

# NOB HILL NOTABLES

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ~ GREGORY CHENG

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Welcome to our Holiday edition of Nob Hill Notables. I'm delighted to report that 2013 has been a banner year for the Nob Hill Association (NHA) in large thanks to all of YOU! We've logged record attendance at events, record membership, record donations to the Nob Hill Foundation in support of Huntington Park and record volunteer participation at our new events. Here are some highlights:

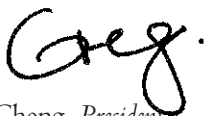
**Six New Events:** The Nob Hill Association hosted six new events this year: our First Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Rosé in the Park and 4 Nob Hill Nights (special member-only events at reduced prices) in concert with Osso Steakhouse, Tonga Room, Top of the Mark and Bay Area Cabaret. If you don't know about Nob Hill Nights, we hope you'll join us for the next event. Please see page 7 for more detail. I'm also looking forward to an exciting new **NHA Tree Lighting Ceremony at Huntington Park on Mon., 2 Dec. @ 6:00 p.m.** with live jazz and a party in the park to follow the event!

**Huntington Park:** We found the original Huntington fence! If you didn't catch the article in the Nob Hill Gazette, we've reprinted the article here on page 5 so that you can see what all the excitement is about. Under NHA Park Chair, Greg Galanos, your park committee has spent hundreds of hours working with the City and the Recreation and Park Department to create a long-term strategy for the beautification and maintenance of Huntington Park. We hope to have some even more exciting news to share with you on this front just after the holidays. Stay tuned.

In the coming pages you'll find details on people, events and news that reflect the diversity and beauty of our neighborhood association and, I hope, the excitement that we share for the great community that we have here on Nob Hill. If you like what you see, please spread the word and invite a friend to join this vibrant and growing community. Want to get more involved? Join a committee! Just let us know. We welcome your comments and feedback at [info@nobhillassociation.org](mailto:info@nobhillassociation.org).

I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Tree Lighting ceremony or one of our upcoming events as we work to Strengthen Our Neighborhood Through Community.

All the best,



Gregory Cheng, *President*  
Nob Hill Association



**Huntington Park Annual  
Tree Lighting Ceremony**



*Please join us as we celebrate the Holiday Season  
with lights, music, holiday cheer and more!*  
**Monday, December 2 • 6:00 pm • Huntington Park**

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# THE NOB HILL ASSOCIATION WANTS YOU!

The Nob Hill Association invites any individual or local business, that shares our goal of Strengthening Our Neighborhood Through Community, to join us!

**New members will:**

- \*Meet new friends and neighbors
- \*Enjoy discounts from local Businesses
- \*Receive early notice of NHA Events and concert discounts
- \*Join in the exciting work of renovating our beautiful Park!

For more information visit our website: [www.nobhillassociation.org](http://www.nobhillassociation.org)  
or contact: Mary Ray Brophy 415/926-5319

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To join on-line please visit our website: [www.nobhillassociation.org](http://www.nobhillassociation.org) or fill out the information below, and mail to:  
The Nob Hill Association, 235 Montgomery Street, Ste. 870, San Francisco, CA 94104

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to December 31, 2014.***

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## FIRST ANNUAL NHA EASTER SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT



Rainy skies did not put a damper on the arrival of the Easter Bunny for the First Annual NHA Huntington Park Easter Egg Hunt! With the gracious help of Grace Cathedral and quick adjustments made by committee members Judy Keyes, Ty Humpert, Israel Hernandez, and Leslie Cheng, a community room at the Cathedral was magically transformed into a lively and festive “balloon garden” Easter Egg Hunt! Over 100 children raced to find all of the hidden treats and a great afternoon was had by all!



