

# NOB HILL NOTABLES

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5:30-7:30PM**

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Hear NHA officers bring you up to date  
on Nob Hill activities*

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**INVITE A NEW MEMBER TO JOIN THE  
NOB HILL ASSOCIATION TODAY  
AND  
HELP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CONTINUE TO  
MOVE FORWARD.**

*Read inside to find out what your Association has done  
during the first six months of 2011.*

Meet our new Association officers: President, Robert Varni has previously served as president of the Association and currently serves as the Treasurer of the St. Francis Hospital Foundation. Varni shares his thoughts about the Association's direction in his president's message. Vice Presidents Gary Gielow and Stephen Patton are also past presidents of the Association. Vice President David Harmer has been very active in the Association's work on the Live Nation expansion plan. Association Secretary is Sandra Assar and Chief Financial Officer is James Wall

**PLEASE GIVE A MEMBERSHIP  
OR A DONATION TODAY!**

*Save the Dates!*



**2011 Annual Meeting  
Thursday, November 10**

**Annual Tree Lighting  
Monday, November 28**

*Angelina Lame*

Angie Lame, 88, passed away peacefully at her San Francisco home on January 8, 2011. A loyal member of the NHA Board since 1983, she served as Secretary of the Board for five years. Angie was always ready to participate in and help organize fund raising programs benefitting Nob Hill. She especially enjoyed working on Picnic in the Park, the Day at the Races and NHA Tea Dances. She had recently been appointed to the NHA's Director's Circle. Angie is survived by her devoted daughter Linda Lame and sister Elaine Stathos, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by her friends and family as well as her fellow NHA Board members.



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*Looking back ...our holiday season was grand!*



There was the annual meeting hosted by the Fairmont Hotel on November 18 and the tree lighting in Huntington Park on November 30, jointly sponsored by The Huntington Hotel and the Nob Hill Association.



The California Mille party hosted by The Fairmont San Francisco and the Nob Hill Association took place on the afternoon of Easter Sunday April 24. Cars of every vintage and make were on display and drivers proudly showed off their prize vehicles to Association members as they arrived for the festivities. Writer Katherine Powell-Cohen, author of *San Francisco's Nob Hill*, signed copies of her book with partial proceeds benefitting the Association. Co-Chairs Thomas Klein, Regional Vice President of The Fairmont, Lois Lehrman, publisher of the Nob Hill Gazette, Elizabeth Thieriot, member of the St. Francis Memorial Hospital Foundation Board and Martin Swig, event founder, teamed to create a lovely afternoon of Italian treats, raffle prizes and fun for attendees. Other sponsors include: the Ironestone Foundation, Chopard, KSFO-AM, Bonhams & Butterfield, San Francisco Examiner and British Motor Car Distribution.

In addition to The Fairmont, raffle donors included The Huntington Hotel, the Mark Hopkins, Sandra Assar, Fran Hildebrand and Bill Terrell. Nob Hill Association President Bob Varni and Co-Chair Elizabeth Thieriot pulled the names of the lucky winners.



*ANNUAL  
MEETING  
— 2010 —*



*CALIFORNIA MILLE*

*— 2011 —*



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - ROBERT VARNI



Dear Neighbor,

Five months have passed since the new team of officers have taken their places in the administration of the Nob Hill Association. These have been five very busy months for all of the members of your Board of Directors. I have asked the leaders of various projects currently underway to write a few paragraphs describing their plans and goals. In this letter, I will cover briefly the issues in which we have been involved. Membership in the Association is high on our list of priorities. Membership is the vehicle that makes Nob Hill a neighborhood. What a delight to walk down the street, meet people you know and exchange greetings. We will be expanding social gatherings which allow us to meet our lovely neighbors.

Invite your neighbors to join the Nob Hill Association. A Membership Task Force headed up by Vice President, Gary Gielow has a goal of doubling membership within the next 12 months.

Our Vice President, David Harmer, will bring you up to date on the Association's activities regarding the Masonic Temple and Live Nation. It was approximately two years ago that the membership of this Association voted unanimously to oppose the efforts of Live Nation (formerly "Bill Graham Presents") to bring certain forms of entertainment to Nob Hill.

