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## An Evening Dedicated to Jeanne Bone

And rightly so. MPHA was the recipient of a generous bequest from the Jeanne Ward Bone and Adrian Ward estate.

Thank you Jeanne. We know that MPHA was close to your heart.

No complaints from our guests who definitely enjoyed dinner at Fey's Restaurant. A crowd of 45 members and guests kept up with lively conversations, and one might say a bit too lively. But all left comfortably replete and happy.

At one point it seemed as if we were having a St. Joseph's reunion. Lots of conversation coming from this group. 🍷

*Rosemary Yob was the big winner for the evening. Not only did she win the grand prize last year, but did so again this year. Way to go, Rosie. By the way, we may not give you a ticket next year.*



**Back row:** Eveleen Lopez Johnston, Larry Johnston, Joe McLoughlin, Guido Budelli, Tom Blanchard.

**Front row:** Gail Derry Blach, Teresa Genervo, Paddy Hjelm, Ester Bugna, Jeanne Weseloh



*Good to see Betty and Ernst Meissner. MPHA goes to Betty when we need ideas for the display case at the Library. Thank you Betty for all your help.*

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# President's Message

As you can see from the front page of the Newsletter, the annual dinner was another successful event. Besides Rosie winning the grand prize, other winners were: Tom Blanchard, Mel Froli and Anne DeCarli. Congratulations to our winners, and thanks to all who attended.



Keep in mind the **Ice Cream Social** set for June. We don't have a date picked yet, but more details will be on the way via a flyer. Stay tuned. 🍷

## A Little Word About Dues

By now, all of our members have noticed the membership envelope inserted in the January issue of *The Gate Post*. This is our way of calling attention to the fact that dues are now payable. Again we stress the importance to us of your dues. Not only does it help financially, but with a membership you are entitled to *The Gate Post* and to invitations to our annual events. If you are not sure whether you have paid your dues, just look on the label of your Newsletter and the right hand corner will indicated a date. If it reads 2013, you are up-to-date. 🍷

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD MEETING IN MARCH

In looking to the future, in early March twelve members on the Board of MPHA met during an Annual Retreat to discuss the future of the association in terms of goals, objectives and priorities. The idea was to select achievable items to enhance the organization for the betterment of the membership.

Following a review of nearly 30 items, the Board narrowed the list down to four broad areas centered on the topics of 1) a History Museum, 2) Outreach Programs, 3) Enhancing the Archives, Bylaws and Policies and 4) supporting Activities in Process.

Long standing programs valued by the membership will continue, such as the Annual Dinner, the Ice Cream Social, and the Annual Meeting with a guest speaker. You'll likely also see us at the Downtown Block Party, Farmer's Market and other community activities.

Despite the above, we always welcome input from our membership. If there are programs or activities you'd like us to consider, please feel free at any time to chime in. We always welcome your input and ideas. Our e-mail and telephone number are located in the Newsletter. Or better yet, write us with your ideas. 🍷

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enlough  
means “middle of the lake”  
in the Celtic language

### IN MEMORIAM

Richard Froli  
Jean Secombe

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# A Pioneer Menlo Park Family

*He arrived in California from Boston around 1875,  
and there began the history of the Morey Family.*

By Lydia Dioli Cooper



**H**enry H. B. Morey, Sr. (later known as Harry B.) was born in 1853 in Boston. At age 22, he is found listed in the 1875 San Francisco Directory working as a mixer for the Frear Stone Company. That same year he married Rose McGovern who had recently emigrated from County

Coven, Ireland. Rose gave birth to seven children, but it was John W. (1877) and Harry B. Jr. (1883) that worked with their father in the concrete business.

While living in San Francisco, Harry, Sr. worked for 27 years in the manufacturing of concrete and artificial stone as foreman and superintendent for George Goodman. In 1892 he and Rose took up temporary residency in Menlo for the next six months while supervising the laying of the concrete foundation for St. Patrick's Theological Seminary.

He was well liked in Menlo making many friends even to the extent that Walter Bonilla named his baby "Harry B. Morey Bonilla." He was active in politics and while in Menlo became President of the newly formed Democratic Club. In fact he was politically and civically minded. Aside from President of the Democratic Club, he was Democratic nominee for San Francisco School Director, ran for seat on board of trustees of Menlo Park School District, was elected a delegate to the Democratic primaries in San Mateo, and on the committee to decide about the incorporation of Menlo Park and Fair Oaks.

Upon completion of the Seminary job, he and family moved back to San Francisco while still maintaining work ties in Menlo. With his son, Johnnie, they completed the foundation of the tower at the Seminary,

reinserting stone rosettes in the corners of the quadrangle arcade of Stanford University and laying the cement walkways along Palm Drive.

After the death of George Goodman (1903), Henry H.B. and family permanently took up residency in Menlo Park and founded the H.B. Morey & Sons Contractors. Their first year of business was active, securing the contract for constructing the concrete foundations for the new library building at Stanford University. Mrs. Stanford was so pleased with his work that he was asked to construct a concrete wall around the foot of the lone sequoia at San Fancisquito Bridge to protect it from floods. His reputation grew accepting jobs up and down the Peninsula, never failing to give entire and complete job satisfaction. As reported in the *Redwood City Democrat*:

*Henry H.B. was regarded as one of the most reliable contractors in the business and such great confidence was placed in his abilities and his honesty that he was given many contracts without having to submit bids. (He) bears such a high reputation for honesty that his work is not subject to inspections. All of Mr. Morey's work for the county is passed without the services of an overseer and his is the only contractor paid such a compliment. Mr. Morey's bridge and culvert work will stand as a monument to his reliability for ages.*

This was a close family. They worked together and were next door neighbors making their homes on Emilie Ave (once in Menlo Park, now Atherton). His rich life ended tragically on July 27, 1923 when enroute to join his family at Seabright in Santa Cruz, he died in an automobile accident. His funeral Mass was held at the Church of the Nativity. Eight years later his lovely wife Rose died. Both are buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Menlo Park. 🌿



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