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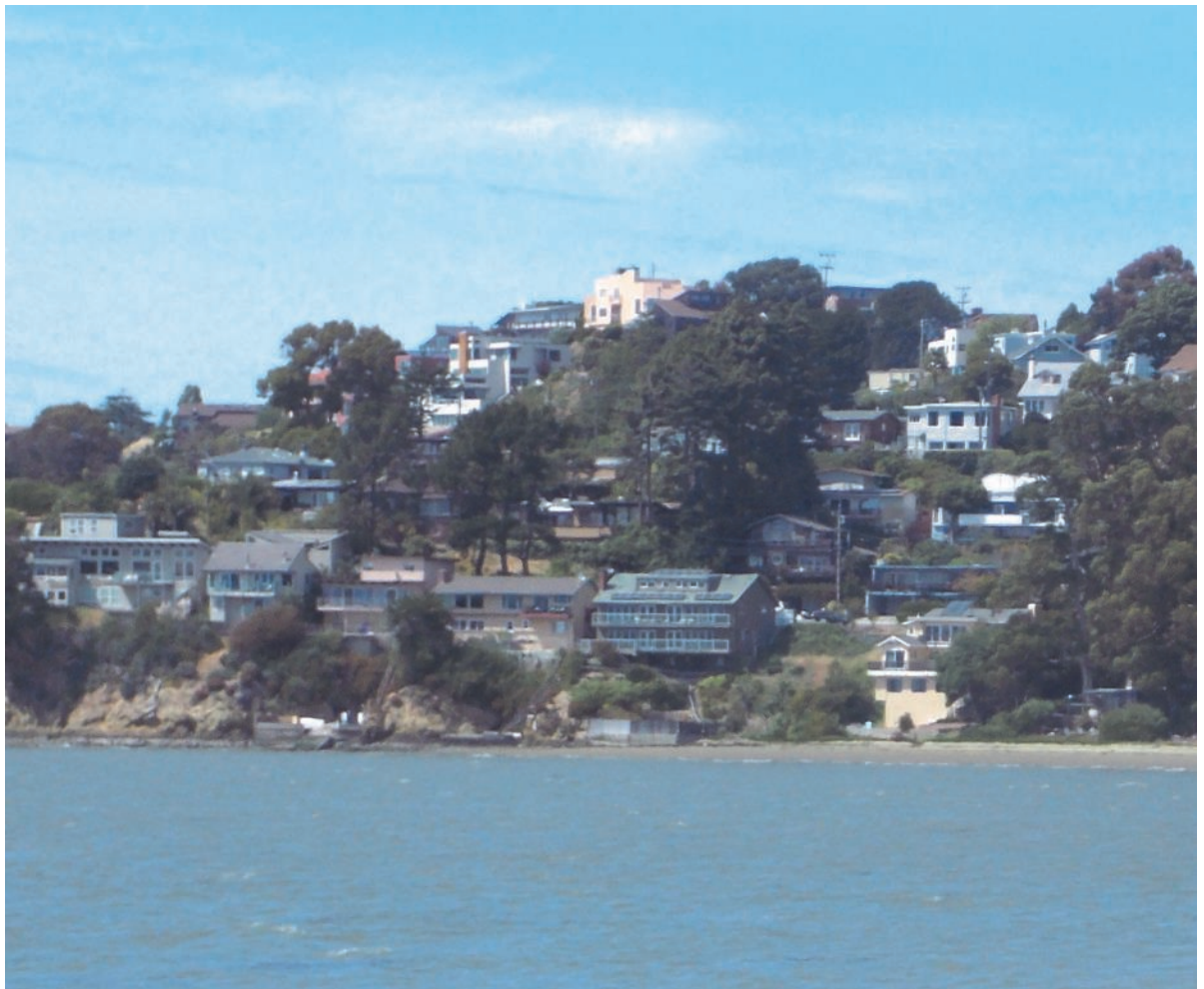
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The Point From Miller-Knox Regional Park

New Summer Museum Hours

The PRHA Museum

Wednesday

4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Thursday

11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Stop by and watch our slide show of Historical Photo Archives



From the President

By Mid Dornan

This Old House was an appropriate topic that headlined our 33rd Annual Point Richmond History meeting. It was 1980 that THIS POINT in time, an historic view of Point Richmond, California, was published with illustrations by founder Donna Roselius, now living in Port Orford, Oregon.

Our speaker, Dean McLeod, from First Villages Consulting in Martinez, provided local resources available that would facilitate finding information about the background of your house, what was original, what changes might have been made and when. A handout was prepared that outlined a path to procedures. If you missed the meeting, you can visit our museum to pick up a copy prepared by Bonnie Jo Cullison.

Check the times our Museum plans to be open during the summer months as we find more volunteers. While we welcome new over-90-year members to the 'club', it is with sadness we lose George 'LeRoy' Williams a former docent. It is these people that provide the historic facts but we need the current residents to assist with the documentation.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD RECIPIENTS 2014



Thank you members for your renewal:

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Bernie McIntosh**
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Museum Hours:

Open Thursdays

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Open Wednesdays

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm



The Cover:

Photo of Point Richmond neighborhood taken
from Miller-Knox Park shoreline.

Taken by Gary Shows

Editor's Notes

Gary Shows

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Summertime!

We wish it had rained a bit more in our rainy season. But summer is here and we do have a beautiful early summer here in the East Bay. Clear skies and sunshine kept cool by an icy sea breeze.

I have been a Point resident for over forty years, but thanks to my recent retirement I am having time to take walks around our historic neighborhood. I appreciate it more than ever. Beautiful old houses that are kept up quite well. Very nice!

This is our summer issue so there will be a little longer break before the next issue. The deadline for the September/October issue is August 22nd. Your contribution to this newsletter in the form of articles or pictures is encouraged. Have a great summer.

Thanks to the volunteers at our last mailing party at Mid's house:

Mid Dornan
Jerry Cerkowicz
Gary Shows
Heinz Lankford
Kathe Kiehn
Bonnie Jo Cullison

Thanks to the Volunteers who open and close our museum two days each week

Mid Dornan
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A-Mid Trivia

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

QUESTION

What do Aaron Burr and Thomas Jefferson; the German and English language and Adolf Hitler have in common?

Answer at end of Trivia.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

The Flag of the United States of America is one of the oldest national standards in the world - older than Great Britain's Union Jack or France's Tricolor.

A speedy recovery for his injured arm is wished Jerry Cerkanowicz after a recent fall that prohibited him from attending the Annual Point Richmond History Association meeting.

Signs:

On a truck. "We repair what your husband fixed".

In Optometrists office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

On Septic Tank Truck: "Yesterdays Meals on Wheels".

A job well done, Women's Westside Improvement Club on a well earned Richmond Historic Preservation Award for their many years of service to the Point and Community since 1908. The beautiful new Community Map has now been landscaped, making it even more attractive, thanks to the City.

Two thirds of American's haven't seen any of the nine movies nominated for a Best Picture Oscar.

.....(Reuters/psos)

The Arts of Point Richmond held a clever event, Point to Point Richmond, and envision it as a monthly event as it had art, music, food and strolling around the historic business district. Large red dots on the sidewalks guided visitors to exhibits, activities, restaurants, shops at more than 20 locations.

Best Wishes to Cynthia Quist and Michael Workman on their beautiful Marriage in May in a Napa winery. They took a short honeymoon but will be heading for a Mediterranean Cruise by the end of the month.

