



Planning for our Future

The 640 Foundation has happily moved into its twelfth year. The Board of Directors, which has very gradually expanded from its initial three members to eleven strong, is actively working to develop a strategic plan for the next five years. They are establishing goals for what they would like to achieve, and discussing how to accomplish them. Fundraising is still at the top of the priority list, with education and research still integral to fulfilling the mission, to which this 501(c)(3) organization remains dedicated, to preserve and memorialize the history and architecture of the women's club movement of the early 1900's, as represented by the very special historic Metropolitan Club building at 640 Sutter Street.

In addition to granting the Club \$6.79 million for the initial seismic and life safety project, the 640 Foundation sponsored a number of lectures on the Club building, the women's club movement, and other related topics. Among the first was a lecture entitled "The Queen of Clubs"—the history of the Woman's Athletic Club (now the Metropolitan Club) by renown preservation architect, the late Alice Ross Carey, initially at the Haas-Lilienthal House as a part of the San Francisco Heritage annual lecture series in 2005, and later at the Metropolitan Club. Alice was a Club Member and a founding Board Member

of the 640 Foundation and later Foundation President. Most recently, in 2015, Erin Garcia, Curator at the California Historical Society, spoke on The Women of the Panama Pacific International Exposition of 1915 at the second Alice Ross Carey Memorial Lecture, sponsored by the Foundation and San Francisco Heritage. Many of the Metropolitan Club's founding Members were active in the PPIE organization. There is more to come about the building, tours and special projects in future issues of the *640 Report*.

In its 2016 strategic planning effort, the Board is working with new Club Member Christine Dohrmann, who heads Dohrmann and Associates. She is the fundraising and management consultant who professionally guided the development and execution of the Stewardship Campaign for the seismic and life safety project completed in 2009.

Among the topics being considered in the 2016 strategic plan are outreach or communications and marketing, including initial orientation of new Club Members to the workings of the Foundation; a special events plan for the next five years, with consideration for the next capital campaign; legacy and planned giving strengthening and expansion; and increasing the donor base. All in all, an ambitious and exciting undertaking, looking forward with an eye to the past.



2004 - Foundation Created
 2004 - Stewardship Campaign
 2006 - Elizabeth Pillsbury Society Founded
 2008 - An Evening with Nina Totenberg
 2008 - Landmark Gala
 2010 - "Last Peek" Fundraising Event
 2012 - An Evening with Cokie Roberts
 2013 - Fashion Show at Saks
 2014 - Alice Ross Carey Lecture
 2014 - Heritage Fair
 2015 - Fashion Show at Saks
 2015 - Alice Ross Carey Lecture
 2015 - Centennial Gala
 2016 - Fashion Show at Saks

Foundation Highlights, 2004 to present

A Message from the President, Misty Tyree

“Happy is the person who knows what to remember in the past, what to enjoy in the present and what to plan for in the future.” This quote from Arnold H. Shaw is a nice reference for this letter.

At the Centennial Gala, a member reminded me how many years were spent in thinking about and planning for the event. Because of all of the planning and looking toward the Gala, the event was a huge success. There was the fun that was had by all, the bond of friendships that were forged in the process, and the realization that the Clubhouse could be used in ways never before imagined. Most importantly, the generosity of the members who gave to the 640 Foundation during the year for the benefit of preserving the “House that Women Built” was impressive.

We also appreciate the continued support of the Club’s capable staff. On behalf of the 640 Heritage Preservation Foundation Board of Directors, we thank you! Now that the Centennial is in the past, we are enjoying the beginning of a new year and we are looking forward to the next 100 years. The Foundation is now in our 12th year and this is a very good time to stop and consider the future. In February, the Foundation Board held a strategic planning meeting for that purpose. We will keep you informed on the developments of this meeting, but let me assure you that helping the Club Board in paying down the bank loan will be foremost in our plans.

