

Millbrae Life & Times

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HISTORICAL SPOTLIGHT: SHAW'S CANDY & ICE CREAM BY ALMA MASSOLO

A great place to visit, reminisce and have gourmet ice cream and candies.....

Jack Shaw was born on January 26, 1919 in Mitchell, South Dakota. In 1937 he moved to San Francisco to work for his brother **Douglas Shaw** who founded Douglas Shaw Candy and Ice Cream, which featured 300 varieties of hand-dipped candies and 30-35 flavors of ice cream and sherbets. Jack Shaw brought his expertise to Millbrae at 1395 El Camino Real in the 1950s. The Millbrae factory produced gourmet ice cream, hand-dipped chocolate candies, and exceptional unique gifts. Jack Shaw and longtime friend **Art Preston**, who at this time is a member of the Millbrae Historical Society, were ac-



Shaw's Candy & Ice Cream

tive in chartering trade groups and created a bond among confectioners that has endured. Shaw's business was sold in 1979. Since then it has been sold several times. More recently, Shaw's Candy and Ice Cream has been owned and operated by the **Sosnick Family** since 1999. The chocolate factory behind the main store is still in operation creating hand-dipped candies under the

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT MARY VELLA TRESELER

Where has the year gone??? Autumn is fast approaching.

I hope you and your family were able to enjoy a relaxing vacation this summer. Most likely close to home, considering the high gas prices. How lucky we are to be within the close proximity of magnificent oceans, mountains and lakes.

Our annual Fourth of July patriotic BBQ and Family Picnic was once again a GREAT success. Thanks to our Vice-President **John Muniz** and Past President **Jack Gardner** and their committee for the planning and organizing. Also many thanks to the **Millbrae Lions and Leos** for cooking and serving a wonderful meal with all the trimmings.



MHS hosted a booth at the 38th annual Millbrae Art and Wine Festival, over the Labor Day weekend. We displayed various historical photos and memorabilia.

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

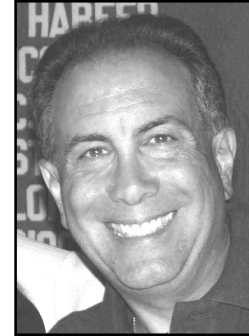
JOHN MUNIZ

What an honor it is for me to serve as Vice-President of the Millbrae Historical Society. The Society has been championing the preservation of Millbrae's rich history and historical landmarks for over twenty-five years.

We are extremely fortunate to have such a colorful past and a dedicated group of volunteers who are committed to preserving our history for generations to come. We are also fortunate to have in our trust the 101-year-old Southern Pacific Railroad station, 1941 Pullman Sleeping Car, and the 112-year-old Spring Valley Water Company Foreman's house,

which serves as the Millbrae Historical Society Museum.

I call upon all our Millbrae friends and residents to take the opportunity to visit our unique Millbrae Historical Society Museum located across from the Millbrae Library in Constitution Square and the Southern Pacific Railroad station located south of the BART station. Particularly if you have young children or grandchildren, I invite you to spend a couple of hours at these wonderful facilities, were you will be taken back to a time when our community was finding its place in the early twentieth century and rapidly grow-



ing along with the fast-paced development of the surrounding Peninsula.

Thank you to the Trustees and members of the Millbrae Historical Society for your dedication to our beloved Millbrae and for continuing to serve in order to preserve our rich historical heritage.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

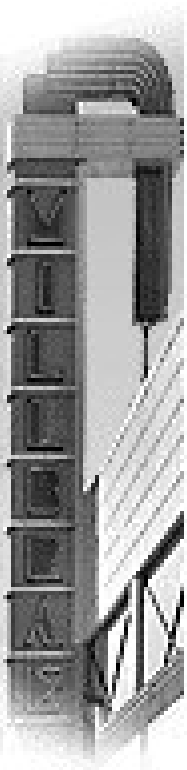
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Many thanks to those of you who volunteered: **Dora Bruno, Vern Bruce, Tom Dawdy, Jack Gardner, Doris Golder, Joanne Kallevig, Alma Massolo, Marlene Pitt, Madelyn Richardson, Joe Teresi, Lois Way,** and Yours truly. Much appreciation to **Vern Bruce, Jack Gardner** and **Joe Teresi** for the setup and breakdown of our booth, and also a thank you to Joe for printing the poster promoting our book sales. IT WORKED!!!!