After the Quist-Workman nuptials four of the wedding guests left the next day for Kauai to keep celebrating. Those enjoying the 'Paradise' of the Island were Linda Andrews-Marshall, Rosemary Hegarty, Donna Powers, and Donna's cousin Deborah Banks from New Mexico.

Did you see the spectacular rainbow (with the pot of gold) that ended at the top of Nicholl Knob on Friday, April 26th, about 7:30 p.m.?

U.S. airlines in 2012 collected a total of \$2.5 billion in cancellation fees, an increase of 172 percent

A thank you to Altha Humphrey for being THE key to the Community Center. She has to go to the City for the key and return the key each event!

The Social Security Administration has been compiling baby-name ranking since 1880 and include dates on the fastest rising names. For the first time since 1960 the name of Michael or Jacob has not been the first.

This year's most popular BOYS names

NOAH
Liam
Jacob
Mason
William
Ethan
Michael
Alexander
Jaydon
Daniel

This year's most popular GIRLS names

SOPHIA
Emma
Olivia
Isabella
Ava
Mia
Emily
Abigail
Madison
Elizabeth

"My neighbor stopped smoking yesterday,"
confided a friend, "He is survived by a wife and
child".

- Herb Caen

A customer handed the bank teller a travel slip
for \$400 and said, "May I have large bills please!"

She looked at the customer and said, "I'm
sorry, sir, all the bills are the same size!"

Are we a doomed society?
Sign in a well-known Market

EXPRESS LANE
15 ITEM LIMIT

15 IS THIS MANY



(15 fingers)!

In one school year a child spends:

7800 hours at home and 900 hours at school.

Which teacher should be the most accountable?

-Jim Trelease, author of *The Read Aloud
Handbook*

It's a phenomenon that happens once every 823
years but the Chinese call it, "Pocketful of Money!"
The Month of August in 2014 has 5 Fridays, 5
Saturdays and 5 Sundays. Enjoy those long week-
ends!

Research shows that you decrease 20% in your
risk of death if you spend time volunteering.

Come admire that Poinsettia from David
Vincent that is still in full bloom in our museum!

Tom and Mary, thanks, for keeping our
museum planter box colorful.

A 97th birthday visit with a former YoMar
friend, Virgie Honeycutt at Bay Park, had the added
joy that included former TPIT board member Mary
Highfill and another long time friend Sharon
Hardwick.

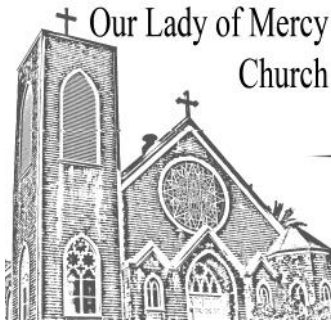
There is no garage sale like the Masquers!
And, oh the cars!

There is no Psychiatrist in the world like a
puppy licking your face. *Ben Williams*

A tutor who tooted the flute, tried to tutor two
tooters to toot. Said the two to the fluter, "Is it
harder to toot'er, or tutor two tooters to toot?"

Answer: ONE VOTE. THOMAS
JEFFERSON was elected president over Aaron
Burr by just one vote in Congress...ENGLISH
rather than German was selected as the official
language of the United States in Congress after the
American Revolution by just one vote ...ADOLF
HITLER in 1923 was chosen at Munich as the Nazi
leader by just one vote.

Church News



By Dee Rosier

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We are about to enter the midpoint of the year – already! Wish there were a reasonable reply to where and why the time passes so quickly.

Maintenance work continues on the rectory and church. The trim on the rectory continues at a slow pace, but eventually will be completed. The roof people were here to check on the source of leaks so we can address them. The garden is being weeded and the roses continue to be a welcoming splash of color. The large stained glass window on the front of the church was recently inspected and at this time found to be in good shape.

Bishop Barber celebrated the annual Chism Mass at which he blesses the oil that is used in baptism, confirmation and ordination. It is a rite that dates back to the Hebrews. It is used in the church to signify that we all share in the priesthood of Christ, recognized in the historic act of being anointed. Representing our parish at the Mass were Penny Crowe and Susan Brooks.

The Easter Season is always a special time and it was a delight to see so many grandparents with their grandchildren at their side. We also welcomed previous parishioners Linda and Rick Duste visiting us from Houston, Texas. Our musicians again displayed their gifted musical talents. The week

before was Palm Sunday. The palm order failed to get sent, thus home grown palms from the rectory garden were distributed.

Father hosted a parish dinner and again received good grades for his culinary skills.

Two baptisms were recently performed. The family were previous parishioners as well as married at Our Lady of Mercy. This is their third child to be baptized in our church. The little girl was dressed in a traditional baptism dress. The family presently lives in Petaluma.

There is no one prouder than a first-time grandparent – such was Anne Carroll when her grandson Edward David Conner was baptized. Edward is the first borne of Anne's daughter and son-in-law. Anne later hosted a brunch at her home.

There are a group of young children who attend Mass on a regular basis. They are indeed very special and have independently taken over the task of presenting the gifts. On Saturday, May 17th in a ceremony designed just for them, they received their First Holy Communion. The following day, they were all present at Mass and under the direction of one of the parents sang a lovely song in Spanish. How lucky are we to have them to brighten our Sundays.

When Father O'Rourke is away, our favorite Father Kwame celebrates Mass. How lucky are we that he has expressed a willingness to be with us.

The donation envelopes were left at the back of the church for some time, but have now been removed. If you did not receive yours, please contact Father. Thanks to the use of the envelopes, there has been increase in the weekly offerings, which enables us to better care for our aging buildings.

There are a group of people who have volunteered for years with parish events/functions. They are all of the generation who looked at community service as a normal part of life. A church community is based on people who believe

in making it an active and welcoming group who want some kind of spiritual side to their lives. So to keep things going we need younger help.

It was with sadness that we said goodbye to Penny Crowe. Penny had been with us since 1986 and recently left to return home to Victoria, BC. She was a ready volunteer, lector, and Parish Council Secretary. She leaves a void.

The People Behaving Badly award goes to the owner of the blue Prius who took the liberty to park in the driveway of the church parking lot on a Sunday morning. **LICENSE NO. 6FDV704** you should have known better!

It was a treat to welcome Stan and Nancy Toledo's family visiting from Chicago.

Cynthia Quist and Michael Workman were married on May 10, 2014 at Vezer Blue Victorian Winery in Fairfield. It was an outstanding event joining two of our favorite parishioners. Cynthia is the daughter of Jim and Florence Wilson, native Pt. Richmond residents. There is a strong Pt. Richmond connection on Michael's side of the family – his daughter, Angela is married to

Jason Acquistipace (son of Carl and Marilyn) – daughter Michelle is married to Justin Spillman (son of Jim Spillman (Scenic Ave.)). It is indeed a small world. We wish them many years of happiness.

Continue to remember in your prayers: Bill Smith, Artie Smith, Jack Murray, Father Ray Breton, John Gerke, Dixie and Frank Mello.

Maxine, the crossing guard who puts a smile on everyone's face with her morning waves, has taken the time to compliment the garden area on the corner of Garrard and Cutting. Maxine will soon be on vacation and we will have to generate our own smiles.

Congratulations to all the June brides and graduates. We will resume in the fall.

