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Walter Jebe: A Neighborhood Icon

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It is with great sadness the Excelsior District Improvement Association announces the Passing of Vice President Emeritus Walter Jebe Sr.

Mr. Jebe was a icon in the Excelsior Community. He founded the Excelsior Business Association, was responsible for bringing the Excelsior Branch Library to the community, Owner of Jebe Camera shop, member of the Geneva Mission Lions Club, the Boys Scouts and Author of **San Francisco's Excelsior District (Images of America)**, just to name a few of his many accomplishment.

Mr Jebe is survived by his Wife of 53 year Vivian, Son Walter Jebe Jr, daughter Vivian Jebe, Five grandchildren and two grandchildren.

The family has requested in lieu of well wishes that Donations be made to the Balboa High School Memorial Fund P.O. Box 318 San Francisco Ca 94131 or the San Francisco History Association.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **VISIT OUR EDIA STORE AT WWW.EXCELSIORDISTRICT.ORG**
- **NEXT EDIA MEETING MARCH 28, 2006**
- **MAKE A DONATION TO THE WALTER JEBE SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT BALBOA HIGH SCHOOL**

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EDIA will start taking advertising for our Newsletter. Please contact Angelique Mahan 650-784-1973



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ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The time to Elect Officers for The Excelsior District Improvement Association is approaching. If you are interested in running for The office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee, the nomination process will begin at the March 28th Meeting.

EDIA is also in the process of forming the following 5 working Committees.

- 1) Newsletter
- 2) Special Events
- 3) Sunshine
- 4) Sponsorship & Fund Raising
- 5) Graffiti Abatement (Neighborhood Beautification).

If you are interested in getting involved with any of these committed Contact Lionel at 334-2670 or at info@excelsiordistrict.org.

If you are interested in helping improve Our Community and create an even stronger voice for The Excelsior Neighborhood at City Hall. The Excelsior District Improvement Association (EDIA) is looking to expand our membership and bring new talent. As a member you can be involved in these very important community improvement areas – Parks & Recreation, Cleaning the Streets, Graffiti, Neighborhood Schools, Public Safety, Excelsior Library, Planning Issues, Neighborhood Revitalization, Tree Planting and many more. To apply for 2005 membership, please contact the EDIA office by either calling (415) 334-2670 or emailing us at info@ExcelsiorDistrict.org for a membership form. Membership dues for 2005 are \$15.00 per person.

Important Numbers

EDIA	(415) 334-2670
Graffiti	(415) 282-5326
Illegal Dumping	(415) 282-5326
Pot Holes	(415) 252-5326
Ingleside Police Station	(415) 404-4000
Police Dispatch	(415) 553-0123
Crime Stoppers	(415) 553-9755
Parking Enforcement	(415) 553-1200
Abandoned Cars	(415) 553-9817
Non operating Cars on Private Property	Yvonne.mere@sfgov.org
	(415) 554-3874
Burned Out Street Lights	(415) 554-0730
Leaking Fire Hydrants	(415) 558-3403
Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval	(415) 554-6975
Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services	(415) 554-7111

A MESSAGE FROM LELAND YEE

Dear EDIA members:

The number one cause of injury to women today is domestic violence. According to Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA), national data shows that nearly 1 in 3 women will be a victim of domestic violence in her lifetime; 3 to 10 million children witness domestic violence every year; and 1 in 5 high school females experience dating violence. According to the California Department of Justice, over 600 incidents of domestic violence are reported every day in California.



It is because of these figures that I authored Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 106, declaring the first statewide White Ribbon Campaign (WRC). The resolution is an effort to get more men involved in violence prevention. It is vital for men throughout California to make a statement that we will never commit, condone, nor remain silent about violence against women.

The Campaign's goals are to raise awareness of this problem in our communities, conduct educational work in schools, workplaces, and communities, and support organizations that deal with the consequences of violence against women.

Domestic violence costs American businesses between \$3 billion and \$5 billion a year in absenteeism, medical costs, employee turnover, and lost productivity. However, a price tag cannot be put on the physical and psychological effects that are forced on victims of violence. My background as a child psychologist compels me to work to prevent these effects on women and children. Through the White Ribbon Campaign, men can truly make a difference by taking personal and collective action against violence.

Men who are interested in joining the White Ribbon Campaign are urged to visit my Assembly website at www.assembly.ca.gov/yee. If you would like to help distribute ribbons and commitment cards, please contact my office at (415) 557-2312. As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office if I or my staff can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Leland Y. Yee, PhD.

Speaker pro Tempore

California State Assembly

EXCELSIOR BOOK CLUB.

Our March reading is: "**The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time**", a novel by Mark Haddon, published in 2003.

THERE'S STILL TIME if you haven't started reading yet. At 240 pages, it's a good weekend read. The SF Public Library has several copies of the book at different branches. And since it's a best-seller, it is available at most bookstores.

Our meeting time is 7pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Don't be shy if you've missed prior meetings. We're looking forward to seeing some new faces.

