MENLO PARK HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
. . . Since 1971

THE GATE POST

• FEBRUARY 1999 •

VOL. XXIV, NO. 2 • P.O. BOX 1002, MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA, 94026-1002 • 650/858-3368

Board Members

President
Rita Gado
366-5191

Vice President
Roger Seccombe
368-2700

Secretary
Marguerette Paponis
323-1284

Treasurer
Kathryn Carroll
325-0824

Harry Harrison
327-6520

Bill Russ
853-3021

Peggy Stretch
323-4596

Membership
Frank Helfrich
854-4296

Newsletter
Jeanne Bone
323-5269

Ed Austin
321-6486
325-1802
edaustin@grin.net

Chinese New Year Dinner

Sunday, 21 February, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Welcome to the Year of the Hare. The Chinese zodiac horoscope for the person born under the Sign of the Hare reads: "Talented, ambitious articulate, exceptionally affectionate, tactful, placid, possessive, given to complaining." Hares are compatible with the Ram, Boar or Dog. The hare (or rabbit) is believed to be the luckiest of all signs. Famous hares: W.C. Fields, Albert Einstein, Bob Hope.

As is our custom, the Menlo Park Historical Association celebrates this propitious year with a Chinese dinner at the Su Hong Restaurant, 1039 El Camino Real (between Santa Cruz and Menlo Aves.), from 4:30 to 6 p.m. We must be out of the dining room by 6 p.m. in order to make room for subsequent diners. There is plenty of parking behind the restaurant.

We return to the Su Hong every year because members like the Oriental ambiance, the convenient location and parking, and, most importantly, the authentic Szechway-Hunan food which is served promptly, piping hot and delicious.

Following is a menu we might anticipate:

Appetizers : Shredded Chicken Salad

Soup : Sizzling Rice

Main Courses : Sweet and Sour Pork
Ginger Beef
Cashew Chicken
Prawns with Snow Peas
Mu Shu Pork
Rice

Dessert : Banana Fritters
Fortune Cookies/Tea

To make your **reservations,** which are a must, **only through M.P.H.A.,** please fill out the form provided (on page 3) and send it promptly, with your check for $15 each, to M.P.H.A., P.O. Box 1002, Menlo Park, CA, 94026-1002. Note that the $15 includes tax and tip, a modest saving in these days of high restaurant prices. To facilitate handling of your check, mark your envelope "Chinese Dinner."

We urge you to reserve early. We have a quota of places which are filled quickly on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have a group of four, or

BOARD MEETING *Tues., 2 Feb., 2 P.M. at History Room*

MERRILL HISTORY ROOM (at library) office hours: 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. every Tuesday & Wednesday *except holidays*

more, you had best come early in order to be seated together; otherwise you may all be placed at different tables. (It has happened and we don't want it to happen to you!)

If anyone would like transportation, just check the appropriate box on the form (on page 3). *Gung Hay Fat Choy!*

Membership

REINSTATED MEMBER

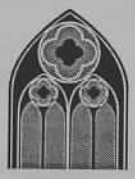
Helen S. Hansen – *Cupertino*

LIFE MEMBER

Margherita Gado – *Atherton*

"I think I made too many New Year's resolutions this year. It took me almost a full day to break them all."

—from 'Crabby Road' by J Wagner



In Memoriam

THOMAS DOLAN

1904 - 1998

TOM DOLAN WAS A CLOSE FRIEND of my family. He and my dad (Adrian Ward) were stationed at the Veterans Hospital on Willow Road back in the 1920s, Tom as an instructor in the physical therapy section and my dad as director of the Knights of Columbus, a counterpart of the Red Cross, an organization to fulfill the practical and spiritual needs of the patients, disabled during World War I. Our families celebrated together the marriage of Tom to his lovely wife, Juanita, and on the occasions of the births of his two sons, Michael and Paul. Tom and Dad were lifelong friends.

Tom worked as a physical therapist for 40 years and was active in scouting, youth programs, such as coaching three sports at St. Joseph's and Sacred Heart schools. He served two terms as president of the Knights of Columbus and was president of the local veterans union. Tom organized the Belle Haven Improvement Association, which later was annexed to Menlo Park. He was an enthusiastic, nonactive member of the M.P.H.A., telephoning frequently to compliment the editor on an especially interesting edition of the *Gate Post*. This boosted her morale enormously.

Tom Dolan was a man devoted to his family, his church and to his many friends. We will miss his lively personality, his Irish wit and, particularly, his friendship. Go with God, Tom. Our prayers follow you.

In Loving Memory

FRANCES E. CAMPAGNE (LOGAN)

May 8, 1917 - December 31, 1998

ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND, lifetime resident of Menlo Park and contributor to communities, has left us. "Fran" Campagne died the last day of December, the last month of the year 1998. She was at home, which she dearly loved, and where she succumbed to respiratory complications.