## NOB HILL TRIBUTE TO MARTIN SWIG AND THE 23RD CA MILLE



The Nob Hill Association toasted the California Mille, Sunday, April 28, 2013, honoring the 23rd Annual California Mille, in a resounding success and celebration of Founder, Martin Swig and his love for antique cars. A wonderful afternoon at the Fairmont Hotel was had by all. An outdoor champagne reception with passed hors d'oeuvres was reminiscent of CA Mille celebrations from years past, and a scrumptious buffet, serenaded by wandering accordion player, Ron Sfarzo, was enjoyed by over 100 Nob Hill Association members, drivers and guests. Many thanks go out to Dan Radowicz and the CA Mille Management folks, to our generous sponsors, Nicki and Joe Parisi, Emily and Bill Terrell, Maureen and Tom Birdzell, Dan and Barbara Mount, Fran Hildebrand, Torey Presti, Christina and Michael Deeb, the Intercontinental Mark Hopkins, the Huntington Hotel and



especially the Fairmont Hotel, for their generous sponsorship and underwriting of the event, which enabled us to clear over \$4,000 to donate to the park renovation project. Congratulations to all!

## ROSÉ IN THE PARK

Our first annual Nob Hill Association Summer BBQ in Huntington Park, chaired by



Christina Deeb, was a great success! We had face painting for the children and Rosé for the adults as well as Korean barbecue, salads and cookies for all prepared by Chef Brandon Peacock (Venticello Ristorante). Jazz in the background, cotton candy, balloon sculptures and a selection of fabulous Rosé wines, on a mellow San Francisco afternoon, combined to make this a must repeat event for 2014. Thirteen enthusiastic neighbors became Association members to be sure they made the guest list next year.



THE NOB HILL ASSOCIATION *Founded in 1928: Strengthening Our Neighborhood Through Community*

- President Gregory Cheng • Vice President Barbara Mount • Secretary Stan Landfair • Chief Financial Officer James Wall
- Contributors Fran Hildebrand, Barbara Mount • Photography Ron Henggeler



## YO YOSHIDA, Nob Hill Treasure

by Fran Hildebrand

As 2014 approaches, there is a new life about the Hill as our community emerges from the recession: Osso at the Gramercy sparkles; Venticello and the Nob Hill Café make trips to North Beach unnecessary and the grand hotels buzz with new and familiar excitement—cabarets at the Fairmont, jazz at the Mark, renewal at the Huntington and Stanford Court and hot chocolate at the Ritz in the afternoon Christmas week. And like the Hill itself, the Association boasts an eclectic group of new and experienced Board members. Yo Yoshida, founder and CEO of Appallicious—a company whose mission is to make information about communities available to anyone who is interested, is one of these new leaders.

Yoshida's professional and philanthropic accomplishments are impressive:

- In August 2013, Yo received the Exemplary Leadership Award from the Center for Digital Government for his work with open data in San Francisco and across the country. He was nominated for the honor by California Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom who said, "Yo has been an outspoken evangelist of the open data movement."
- Yoshida worked with Mayor Lee to revise the city's open data legislation and created apps that help city residents and visitors find parks, playgrounds and museums, and score neighborhoods based on traffic noise, air quality, housing rates and other factors.
- C.W. Nevius of the San Francisco Chronicle wrote on October 23, "*Yoshida, meanwhile, operates Appallicious as a for-profit company, but he's donated his apps to the city. His free Neighborhood Score app was introduced by Mayor Ed Lee in June at the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Neighborhood Score uses federal, state and city data to show how neighborhoods rank in categories such as walkability, schools, crime and public transportation. Yoshida, who won a civic leadership award this year from the Center for Digital Government, says he encountered some skepticism when he created the application. 'There is a lot of fear about it,' he said. 'People were saying, 'We're going to give them data and let these guys go out and do whatever they want?' We are. And it is working.*"
- Appallicious was recently named by AlwaysOn, the leading Silicon Valley business media brand, as a Silicon Valley Innovation Summit A0250 to Watch Winner for the second year in a row.
- Yoshida is the Founding Director of Under The Baobab Tree, Inc. a 501(c)3 nonprofit created to help families of Malawi, Africa, develop schools, and sustainable community.

When Yoshida finishes his workday, he returns to his apartment on Nob Hill which has been home for Yo and his wife, Fiona, for the last nine years. "I love the history. The U.N. was founded here—the beautiful church, hotels, homes, neighbors, friends, Huntington Park, the location—again I can walk to my office and ride the cable car. I really love that it is becoming a real neighborhood again with lovely shops, stores, and restaurants."