Thank you to **Tom Dawdy** of Dawdy Photography for the framed photographs of historical landmarks and the postcards depicting the Millbrae Museum, together with the Millbrae Train Museum and the 1941 Pullman Sleeping Car. Dawdy Photography is presently working, with the help of **Vern Bruce**, on a tri-fold brochure. Tom and his wife **Faye** are longtime members of MHS, and Tom was installed to our Board of Trustees on March 16, 2008. We're very fortunate to have him on board....

Congratulations are in order for **Doug Callahan** and **Catherine Quigg**, who have been named as the 2008 Millbrae Man and Woman of the Year. I'm very proud of their accomplishments. The Mayor's Civic Coordinating Council and the Millbrae Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend this most popular ceremonial event at the Millbrae Westin Hotel on Friday evening, October 17. Invitations were mailed on September 2. If you did not receive one, please pick one up at Millbrae City Hall, 621 Magnolia Avenue.

In closing, please refer to our Calendar for upcoming events....



CURATOR'S REPORT

ALMA MASSOLO



We at the Museum become excited when citizens of our community donate historical articles that enhance our heritage. In this report we give thanks to the following donors....

Susan Halverson for her donation of the Jubilee Depression Glass luncheon service for four, including serving pieces. This line was manufactured by the Lancaster Glass Company of Lancaster, Ohio during the 1930s. She also donated a handmade tablecloth used during that era.

Another interesting article is the cash register that had been used at Peters And Wilson Nursery for many

years, which was donated by **Marina Esteria** and **Andrea Stariha**.

Judy Craighead donated 45 Art and Wine Festival glasses from the 1980s to 1990s. Many collectors break a glass or two of a certain year, and we are able to provide replacements. This is a good fundraiser, as we do sell a fair number of them to the collectors.



Evelyn Dietel has given us many great things for our Yard Sale, to be held on Saturday, October 4th and Sunday, October 5th. The Yard Sale will feature household items, expensive jeans at very affordable prices, high-quality men's jackets, slacks, winter jackets, dresses from Bebe,



children's sleeping bags and chair, and so much more. We thank the high school volunteers, including **Angela Zink, Loren, Lil,** and her friend, for helping with the pricing. MHS members **Doris Golder, Lois Way,** and **Dorothy Semke** also pitched in to help. More help is needed, so members will be called in the coming weeks.

Charles Smith has donated a box of interesting things which will have to be categorized and a place found for displaying them.

Thank you and much appreciation to each of you for all your help and for your generous donations!

Millbrae Historical Society Yard Sale

Millbrae Museum, 420 Poplar Avenue
Saturday, October 4 & Sunday, October 5
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Men's jackets & slacks
Household items

Collectibles
Fine clothing

All proceeds directly benefit the Millbrae Museum

TRAIN MUSEUM NEWS

ELIZABETH FURBER, EDITOR
VERN BRUCE, REPORTER

This summer we have seen many new visitors to our almost 4-year-old train museum. Most of our visitors come from out-of-town. Many in fact, come from out-of-



county, out-of-state, and even out of our country. Recent visitors have traveled from Japan, Russia, Australia, England, and

Sweden. We're sure there are many others, but our first two sign-up ledgers were ruined when the roof leaked!

Since our main purpose is to present our rail history to the public, our volunteer docents provide one of our most important services. This duty is easily learned, fun to do, but takes patience and a willingness to work with the public. This dedicated staff deserves our recognition. As such we would like to formally thank the following docents that have helped out this year: **Vern & William Bruce; Mark Evans; Liz Furber; Robert Gorran; Richard Kennedy;** and **Gino & Gerry Micheli.**



We also would like to thank the following individuals for various donations to the museum (since our last newsletter): **Ralph Bennett; Liz Furber; Robert Gorran; Dave & Dianne Hannigan; Dave Hockett; Richard Kennedy; Gino & Gerry Micheli; Douglass Peterson; Bob Swanson;** and the estate of **Robert P. Bruce.**