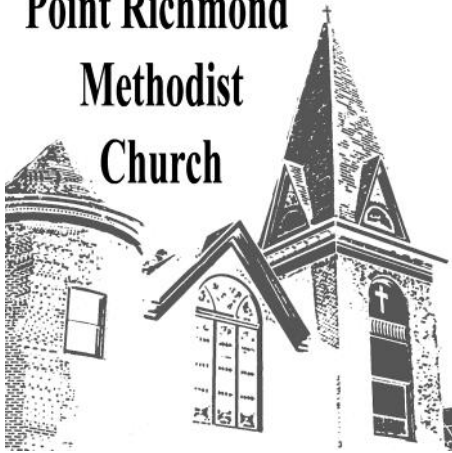
LIFE IS LIKE A COIN
YOU CAN SPEND IT ANYWAY
YOU WILL, BUT YOU CAN
ONLY SPEND IT ONCE.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH



Central Point Richmond in 1903. See your house?

Point Richmond Methodist Church



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In Memoriam: Marian Hawkins, lifelong Point Richmond resident, passed away May 22, 2014. Born December 13, 1923, Marian was wed in the church sanctuary to Fay Hawkins many years past. Her father worked on the ferry to San Rafael before the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge was built. She remembered when the church bathroom was in the (scary!) basement, and an inside stairway existed to get there. Marian was president of the United Methodist Women for several years. She sewed many and various projects for our Country Faire, and was always friendly to anyone new at church. Jane Carnall remembers Marian telling her, "We are just like a family. Find the way you fit in, and you will be at home here too."

Pastor Dan's concert on April 12 featured an expanded Joyful Noise choir and many other singers from nearby United Methodist churches and the neighborhood. Those in attendance sang eighteen of Pastor Dan's new hymns from a collection that will be released this summer. The music was recorded live by audio pro Karen Stackpole, and recordings will be accessible on the church website soon.

On April 13, Tom Baynes sang a piece he composed for the special music in worship, "Behold the Savior of Mankind." He set poetry by Charles Wesley to music, and accompanied himself on piano, singing with that soulful, plaintive voice as only he can. People like Tom gift our time together in so many ways!

Easter Sunday, April 20, we started the day with worship in the Labyrinth Garden at 8:00 AM. The morning was cool and bright, and more and more people arrived as the service progressed to a line dance. A hot breakfast waited inside Friendship Hall, prepared by Norm and Jean Reynolds and Linda Andrew-Marshall. After Sunday school at 10 AM, we met for traditional worship in the sanctuary. The space was decorated with Easter lilies arranged by Pat Dornan and donated in honor or memory of someone special. Kit Eakle, violin; and Pat King, piano; played classical pieces for the introit and offertory. Along with Jennifer Metz-Foster on cello, they accompanied as the Joyful Noise Choir sang Handel's Hallelujah! Chorus. Linda Pereira and Manuel Navidad hid Easter Eggs and directed the hunt after worship for the children.

Camp Liberty updates: H.R. 3707 is a current bill in the House of Representatives to allow refugees from Iraq's Camp Liberty (in custody because they support a democratic government in Iran) to be admitted to the USA. It was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee in December and to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security in January 2014. Congressman John Garamendi and sixty other Representatives are co-sponsors. Congressman George Miller has yet to sign on. His local office number is (510) 262-6500, if you wish to speak to his staff about the Bill. In April, Iran and Iraq signed an understanding to allow the extradition of criminals. On May 18, the head of Iran's Supreme Judicial Council urged the Iraqi head of justice to extradite the 3000 residents of Camp Liberty to Iran for a "fair trial" in Tehran. People extradited to Iran from Camp Liberty face probable torture and death. Some people are contacting our representatives to ask for US protection for the

people in Camp Liberty.

May 3, we modeled the ecological theme “recycle, reduce, re-use” at Junktique, our yard sale on steroids. The community affirmed our efforts with abundant donations, exuberant shopping, and satisfied dining. Boss, Betty Graham; Volunteer Coordinator, Fran Smith and the Transport Team led by Jonathan Swett orchestrated the myriad necessary details. David Valentine sold every hotdog and sausage early and had to get an infusion from Santa Fe Market to continue to sell. All of Florence Wilson’s Minestrone soup sold, as did Russ Johnson’s chili. Lots of pie sold. Other volunteers before, during and after the sale include Pastor Dan Damon, Julio Osegueda, David Tung, David Allred, Barbara Haley, Linda Andrew-Marshall, Mary Lee Cole, Terri Fewins-Pitman, Jan and Jerry Feagley, David Moore, Tom Butt, Tom Baynes, Diane Frary, Vivienne Stott, Kristi Johnson, Debbie Benko, Alice Thompson, Judy Travis, Pat Newton, Connie Healy, Mim Drake, Vivian Solarzo, Jennifer Metz-Foster, Molly Smith, Pat Pearson, Helen Wysham, Steve Shank, Scott McLean, Gill Stanfield, Sara Pollutro, Nick Pollutro, Yulia Solovieva, Sandra Kokoruda; Amy, Sean, Jessie and Chris Mefford; Pat Dornan, Karen Bianchini, Christina DeLeon, Danny and Ryan (friends of Liam Thompson), Bill Thompson, Mid Dornan, Richard Smith, Matt Foster, and Norm Reynolds. Jonathan Swett and Betty Graham picked up an epic thirty-plus truckloads of donations before the sale - with support from others who helped lift.

We marked Native American Sunday with an offering for United Methodist Native American Ministries, on May 4. Courtney Cummings visited from the Native American Health Clinic in Richmond. She told us about her facility and the wide array of services they provide for Native Americans in Richmond. Every service they offer is culturally and spiritually based. They teach traditional crafts; organize cultural events; and provide mental and physical health care advice, drug and alcohol

recovery support, and support for elders, families, and youth.

For Mothers’ Day, May 11, a vase on the altar held roses tied with baby’s breath and ribbon to give to all mothers who attended. Pat Dornan supplied the roses. Every mother received a rose from one of the children in worship, and no rose was left over. The Angel Choir sang “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” complete with actions and vibrant expressions. Tammara Plankers and Alice Thompson led their practice.

The United Methodist Women served dinner at the GRIP Shelter on Wednesday, May 14. Volunteers have the preparation down to a science and enjoy the chance to serve and visit with clients at the Shelter.

On May 16, Mid Dornan and Barbara Haley attended the 40th Anniversary Celebration at the Richmond Childhood Mental Health Program. They toured the facility, celebrated its history, and were inspired by dreams for the program’s future. We still donate diapers for families served by the program.

Season of Love, A time for change: The Reconciling Caucus of California-Nevada Annual Conference coordinated a “Circle of Love” on May 17 to support the marriage of Kira Azzam and Nikki Salde at Wesley UMC in San Jose. People gathered outside the church before and during the ceremony to support the church for offering its sanctuary, the officiating pastor, and the legal marriage and celebration of two women in love. Nikki and Kira are members of Buena Vista UMC in Alameda, and their love is strengthened by their passion for social justice work.

On May 25, Molly Smith outdid herself as she accompanied the choir on “Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring” on her flute. If she plays many more pieces like that, Molly is sure to learn to “circle breathe” in no time! Drew Brady, visiting from

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New York, joined in on several hymns on his mandolin, and stepped in to sing tenor in the choir. Jennifer Metz Foster fired up her cello to warm up the whole space with its round tones.

