last year about the coming of change to our neighborhood, I did not envision the extent or breadth of that prediction.

The Masonic Auditorium's request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) continues to be a major topic of conversation on the Hill. The neighbors are demanding "safety first", and some members of the press has interpreted this message as a "claim of bigotry". The public relations campaign by Live Nation has, up to this point, been effective.

When the matter was first presented to our Association, your Board of Directors voted overwhelmingly to oppose this permit application. As of this writing, the five Hotels on the Hill now support the CUP, and we, as a neighborhood, must now be ever more vigilant in asserting our position. I have heard multiple opinions from our neighbors; ranging from "standing firm, and let the matter be settled on its legal merits" to "perhaps we can reach a compromise where everyone gets some of what they want".

Let us be clear that this matter affects all of us on the Hill. Each night, when the nightly concerts are over, the Live Nation management goes to their homes, which are not on Nob Hill. They will not have to live with the consequences of the "after-concert crowd."

This January 28th the Association hosted a public forum to hear opinions about the tragic attack, by off-leash dogs, on one of our neighbors, Marion Cope. We heard comments from Board of Supervisors President David Chiu, Park and Rec. Director Philip Ginsburg, Mrs. Cope, and the Director of SFDog.org (SF Dog Owner's Group), a non-profit organization dedicated to dogs being off-leash in public spaces.

Non-Nob-Hill attendance outnumbered our neighbors by a 4 to 1 margin. After Mrs. Cope described in detail her personal ordeal, and extended recovery, a forceful sequence of speakers spoke in favor of dogs being off-leash in Huntington Park. Mrs. Cope's experience was largely brushed aside, and the public comments ranged from "we're not going away" to "dogs deserve to run free." While the "safety first" topic was vocalized by your Association President, there was no follow up by the neighbors.

As with the Masonic Auditorium's effort to follow its agenda, the off-leash movement is well-organized, and vocal. We, as a neighborhood, must not let the current climate of change impede enforcement of the necessary safety standards that we can, and must, demand from our government.

Let's get involved, be vocal, write to our Supervisor David Chiu. We deserve nothing less than a safe neighborhood.

BOARD MEMBER JOANNA RATLIFF BALLOU

Joanna Ballou passed away January 22, 2010, after a brief illness. Born in Oklahoma City in 1920, she attended Mills College and UCLA, graduating from George Washington University with a degree in dietetics. She married her life's companion, George T. Ballou in 1942. They shared a love of people, travel, and international affairs until his death in 1994. After moving to San Francisco from Bronxville, N.Y., Joanna launched into 50 years of service with civic and nonprofit organizations, serving on the boards of the Nob Hill Association, Volunteer Auxiliary of the Youth Guidance Center, Edgewood, the World Affairs Council, the International Institute, the St. Francis Hospital Foundation and the International Diplomacy Council, among others, as well as two terms on the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission. Her energy and creativity in entertaining and fundraising were legendary. An indefatigable world-wide traveler, Joanna welcomed the new millennium at Angkor Wat and recently finished a tour of the California missions and the Alaskan Inland Passage. Joanna was also a member of the Town & Country Club, the Junior League and the St. Francis Yacht Club. She never tired of learning new things and meeting new people. Animals always held a special place in her heart. Her greatest joy was found with her family and she supported their activities to the fullest. A Celebration of Joanna's life was held at Grace Cathedral on February 18, 2010—a champagne filled tribute to a life well lived.

Nob Hill Greets Spring

Nob Hill in spring — new growth in Huntington Park, Sunday fashion at Grace Cathedral turns to pastels and the grand hotels of the hill offer lighthearted celebrations while Grace Cathedral invites us to examine great music and film ...

GRACE CATHEDRAL

Friday April 16, 8 p.m.

Sacred Space: Pharaoh Sanders the legendary tenor saxophonist. Presented by SF JAZZ

Ticket information: www.sfjazz.org or call toll-free 866/920-JAZZ

Sunday April 18, 7 p.m.

