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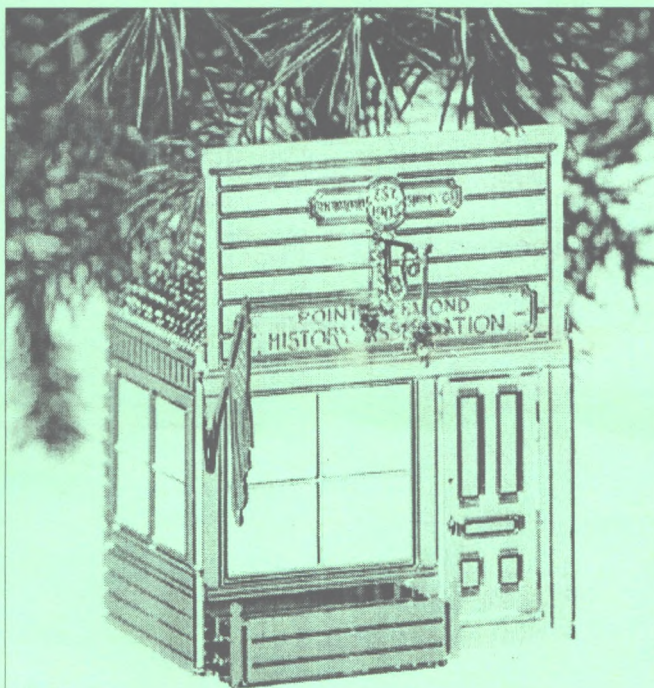
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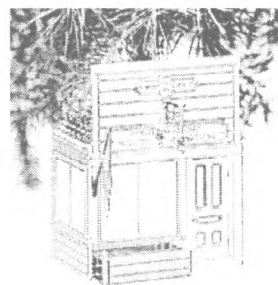
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From The President

Mid Dornan

If it is May, it must be time to report on the state of the Association.

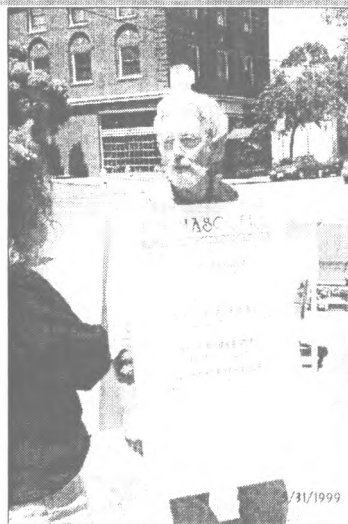
The familiar faces of the present board were given a vote of confidence and reelected for another term to start the millennium. Everyone is willing to help but only a few accept the title. Special thanks to our Editor Gary Shows who continues to improve the newsletter. Gary has a new digital camera and the quality of his computer pictures is impressive.

Beside publishing the issues of "THIS POINT..... in time," the History Museum has been maintained and staffed 120 days. Updated copies of the "Brief History of Point Richmond" have been printed and are now available for \$1.00. At our semi-annual meeting we featured the video, "The Plunge, a Lapse in Time," and a \$500 donation was given to the Save The Plunge project.

We continue to be involved in the community at the Valentine and Easter contests and have representation at the Point Business Association and the Neighborhood Council. Residents receive historical information of the Point, "Sunset Magazine" and Alchemedia Productions accessed our photo files and reproductions of our file photos are available for individuals. We have a regularly maintained web site that contains historical information on Point Richmond, copies of our newsletter and

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David Vincent Promoting Masquers Garage Sales

information on meetings and agendas. Newsletter collating sessions with the congenial board is more fun than work.

We are looking forward to the new millennium and more history! Thank you for the support given the Association.

Thank you to the following members who have renewed their memberships:

Jay & Karen Fenton

Barbara Olesen

Kay Roveda

Allan P. Smith

Robert & Betty Menzie

Marie Louise Ostrom

Kathryn Pinkerton

Nellie Bisio Pasquini

Thomas Kenny

Virginia Cherniak

Ilamay Dein

Betty Glass Marshall

Pam Wilson

Darlene Wright

John & Tonita Granado

Hank Allyn

Otto Barni

And a warm welcome to the following new member:

Mary Ellen Covell

Thank You!

Santa Fe Market

and

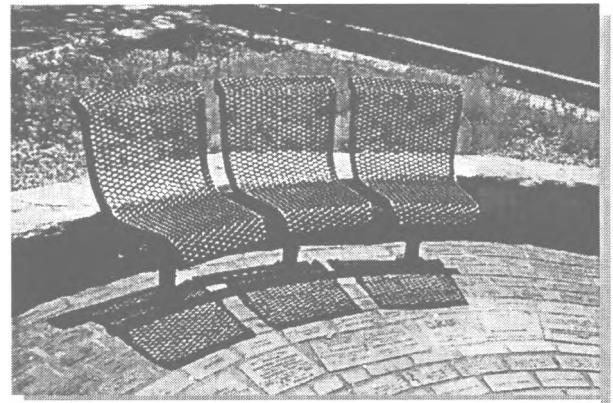
Point Richmond Market

for their donated distribution of

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*Hey, how about those
Great new benches
in Indian Statue Park.*

*Thank You to
Anne Hanzlik
Given in to the park in
Memory of her late
husband,
Joe Hanzlik*



New steel benches in Indian Statue Park

If you can help staff our History Building (2½ hours per month) call museum Staff Coordinator Betty Dornan at 232-4317.

Museum Hours:

Thursday

11:30am - 2:00pm

Saturday

11:30 - 2:00pm

Gary's Column

Gary Shows

Here is your TPIT Summer issue. This is the only one that covers three months so it is 4 pages longer than usual. It also has to accommodate the photos from May's Kid's Meeting, hope they reproduced OK.

Thanks so much to David Vincent for taking on the TPIT calendar. Several recent errors have made doubt the desirability of having a TPIT a calendar. David is very savvy of Point goings on and will do a great job. And thank you to my nephew Lance Shows for producing the cover photo in his well equipped San Francisco studio. I hope it reproduces as well as I think it will.

A reminder that this newsletter is only as good as you make it. With the loss of Dr. William Thompson, we have a need for more memory articles. I know there are plenty out there, so if you have considered putting you memories of Point Richmond's past (and they don't have to be old, 50's, 60's, even 70's could be interesting) now might be the time to do it. Any suggestions for the newsletter would also be appreciated

We continue to look for volunteers to compile a "90 Years Ago" article for the newsletter. Mid did one for this issue, see page 18. The project would require an occasional trip to the library and scour the pages of the Richmond Daily Independent for interesting or humorous articles of the time. The assignment can be fun and educational.

