

Tribute to Bob Tideman

On the occasion of his retirement as executive vice president of the Northern California Henry George School, Robert Tideman (whose story appears on the front page of this issue of HGN) was tendered a farewell dinner-party in his honor. The event took place on May 18th in the Banquet Room of John's Restaurant in San Francisco, and was attended by a large group of friends, including associates and students from the Henry George School, members of the School's Board of Directors, and distinguished guests. All joined in expressing appreciation for the splendid work Bob had performed during his twenty-four years of dedicated service at the School, and to wish him and his family well for the future.

The dinner coincided with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the chartering of the San Francisco School as a not-for-profit corporation by the State of California. Robert Scrofani, past president of the Board of Directors of the School, acted as master of ceremonies.

Among the honored guests was Mason Gaffney, whose well-received speech was feelingly devoted to Mr. Tideman's outstanding accomplishments as executive secretary and as executive vice president of the School, to the major contribution he had made toward the dissemination of Henry George's philosophy, and to Bob's congenial personality.

Others who spoke to and about Robert Tideman in glowing terms were Dr. Val Jaros, Bob De Fremery (author of *Money and Freedom*), and Joe Marks, member of the Marin faculty. Other notables present were a representative from the office of San Francisco Assessor Joseph Tinney, and Hon. Dan McCorquodale, Supervisor of Santa Clara County. A number of telegrams and letters from absent friends were read to Mr. Tideman, and a gift was presented to him in behalf of the School by Ann Reeves, president of its Board of Directors.

The program closed with an eloquent and moving talk by the guest of honor, in which Bob Tideman compared the Henry George movement to a struggle much like a war, where the "army" must be prepared to make personal sacrifices for its cause.

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