

**Remarks by  
Robert W. Lilley, Convention Chairman  
ILA-34 Banquet, October 19, 2005**

**Introduction of the front table:**

We close our 34<sup>th</sup> annual meeting on high notes indeed, partly thanks to the music of Steve Woods, one of our favorite local-area artists.

I'll introduce our front table; my wife Ellen, sometimes known as "mother goose" from the days when the ILA was known as the Wild Goose Association for entirely proper reasons. Ellen's been managing us for the past three days; a little handier task in our home town.

Our Vice President Langhorne Bond and his wife Queta; we'll hear from Mr. Bond in just a bit. Our 2004 convention chair Tamotsu Ikeda, and his wife Keiko, who hosted such an excellent conference in Tokyo last year. I'll introduce our speaker shortly, but when I do, please remember that Neal Graffy's wife Annie also has lots to do with the History Consortium and with Santa Barbara.

**Awards:**

Now it is time for Bill Roland, our very experienced Awards Committee Chair, to reveal the secrets of this year's deliberations. We present the Associations three highest awards:

(Bill and VP Langhorne Bond present awards.)

**Banquet Speaker Neal Graffy Introduction:**

As we opened the convention, I welcomed you to my home town, Santa Barbara. That was a little presumptive, since Ellen and I have only been here for a little over seven years. We have lots yet to learn. Here is a quote from a Santa Barbaran with a longer term of office...

"Santa Barbara benefits from many things: an ocean at its front door, a mountain range behind it, a temperate climate and a series of review boards that inspect and have the ability to reject everything from new buildings to the color of paint for your door trim."

Since 1989, Neal Graffy has been informing and entertaining area audiences with carefully-researched and beautifully-illustrated presentations on Santa Barbara's eventful and often quirky history.

Neal formed the Santa Barbara History Consortium, which continues to research and illuminate everything from the basic architecture before and after Santa Barbara's defining moment – the June, 1925 earthquake -- to the reasons the city streets are not always straight, and have those names unfamiliar to many of us.

On many occasions Ellen and I have enjoyed being in his audience – Now I take real pleasure in introducing Neal Graffy to the International Loran Association so he can round out *your* welcome to Santa Barbara.

(Neal Graffy Presentation – “Why Santa Barbara?”)

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Neal, thank you! My colleague Erik Johannessen will present a gift from the ILA – a tie with the signal of the Loran navigation system as its pattern. Absolutely unique!

**Inauguration:**

There’s nothing stealthy about this inauguration, even though it accidentally does not appear on the official program for tonight. I can assure you that our incoming President will be the least secret of the “weapons” ILA employs in its encouragement of Loran upon prudent navigators everywhere.

In the absence of our president, Dr. Linn Roth, we’ve asked Professor David Last, immediate past-President, to make the presentation of the gavel.

(David Last Introduction and Langhorne Bond remarks)

**Closing:**

One last word of thanks to all our meeting sponsors, the sponsoring organizations of many of us, the authors and presenters, awardees, managers and especially to your Technical Chairman Greg Johnson. There is much hard work represented at ILA-34; Greg made my part of it much easier.

Steve Woods will be here for a little while yet,

Good night, and safe travel.