His favorite things about the Hill: "Le Beau and Russian Hill Market have incredible food and are the community gossip centers. Nob Hill Cafe, Venticello (we had our wedding reception dinner here) and the Big Four have been our second living rooms for years—meeting friends and neighbors to grab drinks or dinner and walk home."

But like most Nob Hill residents, Yoshida sees areas that could be improved. "Would love to redo Huntington Park and bring back the luster to this amazing neighborhood. Huntington Park is the beautiful hub of community on top of the Hill. I start and finish almost every day in that park and will hopefully bring children to play there in the future. We have two dogs that love to play there and have met dozens of friends and neighbors walking, sitting, sunning, and playing in the park. Let's turn it in to a shining beacon on the Hill as it so deserves"

Yoshida becomes excited as he talks about the possibilities of revitalization. "In my dreams, I see a small community market in Huntington Park on weekends. The trash is cleaned up and the grass is fresh. There are picnic benches where Nob Hill residents can enjoy lunch. There are more parties in the Park and on the Hill—a Fall festival, a progressive New Year's Eve party that would include a stop at the Park." And his commitment to Nob Hill will continue going forward as he develops new applications that will keep Nob Hill residents up to date with what is happening on the Hill. In fact, Yoshida joined the Association Board to revamp or create technology so Nob Hill residents could know what is happening around them. Yoshida says, "I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors of the Nob Hill Association. I have been working closely with Phil Ginsburg, Board President David Chiu, and Mayor Lee's Innovation Office to create mobile apps for San Francisco residents and visitors. We have already released to SF Rec and Park App, which has over 1,200 Rec Park facilities and public art installations for people to explore in San Francisco, including the facilities, playgrounds in Huntington Park."

Yoshida commits to expanding his involvement with Nob Hill now that he is on the Association Board. "YES, I will be using all my professional experience and access to Open Data to better serve the community and create opportunities for people to really engage with Nob Hill, whether they are tourists or residents. We are so lucky to live in such a historic and beautiful neighborhood and I will do everything I can to use technology to share this within our little community and with the millions of visitors that come to the Hill every year."

## ~ OF INTEREST

## AN ARTIFACT RETURNS TO NOB HILL

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by Charles A. Fracchia*

The whereabouts of a notable San Francisco artifact has been shrouded in mystery for almost a century. For decades, individuals intrigued with San Francisco history, especially the history of Nob Hill, have asked: “What happened to the fence surrounding the Colton/Huntington House?” The response invariably was: “I hear it’s somewhere on the Peninsula, but I don’t know where.”

And now this search for the “Holy Grail” of Nob Hill artifacts has been resolved, and the fence is on its way back to its original site atop San Francisco’s Nob Hill.

Why the interest in retrieving a fence, the excitement attendant to its return to its original location? The answer, simply, is that it is one of a very few physical remnants that connect today’s Nob Hill to its pre-1906 past. The granite wall surrounding the Stanford Court Hotel and the InterContinental Mark Hopkins Hotel (constructed for the homes of Leland Stanford and Mark Hopkins), the Fairmont Hotel gutted by fire in April 1906 and later restored, and the gutted Flood House (destroyed by the same fire but redesigned and rebuilt by architect Willis Polk) are the only physical links with Nob Hill’s pre-earthquake and fire past.

A little-remembered lawyer and businessman by the name of General David D. Colton bought half of a city block on Nob Hill, and in 1872 constructed a beautiful, but austere, white, wooden mansion, bereft of the ornate ornamentation that characterized the homes of most of his neighbors.

Around his home he had had constructed an iron fence, which was to become the sought-after relic of Nob Hill’s past.

Within the next 20 years, Colton’s mining and real estate ventures prospered and, by the early 1870s, he began to enter the highest echelons of San Francisco’s business community. Whether because of legal and business brilliance, or, as some say, because he was a shrewd opportunist and had ingratiated himself into San Francisco’s Olympian heights, Colton became associated with the Central Pacific (which became the Southern Pacific), and became known as the “1/2” of “the Big Four and 1/2” (railroad magnates).

