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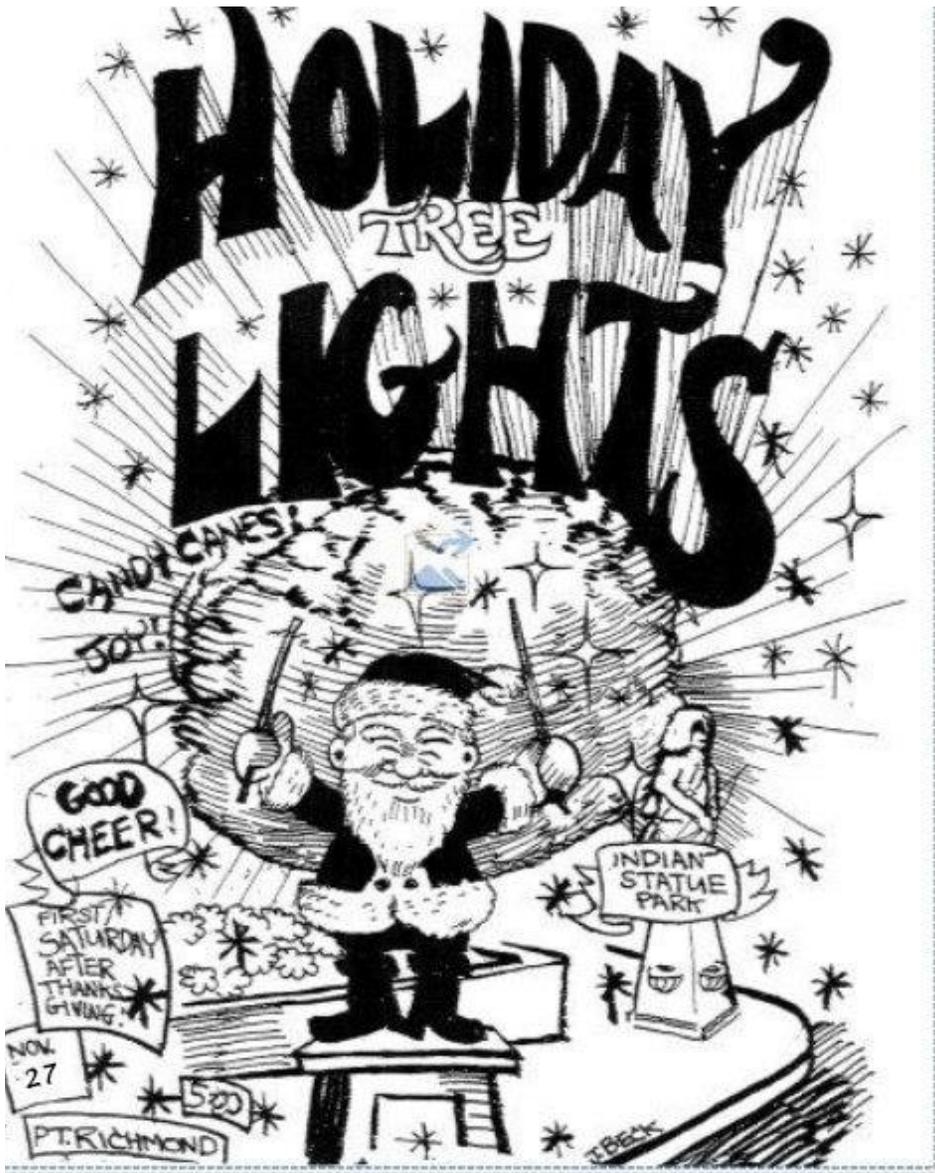
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*Point Richmond, CA*  
*Circa 1903*



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**Point Community Choir**  
**Santa, Tree Lighting, Luminaries**

# From the President

by Bonnie Jo Cullison

Many of you know Patricia (Pat) Davis Pearson. Until she moved away a few years ago Pat was an active, enthusiastic member of the PRHA serving as Vice-President as well as a docent for many years. There was a time when Pat and Mid Dornan, the PRHA President, were a sort of PRHA “dynamic duo”. We loved it when Pat brightened our newsletter assembly meetings with homemade cookies!

She and her family lived in the historic Frosini House at 411 Contra Costa which is in an area of The Point then known as Goat Hollow. If you walk by you will see a plaque on the side of the house explaining a little of its history. Built in 1903, it was one of the not particularly uncommon houses in Point Richmond where the residents made their own wine.

Several years ago, Pat moved to the Sacramento area to be nearer family members. Recently her son, Jim Davis, stopped by the Museum to let us know that Pat is now living at Westmont of Pinole. She is not receiving visitors but would love to have notes and cards from her friends and fans. Pat Pearson, Westmont of Pinole, 2850 Estates Ave, Pinole, CA 94564.

Best wishes for a season of friendship, joy and good health. We’ll be back in 2023.



**Hi Pat!**



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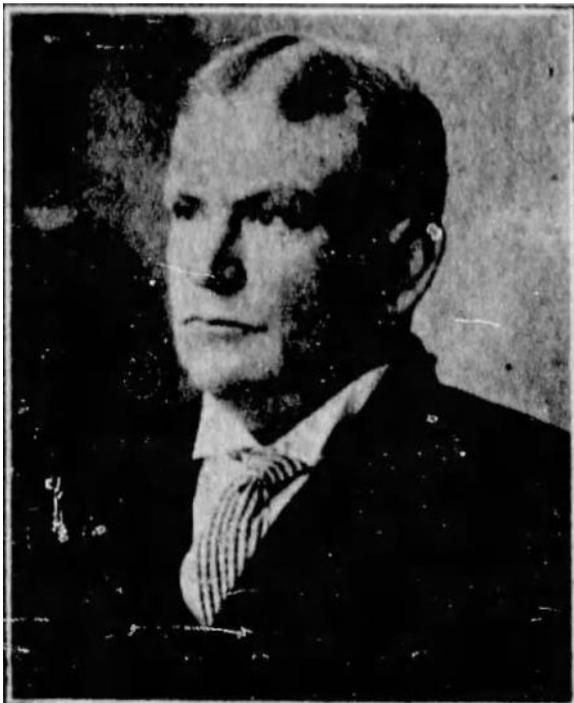
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*John Nicholl on 7/9/1913 thanks to James Cheshareck*

*Thank you!*

# **Santa Fe Market**

*For distributing*

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*Now more than ever, it is important  
to support all of our local retailers  
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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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Thanks to the Volunteers who open and close our museum two days each week.

Linda Andrew-Marshall  
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### ***The Cover:***

*Image from postcard we have determined to be  
taken sometime in the year 1903.*

*PRHA Photo Archive #1312/Gary Shows*

# Editor's Notes

*Gary Shows*

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Here is your winter issue of TPIT.

I hope you are enjoying James Cheshareck's articles on Standard Avenue and the French Laundry. I am looking forward to his coming extensive article on Kozy Kove. Thank you James and thank you to all of TPIT's other contributors.

It is hard to believe that we already have Winter coming on. I wish you all a very happy, safe and warm Holiday Season.

**The deadline for the next issue of "THIS POINT.....in time" will be Friday January 20, 2023 and will cover next year's February and March.**

Thanks for addressing and mailing the last issue go to:

- Gary Shows
- Jerry Cerkanowicz
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# Church News



✠ Our Lady of Mercy  
Church

**By Dee Rosier**  
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Wish there were a way to delay progression of the months since they seem to be speeding by like a bullet train. The shorter days plus cool, crisp mornings and the trees shedding leaves alerts us that Fall is here. Always think of the leaves piled on the sidewalk of Nicholl and my young grandson and I jumping on them making a big crunch sound – how fun was that.