If you are interested in joining the Excelsior Book Club, please contact Patty at pgd@sonic.net, or call her at (415) 334-7119 or you may send an email to info@ExcelsiorDistrict.org re Book Club, **LET'S GET READING!**

NEWSOM VISITS THE GENEVA OFFICE BUILDING

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom came out to the Neighborhood in an impromptu Lunch with the District 11 Council. The Council presented the Mayor with a list of concerns that had a significant impact on the Southern Neighborhoods. After the lunch meeting The Mayor paid a visit to Geneva Office Building. (Formerly the Geneva Car Barn) He show a great interest in The GOB's restoration and how it would fit into the overall development of the Balboa Park Development Plan.

Community Leaders were pleased with the outing, and look forward to improved dialogue with the Mayor.

For More information about the Geneva Office Building — www.genevaofficebuilding.org



LET YOUR THOUGHTS BE HEARD

Many of our Members have expressed a concern about not receiving "Action Items". We know many of our members are very busy with their business and personal lives and aren't able to actively participate in person. So in response to this request we have revived this process for our on-line membership thru the EDIA E-Mail Tree.

However; many of our members do not have internet access, and have not had the chance to take part in this project.

Enclosed in this Month's Newsletter is a pre stamped post card Addressed to Mayor Gavin Newsom.

This is a opportunity for our membership who is not on-line to share their thoughts with the various Civic Leaders at City Hall. Since the Mayor has recently been in the district, he was an obvious choice.

Lets tell him what we are thinking. Show him we are involved. And Let City Hall know we are vested in our community.

It only cost .24 to mail a post card .24 cents to make a Change... Sounds good to me.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY 28TH MEETING

We began the Meeting with a Presentation about H&R Block by Board member Jean Feilmoser. She said that our local H&R Block is the busiest location in the whole city. She announced that H&R block was giving \$10.00 discounts for their services, and gave out expense record books to help people keep track of their spending.

Next Heidi Sieck gave an update on the San Francisco 311 Call Center Project. The Objective of 3-1-1- was to improve customer service in city government. The 3-1-1- Project was based on programs which have worked very well in Chicago and New York. There would be a live person to call for city issues, minimal hold time, open 24/7 and in any language. You'd get a tracking number to deal with your complaint. Ms. Sieck invited us all to budget meeting at Board Chambers to discuss their lease. If all goes well they would roll out by the end of the year. [Update: the 311 proposal was successfully passed at the Board of Supervisors]

For more information on the 3-1-1- Project contact Heidi Sieck at 415-554-0811 or e-mail sf311@sfgov.org

Public Utilities Commission did a presentation to explain the Master Sewer Upgrading Plan. We've had a new upgrade and master plan every 30 years, with good results. The upgrade was needed because SF treats 80 million gallons per day and 500 million gallons when it rains. As a result, wastewater rates will be going up. 1.5% increase from next July. However; there could be up to 70% reduction of your wastewater bill if you pulled up your cement sidewalk and put in plants. Contact them for info. Submit comments, call or get involved: www.sfsewers.org - email tjue@sfgwater.org or Call Tyrone Jue at 415-554-3289 Mail to: SFPUC Communications Division 115 Market 11th Floor SF CA 94103

SFPUC will form a Citizen's Advisory Wastewater Subcommittee – to meet on 3rd Thursday of the month. Will be holding Public Workshops on these dates:

Thurs March 23rd 6:00-8:30 PM at the Sunset Recreation center 28th Avenue and Lawton Street

Tuesday March 28th 6:00-8:30 PM at Bill Graham Civic Auditorium 99 Grove St

Saturday march 25 10 – 12:30 PM Alex Pitcher Conference Room SF Community Facility – 1800 Oakdale Avenue

The Traffic Calming Project will be testing cross-town traffic. There will be ten of them recording number of cars and speed in the upper part of Avalon, Excelsior Playground, they may install circles, or narrow the streets to prevent speeding. The plan is in March/May come up with solutions June/July support planning September submit planning to Transportation Authority. Patty asked about Geneva Study, Balboa Study, Alemany Bike lanes. Web site:

<http://www.sfcta.org/mission-geneva.htm>

Action Items--

Patty Devlig Board Members Reported sending a letter on behalf of the Woolworth planners – saying we will support their requests to waive 2 things:

1. Waive requirement of 14 parking spaces if over 1600 feet
2. Waive 25 foot setback requirement on the condition that they include 3 3-bedroom units with that extra space. We support moving this development up fast in the planning process.

We discussed forming committees – Fundraising & Sponsorship, The Newsletter, Special Events, Graffiti Abatement (Neighborhood Beautification) and a sunshine committee for acts of goodwill.

Elections for EDIA officers coming up in May, if you know anyone who wants to run for office, contact Lionel or Angelique.

Minutes for the February 28 Meeting will be available at the March 28 meeting.

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INCORPORATED 1962

***SEE YOU AT 45 SANTA ROSA
AVENUE, FOR THE MARCH 28
2006, EDIA MEETING***

PRESENTERS AND GUESTS FOR MARCH MEETING

Assemblyman Leland Yee (Speaker Pro Tem) is joining us to give an overview of the Domestic violence legislation outlined in his message. (20 minutes)

Jessica Shelton with San Francisco General Hospital will be giving a presentation.

If you have concerns or issues that you wish to have addressed or items to be put on the Agenda please contact us no later than Thursday March 24.

If you cannot attend the General Meeting on Tuesday Mach 28th, We ask that you join us in a Minute of Silence @ 7:10pm In Memory Of Walter Jebe.