ON THE CALENDAR:

Friday, May 30-**PRJazz Presents Kit Eakle with DjangoSphere**, 7:30 PM. This concert explores the music of Django Reinhardt and Thelonious Sphere Monk. Kit Eakle, violin, Jonathan Alford, piano and Alex Baum, bass. Buy tickets and view the lineup for next season online at prjazz.org. Tickets are \$20 at the door, \$15 in advance through Brown Paper Tickets – see the link at prjazz.org.

Father's Day Jazz Service, Sunday, June 15, 11 AM: An all-musical morning with The Dan Damon Quartet: Kurt Ribak, bass; Lincoln Adler, sax; Randy Odell, drums; Dan Damon, piano. Vocal guests will join the band, and the congregation will have a chance to sing with them, too.

Vacation Bible School: August 4 to 8, 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM daily, with lunch on Friday for all students and their families. Age appropriate for children age 3 to sixth grade. We tell stories, do art projects, play games, sing, and enjoy snacks. Call Jean Reynolds to sign up (510) 734-3942 or email sweetheart05@mac.com

For updates to the calendar, visit the church website: <http://www.pointrichmondmethodist.org>

Museum Guests

To our efficient Museum Manager and coordinator, Bonnie Jo Cullison, and docents who staff our special museum all year, a big thank you. You make it possible for visitors to know our unique community and enjoy the history of our founding fathers. And, welcome to our new docent, Lori Kauth. Thanks to our Editor, Gary Shows, who has installed the historic slide shows with memorable scenes from years past.

Who are our visitors? A record number of Point residents, many of them new to the Point, have availed themselves of our records.

Visitors were here from Washington State, Nevada and Mississippi. From California they came from Berkeley, Cupertino, Danville, Pleasant Hill, Crockett, Hercules, San Marino, Rossmore, Benicia, Brentwood, San Francisco, Sacramento, Kensington, Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Fairfax, Greenbrae, Alameda, Bass Lake, Emeryville, Moraga, Fremont, Redland, El Sobrante, Larkspur, Antioch, Oakland, El Cerrito, Rocklin, Fairfax, San Rafael, Pinole, Pittsburg, Mill Valley, Alhambra, and Weaverville.

Mid



94 YEARS AGO

New Year law: The April 1920s Parking Ordinance limited the 'parking' of horses to side streets because of the 'pollution' they caused in the business district of Point Richmond.

Mother's Day on the Red Oak Victory Ship

By Pat Pearson

The Pancake Breakfast on Mother's Day is a big event on the Red Oak Victory Ship. Our family volunteered to help, George Coles, Pat Pearson, Mary Simmons, Stephanie Pearson, and David Allred were up early and ready to go. We heard the weather report and we knew it would be a long hot day so we were all dressed in layers and ready to put up the canvas shelters to protect us and guests from the sun.

We arrived at the ship, climbed the gangway, and headed for the deck on which the breakfast would be served. When we walked out on the deck, we looked up high at the huge American flag and saw it was blowing wildly from an off-shore wind. We had never seen a wind like that. We knew there would be no canvas sun shelters. There were some problem at the coffee, orange juice etc. table and workers took turns trying to hold down the canvas overhead.

We and the other volunteers tried to set up in our normal way with table cloths on the tables including the Mimosa table and the registration table. Everyone on the ship was working hard to anchor the tablecloths, we used tape and then big bolts some one had found on the ship to hold down the cloth, but nothing worked, so the table cloths were abandoned.

The registration table anchored down their information papers with the bolts and tried to keep a tight hand on the tickets and the money box. At the mimosa table, the signs advertising the mimosa and the prices were continually blowing off the table and down the deck. The registration for tours station at the end of the mimosa table also had problems keeping their sign in papers on the table.

As George was carefully making change for a customer, a huge gust of wind took money out of the box and the paper bills flew down the deck pursued. trapped and returned by a customer. Keeping the mimosa glasses from blowing away before the champagne could be poured was a real challenge.

Meanwhile at the food table, carefully placed crisp bacon on top of the pancakes was blown off and rolled down the deck. It was reported by a guest that her sausage had been blown from her plate and rolled down the deck. From then on the pancakes were placed on top of the bacon, and sausage. Many customers were choosing to sit below decks. Those that stayed on deck had to guard their food. Anyway a good time was had by all. A record \$340 was made at the Mimosa table and 239 people enjoyed their breakfast.

We will return to volunteer at Father's Day Pancake breakfast. It will be difficult to top the adventures of the Mother's Day Breakfast. Please be sure to join us for a fun time!



WWIC Est. 1908

News from the Womens Westside Improvement Club

by Pat Pearson and Linda Newton

Historical Preservation Award from Pat Pearson

Kathleen Wimer and Joe are on their way to the East Coast to spend the summer. Pat Pearson volunteered to write her column until their return in the Fall.

After the articles and pictures about the Womens Westside Improvement Club and the new Street Map were read and enjoyed in the last issue of TPIT, another accolade was given for the map and its committee, an Historic Preservation Commission Award from the City of Richmond. These awards are presented annually by the Commission to honor those groups or individuals who perform restoration or enhancement of the history of the City of Richmond. I presented the award as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission to Norma Wallace, WWIC President. Norma made the acceptance speech delineating the events leading up to the unveiling of the new Street Map. She and Altha Humphrey together accepted the Blue "R". Many people from Point Richmond attended the presentation ceremony including the following WWIC members: Mid Dornan, Diane Hirano, Marion Kent, Kathe Kiehn, Linda Newton, Evelyn Thill, and Kathleen Wimer. Afterward, everyone enjoyed the music and the refreshments catered by the Contra Costa Culinary Department at the Richmond Art Center.

Historical Preservation Award Goes to Womens Westside Improvement Club

The WWIC was established in 1908 by a group of women in Point Richmond for the "Betterment of the Town." It is the oldest continually active women's club in California. 1908 was also the year of incorporation for the City of Richmond. (not to be confused with the 1905 Chartered City designation, the beginning

of the town).

The first projects for the club were a small playground named Janice Park still on Washington and Nichol Avenues, a town Reading Room that evolved into the Westside Branch of the Richmond Library a new Washington school in 1912, and newer Washington School in 1941, and the Indian Statue drinking fountain for the use of horses, dogs, and people in 1909.

Over the years the WWIC members continue to raise money and vote to contribute funds and volunteer time to various community activities. These included the flag pole at the Plunge, in 1926, many projects during WW II, and a street map of Point Richmond at the corner of Park Place and West Richmond in the 1980's. They also supported the moving of the Point Richmond History Building to its current site in the triangle at Point Richmond in 1990.

In 2008, Altha Humphrey, a member of the WWIC, was looking at the old street map next to the fire station. When she came to the next WWIC meeting she said the map was looking



Pat Pearson, Norma Wallace and Altha Humphrey

bad and it was time to replace it.. She said since the WWIC. had put up the old map more than 20 years ago, we should put up a new map for a Centennial project.

This award is presented to the WWIC in recognition of the completion and installation of the new map.

WWIC Meetings from Linda Newton

April

One of the most fun fundraising meetings we have each year is the White Elephant Exchange which we held in April. In advance of the meeting we are instructed to bring something that someone else might love to have. Before our meeting we buy tickets that are put in the hopper which are then picked to determine the order we get to choose an item. We also have a silent auction of the very nicest pieces. **Margaret Morkowski** directed this activity ably as she has for the past number of years.

