

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mid Dornan

One of the flags flying overhead on the road to the City Hall on Harbor Way reads "Honor the Past...Imagine the Future". As we imagine the future, we are imagining the Centennial of the City of Richmond when on August 7, 2005, Richmond will celebrate one hundred years of history, diversity and growth!

The Point Richmond History Association is already looking ahead by forming a Centennial Committee and need your ideas, suggestions and input. We welcome stories of early Richmond so dust off that thinking cap. If you would like to serve on this committee, contact us at (510) 234-5334 or (510) 234-2532 or drop a note to 139 1/2 Washington Avenue, Point Richmond, 94801.

We "honor the past" as we continue to identify historic places in the Point where Richmond began. Next on our list is the first bank in Richmond where the first newspaper was published, and then the first City Hall. The History Association is grateful to Mark Howe who has generously offered to pay for the bronze plaque for the Bank Building. It is our goal to have more historical plaques in place before the Centennial.



This Point.....in time

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Thank you members for your renewal:

- Doug & Rosemary Corbin Family**
- Gilda Markarian**
- Betty Menzie**
- Shirley & Tom Butt Family**
- Anita M. Brougham**
- Marie Louise Ostrom**
- John & Tonita A. Granado**
- Stephen Wyrick**
- June (Beesley) Solasabal**
- Marc Bisio**
- Patricia B. Dornan**
- Ed Gingrich**
- Janis Saunders Henry**
- David Dolberg Family**
- Regina Girard**
- Sonja Darling**
- Phillip Carrera**
- Kevin, Renee & Griffin Knee**
- Lee Christian**
- Viola Kennedy**
- Thomas Mercer-Hursh, Ph.D.**

And a warm welcome to the following new members:

- Lynne Erskine**
- Karen Elliott**
- Dennis Snyder**
- Lupe Morris**
- A. Casazza**
- David & Meliani King**
- Kenny & Kay Madison**

THANK YOU!
SANTA FE MARKET
AND
POINT RICHMOND MARKET
FOR SELLING
"THIS POINT.....IN TIME"

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

- Betty Dornan (Director)**
- Bruce and Ann Bartram**
- Pat Pearson**
- Mid Dornan**
- Bonnie Jo Cullison**
- Dody Perry**
- Anita Christiansen**
- Sonja Darling**
- Betty Dornan**

Museum Hours:

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

Thank You!
Special Supporters!

History Makers

Sherri Mertle

Doug & Rosemary Corbin

Mohamed & Sheba Warith

Linda & Robert Drake

History Preservers:

Royce Ong

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Gilda Markarian

Kevin, Renee & Griffin Knee

EDITOR'S NOTES

Gary Shows (510-235-1336)

Sorry to have missed the Annual Meeting, thank you for electing me to continue this job. Sounds like it was a very interesting meeting and all enjoyed it.

Here is your Summer, 2004 issue of TPIT. I am regret to have to report that Alan Smith is still under the weather and does not have a report in this issue. I want to extend by best wishes to Allan for a speedy recovery, we miss his writings and hope to have him back in September. I am happy to say that a lot of folks have pitched in to make the an interesting edition.

I enjoyed the ribbon cutting ceremony for the exhibit for the Rosie the Riveter / World War II Home Front National Historical Park. Several dozen "Rosies" participated and were given a sustained thank you applause. As usual

Congressman George Miller gave a superb address to the several hundred attendees. We are fortunate to have such a good representative in Washington.

For The deadline for the September/October Issue is Friday, August 20, 2004.

The April/May issue assembly crew was:

- Jerry Cerkanowicz
- Gary Shows
- Mid Dornan
- Betty Dornan
- Mary Highfill
- Pam Wilson
- Pat Pearson
- Margaret Morkowski



Congressman George Miller at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Cover:

Rosie's were honored on June 5th, 2004 for their contribution to the Allied Victory in WWII. The event was a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the first exhibits for the Rosie the Riveter / World War II Home Front National Historic Park. These exhibits are in the temporary City Hall on Marina Way and will eventually be moved to a permanent location in the old Ford Assembly Plant Building.

A-MID TRIVIA

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Question: How many groves are there on the edge of a quarter? Answer at end of trivia.

Eating a piece of chocolate will allow you to recapture your youth. In the form of BABY FAT.

Lloyd Farley is the latest member of the elite 'over 90' club! Members of the Methodist Church honored him after services on May 16th

To test for the freshness of an egg, place the egg in a cup of water with 2 teaspoons of salt. A fresh egg will sink.

Marilyn and Wally Darling were honored on their 50th Wedding Anniversary by their children Dan, Gary, Dale, Carol, Lynn and their families who hosted dinner and dancing at the Richmond Golf and Country Club on June 5th.