The jewel of Nob Hill, Huntington Park, is being watched over by Vice President, Stephen Patton. Over the recent 30 years, the Nob Hill Association has raised and invested \$1,250,000 in Huntington Park. The Park Committee is developing plans to bring the Park to the highest standards since its creation by Arabella Huntington following the 1906 earthquake. The jewel will become a World Class Jewel.

Our five hotels represent the finest San Francisco has to offer to our visitors from around the country and around the world. The Nob Hill Association will work with our hotels, in any way we can, to improve the ambiance of Nob Hill. We, the residents of this lovely hilltop, always take pride in the way our visitors laud our neighborhood.

As I mentioned earlier, I look forward to a variety of social events where I have the opportunity to meet each of you personally. Not only does that statement express my desire; it represents the desires of each of the members of your Nob Hill Association Board of Directors. We are committed to making Nob Hill the best residential neighborhood in the United States of America.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Varni, *President, Your Nob Hill Association*

**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. 870, San Francisco, CA 94109

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Donations can be made to the operating account of the Nob Hill Association\*

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# The Masonic and Nob Hill

## -a perspective of the past and future

As I am sure members of the Nob Hill Association are acutely aware, Live Nation's plans to materially intensify entertainment use at The Masonic Temple in our beloved Nob Hill neighborhood started to emerge during the springtime of 2009 with the formation of the joint venture between The Masons of California and the global entertainment giant.

Resident's emotions ran at fever pitch as individuals pleaded with city leaders to hear our concerns, all to no avail. It seemed that the financial interests of big business (Live Nation is a \$50 billion global operation) were deemed more important than the genuine fears of local Nob Hill residents.

The Nob Hill Association in a historic vote at our annual meeting in 2009 voted overwhelmingly to oppose Live Nation's intensification of use of The Masonic Temple and, over time since that vote, officers of our association have become increasingly focused on the Association's efforts to bring some kind of sensibility to Live Nation's plans.

Initially the fight to maintain safety and harmony on Nob Hill was taken to City Hall where on February 11th 2010 the City Planning commission voted to allow Live Nation's intensification of use of the building. A subsequent residents' appeal to the Board of Supervisors on May 4th 2010 fell on very deaf ears as only one supervisor, Michela Alioto-Pier, voted against Live Nation's plans. It was clear then that The City of San Francisco was not going to listen to our concerns and our only hope was to take our arguments out of the realm of city politics and into the courts of law. Thus far we have fought legal battles, and continue to fight legal battles, on three separate fronts:

**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION:** In simple terms a categorical exemption is used to exempt a project from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) because the project will not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the physical environment and as such does not require environmental review. We felt that Live Nation's plans did have a significant effect on our environment and initiated legal action in that regard.

The case was heard by Judge Goldsmith. Judge Goldsmith ruled in our favor requiring the City to proceed with additional environmental review and set aside the conditional use authorization granted by the Planning Commission and upheld by the Board of Supervisors. Until a new environmental review document is completed that meets CEQA requirements Judge Goldsmith decree orders that:

- o The current uses of the Masonic Temple cannot be intensified;
- o The seats cannot be removed;
- o The additional concessions (the new bars) cannot be installed;
- o The Conditional Use permit is set aside until environmental review meeting the requirements of CEQA is completed;
- o No building permit can be issued.

Judge Goldsmith's decision can be appealed by the City and/or the Masonic Temple/Live Nation.

**LETTER OF DETERMINATION LITIGATION:** The Zoning Administrator is responsible for interpreting the City's Planning Code which governs the use of land in the City. The Masonic Temple requested an interpretation to determine whether entertainment use is a lawful non-conforming use at the Temple. The Zoning Administrator declared that entertainment use was a lawful non-conforming use. The Zoning Administrator further told the Masonic Temple that it must proceed to obtain a conditional use to continue the lawful non-conforming use. However, a conditional use application under Section 185 will not allow any expansion or intensification of the current uses, but under Section 182(b), the Masonic Temple can apply for "other entertainment" which would allow for intensification of the current entertainment use under the Polk Street Neighborhood Commercial District since it is less than ¼ miles away.