Our hostesses were **Altha Humphrey**, head hostess, **Barbara Rosenberg** and **Kathe Kiehn**. The room welcomed us with a spring theme in lavender and yellow adorned with leaves and Altha's whimsical and wonderful collection of rabbits. The hostesses treated us to cake, berries and whipped cream.

We acknowledged the birthdays of those members born in April: **Carla Bowman**, **Kathy Branstetter**,

Jane Vandenburg and **Connie Lompa**. Happily we welcomed **Lori Kauth** as a new member.

May

The theme for the decorations this month was spring again. We have all appreciated what a beautiful one it has been. The tables were decked out in light pink cloths with glass bricks and flowers. The glass bricks, unusual and bold, were brought by **Diane Hirano**, head hostess. The other hostesses were **Grethe**

Tedrick and **Alyce Williamson**. The dessert they provided was delicious spice cake, strawberries and whipped cream. There seems to be a trend here that I can applaud—with something for everyone.

We saluted one member's birthday—that of **Norma Wallace**, our president. We welcomed Stephanie Pearson as **Pat Pearson's** guest.

At every meeting the ladies announce events in Point Richmond. The list is always long as there is so much going on here. Our members are involved in one or more of this community's organizations from PRAM to the Point Richmond History Association. In addition to all this, WWIC has its own projects such as upgrading Janice Park Playlot, improving the entrance to Miller-Knox Park, and assisting the City of Richmond Landscape Department with the planting of the triangle. Some of the ladies may be seen pulling weeds now and again. The April/May 2014 issue of This Point in Time commemorated one of WWIC's projects—the new map, a perfect place to meet up with friends. **Pat Pearson** announced at our meeting that the Historic Preservation Commission of which she is a member was honoring the WWIC for producing the "New Point Richmond Street Directory and Map." She distributed invitations for us to attend.

The ladies always welcome new members and guests who wish to improve our community and who have the time to attend meetings. At present we are discussing holding some evening meetings to make it easier for women still working to join us. Tuesday, June 3 is our last meeting of the 2013-2014 year and which will be held before this goes to press. Please call our president, **Norma Wallace** at 236-6968 if you are interested in coming to any of our meetings which will start up again Tuesday, September 9 at 11:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church on Martina St. at the corner of West Richmond Ave. *Happy summer!*

Help us to update and Expand “Historic Houses of Point Richmond”

We are asking for our readers help to update our information on historic houses in the Point.

We are starting with Donna Roselius booklet “Historic Houses of Point Richmond”. To the right is the information that we have currently recorded on three houses in Donna’s booklet.

We ask you to please help us with an information update.

Do you currently own, know the owners of, or live near these houses and have information about them that should be recorded?

Information like who currently owns them or lives in them, any changes, remodels or improvements or an interesting story about the house, please send it to

Email: gary@alkos.com

Or Mail: Gary Shows, 229 Golden Gate Avenue, Point Richmond, CA 94801

We will then share your information with readers.

The newsletter seems to be a good tool to facilitate this project. Suggestions or ideas are certainly welcomed

19 Stairley



This singularly impressive house was built in 1902 by the founder of the Bank of Richmond, which was located at 201 W. Richmond. After Mr. Stairley’s death in 1902, the street on which the house is located was named in his honor. Mr. Stairley, a Confederate War Veteran and cousin of General Lee, was Richmond’s Postmaster from 1912 to 1920. Mrs. Stairley, the former Mary Redgely Tilden, lived to be almost 102, and, after her death, her son Duke sold the house.

The Trefry Ross family bought the Stairley house in 1963, and since that time, they have been renovated the house which was without a heating system and hot water. They are also finishing three rooms on the top floor, bringing the total number of rooms to ten.



405 Nevada



Built in approximately 1903, the house at 405 Nevada stands alone at the end of the street on the hill above Wine Street. Built by John Murray, Richmond's first Blacksmith, the house was eventually sold to Mr. Hanney, who lived there until the late 1920's. John Murray also built the Oddfellow Building on West Richmond. His Blacksmith shop was on the corner of Tunnel and Richmond Avenue.

At the writing of Rosleus book it was occupied by Mr. And Mrs. WWilliam Ely and their family.



7 Montana



The house at number 7 Montana, at the bottom of the hill, is typical of the snug little cottages that were built at the turn of the century. It was built in 1904 by Mrs. Arnold, who also built the Post Office building which was located across from what is now the Bei Jing Restaurant. Mrs. Arnold's son, James P. Arnold was Richmond's first Chief of Police. The house has been rented for several years.



PRHA General Meeting, Election of Officers and Program

May 18, 2014

Program by Dean McLeod/Meeting Report by Gary Shows

Meeting Report

The meeting was held at the Point Richmond Community center at 139 Washington Avenue in Point Richmond. 29 people attended.

President Mid Dornan called the meeting to order, Directors were introduced and Secretary Tom Piazza read the minutes from the 2013 meeting, which were approved. Treasurer Kathe Kiehn gave the financial report. After discussions of current projects the officers were nominated and elected, all kept their current positions. Mid then turned the meeting over to Bonnie Jo Cullison who introduced our guest speaker Dean



PRHA Museum Manager and Director of Archives, Bonnie Jo Cullison created the meeting program.



PRHA officers Pat Pearson (vice-president), Tom Piazza (secretary), Mid Dornan (president) and Kathe Kiehn (treasurer)

McLeod from the Contra Costa Historical Society and author of two “Images of America” books on Port Chicago and on Bay Point..

Mr. McLeod lives in Martinez in a 1918 house and is currently researching his own house. He says that “vibe” is an important consideration of a house and a community. He believes the vibe for Point Richmond is hills and water. When researching your house it is important to have the right research tools.

It was a very interesting talk that everyone in attendance thoroughly enjoyed. The group then went to enjoy coffee and cookies and socialize. Thank you to Dean McLeod for his interesting talk, to Bonnie Jo Cullison for putting together the program, to Altha Humphrey for opening and closing the community center and to Mid Dornan for conducting a good meeting. Also thanks to the folks who supplied the delicious refreshments.

From Dean McLeod

Defining the purpose or motivation for doing the house history is important for determining the sources used to put it together. If architecture is of greatest interest, that's a whole different type of research than knowing the history of the people in house. In this regard, I intended to bring a book I have on house history. Called "Houses and Homes, Exploring Their History", by Howe, Fleming, Kemp and Overbeck, this is particularly good for architectural styles. Published as part of the Nearby History Series by the American Association for State and Local History, I found it heavily biased towards East Coast architecture, but containing extensive Suggested Readings after each chapter. I finally found the book today in unpacking boxes from the moving of my office. You can get it from Arcadia Publishing in Walnut Creek, and perhaps in the future from the CCCHS.

Another thrust of my talk was more of a case study of my own efforts on our 1920 Prairie Craftsman in Martinez. We were careful as we renovated to pay attention to any clues in the infrastructure as we stripped the walls of the kitchen and two bathrooms down to the bare studs. Only two clues appeared in the house itself.

On one of the studs we found "Contra Costa Lumber Company" stamped. When we sanded down 90 years of paint on a window sill we found the name "Bert Goins" written in pencil. Each of those told us something about the construction.