Fran loved all her friends, neighbors and acquaintances and, in turn they loved her equally. She was the epitome of generosity — always doing things for others. Her principal gift to people of Menlo Park, Palo Alto and towns north and south, was her upholstery work shop in Palo Alto. Begun in about 1965, in Palo Alto High School as a night class, she moved her "shop" when school officials occasionally requested, to several locations, transporting all of her supplies and equipment — not an easy task. Her last site was at Cubberly School on Middlefield Road where she was instrumental in having her students produce handsome, professional-quality, upholstered furniture. The work was always done in an atmosphere of combined industry and conviviality. I'm sure that many of our readers have pleasant memories of her kind helpfulness and instruction to them. Why else would she have continued to work after arthritis crippled her hands and her health started to fail? She worked hard, but she was always glad to stop for a chat and/or reminisce about happy past times.

We send our deepest sympathy to her children, Emmy Lou and Susan, her grandchildren and great grandchildren. We'll miss you, Fran. Your family, many friends and former students, said good-bye at your Mass at Nativity on 7 January, but we'll never forget you in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you and Emile rest and eternal peace.

Christmas Party Afterthought

or, shame on the editor!

IN REREADING last month's *Gate Post,* I noticed a big oversight on the part of the editor. (You have to watch these people like a hawk!) Two sentences read: "We thank the donors who must remain nameless. So many contributed without being asked that I didn't get all the names."

Well! How about the names of those who ***were*** asked and graciously responded? Belatedly and with apologies to these generous members, your editor (who would like to be nameless at this point) thanks the following for their delicious contributions: **Maureen Anstead, Betty Beckers, Lois Blackmarr, Peggie Buckley, Kathy Carroll, Rita Gado, Lil Kavanaugh, Jo Oliva, Marguerette Paponis, Peggy Stretch** and **Robin Sutton.**

Thank you, one and all and please forgive the omission.

RESERVATION FORM

CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER
Year of the Hare

Sunday, 21 February 1999, 4:15 P.M.
Su Hong Restaurant
1039 El Camino Real, Menlo Park.

Number: _____ at $15.00 each. Total: $ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

I would like transportation: ☐ Telephone: _____
(sorry, no rickshaws)

恭喜發財

Please make checks payable to: Menlo Park Historical Association.

For more information: call Jeanne Bone, 323-5269.

"HARE SPLITTING"

The more you give,
the more you get,

The more you laugh,
the less you fret,

The more you do unselfishly,

The more of everything
you share,

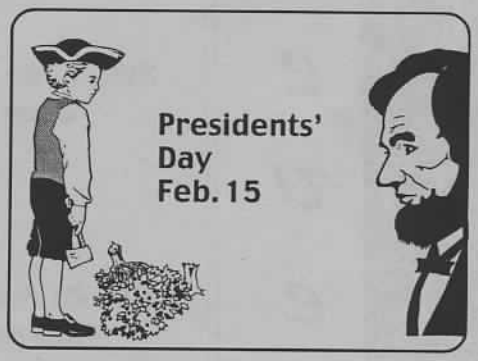
The more you'll always
have to share!

The more you love,
the more you'll find

That life is good
and friends are kind!

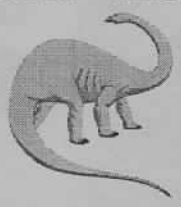
Did you know...

... 'Burgess' was the medieval English term for 'townsperson' back when towns were developing. So Burgess Park essentially means 'Townspeople's Park.'



Dino Dung: USGS Lecture Topic

CALL IT DUNG, droppings or doo-doo, but the fossilized feces of dinosaurs that lived 100 million years ago give scientists a pile of information about the climate and lives of these extinct species. A slide-illustrated lecture on the topic will begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, 28 January 1999, at the U.S. Geological Survey, 345 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park. No admission charge. For information call 650 329-4011.



Events

Tue, 2 Feb
2 pm

Board Meeting, History Room, M.P. Library. All officers, board members and committee heads should attend.

Sun, 7 Feb
2 pm

Rodin Sculpture Garden, Palo Alto Hist. Ass'n presents Dieter Schultz, who will discuss redesign and expansion of the second largest Rodin collection in the world. Lucy Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Rd., P.A. Refreshments, no admission charge.

Sun, 21 Feb
4:30 pm

Chinese New Year Dinner, Su Hong Restaurant, 1039 El Camino Real (between Santa Cruz and Menlo Ave.), M.P. Parking in rear. **Reservations** a must, ***only through MPHA.*** See article and form in this issue.

恭賀新喜
萬事如意

MENLO PARK HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 1002
Menlo Park, CA 94026-1002

Phone: 650/ 858-3368

Non-profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit 870
Menlo Park, CA

TIME DATED MATERIAL
Deliver before Jan. 22, 1998

Individual Memberships (per person)	
Student	$ 3.00
Senior	10.00
Regular	15.00
Pioneer-Founder	25.00
Life – one time fee only	200.00

Group Memberships	
Family	$ 25.00
Patron/Sponsor	100.00