Judge Goldsmith issued a statement of decision in our favor that the City had erroneously allowed the "other entertainment" use from the Polk Street Commercial District zoning in the Nob Hill Special Use District. However, the attorney for Masonic Temple and the City challenged Judge Goldsmith's decision on the ground that he lacks jurisdiction to determine this aspect for the letter of determination. Judge Goldsmith asked all the parties to argue this particular point on June 8 and the case is still under submission. Hopefully, a decision on this matter will be forth coming. This decision, whether in favor of us or in favor of the City and the Masonic Temple, can also be appealed to the Court of Appeal.

After a two and a half year battle, the rule of Law has prevailed protecting the interest of the citizens of Nob Hill. One of our claims has been deemed valid and our concerns were and are fair. We do not expect this to be the end of the matter however as the financial stakes are high for The Masons and Live Nation who hoped to make millions of dollars each year from their partnership. We must remain vigilant and ready to react to any further attacks on our community's safety and well being. This will involve all local residents and Nob Hill Association members particularly, continuing to offer both their time and financial resources to ensure that we do not lose the advantage we have made for ourselves at such a significant cost of our personal time, finances and emotions.

*June, July and August*

**GRACE CATHEDRAL**

*Fri., July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, ~ 12:30 p.m.*

**Labyrinth Peace Walk**

A midday time to walk, pray, reflect and meditate on peace within yourself, your community and the global family.

Meet at the indoor labyrinth.

Cost: Free

*Tuesday, July 5, 12, 19, 26 at 6:15 p.m.*

**Yoga on the Labyrinth**

Donations welcome.

Additional Information: [www.labyrinthiyoga.com](http://www.labyrinthiyoga.com)

*Friday, July 8, 6 p.m.*

**Walk the Labyrinth**

All welcome to walk by candlelight and music.

Cost: By donation

*Wednesday, July 6, ~ 8 p.m.*

**Free Concert by noted musician**

**Amy Johansen of Sydney, Australia.**

Her program includes:

*Toccata John Weaver (b. 1937)*

*Master Tallis' Testament Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

*Bach'orama Naji Hakim (b. 1955);*

*Rosace (Esquisses Byzantines) Henri Mulet (1878-1967)*

*Elijah on the Mountain Robert Ampt (b. 1949)*

*Sonata I in d minor (Op 42)*

*I. Introduction and Allegro: Largo e maestoso*

*II. Pastorale: Andante quasi allegretto*

For more information [www.sfago2011.org](http://www.sfago2011.org).

*Additional Information: [www.gracecathedral.org](http://www.gracecathedral.org)*

**ABC HEARINGS SCHEDULED**

**10 a.m. ~ Masonic Center in the California Room**

*August 15, 16, 17, 18, 19*

*September 7, 8, 9*

*October 4, 5, 6, 7*

*(Perspective continued)*

**ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT**

Masonic Temple/Live Nation applied for an entertainment permit. Our attorney objected to the issuance of any entertainment permit at this time because Judge Goldsmith has set aside the conditional use authorization, which is a pre-requisite for obtaining an entertainment permit. Our attorney provided the City's Entertainment Commission with copies of Judge Goldsmith's orders and statement of decision. The Entertainment Commission has announced that the entertainment permit application will be continued indefinitely until further notice, which in layman's terms means that the entertainment license will be held in abeyance until further notice.

I would like to particularly thank Denis Shanagher and Alice Barkley of Luce Forward Hamilton & Scripps for their fine legal work on both Court Cases as well as Barbara Lyons of Millstein and Associates for her work on the Categorical Exemption Court Case.

The ABC (California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control) Hearings: The Masonic Temple had never had a permanent liquor license in the past and relied on a limited number of temporary licenses as and when they required them, but as a stated key Live Nation strategy for profitability is to grow the amount of alcohol sales nationally a company called Avatar, Live Nation's catering partner at the venue, applied for a permanent liquor license which would permit alcohol consumption on the premises from lunch time until late in the evening from eight separate bars with no limit as to the number of bar tenders serving the highly energized party minded concert goers.

The ABC hearings commenced in November 2010 and are still ongoing with various dates scheduled from August 15th through to October of 2011 in the California Room of the Masonic Temple. Our ABC attorney, Paul Kelly, has been instrumental in shedding light on the inconsistencies in the statements and record of the Promoters. Paul has created an extensive and accurate public record as to the level and type of entertainment and liquor use the Masonic Temple has historically been engaged in. This public record has been, and will continue to be, instrumental in our David and Goliath fight with Live Nation. Our appreciation of the work that Paul has accomplished for the local community cannot be put into words. We expect new developments in the near future given the rulings I have outlined here and we will try to communicate with NHA members effectively as circumstances unfold. Please share this information with your colleagues, neighbors and friends and remain vigilant of additional actions on the part of the promoters.

— David C. Harmer, *Vice President of Land Use-Nob Hill Association.*

## THE MARK HOPKINS

### WINE AND A MOVIE

This summer, come every Tuesday to the legendary Top of the Mark for a relaxing evening with a glass of wine and a movie that was either filmed at, around, or from the Mark Hopkins. Tasting and screening are complementary.

Every Tuesday ~ Wine tasting is 5:30-7:30 ~ Movies are 7:30-11:30pm

From June 28-July 19 Featured wines » Domain Chandon Brut + Domain Chandon Rosé

July 26 and August 2 Featured wines » MacMurray Ranch Pinot Noir + Ecco Domani Pinot Grigio

JUNE 28	Featured film » Bullitt, 1968
JULY 5	Featured film » Dirty Harry, 1971
JULY 12	Featured film » D.O.A., 1950
JULY 19	Featured film » Inner Space, 1987
JULY 26	Featured film » Sudden Impact, 1983
AUGUST 2	Featured film » The Rock, 1996

### DINNER WITH A STAR AND COCKTAILS WITH A VIEW

*Two distinctive San Francisco experiences. One spectacular night.*

Spend a star-struck evening at InterContinental San Francisco's Michelin-starred Luce restaurant, and then whisk away halfway to the stars at the crest of Nob Hill for a night of music and romance at the InterContinental Mark Hopkins' legendary Top Of The Mark sky lounge. Or, start the evening with cocktails from the famed 100 Martinis Menu at the Top Of The Mark while watching the sun set over the city skyline. Then, head down to Luce for a leisurely three-course dinner created by rising-star chef de cuisine Dominique Crenn.

- Three-course dinner with a complimentary glass of sparkling wine at Luce.
- Complimentary access to Top Of The Mark sky-lounge with one classic martini on the house.
- One-way taxi voucher for transportation between venues.

*\$80 per person (tax and gratuity not included). Available Wednesdays through Saturdays.*

*Please call 415-616-6566 or 415-616-6916 for reservations.*



## THE STANFORD COURT

CELEBRATES ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY DURING JULY AND AUGUST  
WITH A TRIBUTE TO THE 50TH BIRTHDAY OF THE SUMMER OF LOVE

Focus will be on local, seasonal produce including roasted figs and Brooks cherries in its restaurant Aurea.

### VINAVERSITY

Tuesdays 6:00

Features Russian River pinot noirs in June, zinfandels in July and viognier, pinot gris, and rosés in August. Vinaversity is a hotel-sponsored wine tasting focusing on the history of Stanford Court, winemaking in California, and tasting and pairing of wines with food. The class is complementary to hotel guests and locals.

*The Stanford Court is happy to continue the 20% local discount to our Nob Hill neighbors.*

# Russian Hill Dog Grooming

By Alma Carroll

Thousands of years ago, the “wolf stepped into the dog. The motherland of the resulting species is actually unknown, although biologists believe its origin was in East Asia, possibly China or the wilds of Siberia.

Today, the dog is one of society’s most pampered pets, and 715 million of them share our lives in one of the most meaningful relationships man enjoys with any animal. Over 400 different breeds have been created since the Victorian age, making it a 36 billion dollar industry feeding off man’s need to connect with nature. And this once wild carnivore is now big business.