Raves & Faves: The Woodsman a movie viewing and discussion series, led by blogger Jason Le Roy

Cost: FREE

Friday, April 23, 7 p.m.

Pacific Boychoir performs Rachmaninoff's famous All-Night Vigil or Verspers.

Ticket information: Call 510/849-8180

Sunday, April 25, 7 p.m.

Magnificat performs Monteverdi's remarkable Vespro della Beata Vergine on the 400th anniversary of its composition.

Ticket information: www.magnificatbaroque.com or call 800/595-4849

Sunday, April 25, 7 p.m.

The Ground Truth: After the Killing Ends

Viewing **War: Provoking Questions on Violent Conflict Past and Present**, a film series that shows the impact of war from various perspectives — families, soldiers, poets and historians. Discussion led by cathedral clergy and members of the American Friends Service Committee.

Cost: FREE

Sunday, May 25, 3 p.m.

Choir of Men and Boys in Concert

featuring Cantus Missae in E flat Op. 109 by Josef Gabriel Rheinberger and Five Mystical Songs by Ralph Vaughan Williams. It's a program of choral masterpieces performed by the choir, modeled after the 500-year-old tradition of English choirs and one of only a few of its kind in North America. Amid the soaring arches and luminous stained glass of gothic Grace Cathedral, the choir's sound is truly timeless.

Cost: FREE

Friday, June 18, 7:30 p.m.

Miriam's Well, an interfaith collaborate of sacred dance, music & poetry honor three visionary women, Mary, Maryam and Miriam, who illustrate the way to the universal well.

Ticket information: www.brownpapertickets.com or call 800/838-3006

ORGAN RECITALS

After Easter, April 4, the Organ Recital series will go on hiatus as Grace Cathedral begins urgent work to replace the failing roofs over the two organ chambers. The organ's playing mechanism and wind system will be refurbished, and missing or mismatched pipes out of character with the original instrument will be replaced.

Save the Dates!

2010 Annual Meeting
November 18 ~ 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Dorothy Fritz Cope
Annual Tree Lighting

Huntington Park
November 29 ~ 5:30pm
No host cocktails ~ 4:30pm at the Big Four

2010 Holiday Hob Nob
December 3, 2010

Invitations to spring specials abound

RITZ-CARLTON

MOTHER'S DAY

Brunch buffet in The Terrace Room featuring the sounds of some of the Bay Area's most talented jazz musicians.

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH AND BARBECUE, JUNE 20

Celebrate with Dad and the first day of summer with a brunch buffet and barbecue in the Terrace Courtyard, complete with big-screen televisions broadcasting the day's sporting events. Assorted micro-brewed beers may be paired with traditional barbecued favorites while a jazz trio entertains.

Reservations call 415/773-6198 or 415/296-7465

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Through December 30, 2010 special rates starting at \$179 per night, plus tax including complimentary parking*

To book, please call 800/441-1414 and ask for the "Take the Elevator Home" rate.

Book online at www.fairmont.com using promotion code PTEH

THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY BENEFIT

A tiki icon since 1945, The Tonga Room will host the ultimate luau for the ultimate cause – with 50 percent of the proceeds benefiting LLS – on April 13 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Guests can look forward to delicious cuisine, such as roasted suckling pig and other Island specialties; live entertainment, featuring Polynesian music and hula dancing by the Spirit of Polynesia as well as the top-40 tunes of Island Groove; complimentary wine; a welcome Mai Tai and lei; a no-host bar of signature tropical drinks; and the chance to win exciting get-aways. After the reception, the cocktail bar will remain open for LLS guests from 8 to 10 p.m.

The event costs \$75 plus tax and gratuity.

To purchase tickets, please call 415-772-5278

or visit www.tongaroom.com

HUNTINGTON HOTEL

"CALIFORNIA DREAMING"

ROOM RATE FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS

This rate includes access to the Nob Hill Spa's facilities, tea or coffee service upon arrival, and chauffeured sedan service to and from Union Square and the Financial District.