We purchased the home from the nephew of the original owners, in essence being only the second family to have ownership. The



Dean McLeod

McNamaras owned a number of homes in Martinez, including ours. I carried out quite a bit of genealogical research on the McNamaras, back to their migration from Ireland in the 1860s. Research continues slowly to find relatives who might have a picture of the house or other facts of interest. The house was rented for decades prior to our purchase.

Research at the Contra Costa County Historical Society provided us with a number of related McNamamara obituaries. I also used city directories that exist for Martinez. The CCCHS has a two page handout with general guidelines of the kinds of sources they hold. We searched probate records at the Contra Costa County Superior Court Clerk's Office. Research on Ancestry.com provided a pretty clear skeleton genealogy of the two brothers who first came to Martinez and their descendants.



Dean McLeod with George Coles

In preparation for my talk I did some internet research for sources that can be useful. Some of these are incredibly useful, others may be less relevant. They are in no particular order here.

1. The Online Archive of California is one of the potentially greatest portals to local archival materials in California. It is an online guide to archival sources in some 150+ institutions in the state. For example, a person can simply key in a name of a person, place or subject and links to the inventories of those institutions appear in yellow text. By drilling down to the source, descriptions of the records and their repository locations are at one's finger tips. Simply searching for Contra Costa several years ago, I came up with a host of collections containing material related to locations and people in the county. A copy of this spread sheet is at the CCHS. A person could follow the same procedure for "Point Richmond" and "Richmond" and come up with a robust list of sources geographically relevant to the community. It is free to use.

2. I have mentioned Ancestry.com. A good way to do a local historical survey on that site is to go to the card catalogue and search sources by locality. 367 California data sets can be accessed there. A newly acquired source of interest at Ancestry.com is the Biographical Card Index developed by the California State Library over many decades. Thousands of people, particularly in the 19th century are shown on this online source. Ancestry.com is a subscription site.

3. Family Search (familysearch.org) is perhaps the most valuable collection of family history sources anywhere. Free to use. It can be approached by individual name, book title, author, subject

and key words. I prefer a locality search in the catalogue first. Searching by name can put one in a rabbit hole of abundance over the long term.

4. Historic Map Works. "A geographic time machine". A quick perusal reveals a massive number of historic maps, of great value to the local or family historian. There are many map collections, but this is surely a good place to start. Insurance maps are very specific.

5. For photographs there is the online catalog to the Library of Congress Prints and Photographs collection. (www.loc.gov/pictures). Of course, any of the archives in California will have photographs and maps. Not all are listed on Online Archive of California.

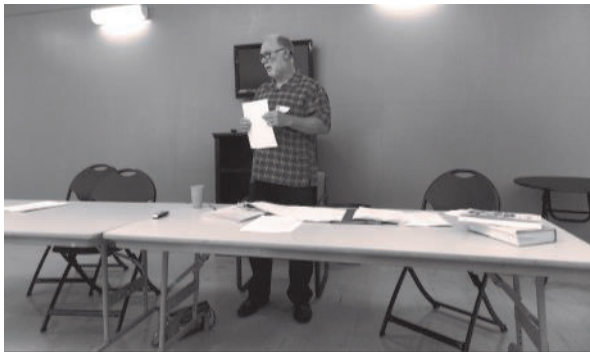
6. On the subject of "California Architecture", Google gives 26,200,000 results. By adding greater specifics one is likely to find many things of specific interest.

7. Zillow online is a great tool as it will tell you when the house was built, the last five or ten years of transactions involving the house, tax assessments, owners and occupations of owners.

At the Contra Costa County tax assessors office in Martinez they have most tax records from 1852 to 1904. Unfortunately records after 1904 have been destroyed.

If you can talk to the people who previously lived in the house, that is the best way to research it. You should be able to find out the name of previous owners by looking in the city directory. Maybe see when the name first shows up you will

have a pretty good idea when the house was built. Another thing to look for is whether are not the house was part of a sub-division. If it was you can go to the county's planning department where you can find out the names of the developer, contractor and builder.



Dean McLeod

SELECTED RESOURCES FOR RESEARCHING THE HISTORY OF LOCAL HOUSES

City of Richmond Building Department

At the City of Richmond website choose *Departments*;

then *Planning & Building Services*;

then *Building Division*;

then *Permit Records* (click); click eTRAKiT database;

select the search you want to do*; enter street address in *Search String*

*NOTE: if you search *Parcels* you will find the year the house was built under the "Building" category

Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder Office

555 Escobar, Martinez (925-335-7910)

here you can do a *Title Search* or *Chain of Title* search to determine the names of past owners and when the property was constructed.

(See also the *Brief Guide to Researching the History of Contra Costa County Houses & Properties* provided by the Contra Costa County Historical Society and available at the Point Richmond History Museum)

Richmond Museum of History

- Polk Guides (city directories which pre-date phone directories) back to 1908
- Phone directories back to the 1960's with an incomplete set back to the 1940's
- Photos of towns/streets/houses
- Sanborn Maps - These are fire insurance maps which are very detailed and include all of the structures on a given property
- Various other maps

Ask the museum staff for use of the library which contains these and other materials. They prefer an appointment but it is not required.

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Richmond Public Library

- The RPL has Polk Guides (city directories which pre-date phone directories) and phone directories from 1903 to 1964.

To use the directories effectively you need to have the name of the resident of the house you are researching. However, some years the directories were organized by street number.

- The RPL has copies of the Richmond Independent newspaper dating back to 1910 available on microfilm. These are not indexed.

Ask at the Reference Desk for both of these sources.

Ancestry.com, MyHeritage.com and Zillow.com

These are sources for discovering the names of past residents of a given address.

Griffin, Evan. The Early History of Richmond. Parts 1 & 2. 1938. available on the website of the El Cerrito Historical Society. Google: *Evan Griffin Early History of Richmond* to get to it. Although not a source for house research, this is a fascinating publication of memoirs and recollections of a man who lived in the San Pablo Valley (a large area that included the town of San Pablo and other communities including the future Point Richmond) from the early 1860's. He describes the land and a wide range of activities (churches, education, occupations) in an informal, personal style that allows you to imagine what life was like in this area in the last quarter of the 19th Century. Highly recommended.

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keeping the local markets
stocked with TPIT and thank
you Santa Fe and Point
Richmond Markets for the
support!*

Thanks to Kathe Kiehn and Heinz Lankford for mailing the Winter
issue of TPIT



Join us for another season of outdoor evening concerts.

This year Point Richmond Music (PRM) celebrates our 13th season of presenting music for the community. We feature a diverse range of top-notch musicians as a free cultural offerings to our music loving audience...

Please help support the Point Richmond Music Festival!

PRM's outdoor concert venue is at the corner of Park Place and Washington Avenue in historic downtown Point Richmond. Concerts are held on the second Friday of each Summer month through September, from 5:30 pm to 7:45 pm. We close the season with a final concert on Friday, September 26th. Local restaurants are open on concert nights, offering a wide array of cuisine. We feature art by The Arts of Point Richmond, face painting for children, and dancing in the street.

Because of the generosity of our sponsors, the hard work of our volunteers and the great turnout by the community, we're able to bring in stellar bands and provide a really special concert experience. As we like to say, 'the Point is Music!'

