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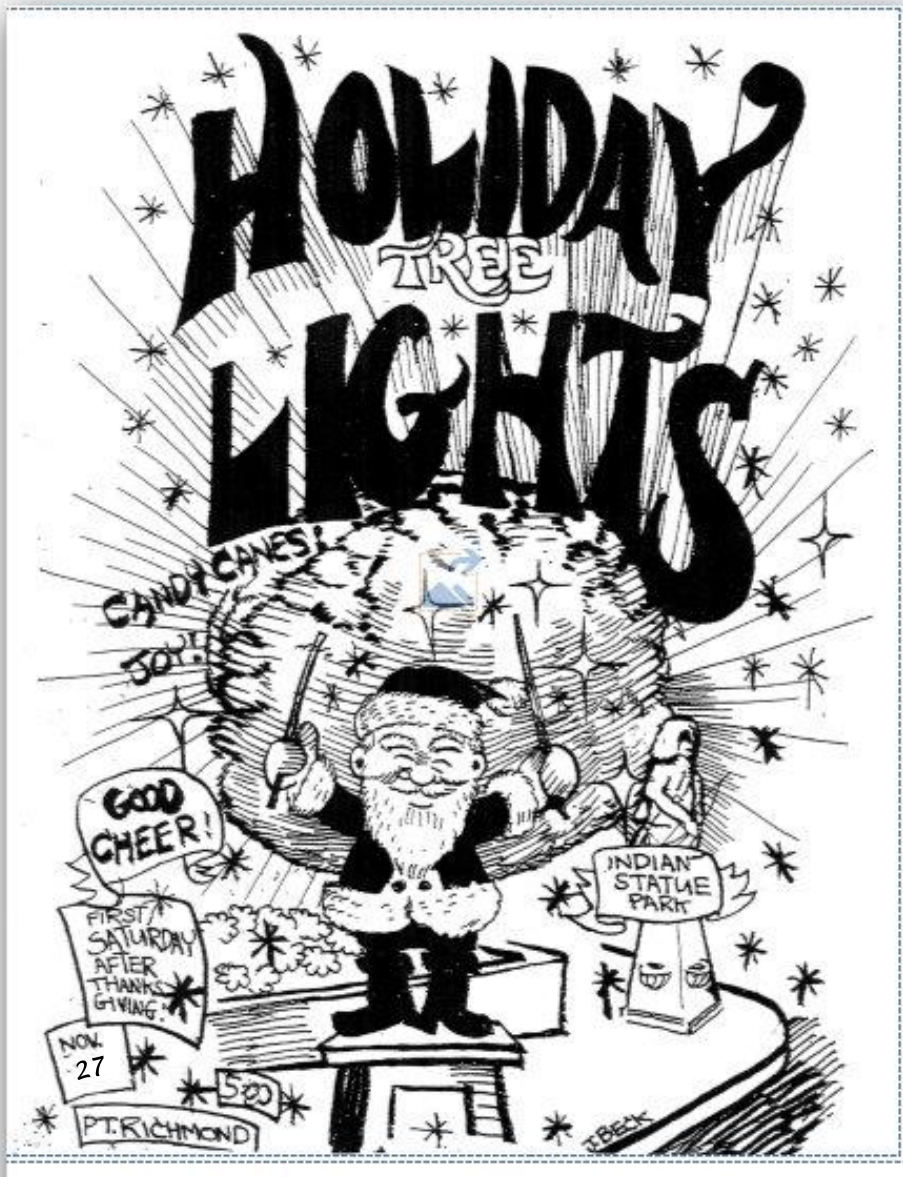
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Nicholl Knob

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Point Community Choir - Santa Tree Lighting
Saturday November 27th at 5PM
Indian Statue Park

From the President

by Bonnie Jo Cullison

Hello Pt. Richmond history supporters and readers.

We received a delightful surprise a few days ago. When Heinz and Gary went to the Museum they discovered that a mystery elf had given us our very own fairy house. You can see it in the photos below and in additional photos on the PRHA Facebook page. It was left for us in the flower box in front of the Museum. Note the address: 139 1/4. (The Museum's address is 139 1/2.) If you stop by to see it be sure to open the door and look inside. Thank you mystery elf! What a treat! We are honored.

Recently a visitor to our Museum asked about the historic photos that hung in the Plunge before it was retrofitted and remodeled. No one that I have spoken with knows what happened to them. Do any of you? Could they be at the Richmond Museum of History? If anyone has information about them perhaps you would post it on our Facebook page or email Gary and he can post it. Maybe it would be possible to hang them in the Plunge again.

We have recently been promised another gift for our archives. This one is a drawing of Ferry Point from the perspective of Nichol Knob. The artist is John Kenyon and it is being given to us by Suzanne Moore. We hope to have a photo of it in our next issue. Thank you very much for thinking of use, Suzanne. We will hang it in the Museum.

Best wishes to you all for safe, healthy, joyful holidays filled with kindness!!



Our own little Fairy House anchored neatly in our front planter box.

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*Visit our little museum and view our
1000+ picture slide show of historic
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*Open Thursdays and Saturdays
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11:30 am - 2:00 pm

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

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The Cover:

Nicholl Knob from I-580 Freeway

Editor's Notes

Gary Shows

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Here is your winter issue of TPIT, I hope you enjoy reading it. Things once again are starting to look better as far as the pandemic goes. I am looking forward to ditching that mask!

My usual thanks to our writing staff, I am grateful to you for giving me something interesting to print.

I want to take the opportunity to remind you that all issues of "THIS POINT.....in time" as well as hundreds of issues of "Point Counterpoint" are available to read at www.pointrichmondhistory.org and they are searchable with Google. Click on the link,

SEARCH THE PRHA WEBSITE INCLUDING THESE NEWSLETTERS and enter the name or item you want to search for. Google will respond with all of the issues that name or item is in!

I wish you all a wet and wonderful holiday season, enjoy and stay safe.

Last **The deadline for the next issue of "THIS POINT.....in time" will be Friday January 21, 2022.** So that we do the proper "social distancing" we paid the printer to fold and staple the last issue, work usually done by our group. Thanks for addressing and mailing go to:

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Church News



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The pandemic has taught us how to change. Now, we literally change the time – by falling back an hour. We gained an hour of sleep and the evening darkness arrives much earlier. House lights are seen earlier than usual and the dogs have all been walked, but the cats continue to roam. Neighbors who mingled are now in their cozy homes. We'll meet up again in the spring.

The rain finally returned with a steady downpour. It was as though it decided to splash us all in one downpour. Everyone's gardens must have bloomed with joy. My poor, unused in a while, sump pump worked overtime. It's as though we skipped fall and went directly into winter. Noticed that the fall leaves were not crunchy due to continued moisture – no fun to jump on.

Father is working on getting signs for the parking lot indicating "private parking." It will no doubt have to be written in several languages since it is not obeyed. He is also transferring

some garden plants to an area requiring less water.

We have yet to receive the official report from the Fire Marshal. One of the required items was getting rid of the stove and the purchase of a new one that complies. We are seeking an agency that can use the present one.

Father seeks assistance for someone to take charge of the altar linens' upkeep. Volunteers are requested to transport the food donations. A recent donation was made to the Missionaries of Charity. Due to your generosity, the food barrels continue to be full. You may call St. Vincent de Paul to volunteer your assistance, or Svdpatom@gmail.com. We also seek a bell ringer.

Most Mass Ushers, and Mass volunteers must again complete the Protection of the Vulnerable training.

It is done annually.