\$295 per night for a Park View Room

\$499 per night for a City View Suite

www.huntingtonhotel.com/packages_and_promotions

NOB HILL SPA

Renewal Detox Package

to Welcome the Spring Solstice

The package, the Seaweed Leaf Body Ritual, includes (80 minutes), the new Cowry Shell DetoxFacial (80 minutes), a spa lunch, a JAMU Ginger Turmeric Drink, and a 15-day supply of GliSOD in take-home detox supplements. The package is \$595 and can be scheduled for the same day or within two weeks time. The Seaweed Leaf Body Ritual and Cowry Shell Detox Facial are available as individual treatments outside of the Renewing Detox Package as well. "The components of the package add up to total detoxification for the face, skin and body, using organic products that cleanse and hydrate the skin, especially important after the skin-drying effects of a long, cold winter," stated Maritsa Victorian, assistant spa director of the Nob Hill Spa.

www.nobhillspa.com

THE STANFORD COURT

FIVE FOR TWO

Guests experience a taste of Chef Werner's culinary offerings, showcasing locally-produced cuisine. These smaller bites work well for informal get-togethers and paired with wines or a hand-crafted cocktail.

VINA-VERSITY ~ Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Weekly classes whose main focus is based on the legacy of Leland Stanford as an early pioneer of California winegrowing with the present-day art of the craft. Before Stanford University was built, the grounds were planted with orchards and vines. Local cheeses will be offered to taste with the wines.

Reservations call 415/989-3500



This article is the second in a series we are introducing to our members to better acquaint them with our business members. As residents of Nob Hill we share not only a beautiful neighborhood but one that is blessed to have local businesses that provide a unique array of services. We encourage our members to support them. These articles provide an insight into their history on the hill and to highlight services they offer.

A BOUTIQUE SPA IN THE HEART OF SAN FRANCISCO

By Alma Carroll

Did you know that a unique oasis hides just two blocks from the top of Nob Hill? Set in the heart of bustling San Francisco behind the brick facade of an unassuming building at 1456 California Street, Recharge Medical and Day Spa offers top-quality cosmetic medical services and an unforgettable experience in tranquility.



Behind its black lacquered front door with polished brass knob, a lovely blonde spirit named Michelle welcomes you into your own living room. With walls adorned by original art from local artists, the spa bears little resemblance to the sterile setting of most cosmetic salons. There is no flash, no razzle dazzle. Just an immediate, enveloping warmth. A feeling of comfort and surcease against the dimmed clang of outside cable cars.

Established in May of 2007 by Philippe Nguyen, MD, and Andrew Bills, PhD, MPH, Recharge was an immediate success as a registered medical spa with the State of California. Its clients are a rich tapestry of San Francisco's diversity, with emphasis on individual acceptance. Patrons are also referred by many of the city's hotels.

Services are crafted to meet each individual's needs, and include manicure and pedicure treatments, full body skin care, facials, body massage, hair removal, cosmetic medical services such as BOTOX injections, dermal fillers and the most advanced laser skin treatments. Cosmetic medical services are completely under the supervision of Dr. Nguyen. Its staff members are all highly skilled, hold California licenses in their areas of expertise, and keep abreast of new state-of-the-art advances with ongoing training provided by the spa.



Philippe Nguyen, MD

An internist, board-certified in cosmetic medical procedures, Dr. Nguyen provides and oversees all cosmetic medical services and consultations. Born in Vietnam, Nguyen came to the United States when he was four years old. He, his mother and younger sister moved to New Orleans where he attended grade school and high school. The family then relocated to Orange County where he attended UC Irvine. Nguyen received his medical doctorate from Ross University School of Medicine, then did his intern residency at Hahneman University Hospital in Pennsylvania. He is currently attending physician at Marin General Hospital in Greenbrae, but his family still lives in Orange County.

A gracious, soft-spoken man, Nguyen says the spa is what he "always envisioned — a business offering surcease and serenity to its clientele while taking an active role in its community."



Andrew Bills, PhD, MPH

"The health and safety of our clients, staff, and the community are our top priorities," says Dr. Nguyen. "Sanitation in some of the hospitals today is absolutely scary. Patients can contract all sorts of diseases from hepatitis to sepsis, which is why we place such emphasis on sanitation. Even our bowls are stainless steel, a substance that is a deterrent for bacteria."

"Seeing a doctor is stressful," Nguyen continues. "Many people suffer from 'white-coat syndrome' which we try to ameliorate here. We work to ensure that clients feel a sense of ease, well-being, and overall pampering."

Very active in community involvement, Recharge Medical and Day Spa's Tranquil Art program provides an intimate exhibition space for local artists who have creations to nourish the soul. Artists are allowed to display their work at the spa for two months, and receptions are occasionally held for additional exposure.

Are you looking for a special gift for a special person? Or a special gift for yourself? Well, look no further. It's here. The spa offers numerous day packages. Its facility and services are also available for parties, meetings and events.

"If you know a charity that could use our support or might like to use our space, please have them contact us," says Dr. Nguyen. Recharge Medical and Day Spa provides a 15% discount to Nob Hill Association card members as well as a 10% discount to all medical workers.

(A member of the Nob Hill Association and an award-winning, quasi-retired journalist, Alma Carroll is a past staff writer for PBS and a former special assignment feature writer for the San Francisco Chronicle. Her work has also appeared in other publications too numerous to mention.)

...and this spring we welcome a

**NEW HOTEL MANAGER AT
INTERCONTINENTAL MARK HOPKINS**

Nelum Gunewardane has been appointed as Hotel Manager for the Mark Hopkins. Bringing over 17 years of hospitality experience, Gunewardane began her career in 1992 at the Riyadh InterContinental Hotel in Saudi Arabia, and later moved on to the InterContinental Hotels in London, New York and Boston.



A Special Cocktail from Top of the Mark **QUEEN CALIFIA COCKTAIL**

Enjoy a specialty cocktail from Top Of The Mark, the sky-lounge at the InterContinental Mark Hopkins San Francisco. This cocktail honors Queen Califia, the legendary Amazon warrior queen for whom some believe California was named after. Murals depicting the queen and early California life are found in one of the beautiful ballrooms, the Room of the Dons. Artists Frank van Sloun and Maynard Dixon painted these priceless murals in 1926 for the grand opening of the hotel.

- 2 oz Bacardi Superiore
- ½ oz Simple Syrup
- 2 oz Pomegranate Juice
- 1 oz Cointreau Noir
- 1 oz Fresh Lemon Juice

*Mix all ingredients in a large container and refrigerate.
Serve on the rocks in a Collins glass and top with club soda.
Garnish with a lemon twist and/or slice.*

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

- *President David Lefkowitz* • *Vice President James Fotenos* • *Treasurer Lori Lefkowitz* • *Secretary Joan Moon*
- *Director of Communications Fran Hildebrand* • *Publication Contributor Alma Carroll* • *Photographer Ron Henggeler*

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

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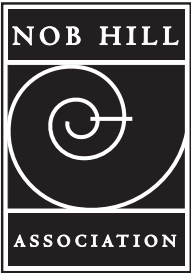
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The Huntington Hotel
Inter-Continental Mark Hopkins
Renaissance Stanford Court
The Ritz-Carlton

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~ NEW MEMBERS 2010 ~

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Giselle McKellar • Richard & Donna Perkins • David Retz
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We appreciate the support of the mentioned business members and are delighted to list our new individual members.

All 2010 membership cards have been sent out to members. If you did not receive yours please call Membership Director Mary Kay McNulty at (415) 771-1787.