The end of Colton’s meteoric rise came in August 1878, when he fell off his horse at his country property. What was thought to be a minor accident mushroomed into a serious malady, from which he died shortly thereafter.

Colton’s death certificate catapulted a series of lawsuits and attempts to denude his estate of its assets. His wife spent considerable sums to defend her testamentary rights and those of her daughter, but the lawsuits took a substantial amount of the estate, and, eventually, Mrs. Colton moved to the East Coast.

The house on California Street passed into the hands of the most-canny of the Big Four railroad moguls, Collis P. Huntington. After his death his widow, Arabella, owned the house.

The 1906 earthquake and fire destroyed the house, but the property was still surrounded by the fence that Colton had erected.

In 1911, a prominent San Francisco attorney by the name of Walter Linforth approached Mrs. Huntington about buying the fence for his summer home in Menlo Park. In 1914, the fence was dismantled and moved to Linforth’s Menlo Park residence, and there it remained for nearly a century.

The desire of members of the Nob Hill Association to restore the fence around what is today Huntington Park culminated in 2013, when a Nob Hill Association member discussed the possible location of the fence with the former mayor of Atherton, who called back a few days later to say that he had located the fence. This discovery, and subsequent discussions with the owners/preservationists who expressed a fervent desire to see the fence returned to its original location, resulted in an agreement between the Nob Hill Foundation and the owners. The transaction—slated to take place in July, 2013—will result in 225 feet of the fence (about one-quarter of the original) being dismantled and sent to a blacksmith for restoration and expansion. The backers of the endeavor estimate that the fence will be ready for installation in its original location by the end of 2014.



*Photographer Ron Henggeler*

## NOTABLE ARTIFACT

*(Artifact Returns to Nob Hill continued)*

What was the composition of this hitherto elusive fence? The fence is made of iron and is a design of the “fasces.” A “fasces” is a bundle of rods bound together, often with an axe in its midst. Originally an Etruscan symbol, it attained fame as a Roman depiction of judicial power. The countries influenced by Rome were to use the symbol as a sign of governmental majesty. In the United States, it was used originally to depict the unity and resultant strength of the united 13 colonies, and, as a result of the United States’ fascination with Roman symbol and architecture, would be extensively utilized through the ages, especially in our nation’s capital.

And, so, on the centennial of the dismantling of the Colton/Huntington fence and its shipment to an attorney’s summer home in Menlo Park, a large chunk of the fence will return to its original home atop Nob Hill—a reminder of the great mansions on the hill and a tribute to the denizens who have so long sought the elusive fence—and who will use it to spark an extensive rehabilitation of Huntington Park.

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## NOTABLE MANAGER

### NEW GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE STANFORD COURT HOTEL



#### *Welcome to new General Manager Michael Baier!*

Michael Baier, native Californian and new General Manager at the Stanford Court Hotel, comes to the Hill with a wealth of experience!

Michael entered the hotel industry in 1989 with the opening of the San Francisco Marriott Hotel at 4th and Mission. He spent 16 years with Marriott rising through the ranks here in San Francisco, in Vail, Colorado, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Austin, Texas. Michael joined John Q Hammons hotels in Frisco, Texas in 2005 and then Starwood Hotels in 2009 at the W Dallas-Victory. Michael moved back to the Bay Area in 2011 to join the W San Francisco as Hotel Manager. He joined Highgate Hotels in 2012 as Director of Operations at the Parc 55 Hotel at 5th and Market. When Highgate assumed management of the Stanford Court Hotel on June 29 of this year, Michael was promoted to General Manager.

Michael has been married to Jennifer Hiemen-Baier of Lake Oswego, Oregon for the past 25 years. Together they have three children: Trevor Philip is a senior at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon, Joshua William is a Freshman at Campolindo High School in Moraga and Natalie Grace is a sixth grader at Joaquin Moraga Middle School. They reside in Moraga. Michael enjoys spending weekends with his active and busy family. Together they enjoy exploring our wonderful corner of the world. They enjoy museums, hikes among the redwoods, gardening, hanging out in The City and visiting Mike’s folks on the coast.

Michael is looking forward to his new assignment up here on Nob Hill and adding to the incredible richness and history of this neighborhood. Welcome, Michael!