In looking at the more immediate future, Saks Fifth Avenue is having the third fashion show for the benefit the 640 Foundation. St. John is the designer and the **champagne preview** was held on **Thursday, February 25, 11:00 to 2:00**. The **fashion show** will be held on **Thursday, March 10, 11:00 to 2:00**. Many thanks go to Cathy Goodman for organizing these events. I look forward to seeing you there.

With deep regret, I note the death of Beverley Denebeim. She was an early supporter of the Foundation and was a significant donor to the Stewardship Campaign.

I would like to leave you with an Abraham Lincoln quote, “The best way to predict the future is to create it.” At the Foundation, we will be creating our the future by considering the past and the present.

Misty Tyree



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Welcome Patricia and Maria

In January the 640 Board extended a warm welcome to its two newest members, Patricia Calfee Picache and Maria Hilakos Hanke. They bring a great deal of enthusiasm and a variety of talents to our busy group.



Patricia was raised in San Francisco and graduated from the University of San Francisco, with a major in Economics. She joined the Metropolitan Club in 2014 and soon found herself a member of the hard working and very successful Auction Committee for the Centennial Gala. Professionally, an Internet entrepreneur, she worked in marketing and communications, and with her husband Ian co-founded Bergine, an online retail business acquired by Gilt.

Patricia is currently a member of Kristi Yamaguchi's Always Dream Foundation and enjoyed time with the Magic Theater. She and Ian are raising their three young children in San Francisco, and she looks forward to the day when there will be time to again pursue her mystery writing.

Maria joined the Metropolitan Club in 2013. She holds a B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis, an M.A. from Stanford University, and a J.D. from San Francisco Law School. She practiced law in San Francisco and Palo Alto, and recently retired from the Office of Legislative Counsel in Sacramento. Residing in Mill Valley and San Francisco, she serves on the board of the Mill Valley Outdoor Art Club.



At the Metropolitan Club, Maria serves on the Membership Appreciation and Food and Beverage Committees. She chaired the wonderful Centennial Tea in 2015. Early in her membership, she joined the Travel Group trip to Cuba. Honoring her father's Greek heritage, she recently pursued the opportunity for dual citizenship and became a Greek citizen. She notes that many years ago she taught Greek cooking in San Francisco, and that she once raised llamas in the Sierra Foothills.

Again a heartfelt welcome to these capable ladies!



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The Centennial Oral History Project:

An Interview with Violet Taaffe

Violet (Vi) Taaffe's links to the Metropolitan Club run deep. Her mother, two aunts and her future mother-in-law were all Members when she joined as a Junior Member in her teens. One of her aunts, Ottilie Hupfeld, lived at the Club in a two room suite on the Second Floor. Vi's favorite memories of those times were swimming in the pool and having dinner with her parents. At one of those dinners, she met Mrs. Edward J. (Page) Taaffe who told her, "When my son comes back from the war, I want him to meet you." Edward Taaffe served in the South Pacific with the Air Force, maintaining airplanes. The war ended, the meeting took place at a Christmas party to which Vi and her parents were invited and, says Vi, "One thing led to another and we were engaged and then married on October 15, 1947."

The engagement party took place at a ladies' luncheon in what is now the Club's Tapestry Room, with almost all of the guests wearing lively hats. (See photo.) The wedding reception was held at the Bohemian Club where, 50 years later, on the same day, in the same room, at the same time, Ed arranged for them to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Smiling, Vi recalls that several of the servers, on seeing photographs of the original wedding reception, pointed out that they were also eating dinner from the very same china!



Vi's engagement party at the Metropolitan Club

A native San Franciscan, Vi attended Hamlin School (which was then K-12). "I was a good student and always expected to go to college," which she did, getting her undergraduate degree from Stanford, majoring in psychology, and then pursuing graduate studies in psychology at UC Berkeley. Of her Stanford days, she recalls loving football games, working hard in psychology labs and dropping Chemistry—her

one problem class. Completing her studies, she was hired as a social worker by the City and County of San Francisco in the child welfare field. Their offices were located at the site of the current Sutter-Stockton Garage. At that time the Metropolitan Club's bar was where the current Library is, and the Library was on the 4th Floor where the bar is now. Vi greatly enjoyed the Library and recalls that the Lobby Bar "was a very convenient place to meet dates after work."