The Order of Malta Clinic, located at the Cathedral of Christ the Light offers free COVID and flu vaccines as well as the booster. The free vaccines are available Thursdays from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Parishioners Mike and Lori Sommers, along with Mike's students, raised over \$1,000 for St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Mercy by walking in the Friends of the Poor Walk. The funds will help those needing assistance with utilities and rent, as well as relief support for victims of wildfires.

I have a friend who lost her home as a result of the fires. Was delighted to be able to give her items to restart her new life. One of the items I gifted her was a small package of Lourdes Holy Water, rosary beads, spiritual medal, etc. She could not thank me enough for the gift and shared that her rosary was in her home and she now had a replacement. One never knows when gifting how welcome special items are.

Congratulations to John and Wendy Hallett. John was invested as a Knight in the Order of Malta. He was sponsored by Michael Lambert

and Anne Brussock. The Order of Malta is a centuries old Catholic lay religious order dedicated to serving the sick and poor. Members make a lifetime commitment to the Order and to defend the faith.

The September issue of the Catholic Voice had several pages dedicated to Our Lady of Mercy.

Instead of the nuisance turkeys that parade up/down our street, we were graced recently with the beauty of a majestic doe.

Had to travel to Crockett to have a pleasant get together with Donna and Pam Wilson. We met at the annual Calico Christmas held at the Episcopal Church. An event frequented by my kindergarten friends. While walking in Crockett we ran into Dan Robertson. Dan was once a resident of the Point and moved to Crockett, just the opposite of my move from Crockett to the Point. Have memory of Dan and his wife Thea marrying on a 4th of July which was once a joyous Point celebration.

Halloween came and went quickly and right on its heels is Thanksgiving and then Christmas – where did the time go? Up until the 30's, Halloween was the dominion of young prank players. It eventually moved from rural areas to cities where it became destructive. Before banning the holiday, civic leaders came up with the idea of treats, costumes and parties. It worked; by 1936 the first mention of “trick or treat” was published in a national magazine. As a youth growing up in Crockett, it was an event to look forward to as we marched through town in costume, while the High School Band played and we then proceeded to the Auditorium where we walked individually across the stage. Prizes were rewarded for the best costumes.

Thank you Alan Smith for the update on your dear mother, Marcellina. If you have as much Pt. Richmond knowledge as your Dad, you should consider sharing. Alan Smith, Sr. had a historical mind of the Point and was a contributor to TPIT.

Also mentioned in the latest Catholic Voice was the death of Fr. Ricardo Chavez. He was a family friend and as children played together. His family lived in Pittsburg. At one time he was at St. Cornelius, and blessed our home when newly

bought years ago.

It has been a year since COVID was last seen. He left his memory on many of us. I continue to talk to random crows in the event he returns to enchant us.

Apologies to my daughter RENEE whose name I misspelled in the last issue. Will no doubt never be able to live it down.

Please remember those who are in need of our continued prayers for health and healing and for all those who care for them:

JIM ARKIN
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HAPPY 9th BIRTHDAY TYLE TRAVERS

WELCOME TO OUR STREET – HAYDEN
DORSTEL - Born 10/21/21

MAY GOD GRANT YOU ALWAYS A
SUNBEAM TO WARM YOU,
A MOONBEAM TO CHARM YOU
A SHELTERING ANGEL SO NOTHING
CAN HARM YOU.
FAITHFUL FRIENDS NEAR YOU
AND WHENEVER YOU PRAY, HEAVEN
TO HEAR YOU.

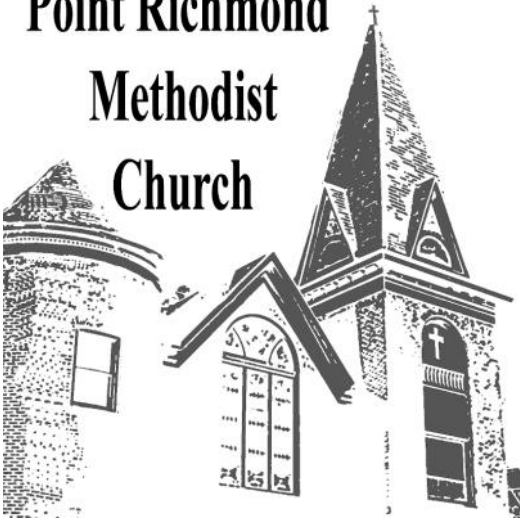
SEE YOU IN CHURCH

HAPPY/HEALTHY REST OF
THE YEAR



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We again postponed the retirement party for Pastor Dan Damon, slated for a luncheon and program at Lara's Fine Dining on October 2, 2021. It was originally meant to happen in May, 2020. Luckily, Pastor Dan is relishing his retirement: recording his music and spending time with his wee granddaughter. He has a new digital release for Christmas, "Winter's Child," available through Amazon and other music vendors.

Jackson Bader attended Zoom worship on August 22 and described his joy to be at UC San Diego in his sophomore year. He attended the first year remotely due to Covid. Our online worship continues to bring us together with people who are far-flung around the country and state.

SOS Shower Power: Daniel Barth and his crew brought used towels to us several times to be laundered by our volunteers. Several people are willing to wash, so no one ends up washing too frequently. When it is their turn, each person washes half of the towels if the delivery is enough to split. SOS Shower Power is a local non-profit which brings mobile shower trailers to encampments for people who are houseless. Daniel has extended the ways they serve. Recently, someone created a fundraising page to

get a new motorhome for a family who lost their housing. With help from Daniel Barth, they found a church willing to let them park their motorhome, and Shower Power hired the displaced father. Showers are just part of the equation. Many thanks to the laundry squad, Barbara Haley, Doreen Leighton, Rev. Jacey Pickens-Jones, Dierdre Cerkanowicz, Pat Dornan, Shirley Butt, Karen Buchanan, and Jean Reynolds.

After a bit of a break during the summer, our Wednesday morning book/bible study group resumed September 22. We are reading *Always with Us? What Jesus Really Said about the Poor*, by Liz Theoharis, co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign. We have had spirited discussions about her ideas. The economic climate in Jesus' day had many similarities to today's world, and Jesus lived in poverty. We meet via Zoom at 10:00 am Wednesday mornings.

We polled everyone on our mailing list about when and under what conditions they would be ready to return to worship in the church building. A reopening committee considered the current health department recommendations, practices of congregations and other organizations that had already resumed, and any technical upgrades we would need to meet in person while simultaneously broadcasting via Zoom. We put together a safety protocol, and sent it as part of the invitation to worship. For the hymns, choir members still record their parts separately while listening to Alice Thompson's accompaniment and Gill Stanfield sound-engineers the recording played at worship and on Zoom. People have been singing and/or playing the anthem in person. All of the extra air-purifiers and increased air filtration through the furnace has improved the air quality in the church to levels never-before experienced. We know all of these precautions are imperfect, and yet we celebrate them!

About sixteen people attended worship in person on October 17, and we continued to connect simultaneously to those who still attend via Zoom. About half of the people were on Zoom and half in the sanctuary. The in-person folks had their vaccination status confirmed when they entered, wore masks, and sat scattered about the room. Fewer people attended in person the following Sunday, October 24, when the rainfall total for the day was over four inches. Some days,

it is nice to have the cozy convenience of Zoom.

On October 31, we connected to the California-Nevada Annual Conference for worship led by Bishop Minerva Carcaño. Voting members of the Annual Conference met October 29-31 at the Sacramento Convention Center. Due to health precautions, no visitors or observers could attend, but the sessions were streamed live. Rev. Jacey represented us as clergy. For the first time in my forty-plus years of history, we did not have a lay-member attend Conference this year. Lack of representation was another consequence of our disconnectedness during the pandemic.