## GRACE INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES \$15 MILLION RENOVATION OF THE HUNTINGTON HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO

Singapore-based hospitality group Grace International is pleased to announce a \$15 million renovation of the beloved Huntington Hotel, San Francisco it acquired in late 2011.

The Huntington Hotel and Big 4 Restaurant will close for renovations on January 4, 2014 and reopen in spring 2014. Nob Hill Spa at The Huntington Hotel will remain open, welcoming guests from 2 to 10 p.m. on weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends.

Sixty-six years after its debut, The Huntington Hotel has continued to evolve and reinvent its offerings to remain a pioneer atop San Francisco's famed Nob Hill and a much-loved destination for locals and visitors from around the world. Grace International's vision and commitment to the property will ensure The Huntington Hotel maintains its status as San Francisco's crown jewel and affords locals and guests personalized experiences centered on sophisticated, intimate luxury.

"It is an honor to be a part of such a revered property, and we are excited to proceed with renovations intended to build upon the charm, graciousness and exceptionally high standards that define The Huntington Hotel and Big 4 Restaurant," said Fong Kah Seng, group chief executive officer of Grace International. "Furthermore, we hope to harken back to the days when Nob Hill was the coveted place to see and be seen in San Francisco, introducing a new level of grace, prestige and luxury for the discerning, into the illustrious neighborhood."

Renovations at The Huntington Hotel will include enhancements to public spaces, guestrooms and suites, meeting facilities and the Big 4 Restaurant. A modernization of the hotel's original guest elevators, installed in 1922, is expected to take 16 weeks and will serve as the cornerstone of improvements.

"The Huntington Hotel has a deep-rooted history and long-standing relationship with San Francisco and the Nob Hill community," stated Gail Isono, general manager of The Huntington Hotel. "Our employees, many of whom have worked here for more than 20 years – me included -- excitedly await a return in spring 2014 to welcome loyal guests and neighbors to the newly renovated hotel and restaurant."



## NOB HILL NIGHTS

The Nob Hill community came together four times in the last several months to celebrate the wonderful businesses on the Hill and reunite with neighbors. A new initiative of the Association, Nob Hill Nights, offered members a chance to meet at Osso, the Tonga Room, the Top of the Mark and the Fairmont's Venetian Room for tastes and talent showcases at each venue. Members enjoyed medium rare beef filets, perfect martinis, and grilled Hawaiian



ono for a special prix fixe. At the Venetian Room, we were treated to a Bay Area Cabaret night, with Jim Brickman at the piano and David Burnham singing. It was a beautiful evening made even more special by a generous member discount of 50% off ticket prices! Over 250 of our members have enjoyed these evenings together. Thanks to our amazing business members for making these events possible!



## Grace Cathedral's Holiday Events

*December 4 ~ 7:30pm*

### The Tallis Scholars

As a part of their 40th anniversary tour, the internationally acclaimed Tallis Scholars present an evening of sacred music, including Gregorio Allegri's Miserere and works by Tomas Luis de Victoria and Francisco Guerrero. (While this very special concert occurs in December, please note that it will not have a Christmas theme).

*December 14 ~ 11:00am*

Honoring The Community Preschool

*December 21 ~ 11:00am*

### Sing You A Merry Christmas

*December 14, 15, 21, 22 ~ 3:00pm*

*December 20 ~ 7:30pm*

### A Cathedral Christmas

*December 19 ~ 7:30pm*

### A Brass and Organ Christmas

Tickets: [www.cityboxoffice.com](http://www.cityboxoffice.com) or 415-392-4400

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

*Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve*

*11:00a.m.* - The Bishop's Christmas Pageant for Children, Children enact the Christmas story in costume.

*4:00p.m.* - Christmas Lessons & Carols, A traditional service of sacred music, Christmas lessons, and hymns with the Choir of Men and Boys.

*7:30p.m.* - Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist, Evening service with choral music offered by the Cathedral Camerata.

*11:00p.m.* - Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist with the Choir of Men and Boys and orchestra.

## CHRISTMAS DAY

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

*11:00a.m.* - Christmas Day Choral Eucharist with the Men of the Cathedral Choir.