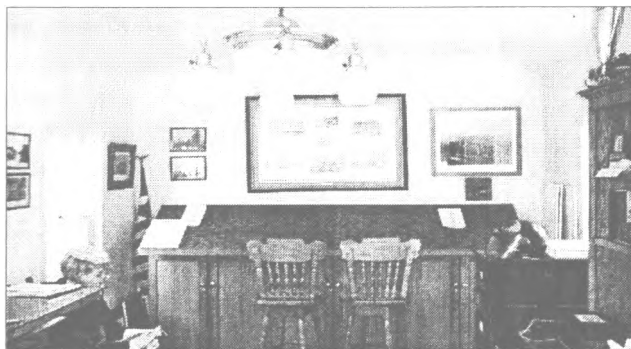
Everyone have a great summer, see you in September.

The deadline for the September issue is Friday August 20th with an anticipated date of assembly of September 2nd.

Thanks to the April/May issue assembly crew:

Pam Wilson
Mid Dornan
Jerry Cerkowicz
Gary Shows
Betty Dornan
Liz McDonald
Sonja Darling

***The Cover:
Photo of our new replica ornament,
photo by Lance Shows. See inside
front cover for details***



*Our little museum
Interior shot*

A-Mid TRIVIA

-Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Question: Fifty years ago in 1949 the City Auditor's Annual Report took 34 pages to list the services and financial information of the 44 year old city of Richmond with a population that had grown to 100,000. B. K. Peterson of the Point was City Auditor. What was his salary? Answer at end of trivia.

Proud to be a U.S. Citizen? Display the American Flag on FLAG DAY, June 14.

If you missed the annual Point Richmond Chamber of Commerce stroll you missed a part of the Point's charm and to learn there can be a 'free lunches' merchants displayed their specialties with samples or other goodies. If the number of people in line was any indication, our two markets, Santa Fe and Point Richmond Market, serve winning fare. Point Richmond Market's falafel was outstanding and by the time you passed all the



tables at the Santa Fe, you had a meal. But there were many other tables of samples. How about that banana bread at Hidden City? And the hors d'oeuvre table at Hotel Mac? Or the nachos, sausages, cakes, biscotti?

Missed at the Stroll, Bob Peckham and... with his camera!

At the Methodist Church table where homemade cookies were given away, reluctant takers first asked, "How much?" (*hm..a church image??*)

Strollers were also invited to put their name in for a drawing for free homemade Methodist pies prompting someone to inquire if Methodist pies were bigger than Catholic pies?

Hilary and Charles Wright of Eugene, Oregon are parents of their first child, a son Issac, born on Monday, May 10, a day late for Mother's Day! Proud grandmother, Kate Lord headed up to greet her first grandchild.

Hopping around the Greek Isles for several weeks (and who knows where else) are Cindy Quist, Barbara Rhodes and Maxine Stoddard. (*Don't forget the Apple Tea!*)

Thanks to Mary Highfill, the planter box in front of the History Museum again has colorful fresh impatiens.

Was there a prouder, more joyful grandmother than Lucretia Edwards at the graduation of Samuel Timothy Edwards on Sunday, May 16th when he received his

degree in Biotech from Pomona college on Sunday, May 16th? Sam is the son of Barnaby and Linda Edwards, now of Kingston, Washington.

Steve Jobs, CEO of Pixar and Apple Computer fame has been seen having lunch at Hidden City. Could there be a connection in the temporary code name of "Hidden City" for his next film?

Charles "Chuck" Wise and Melanie Leideker were married on May 30, 1999. The gala reception was held at Chuck's own restaurant, The Baltic on Park Place here in the Point.

Literally, ran into Bev Price in the Orange County Airport during Easter break! She, Becky, Stan and family had been visiting Disneyland and other sights in Southern California during the school vacation.

Allan Smith has recuperated after being ill with Pneumonia.

Sympathy is extended to our Editor Gary Shows on the death of his mother in Texas.

Sympathy to member Mary Collier on the death of her husband on January 18th.

And to Kathy Reihn on the death of her father in May.

"It is great to be back in the fresh air and sunshine" comments Miller-Knox park Ranger Jill who has been off work because of illness. Her cheery attitude has been missed.

Miller-Knox Regional Park just gets nicer. Being dedicated the end of May in a

beautiful site are three concrete benches with 160 handpainted tiles that are memorials to children who were victims of violence in West County.

Edna Hathaway and daughter Ann Manley are traveling to France in June. Ann is a teacher in Hanford.

Are broken bones now politically correct? Recently, (*this is noted because of the time lapse between newsletters!!*) Bessie Squires has broken ribs, Mary Highfill broken toes and Anna Schwartz broken wrists!!

What are the chances of neighbors running into each other on Waikiki Beach in Hawaii when neither knows the other is there? Well, Pam and Donna Wilson and Sonja Darling thought they were seeing clones in April.

In April, as part of the agreement of tobacco producers in 46 states to resolve states claims over health costs related to smoking, every cigarette billboard in the county was to come down. Hopefully this will enhance the county visual landscape too.



If you enjoy the sounds of a train, stop by the 10,000 square foot layout of the Golden State Model Railroad Museum, 900 A Dornan Drive, across the street-from the Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline Park. For times they are open, call 510-262-2-784.

Edna Hathaway, Hanford, had overnight guests, Frances Smith and Mid Dornan, who were attending a Church History Writing workshop in Clovis.

20 years ago in June, Dixie Copland retired after 30 years as a mail carrier in Point Richmond and was honored at a party at the Point Restaurant. Limited seating went so fast many from the route didn't even get to attend the dinner. Dixie probably knew more about the Point than anyone else! What's he doing these days??

The Point Richmond Association of Moms, PRAM, is an impressive new group of young parents with visions. They meet the first Monday of the month in the evening without children at the Methodist Church to focus on goals. This active group has a web site, post office box, produces a newsletter 'Perambulations', and even has a bank account! Stay tuned to this group who promise to be a force and visual part in this community.

Coming to a store near you: peanut butter that could be available in fruit or chocolate flavors. The new products are to be introduced nationally during the next few months. Tiff, top seller in the peanut butter category, notes besides the traditional, other flavors could include Apple-Cinnamon, Berry Blend and

Chocolate Silk versions. Hm....

From a 1910 newspaper: A selfish man is not so because he looks to his own interest too much, but rather because he cares too little for his neighborhood.

From the same newspaper. We have it now on the highest authority of the Lodge Committee that the high cost of living is due entirely on the high prices!! PROFOUND!