Fay and Marian Hawkins escaped from the Point in May with a cruise to Alaska to celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary. They were married in the Point Methodist Church where they both are still active.

Pat Pearson gave a third birthday party for her dog Kit, inviting three dog friends, "Molly" Morkowski, "Mickey" Simmons from Sacramento, and "Lucia" Rodini. A homemade peanut butter frosted biscuit cake for the 'honoree' held bone shaped cookie candles as ten adult guests sang a "Woof-Woof" type of Happy Birthday to Kit.

It is a sad day for book lovers as the Point Library has been closed since April for lack of funding!

It was a quick visit in Oregon with our History founder, Donna Roselius and her husband Rosy, the first week in May. They are downsizing from their large home to a new one being built on adjacent land. Donna was landscaping and keeping as busy as ever, never seeming to slow with her multi-talents. They possess a collection of the most incredibly large and beautiful stained glass pieces I have ever seen! They send regards to all!

Prayers are for our historian, Allan Smith, who is home after a brief stay in a hospital. He says to just say he has 'Lymphoma'!

Did you know that when you become 90 years in numbers you no longer have to pay dues to belong to the Women's Westside Improvement Club? It is the oldest women's service club in the state.

Get Well wishes are being sent to Joanne Busby, as she undergoes Chemotherapy session.

It is a 'dream come true' trip for Sonja Darling in June as she takes her first trip, outside the states, to Norway. Joining her brother and sister-in-law from North Dakota, she plans to visit relatives, sightsee, and search genealogy records. Several friends honored her at a luncheon before she left.

If travel is good for the economy, more Point residents are doing their part! Bo and Don Amantite headed for three weeks in Italy in June.

Linda Andrews-Marshall was elected Publicity Chairman for the State Legal Secretary

Organization at their recent convention in Oakland. Linda is also in charge of publicity for the Methodist Church.

Jane Carnall attended her great-nephew's graduation in Greenville, Illinois, in May. Graduate David is a musician and will attend Greenville College, the same college Dan Damon, Methodist Church Pastor and prolific hymn writer and composer, attended. Jane is pianist at the church.

Between 1965 and 1996 the consumption of milk by teenagers decreased 36 percent and their consumption of soda increased by 200 percent. They got significantly fatter. Calcium helps regulate weight gain.

What beautiful brass doors on the restored Bank Building!

The Point Richmond Stroll is an event not-to-be-missed! The longest lines were found 1) Point Richmond Mkt., 2) the new Thai restaurant, 3) Santa Fe Mkt. which tells a message!

At the Stroll, Bill, the Incurable Collector, was seen giving out 2-carat(?) diamonds(?) to three lucky people!! Hm.

In 1890 there were only about 100 registered motor vehicles in the U.S. By 1900, we were up to 8,000 cars; and by 1915, 2,491,000. Today we have 160,000,000 cars. Does this help clarify those endless traffic jams, fearful road rage, and seemingly freeway parking lots!

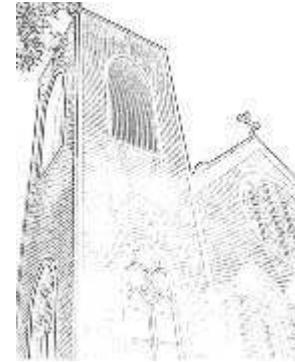


Answer: There are 119 grooves on the edge of a quarter. Count them?



**Congratulations to Helen Valentine of Rodeo
Winner of our Point Richmond History Ornament given at the Stroll on
May 20th. (Helen is one of the 'famous' pie makers at the Methodist Church)**

CHURCH NEWS



Our Lady of Mercy Church

*By Dee Rosier
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My computer is terminally ill! Am attempting to write this article in 15-minute increments, which is the amount of time, I have before being dumped. Knew that our memories failed in later years, but expected the computer's virtual memory to last forever. Prior to this the term "virtual memory" was not in my vocabulary. My computer is now six years old and considered a dinosaur. They must calculate computer age in animal years.

The Parish Council met in May, which should have been the election of new officers month. Father stated that he was just becoming familiar with the Parish and us and asked if we would be willing to stay on for the coming year. With the exception of Facilitator, Rod Phillips, the Council members will remain the same. Diane Siegmund will be our new Facilitator. Steve Shaffer also asked to be relieved as Finance Chairman. Nancy Toledo and members Vince Kafka, Anne Brussock and Margaret Morkowski will chair the Finance Committee.

During the Easter Vigil this year, my granddaughter Jennifer and Kim Wesolowski were confirmed. Jennifer was baptized at Our Lady of Mercy. At the time, it was a difficult decision to select one of my three nephews as Godfather. Father Dennis said that there was no written law that you could only have one Godfather, so it was that all three of my nephews became Jennifer's Godfathers. They repeated this honor at her confirmation, as well as her Aunt, Renee Rosier Knee, as her Godmother. It was a very proud family moment.