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

## Holiday Package for Guests of the Huntington Hotel

### THE ULTIMATE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE WITH NEIMAN MARCUS!

The package includes:

- Overnight accommodations in a Star Suite • Complimentary parking
- Full American Breakfast for two • \$250 Neiman Marcus gift card

The Shopping experience starts with transportation to and from Neiman Marcus and includes everything from personal styling and wardrobing to holiday gift giving services. (Exclusive arrangements can be made to shop while the store is closed to the public)

- Champagne toast to commence the shopping experience! • Makeup consultation with your favorite line \*based on availability
- Hotel delivery service for purchases • Back to the Huntington for a 50 minute rejuvenating couples massage.

## Holidays at the Intercontinental Mark Hopkins

### Top of the Mark

#### THANKSGIVING DAY

Brunch + Dinner Buffet ~ 11:00am-8:00pm

Ricardo Scales performs 3:00pm-8:00pm

For more information search:

**Intercontinental Mark Hopkins Holidays!**

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Dinner Buffet ~ 5:00pm-8:00pm

## MAKE THE FESTIVE FAIRMONT SAN FRANCISCO YOUR HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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LODGINGS TO DELIGHT THE ENTIRE FAMILY

### THANKSGIVING 2013 ~ Thursday, November 28

#### Crown Room Brunch Buffet

Seatings from 11:00am-4:30pm ~ \$119 per adult, \$59.50 for children under 12, free for children under 5. (All prices plus tax & service)

#### Dinner in Laurel Court Restaurant & Bar

Reservations from 4:00-9:00pm ~ \$119 per adult, \$59.50 for children under 12, free for children under 5. (All prices plus tax & service)

Laurel Court Lounge guests can enjoy Laurel Court's bar menu from 11:30am-10:00pm

#### Thanksgiving Dinner at Tonga Room & Hurricane Bar

Reservations from 6:00-10:00pm ~ Entertainment charge is \$7.

Open for cocktails from 5:00pm.

### HOLIDAY TEA 2013

#### The Fairmont San Francisco Holiday Gingerbread Tea At Laurel Court Restaurant & Bar

Seatings from 1:30-3:30pm ~ Saturdays & Sundays from November 30-December 15, 2013 and daily December 16 - December 29  
\$74 per person, \$37 for children under 5 (All prices plus tax & service). Includes a glass of Sparkling Wine or a 'Mocktail'.

All Holiday Tea reservations must be secured with a major credit card. 72-hour cancellation policy applies.

### CHRISTMAS EVE 2013 ~ Tuesday, December 24

Dinner at Laurel Court Restaurant & Bar Reservations available 6:00-11:00pm

Dinner Buffet - \$89 per person, \$35 children under 12

Three-course pre-fixed menu - \$59 per person (All prices plus tax & service)

### CHRISTMAS 2013 ~ Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day Crown Room Brunch ~ Seatings from 10:00am-3:30pm

\$119 per adult, \$59.50 for children under 12, Free for children under 5. (All prices plus tax & service)

Laurel Court Restaurant & Bar Christmas Day reservations available 4:00-9:00pm

### NEW YEAR'S EVE 2013 ~ Tuesday, December 31

#### The Fairmont San Francisco New Year's Eve Gala

Reception begins at 7:00pm with dinner at 8:00pm and dancing continuing until 1:00am

Six-Course Menu \$429 (plus tax & service). Guests will be seated at tables that correspond to the size of their party, and dress code is Black Tie. Balloon Drop at Midnight. For Holiday Room Packages, please phone 1-800-441-1414

#### New Year's Eve Dinner at Laurel Court Restaurant & Bar

Seatings 6:00-8:00pm and 8:30pm-10:30pm Five-course: \$129 per adult, \$64.50 for children under 12, free for children under 5.

Wine pairing: \$30 (All prices plus tax & service)

#### A Totally Tiki New Year's Eve at Tonga Room & Hurricane Bar

Reservations from 6:30-8:30pm and 9:00pm-1:00am First seating: \$109 per adult - \$54.50 children under 12

Second seating: \$159 per adult - \$54.50 children under 12 (All prices plus tax & service).