DISPLAY THE FLAG ON JULY 4th!!
HAVE A SPLENDID SUMMER!!

Answer: The city auditor and purchasing agent received \$6,470 a year, the same salary given the City Attorney, Tax Collector and Assessor and Fire Chief.



FREE!

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All of the above equipment was working the last time it was used several years ago. Interested, call Gary or Jerry at 510-235-1336.

Church News

Our Lady of Mercy

Dee Rosier

232-1387

It was great to have Bob Peckham back to read the Passion on Palm Sunday. The church was beautifully decorated for Easter Services. Javier captured everyone's attention as he performed an inspirational piece on his trumpet. He was assisted by Joni and Rod Phillips. Quoting Father Cliff, "many hands make light work."

We were honored to have Pina Barbieri attend Mass with us on the occasion of her birthday and the dedication of the Mass to the deceased members of her family. Pina is the daughter of one of the original partners of the Richmond Sanitary Service. When she was 16 she was employed there as a translator and today is their Corporate Secretary. Pina earned her teaching credential at UC Berkeley and taught in the Richmond School District where she became the first

woman principal. Parishioners attending local schools remember her. She is an inspirational lady and it is always a delight to have her in our presence.

Remember in your prayers all who cannot attend Mass on a regular basis. Peter and Mary Lespier are always willing to visit and administer Communion. It's good news for the Healys whose great-granddaughter's health continues to improve after a rough start in her newborn life. Our gregarious Anna Schwarz took a great fall and broke both wrists. Shirley and John Gerck will travel to Colorado for the graduation ceremonies of their granddaughter. The church bulletin congratulated Allan and Marcellina Smith on their Golden Wedding anniversary - it was not a typo. Allan thought it was "50", but Marcellina confirms that it was "40." They have resumed their morning walk at George Miller Park after Allan's bout with pneumonia. He admits that at his age it takes longer to recuperate - oh to be "35" again.



The April Parish assembly was well attended. It is always a great opportunity to visit, enjoy the refreshments and share Parish news. Our thanks to Amelia, Shirley and Angie who are always there for us. Elected to serve on the Parish Council until the year 2000 were Adolph Brossard, Javier Lopez and Rod Phillips. Several members of our Parish continue to volunteer regularly at the Souper Kitchen - John and Shirley Gerk, Edwina and Jack Murray, Ruth Beardsley, Amelia Drake, Angie Kirkpatrick and Tony Ferreira. Peter Lespier continues his work on an updated version of our church directory. Stanley Toledo is digging in the archives and gathering information for our centennial. Ellie Strauss announced her candidacy to the Richmond City Council. Father Cliff tells us he did not have his car painted, but purchased an updated version in a different color - the repairs on the older one were greater than the acquisition of a newer one - we have all been there. A minor change was made in the Eucharist Minister's schedule in order to meet the needs of those serving. Jim and Margo Santos, new Ministers, just completed the Month of April. Sarah Hawthorne and Stanley Toledo, also new Ministers, will complete the Month of May. Congratulations to both couples for a job well done.

A new Catholic bookstore has opened across the street from St Joseph's Church in Pinole. "A Little Bit of Heaven," (510-724-3887) specializes in bibles, books, religious gifts and cards.

As a result of the Monthly Maintenance and Repair collection, lights have been installed on the disabled ramp.

Mothers' Day Mass was celebrated and honored our Mothers, both living and dead. As

is our annual tradition, each Mother received a carnation. Javier's gift to attending Mothers was an awesome trumpet solo. Visiting from Chicago and attending Mass were Javier's Mother and Father. Many of us had the pleasure of meeting them. Mothers' Day trivia: Mothers wear many hats and fulfill at least 17 positions. If salaried her annual wages would be \$508,000/year - and at that would be underpaid.

Father Cliff was recently a victim of a theft when someone broke into the rectory and alleviated him of some money from his wallet. Fortunately he was uninjured, but certainly shaken by the invasion. It brought to mind Father telling us that the Byers have an old car parked in front of their house with a sign that reads, "Don't break window, door is open."

Our heartfelt condolences to Chano Forner and his family in the recent death of his wife, Bonnie Forner.

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on her tombstone
From the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came her date of birth
And spoke the following dates with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years,

(1927-1999)

For that dash represents all the time
That she spent alive on earth.....
And now only those who loved her
Know what that little line is worth.
For it matters not, how much we own;
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

See you in church.

Point Richmond Methodist

Jean Reynolds

235-2988

A special party was held after worship on April 25 to honor our members who are also octogenarians. There were nine honorees: Jack Elle, Oretta Eaton, Goldie Mobley, Ed and Bessie Squires, Lloyd and Melba Farley, Gladys Spencer, and Betty Dornan. Fran Smith was Mistress of Ceremonies, Pastor Dan enlivened the party with his music, while the honorees wore lovely party hats fashioned by Fran and everyone enjoyed refreshments.

Many thanks to our friends and supporters for all of your generous donations of "sale-ables" for our May 1 Junktique Sale. And thanks to the rest of you for buying them all back again. We have great stories of the things that sold, the people who donated them, and the people who happily bought them. All of our nicest stuffed animals were purchased by a woman who gives them to children at Children's Hospital in Oakland. What a great destination! The kitchen staff and David Valentine's backyard barbecue did a brisk business, too. We sold twenty pies by the slice.

The Point Richmond Stroll is just too much fun to miss. Russ and Kristi Johnson set up a booth for the church this year just outside of the History Association Building. We gave away home-baked chocolate chip and snickerdoodle cookies, had a drawing for Methodist Pies ("How many Methodists are baked in one?"), advertised the next singing and Vacation Bible School and enjoyed the crowd.

The monthly "Second Sunday Sing-long" is alive and well, but is not always predictably on the second Sunday. In April, it was on the

third Sunday, with Johann Anderson and two of his friends leading the music; in May, it was also on the third Sunday. Jean Eakle accompanied our singing on the piano. The June singing will be on June 6, (the first Sunday), at 7:00 p.m. with Johann Anderson. Although these singings are hard to predict, they are worth adding to your schedule as dates are announced. Fran Smith prepares a flier each time to publicize the event, and copies are posted around town. Johann comes to us from San Anselmo, and is a well known songwriter/editor of the "Book of Songs". Jean Eakle is our own local treasure. We are blessed by the evenings of music they share with us.

Our special Jazz Service will be on Sunday, June 13 at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Dan will perform with a jazz trio, and both choirs have planned special music. Bring your dad (even though Fathers' Day is the next week) or someone else you love, and come enjoy this non-traditional service.

Pastor Dan has plans for a July wedding in Chicago. We met his fiancée Eileen several months ago, and look forward to her presence in our community. So far, all of the rumors that we are chartering a bus to take to their wedding ceremony have proved false.

Vacation Bible School will be in August 2-6, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The theme is SonCastle Faire, and it has a medieval or Middle Ages setting. The morning will include a puppet show (puppeteer Linda Brooks will be back this year), crafts, games, music, stories and snacks. Classes will be for children ages 3 to grade 5. Older youth are needed to help lead activities. We always have a great week; I look forward to it all year! Call Jean Reynolds, 235-2988, or Linda Brooks, 236-5380, to sign up or for more information.

Point Methodist Church History

-Mid Dornan

Church history is rich with contributions of women. One church group in the 1920's was the SOCIAL LEAGUE of the first Methodist Episcopal Church whose history is reflected in their minutes printed below and taken from the canvas covered, red leather cornered notebook which cost \$1.15. The minutes are printed as written. This is the 38th installment.

Dec. 1st 1925

Mrs. Dicely, president, opened the meeting by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Roll call found seventeen members present.

Bazaar committees reported. Paid out to:

Wood and Wood .75

Independent .48

leaving a balance of \$161.30. A check was made to the First M.E. Church for \$161.00 and given to Mrs. Beulah Jones.

Bill for bouquet for Mrs Mythen, .75.

Ordered paid. Meeting adjourned.

Receipts of meeting

Silver offering 3.30

Paid out .75

2.55

forward 27.83

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Sunday, Aug. 1, 2:30PM

Friday, Aug. 6, 8:00PM

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*Thanks, Paul Landgraf of Guam
For a generous donation to PPRHA*

A Special Thank You to Museum Volunteers

A special thank you to Museum coordinator Betty Dornan and the volunteers who staff the history museum each month, especially to Dody Perry, Bruce Bartram and Bernard Christensen who have committed to one day a month.

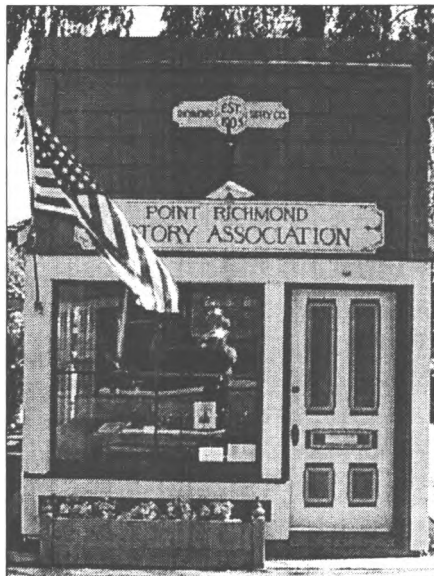
The past year the Museum had visitors from Arizona, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Florida, Oregon, Iowa, New Jersey, New York Nevada -and Virginia. One visitor was from Cuba.

Guests came from many towns in California including Albany, Alameda, Berkeley, Emerville, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Georgetown, Hayward,- Hercules r Irvine, Kentfield, Kensington, Lafayette, La Mirada, Los Gatos, Mill Valley, Mission San Jose, Novato, Orinda, Oakland, Piedmont, Pasadena, Redwood City, San Pablo, Salinas, San Jose, San Rafael, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Vacaville, Walnut Creek and Woodland.

Two notable visitors were Jim Johnson, the Mayor of Red Oak, Iowa and Captain James S. Nolan and Chief Engineer William Jackson from the Red Oak Victory Ship which is docked at the foot of Dornan Drive for restoration.

It is a special building. (Note: To make Betty's job easier, it only takes eight (8) people to volunteer one day a month for 2½ hours to make a commitment so she doesn't have to fill in so often. Don't think you know enough to field questions? Who does? We are all just volunteers who will try to get the answer later. Besides, it is FUN watching what is happening outside on the street. Think about it.

-Mid



WHO COMES TO THE KID' S REUNION ?

Mid Dornan

The Point Richmond History association annual meeting and Reunion each May is a lot of work but seeing the enjoyment of those attending qualifies some of the effort. A BIG THANK YOU owed to the committee who came forth in April to put it all together: Ann and Bruce Bartram, Teresa Meneghelli, June Solosabel (from Martinez) Al Frosini, Mary Highfill, Liz McDonald, Betty Dornan, Sonja Darling and Allan Smith. Extra appreciation to George LeRoy Williams who served as 'Master of Ceremonies' of the Reunion. A fresh face always helps.

From where do the guests come? Betty Glass Marshall again came the farthestmost from Grants Pass, Oregon. Others attending were: John Bellando, Danville; Albert Kollar, Vallejo; Beverly Bartram, Hercules; Julio Carrera, Sacramento; June Beesley Solosabal, Martinez; Terry Downey, Antioch; Thomas Kenny, Pinole; James Kenny, Albany; Len Goroski, and Tonita and Chon Granado, Napa; Madeline Bollando Albright, Brentwood; Darlene Albright Wright and Mary Hirth Medo, Concord; Rosie White, Walnut Creek; Reno Cairo, Manteca; George and Brenda Cairo Ripon; Bruce and Ann Bartram and Stella Giovannini, El Cerrito; and Carolyn Patterson, El Sobrante, From San Pablo came Viola Kennedy, Carmen Hirst and Patricia Dornan. From Richmond were William Kollar, Teresa Meneghelli, George LeRoy Williams, Fred Beesley, Otto Barni, Bena Salle Bowles, Irene Rollino Patterson, Lupe Pailla Lopez, Claude and Bernadette Bisio, Merv Kelleghan, Romeo and Nellie Pasquini, Rose and Louie Barra, and Jay and Barbara Vincent. Point Richmond was represented by Mid Dornan, Josephine Matteucci Palanchar, Fay and Marian Hawkins, Alyce Williamson, Gary Shows, Mary Highfill, Sonia Darling, Allan Smith, Bernard and Anita Christiansen, Carol Sweatt, Steve Wyrick, Pam Wilson Luciano Forner, Helene Frosini Mary Forbes, Lupe Avila Morris, Donna Wilson, Anely Thill, Jerry Cerkowicz, Betty Dornan, Liz McDonald, Mary Crosby and Al Frosini.

See all of you in TWO YEARS!



Bill Kollar and Jim Kenny



Bill Kollar



Pam Wilson



Al Frosini



Claude Bisio, Reno Cairo & Nellie Pasquini



Fred Beesley and Sal Granado



Lots of old stories were told!



Otto Barni



Mid Dornan



Jerry Cerkowicz, Liz McDonald, Pam Wilson



Mid Dornan, Leroy Williams



Julio Carrera



Al Frosini



Allan Smith, Terry Downey,



Allan Smith

The Kids... 1999 Crop



Leroy Williams



Jim Kenny



Tom Kenny, Chano Forner, Jim Kenny



Julio Carrera and Beverly Bartram



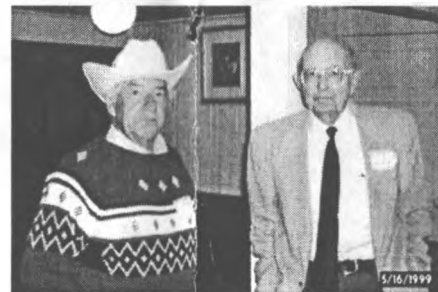
Table Full



Al Frosini, Merv Kellegan



*Josephine Palenchar, Merv Kelleghan
Allan Smith*



John Bellando & Bruce Bartram



Betty Dornan, Betty Marshall and Pete Cairo



Table Full



*John Bellando, Bernard Christiansen,
Al Frosini*



Tom Kenny



Allan Smith, Otto Barni, William Kollar



M/M Sal Cranados, George Williams, June Solosabel, Sonja Darling



Mary Crosby



Al Frosini, Bill Kollar and Otto Barni



Anita Christiansen, Marian Hawkins, & ?



*Josephine Palanchar, Madeline
Albright, & Darlene Wright*

Pioneer Paasch Family Youth Excels

By
Jack Paasch

Keir Gallaway Paasch is related to the Paasch's of Point Richmond. He is the grandson of Robert Paasch, the great grandson of Richard Paasch (the first fire captain of the Point), great-nephew of Walter T. Paasch (long time C.C. county clerk) and cousin to Russell Paasch and family who live on Tunnel Avenue.

Keir has just been selected to be on the team that will represent the United States in the USA Junior Eagles U-19 division for the World Cup 2000 games. The tryouts for this rugby competition were held in three different locations in the U.S. One on the East Coast, one in the Midwest and one in the West. Over one thousand all star rugby players were asked (by invitation only) to try out for 41 positions on the team. Keir will be one of the 41 players!

Like his grandfather, who played rugby in the 1920's and 30's, Keir loves the game. Robert Paasch, Keir's grandfather attended Saint Mary's College in Moraga on a rugby scholarship in the 1930's.

Keir is an 18 year old honor student at Saint Mary's College Prep High School in Berkeley. While at Saint Mary's Keir (in addition to rugby) has played on two league championship football teams. He was captain of the defense at Saint Mary's and holds a brown belt in Karate. Keir loves to water ski, snowboard, windsurf and dance. He was on the championship teams this year that defeated El Cerrito High School in a blowout that was televised on E.S.P.N. and the Bay Sports Channel.

However, his first love is rugby. He is considered to be the best rugby prop in the Bay Area. He plans to attend U.C. Berkeley in the fall and play for their championship team.

He will begin practice for the World Cup 2000 games at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs in July. Upon completion of their team training they will be representing the U.S. against top ranked players from Europe, Canada and the U.S. They will also be traveling to Europe, Japan and perhaps Hong Kong.

There is great excitement in the rugby clubs around the world as we approach the year 2000. This selection is an honor and a step to the next Olympics. Keir's roots are in Point Richmond and he loves visiting the Point and seeing his cousins on Tunnel Avenue. We wish him well in his rugby endeavors.



90 YEARS AGO

Mid Dornan

Selected articles from the Richmond Daily Independent, June 1910

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Adams living on Martina Street is quite ill with the generally prevailing throat distemper



The independent erred in its first time, an apology is hurriedly made. An item in yesterday mornings paper stated that Mrs. J. S. Moyle had returned from a recreational trip. Mrs. Moyle has not returned and Mr. Moyle desires it understood that he is still a bachelor. Hooray for John! His wife has gone to the country.



Spanish War Veterans held an interesting meeting in Union Hall, the largest attendance since the organization several months ago was noticeable. The veterans of this lodge compromise some of Richmond's leading and most influential citizens, and it is striving for supremacy in the field of fraternal societies.



M. C. Daily has been appointed deputy mast at ferry point. He and his family moved there yesterday and will occupy the living rooms in the ferry building.



Geo. Galbrithe lost a valuable assistant in his house moving work yesterday when his bay mare ran away in Eleventh street near Nevin and striking a projected manhole in her flight fell and broke her neck. A little thing like the loss of a horse does not jar Mr. Galbraithe and a substitute was in the vacant place in short order.



The remodeling work of the Bank of Richmond Building, after waiting for the setting of the concrete walls of the big vault, moved on with speed yesterday. The bricklayers have started the new front walls which are to be of cream colored brick, similar to those of the city hall building.



The piano contest at the Moore Drug Co. will be decided next Thursday. Many are anxious.



The Abbot hospital was letter with "The Abbott Sanitarium" between the second and third story.

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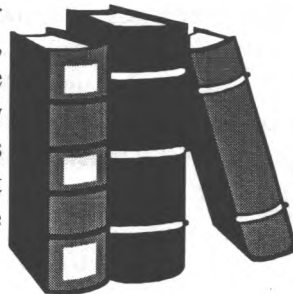
By Biblio Tek

Westside Branch Library News

Well blow me down! Are those new fans in the West Side Branch Library? Yes, they certainly are, just in time to help everyone survive the dog days of summer and early fall without feeling like a dog. Many, many thanks to the Friends of the Richmond Library.

The Summer Reading Game, "Follow The Yellow Brick Road," starts on June 14, 1999 for children up 13 years of age. There are prizes galore for reading books all summer long and coming to the Library. All participants can record their reading journey in a booklet they'll receive which contains games, jokes and puzzles based on the classic Wizard of Oz books by L. Frank Baum. The last day to sign up is August 15, 1999. Children who can't yet read on their own may be read to by someone else. Older teens may participate in the Young Adult Reading Game, "Knowledge is Power."

West Side Branch is sorry to lose Janet Paige, but you can still find her at Main Library where she has a new full-time position. Congratulations, Janet! We welcome Jose Dominguez as the new library assistant and Rosanne Ryken as our new library aide. Come meet them next time you are in the Branch.



Set your calendars to fun time as there are several special programs at West Side Branch this summer sponsored by the Friends of the Richmond Library. They include the following. On Tuesday, June 15, 1999 there will be a puppet show at 11 a.m.; On Thursday, July 15, 1999 at 10 a.m., folksinger Bonnie Lockhart will sing; On Tuesday, July 20, 1999 at 11 a.m. a theatrical group will perform a folktale; Latin American folk music will be played on Tuesday August 17, 1999 at 11 a.m.; and on Wednesday September 15, 1999 at 2:45 p.m. there will be a special program to honor all the Reading Game participants, featuring the magical act of the Flying Calamari Brothers. Lynn the Librarian can provide more details about these and other free upcoming activities for children and their caregivers.

The Internet Access grant project is proceeding apace. West Side Branch has a community partner, Minda Armstrong, who has volunteered to attend workshops and help write a community plan. Thank you, Minda. We'll be needing additional volunteers as docents to help patrons use the new computer and the internet and to help the Library solve hardware problems. Please contact Lynn at the Branch for more

General Meeting Report

by Jerry Cerkowicz, Sec.

On May 16, 1999, the General Meeting of the Point Richmond History Association was held at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.. President Mildred Dornan called the meeting to order. The minutes to the 1998 General Meeting were read by Jerry Cerkowicz and approved by voice vote. Jerry Cerkowicz, chair of the nominating committee read the names of the nominees; nominations were requested from the attending members, none were forthcoming and the Point Richmond History Association board of directors were elected by voice vote as suggested by the nominating committee.

The 1999-2000 Point Richmond History Association Board of Directors:

- **Mildred Dornan, President**
- **Elizabeth McDonald, Vice President**
- **Jerry Cerkowicz, Secretary**
- **Mary Rudolph, Treasurer**
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- **Anne Hanzlik, Programs**
- **Gary Shows, Newsletter Editor**
- **Sonja Darling, Fund Raising**
- **Betty Dornan, Museum**
- **Allan Smith, Archives**

Mid then listed accomplishments of the PRHA and the meeting was adjourned to the Point Richmond Kid's Reunion.

George Leroy Williams was the host for the reunion. After A brief opening statement in which he named the members who passed away the past year, he handed the microphone to the kids who recounted who each talked about their memories of growing up in the Point's early days. Several patterns developed as the microphone passed from one kid to another.

The boys remembered fishing at various beaches and clamming and swimming. The girls talked of swimming and the wild flowers on Nicholl Knob. There was swimming in the quarry pit (a no, no). There was memories of sliding down the hillsides on cardboard boxes. After the kids finished introducing themselves and telling their stories, refreshments were served and the kids sat in groups and talked of old times.

Allan Smith's Point

Eugene Anselm Corr

I wrote about the death of Gene Corr in the April/May issue of "TPIT" who passed away in January of this year. I would like to add the following taken from his obituary published in the "West County Times".

"A Point Richmond Native, Corr began his career as Contra Costa College's first Athletic Director and baseball coach when the college opened its doors at the abandoned World War Two Shipyards in Richmond on February 14, 1950. He believed that quality higher education should be accessible to all and fought hard for his principle throughout his career. Known for his uniquely individual coaching style, in 1993 Corr was selected to the California Community College Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. Mr. Corr received both his Bachelors and Masters Degrees from U.C. Berkeley, where he played center field for the Bears. U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII"

Point Richmond natives, Richard, Frank and Dean Smith played for Gene Corr at the College and participated in several championship seasons.

World War Two Memorial

At the lobby entrance to the main Richmond Public Library there is a large bronze plaque listing 136 names of the service men who lost their lives during World War II and who were from Richmond when the city population was only 20,000.

The plaque is entitled:

"IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN WORLD WAR 2"

(Sponsored by the Richmond Chapter

American Golden Star Mothers, Inc.)

April 22, 1951

Some of the names listed I knew personally were:

Richard Byers, Robert Canning, Thomas Carlson, Robert Chitwood, George Dias, Rodney Fontes, Donald Garrard, Jess Gidley, Robert Gragg, John Healy, Bert Ivancich, Ted Ivancich, Earl Jennings, John C. Kelly, Stuart MacTaggart, William McKinstry, Jr., John Medo, Jack Negus, Curtis Poe, Frank Ribble, James Shallenberger, Kenneth Speer, Charles Springer, Clarence Thompson, Michael Vassel, Jack C. Williams, and Louis Zarri. Robert Gragg, John Medo and John Kenny were natives of Point Richmond.

Over 500 American Flags will be placed on graves of those who served in the military in all wars and are buried at the St. Joseph Cemetery in San Pablo. Knights of Columbus members from Point Richmond who will participate in the placing of the flags are Chano Forner, Dean, Loren and Allyn Smith and Adolph Broussard from Atchison Village. Bill Erich, is in charge of this annual presentation.

Harold Shawl

His article in the last issue of TPIT was very interesting and I hope he will continue contributing in future issues and help to fill the void Dr. Thompson has left. Harold mentioned Washington School principal Nora Ashfield who was in charge when he attended. My principal was Mrs. Peterson who also taught fifth and sixth grades. I gave a photo of Nora Ashfield to the PRHA to be placed in our Point Richmond archives.

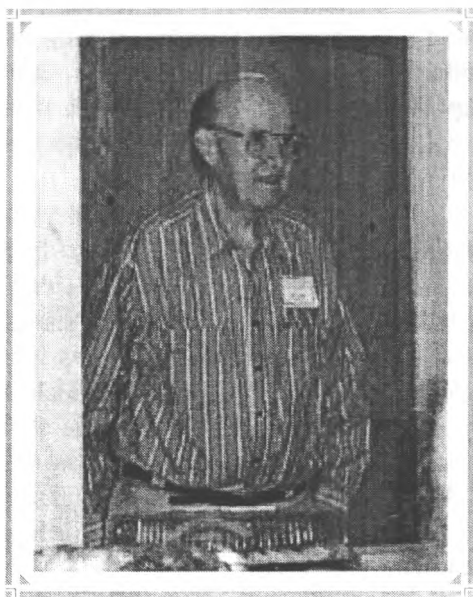
Sports Memories

by Allan Smith

At the recent Point Richmond Native Kid's Day, Otto Barni, Point native, brought a team picture of a local baseball team called Richmond Feed and Fuel. I don't remember the team, it must have played in the early thirties, but I do remember some of the players such as Ed Crocker, Mike San Fellipo and others. The picture was taken at the First Street Ball Park in Richmond where many great games and players participated. The Standard Oil Refinery Twilight League played at the old ball park every Tuesday and Thursday evening during the summer months and the players were allowed to get off of work early to prepare for the game.

A present political campaign mentions a John Kasich who has high political ambitions and the name reminded me of a great pitcher in the Twilight League who won every game he pitched. His name was John Kasich who worked for the refinery as a pipe fitter. I'll have to ask Charlie Novascone, who also played in the league and was a good catcher, if he ever caught Kasich, or played against him.

Speaking of baseball catchers, George George was a great one who had such a strong arm that he should have been a pitcher. He would throw the ball back to the pitcher harder than he received it. George George played for the Mechanics team of the twilight league.



*Allan at the recent
Kid's Reunion Meeting*

CARDS & LETTERS

Dear Gary:

Thought I would write to thank the people who prepared the food at the Kid's Reunion. It was very good and plenty of it!

It was nice to see all my friends again. After the reunion my daughter and I toured Point Richmond. We saw my parents home that we sold on 214 Tunnel Avenue. Everything really has changed. It brought back memories as well as the house that my husband and I lived in at 123 Nichol Avenue.

My daughter and I then went to see the movie, "Patch Adams", thought we would see more of Point Richmond than we did.

Hope to see everyone next year. Glad I went.

Bye for now,
Madeline Albright



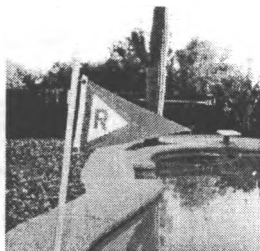
Hello Gary:

Me thinks I will give you my 2 cents worth of the "Flag Idea".

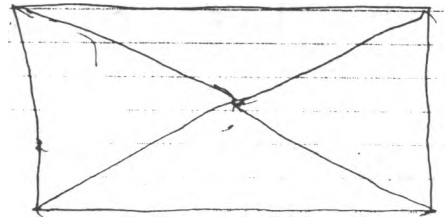
- 1 I think the flag should be in the shape of a point.....no need to say why.

Such as the picture of the burgee of the Richmond Yacht Club.

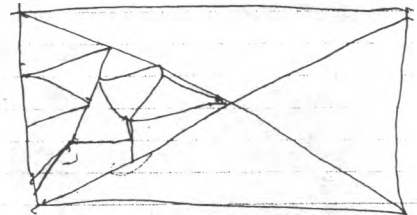
- 2 Or.....a rectangle composed of 4



big triangles (4 burgees). Each of the 4 triangles could be composed of numerous small triangles each depicting a Point Richmond scene (a collage of sorts). Scenes could be of major industries steam engine for



Santa Fe, oil refinery for Chevron, etc. Scenes of local attractions, Plunge, Point Orient, Hotel Mac, etc. The background would be the Bay with the bridges as seen from the top of Nichol Nob. The overall theme would be Bay oriented with the small scenes showing the active lifestyle, a



- 3 good place to live or visit. Lots of color. If possible made of material that could be a hologram or whatever they call those things that

change colors and scenes as they are turned and twisted or rotated. Take it to Pixar or one of those places that do computer graphics.
Anyway there are my thoughts on the flag idea.

As ever,
Trefry Ross
Tucson, AZ

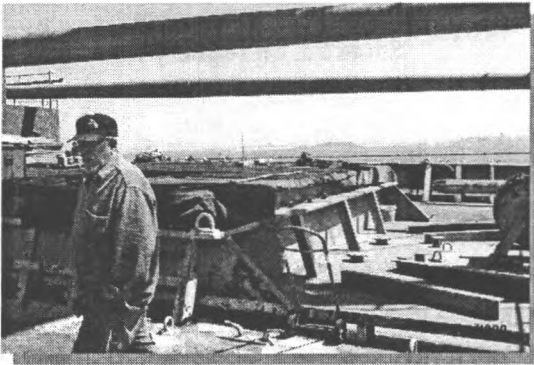
Thanks Tref.....Point Richmond should have a flag. Any other ideas out there?
Gary

Visit to the "S.S. Red Oak Victory" The last of Richmond's Victory Ships

The ship is at the foot of Dornan Drive and is now available for tours, 11-4 on Sunday and 9-4 Daily.

A donation of \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 is requested. SUPPORT HER RESTORATION!

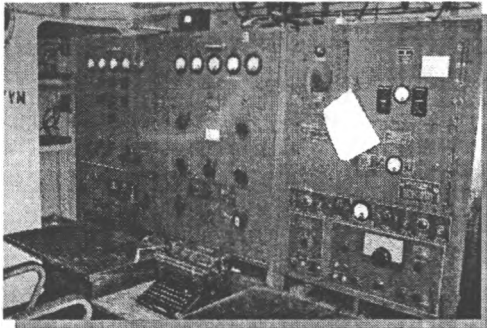
*For more information on the ship call the Richmond Museum of History
510-235-7387 or you can call Information Officer Roger Johnson on the ship at 510-237-2933*



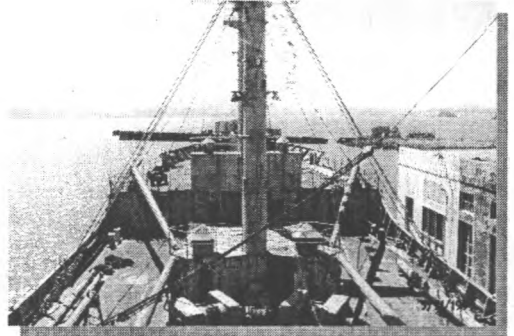
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Amazingly well preserved equipment



"Telegraph" Room



View from the third deck.

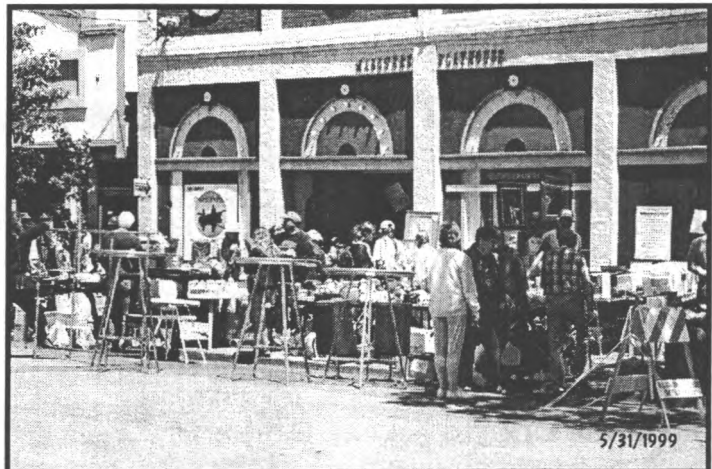
Deaths....

Bonnie Sue Forner, age 71, on Tuesday, May 18, 1999 at Doctor's Hospital, Pinole. Bonnie was born in Vian, Oklahoma and was proud of her Cherokee Indian heritage. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Chano Forner, a daughter, Chere Mascaro, Pleasant Hill; a son Michael, Walnut Creek; four grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers. Bonnie was a member of the Galileo Women's Auxilary. Private services were held. Memorials suggested to you local Meals on Wheels or to Meals on Wheels, 2301 Rumrill Blvd., San Pablo CA 94806.

Heber 'Jay' Ward, a restaurateur and tavern operator of The Point in Point Richmond for 27 years, died at home on May 11th. He was 71. Jay was a native of Powell, Wyoming and lived in Richmond for 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Marsha; sons, Kent T. Ward of San Pablo, Eugene R. Ward of Alamo and Peter R. Ward of Corning; stepson, Robert D. Young of Hayward; and many grandchildren. Memorial gifts to American Cancer Society, 2023 Vale Road, No. 4, San Pablo, CA 94806; or the Jay Ward Park Fund c/o Mechanics Bank, 1001 W. Cutting Blvd., Point Richmond, CA 94804.



This year's Memorial Day Masquers Point Richmond Garage Sale Benefit was a huge success, as evidenced by crowds of shoppers all over the downtown as well as throughout the neighborhoods.



June Birthdays

ALISSA BAGLEY
WILLIAM SHEA
ANITA BROUGHAM
JEAN EAKLE
CATHE BRAZIL
BRIAN ROTTING
CLAUDE BISIO
JOHN H. KNOX
ROSEMARY GIACOMELLI
DAVE MACDIARMID, JR.

DIANNE PRIMAVER
AARON/MICHAEL
MARSHALL (TWINS)
THOMAS KENNY
MAURICE DOHERTY
JUDY TRAVIS
PHYLLIS DOWNEY
EMERIC H. BAXTER
ANDREW BUTT
JOANNE LANSING

DAN WEINSTEIN
STACEY SPINOLA
GILL STANFIELD
ALICE BAXTER
DANIEL BUHLER
CINDY QUIST
SUZANNE UNSER
MARCELINA SMITH
GERRY HIGUERA
ADELE LOUX

July Birthdays

JOSEPHINE PALENCHAR
MRS. CHARLES BALDWIN
JULIUS MATTEUCCI
MARY L. KNOX
DIEDRE CERKANOWICZ
ALLEN ANDERSON
ED SQUIRES
ALICE MCMAHON
HILARY LORD
CLIFFORD (LOU)
MACMILLAN

LORETTA 'MERTLE' LEASE
MADELINE BELLANDO
ALBRIGHT
JEAN REYNOLDS
ED SQUIRES
MARTHA BIELAWSKI
LOUISA BANKS (94)
STELLA ANELLINI
GIOVANNINI
FRANCIS SMITH
AL FRANCO

BEA READ
AL MCGEE
JEAN CREED
MADISON BRADSHAW
ROGER ELLE
BETTY CONCEPTION
LIZ GARRARD
ALYCE WILLIAMSON
ANN BISIO
FRED BELLATI
REGAN BRADSHAW

August Birthdays

ORETTA EATON
MID DORNAN
BEA KENOYER
NIKKI EATON
BARBARA WARD
ALICE THOMPSON
ZOANNA KILLE
KARLA PETERSON
TERRENCE DOHERTY

KELLY VON YORK
BONNIE RITZENTHALER
ETHEL SCHUMACHER
R. CLAYTON BARNES
THELMA HECKER HARVEY
ROY HENRY GOVER
DONNA WILSON
JOE DARLING
BERNIE BISIO

CONNIE FISHER
BERNICE PREECE
MARY KNOX
ALIA SMYKE
LISA SMITH
DEAN BEESLEY
TONY BERNABICH
MICHAEL SHAW
CHRISTOPHER LOUX

Born in Point Richmond? Let us know and we will BOLD your name!

Calendar of Events *Alphabetical by Group*

Summer, 1999

Masquers Playhouse

June 18 – July 24

"On Golden Pond"; drama, \$10, Friday-Saturday, 8:00, with some Sunday matinees, 2:30: reservations 232-4031

July 18, 25, 30, 31

"Bells are Ringing", concert version, \$15; 8:00, reservations, 232-3888.

August 27 – October 2

"The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomens Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery"; \$10, Friday-Saturday, 8:00, with some Sunday matinees, 2:30, reservations, 232-4013.

Point Richmond Association of Mothers (PRAM)

June 7, July 12, August 31

First Monday each month, 12:00; info: Lora Bartlett 237-9959. P.O. Box 70852, Richmond, CA 94807. Newsletter: "Perambulators".

Point Richmond Business Association

Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month, Hotel Mac Banquet Room, Noon – 1:30, Contact: Lunch Reservations, \$w11, Paula Asmus, O.D., 235-5228.

Point Richmond Community Center/Field House and Plunge

Summer activities call 620-6820.

Point Richmond History Association

General Meetings, January and May. Museum open : Thursday and Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Appointments 234-5334 or 235-1336.

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council

Meets Last Wednesday of each month, Point Richmond Community Center, 7:30;
contact: Ron Satre, President, 232-5059.

Richmond Yacht Club

July 31 – August 6, 1999, RYC host to the El Toro Nationals. Note: The El Toro was designed in 1940 by two RYC members for the club's Youth sailing program. The program and El Toro were models for clubs world-wide. The two members, Bill Warren and Bud Coxhead (who founded the Richmond Boat Works on Cutting Blvd.), named the small craft after Bill said to Bud, "For all the bull thrown around here tonight, it should be the El Toro", and thus the insignia on the sail, a trench shovel. This one-design class craft in its nearly 60 year history has over 11,000 built.

Washington School

Contact: Kay Burnside, Principal, or Miss Jones, Secretary at 232-1436.

June 2, 5 – 6 p.m., Thank you to sponsors;

June 4, Kindergarten and Student Leadership picnic;

June 7, 6th grade promotions;

June 8, Washington PTA, Family Picnic & Sports Olympics, 10 – 2

June 9, Washington Student Awards

June 10, Last Day of School

July 12 – 30, A.T.D.P. (Academic Talent Development Program) sponsored by the University of California. Registration closed.

Sept. 1, First Day of School.

Women's Westside Improvement Club

Meets June 1, "Out to Lunch at the Baltic". No July or August meetings.

September 14. Contact: Amelia Drake, President at 234-8031.

For comments, corrections or additions to the TPIT Calendar of Events contact:

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Point Richmond, CA 94801

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