Special memories from her pre-marriage life in the 1940s include volunteering at the Red Cross, then located across the street from the Metropolitan Club at 625 Sutter Street where she got to meet First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. "She wore a Red Cross uniform and was a very charming lady," recalls Vi, adding that "Mrs. Roosevelt chose to stay at the small Mayflower Hotel because the big hotels did not allow African American guests. She was at the very forefront of her generation."



Vi & Ed on October 15, 1947

In 1945 when the United Nations charter was signed in San Francisco, Vi attended many of the meetings as an observer, remembering that to get a ticket you had to show up and put your hand out hoping to get one. "I was very interested in all that was going on there."

Ed and Vi had 2 children, a girl and a boy, whom they raised in San Francisco except for six years when Chevron transferred Ed to Southern California and they lived in Newport Beach. Ed passed away in 2000, but Vi enjoys frequent visits from her children, six

grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, ages 1 to 12.

As she approaches her 96th birthday this August, Vi retains her wonderful sense of adventure and love of life. "When we had to move to Southern California, a friend, knowing my love of San Francisco, gave me some very good advice. She said 'don't compare them; enjoy them each for what they offer' and that's what I did."

Vi still swims at the Club, plays "fun bridge" and enjoys special events—most recently the annual Chinese New Year's dinner. She has traveled extensively to China (first time in 1978), gone through

the Panama Canal several times and recently visited Cuba. She still has her eye on a trip to Japan. Her family and friends bring the greatest joy, as does her historic (built in 1890) home. She admits that San Francisco is changing, but acknowledges that is to be expected. "But we are so lucky to have such beautiful parks!"

Vi still drives, uses a computer, and does email. Asked if she has an iPhone, she responds gleefully, "Not yet." How does it feel to be 95? "Life is good," she says, flashing her wonderful smile.

by Carol Ann Rogers

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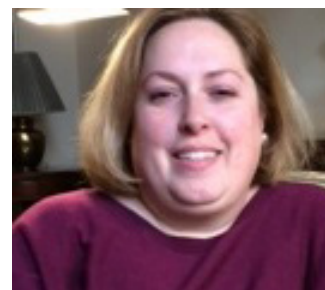
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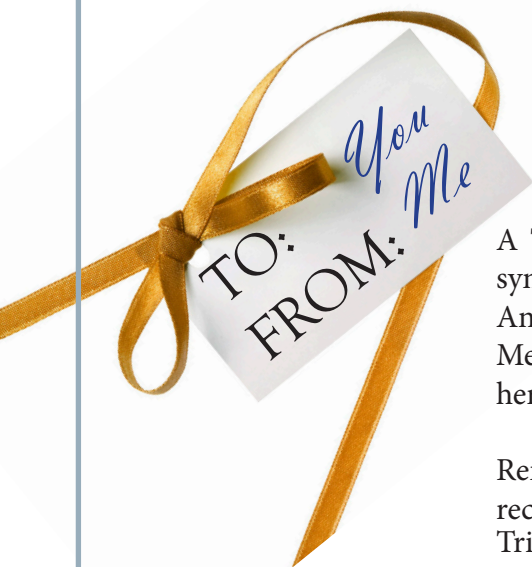
Elizabeth Pillsbury Society Testimonial: *Melissa Li*

"If not me then who? This is the simple reason why I felt it important to become a member of the Elizabeth Pillsbury Society, and lend my support to the 640 Foundation. Every time I walk through the doors of the Metropolitan Club, I feel lucky to have the opportunity to be surrounded by so many great women. I was compelled to make the donation because I think as a Member it's my responsibility to help preserve the Club for my daughter's future needs, and that it's up to every Member to make sure the Club they are enjoying today continues to improve, and rejuvenate. This takes the support of its Members, and I proudly share in that responsibility."



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