And while we are going back a few, it's a good time to remind everyone to vote. It brings back another fond memory of working the Election Board with Mid Dorman, as inspector, joined by the same board members, Sonya Darling, Pat Pearson and Dee Rosier. We were stationed at the Methodist Church and knew most of the voters. Bob Peckham, from the Santa Fe Market provided lunch for us and there was always a friendly voter that brought other goodies. Those days are gone, but the memories linger on.

Coffee and donuts takes place in the Church Hall, after Mass on the first Sunday of the month. Join us and enjoy the company of fellow

parishioners. Monthly church dinners are now becoming regular events. Watch the Bulletin for dates/time.

We continue to collect funds for Ukrainian relief. A Missionary from India was recently here telling us about his diocese and appealing for our help in its support. Catholics are a small minority in India. From the past, know their appeals will be welcome.

We will be applying for a Point Richmond Gateway Foundation grant this month. It is an important source of additional revenue that we're so grateful for and has enabled us to take care of our century plus old buildings and property.

The St. Vincent de Paul annual report has been completed, as well as the 3-year parish financial audit. Unfortunately, the new wireless cellular fire alarm monitoring system continues to be delayed, much delayed, due to supply chain issues, mainly digital components. A given date in December may be a possibility.

We have a commercial gas stove if anyone is interested – it is free for the taking.

Along with the Sunday Bulletin, Father is also issuing Pastor's Notes and plans to do readings from his written stories.

Elizabeth O'Malley recently performed at The Bay Terrace Theatre, a local community theater in Vallejo.

Neighbors on Idaho Street gathered to attend a Celebration of Life in memory of Elizabeth Egan. It was a Baroque musical performance held at Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley.

Condolences to the Giacomelli family in the recent death of John.

It was great sadness and grief that my beloved dog, Murry was laid to rest on 10/20/22. He brought joy to our lives and will be greatly missed: Dogs come into our lives to teach us about loss. A new dog never replaces an old dog, it merely expands the heart. If you have loved many dogs, your heart is very big.

Was pleased to share a copy of the last TPIT issue with a Bernes family member, who enjoyed

their family history article.

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

JIM ARKIN  
CAROL BOWEN  
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DEE ROSIER  
JUDY SPENCER

The Huggers Group monopolized the month of October with birthdays: Dee Pearson, Wendy Hallett and Rita Dorsey.

Distinguished Salesian Class of 1995, Cecilia Vega, of ABC News, visited the Campus and was speaker at the First Annual Salesian Forever Luncheon.

The following was written by Anne Brussok sharing her recent travelog to Bavaria:

“My trip came about from a conversation in Lourdes, France earlier this year. A couple of us working together on the pilgrimage were talking about how much we wanted to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau. Oberammergau is in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Bavaria, Germany. A small town known for its woodcarvers, woodcarvings, NATO school and around the world for its 380-year tradition of putting on the Passion Play (the trial, suffering and death of Jesus Christ) every 10-years, in years ending with a zero. The townsfolk made a vow that if God would spare them from the bubonic plague back in the early 1600's, they would perform the passion play every 10 years. The only times the play was

postponed were in 1920, 1940 (World War II) and in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. People from all over the world attend these every decade performances that are held for approximately 6 months during the play years. Besides attending the 5.5 hour long stunning Passion Play (words seem inadequate to describe the totality of this profound experience involving a case of hundreds), the almost two weeks abroad included travels through Bavaria, hiking the top of the Zugspitze and through the Partnach Gorge trail waterfalls, driving to Innsbruck and Salzburg, Austria, back through Bavaria, on to Neuschwanstein/Hohengau and then on to Strasbourg, France. Visited stunning churches and cathedrals, world class museums and fortresses/castles. Including UNESCO World Heritage sites. With leisurely stops in between, great food.

And singing the praises of beer, we began and ended our journey in Munich. Our last full day prior to departure was spend in Munich enjoying the opening day of Oktoberfest.”

Recovery for the broken knee is a slow process. Many thanks to all my well wishers.

EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE DAYS I WISH I COULD CHANGE SOME THINGS THAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST, THERE'S A REASON THE REAR VIEW MIRROR IS SO SMALL AND THE WINDSHIELD SO BIG.

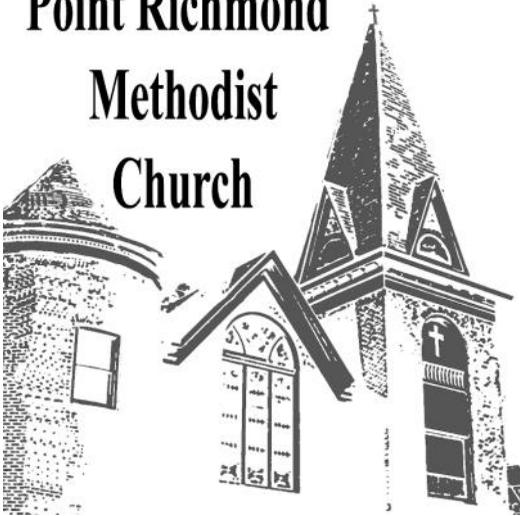
WHERE YOU'RE HEADED IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHAT YOU HAVE LEFT BEHIND

SEE YOU IN CHURCH



*Dee Rosier*

# Point Richmond Methodist Church



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We held Junktique 2, a yard, basement, and garage sale, on September 3, breaking the tradition of its usual Memorial Day date. Alice Thompson sold books. Before the sale, she gave Gill Stanfield a play-list of artists he used to compile a sound-track for shoppers and sellers in the basement. Bill Thompson marveled at the sale of unlikely pieces of sheet metal. People bought lots of books and furniture. In addition to Alice, Gill, and Bill, Ron Wheatley, Pat Dornan, Jonathan Swett, Debbie Benko, Fran Smith, Rev. Jacey Pickens-Jones, Rose Ayers, Matthew Foster, Heinz Lankford, and Jennifer Metz-Foster worked to set up, welcome customers, sell, and clean up.

Everyone was still in a good mood at the end of the day! Fran described it as: "A lovely, warm day with no wind and no fog," and concluded her report, "We always say, 'It takes a village,' and this year, the village made it happen." Fran added, "Thanks to Bill!" Many thanks to all who shopped, donated, and worked to make such a successful event.

Michael Lee, aka Shawn Jansen, died Friday, September 30, after a short stay in hospice in Hayward. Some who visited him at Oakland

Kaiser and hospice in Hayward: Linda Andrew-Marshall, Fran Smith, Gill Stanfield, Doreen Leighton, and Jean Reynolds. Jessie West advocated for Michael, visited him, and supported him numerous ways during his last days. John Marchesiello took care of Michael's final arrangements, and helped plan his Celebration of Life.

Michael thrived through his connections with others. He often swept the sidewalk at 107 West Richmond Avenue to allow him to visit with passers-by. His friends knew they could rely on him. His unshakable faith sustained him throughout his life until the end. Up & Under Pub and Grill will host a Celebration of Life for Michael on November 5, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm in their upstairs banquet room. All who knew and loved Michael are invited. His spirit lives on in our memories.

Rob Bader was diagnosed with cancer in July and has been through several rounds of chemo treatments. We have taken the Ashworth-Bader family meals, and sent cards, emails, and texts as their family focuses on supporting Rob through the harsh side-effects he experiences.