In 1994, long-time Russian Hill residents Leonard and Patricia Montgomery, discovered that their love for this complex creature could transform itself financially. They were in search of a more satisfying profession than the restaurant business in which they were then involved. Inspiration came from their two beloved poodles, Filbert and Josephine, and Russian Hill Dog Grooming was born at 1929 Hyde Street. It soon became through dedicated work and pursuit of quality, the thriving, successful endeavor it now is. So much so that even during the later economic downturn, they cornered the area’s up-scale market and opened a second salon at 2178 Bush Street in Pacific Heights. Their clients include such well-known names as Danielle Steele and Charlotte Schultz, among others.

An entrepreneurial couple, they attribute their success to the quality of their work product. “It’s really that extra something that distinguishes our dogs,” says Leonard “It isn’t time. And it isn’t money. It’s the attention to detail, pride of workmanship. It shows, and people on the street recognize our trademark.”

“We never do any formal advertising,” Patricia adds. “It’s all word of mouth, the personal references, and the dogs themselves. They have a look that is distinguishable.”



Leonard is an NDGAA National Certified Master Groomer specializing in all breeds and Patricia is a certified pet hygienist. In 1989, he was studying architectural engineering at California State University in Fullerton and working as a photographic model in Southern California. “I came to San Francisco to do a modeling shoot,” he said, “and fell in love-- with San Francisco and with Patricia.” They were introduced by a mutual modeling friend in 1989 and married in 1993.

Pretty and creative, with a quick, analytical mind, Patricia appears unaware of her own charm. “I’m a journalist by education and training,” she said. “I studied at the University of Wisconsin and worked for the Washington Post in Washington, D.C. In 1989, I came to San Francisco to work in advertising sales, and then I met Leonard.” One of his first gifts to her was Filbert, the poodle featured in the salon’s logo. Their family now includes two young sons, ages nine and eleven. Leonard’s warmth and love of animals is manifest, enduring and tranquil. Those qualities are reflected in the salon. The place is spotless, and there is no yapping, or barking. Only a loving, peaceful quiet permeates, interrupted occasionally by the outside clang of the Hyde Street cable car on its way to Fisherman’s Wharf and the inside buzz of the groomer’s clippers.

“We had poodles when I was growing up, and I somehow always felt a psychic connection to dogs,” he says. “They’re very intelligent creatures. They can read man’s emotions and body language in mysterious ways.”

Is it intelligence or a sixth sense? “Both.” He replied. “One of our clients once drove all the way here from Pacific Heights for her Springer Spaniel’s weekly appointment only to discover she had forgotten to put him in the car, so he walked all the way by himself. We even had a Rottweiler that figured out how to open his cage door.”

Have they ever had a so-called “bad dog?” “Not really,” he answered. “There was only one dog ‘ we refused because it snapped and snarled and wouldn’t let us put a muzzle on him. It even snapped and snarled when its owner tried to do it, so we had to turn him away.” What kind was it? “A feisty little Chihuahua.”

Is he happy in his life’s work? “Oh, very much so. I used to fantasize about working with show dogs at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in Madison Square Garden, but I stopped wishing that after we opened our business.

“One of our groomers worked for the Westminster breeder, Kim Russell, and learned how to do show dogs, which must have a certain profile, cut, and handling different than home dogs. We have four groomers, all trained by me, as well as several walkers. I look for that quality of caring when I hire anyone. We handle an average of 20 to 25 dogs a day. One-half are cuts and the rest are bathing and grooming.

“I like to know the dog’s owner because the dog reflects its master’s personality. I think the dog is a substitution for a child for some people,” he said reflectively. Indeed, dogs are highly prized by many civilizations and are considered an extension of its owner as well as a financial investment; witness the recent purchase of a Tibetan Mastiff for \$600,000 by a wealthy Chinese businessman.

Russian Hill Dog Grooming offers a 15% discount to card members of the Nob Hill Association who own extensions of self.

*(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.)*



## HELP WANTED

Would you like to volunteer for the Nob Hill Association and be a part of

✓ restoring Huntington Park

✓ working on events

✓ introducing new members to the Association

✓ writing newsletter or website articles

✓ doing administrative work

✓ helping to maintain Association archives

Please contact: NHA Board Secretary Sandra Assar 415/596-9085 or email [sandraassar@yahoo.com](mailto:sandraassar@yahoo.com)

### NEWS ON THE HILL-SEDUCED AND SHELLACKED AT RECHARGE SPA

I never thought it would happen at a medical and day spa like Recharge. Shellacked after all, according to the dictionary, means to varnish or to defeat decisively. Obama confirmed this by saying that the Democrats were shellacked after the last election. So how could it have happened to me at Recharge and why do my nails look so nice after.