In October, we collected diapers for families served by the Contra Costa County Early Childhood Mental Health Center in Richmond. In November, we will donate new socks for clients at Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP) and the Bay Area Rescue Mission.

We provide dinner for families at GRIP on the third Thursday of every month. Linda Andrew-Marshall usually buys and delivers the food, and

Debbie Benko steps in as needed.

We still feel unable to safely serve a Thanksgiving Feast at the church, or even to try to work together to prepare one for pick-up only. We want to share meals again with our community as soon as possible.

On the Calendar:

Holiday Bake Sale: Saturday, December 18. Online orders in advance only. Contact-light pickup at the church. Look for details on signboards downtown or on the church website.

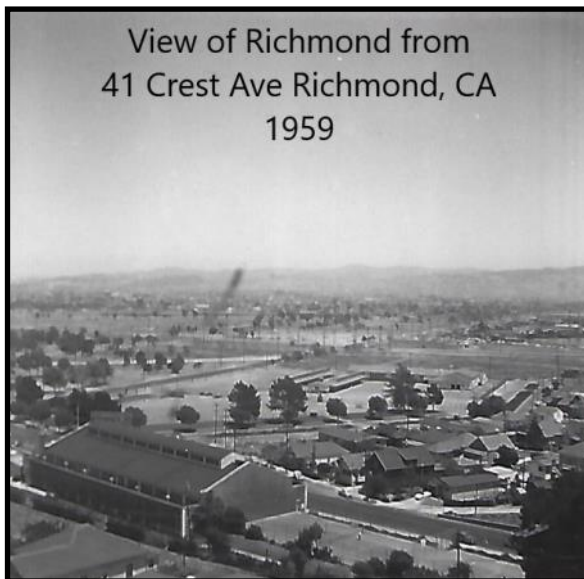
The Kurt Ribak quartet is booked for our Jazz Christmas Eve service, 7:00 pm, December 24.

For calendar updates, links to our live events, or to play a recording of the weekly worship service, see the church website:

<https://www.pointrichmondmethodist.org>



Jean Reynolds



*PRHA photo archive
#1231 from Bob Garcia*

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it is H to O.

WWIC Est. 1908

News from the Women's Westside Improvement Club by Mary Lee Cole

On September 14 President Diane Diani expressed delight at being together, even if it is on Zoom. Recovering from her accident in May, she is now walking with a cane and driving. Diane recognized member birthdays: Linda Newton 9/17, Diane Marie 9/20 and Diane D. 9/21, and new officers: 1st VP Ruth Frassetto, Secretary Juels Klotz, and Treasurer Doreen Leighton

The meeting minutes from June 1, 2021 were approved and read. The treasurer's report highlighted moneys spent on plants and materials for landscaping the Triangle garden—a lovely spot for all to enjoy. Diane D. opened the floor for future speaker suggestions. After discussing many interesting suggestions, members chose a short list, with a specialist from Ashby Village, who will explain their program for aging in place, as the first speaker.

Committee Reports

Ruth F., 1st VP, shared ideas for membership growth. She encouraged brainstorming about welcome baskets for new neighbors that would contain information and coupons for local businesses and a town map. Margi Sullivan thought that PRNC might add information. Members also expressed interest in a garden party mixer, post COVID.

Leslie Hicks, 2nd VP, promised a big cake as a treat for all when in-person meetings resume. MaryLee Cole, TPIT reporter, has focused on WWIC's mission of making a difference in the Point.

Linda N., garden chair, reported on the profusion of flowers and native plants in the garden. Linda invited members to join her weeding. Leslie H., Margi S., and Marlee Prutton. also have enjoyed working in the garden.

Ann Langille, Sunshine committee chair,

reported sending members birthday cards. Mary Lee C. reminded the group that current book club selection, Isaac's Storm by Erik Larson, is a timely focus on hurricanes, such as those that ravaged the southern states.

New Business

Annual dues of \$20 are due; please send or bring your dues to treasurer Doreen Leighton at 236 Castro Street, Point Richmond CA. 94801 BINGO fundraiser chairs Juels K. and Leslie H. are planning the event for November.

Future projects

There was a short discussion about the library garden, which one member referred to as the lump of dirt. Members suggested making it a community project and including the Business Association and PRNC.

"What did you do over the summer?" was the final topic of conversation. Gardening, moving and unpacking, home improvement and West Coast travel adventures were highlights.

Food for Thought: "When you see something beautiful in someone, tell them. It may take a second to say, but for them it could last a lifetime."

President Diane D. opened the October 5 meeting with a thank you to Altha Humphrey for the lovely lap robe. Altha crochets lap robes for legacy members; she gave one to Diane to help her recover from surgeries. Birthdays for October: Jules K. 10/4, Ann L. 10/7, Lara Choe 10/15, Evelyn Thill 10/27, and Kathleen Wimer 10/28.

Mary Lee C. introduced speaker Julie Freestone of Ashby Village (AV), the local non-profit organization that supports aging independently at home. Julie outlined AV's extensive services such as: shopping,

transportation, tech support, minor home repairs, decluttering, walking buddies, gardening, and exercise classes, as well as social and cultural opportunities. AV has a YouTube channel and has launched a multi-year initiative to address diversity, equity, and inclusion. Go to info@ashbyvillage.org.

Minutes of the September 14 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Doreen L. updated club financials.

Diane D. announced that George Carol Park landscaping will be funded by the Hurlbut Benevolent Fund. WWIC will help design the new landscaping.

Committee Reports

Ruth F. has designed welcome bags for new residents. They will contain local business gift certificates, maps of Point Richmond and an

application to join the club.

Linda N. bought plants, seeds and other supplies from the Watershed Nursery. She will invite others to help plant.

Marlee P. reported Evelyn Thill and Leslie H. Helped with garden maintenance. She is setting up a monthly schedule of garden duties.

Sunshine committee chair Anne L. continues to send birthday and get well cards.

The book club meets October 14th to discuss Isaac's Storm by Erik Larson, a page-turner that reads like a suspense novel.

BINGO fundraiser leaders, Leslie H. and Juels K., will send invitations. Prizes will include gift cards and gift baskets.

To take away, "Start each day with a positive thought."

*West Richmond and
Washington Aves.
circa 1915
PRHA photo archive
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November 12, 1918
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CHASSEUR BROTHERS

by James Cheshareck

Another Standard Avenue building lost to eminent domain for what would become I-580, once housed a grocery store owned by Louis “Louie” and Giuseppe “Joseph” Chasseur. Chasseur Brothers was located at 128-130 Standard Avenue, on the north side of the street, between Railroad and Santa Fe Avenues. The Chasseurs were from Valle D’Aosta, Turin, Piemonte which borders France and Switzerland, and where three cultures coalesce. Upon the death of their father, they immigrated along with their mother Cecelia (1858-1931), older brother Pietro “Peter” (1873-1926), and younger brother Grato “Jack” (1895-1955) around 1906. The business was established around 1910 with the family taking up residency in the building as well.

Joseph Chasseur was born on 5/14/1884, and Louis on 8/10/1889 in Brusson, Valle D’Aosta. Their parents were both of French descent and Italian born. The family’s native tongue was Italian. Joseph’s wife, Leontina Brean Chasseur, was also born in Brusson, on 10/18/1884. She was of French descent on her father’s side, and Italian on her mother’s. The couple had two children, Nebo Francis (4/10/1906-5/29/1995), and Esther Chasseur Petrich (9/30/1908-6/10/1979). Louie’s wife, Maria “Mary” Palfini Chasseur was born 6/17/1897 in Ayas, Valle D’Aosta to French-speaking, Swiss-Italian parents. Her family first came to America with

her three younger brothers around 1900 before immigrating in 1905. Her father died in 1907, and her mother remarried, settling in Shasta County around 1908. She and Louie married around 1916, and their daughter, Violet, was born 6/16/1917 in Point Richmond.

Louie was the controlling partner of the business and owner of the building. He was also the baker in the store, which predominantly catered to the Italian immigrant community. The other Siblings had little involvement in the business and did not reside in the building for long. Peter moved to the Pinole/Hercules area, becoming a fireman, while Jack worked in the store briefly before taking up carpentry and a home on Macdonald Avenue. The two families lived together in the building along with matriarch Cecelia, before Louie and Mary moved to 11 Delfino Avenue around 1920. Joseph and Leontina moved to 27 Cottage Avenue (now 127) before buying a house at 5614 Highland Avenue in Richmond Annex around 1934. Louie and Jack ran the business together for over a decade before Louie and Mary pulled up stakes and left town with Violet.

Louie and Mary moved to L.A. around 1923. Louie retained ownership of the building while Joseph took over the business. By 1924 Louie and Mary had established themselves in L.A. and had opened a grocery store there. In turn, Joseph brought in Pietro “Peter” Perasso as his business partner. Pietro was born 1/10/1895 in Silvano D’Orba Piemonte. He immigrated in 1910 and settled in Oakland. His wife, Eunice “Emma” Rebella Perasso was born 10/26/1905 in Genoa, Liguria and immigrated as a child in 1908. The couple married in 1926, had three children, and resided on 15th Street. Peter remained partner until 1931 when he landed a job at the City of Richmond Corporation yard, where he stayed until his retirement in 1952. He died 6/28/1955 at age 60, and Emma died 11/30/1996 at age 91. The Perasso’s are an early Richmond family from



Off Tewksbury, Where Chasseur’s Once Stood

Piemonte, several worked for the City of Richmond, including Charles “Charlie” Perasso (1910-1979). He, his wife Clara, and their two children lived at 223 Cottage Avenue.

After Perasso’s departure, Joseph continued to run the business. Back in L.A., Louie tried his hand investing in oil drilling. In 1929 Louie and two fellow oilmen took a trip to Orland, about 100 miles north of Sacramento, to evaluate land. Upon the drive back to L.A with Louie behind the wheel, the car rolled over in an irrigation ditch. Louie was able to bust through the windshield to safety, escaping with only cuts on his face and hands. However, the two oilmen drowned in the submerged vehicle. The family did relocate to Orland and stayed several years before returning to Point Richmond. Around 1940, the family moved into 54 Scenic Avenue, while Violet returned to L.A. shortly after, where she became a schoolteacher. Not long after Louie died on 6/19/1943, Mary returned to L.A. to be near Violet, where both remained until their deaths. Violet died 1/24/1973 at age 55.

Mary remained owner of the building. Joseph ran the business until he retired around 1945. He died on 3/20/1953 at age 68, and Leontina on 6/15/1972 at age 87. Notably, the building next housed a Chinese-owned grocery store. Chang Kee owned the business for a few years while living in the rear of the building. A few years later, Quentin Tew Chinn (1909-1995) took over the business and named it Chinn’s Food Store. Chinn was a Canton native who immigrated to Salt Lake City, where he met his wife, Oay “Katherine” Gin Chinn, a Chinese American. The couple wed in 1943 and settled in Richmond a few years later. They and their three children lived in the rear of the building. Luigi “Louie” Mighetti (1910-1997), an accountant, had an office in the building as well. Mighetti lived in a house on Railroad Avenue on land where Hotel Piemonte, once stood. Louie had the hotel torn down prior to WW2 after his parents’ deaths.

After selling the business to Chinn, Chang Kee went on to manage grocery stores in S.F. The Chinns stayed in the building until the bitter end of eminent domain. After losing their livelihood and home, the Chinns moved to a house on Wall Avenue and owned a laundromat. They had a

fourth child a few years later and settled in El Cerrito around 1960. Around the middle of the 1960’s Katherine, now in her forties, went on to earn a bachelors and two master’s degrees. She taught ESL in San Francisco for many years and died in 2001 at age 79. Though the Point had a Chinese launderer as far back as 1914, Chinese businesses were not commonplace. I wish Royce Ong were alive so I could ask him if he knew both Kee and the Chinns.

Once the Chinns departed, Mary Chasseur and the California Division of Highways negotiated a settlement for the property in 1950. I could not find the amount reached in the D.O.H. right of way files for the 12,500 square foot parcel. Based on settlement comparisons of adjacent properties, she was likely compensated 0.35 cents per square foot in addition to the value of the building, and other considerations. The \$8,000 range would be a realistic approximation if one were to guess. The building was razed around 1952, and Mary Chasseur died 10/10/1987 at age 90 in Los Angeles. 128-130 Standard Avenue was a piece of history, both Italian and Chinese, that was lost but shouldn’t be forgotten. A mural of the lost buildings of Standard Avenue should adorn one of the ugly I-580 retaining walls that took their places.



Ellis Landing



Watercolor of Ellis Landing by Allen Beekwith (Richmond Museum).

1848, gold had been discovered in California, by 1849 thousands of men had found their way to the gold fields in the foothills of the Sierras. Men who came around Cap Horn by ship, or cross country by wagon, often landed in boomtown San Francisco and needed provisions before resuming their journey into the Gold country.

Captain George Ellis was born September 11, 1826 in Kent County, England. Originally lured to California by Gold in 1849, Ellis soon saw another opportunity for wealth. Contra Costa County was rich with hay and grain needed by merchants in San Francisco. By 1859 Captain Ellis had acquired 90 acres on the mudflats (now the foot of Harbour Way) and established Ellis Landing. He and his partner, James Smith, operated the Sierra (a schooner with a capacity of

27 tons) and the Mystery (a sloop with a capacity of 31 tons) carrying produce, freight and passengers between San Francisco, and what is today Richmond.

The sailing ships were necessarily of shallow draft because Ellis Landing was no more than a rickety wharf extending out over the mudflats. Ellis and Smith had to navigate shallow sloughs to reach the deeper channels of San Francisco Bay. Unless the tide was in the ships could not sail. Even when the tides were right, the southerly winds often pushed the ships off course and into the mud. Housewives, prepared for this frequent occurrence, would resume their knitting.

There were few middle men in those days. When the ships reached San Francisco, the merchants were waiting on the dock for

deliveries of hay, grain, hides, cream, eggs and chickens.

As a boy, John Nystrom worked for Captain Ellis, loading and unloading the wagons which brought produce to Ellis Landing. The hay and other non-perishables were loaded either directly onto ships or stored in the three wooden warehouses alongside the landing. Nystrom eventually became manager of the landing.

After Captain Ellis died in the 1890's two of his sons, George and William, took over the prosperous business. Although they were one of the few affluent families in the farming community, the Ellises were not regarded as snobbish. Selina would serve soda and fruitcake to the children who came to visit or play hide and seek on the back lawn. George was always willing to take local youngsters out in one of the rowboats. He liked to row through the meandering sloughs heading toward Point Richmond. It seemed as if the boats were always leaky, the children would have to grab a rusty can and bail water. George owned one of the first cars in town; he delighted in taking the girls for a spin in his Kissel Kar. The Ellises wore the latest fashions. Selina would make shipping trips to San Francisco aboard the ferry. George loved diamonds; he often wore rings, cufflinks, and other jewelry set with the precious gems.

The road which led to Ellis Landing was paved with shells for next to the landing was one of the largest Indian shell mounds in the Bay Area. It was an accumulation of clam, oyster, mussel and abalone – all of which were at one time abundant in the Bay.

When UC archaeologist Nels Nelson excavated and evaluated Ellis Landing shell mounds in 1910, he estimated the age of the site at 3,500 years. He also found over 150 skeletons representing an estimated total of several thousand. Also uncovered were thousands of working tools – mortars, pestles, net-sinkers, blades, smoking pipes, and charm stones.

With the coming of Santa Fe and other transportation to Richmond, the monopoly that the Ellis shipping business had enjoyed was broken.

In 1913 Mr. M. Emanuel, a San Francisco businessman who had been in the wholesale business and import business, bought the Ellis harbor property. He founded the Ellis Landing and Dock Company with offices in San Francisco. Under President Emanuel's supervision, a new era began. Ellis Landing was no longer a quaint collection of wooden buildings, piers, and cypress bent by the wind. Emanuel and his new publicity man just out from New York were promoting the Ellis Landing Subdivision. A fill of 75,000 cubic yards a month was being made, the lots were selling quickly. Industry and commerce were courted with the slogan "the Front door" of Richmond, the place "where land and water routes meet." "Tenth Street" would "be to Richmond what Market Street was to San Francisco." The city voted \$1,170,000 to build an inner harbor adjoining the Ellis Landing Subdivision.

In 1930 even more extensive dredging of Ellis Slough was performed creating a new shipping terminal that extended to Cutting Boulevard. With the material removed in deepening the 4,000 foot channel, 210 acres of industrial land were reclaimed. That same year Ford Motor Company began construction of their \$5,000,000 assembly plant.

When Ford Motor Company relocated to Milpitas in the 1960's the University of California moved into the abandoned Ford plant and established a printing plant and storage facilities.

When the University's lease expires in 1984, the City's Redevelopment Agency plans to expand the facilities of Container Terminal #2, which is at the foot of Harbour Way (formerly 10th Street). The City of Richmond and the Redevelopment Agency own a total of approximately 100 acres on the site, including the former Ellis property. Plans for an additional container terminal are being studied.

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Excerpted by Bonnie Jo Cullison from *Richmond – Windows of the Past* by Susan D. Cole. Wildcat Canyon Books, Richmond CA, 1980. (out of print)

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

January 1997 PRHA General Meeting







*from
Patricia
Tostenson*

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www.artsofpointrichmond.com

New Art Banners Continue to Unfurl Around the Point!

Six new botanical-themed banners have been installed in the sidewalk garden at the GrapeNest Wine Bar (229 Tewksbury Ave., Suite B., Point Richmond. Curated by GrapeNest owner, Marlina Miler, the exhibit runs October 23rd to March 31, 2022.

The artists featured are Anna Froker, Bill Johnston, Brian McGilloway, Debi Cooper, and Louise Williams. Arts of Point Richmond is a community association established to enrich our community by providing support, appreciation, and exposure for the arts. For more information: www.artsofpointrichmond.com.

***Top Right by
Anna Froker***

***Middle Right by
Louise Williams***

***Bottom Right by
Debi Cooper***



New Art Gallery Coming to Point Richmond

by Margi Sullivan



145 West Richmond Avenue

When I met the owners of 145 West Richmond and took a tour of the building and backyard, I was hooked. This was going to make a great Community Art space. The fact that the property is still owned by the original family of The Richmond Supply Company (founded in 1903) was icing on the cake. The Richmond Supply Company's original building is now the home of the PRHA. The Gallery building was built in 1942.

The Point Richmond Gallery / Margi Sullivan Art will open in early 2022. Our first featured

Artist will be June Felter. June was a mentor and a great friend of my husband and I. Over her almost 100 years of painting (she lived until 99) she became highly recognized and has work in the collections at SF MOMA, Berkley Museum and Oakland Museum.

A calendar of visiting artists' Shows will be presented next year.

A little about us. My husband, Bill van Dyk, and I built our home in Point Richmond in 1977. We had moved to the Point to allow Dr. Van Dyk to be close to his dental patients. I was told that I could commute to San Francisco, via the new Richmond Ferry, "any day now.". After waiting 11 years, we rented our home and reversed the commute. Five years ago with my retirement, we moved back to the Point and wondered why we ever left. My profession was design, interiors, and contract furnishings. One of the services I'm planning to offer is to reimagine spaces. Where to hang artwork, how to rearrange space so it functions better, and possible color choices to make a favorable impact.

We are happy to be back in the Point. It's a magical place. We look forward to bringing some new art and artists to our town. We hope that our neighbors will visit the new gallery and invite their friends to join them. Please watch for the opening announcement.



***June
Felter***

Drought, Drizzle and Flashovers

The Sunday, September 19, 2021 Power Outage

Oliver B. Pollak

I awoke Sunday morning around 3:30 am. It was eerily quiet. What time was it? I looked at the clock. Oh no. It was blank, no numbers. Was it cataracts or a retinal tear? But I saw the furniture and paintings. I got up, looked through the louver blinds, the street lamps were out, aha a power outage. It was extraordinarily quiet.

A flurry of emails appeared on Next Door Marina Neighbor combining questions, frustration, confusion, finger pointing at PG&E, and bewilderment. Early reports had the power failing at 11 pm Saturday and 1:42 am Sunday, effecting 611 and 700 households. The newspaper reported 29,000 East Bay households, about 90,000 people. Was it caused by fire, high winds, downed lines, blown transformers, and, of course, how long to repair it? Does anyone have more info?

We are too familiar with protracted power outages and rolling blackouts in New York, Haiti and New Orleans caused heat waves, hurricanes, flood, snow storms, tornadoes, high winds and earthquakes. *Blackout*, a 1978 film further dramatized New York's 1977 outage. Much closer to home power outages caused devastating fires, heat waves prompting increased electrical usage for air conditioners, and subsequent rolling brown and black outs. Twenty years ago Enron's manipulating energy prices caused several blackouts.

My wife says we've had about six power outages during the five years we've lived in Richmond. When we get home if the microwave and the stove clock are flashing to be reset we know there was an outage. Refrigerators keep their cool from 4 to 48 hours depending on how often the door is opened. The backup cell phone battery pack has a few hours. Two neighbors heard fire alarms; apparently some smoke detectors with low batteries will sound a false alarm when they lose electrical power.

According to PG&E's spokesperson

"electrical flashovers" caused the multiple outages. 'Where power lines get dirty, dust, salt, just a modicum of precipitation, a drizzle, rather than a downpour, creates an arcing surface that by passes the condenser. I don't know whether it got this from Siri, Alexa, Wiki, but I could not make this up. A English firm flies over power lines to detect trouble. PG&E is adjusting sensors on poles in "high fire-threat districts."

Drought and light rain add to the complex matrix of climate change. Someone on Nextdoor reported PG&E hosing and spraying down power poles and lines along Colusa and Carlson in Richmond Annex. They "Never saw this action before, but grateful if they're doing some fire prevention (I'm assuming?) on this hot day."

We had house guests, friends since the early 1970s. One used a CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure) for sleep apnea. His wife nudged him about snoring, and after a protocol checking the power supply to the machine, concluded the power was out. I wear a TAP (Thornton adjustable Positioner) oral device for



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the same issue, no power needed. The couple ministered at a rural Southern Africa mission during the 1970s where the generator ran from 6 to 10 pm, and occasionally broke down.

Three of us were inveterate coffee drinkers, and normally downed six cups by 10 am. My across the alley neighbor lit her gas stove with a match. The water pick, refrigerator and dark windowless rooms caused further concern. I retrieved the newspaper with the back-up battery slowly opening the garage door. Some neighbors have emergency generators.

I donned an appropriate Old Town Electrical T shirt for the day. At 9:06 am power came back for

few seconds. Another report said it would be back on after 6 pm. Power came back at 10:36 am, plaudits to workers and technicians. The *This Point* editor reported, “FYI our power just went on a few minutes ago, 3:17 pm.” By Sunday night the number of people without power declined to 6000 to 8000.

Postscript. The Atmospheric River and accompanying high winds of Sunday, October 26 downed two large ailing trees in the Rosie the Riveter Park adjacent to Melville Square. The ground was still spongy 48 hours later. Several trees around the ferry terminal parking were damaged, the old growth eucalyptus were spared.



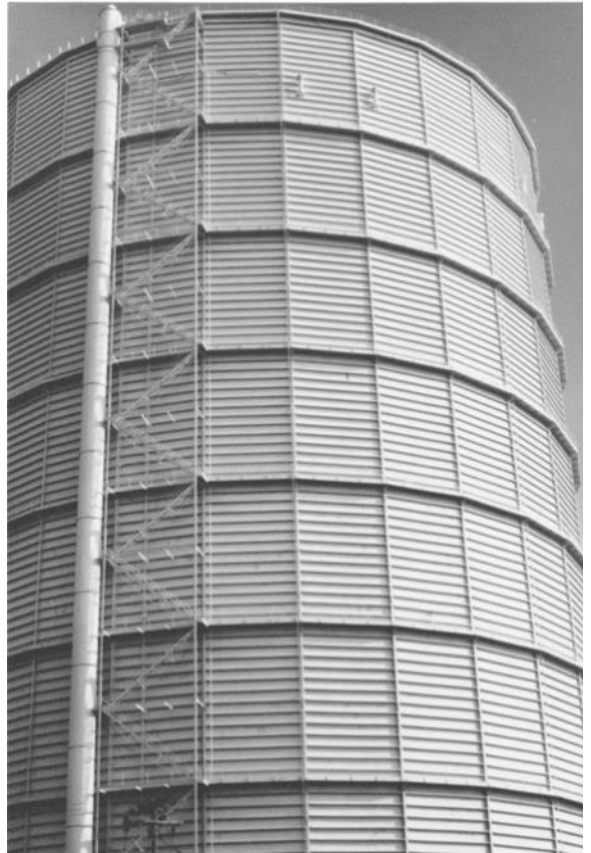
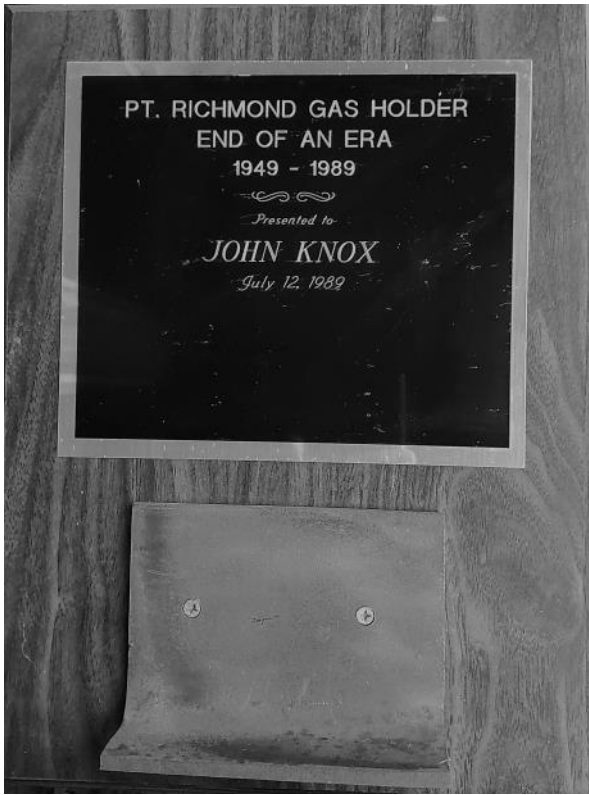
*Painting of Richmond Shipyards, oil on canvas. Donor U.S. Maritime Association. From “California, A Place, A People, A Dream” from the Oakland Museum, Oakland
PRHA Photo Archive #1245 - Shipyard #3*



*Point Richmond hillside as seen from Cutting Blvd.
Mount Tamalpais looms in the background.*



Morning Fog on Nicholl Knob, October 28, 2021



This natural gas tank at Brickyard Cove was built in 1949 and torn down in 1989. It was 32-stories tall, you could see it from San Francisco.

***Above Left,** PRHA Photo Archive #1246 Plaque Commemorating its removal was donated by Charlotte & Mary Knox. **Above Right,** the tank close-up, PRHA Photo Archive #1011 from Charles Smith*

***Below,** Brickyard Landing PRHA Photo Archive #0982*





Early Minutes of the Women's Westside Improvement Club

It's amazing what's in the WWIC minutes! They date back to July 1908 when the Club started. The ladies met weekly. In the first six months they set projects in motion that we enjoy to this day: a statue a Washington and Park Place, a large drinking fountain, a park next to the Baptist Church, and the establishment of a reading room where the city hall had been in Mr. Crichton's place. Even the names are historical. These minutes are a priceless treasure of Point Richmond's history.

-Linda Newton, Past President

Pt. Richmond Jan 30th 1912

Woman's W.S.I. Club meet in Fire Hall.

Called to order by Pres, Officers result in all being present except V.P. Mrs. Coleman & Tres. Mrs. Riggs.

Bills — Mrs. Fairchilds State Feder 10¢ per capa, \$4.20

Mrs. J.W. Orr General Fed. “ “ “ 4.20

Application for membership by Mrs. Frank Stout investigation committee Mrs. Hopkins & Mrs. Whitcomb. Mrs. Whiti and Miss Kali Reardon was elected to become members of the club.

One communication from Mrs. Annu L. Barry stating how pleased she was with all arrangements for the Federation. Mrs. D.D. Whitcomb was elected delegate. Mrs. J.F. Eaton Alternate, the club voted not to wear hats at the banquet.

Mrs. Hopkins was appointed on the registration committee by the Federated Board.

A motion was made that Mrs. Willis write the boost advertisement assisted by Mrs. Hopkins to be approved by Mrs. McHenry.

The Per capa tax of 10¢ per member for the Federation of Womans Club of California be payed amount \$4.20.

Mrs. N.M. Whiti Initiation 1.00

Mrs. Frank Stout 1.00

Mrs. E.J. Garrard Dues 2.00

\$4.00

A motion was made that club adjourne for one week, carried

Nellie Adams, Sec.

Pt. Richmond Feb 6th 1912

Woman's West Side Improvement Club meet in Fire Hall and was called to order by President Mrs. T.T. Cramer.

Roll call results in all being present except V.P.

Mrs. Coleman and Tres. Mrs. Riggs.

Three cards from Dist Chairmen, they were ordered be placed on file.

Mrs. Frank Stout was elected to become a member.

Mrs. Geo Riggs resigned from the Treasurership and Mrs. J.E. Reposa was elected to be Treas. Mrs. Reposa being one of the finance committee resigned that office and Mrs. Rose Willis was elected in her place.

There was a general discussion of the whys and wherefores for the [event] of next week. The president gave out Banquet tickets and got a dollar in return for each of them.

The following payed dues

Mrs. Geo Topping \$2.00

Mrs. Nettie Grover .75

Mrs. W.E. Henry 1.50

Mrs. R. Maynard 1.50 \$5.75

A motion was made we adjorne for one week, carried.

Nellie Adams Sec

Pt. Richmond Feb 13th 1912

Woman's West Side Improvement Club meet in Fire Hall and was called to order by President Mrs. Cramer.

Roll call of Officers result in all being present except V.P. Mrs. Coleman.

No bills.

A post card from Dist Chairman and an advertisement of a farce on how to vote from Kali Fargo Redland Cal.

The Tres Mrs. Reposa reported that there was a balance o 117.08 in the bank and the Sec Mrs. Eaton [can't read] to Tres \$88.25 making a total of \$205.33.

There was a general discussion of the

convention and etc. Mrs. Adams was to see Mr. Chapman and have some gravel put in front of the hall for Thursday eve.

There being no farther business a motion was made that we adjourne, carried.

Nellie Adams, Sec.

Pt. Richmond Feb. 20 1912

Woman's West Side Improvement Club meet in Fire Hall and was called to order by Mrs. Cramer President. Roll call result in all being present except V.P. of officers Mrs. Coleman.

A letter to Mrs. Cramer from Mrs. Barry was read, also a circular from the Los Angeles Normal School. Application of Mrs. E. Gerlach and Mrs. C.M. Arnold for membership in the club. Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Reposa & Mrs. McHenry were appointed investigating committee on Mrs. Gerland's application. Mrs. Arnold application was layed over until the next meeting.

New business that the club adopt a motto, the members to report their favorite motto next meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. McHenry and seconded by Mrs. Willis that the city charter be studied by the members the President Mrs. Cramer to secure a copy from Mr. Vaughn city clerk. Mrs. Whitcomb to see about the tables for the Baptist ladies.

The following payed Dues

Mrs. L. Baber	1.50	
Mrs. M. Parder	3.00	Initiation fee
Mrs. E. Gerlach	1.00	
	5.50	

A motion was made that club adjourne for one week, carried.

Nellie Adams, Sec'y

Pt. Richmond Feb, 28 1912

Woman's West Side Improvement Club meet in Fire Hall and was called to order by President Mrs. Cramer. Roll call results in all being presant except V.P. Mrs. Coleman and Tres. Mrs. Reposa.

Bills of eight dollars for expenses of Dist \$88.00 convention, also Four & twenty cents for tax in General Federation Biennial.

Communications of resolutions to be indorsed by the club on the While Slave Act. Moved and seconded that they be indorsed by the club carried. Mrs. Willis asked that a communication be sent to Mrs. Lynch asking for representation on the Biennial Auxiliary board.

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Willis be representative, carried.

New business, the chartered was read by Mrs. Willis taking up two sections. Mrs. McHenry read the report of the finance of the Dist Convention the total was \$254 and the expense to each club was \$8. Moved & carried that the report be accepted, and a Standing vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. McH also a warrant be drawn to pay the \$8 carried. Moved and carried that we try and get the Local board to have Mr. Heany come and give a talk on the recall and act.

Moved that we adjourne for one week, carried.

Nellie Adams

Pt. Richmond Mar 12th 1912

Woman's West Side Improvement Club meet in Fire Hall was called to order by President Mrs. T.T. Cramer. Roll call resulted in all being present except V.P. Mrs. Coleman. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Letters from Mr. Johnson for Mr. Henry. Mrs. John Mole, 2412 E. 21st St. Oakland on Child's Welfare League. Mrs. Whitbeck with list of work, Mrs. A.A. Denison 332 21st Oakland Biennial representative for East Bay Shore Day. Geo Crompton Boost for Contra Costa County. A postal receipt for Biennial Federation, the communication was placed on file.

New business, it was moved and seconded if any more bills come to the federated board that our club stand our part of the expenses, carried.

Mottos suggested Mrs. Marston "Onward", Mrs. G.B. Jones "To know – then to do".

Mrs. McHenry read from the City Charter a general discussion on electronics was indulged in by the members, the president to secure data to hold a mock election next week all members to come and learn how to vote.

It was also talked that the club have the election of officers earlier in the year. The house on city lot was asked for my Mr. Roth for a detention home, the members were asked to draw a scetch of what kind of a building the club would like to have on the lot for a Library and club rooms the same to be open to all members.

Club adjourned for one week.

Nellie Adams Secy

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

Items of Interest Point Richmond, early 1900's

The Record, The Leader and The Independent

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| 03-17-1919 | Boys swimming in rain pools unadorned are subjects of complaints to the Police.
Compulsory insurance for all auto drivers in State is opposed. |
| 03-21-1919 | Felix Ceridoni exonerated of driving while intoxicated when he hit 2 women alighting from a street car in Berkeley. |
| 04-01-1919 | The street car and railway crossings in Richmond are the worst in State due to their neglect. City to make campaign to force repairs. |
| 05-21-1919 | Mrs. Casey is preparing to sell her newsstand and stationary business on Washington Avenue because of ill health. |
| 06-13-1919 | A.C. Lang will move drug store to old Pulse store at 6th & Macdonald. |
| 07-08-1919 | There were 2855 cases of influenza in Richmond in 1918. |
| 07-28-1919 | World's fattest man dies. He was 5'5" and weighed 650 pounds. He was 28 years old. |
| 08-26-1919 | Cosmetics and rouge under ban at High School |
| 09-10-1919 | Ban placed on wiggle at public dances (no shimie) ordinance passed. Fine \$500 maximum or 6 months in jail. |
| 09-11-1919 | City to have 7 patrolmen buy own cars to patrol city. City to pay for oil, gas and pay them \$25 per month. |
| 09-29-1919 | Every Richmond patrolman has instructions to arrest any child under 18 out after 9pm. |
| 11-25-1919 | Patricio John Castro, 77 born here and second oldest native son of California dies at home on San Pablo Creek. Born at the old adobe house at the county line and moved to San Pablo in 1868. His father once owned Mare Island and sold it to the government for \$800. |
| 12-23-1919 | Point Baptist Church to have Xmas tree and entertainment. |
| 12-27-1919 | 45 persons including several women die in western northeast states as result of drinking bootleg whiskey made of wood alcohol. |

I am hoping for a few more issues of this Don Church "Fact Diary" but I am finding it interesting that starting in 1919 it seems that the Point is beginning to disappear from the news and go into several decades of isolation. Richmond news and events are moving to eastern Richmond neighborhoods.

EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

Martha Bielawski - 100
Muriel Clausen - 96
Mary Bianchini Highfill - 97
Victor Morales - 92
Billie Bonham Shaw - 99
June Beesley Sosabal - 97
Morris Simpson - 99
Marcelina Smith - 96
Hector Lizarraga - 97
Donna Wilson - 91
Florence Wilson - 91
Loretta Stevens Johromi - 95
Alphonso Diaz - 95
Christopher Wilson - 97

Cards, Letters & E-Mails

Hi Pam,

I'm enclosing my check for family membership in the Point Richmond History Association.

My family relocated to Point Richmond not quite two years ago and love our home on Western Drive. We are an intergenerational family, I live with my daughter, Maren Amdal, her spouse, Elie Asmar and my grandson Tucker Amdal (age 10) and we have no plans to ever move again.

I am a retired teacher, an elementary school reading specialist, and also have run a carriage harness business as a walk in shop until 2006 and an online business since then.

I have officially retired again as of September 1st (my business is in excellent hands and will move forward well without me). I will have time to focus on other activities. I am a genealogy nut and a long time lover of history so I'm looking forward to participating with the PRHA in whatever ways might be helpful.

I'm looking forward to getting to know folks in Richmond now that I'm working less.

Janie Amdal
Janie.amdal@live.com

Get Well Tony!

Occasional TPIT contributor Tony Ramirez (aka the FDR Kid of the 1940's) suffered a small stroke and spent some time in the hospital. He is currently at home and recuperating but says he is lonely and would love to get "get well" cards and greetings. If you would like to cheer up Tony, his address is 1740 Gaynor Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801.



*Point Triangle before the firehouse and
community center, September 1960*
PRHA Photo Archive #1248

**Seen it all, done it all, can't remember
most of it. -a less famous proverb**

Birthdays

November

LaVerne Rentfro
Woolman
Amanda Kinley
Bethany Reynolds
Heinz Lankford
Lynn Rendle
Robert Larsen
Chuck Dutrow
Mary Ann Gaspard
Shirley Butt

Chris Bradshaw
David T. McCarthy
Clare Doherty
K. Patrick O'Higgins
Jason D. Crowson
Dee Rosier
Xavier Delatorre
Joe Savile
Shane Thomas
Jay Fenton

Joann Bill-Cannon
Linda Feyder
George Tumberlin
Nicole Vargo
Kathryn Pinkerton
James Cheshareck, Sr.
James Cheshareck, Jr.
Audrey Edwards
Bobbies Boziki
Debra Jackson

Linda Cheshareck
Katrina MacDiarmid
Albert Kollar
David Dolberg
Charlotte Birsinger
Gary Shows
Offie Walker

December

Hazel Paasch
Les Crim
Alexis Lane Jensen
Donald Smith
Debbie Seaburg
Fred Frye
Christine Hayes
Michael D. Jackson
Lydia Jahromi
Jeff Corbin

Heidi Framericce
Mike Turner
Lauren Nason
Marilyn Darling
Linda Mertle
Michael Cheshareck
Eric Turner
Seth Fenton
Vince Smith
Jennifer Rosier

Christina Nagatani
Donald Smith
Thomas Mercer-Hursh
Jerry Feagley
Ilana Dolberg
Kayla Dolberg
Bob Burdick
Pat Pearson
Tony Lizarraga
Fernando Garcia

Becky Garcia
Kenny Paasch
Gary Massey
Christopher W. Wilson
Lisa M. Hire
Patricia Jackson Kierce
Karen Buchanan

January

Don Lindemann
Donna Buhler
Rahne Rosier
Tom Brennan
Altha Humphrey
Gloria Mallaghliate
Linda Andrew-Marshall
Bryan Smith

Jim Allgaier
Doug Greiner
Jeff Quist
Ed Paasch
Jan Burdick
Jim Wilson
Robert McIntosh
Mary Highfill

Taylor Brougham
Alphonso Diaz
Karen Kittle
John Cutler
Marilu Fox
Elaine Harris
Kristina Hollbrook
Les Hathaway

Richard Palfini
Sena Bowles
Diana Mertle McHenry
Brad Feagley
Frank Kenny
Ken Reed

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

Please help me keep our lists correct, send additions, corrections or updates to our "Exclusive Over 90 Club" or "Birthdays" to Gary Shows, c/o PRHA, 139½ Washington Avenue, Point Richmond, CA 94801 or email to editor@pointrichmondhistory.org

Having more money doesn't make you happier.

I have 50 million dollars, but I am just as happy as when I had 48 million.

-Arnold Schwarzenegger

Memorials.....

Margaret “Jean” Henderson Knox, 94, of Richmond CA passed away peacefully at home on August 28, 2021. She was born Margaret Jean Henderson on March 26, 1927 in Buffalo NY to Margaret Lucas Henderson and Walter Ray Henderson, MD. The young family moved to Long Beach CA shortly after and Doc Henderson started his medical career. She shared a joyful childhood with her brother Ray and sisters Helen and Mary dividing their time between Long Beach and a small family farm in Garden Grove. Their menagerie included much-loved horses, dogs, goats and at one point a pair of pet racoons.



Jean studied English literature at Occidental College, where she met her husband of 68 years, John T. Knox (Jack). She received her MA in dramatic literature from Columbia University in 1949 and the couple wed at the end of that same year. They moved to the Bay Area where Jean became a founding faculty member of Contra Costa Junior College – West Campus (now Contra Costa College or CCC) and Jack enrolled in Hastings College of Law.

Jean was passionate about the mission of CCC, "meeting the needs" of the students and community by providing remedial "catch up" learning, preparation for a four-year degree or vocational training. Jean was a respected instructor, diligent team player in the English Department, and ardent supporter of the college even after her retirement in 1985. The John and Jean Knox Performing Arts Center was completed in 2002.

Jean was the beloved mother of John H, Charlotte and Mary Knox. She was involved in all aspects of her kids lives and created a truly magical childhood. From 1960 – 1980, Jean also supported her husband's political career as CA State Assemblyman for the 11th district. The dynamic couple were passionate about making government work for the people, particularly those in need or advancing racial and environmental justice.

Following retirement from teaching, Jean pursued her love of theater full time. She served on the board of trustees of Berkeley Repertory Theater, as president from 1989-1991. In her later years she became a docent of the theater, giving pre-show talks about the plays as well as reading potential scripts for future productions. She also started a business, Good Show!, that provided reviews of current London theater productions and helped travelers secure tickets.



Jean was preceded in death by her husband John T. Knox, son John H Knox, sister Helen Dauphine and brother W. Ray Henderson. She is survived by her sister Mary May; daughter Charlotte Knox and granddaughter Arabella Wood; daughter Mary Knox and daughter in law Kit Hershey and their children Emma and Lia Knox-Hershey, daughter in law Aracely Estrada Knox and her children John Carlos and Alex Knox, Gina Knox Toronidis, Antonia Knox and great granddaughter Paloma Toronidis.

Jean was a woman of grace, compassion and intelligence, devoted to her family and community. She will be deeply missed but we take solace in knowing her legacy lives on in her cherished grandchildren and in the many lives she touched. A private celebration of life will be held this fall. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the CCC Foundation "in Memory of Jean Knox"; 2600 Mission Bell Dr., San Pablo CA 94806.

CALENDAR/DIRECTORY

ARTS OF POINT RICHMOND

Art is for everyone, the artist, the viewer, the Point is art. Contact: Pat Tostenson, jptostenson@gmail.com

More info: <http://www.artsofpointrichmond.com>

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM

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

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY

900-A Dornan Drive. Sunday 12:00 to 5:00. Adults \$5, children under 11 and seniors \$3, family \$10. Trains run on Sunday and Wednesday 11-3, Saturday 12-5 viewing only. 510-234-4884 for details or www.gsrmr.org

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE

The Masquers remains closed for building repairs. For more information see the website, <http://www.masquers.org>

PARENTS, RESOURCES AND MORE (PRAM)

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: 510-620-6905

POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Museum is at 139½ Washington Avenue, and open Thursday's 11:30 to 2:00 and Saturday 11:30 to 2:00. See the Editors Notes on page 3 for next TPIT deadline. For information call President Bonnie Jo Cullison at 510-412-2202.

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Meets last Wednesday of each month, Point Richmond Community Center; 7:30 P.M.

Contact: Peter Thelin at 510-326-8108

POINT RICHMOND/WEST SIDE BRANCH LIBRARY

Information call 510-620-6567

RED OAK VICTORY SHIP

Open Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10am to 3 pm. \$10 Donation/Boarding fee.

Pancake Breakfasts one Sunday a month, April - June, August - October, \$9/adults, \$5/kids under 8 years.,

For more information call the ship at 510-237-2933 or visit www.richmondmuseum.org

RICHMOND MUSEUM OF HISTORY

400 Nevin Avenue, Richmond. Open Wednesday-Sunday, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. For more information call 510-235-7387

RICHMOND SWIMS

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