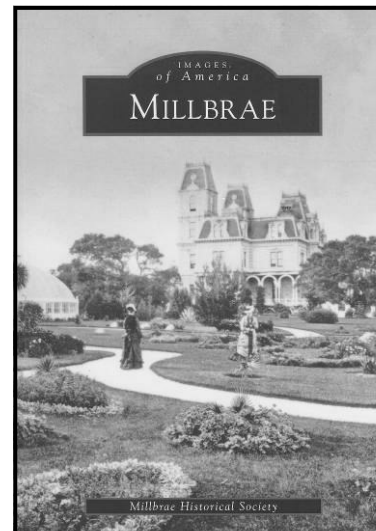
Well, that's all for now. We'll report more next time.

Images of America: Millbrae

Copies of the Millbrae Historical Society's new book on the history of Millbrae is on sale at the Millbrae Museum (650-692-5786)

Price -- \$21.00 (including tax)

Makes a great gift!



To receive e-mail reminders of Millbrae Historical Society meetings and events, please send your e-mail address to Joe Teresi at jtnia@comcast.net

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:
SHAW'S CANDY & ICE CREAM
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name of Charlotte's Confections, which are sold nationwide.

Shaw's continues to be a place where customers from the early days come to reminisce and enjoy a good ice cream and visit with friends in the afternoon.

New customers enjoy Shaw's friendly welcome and discover



what a great place it is to spend time tasting the gourmet ice cream and casually perusing the shelves to find a unique gift that is always a pleasure to give for a special occasion.

We are proud to have an establishment like Shaw's in Millbrae.

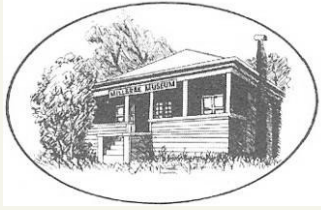
Millbrae Trivia Quiz

1. How many rooms were in the mansion built by Darius Ogden Mills in Millbrae?
a) 29 b) 37 c) 42 d) 49
2. How many children were fathered by Millbrae settler José Antonio Sanchez?
a) Three b) Five c) Seven d) Ten
3. The two former bowling alleys along El Camino Real in Millbrae were named _____ and _____.
4. Finn McCool's bar on El Camino Real was formerly called _____.
5. Who was the first Historian of the Millbrae Historical Society?
a) Fran Baxter b) Valli Slate c) Audrey Harris d) Bill Baxter
6. Which past Millbrae resident is the Millbrae Train Museum lobby named after?
a) William Thomford b) Bill Baxter c) Matt Boxer d) Mildred Wilson
7. What did Darius Ogden Mills' daughter Elizabeth found in 1911 to honor her father?
a) Mills College b) Mills Hospital c) Mills Foundation d) Mills High School
8. Which financial institution was founded by Darius Ogden Mills?
a) Bank of America b) Bank of California c) Wells Fargo Bank d) Bank of the West

Answers:

1. c); 2. d); 3. Kings Bowl & Millbrae Bowl; 4. My Brother's Place; 5. c); 6. a); 7. b); 8. b)

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C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S

Saturday - Sunday, October 4-5: Millbrae Historical Society Yard Sale, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Millbrae Museum, 420 Poplar Avenue. All sales benefit the Millbrae Museum.

Friday, October 17: Millbrae Man and Woman of the Year Dinner, 6:30 pm, Westin Hotel, 1 Old Bayshore Highway. Reservations required – call 259-2334

Tuesday, November 4: Election Day –Don't forget to vote!

Early December: Millbrae Historical Society Annual Holiday Party, Millbrae Museum, 420 Poplar Avenue. Watch for future mailer announcing date and time for this festive event.

Fourth Wednesdays of the Month: Millbrae Historical Society Board Meetings, 7:00 pm, Millbrae Museum, 420 Poplar Avenue. MHS members and guests are welcome to attend.

Millbrae Historical Society Museum Operating Hours

Millbrae Museum: Saturdays, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

Millbrae Train Museum: Saturdays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm