

# THIS POINT.... in time

## NEWSLETTER

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## First PRHA Plaque Unveiled





# Born in the Point

There are some missing.....you know who you are!

## FIRST ROW:

Charlotte Birsinger  
 Helene (Raffanelli) Frosini  
 Julio Carrera  
 Ann (Vloebergh) Bartram  
 Chano Forner

## SECOND ROW:

Bill Smith  
 Al Frosini  
 Florence Wilson  
 Tonita Granado  
 Lawrence Gonzales  
 Marian (George) Hawkins

## THIRD ROW:

Richard Smith  
 Jim Wilson  
 Dennis Amantite  
 Mervin Kelleghan  
 Bruce Bartram  
 Tom Kenny  
 Jim Kenny

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

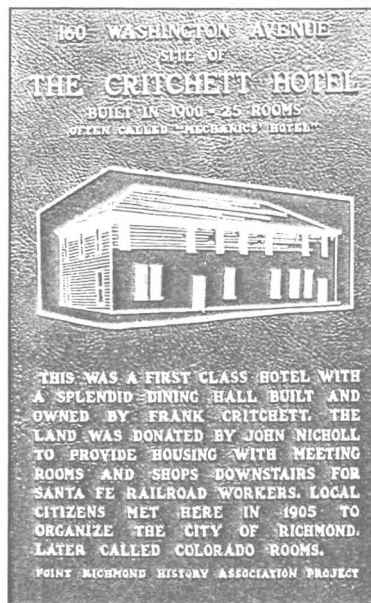
*By Mid Dornan*

The installation of our first historical plaque is a project long in undertaking. As a Pride Fund recipient, the Point Richmond History Association is marking the historical buildings in the Point that are important to the history of Richmond. The Point Richmond Market, 160 Washington Avenue, was the site of the Critchett Hotel, built in 1900 with 25 rooms on land donated by John Nicholl. It was often called 'Mechanics Hotel'. This was a first class hotel with a splendid dining hall built and owned by Frank Critchett. Nicholl donated the land to provide housing for the Santa Fe Railroad workers and there were meeting rooms and shops downstairs. Local citizens met here in 1905 to organize the city of Richmond. Later it was called Colorado Rooms. Three other plaques are being prepared.

We appreciate the art work contributed by Andrew Butt and to John Helfrich of East Bay brass who designed the plaque. It is with great appreciation and a big thank you to Martin McNair who spent considerable time installing the impressive plaque so that it cannot be removed. We thank Mohamed Warith for allowing us to place it on his building. You can always find out what is happening in the Point History Association by going to the Website our Editor, Gary Shows, has established under [PointRichmondHistory.org](http://PointRichmondHistory.org). It has been a good year. We have an excellent staff.

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*New plaque  
installed by the  
PRHA at 160  
Washington  
marking the  
site of the  
Critchett Hotel.*

Thank you members for your renewal:

**Pat Dornan**

**Roy Gover**

**Ed Gingrich**

**John & Jean Knox**

**John & Tonita A. Granado**

**Jerome Vloeberghs**

**David Dolberg Family**

**Betty Glass Marshall**

**Lupe R. Lopez**

**John Healy**

**Phillip A. Carrera**

**Anita M. Brougham**

**Regina Girard**

**Tom & Shirley Butt Family**

**Betty Menzie**

**Pat Milano**

**Teresa Meneghelli**

**Lee Christioan**

**Renee, Kevin & Griffin Knee**

**Gilda Markarian**

**Marion Voigt**

**Marie Louise Ostrom**

And a warm welcome to the following  
new members:

**Charlotte Birsinger**

**Joan Gatten**

**Marc Bisio**

**THANK YOU!**

**SANTA FE MARKET**

**AND**

**POINT RICHMOND MARKET**

**FOR SELLING**

**"THIS POINT.....IN TIME" FOR US.**

Thanks to the Volunteers who open and  
close our history museum on Thursday and  
Saturday:

**Betty Dornan (Director)**

**Mid Dornan**

**Bonnie Jo Cullison**

**Pat Pearson**

**Dody Perry**

**Margaret Morkowski**

**Ann & Bruce Bartram**

**Sonja Darling**

**Anita Christiansen**

*Museum Hours:*

*Thursday 11:30 am to 2:00 pm*

*Saturday 11:30 am to 2:00 pm*

*Thank You! Special Supporters!*

*History Makers*

**Sherri Mertle**

**Doug & Rosemary Corbin**

**Mohamed & Sheba Warith**  
(Point Richmond Market)

*History Preservers:*

**Royce Ong**

**Dennis & Ellen Schaefer**

**Kathe Kiehn**

**John T. & Jean Knox**

**Renee, Kevin & Griffin Knee**



# *EDITOR'S NOTES*

**Gary Shows (510-235-1336)**

This summer let's all stand and applaud our President, Mildred Dornan! Mid is amazing, we could not dream up a better leader for the Point Richmond History Association! Mid, thank you for your incredibly dependable contribution to this newsletter, for your work on keeping the organization 'in line', for seeing to it that the big annual meeting was proper, interesting and fun, thanks for planning, coordinating and placing the historical plaques, thanks for seeing to it that our museum is kept up. If we are lucky you will be our leader for many years to come, I am sure that all reading this will agree, "yes indeed, thank you Mid Dornan!"

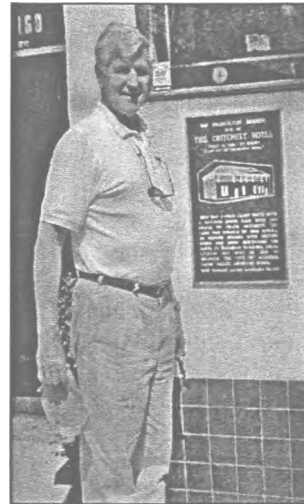
My thanks also to Allan, Dee, Jean and Alyce the regular dependable contributions to this newsletter. An while I'm thanking, thanks to Jerry for proof reading. By the way there is some great news for me.....our Official Historian and feature writer, Allan Smith will never be late with his articles to me again.....Hooray!

I really hate to say it because it will come way too soon, but the deadline for the September/October issue is Friday, August 22, 2003.

Everyone have a wonderful summer!

The April/May issue assembly crew was:

Jerry Cerkanowicz  
Gary Shows  
Bruce Bartram  
Ann Bartram  
Sonja Darling  
Betty Dornan  
Bonnie Jo Cullison  
Patricia Pearson



Many thanks to Martin McNair for expertly installing our first Plaque.

## **The Cover:**

**The first of a series of plaques to be installed, designed and dedicated by the Point Richmond History Association. This one commemorates the site of the Critchett Hotel, several more plaques are planned for the near future.**

# A-MID TRIVIA

*Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)*

Question: What unusual historical coincidence links Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and James Monroe? Answer at end of Trivia

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Betty Jenkins spent a nostalgic day in Point Richmond recently and Teresa Meneghelli, Betty Dornan and Ann and Bruce Bartram met her at the Point Museum to help her reminisce.

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Congratulations! And a happy 90th birthday on June 27th to Anita Brougham who now lives in Santa Cruz.

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If you go see ANNIE at the Mountain Theater you may recognize Haley and Perrin Murphy in the cast. They are daughters of Lori and Paul Murphy on Bishop Alley in the Point.

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The old adage, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away," has been proven true. Researchers recently reported that eating apples may help reduce the risk of chronic diseases, including type 2 diabetes, asthma, heart disease and cancers. Research has also found that apple eaters have better lung function and lower risk of lung disease. Bite away!

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Alexander Joel, "AJ", son of Michael and Janet Heckman of Bishop Alley, celebrated his fourth birthday on May 14th with a party.

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Brianna Smyk celebrated her graduation from Saint Patrick's in San Rafael with a slumber party at her Bishop Alley home that preceded a trip to Magic Mountain the next day.

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Frances Smith hosted a 90th birthday party on April 27th in San Pablo for her mother, Golden Mobley, with five generations present. Everyone was requested to wear a hat of any type and to

include a picture of themselves along with a memory of Goldie for a scrapbook. Those present were given a booklet of photos depicting Goldie's life.

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After making and help serve her famous Minestrone Soup at the Methodist Junktique Sale, Florence Wilson and her husband Jim headed for a few days in Oregon but made it back in time for the Point History annual meeting.

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It was a proud grandmother (me) that watched her first grandchild, Clayton Barnes, receive his high school diploma with great honors. Clay is in the top 10% of the National Merit Award Scholars, received first in the state of Mississippi in Computer Programming and third in Math as well as winning the Intel Award.

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Fay and Marian Hawkins, who were married in the Methodist Church May 29, 1943, celebrated their 60th anniversary at the East Brother Lighthouse Bed and Breakfast. Fay played an integral part in the early development of the Lighthouse. Congratulations, kids?!

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Bethany Reynolds, daughter of Norm and Jean Reynolds spent two weeks with a host family in France during her two weeks break at Maybeck High in Berkeley. Bethany is a June graduate.

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June graduates, Bethany Reynolds and Katie Osborn, will be honored at a Graduation Breakfast on June 8th at the Methodist Church given by the United Methodist Women.

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Pat Bill Pearson survived a visit to China by happily and fortunately eluding the SARS virus. They were the last tour group to China before the others were cancelled.

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Virginia Cherniak has sent photos of her new home at the Actors Home in New Jersey. Kathy Keihn and Heinz Lankford paid a recent visit to her.

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Get ready for more eating places in the Point to satisfy your different tastes. Opening this summer is KAO SARN with authentic Thai food. Located at 130 Washington Avenue, formerly Annie's Cafe, the owners have another cafe on Solano Avenue in Albany.

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Hidden City Cafe will soon be moving to the historic Bank Building, formerly Bob and Sherry's, and will add a cooking school to its location. Mark Howe is doing a remarkable job restoring this important building.

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A phrase whose meaning reflects a nation's worry about war with Iraq has been voted 2002's word of the year. The American Dialect Society selected "weapons of mass destruction" as its recent choice at a meeting in Atlanta. In 2001 the word chosen was "9-11." pronounced "nine-eleven" for the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington. The Society has been choosing words of the year since 1990.

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The "Painted Chair" store has a new location, 116 Washington Avenue, and what a treat just to browse in the shop. You will find one-of-a-kind gifts as well as unusual mementos and keepsakes. Another attractive stop in the Point.

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Be sure to check out our History Museum during the Annual Point Richmond Stroll on Thursday, May 29, 5 - 7 pm. and register to win one of our History Building ornaments. If you don't win, you may still purchase one. Ask.

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Chocolate lovers! Studies have discovered that dark chocolate contains catechins, chemicals that may help protect against heart disease. Yet

another study found that chocolate contains antioxidants that could help postpone some of the signs of aging. So Indulge--in moderation! The Wellness Letter adds an ounce of dark chocolate has as much of the antioxidant as a half cup of brewed black tea.

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Hate those telemarketing phone calls? Those fed up with unwanted telemarketing can sign up in July for a national do-not-call list that will block many sales calls, according to the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC will launch a Web site July so consumers can register online for the free service. The FTC will also begin an eight-week rollout of a toll-free phone number where people can register for the list. Beginning in September, telemarketers will have to check the list every three months and could be fined up to \$11,000 for each violation. Enforcing of the do-not-call list will begin in October. Watch for announcements. (Californian's can sign up now at the state attorney general's web site at <http://nocall.doj.state.ca.us> and the information will be forwarded to a federal no-call list.)

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Are there any Ouija fans out there?

The inventor of the Ouija board, Charles Kennard, consulted with the spirits to name the toy and the spirits spelled out OUIJA, explaining it was the Egyptian word for "GOOD LUCK". Although the spirits were wrong, the name stuck. Later one of his business partners forced him out, claiming he was the board inventor and that it was Ouija because the oui and ja meant 'yes' in French and German.

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ANSWER: All of them died on a July 4th.



*Tyler Clausen is a Junior at Marin Catholic High School. He was given a history assignment to write about and, being the grandson of Bert and Muriel Clausen he naturally chose Richmond. Here is part two of two parts of his report.*

## The City of Richmond

by Tyler R. Clausen

Richmond's population increased from 23,000 in 1940 to 93,700 in 1943. The population grew so much that there was a shortage of houses and overcrowded schools. Once again, people were forced to live in temporary structures, this time quickly assembled houses that were far more comfortable than the earlier tents.

After the war, the shipyards closed and workers left Richmond. For the first time in its history, Richmond's population began to subside: 1947's population of 101,500 decreased to about 71,000 in 1960, a 30% decrease in population in these 13 years. New developments were to bring new opportunities to Richmond.

One soon-to-be prominent area located on Richmond's south shoreline was Brickyard Cove, which got its name from the nearby Richmond Brickyard. The first construction in Brickyard Cove was a yacht club that was built in the early 1960's. My grandfather, Bert Clausen, was then Commodore of the Richmond Yacht Club and he "dedicated himself to locating a permanent home for the Yacht Club." Brickyard Cove was suitable for a yacht club because of its bay location, its easy access to the ocean, and the fact that it was distant from other towns. "The major obstacle arose that made it difficult...to go ahead with the project was that there was no roadway access to the property desired." Bert Clausen ended up buying a separate strip of land to access the newly

bought land: he also engineered the design of the harbor. It took five months to dredge the bay, to pile drive support beams, and to build docks. Construction on the clubhouse started in 1965 and it was finally completed a year later on April 30, 1966.

Bert Clausen did not stop there. After the Richmond Yacht Club was completed, he started designing what he referred to as a "water oriented residential community" which was later to become known as Brickyard Cove. From 1968 to the present day, Bert Clausen has been designing homes and building offices that he now calls home. What used to be open land has now become a busy little community that will continue to grow for years to come as an important part of modern day Richmond.

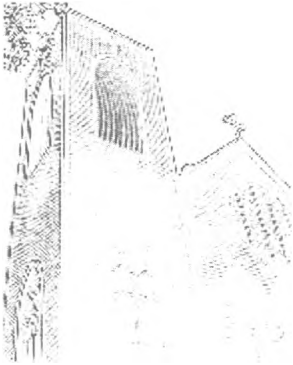
Today, Richmond covers 56 square miles and has a population of approximately 101,700. Originally incorporated in 1905, the City of Richmond is the present day home to the Standard Oil refinery, hundreds of light industrial businesses, and over 37,000 families. Richmond is 37.95 degrees north of the equator and 122.36 degrees west of the prime meridian. It is also home to the following zip codes; 94801, 94804 and 94805.

Richmond has gone through many changes in the course of its short history. From the early beginnings of Richmond to the present day, lifestyles have changed dramatically. An area that once was inhabited only by Indians now supports large businesses. Even World War II had an impact on Richmond: A sudden population boost and a new line of shipyards for jobs. Some historians think that the town grew quicker than it should have. Though Richmond is not nearly as large as its neighbor San Francisco is, both towns are equally important to businesses, and together make up a part of the larger community known worldwide as "the Bay Area".





# CHURCH NEWS



## Our Lady of Mercy Church

*By Dee Rosier*  
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It's safe to say that the rain is now behind us and we can now spend time in our gardens watching the new plantings grow and reveal a vibrant color display.

The last Parish Council meeting was held on May 6. All of the lights in and around the church and rectory have been replaced and in working order. The stove in the Parish hall continues to be an obstacle we can't seem to overcome. We will participate in the Pt. Richmond Stroll this year and take the opportunity to advertise our June 1 open house. Members of the Parish Council will conduct tours of the church from 1-3 on Sunday afternoon, with refreshments to follow in the church hall. Five new families have registered as church members and we are pleased to see so many young children attending Mass with their parents. We continue to enjoy the spiritual leadership of Father Pickett. We were blessed to have him come out of retirement and be with us, but he soon leave. In June he will be the Chaplain on a cruise ship to Alaska. The latest on

the status of our Parish is that it will become a Mission to St. Marks. Further information on the transition will be presented at the Parish Council meeting on June 3.

Father Pickett is endowed with a very creative nature. On Palm Sunday, the church was decorated with large palm leaves. It was like old times as Bob Peckham read the passion and sang. On Mother's Day a statue of Mary was placed on the altar and Jennifer Rosier had the honor of crowning Mary. A large card was on the altar so that the names of our deceased Mothers could be written and remembered in daily Masses during the month of May.

The Seder meal is becoming an annual event in our Parish. This year drew the largest crowd, with near 30 parishioners in attendance. Thanks to the Santa Fe Market for donating the meat, and Nancy Toledo for her organizational skills. It was an enjoyable evening with a wide array of food donated by those in attendance.

Anna Schwarz celebrated her 91st birthday on April Fools Day, but must share it with Dennis Amantite whose birthday is the same day. Father Pickett also celebrated his birthday in April and the parishioners presented him with a card and money.

It broke our hearts to hear of the tragic death of Pt. Richmond's Ray Giacomelli. Our deepest condolences to the Giacomelli family.

Easter Sunday was indeed a day of celebration. The church was adorned with flowers and three special people were in attendance. Sitting in the front pews were Amelia Drake, Johanna Sumpter and Althea Hellenbach. All a welcome sight.

Theresa Meneghelli had not seen Betty Jenkins Maynsinko for 60 years. Betty is a Pt. Richmond lady now living in Groveland. She and Theresa recently met here in the Point for lunch. Am sure

they had a lot of catching up to do.

Congratulations to Alan and Marcellena Smith on their 44th wedding anniversary.

Nancy and Stan Toledo are back from their cruise through the Panama Canal.

Stacia Clutts is now stationed with the U.S. Navy in Iraq.

Cynthia Spencer and her husband spent two weeks in Greece.

Bob and Marie finally left the Santa Fe Market and spent Mother's Day in Oregon with their daughter, Kelly, husband and granddaughter. They enjoyed themselves so much they will return in July.

Condolences to the Gerk family in the recent death of their son, David.

Continue to pray for those unable to attend Mass each Sunday, especially Althea Hellenbach.

Remember Dody Perry as she has hand surgery.

It was a first for many of us to experience the full immersion baptism of Lucas Duque on Mother's Day. Prior to his baptism, Lucas was clothed in a diaper and undershirt. After the immersion baptism, he took on a new role in life as a Christian and was dressed in his family heirloom baptism outfit.

Participated in the Pt. Richmond garage sale this year and was pleased to see many items that were taking up space in either my garage or attic find new homes. Nothing re-entered, what was left was donated.

LIFE IS A COIN, YOU CAN SPEND IT  
ANY WAY YOU WISH, BUT YOU CAN ONLY  
SPEND

IT ONCE.

See you in church.



## POINT RICHMOND METHODIST CHURCH

*by Jean Reynolds*

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On Mothers' Day, May 11, Pastor Dan and Mid Dornan presented Helen Valentine with an honorary church membership. Helen has been church treasurer for many years and has kept us in the black. (How do you do that, Helen?) We can count on Helen to remember birthdays and other special occasions with a card, make yummy refreshments for after worship, and tirelessly work in the kitchen during the Junktique sale after she wakes up at 3:00 a.m. to bake eighteen pies to sell. She has faithfully cleaned the church, weeded the yard and made pom-poms for craft projects. She has other gifts and talents too numerous to mention, but she has never joined the church. Now she is officially an honorary member!

Three people actually chose to join the church on Palm Sunday, April 13. Wendy and Blyth

Nelson, and Jane Carnall are our newest members. We celebrated their memberships with our annual feast, cooked by Chuck Wise and the crew at the Baltic Restaurant, and otherwise provided and served by members and friends. Fay Hawkins and Ronnie Martinez were the anchor team to lead the potato-peeling and vegetable preparation, and to transport the ham and potatoes from the Baltic to the church. Claudia LeGuë and Juanita Hoffman brought together the food donations and volunteers. We all enjoyed a special holiday meal with our friends and neighbors.

Easter was truly a joyous celebration this year. We had an early service in the garden at 8:00 am with music, bubbles, stories, dancing and some walks in the labyrinth. At 9:00, we had a hot breakfast, followed by Sunday school, 11:00 worship in the sanctuary and an Easter Egg Hunt. It was the best ever.

Goldie Mobley celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 27 (Her actual birth date: 4/30/13.) Party-goers wore mad hats and helped make a memory book for Goldie. Five generations of her family were there for the festivities.

The Junktique Sale on May 3 was a booming success. Claudia LeGuë, Juanita Hoffman, Wendy Nelson, Bill Thompson, Howard Womack, Helen Valentine, Mid Dornan, and countless others worked diligently to make sure there were multitudes of things to buy and that they were priced fairly. Florence Wilson and JoAnn Bray made delicious soup and chili; David Valentine cooked hotdogs. The day was full of the stories of people and the bargains they went home with. Our second sale on Memorial Day iced the cake, with profits for Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP), and for our budget.

In honor of Native American Sunday on May 4, Carol Youngbird-Holt preached the morning message. Carol is a Native American pastor from

the Oregon-Idaho conference and is a student at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. She wore the ceremonial dress of the Wasco tribe, and shared stories about her childhood in Bend, Oregon, and the traditions of her people.

The Monday night book study group starts discussion of: *Beyond Belief* by Elaine Pagels. We just completed *Bless Me, /ltime*, by Rudolfo Anaya.

#### On the Calendar:

June 8, Sunday, 5:00 p.m. The Kingston Chamber Players will present a concert of Haydn and Schumann string quartets. The quartet features: Violin I, Fran Tannenbaum-Kaye; Violin II, Adelaide Tolberg; Viola, Sue Nelson; Cello, Helen Loudon. Suggested donation is \$10.

June 15, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Eighth Annual Fathers Day All Jazz Service with the Dan Damon Trio.

Vacation Bible School for kids from age 4 on up is scheduled for July 21–25, from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. We plan a week of stories, puppet shows, games, crafts and food. Call and leave a message at the church (510) 236-0527 or with Jean Réynolds (510) 235-2988 if you would like to sign up.





Delivering papers to these houses was a chore that I did not enjoy as Washoe Street was located beyond the Point Richmond Mechanics Bank location. A good half mile from the Andrews News Agency where we used to get the newspapers. Morning and night for ten dollars a month during the Depression days and Ardell Ciabattari's Kozy Koffee Kounter used to get some of it. Ardell's was located across the Plunge and the building is still there.



*proudly presents the musical comedy...*



**B**ased on the memoirs of famed burlesque queen Gypsy Rose Lee, this Tony Award winning musical relates the story of Gypsy and her "mother-of-all-stage-mothers" Mama Rose, as they struggle to make it in vaudeville in the '20's and '30's. Jule Styne's scintillating score includes such favorites as "Some People," "Funny," "You'll Never Get Away From Me," "Everything's Coming Up Roses" and many others.

**Directed by**  
**Michael Manley**  
**Music Direction by Janet Oliphant**  
**Choreography by Kris Bell**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY EVENINGS**  
**Nov. 1– Dec. 14, 2002**

**Sunday Matinees:**  
**Nov. 10, 17, Dec. 1, 8**

#### THE CAST

Angel Almeida, Ann Armour, John Crebbin-Coates, Rebecca Crebbin-Coates,  
Carol DeChaine, Erica Gardner, Tibby Gordon, Vincent Graham, Don Hansen,  
Paulette Herring, Bally Hopkins, Elizabeth Hopkins, Scott Kiskaddon, Michael Manley,  
Charles Miller, Todd Miller, Heather Morrison, Haleigh Murphy, Perrin Murphy,  
Mike Nebeker, Julia Nelson, Heather Spain, Emily Trumble, Eric Urbach, Kelli Valle,  
Jessica Werren, Kelsey Wunderle, & Perry Young

**24-Hr. reservations: 510 232-4031**

*We accept VISA and MasterCard. All reservations must be prepaid. All sales final.*

Box Office opens 7:30 PM. Matinees 2 PM • Curtain 8:00 PM. Matinees 2:30 PM

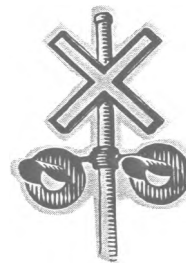
**Admission \$14** cash, check or credit card. Group Rates available.



**Dinner at the Hotel Mac and "Gypsy", Thursday, December 12**  
**for only \$28. Call (510) 236-4988 for Reservations**

## THANK YOU MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

Thank You to all volunteers who take time to staff the history museum in the Point each week. Special thanks go to those who volunteer on a regular basis once a month: Bonnie Jo Cullison, Dody Perry, Bruce and Ann Bartram, Pat Pearson, Anita Christensen, Mid Dorman, with a substitute Sonja Darling. Special thanks to Betty Dornan for coordinating the volunteers as well as filling in all the days others can't. Aside from the many local visitors who frequent our building, other visitors came from Alameda, Berkeley, Lake Tahoe, San Carlos, Fremont, Alamo, Walnut Creek, Crockett, Pittsburg, Moraga, Sacramento, Mill Valley, Corte Madera, Novato, Oakland, El Cerrito, Concord, Pinole, Albany, San Bruno, Vacaville, Oroville, Sonoma, San Rafael and San Francisco. Out of state visitors included those from Virginia, Oregon, Malaysia, Hawaii, Montana, Illinois, Zambia and the United Kingdom. *Mid*



# POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

If laughter and noise are indicative of a successful good time, the annual meeting of the Point Richmond History Association on Sunday, May 18, 2003, could be declared a winner! Accordion music by Sammy Lico welcomed the guests before and after the meeting. and was provided by Chano Forner. During the brief meeting, the following were elected to the board for the coming year.

President	Mid Dornan
1st VP	Elizabeth McDonald
2nd VP	Patricia Pearson
Secretary	Jerry Cerkowicz
Corr Sec	Mary Highfill
Treasurer	Sonja Darling
Membership	Pam Wilson
Museum Coordinator	Betty dornan
Archives	Bonnie Jo Cullison
Historian	Allan Smith
Newsletter Editor	Gary Shows

The members voted unanimously to support the "Trainmasters" Resolution before the City Council on Tuesday, May 20, 2003 that will save the only remaining structure of the Santa Fe Railway which helped establish Richmond over a century ago. City Council members will be e-mailed of our support. After the meeting, Editor Gary Shows explained our Website and even showed the picture taken during the celebration of those attending that were born in the Point.. Able Master of Ceremonies, Lee (George, LeRoy, whatever) Williams had those present introduce themselves and some of us do look different than the last time we might have met an unremembered number of years ago! A number of first-time guests joined the association Those attending who signed the guest book and whose signatures were legible were: Teresa Meneghelli, Bernadette Bisio, Fred Beesley, Gerald Burress, Lupe Morris, Josephine Palenchar, Elmo Lewis, Steve Wyrick, Don Woodson, Tonita Granado, John Granado, Dorothy Karvasales, Jerry Vloeberghs, Richard Smith, Mary Besio, Jerry Cerkowicz, Julio Carrera, Dellphina Franco Tawney, Stan Nielson, Pam Wilson, Margaret Morkowski, Dennis Amantite, Charlotte Birsinger, Allan Smith, Lawrence Gonzales, Marilyn Guerra, Sonja Darling, Mid Dornan, Mac and Almo Accorners, Amy and Bud Bernes, Pat Bill Pearson, Jim and Florence Wilson, Mary Highfill, Al and Helene Frosini, Maire Corr Flynn, Luciano Forner, Thomas Kenny, Elizabeth McDonald, Mervin Kelleghan, June Beesley Solosabal, Evelyn Thill, Joan Gatten, James Kenny, Bill Smith, Jack Kenny, Gary Shows, Patricia Dornan, Betty Dornan, George Williams, Marian Hawkins, Fay Hawkins, Bruce and Ann Bartram, Loren Smith, John Lewis, Jancie Saunders and Bonnie Jo Cullison. Light refreshments were furnished by the committee with Bruce and Ann Bartram, chairmen, and included George Williams, June Solosabal (Martinez), Teresa Meneghelli, Allan Smith, Al Frosini, Liz McDonald, Mid and Betty Dornan, Pat Pearson, Julio Carrera (Sacramento), Chano Forner, Mary Highfill and Bonnie Jo Cullison..Patricia Dornan and Mary Cosby were thanked for helping in the kitchen and clean up. Al Frosini said he was glad we forgot to ask him to lead the Richmond High cheer!!

*Mid Dornan*

# LOCAL NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, 1913-1932

*I have this ring-binder that is full of yellowed original clippings from old newspapers. The hand inscribed front cover says "Local Newspaper Clippings-Richmond - 1913-1932". It has a documenting problem as that most of the clipped articles do not give credit to the source, most however seem to be from the "Richmond Herald-Record". I do not know who put it together. Allan Smith thinks it's the work of Don Church, he is probably correct. They are, however old, hand dated and interesting reading, spelling errors are not corrected here is installment #13. Gary Shows*

## NEW AND MODERN STORE FOR THE POINT OPENS

February 2, 1915

I. Garfinkle who a short time ago bought out his partner's interest in the New York Shoe Store at 152 Washington avenue, has leased the building formerly known as the Critchett Hotel at 156 and 158 Washington avenue, and is having it remodeled, to be occupied by what will be known as "The Economy Store." This will give the firm about three times as much space as occupied by the store they now have. Mr. Garfinkel has great faith in the future prosperity in Richmond and is showing it in a substantial manner. He stated that the new store will be thoroughly modern in equipment and will be filled with the best merchandise that can be obtained. He also stated that good quality and low prices will go hand in hand at the new mercantile establishment and a policy of satisfaction or money back will be pursued.

Dry Goods, Women's and Misses Wearing

Apparel of all kinds. Men's Furnishings, Hats, etc., will be featured. This store will be opened about February 15<sup>th</sup>.

The entire stock of the New York Store will be closed out, the sale commencing Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. It is the intention of the firm to open up the new store with complete, new lines of merchandise and in order to close out the stock of the New York Store most drastic reductions will be made on the entire stock.

## WEST SIDE HILLS TO BE BEAUTIFIED

February 18, 1915

Soon the west side hills will blossom out in glaring red and green verdure, for the members of the West Side Improvement club will, the latter part of this week commence their work of planting red geraniums over all the hillside streets and terraces.

All of the brown hill grass is to be burned away and in its place will shoot up green tendrils of the garden grass together with evergreen geraniums.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the club to handle this work is composed of Mrs. T. T. Cramer, chairman; Mrs. J.F. Eaton and Mrs. R. L. Adams.

## WEST SIDE HILLS COVERED WITH POPPIES

March 2, 1915

"Copra De Oro" as the early Spanish settlers first called them, meaning "cups of gold," or the California wild poppy as they are known nowadays, have blossomed out on all of the west side hills and with their blossoming have brought the first hint from Mother Nature that spring is here.



## PRESSED BRICK WORKS OPEN AGAIN

March 18, 1915

According to a statement as made by Superintendent John Gerlach, the plant of the Los Angeles Brick company, located on the outer waterfront of this city, which has been closed down for a period of four months, will re-open on next Monday afternoon and from the large contracts already on hand is expected to run day and night.

## WEASEL KILLED ON THE STREETS OF RICHMOND

June 15, 1915

WEASEL - A small carnivorous animal with a long body and short legs.

That was Noah Webster's description of what Richard Maxwell, a prominent athlete at the Richmond High school, popular in social circles, killed with one blow of an axe at the corner of Fifth street and Nevin avenue today, after a chase of three blocks, in which a water wagon driver, a policeman and a plumber participated.

"Hey," yelled Maxwell to a passing pedestrian, "look what I have just killed," at which the passerby exclaimed, "Why, to be sure, that's a young hipponsorurons, a habitat of Eastern Asia, and a very rare animal. Better take it home and have it stuffed.

And Maxwell was just about to do so when Fire Chief LeMoine, who happened to be passing, informed him that what he had a hold of by the tail was a weasel common in this country for its many depredations about chicken coops.

## MAN EATING SHARK TAKEN BY E. WINTERS AT LIGHTHOUSE

June 23, 1915

Battling for more than an hour today, and when he was nearly exhausted, Earnest Winters, third assistant keeper at the Southampton Shoal lighthouse, finally managed in landing a baby "man eater" shich had three distinct rows of teeth in its mouth and which measured a trifle over fourteen feet in length.

Winters had been angling for bass from the

lighthouse, when he felt his line given a terrific tug, following which he commenced playing with the fish. The consistent tugging on the line began to tell on Winters who experienced considerable difficulty in bringing the shark to the surface where he was gaffed.

This is the second shark of the "man eater" species which Winters has caught within the past year, the last one measuring nine feet, nine inches.

Winters stated that the shark's mouth when opened was large enough to admit the head of a human being.

## MRS. COALER TELLS PITIFUL STORY TO THE POLICE COURT

July 28, 1915

Frail and weak from many months of starvation, and bearing marks of brutality about her face and limbs, Mrs. Alice Coaler, residing at 234 Ocean avenue today secured a warrant for the arrest of her husband, Andrew Coaler, on a charge of battery, whom she claimed has not worked for a year.

Mrs. Coaler, unable to stand up, owing to the length of time which she has gone without proper nourishment, had to recline upon the shoulder of her 10-year-old daughter.

The woman first appeared at the police headquarters where she told the story of her suffering to Sergeant McGowan, following which she was taken to the police court by Inspector George Betts.

"At times I wished I was dead," wailed the woman to Sergeant McGowan, "for my husband who has not done a lick of work for more than a year, would go and drink and then come home and beat me. My two little babies are starving for the want of proper food. I have taken in washing and have done various kinds of housework, but of late have been unable to leave my bed owing to my weakened condition.

Probation Officer Andy McMahon of Martinez who happened to be at the police station during the time that the woman was telling her story immediately commenced and investigation.

# ALLAN'S POINT

By Allan Smith

The Point Richmond History Association 'reunion' held on May 11, 2003 was a huge success. Many Point 'natives' were present at this time. Charlotte (Kermabon) Bersinger, Marie (Corr) Flynn and Royce Ong were among others that I saw at the gathering for the first time. Charlotte Kermabon lived on Oregon Street, sometimes called Avenue as stamped on the curb, in the early 1900's. Her father, Joe Kermabon, was one of the Richmond Standard Oil Refinery's early Master Electricians, having worked there in 1910. He later opened his own electrical shop in San Francisco, where he first lived having come from Canada. His daughter, Charlotte, has volunteered to write more about here Point pioneer family in future TPIT newsletters. The families that lived on Oregon Street at that time, which is one of the smallest streets in the Point, Stairly Street being the smallest, where the following families, Kermabons, Starks, Rumseys and the Smiths. After the Kermabons went to San Francisco, the family home was moved to Third Street in Richmond. Why? Who knows, but there went a half million in today's Point Richmond real estate. The Smith family residence is still being occupied by the following families: Wickersheim, Gumbi, Hatchell and Busby. The Stark residence was only sold two times in the last 80 years. The home contained a room they used to call 'the office' as the home was once owned by a former Richmond City Mayor. In the office was a huge locked trunk that we were always wondering what was inside. You will have to ask Jenny, Katy, Peter or Bill what it contained as they are the sole remaining members of the Stark family that knew of the 'depression' days 'secret'.

Marie Corr lived at the far end of East Richmond Avenue in a large two story brick building that now belongs to the Loyd Christopher, Jr. Family. By the way Loyd passed away recently. When I was delivering papers, I would enter the back of the Corr residence, which was on

Nevada Street and exit on East Richmond Avenue which was on the front of the home. Opposite was an area they now call Frog Town by the "Johnny and Jane comelatelys" previously called the Mud Flats. I was happy to hear Leroy Williams, who was the Master of Cermonies at the PRHA 'reunion' call the area the Mud Flats. The Mud Flats is the place where we learned to drive, chase rabbits, play football, play catch and with Gene Corr practice baseball, base sliding when the field was not muddy. Gene was the first baseball coach at Contra Costa Junior College and was also its Athletic Director.

At the recent reunion, I was pleased to see Bernadette Bisio, widow of Claude Bisio, who passed away recently. She was present with her son Mario. I had a talk with Mario telling him of all the happy times we had when his Dad lived in the Point as a child. I told him how the scar that his father had on his scalp occurred. It happened above the Point Richmond rail road tunnel when we were involved in a rock throwing accuracy contest. Even though Bernadette is from Crockett she is a nice person to be around as she has a nice sense of humor and still gives advice. Claude and Bernadette were married for 60 years. Just kidding with the Crockett crack. I presume that her son Mario was named after Claude's cousin, Mario, who used to spend vacations here at the Point. I wonder where cousin Mario is now? Claude Bisio's father had the first tailor shop in Point Richmond, starting it in 1919. His tailor shop was located near the Critchett Hotel. Mr. Bisio later took his tailor business to upper MacDonald Avenue in Richmond. Point Richmond's Jack Healy said that when Claude worked for his Dad in the shop, he favored the Point Guys when it came to buying Levis (pants) as they were very hard to get at that time.

What families used to live on Washoe Street? This street is no longer on the map of Richmond. I

Delivering papers to these houses was a chore that I did not enjoy as Washoe Street was located beyond the Point Richmond Mechanics Bank location. A good half mile from the Andrews News Agency where we used to get the newspapers. Morning and night for ten dollars a month during the Depression days and Ardell Ciabattari's Kozy Koffee Kounter used to get some of it. Ardell's was located across the Plunge and the building is still there.



*proudly presents the musical comedy...*



**B**ased on the memoirs of famed burlesque queen Gypsy Rose Lee, this Tony Award winning musical relates the story of Gypsy and her "mother-of-all-stage-mothers" Mama Rose, as they struggle to make it in vaudeville in the '20's and '30's. Jule Styne's scintillating score includes such favorites as "Some People," "Funny," "You'll Never Get Away From Me," "Everything's Coming Up Roses" and many others.

**Directed by**  
**Michael Manley**  
**Music Direction by Janet Oliphant**  
**Choreography by Kris Bell**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY EVENINGS**  
**Nov. 1–Dec. 14, 2002**  
**Sunday Matinees:**  
**Nov. 10, 17, Dec. 1, 8**

#### THE CAST

Angel Almeida, Ann Armour, John Crebbin-Coates, Rebecca Crebbin-Coates, Carol DeChaine, Erica Gardner, Tibby Gordon, Vincent Graham, Don Hansen, Paulette Herring, Bally Hopkins, Elizabeth Hopkins, Scott Kiskaddon, Michael Manley, Charles Miller, Todd Miller, Heather Morrison, Haleigh Murphy, Perrin Murphy, Mike Nebeker, Julia Nelson, Heather Spain, Emily Trumble, Eric Urbach, Kelli Valle, Jessica Werren, Kelsey Wunderle, & Perry Young

**24-Hr. reservations: 510 232-4031**

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Admission \$14 cash, check or credit card. Group Rates available.



Dinner at the Hotel Mac and "Gypsy", Thursday, December 12 for only \$28. Call (510) 236-4988 for Reservations

## THANK YOU MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

Thank You to all volunteers who take time to staff the history museum in the Point each week. Special thanks go to those who volunteer on a regular basis once a month: Bonnie Jo Cullison, Dody Perry, Bruce and Ann Bartram, Pat Pearson, Anita Christensen, Mid Dornan, with a substitute Sonja Darling. Special thanks to Betty Dornan for coordinating the volunteers as well as filling in all the days others can't. Aside from the many local visitors who frequent our building, other visitors came from Alameda, Berkeley, Lake Tahoe, San Carlos, Fremont, Alamo, Walnut Creek, Crockett, Pittsburg, Moraga, Sacramento, Mill Valley, Corte Madera, Novato, Oakland, El Cerrito, Concord, Pinole, Albany, San Bruno, Vacaville, Oroville, Sonoma, San Rafael and San Francisco. Out of state visitors included those from Virginia, Oregon, Malaysia, Hawaii, Montana, Illinois, Zambia and the United Kingdom.

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# In Memory of Those Who Gave Their Lives in World War II

Howard M. Adams  
Warren S. Aldridge  
John F. Alexander  
Dino J. Armanini  
George T. Barnett  
Owen O. Barnhart, Jr.  
Robert L. Benner  
Dino A. Bernardo  
Robert A. Bergendorf  
Donald E. Bignall  
David A. Braga  
Andrew L. Bratburg  
James L. Brown, Jr.  
Alos F. Browning, Jr.  
Richard B. Byers  
Donald D. Caldwell  
Robert B. Canning  
Thomas W. Carlson  
Richard F. Casey  
George E. Castro  
Donald K. Cecil  
Leon G. Christison  
Robert A. Chitwood  
George J. Clark  
William L. Cloidt  
Melvin L. Colson  
Thomas J. Connors  
John C. Cortez  
Gerald F. Cott  
Eugene J. Cozine  
Edmund E. Cross  
Charles G. Davidson  
Walter E. Davis  
Frank T. Demarco  
George V. Dias  
Everett B. Dixon  
Clarence R. Dolan  
Clarence E. Dougherty, Jr.  
Lawrence Downey, Jr.  
Toney F. Duarte  
Donald E. Ensign  
Walter W. Erwin  
Louis P. Fara  
William J. Finnegan  
James F. Fitzgibbons, Jr.

Rodney E. Fontes  
Cly E. Foster  
Rexford F. Gannon  
Donald A. Garrard  
Jess A. Gidley  
John F. Givlin  
Robert C. Gragg  
Howard L. Griffin  
Vaughn F. Haley  
Merle K. Hall  
Hans G. Hansen  
John W. Healy  
Mahlon A. Heinrich  
Charles W. Hill  
Robert S. Hopkins  
Everette A. Howard  
Benjamin E. Howden  
Edward E. Hunt  
Grover A. Inman  
Bertram A Ivancich  
Theodore R. Ivancich  
Leopoldo Jaramillo  
Earl F. Jennings  
Ernest G. Jennings  
Charles P. Jones  
George W. Jones  
Harold B. Jones  
John J. Kenny  
John J. Kinkella  
Anthony Lakatsas  
Norman C. Levy  
Russell E. Lowen  
George H. Lundgren  
Benjamin Macias  
Stuart D. MacTaggart  
Joseph C. Mancini  
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Douglas F. Miner  
John E. Moore  
Harold J. Morris  
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Wesley H. Musser  
Jack V. Negus  
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Thomas O. Obechina  
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Edward P. Paddock  
Joseph A. Paradis, Jr.  
Dale R. Parker  
Curtis C. Poe  
James F. Porter  
John H. Powers  
Lawrence E. Puim  
Joseph H. Raine  
Frank J. Ramirez  
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Eugene G. Robertson  
Keith H. Robertson  
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Harold M. Rogers  
Benjamin F. Rogers  
John W. Russell, Sr.  
Virgil R. Russell  
Ross W. Schmidt  
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Robert J. Smith  
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Charles H. Springer  
Ray C. Thomas  
Clarence R. Thompson  
Wesley D. Torrence  
Alexander Trolese  
Constantinos E. Tsagris  
Merlin F. Turner  
Robert E. Turner  
Michael Vassil  
William J. Walker  
Lyle W. Willey  
Jack C. Williams  
Robert T. Willis  
Robert H. Wilson  
Dan P. Winegar  
Wayland B. Wood  
Robert E. Woodward  
Harl L. Womack  
Louis P. Zarri

# SPORTS MEMORIES

*By Allan Smith*

Can women prove that they can compete with men in sports? Well, yes and here is the proof.

Ila Borders successfully pitched against men in college baseball and then played three for independent minor league pro teams in the 1990's. Ila Borders pitched for Southern California College, now called Vanguard University. (I wonder if she is related to the Border's book store?) University of Kansas basketball legend, Lynette Woodard, played two seasons with the sport's most famous, previously all-male Harlem Globetrotters.

In the Las Vegas Bowl on last Christmas, Katie Hnida was the New Mexico College football team placekicker. Her extra point attempt was blocked by the UCLA football team.

MILDRED DIDRIKSEN, called 'The Babe', pitched baseball for the New Orleans professional baseball team of the Southern Association professional league in 1934. She was also a member of the renowned House of David Street

baseball park. They all wore long beards but the Babe was not a member of the team when I saw them play in Richmond. Babe Didriksen's best sport was track and field. She won seven events in the 1932 National AAU meet. Two weeks later she competed in the Los Angeles Olympics and set world records in the javelin and high hurdles. BABE DIDRIKSEN married a professional wrestler GEORGE ZAHARIAS nicknamed "The Crying Greek from Cripple Creek". He reminded me of the Point Richmond Greek, ANDY CAKOS. Andy used to wrestle with Bob Pascoe when Andy was a student at Richmond High School. Pascoe was the Physical Education instructor at the high school and was on the University of California Wrestling Team before teaching at Richmond Union High School. Babe Zaharias excelled in the game of golf winning the British Women's Amateur twice and the U.S. Women's Open three times. The Babe won the City of Richmond's Open at the Richmond Country Club in 1951. I was there with the Point's Frank Schock who could



*BABE ZAHARIAS pitches for New Orleans of the Southern Association in March 1934*

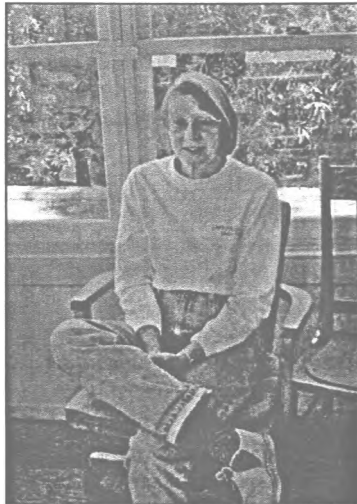
*Associated Press file photo*

really hit a golf ball. I wonder if the Point Barber, John Veirs, ever played a round of golf with Frank Schock? They say John should turn professional as he is that good at playing the game.

I guess you all read of the quest ANNIKA SORENSTAM, the No. 1 women's golfer in the world, made to participate in the men's PGA Tournament recently? She did not make it but proved to be very competitive, said she will play with her own crowd from now on.

Did you hear this golf joke?

*The office boss told his secretary that he is taking the afternoon off to go 'shoot some golf' (That's the expression golfer's use). He came back hours later and placed two golf balls he had left over on his desk. The secretary later saw the two golf balls on his desk and remarked, "Mr. Smith, I see that you shot a golf"*



At the Recent Richmond Senior Fair, I saw only one person I knew. He was with me at Richmond High and later at the Standard Oil Refinery (Chevron). Fran Tomlinson was my friend whom I haven't seen since the Chevron days. He asked me if I still write for the TPIT Newsletter. He reads it when coming from Richmond to patronize John Viers Park Place Barbershop for a haircut. You know that John has been a Point Richmond barber for over 40 years and I still don't think he belongs to our Point Richmond History Association. Wonder where those barber shop newsletters come from? And I think John and his partner Gene like to see me come in for a haircut as I don't have much for them to work with!

And hey John after all this 'media' exposure, maybe you should join the PRHA?

*Here's Bonnie Jo watching over the museum on a beautiful sunny Saturday afternoon in our lovely downtown Point Richmond.*

*Bonnie is our Director of Archives, new and much appreciated by the organization!*

Congratulations the winner of the PRHA Museum Ornament, given away at the Point Richmond Stroll on Thursday May 29th:

Norma Jean Wallace who lives here in the Point on Cottage Avenue.



# WWIC ACTIVITIES

*Alyce Williamson*

April 1, 2003

The WWIC met April 1, 2003 at the Pt Richmond Methodist Church with 27 members and guests present.

After lunch our guest speaker, Judy Hart, gave a very "riveting" talk and slide presentation on "Rosie The Riveter". She took us through the history of Richmond shipyards during World War II and the creation of the "Rosie The Riveter Memorial Park" in Marina Bay. The pictures brought back many memories for many of us who were here during that time.

The business meeting was called to order by President, Anita Christensen, at 1:10PM.

We voted to allocate the remaining \$100 of the donation fund to Summer Concerts \$50 and \$50 to purchase new coffee carafes for the Methodist Church.

The President announced that we would not need volunteers for a nominating committee as Margaret Morkowski agreed to accept office of President and the other officers agreed to serve another year. The slate of officers will be presented to the members at the May meeting and nominations from the floor will be accepted at that time.

It was announced that member, Virginia Cherniak has moved to the New England states to a "Home For Life Performers". We wish her the very best. She will be missed.

President, Anita Christensen, adjourned the meeting reminding us that the May meeting will be "sign up" for the salad luncheon in June. The luncheon will be \$5.00 for those bringing a salad and \$10.00 for anyone not bringing a salad.

Next meeting May 6, 2003. See you there ; bring a guest and or a new member.

May 6, 2003

The WWIC met May 6, 2003 at the Pt. Richmond Methodist Church with 24 members present. New member, Catherine Burchell was introduced. Welcome, Catherine, to the fold.

The meeting was called to order by President, Anita Christensen at 12:15PM. The slate of officers for the 2003 - 2004 year was presented as follows: Margaret Morkowski President, Wendy Nelson Vice President, Anita Christensen 2nd Vice President, Marion Kent Secretary, Sonya Darling Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. The officers were elected by unanimous vote.

The sign up sheet for the salad luncheon was circulated. It was decided that we could accommodate 40 people for the lunch. When you are called the weekend before the meeting please be prepared to say if you will be attending and if you are bringing guests.

Following the meeting was "Show and Tell". Many arts and crafts were displayed from stichery, painting, ceramics, sewing, photography and others to numerous to mention. We have many talented members in our club. Those who did not bring a craft or hobby told a memorable time in their life. All in all it was a very fun day.

Next and final meeting for the 2002-2003 year will be June 3, 2003. It will be a salad luncheon and "Hat Day". We are

looking forward to it being a rousing success.

See there. Bring a guest and or a new member.



# CELEBRATION!

May 18, 2003



# CARDS, LETTERS & E-MAIL

Dear Pam,

If I were to put a stamp on my forehead along with this envelope, wonder if the mailman would send me along with my luggage to my favorite spot of yesterday on this globe! Point Richmond of course!

It's a pleasure to send in the annual membership to TPIT. Thanks to everyone who has in the past and the present been helping to put "This Point in time" together for all of us.

Lovingly  
Betty Glass Marshall  
Oregon

*Hey Betty we all missed you at the  
meeting and CELEBRATION!*

Gary



# DEATHS.....

**Elizabeth “Betty” Wirth** on April 22, 2003 at her home in the Point, ten days before her 89th birthday. She is survived by her daughters, Kathryn Merritt of Walnut Creek, Marilyn Wirth of West Hills and Wendy Wirth of Richmond, one granddaughter and four great-grandchildren. Betty was a member of the Westside Improvement Club, Club Mendelssohn, American Association of University Women and numerous other clubs. Private Memorial Services were held.

**Mary K. Hughes** passed away in Montclair CA on April 26, 2003. Mary graduated valedictorian of her Richmond High class in 1943, was a scholar of history and taught at Roosevelt Junior High. Often was called the ‘best teacher’. She is survived by a brother Chris Lubenko and sister Anne Wills. Mary requested private inurnment.

**Officer Raymond Joseph Giacomelli** passed away April 15, 2003 in Pittsburg at the age of 46. He is survived by his wife, Maria and daughters Christian and Jessica Giacomelli all of Brentwood, his parents Frederica and Leo Giacomelli of Point Richmond, a sister, Regina Barger of Lafayette, brother Leo Giacomelli of Vallejo and many nieces, nephews and cousins..Ray grew up in Point Richmond and attended Washington School, graduating in 1975 from Salesian High School. Police Inspector Ray was a 23 year Pittsburg Police Department Veteran and enjoyed hunting, camping and cooking. Flags at the Capitol were ordered by Gov. Davis to be lowered to half-staff until after the funeral.

**Kathleen Elizabeth Armitage**, 46, passed away May 11, 2003. Kathy was a popular and well liked bar waitress for 20 years at the SPOT. She is survived by her husband Patrick. There were private family services and a Memorial was held at the Point Methodist Church on Saturday, May 17, 2003.

**Sherry Hartynyak** passed away just as this publication was going to press, memorial services were held on June 6, 2003 at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Point Richmond. More about the life and passing of this Point Richmond icon in the next issue of TPIT.





# BIRTHDAYS

## June

Alissa Bagley  
Phyllis Downey  
William Shea  
Emeric H. Baxter  
Anita Brougham  
Andrew Butt  
Jean Eakle  
Joanne Lansing  
Cathe Brazil

Dan Weinstein  
Brian Rotting  
Stacey Spinola  
Gill Stanfield  
John H. Knox  
Alice Baxter  
Rosemary Giacomelli  
Daniel Buhler  
Dave Macdiarmid, Jr.

Cindy Quist  
Dianne Primavera  
Suzanne Unser  
Aaron/Michael Marshall-  
twins  
Thomas Kenny  
Marcelina Smith  
Maurice Doherty  
Gerry Higuera

Louise Banks  
Judy Travis  
Adele Loux  
Lillian Karl\*  
Luke Karl\*  
Steve Wyrick  
June Solosbal  
Phyllis Bogue

## July

Josephine Palenchar  
Francis Smith  
Amy Rotting  
Mrs. Chas Baldwin  
Julius Matteucci  
Bea Read  
Mary L. Knox  
Al McGee

Diedre Cerkowicz  
Allen Anderson  
Madison Bradshaw  
Ed Squires  
Roger Elle  
Alice McMahon  
Betty Conception  
Hilary Lord

Liz Garrard  
Clifford (Lou) MacMillan  
Loretta 'Mertle' Lease  
Madeline Bellando Albright  
Jean Reynolds  
Ann Bisio  
Ed Squires  
Regan Bradshaw

Jon Healy  
Golda Pettycord Howard  
Stella Anellini Giovannini  
Alyce Williamson  
Martha Bielawski  
Madison Bradshaw  
Dixie L. Mello  
Frank Matteucci

## August

Oretta Eaton  
Donna Wilson  
Mid Dornan  
Kevin Pryne  
Joe Darling  
Molly Kate Barnes  
Nikki Eaton  
Bernie Bisio

Barbara Ward  
Connee Fisher  
Alice Thompson  
Bernice Preece  
Zoanna Kille  
Mary Knox  
Karla Peterson  
Alia Smyke

Terrence Doherty  
Lisa Smith  
Kelly von York  
Bonnie Ritzenthaler Wilson  
Dean Beesley  
R. Clayton Barnes  
Tony Bernabich  
Thelma Hecker Harvey

Michael Shaw  
Roy Henry Gover  
Beatrice Beesley Casey  
Jerome Vloeberghs  
Jim Healy

## Exclusive - Over 90 Club

*An impressive list! And it grows  
each month!*

Mae Mandl  
Pina Barbieri  
Ruth Wood  
Mark Gebhart  
Bernard Bernes  
Anna Schwarz  
Romilda Burress  
Jim Kenny

Thelma Hecker Harvey  
Jay Vincent  
Alice Helseth  
Jean Moyle Spiersch  
Rena Cairo Gonsalves  
Anne Hanzlik  
Dulcie Johnson  
Lupe Padilla Lopez  
Bonnie Kirkman

Kattie Amantite  
Ethel Schumacher  
Clara Christopher Loux  
Anita Brougham (on June 27)

*Now we have an even more  
exclusive club.*

*Welcome to 100 YEAR OLDS:  
Have we missed anyone? Let us*

# CALENDAR

## **GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY**

900 Dornan Drive, Miller/Knox Regional Park. Interested in Museum Membership? Museum is open to the public Saturdays and Sundays and July 4th and Labor Day noon to 5 pm. Business Meetings and Workshop on Friday's 7-10 PM. 510-234-4884.

## **MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE**

"The Threepenny Opera" Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm. June 6th through July 19th. Sunday Matinees at 2:30 pm on June 22, 29, July 6, 13. Tickets are \$15, cash check or credit card. Reservations 510-232-4031.

Dinner at the Hotel Mac and "Threepenny Opera" on Thursday, July 17th for only \$30. Call 510-232-4031 for reservations.

## **POINT RICHMOND ASSOCIATION OF MOTHERS (PRAM)**

Mondays at 7 PM, Methodist Church, 201 Martina Street. Information on meetings call 273-9959.

## **POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

Meets 2nd Wednesday each month, Hotel Mac Banquet Room, 12-1:30, Lunch Reservations \$11. Contact: Paula Aasmus, O.D. 510-235-5228.

## **POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER/FIELD HOUSE & PLUNGE**

Info: 233-6881

## **POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION**

Museum at 139½ Washington Avenue, open Thursday's and Saturday's, 11:30 to 2:00  
The deadline for the September/October issue of TPIT is Friday August 22, 2003.

## **POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Meets last Wednesday each month, Point Richmond Community Center; 7:30 P.M Contact: Rod Satre, President, 232 5059.

## **RICHMOND ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND**

The REDF is a non-profit corporation dedicated to ensuring that future development here is well-planned, sensitive to the environment and in compliance with city, state and federal laws. Citizen support is encouraged. Further information, call 510-215-6100. General membership public meetings are held monthly. Details of current meetings are available by calling 510-232-0405.

## **WASHINGTON SCHOOL**

Contact: Miss Jones, Secretary 510-232-1436.

## **WOMEN'S WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB**

Contact: Anita Christensen , President at 233-3343

I would like to join the P.R.H.A.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership (check one):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Single	\$18.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior (65+)	12.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	History Preserver	50.00
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