The all-volunteer PRM committee shares a vision of celebrating diversity and promoting the arts and community through the universal language of music. PRM concerts offer a gathering place for people of all ages, ethnicities, and walks of life, who come together to enjoy musical talent of many genres from Richmond, the Bay Area and beyond. In addition to producing its free summer concert series, the group is proud to help support year-round music in Point Richmond through its sponsorship of the Point Richmond Acoustic series and the Point Richmond Jazz series, which run October through May at the First United Methodist Church, and to foster the development of the next generation of musicians through contributions to Washington Elementary School's music program. Twelve years of this collaborative effort have been made possible through donations of time and money from local businesses and volunteers.

We still have CD's for a mere\$5 plus s/h and T-Shirts for a cheap \$15!

We are completely a non-profit entity promoting local music.

Please help support our festival for next year by purchasing these great CD's & T-Shirts.

This is from a "fact diary", a book of headlines and interesting events in Early Point Richmond. It was compiled by Don Church from the "Richmond Independent" "Point Richmond News" and "Richmond Herald Record". It is one of the many items left for us by Allan Smith.

Items of Interest Point Richmond, 1913

From the Richmond Independent

- 1-1-1913 Big New Years celebration in city to celebrate passing of Tunnel and Harbor bonds. Street dancing, crowning of queen Euita Kaiser, fireworks, \$1000 worth. Songs by Madame Rees, singer of Paul Steindorfs band, long parade and not one arrest was made.
Elks building well down to 200 feet, may go deeper to get larger flow.
SOCo Refinery now employs 2300 men.
- 1-2-1913 Revelers give lady money for trampled hat during celebration.
Orval Record injured when buggy overturns at 2nd and McDonald
Evan Griffin will install Odd Fellows and Rebeccas..
- 1-3-1913 8 wagon loads of confetti were removed from the city streets.
- 1-4-1913 John Kenny sells interest in his saloon to Thomas Carey.
- 1-9-1913 Freight car goes into bay on Belt Line when brake beam loosens.
Engineer Webb and Brakeman Carter and Conductor Rutley dismissed by Santa Fe after wreck at Luzon siding several weeks ago..
- 1-10-1913 First snow ever seen in this city.
R. Tcherassy's new Point Theater will have rest room for mothers
- 1-11-1913 Herbert Repsold, the perfumed burglar escapes from San Quentin.
Strychnine found on Washington School playgrounds.
- 1-12-1913 140,000 bodies being removed from cemeteries within city limits of San Francisco..
- 1-18-1913 All pupils of Washington School must be vaccinated for smallpox,
Repsold still at large.
- 1-21-1913 George Striplin, 25, pioneer and son of W.E. Striplin dies at Abbott Holpital.
- 1-22-1913 Chief Arnold puts prisoners to work cutting up old railroad ties for the poor of the city. The ties were from the old street car line that ran up Washington and Park Place, and were removed when the streets were paved.
Mrs. Bill Ashby, wife of Gilt Edge Bard owner dies at 26.
- 1-23-1913 Nicholl ceases work on his oil well.
- 1-29-2013 Warswick Paving Company starts laying concrete base for paving on 3 main streets at the Point.
- 1-30-1912 Wood pile decreasing rapidly at City Jail
Capt. Walter DeLangston, 80 dies at Winehaven: elevator operator there for years.
He was an old ship captain whe came around Horn in 1840's. Known as the Father

of Winehaven.

- 2-4-1913 S.F. brakeman goes insane. Was OK when he went to bed but fails to recognize family when he got up. Serious fracture of the skull three years ago.
- 2-5-1913 No new red light here says Chief Arnold. There is talk of moving it from Railroad Avenue.
- 2-7-1913 Repsolds body found off San Quintin. He was trustee. Pulled light switches and fled prison in the dark. Swam until he went down.
- 2-8-1913 CL Abbott and Frank King have a narrow escape when car turns over.
- 2-13-1913 5212 men working in this city.
First enamel bathtub ever made on the Pacific Coast turned out here yesterday. Many on had to witness it.
- 2-16-1913 The new Point Theater, R. Tcherassy owner, opened first night to a packed house.
- 2-19-1913 Big block of land given city for City Hall by George Wall: 19th and 20th between Virginia and Maine.
John Nicholl elected President of the Bank of Richmond succeeding the late W.F. Belding.
John G. Gerlach to buld a three story brick hotel at Richmond and Santa Fe tracks for \$25,000.
- 2-20-1913 Joaquin Miller, the Poet of the Sierras dies. He visited Richmond during the past summer
- 2-22-1913 Chief of Police Arnold buys own car to improve service to the department.



Old City Hall on Washington Avenue. I assume those are all city employees.

PRHA photo archive #0505 from Mid Dornan

at the Masquer's Playhouse
Dead Man's Cell Phone

Dead Man's Cell Phone opens on May 30 at the Masquers Playhouse. A wildly imaginative comedy from the brilliant playwright Sarah Ruhl. Dead Man's Cell Phone is the odyssey of a woman forced to confront her own assumptions about morality, redemption, and the need to connect in a world obsessed with technology. Sarah Ruhl was the recipient of a prestigious "genius grant" from the John D and Catherine T MacArthur Foundation, and Dead Man's Cell Phone was awarded the Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding New Play.

The cast includes Mariah Castle, Lynne Hollander, Charles Isenn, Shannon Kase, Katina Letheule, Dominick Palamenti and Judy Zimola. Directed by James Nelson.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and Sunday Matinees at 2pm on June 8, 15 and 22. The show plays through June 28. Tickets are \$22 and all seats are general admission. Tickets can be purchased on line at www.masquers.org or by calling (510) 232-4031. The playhouse is located off of Highway 580 (Richmond Parkway exit) at 105 Park Place, Point Richmond across from the Hotel Mac.



Birthdays

June

Alissa Bagley
Phyllis Downey
William Shea
Emeric H. Baxter
Andrew Butt
Cynthia Wilson
Workman
Joanne Lansing
Cathe Brazil

Brian Rotting
Stacey Spinola
Gill Stanfield
John H. Knox
Alice Baxter
Wilson Gandola
Rosemary Giacomelli
Daniel Buhler
Dianne Primaver

Suzanne Unser
Tom Kenny
Bill Smith
Aaron Marshall
Dorothoy Wells
Michael Marshall
Marcelina Smith
Gerry Higuera
Judy Travis

Lee Christioan
Lillian Karl
Luke Karl
June Solosbal
Phyllis Bogue
Doreen Minkwitz

July

Francis Smith
Amy Rotting
Richard Tapp
Joan Glover Carter
Mrs.Chas Baldwin
Dan Damon
Julius Matteucci
Bea Read

Mary L. Knox
Richard Smith
Diedre Cerkawicz
Allen Anderson
Roger Elle
Trace Smith
Alice McMahon
Hilary Lord

Clifford (Lou)
MacMillan
Loretta 'Mertle' Lease
Madeline Bellando
Albright
Jean Reynolds
Regan Bradshaw
Jon Healy

Golda Pettycord Howard
Alyce Williamson
Martha Bielawski
Madison Bradshaw
Dixie L. Mello
Frank Matteucci
Lea Smith

August

Donna Wilson
Mid Dornan
Kevin Pryne
Molly Kate Barnes
Joe Darling
Marlene Smith
Barbara Ward
Connee Fisher

Alice Thompson
Linda DeLaTorre
Zoanna Kille
Mary Knox
Karla Peterson
Karen Gagnier
Terrence Doherty
Lisa Smith

Kelly von York
Rose Barra
Bonnie Ritzenthaler
Wilson
Dean Beesley
R. Clayton Barnes
Tony Bernabich
Michael Shaw

Roy Henry Glover
Bernie McIntosh
Beatrice Beesley Casey
Jim Healy

*You share your birthday
with 9 million other
people in the world!*



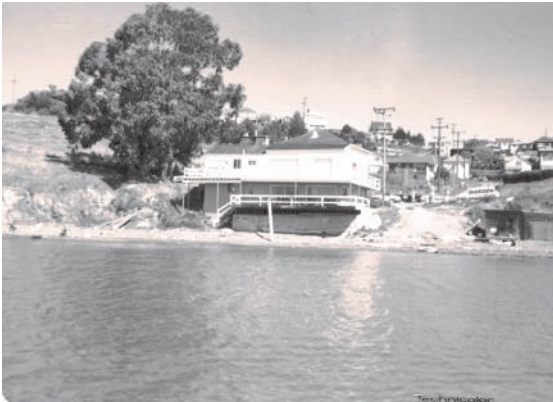
Cards, Letters & E-Mails

Hello Pam & The Gang!