## THE RITZ-CARLTON, SAN FRANCISCO

### THANKSGIVING IN PARALLEL 37

Thursday, November 28 - Noon to 8 p.m. - A special four course menu. \$95 per adult; \$45 per child

### TEDDY BEAR TEA

November 29 - December 1; 6-8 and 14-15 and 20-24 - Two seatings: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. - \$110 per guest.

Children and their favorite stuffed animals gather in The Terrace Room to enjoy holiday treats and a family show featuring Stretchy the Elf, Holly Berry and the giant Ritz-Carlton Teddy Bear. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation.

### AFTERNOON TEA

November 29 - December 1; December 5-8, 12-24 at 3 p.m. \$65 per guest

The perfect way to unwind after a long day of shopping or preparing for the holidays, the modern tradition of Afternoon Tea in The Lounge is a luxurious holiday treat.

### TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

December 4 - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Holiday season begins at twilight on when The Ritz -Carlton's 40-foot holiday tree is illuminated by Santa Claus and his little helper from the Make-A-Wish@greater Bay Area. Complimentary and open to the public

### HOT CHOCOLATE LAB

Christmas Eve to New Year's Eve - 3 to 5 p.m.

Guests and visitors are invited to partake in the holiday spirit with complimentary hot chocolate in our Lobby while enjoying the holiday décor of the hotel.

### CHRISTMAS Eve at Parallel 37

Tuesday, December 24 - 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. A special four course menu. \$95 per adult; \$45 per child

### CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25 - Noon to 8 p.m.

Chef Michael Rotondo's four course menu featuring a unique spin on Christmas favorites.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER AT PARALLEL 37

Tuesday, December 31 - 5 p.m. to 12 a.m. \$150 per guest

Ring in the New Year with style with a special 6 course menu with additional courses for purchase including caviar and oysters

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY IN THE LOUNGE

Tuesday, December 31 - 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

After a special dinner at Parallel 37 join the party featuring Champagne, Caviar and Oyster Bar and DJ spinning music all night.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY 2014 BREAKFAST

Wednesday, January 1 - 6:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Raise a glass to a new beginning over a delectable breakfast menu in Parallel 37 and a Make Your Own Bloody Mary Bar.

### SHOP AND PAMPER HOLIDAY PACKAGE

Enjoy holiday shopping paired with a beauty experience at the legendary Saks Fifth Avenue in famous Union Square.

Starting at \$475\* per night, the Shop and Pamper Holiday Package includes:

- superior room accommodations • American Breakfast for two daily at Parallel 37
- \$100 Saks Fifth Avenue gift card • complimentary beauty makeover • Saks Fifth Avenue Beauty Bag

For reservations, please call (415) 773-6168 or visit [ritzcarlton.com/sanfrancisco](http://ritzcarlton.com/sanfrancisco). All pricing above is exclusive of tax and gratuity and alcoholic beverages unless otherwise noted.

\*Offer valid on weekends November 1 through December 29, 2013, subject to availability. Rate is per room/per night, based on single or double occupancy, exclusive of taxes, gratuities, fees and other charges; does not apply to groups; cannot be combined with any other offer and is not applicable for Rewards redemption. Five-day advance reservations are required. No refund or credit for unused portion. Void where prohibited. Conditions apply.

The Nob Hill Association welcomes new  
LIFE MEMBERS

Xochitl Hensley  
David Keyes & Judith Droz Keyes

NEW MEMBERS

Jeanne M. Adelo	Kirsten Strobel
James Alexander	Mary Long
Susan Atherton	Gordon Morey
Lana Beckett	Rick Rembusch
Terezie S. Bohrer	Tim Ross
Mary Ray Brophy	Lita Jane Smith
Brian Cooney	Shelby Song
John & Kathy Dracup	Jeff Spears
Harriet Duby	Ellen Takayama
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**Goodies to Adorn Your Thanksgiving Table**

<b>Spiced Pumpkin Cake</b> (serves 8) - chai-spiced cream cheese frosting and caramel drizzle	<b>\$34</b>
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<b>9-Grain Dinner Rolls</b> (bag of 6)	<b>\$5</b>

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