Yulia Solovieva moved from North Dakota to Russia to help her sister recover from surgery, enrolled in a seminary, and transferred her membership to a Methodist congregation there. Yulia sends us photos of the beauty of her surroundings and greetings from Russia.

Doreen Leighton, our ad board chairperson and planner extraordinaire, recently came home after a several-month stay in Nova Scotia where several members of her extended family live. Bill Thompson ably led Ad Board meetings in her absence, and we are glad she decided to return.

## Missions:

We donated enough funds to buy a stove for a family through the Southwest Indian Foundation. Families on reservations often cook and heat their homes with open fires. The stoves include a chimney to expel smoke, and makes life more comfortable during the winter.

In October, we collect diapers for families served by the Early Childhood Mental Health Program in Richmond.

Barbara Haley and Doreen Leighton shopped and delivered food for dinner for

families at the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program shelter on October 20. Debbie Benko provided food August 18, and Linda Andrew-Marshall shopped for September 15.

SOS! provides showers in Richmond via mobile shower trailers at homeless encampments. We wash towels for them as an easy way to assist from home. Contact Barbara Haley bahcats@comcast.net to donate towels or to be added to the volunteer list to wash them.

**Worship:**

Rev. Jacey based our worship themes on a series “Having Words with Jesus” from United Methodist Discipleship Ministries. Jonathan Swett, Norm and Jean Reynolds, Gill Stanfield, Laila Millar, Laurence Tietz and Rose Ayers, Alice Thompson, Linda Andrew-Marshall, and Jennifer Metz Foster provided special music for worship during the past two months. We are fortunate to have such a wealth of musicians who are willing to share their skills.

Matthew Foster got an ethernet cable for the laptop used for our Zoom connection. Worshipers on Zoom experience fewer glitches than when we used Wi-fi to connect. We had coffee hour in Friendship Hall after worship on October 16; as long as Covid cases seem low locally, we will continue to have the option to meet for refreshments then.

**Trustees:**

The trustees completed three projects they outlined after their walk-through of the parsonage and grounds: They patched a splintered section of parsonage flooring, oiled the wooden benches under the palm tree, and consulted with electrician Chris Davis about the best outdoor lighting to install around the church and parsonage.

**On the Calendar:**

Thanksgiving: We do not feel it is safe to invite everyone to dine together in Friendship Hall with the uncertainty of an increase of Covid cases during the fall. Our plans are still in flux for the best ways to support the community during the holiday this year.

Holiday Bake Sale: December 17, 9:00 am to noon, Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place, Point Richmond. After two years of pre-order

format, we can't wait to see you in person! Come early for the best choice of luscious pies, candy, breads, and our famous variety cookie platters.

Serve your holiday guests, share as a gift, or treat yourself!

Jazz Christmas Eve service, 7:00 pm, December 24. The Kurt Ribak quartet provides sounds of the season for all. Arrive early for the best seating. Masks may be required. Check the church website or look for signs downtown for details.

Rev. Jacey holds “Coffee Hours” on Wednesdays, 1:00 – 4:00 pm at Kaleidoscope Coffee. Contact her via email [jc.jpj@calnevumc.org](mailto:jc.jpj@calnevumc.org)

Bible study/book group meets Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am, via zoom. We are close to completing *Personal Nonviolence, A Practical Spirituality for Peacemakers* by Gerard A. Vanderhaar.

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*

# LEONARDO CANDELO— RICHMOND FRENCH LAUNDRY PART TWO

*By James Cheshareck*

The Richmond French Laundry on Standard Avenue was established around 1906 by French immigrants Bertrand Bernet and Andre Bellegarde in a neighborhood coined the “Italian Colony” over a century ago by the Richmond Daily Independent newspaper. When the partnership ended in 1912, the business was purchased by fellow French immigrants Louis and Marie Bernes, who had two sons, August “Al” and Bernard “Bernie”. Like the previous owners, the Bernes family resided in the building at 110-120 Standard Avenue. It was for the most part family-run but when Louis Bernes’ brother-in-law and business partner moved his family to San Francisco, he brought in an Italian immigrant laundry worker as his new business partner.

Leonardo “Leo” Candelo was born February 19, 1886 in Capriglio, d’Asti, Piemonte. He departed Genoa in July 1906 and made the journey to America. When he arrived in the Bay Area, he settled in Oakland and for a time resided on Hollis Street in Emeryville when the city was industrial for the most part. He found steady employment as a union laundry worker at Bay Cities Laundry in Oakland. In September 1909, his older brother, Giovanni “John” (9/8/1881-10/1/1973) made the journey to Oakland. The two brothers purchased a piece of property on Richmond Street in Rust on 12/16/1909. Rust was renamed El Cerrito in 1916, a year before incorporation. Leo resided at 343 Richmond Street, and John at 337 Richmond Street. John was employed at Standard Oil and he later married his wife Antonietta Pillone (1894-1981), who had immigrated from Cocconato, d’Asti, Piemonte in 1912. They had a son, Elmo (1916-2007). 1912 was a milestone year for Leo Candelo. He was named Sergeant-At-Arms of the Laundry Workers Union he was active in.



This was also the year that Home Laundry at 349 16th Street was established by John “Jack” Best (1874-1950) and his wife Ethel (1880-1938). Leo Candelo went to work at the new laundry near the intersection of 16th Street and Macdonald Avenue. In 1916, he married Rosalia “Rose” Nivolo in Alameda County. She was born 4/16/1893 in Revigliasco Asti Piemonte and had immigrated to Oakland in 1911 at age 17. The couple settled in the El Cerrito home after marriage. Their daughter Irma was born in 1917, and two years later their son Silvio was born in 1919. John and family moved to San Francisco in 1922, and around 1923 Leo moved his family to a house at 42 19th Street in Richmond, which was only a few blocks away from his workplace. Rose worked at Home Laundry as well after they moved to Richmond.

1928 was the next milestone year for Leo Candelo. Louis Bernes’ French-born brother-in-law and business partner, Alexis “Alex” LaCrouts (1892-1980) and wife, Catherine Plechot LaCrouts (1894-1988), Marie Bernes’ sister, moved to San

Francisco to open their own laundry in the Mission district. Bernes brought in Leo Candelo as a partner and the Candelo family moved to Point Richmond and settled in an apartment at 215 Standard Avenue the same year. The building was known as the “Standard Apartments” and Candelo purchased it. The Bernes’ remained in the living quarters of the Richmond French laundry building. The Candelo’s immediately blended into the close-knit “Little Italy” on Standard Avenue where Leo Candelo continuously invested in property.

Around 1930 the Candelo’s bought a home at 17 Delfino Avenue (renumbered 217 circa 1939). Daughter Irma married Secundo Amantite (1910-1973) in December 1933. Amantite was partnered with Joseph Rivella and Domenico “Dominick” Ceretto (1886-1957) at the Torino Bakery at 126 Standard Avenue. His parents had immigrated from Cuneo, Piemonte and lived in Martinez before his father Gregorio Amantite (1871-1931) settled the family on Bishop Avenue around 1925. Around 1934 Leo Candelo purchased the Richmond French Laundry business and building at 120 standard Avenue from the Bernes family, who retired to a home on Idaho Street. Leo and Rose then took up residency in the building while Silvio, Irma, and Secundo lived in the house on Delfino Avenue. Irma and Secundo’s son, Donald, was born shortly afterward. Leo, Rose, and Silvio ran the business along with their other employees while Irma joined her husband at the Torino Bakery partnership. All the while as a Point Richmond businessman, Leo Candelo purchased properties.

Leo Candelo evolved into the next prominent businessman on Standard Ave. Ben Brignone (1874 -1932), who arrived in 1904, had been the most significant Italian immigrant in Point Richmond, owning the Colombo Hotel, next to Richmond French laundry. Ben and Teresa Brignone ran the Colombo with Ralph and wife Vera Santini



*Standard Avenue/Tewksbury Avenue!  
Before the 580 Freeway  
PRHA photo archive #1225/Daniel Butt*

(Teresa's sister) along with Spirito Calandra, who once graced the streets of the Italian Colony in his Buick Touring car. Joe Matteucci, who had moved to the Point around 1912, owned the New Roma Hotel and tavern at 125 Standard Avenue, across the street from Richmond French Laundry and Torino Bakery. He also was a real estate investor and was referred to as "The Mayor of Point Richmond" by many for his civic activities. When Vera Santini died in 1938, Leo Candelo, Joe Matteucci, and Spirito Calandra were the pallbearers at her funeral. Like many Italians in Point Richmond, Leo Candelo had joined the Richmond Galileo Club after its 1932 opening.

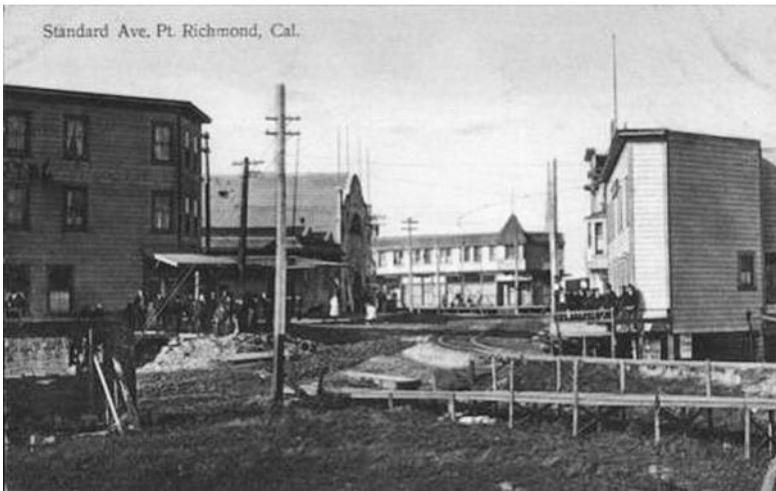
In 1939, Candelo renovated the Standard apartments, which were three-room, fully furnished units that rented for \$20 per month. Around early 1940 Candelo retired from the laundry business and solely invested in real estate. Candelo kept the building, and the same year, Mrs. Irene Downer Thornton (1898-1986) opened Home Laundry and Linen Supply in the building along with a main branch on Nevin Avenue. She was the daughter of Mechanics Bank founder Edward M. Downer (1869-1938). Her husband, George Thornton Jr. (7/6/1893-3/7/1939), was Mechanics Bank President when Federal

authorities arrested his teller for misappropriating \$167,000. Thornton committed suicide a few days later as police were seeking him for questioning. He was posthumously implicated in the scandal.

On 12/23/40 Rose Candelo died at age 47 after prolonged health issues. After her death Silvio Candelo moved to Sacramento, married, and drove a dairy truck, while the rest of the family remained in Point Richmond. Around 1942 Irene Thornton consolidated operations to her Nevin Avenue branch known as Richmond Towel and Linen supply. If widowhood obliged her to enter the laundry business, Thornton remained in her 4,300+ square foot house in the El Cerrito Hills. The next to open shop at 120 Standard Avenue was Indiana-born, Oakland launderer Willis R. Lee (1891-1956) He additionally opened another laundry on 6th Street near Macdonald Avenue. Having been in the business for decades, he also owned two other laundries in Oakland.

In 1945 Leo Candelo married Emma Dutrow Falletta (1894-1982) who was also widowed. The Dutrow family's Point Richmond roots date back to around 1916. She was a past employee of Richmond French Laundry in the 1930's, and her two daughters, Ethel Schumacher (1910-2005) and Bernice Preece (1914-1993), lifetime Point

residents, were also once laundry workers and had once resided in the Standard Apartments. Leo and Emma Candelo settled in her home on Cottage Avenue after their marriage. As the forties came to an end, uncertainty loomed over the neighborhood that spanned from Garrard Blvd. to Scofield Avenue, near the Richmond-San Rafael Ferry pier. In 1947 the California Division of Highways instated Standard Avenue into the State Highway system. After twenty-plus years of contemplation, planning for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge was underway, and the Italian Colony was in the middle of the proposed approach to the Bridge. In 1950 the State came for 120 Standard Avenue which last



*Old Standard Avenue, left to right is The Spot, The Opera House, Columbo Hotel, American Hotel (thank you PRHA Facebook fans)  
PRHA photo archive #1311 - Roxy Miravalle*

housed Point Richmond Dry Cleaners. The State needed 2,750 feet of the 6,250 square foot parcel for widening Standard Avenue, but took its entirety. The average settlement to property owners was around .35 cents per square foot plus the value of the structure.

Although the dimensions of his property were in the State Right of Way files, the settlement amount was not listed. I would guess Leo Candelo was offered between \$6,000-\$7,000, but probably demanded and received considerably more.

Leo Candelo had long retired from the laundry business and was in better financial shape than most of those who lost their homes and businesses to eminent domain. In addition to holding on to previous homes he had resided in when purchasing a new one, he bought many buildings and vacant lots over the decades. The immigrant who started out washing clothes understood early in life that a need for housing would always exist, and he invested his money accordingly. The southside 200 block of Standard Avenue, unaffected by eminent domain, was part of his portfolio. He preserved Nick Brailo's livelihood by selling Brailo the lot to construct his new building at 201 Standard Avenue for his tavern and home. His old building and home were bulldozed along with the rest of northside Standard Avenue.

Leo Candelo also salvaged two houses from Standard Avenue's residential neighborhood

which was razed subsequently in 1953 and 1954. Candelo moved the houses and transplanted them to vacant lots he owned on Castro Street.

Leonardo 'Leo' Candelo died 9/9/1965 at age 79. His daughter Irma died in 2001 at age 83, and son Silvio in 2009 at age 89. His grandson, Don Amantite, still resides in Point Richmond adjacent to the Amantite family homestead. Bernie McIntosh, Emma Candelo's grandson, resides in the family home on Cottage Avenue. Bernie was raised on Standard Avenue in Candelo's Standard Apartments and once was struck by a teargas cannister as a child when a Standard Oil labor strike erupted into a riot in 1948. The fracas spilled over to the junction of Tewksbury and Standard Avenues and progressed to the intersection of Standard and Washington Avenues.

Leo Candelo is another profile of a diligent Italian immigrant from Point Richmond's Italian Colony who earned every dime he made. The reasoning of TPIT's Standard Avenue chronicles is to pay homage to the Italian people of Point Richmond, whose community was effaced between 1950 and 1954 in the name of progress. Most younger Point Richmond residents are unaware of the land mass of commercial buildings and homes lost to build the I-580 freeway. While 120 Standard Avenue was demolished over 70 years ago, Leo Candelo's Standard Apartments building is still standing, albeit with a Tewksbury Avenue address. Let us "address" this issue and restore the "Standard" to his Standard Apartments.



*There once was a religious young woman who went to the confession. Upon entering the confessional, she said, 'Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned.' The priest said, 'Confess your sins and be forgiven.' The young woman said, 'Last night my boyfriend made mad passionate love to me seven times.' The priest thought long and hard and then said, 'Squeeze seven lemons into a glass and then drink the juice.' The young woman asked, 'Will this cleanse me of my sins?'*

*The priest said, 'No, but it will wipe that smile off of your face.'*



*from Anna Froker*

October 16—November 13: "El Día de los Muertos" exhibition, paintings by Eric Carlstrom, at the Linda Lee Drake Memorial Gallery at El Sol.

November 13—February 26, 2023—New exhibition: "Women of the Andes", paintings by Gabriela Nuñez, at the Linda Lee Drake Memorial Gallery at El Sol.

**Opening Reception:** Sunday, November 13, 2—4pm. Please come and bring your friends to enjoy drinks and nibbles and vivid, evocative paintings by Peruvian artist Gabriel Nuñez.

*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](http://www.artsofpointrichmond.com)*



*Taking it Outdoors is fully installed, with 57 banners hung in downtown Point Richmond and 32 banners from our TIO-Kids project hung at the Washington Park (aka the dog park). Take a leisurely stroll through this quaint artistic community, discovering the art displayed along Washington, Park Place and adjoining streets.*

# WWIC Est. 1908

*News from the Women's Westside Improvement Club by Juellann (Juels) Klotz*

At the Women's Westside Improvement Club meeting in October, the members and guests were treated to a stimulating presentation by retired Professor Emeritus of Philosophy from Sonoma State University, Teed Rockwell. Teed presented the club with his lecture on "Why an Argument is not a Fight". Teed brought the club some thought-provoking aspects of philosophizing and an excellent talk on critical thinking. His presentation started with the architecture of how to find the argument in a real-life, real-time conversation. The exhibition was very timely in these times of over-saturation of information in the media. Teed started by explaining the Speech Acts that include imperative, interrogative, and indicative: acts that help an individual discern the purpose of another person's point of view. He pointed out to the club members that to find an argument, there were 5 points to assess. 1. What is it that someone is trying to get you to accept as true? 2. Do they give a reason? 3. No reason, no argument. 4. No argument, no need to respond. 5. Can you analyze and evaluate it? Along with the Speech Acts Teed described a hypothetical syllogism, a valid statement for one or both premises; a two-premise deductive statement. By providing these tools to the club, Teed has given the members a new perception of what an argument is and what it consists of. The idea of looking at both sides of a story or argument can give an individual a more informed foundation for critical thinking and making significant opinions and choices in life.

Leslie Hicks, the club's Second Vice President, reminded the club members that during the November 1st meeting would be they would be holding their BINGO Fundraiser starting at 1:00 pm following a brown-bag lunch beginning at 11:30 am. This year's game will be played in person in the First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The cost to play is \$15.00 to purchase one card, \$25.00 to play two cards, and \$30.00 to play three cards (meaning that for every game called, a person would be playing either one, two, or three

cards at a time). There will be six rousing games with local business gift cards and goodie baskets as prizes. Members and nonmembers are encouraged to join in the fun.

One of the recent conversations that the club members engaged in was whether to select a member to represent the club at the Point Richmond Business Association meetings. The idea was to increase the visibility of the club and increase membership. The question of having a member requires discussion by the Board before pursuing the effort.

Club President Diane Diani reported that a bid had been received for the Library Garden plot on Park Street, one of the club's possible garden projects. Doreen Leighton, the club's Treasurer, and Diane are in the process of obtaining funding for this beautification project and will reach out to the community for financial support.

This month the WWIC Book Club is reading "Beautiful World, Where are You" by Sally Rooney. The book chronicles the daily lives of four friends as they contemplate abstract philosophy and deal with the drudgery of existence while living in a collapsing civilization. It was thought that there would be a lively discussion regarding this book amongst its readers.



# Memories Rekindled

By Heinz Lankford

Prior to the successful rehabilitation of the Point Richmond Natatorium, (better known as the Plunge), three billboards were created for fund raising. A local artist, Damon Guthrie, created the unique billboards, made with plywood, that depicted the financial goal of the Fundraisers and a Photo-Op board which had male and female swimming suits, adults and kids, painted on the board. One would place one's face in a opening for a whimsical photo shot.

After the reopening of the Plunge these old works of art were stored outdoors, leaning against a stucco wall surrounded by large bushes and trees. In ten years, the weather had taken a toll on the artwork. The plywood had deteriorated substantially, along with the artwork.

A decision was made to try and rehabilitate the billboards but unfortunately, one was beyond repair. Damon did manage to bring back to life two of the artworks and they will be displayed at the Plunge in the near future.



*Heinz Lankford (front) and Joe Moore (rear) carry the refurbished iconic sign into the Plunge. David Vincent was the Project Leader.*



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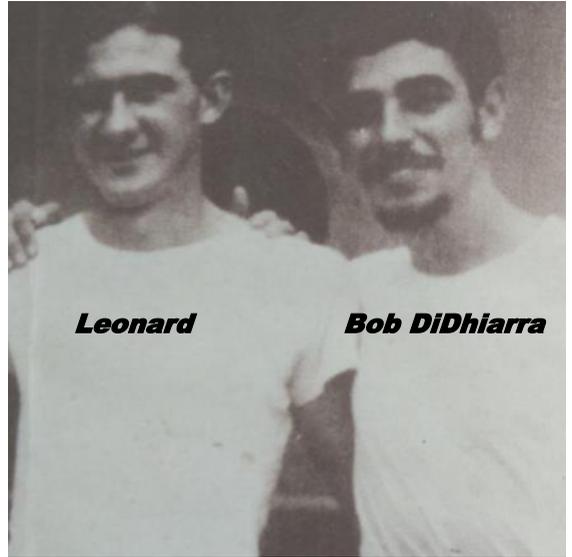
## Richmond Museum of History & Culture “Bob's your Uncle, Snafu's Your Pet!”

*from Desiree Heveroh*



One of my biggest tasks when I came to the RMH was the organization of my new office. I found an amazing treasure buried at the back of the closet that held clues to a long forgotten story. You may recall a sailor by the name of Bob DiChiarras coming to Richmond to visit the SS Red Oak Victory. He was part of her first crew & she was his first ship. He sent his collection of Red Oak items and I am sure he meant for it to be displayed on board. I was able to get the collection back to it's rightful place and 2023 will be the start of the DiChiarras display. This is very exciting but even more was when the lightbulb went off in my head after looking through his photos! I saw a picture of a dog titled simply as "Snafu"

I'm a long time dog lover so I recognized this little dog from a photo I had seen decades ago. Then I found another and it hit me that the Red Oak had an undocumented mascot named Snafu! I showed it to Fred Klink & he pitched in with "So that's why we have a dog door!" 2023 will be the year we bring Snafu's story to life & we are so excited about this. Make sure you bring your kids to learn all about Snafu and also check out the DiChiarras display.



*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*

- 01-03-1923 Richmond-SR Ferry carried 150,000 autos and trucks in 1922.
- 01-18-1923 San Rafael Ferry moving to Castro Point; new road being built by Blake Brothers.
- 01-25-1923 Chief Woods rounds up 17 hobos below Stege.
- 02-09-1923 Homes of W.B. Wilson, 29 Tunnel and Sam Fritz, 32 Scenic raided, stills found.
- 02-14-1923 Church window dedicated at Trinity Church to memory of Rev. C.S. Lindsey who died in 1915.
- 02-20-1923 Katherine McCrackin urges Kozy Kove as City Park.
- 02-24-1923 Donald Church visiting father after trip to Alaska on the Atlas.
- 03-02-1923 2000 gallons of booze dumped into sewers at Martinez (bootleg).
- 03-07-1923 Winter's Building at 11th and Macdonald opens to the public tonight.
- 03-24-1923 Permit rescinded by Chief Woods (Kozy Kove).
- 04-17-1923 Large crowd at Kozy Kove on Sunday.
- 04-26-1923 Surveyors at work on Carquinez Straits; to cost 4 million dollars
- 04-27-1923 The County has collected \$11,000 from bootleggers in 4 months of fines.
- 05-16-1923 New Tennis Courts to be opened to public on Friday. (north end of tunnel.)
- 06-05-1923 Garbage rates go up to 50 cents per month on July 1st.
- 07-05-1923 Biggest 4th of July celebration ever here. Parade was 3 miles long.
- 07-20-1923 Petition with 300 names of Point residents urge that Kozy Kove be purchased as a city park.
- Poncho Villa is slain by his own men today at Parial, Mex.
- 07-30-1923 Pres. Harding ill from over ripe crab meat. Confined to bed.
- 08-03-1923 Pres. Harding died at 7:20 last night in his room at the Palace Hotel.
- 09-06-1923 Ton of Nitro-Glycerin explodes in Hercules; 1 killed 4 injured.
- 09-12-1923 Battleship Texas collides with freighter Steel Seafarer 14 miles north of Pt. Arguello.
- 10-01-1923 500,000 are ill from bad booze.





*Opening of the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge on September 1, 1956*

*PRHA Photo Archive #1323*

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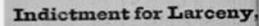
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The Contra Costa County Historical Society is turning 70 this year, and in celebration we are partnering with your local historical society and extending a very special offer to join our society. Take advantage of our unique collection of documents, maps, and photographs that form our large and growing archive. During this year only, you can join our society for a year-long membership, for only \$10! (usual rate is \$40). After one year, as long as you maintain your membership in your local Society, your dues will be one-half the usual rate, or \$20. By becoming a member you will have access to a huge archive of:

- **Court Documents:** We have court documents going back to 1848, and we are the official County repository of superior court records up to and including 1911



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- **Newspapers:** Our newspaper collection is huge and diverse, over 160 separate publications being represented. Some have been digitized and are searchable.



- **Photographs:** At present, we have around 20,000 images that have been scanned and are available as digital files. This number represents perhaps one-fifth of our total collection of prints, negatives, and slides, which date from the latter part of the nineteenth century to the present day.

- **Veale Collection:** Richard R. Veale was sheriff of Contra Costa County from 1895 to 1935. He served with distinction and became one of the best-known and respected peace officers in California. An entire room in the History Center is set aside for the Veale Collection.



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Our historical archive is by far the largest in Contra Costa County. If you are doing historical research of any kind, this is the place to start. So drop in and see what we have to offer, and ask about our special offer. We are located at 724 Escobar Street in Martinez, and are open Tues–Thurs, 9 AM to 4 PM, and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, 10 AM to 2 PM. Phone: 925-229-1042. Visit us at: [www.cocohistory.org](http://www.cocohistory.org)

## Before the Hotel Mac

The 1903 picture on the cover of this issue discloses an awning peeking out from behind 38 Washington Avenue. That awning tweaked Daniel Butt's curiosity and he set off to learn more about it. In doing his research Daniel found a front on photo of the building with this awning on the corner of Washington and Cottage Avenues. So the bottom picture is the lot that would soon house the Hotel Mac and the upper picture proves that the Keystone Hotel structure still exists. Thank you Daniel for this research also thanks to the others who regularly contribute to our Facebook discussion website. I also want to thank the Contra Costa County Historical Society for making the lower photo available.

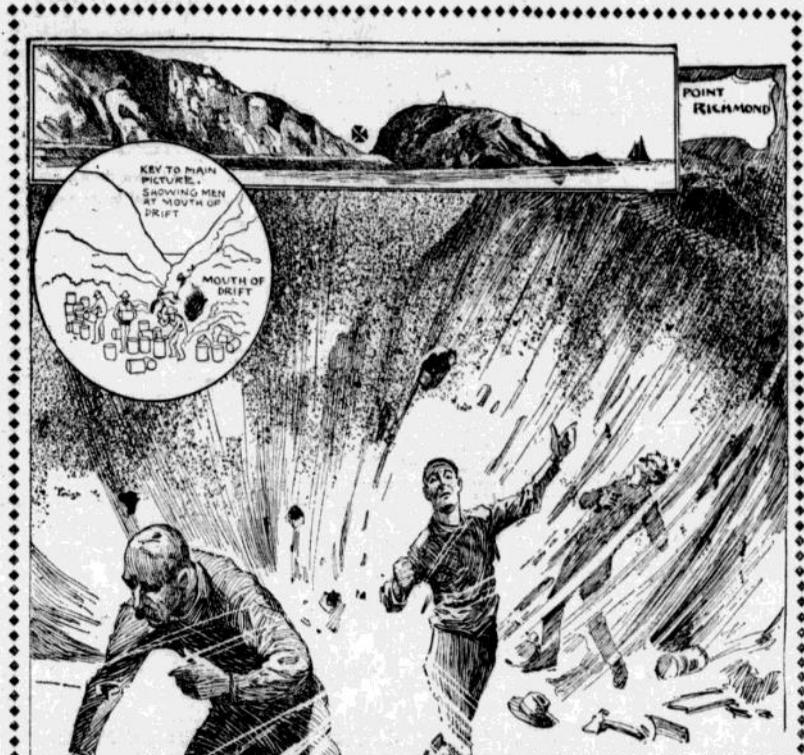
Gary



July 1916. RFD  
Fire Companies (L/  
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front of the Santa  
Fe Employees  
Reading Room.  
Fire Company  
Locations:  
Company No.1 -  
145 Park Place  
Company No.2 -  
235 5th Street  
Company No.3 -  
1900 Barrett  
Avenue  
PRHA Photo  
Archive #1332 from  
Christian Wimmer



# LIVES ARE LOST FROM FLAMES THAT RISE WHEN A LABORER'S AX BREAKS A POWDER KEG



James Hogan chopped a can of black powder with an ax at Point Richmond yesterday morning. There was a flash, an explosion, and Hogan and two men who were with him were enveloped in the flames. Standing beside Hogan at the time were Timothy Keefe and Daniel Quill, foreman of the gang of workmen. All were badly burned.

It was near 10 o'clock

when the explosion occurred and about three hours afterward Hogan died from his injuries. Keefe died late yesterday afternoon. Quill was burned badly about the hands and face. After the emergency treatment given him by the surgeons he was driven to San Pablo and sent to St. Mary's Hospital. It is thought he will recover but he will be disfigured and perhaps

his hands will be crippled.

The men were members of a large force of laborers engaged by James A. McMohon in grading the terminal side for the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley railroad at Point Richmond. A hill is to be cut down and the earth and rock used to make a roadbed across an arm of the bay close to the opening of the first tunnel in the Contra Costa

hills. A small tunnel has been run into the base of the hill close to the extreme end of the point. The tunnel pierced the hill about eighty-five feet and along its length five chambers have been prepared. In these chambers about 2,500 pounds of black powder was to be placed. This explosive is expected to shatter a large portion of the hill so that it can be removed by a steam shovel.

Five men were put to work yesterday morning by Foreman Quill in placing the powder in the chambers. All were experienced in the use of explosives and no danger was apprehended.

Foreman Quill visited the powder gang at their work. As he reached the men he saw Hogan chopping a hole in the head of a cask with a small hand ax. The foreman cautioned him and walked away. He had gone about a hundred yards when he looked back and saw Hogan again at work with the ax. Quill walked back and just as he reached the spot Hogan sunk the blade of his ax into the head of a cask and there was an explosion. Almost instantly the powder in the kegs piled around exploded and the three workmen were in the midst of flaming powder. The powder was not confined and there was scarcely any shock but the little gulch in which the three men were filled instantly with fire. Quill and Keefe rushed from the fire and plunged into the bay. Their clothing was burning even after they clambered over nearby rocks. Several workmen waded into the water and took the injured men to the hospital.

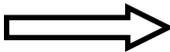
*Bet you didn't know about this.*

*Two men blown up blasting the Point Richmond Tunnel, San Francisco Examiner April 8, 1899:*

*Thanks to Daniel Butt for finding and posting this newspaper article.*



*September 30, 1903 newspaper clip, thanks to James Cheshareck  
Richmond did incorporate in 1905*



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*April 22, 1912*

*Thank you James Cheshareck for this article.*

**CITIZENS WANT TO INCORPORATE**

**Point Richmond People Desire a City of Fifth Class.**

POINT RICHMOND, Sept. 29.—Two hundred citizens have signed a petition to be presented to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors at Martinez next Monday, asking that Point Richmond be incorporated as a city of the fifth class.

The proposition is meeting with much opposition on the part of the larger property interests. The Santa Fe Railroad, the Southern Pacific Railroad, the Standard Oil Company and many of the large property holders are decidedly against the incorporation. They will undoubtedly combat the petition.

A committee of fifty citizens has been named by the Greater Richmond Improvement Club to go to Martinez Monday to present arguments before the board favorable to incorporation.

The petition defines the proposed municipal boundaries as identical with those of the Richmond School District created last spring. This would carry the city limits north as far as Point San Pablo and take in the lighthouse on the Narrows. In this territory will be included the Standard Oil Company's refinery, the Belt Line Railway and a large tract of valuable real estate. The Santa Fe Railroad and the large tract of water front land recently secured by the Southern Pacific Company will also come within the city limits.

On the south the limits will extend to the Alameda County line and on the east they will include the Southern Pacific Railroad's main line. The petition designates that the new city shall be called Richmond.



## 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. Crichett’s place. Even the names are historical. These minutes are a priceless treasure of Point Richmond’s history.*  
*-Linda Newton, Past President*

### Point Richmond, Oct. 8th 1912

The Womens West Side Improvement Club met at Fire Hall.

Meeting called to order by President Mrs. Eaton.

Roll call resulted in 3 officers and 8 members being present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications- Letter read from Anti Race Track Gambling League. The Pres. was instructed to answer asking for circulars. Letter from Mr. Spiersch in regard to rest room. Instructed Sec. to call attention of the health department to occur.

Moved and seconded that the first meeting of the month be a business meeting and we devote the other meets to other things.

Moved and seconded that we give a social card party to members next Tues. Dec. 22nd – carried.

Mrs. McHenry gave a talk on the good of the club and handed in her resignation. Moved and seconded that the resignation not be accepted.

Mrs. Eaton thanked Mrs. Cramer for the gavel she gave the club.

Fin/sec report

Mrs. Wire	.75
Mrs. Luce	1.00
Mrs. Spiersch	1.00
	2.75

Meeting adjourned

Mrs. Cramer, Sec Pro Tem

Sec instructed to notify members regarding the card party. Also to write letters of thanks to those taking part in Jane.

### Point Richmond, Calif., October 15th 1912

Women’s West Side Improvement Club met regular meeting at Fire Hall.

Meeting called to order my President Mrs. Eaton.

Roll call resulted in 5 officers being present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications- A letter from E.B. Hall in regards to servicing pool read, moved and seconded that we indorse letter. Moved and seconded that a warrant be drawn on Tres. to repay Mrs. Hopkins the \$50 paid from the Gray Concert Fund. Moved and seconded that warrant be drawn on Tres. to cover the \$60 advanced to Mr. Sella for Jane.

Sec. instructed to draw warrants for \$1 each for the Richmond Club and Club Mendels for their share for sales of Independent Fed. Time.

Mrs. Eaton appointed following to cover the account for Jane.

Meeting adjourned

Mrs. Cramer

Sec Pro Tem

### Point Richmond Cal., October 29, 1912

Women’s West Side Improvement Club met in Fireman’s Hall with the president Mrs. Eaton at the chair. Meeting called to order by the Pres.

Roll call found six officers present and eleven members present. Reading of minutes from the previous meeting is deferred until the next meeting.

Application for membership: The following names were proposed: M. Julia Odel, Winifred Stidham & Mrs. George Schram. The President

appointed the following on the investigating committee. On the Stidham & Odel applications: Mesdames McHenry, N. Adams, and R. Spierach. On Schram application, Mesdames Weise, Stout and C. Adams.

Announcements: Mrs. McHenry invited the club to attend a political meeting to be held at her home on November 2nd at which time the proposed amendments to the constitution will be discussed pro & con. Also Mr. Crosby would speak on the Harbor Proposition. Time of meeting 2:30pm.

The following bills for the production of "Jane" were read and allowed.

Elmer Cox services		\$6.00
Berkeley Express	4.00	
P. Johnson and Son		6.00
Opera House (2 nights)		30.00
Sheldon Davis services		6.90
J. Snee Money Advanced	5.90	
Supplies, Niedeckers		.90
Mrs. Headkey		2.60

The President declared a recess at which time Mrs. Knowles spoke on the Inner Harbor & Tunnel project.

Fin. Secs report		
Mrs. Stidham Int Fee		1.00
Mrs. Ode. Int Fee	1.00	
Mrs. Geo. Schram		1.00
total		3.00

Meeting adjourned to meet Nov. 12th.

Mrs. P. Dunlap

Secty

**Point Richmond, Calif. November 12th**

Women's West Side Improvement Club met in regular session at Fire Hall. The President Mrs. Eaton called the meeting to order.

Roll call resulted in six officers being present, also the following members Mesdames Curtain, Luce & Weise. The committee on the investigation on names of Julia Odel, Winifred Stidham and Mrs. George Schram reported favorably. Mrs. Adams & Mrs. Hopkins & Mrs. Weise appointed to act as tellers. Ballots reported favorably & three ladies above named were declared elected to club membership.

Communications from Mrs. W. S. Peters,

chairman of the History Landmarks California Federations of Women's Clubs was read and laid on the table.

Bills:

Record Herald Co.	\$3.00
Eliza Gerlach supplies	.65
Richmond Daily Independent programs	46.50
Jas Knee for the Liberty Stage	3.50
Daily Independent Printing	9.00
Rent of Opera House	
7.00	
total	
	\$69.65

Bills audited and ordered paid. Mrs. Marston of the ex board having moved away her resignation was accepted and Mrs. Luce was appointed by the President to fill the vacancy.

Motion made and carried that a social be given in honor of those who took part in "Jane". Social to be held Friday, November 15th at the home of President Mrs. Eaton. Secty instructed to invite the cast of "Jane".

Fin Secty's Report

Jane Programs	\$2.00
" Tickets	2.50
Jane Fund	56.25
total	\$63.75

Meeting adjourned,

Mrs. Paul Dunlap, Secty.

**Pt. Richmond, Calif. November 29, 1912**

West Side Women's Improvement Club met in regular session in Fireman's Hall. President Mrs. Eaton in the chair. Roll call of officers found four officers present and also Mrs. Stout and Mrs. Roth, members. Minutes of the meeting held on November 12th were read and approved.

A communication from Sarah C. Borland in regard appointing a chairman of a committee on legislation. Mrs. McHenry was appointed and Secty advised to notify Mrs. Borland and have her send club such literature. Mrs. McHenry would need Mrs. Roth and Mrs. Stout appointed to prepare papers to be read at the next meeting, subj. "The Health Certification of Marriage.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. P. Dunlap, Secty.



*The History Association conducted a board meeting in the little museum in October. Here is your PRHA Board of Directors: Treasurer Kathe Kiehn, Vice-President Heinz Lankford, Secretary Caitlin Hibma and President Bonnie Jo Cullison. Editor Gary Shows is taking the picture and Membership Chair Pam Wilson unfortunately had to work late.*



## EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

**Martha Bielawski - 102**  
**Mary Bianchini Highfill - 98**  
**Victor Morales - 94**  
**Billie Bonham Shaw - 100**  
**June Beesley Sosabal - 99**  
**Marcelina Smith - 97**

**Donna Wilson - 92**  
**Florence Wilson - 92**  
**Alphonso Diaz - 95**  
**Christopher Wilson - 99**  
**Patricia Jackson Kierce 90**

*For additions or corrections to our "Exclusive Over 90 Club  
Contact Gary Shows, editor@pointrichmondhistory.org, or 510-325-4197*

# *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 Tomberlin  
Nicole Vargo  
Kathryn Pinkerton  
James Cheshareck, Jr.  
Audrey Edwards

Bobbies Boziki  
Debra Jackson  
Linda Cheshareck  
Katrina MacDiarmid  
Albert Kollar  
David Dolberg  
Charlotte Birsinger  
Gary Shows  
Offie Walker

## December

Alexis Lane Jensen  
Donald Smith  
Debbie Seaburg  
Fred Frye  
Christine Hayes  
Michael D. Jackson  
Lydia Jahromi  
Jeff Corbin  
Heidi Frameric

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

Christina Nagatani  
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  
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  
Ken Reed

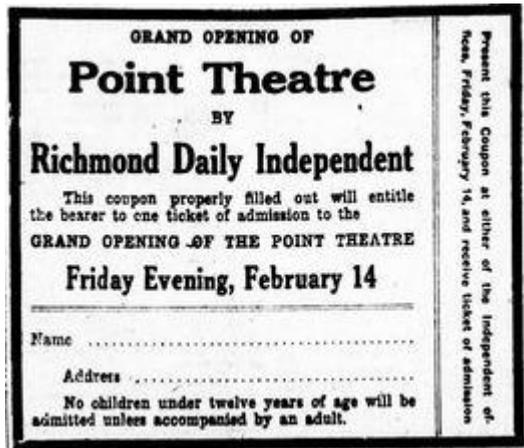
***You share your birthday with about 9 million other people in the world!***

*Please help me keep our lists correct, send additions, subtractions, 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*

***If life were fair, Elvis would still be alive today and all of the impersonators would be dead.***

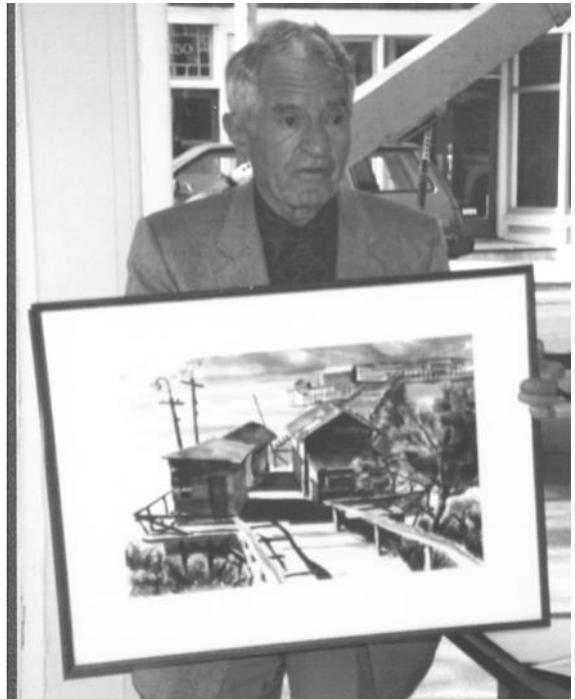
***-Johnny Carson***





February 14, 1913

*Thank you to Dee Rosier for donating to the PRHA, her Richmond Yacht Club program for the 1984 Fireball World Championship and North American Championship/International Week, August 13-24, 1984*



*Bernard Bernes in July of 1992 donated this wonderful painting of Keller Beach Wharf by artist Gary Carter (who is Bernard's son-in-law). Sorry that I couldn't find it for last issue's James Cheshareck article about him and his French Laundry.*



*A new Joel Beck added to our collection thanks to Deborah Haley*

***Thank You to Rick Dustin For your cash donation***

# Memorials.....

**Elisabeth Ellis Engan**, born on May 21, 1957, in Minneapolis, MN, eldest child of Robert and Madge Engan, passed away unexpectedly on August 5th from a pulmonary embolism.

Liz grew up in the Belveron Neighborhood of Tiburon, CA, attending schools in the Reed Union School District, followed by Redwood High School (class of 1975). She then attended College of Marin as a Music major before transferring to Mills College. Liz also spent a semester studying in Florence, Italy, in 1977.

A lifelong professional musician, Liz sang with the Winifred Baker Children's Chorus as a child and eventually performed as soprano soloist on Broadway for six months in the Peter Hall production of "The Merchant of Venice" featuring Dustin Hoffman. She sang at the Holy Virgin Cathedral (Russian Orthodox) and St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, at the Piedmont Community Church, and a many other Bay Area churches. She performed and recorded with San Francisco Symphony Chorus, American Bach Soloists, Carmel Bach Festival, Philharmonic Baroque Orchestra, Theatre of Voices, Magnificent Baroque Ensemble, San Francisco Choral Artists, and many other ensembles. Liz had an enormous knowledge of folk music as well as classical music and taught students at Nomura Preschool in Richmond, the Crowden School in Berkeley, and Kensington Hilltop Elementary School, as well as privately.

Known for her encyclopedic knowledge and astonishing memory, gentle wit and generosity, reckless passion for the banjo, and her love of beauty and humanity in all its aspects, Liz will be terribly missed.



*Another very early shot of pre-paved Washington Avenue.*

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

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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.gsmrm.org](http://www.gsmrm.org)

**MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE**  
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Joanna Mina, Contact, 510-235-0157

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Contact: Andrew Butt, 510-236-7445

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Info: 510-620-6905

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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.

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**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**  
The Children and teens "Sail Fish" and Masters swim teams at the Richmond Plunge. Contact: Coach John Schonder, 510-504-0330 - More info at <http://www.richmondswims.org/> or call 415-892-0771

**ROSIE THE RIVETER NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK VISITOR CENTER**  
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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: Diane Diani, President. Email: [italiandiane@gmail.com](mailto:italiandiane@gmail.com)

**RICHMOND TENNIS ASSOCIATION (RTA)**  
Adult/Youth Lessons and USTA League Play, Hurlbut Tennis and Garden Park (Plunge)  
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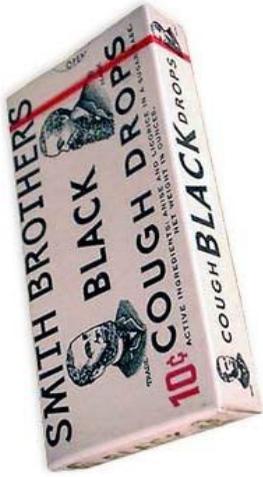
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