Greetings again from beautiful Oregon, emerging from a cold and icy winter with its usual aplomb, albeit slowly. We miss you and send our love to all. TPIT keeps us connected!

Ellen (Schaefer)
Eugene, OR

*Nice to hear from you Ellen, our best to
Dennis.....Gary*



*PRHA archive photo
#0947. Nice old picture of
Point shoreline. I have
lost track of where it came
from, so if the donor lets
me know who he/she is, I
can give you credit in our
archives.
Gary*

EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

Lupe Padilla Lopez - 100
Delphina Franco Tawney - 96
Elfriede Morris - 95
Billie Bonham Shaw - 92
Shoney Gustafson - 97
Jerry Cerkanowicz, Sr. - 94
Grace Cerkanowicz - 90
George Coles - 92
Madelilne Bellando Albright - 97
Mid Dornan - 93
Charlotte Kermabon Birsinger - 95
Viola Lala Kennedy - 96
Lee Christian - 93
Mark Gebhart - 97

Mary Highfill - 90 -
Tom Kenny - 90
Fred Beesley - 95
June Beesley Solasobel - 91

***Age is not a number, it is an
attitude.***

**Please send corrections and additions to
“Over 90 Club” to midornan@sbcglobal.net
or call 510-234-5334.**

Thank you to those who update these numbers.

Memorials.....

George “LeRoy” Williams passed away May 7, 2014. George was born on March 21, 1922 in Salt Lake City, Utah to John and Martha Williams. He was married to Jean C. Williams, who preceded him in death in 2007. George graduated from Richmond Union High School in 1939 and was a US Air Force pilot in WWII. He was a local Union 76 gas station owner, who later went on to work for 76 as a VP at their credit card center at the base of the Bay Bridge in San Francisco. George was a member of Mira Vista Country Club since 1970, Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Club Lodge 1251, a member of Point Richmond History Association in 1986 as well as a member of Sir's. George was liked by everyone and never to be heard of ill will. Survived by son Gary L. Williams; daughter Deborah J. Lindner (Michael), grandchildren Zachary L. Lindner, Christopher Lindner (Dawn), Ryan Williams (Jamie), and great-grandchildren Alyssa Williams, Nathan Williams, and Davis Lindner. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to The American Cancer Society.

Marian George Hawkins died on May 22, 2014 at her home in Point Richmond. Age 90. Marian was a native of Point Richmond. She was a caring, friendly and welcoming person and was active for many years at the historic Point Methodist Church where she served as President of the Women's Society. Her seamstress and baking abilities were evident at the church's many years of Bazaars and County Fairs. Marian and Fay Hawkins were married in the church where they were members. Her husband, Fay, a Richmond Police Officer, preceded her in death. She is survived by a daughter, Sandra Hawkins and two sons, Dale and Stanley Hawkins. Per her request, no services were held.

Margaret 'Ramona' Longpre, died in March 2014 of natural causes. The daughter of a railroader, she grew up in Washington and Montana. She was a Mel's Drive-in carhop and owner of The Point bar in the Point. Her family was her heart. Ramona is survived by Art Longpre, daughter Auna Longpre, son Kort Longpre, granddaughters Poppy Carlig, (a contestant on the TV show, The Apprentice) and Lacey Longpre. Celebration of Life was May 31st at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club.



CALENDAR/DIRECTORY

ARTS OF POINT RICHMOND

Meets third Tuesday of each month 7-9 at the Pt. Community Center, Contact: Linda Drake, 510672-0793

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM

114 Washington Avenue, Point Richmond, 510-223-0487

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY

900 Dornan Drive, Miller/Knox Regional Park. Sunday 12:00 to 5:00. Special openings on Saturdays and Holidays.
510-234-4884 for details.

MANY HANDS PROJECT TO SUPPORT WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Contact, Margaret Morkowski, 510-234-4219

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Quality productions, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sunday Matinees at 2 pm. Tickets are \$22. Dinner Theater Benefit one Sunday matinee during each run provides a show followed by dinner at the Hotel Mac for only \$50
Call 510-232-4031 for information or reservations.

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A volunteer, nonprofit organization serving families with children 5 or under. Playgroups, social events, educational opportunities, Information go to <http://www.PRAM.net> or call 510-215-1734.

PARENT, TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Joanna Mina, Contact, 510-235-0157

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Contact: Andrew Butt, 510-236-7445

POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER

Info: 233-6881

POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Museum is at 139½ Washington Avenue, and open Winter, Thursday's 11:30 to 2:00 and Saturday 11:30 to 2:00 and Summer, Wednesday 4:30 to 7:00 and Thursday's 11:30 to 2:00. The deadline for the next issue of TPIT is Friday August 22, 2014. Info call President Mildred Dornan at 510-234-5334.

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Meets last Wednesday each month, Point Richmond Community Center; 7:30 P.M Contact: Margret Jordon at 599-1197

POINT RICHMOND/WEST SIDE BRANCH LIBRARY

Information call 510-620-6567

RED OAK VICTORY

Open Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday 10am - 3pm. \$5 donation for adults, \$4 seniors, \$2 children. Pancake Breakfasts one Sunday a month, April thru October. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$7 adults, children under 5, free
For more information call the ship directly at 510-237-2933 or Richmond Museum of History 510-235-7387

RICHMOND SWIMS

The Children and teens "Sail Fish" and Masters swim teams at the Richmond Plunge.

Contact: Coach John Schonder, 510-504-0330

September 25, 2011 open water bay swim raises money for coaching, equipment, pool fees and swimming scholarships for inner-city youth throughout Richmond. More info at <http://www.richmondswims.org/> or call (415) 892-0771

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Washington School at 565 Wine Street offers traditional and Spanish dual immersion curriculum, K - 6th grade. Contact principal Lisa Levi at 231-1417 for more information.

WOMEN'S WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB (established 1908)

Richmond's longest standing women's club. Contact: Norma Wallace , President. 510-236-6968

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Type of membership (check one):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Single	\$20.00
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Pam Wilson

521 Western Drive

Point Richmond, CA 94801

If you would like to have birthdays noted in the newsletter, please include names and months.

Articles for each issue are due on or before the deadline printed in the calendar section.

Please mail articles and items of interest to:

Gary Shows

**229 Golden Gate Avenue
Point Richmond, CA 94801**

or

email: gary@alkos.com

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