Yes, there is an additional definition to shellac and that is a manicure using a gel nail shellac product. Why did I do it? Because Danny Le, the lead esthetician at Recharge, recommended I do. And since my nails had always resembled paper rather than healthy calcium loaded digits, I said yes. Danny started by applying a base coat, followed by drying under UV lights, two coats of polish, two minutes under the UV, a top coat, a little more drying, a wipe down with alcohol and some oil dabbed on my cuticles. It took 15 minutes longer than a regular manicure and the results were quite nice. And Recharge's hand and shoulder massage with hot towels follows.

My nails were completely dry when I left and they looked quite elegant. They stayed that way for a little over one week the first time. The second time they lasted for two. (Recharge gives a two week warranty with the shellacking treatment.) Nails are chip resistant, but because of growth do need to be refreshed every two weeks. If you don't like exposure to UV, bring suntan lotion. The cost is \$40, double the regular manicure price at Recharge, but lasts for twice as long and lets you do other things on your weekend than spa services. If you are interested call Recharge at 415-409-4356 and ask for a shellacking appointment.

### THE DOCTOR IS IN AT RECHARGE — AND MAKES HOUSE CALLS) ON NOB HILL

Dr. Phillipe Nguyen, a board certified Internal Medicine physician and the Medical Director of Recharge Medical and Day Spa, is now accepting primary care patients at the tranquil California Street oasis. It's a full service medical clinic in peaceful spa setting: physical exams, chronic disease management, blood tests, EKGs, they do it all.

Many of you may already know Dr. Nguyen from his work at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, his involvement with the NHA, or his already thriving Cosmetic Medical practice at Recharge Spa. Dr. Nguyen is a master communicator, who truly values the connections between himself and his clients. "I prefer to think of the people who come to me for care as clients not patients", says Dr. Nguyen. Thinking of you as a client not a patient, means Dr. Nguyen and his team are focused not only on your health, but also on your comfort and making medical care as convenient as possible.

"Clients are treated with respect and caring. I see you on time at our appointments, I do your blood work right here at the spa, I make house calls, I even give out my cell number!" It's almost like a concierge medical service. Hearing all of this make me think of waiting for callbacks, spending weeks trying to get appointments with my medical team.

Dr. Nguyen's goal is to keep his patients (sorry, clients) out of the hospital, but if you ever require hospitalization, Dr. Nguyen will assure you are well taken care of with his close ties at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital and Marin General. He accepts most insurance carriers and is currently in the process of adding Medicare.

Planning your voyage around the world? Dr. Nguyen is also certified in Travel Medicine and Recharge offers the most complete travel health services in the city. "It's more than just getting vaccines. Each destination and each traveler has their own health risks. When I see you before you travel, we make sure you get the RIGHT vaccines, address any possible risk, and take your current health status into account."

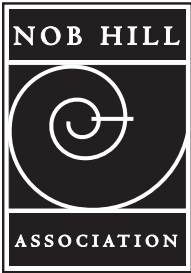
Respect for clients, assuring that they have medical access at home or at the spa and a desire to communicate with his clients when they need to talk to him make the medical experience at Recharge one that Nob Hill residents seeking a more serene doctor's visit will want to investigate. Call 415-409-4356 for an appointment and learn more at [www.rechargespa.com](http://www.rechargespa.com).

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#### 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 Robert Varni • Vice Presidents Gary Gielow, Stephen Patton, David Harmer • Secretary Sandra Assar
  - Chief Financial Officer James Wall • Director of Communications Fran Hildebrand
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## NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Diane Nerheim • Joseph & Nicki Parisi

*We appreciate the support of the mentioned business members and are delighted to list our new individual members and Life members  
For any membership questions please contact our NHA Board Secretary Sandra Assar at 415/596-9085 or email [sandraassar@yahoo.com](mailto:sandraassar@yahoo.com)*

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