With the exception of the daily rentals, the church parking lot is now void of stored vehicles. Future plans are pending and will be elaborated on at a future date.

As compared to last year, baptisms are on an increase. Father has baptized eight this year; last year there were only two. We welcome all of them to our Christian world.

Some of these are attributed to Amelia Drake, who has become the legacy of Our Lady of Mercy.

On the advice of his cardiologist to limit his work, Father O'Rourke will have his two-day weekend on Wednesdays and Thursdays; therefore, Masses will not be celebrated on these days. Friday Mass will be at 5:00PM. The Bishop recently announced that Father O'Rourke is officially the Parochial Administrator of Our Lady of Mercy, which means he is officially in charge. Whatever his title, he's ours to keep. . He recently enjoyed a six-day, non-working vacation, the first in three years.

Nancy and Stan Toledo are indeed blessed. They recently welcomed a new granddaughter, flew off to Chicago to be present at the Christening of their latest grandson, and then entertained two of their other grandchildren here in the Bay Area. They are the proud grandparents of five lovely grandchildren. They will now take some time for themselves with a biking trip in Spain and a stopover in Portugal.

On Memorial Day Sunday, part of the rose garden will be dedicated to the memory of Tony Ferreira. A special Mass will be said for all who served in the Armed Forces and a planted area of flowers around the flagpole will be dedicated to their memory.

We began Lent with a potluck dinner and what better way to end the Easter season than with another. We gathered in the church hall to enjoy everyone's culinary expertise and good company. For many who eat alone each day, it was indeed a celebration.

Condolences to the family of former parishioner, Carol Garcia. A Mass was recently celebrated in her memory and attended by her family and friends. Her daughter commented that she felt as though she had come home and was so welcomed. We hope that this feeling is conveyed to all who attend our Masses.

Congratulations to former parishioners, Marilyn and Wallace Darling on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Continue to remember Allan Smith in your prayers.

Brenda McKinley continues to hobble around as a result of a broken foot.

Speaking of falling – Dody Perry has taken two falls recently, one requiring stitches. Anna Schwarz was previously crowned for the number of falls she had taken last year. I approached Anna and asked if she would relinquish her crown to Dody and her reply was that she would not because when she fell she did it by breaking a bone. Sorry Dody!

During Easter break my grandchildren, Jennifer and Griffin enjoyed a trip to Disneyland. On his return, Griffin flew off for his annual weeks vacation in Hawaii with his parents.

Have you noticed the new awnings on the rectory windows? With the removal of the

security bars, too much light was being cast through the windows. Great curb appeal and the rose garden compliment the entire rectory.

For the second year Our Lady of Mercy has hosted a table at the stroll. Edwina and Jack Murray donated a garden statue and the Parish donated a box of note cards. The owners of Altura Coffee Shop won the statue and the note cards winner was former Pt. Richmond resident, Teri Ebert. Thanks to all who volunteered their time that evening.

Traveling off to far away places – Vince and Judy Kafka to Prague; John Gerk, a European pilgrimage.

Volunteers are sought to count the money after Sunday Mass. Generally when you volunteer, it becomes a lifetime commitment, but if eight parishioners come forward, it will lengthen the time between intervals.

Margaret Morkowski continues to offer religious instruction classes to children of the Parish. If you are interested call Margaret at 234-4219.

A group is presently working on bringing the parish hall stove up to code. As you recall, whenever used it summons the Richmond Fire Department. The problem is being remedied.

Bob and Marie Peckham's pilgrimage to Lourdes will be recapped at a potluck in the parish hall on June 12 immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass. Everyone is invited to attend. During their trip, it was like old times seeing Bernadette Ayres filling in for Bob and Marie.

Enjoy your summer.

Happy Moments, Praise God
Difficult Moments, Seek God
Painful Moments, Trust God
Every Moment, Thank God

See you in church.



POINT RICHMOND METHODIST CHURCH

by Jean Reynolds

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The Church held another Palm Sunday Feast on April 4 for the enjoyment of the community. Ham, scalloped potatoes, yams, and broccoli made for a colorful plate. Ronnie Martinez was noticeably absent at the feast because he was at the Baltic preparing the food to bring to the church. Thanks to Chuck Wise and The Baltic for their unflagging support of our two annual feasts.

Church neighbors Bob and Marie Peckham woke at 8:00 a.m. on Easter morning to hear "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" sung by worshippers at our "Sunrise Service" Point Richmond style in the garden. Those bold enough to show for the early service got a small stone as a reminder of the ways we can be more alive and leave the "tombs" in our lives behind. Everyone enjoyed breakfast at 9:00 a.m. After Sunday School, we held a more formal worship in the

sanctuary, with the old reed organ, at 11:00 a.m. After worship, Linda Pereira and the older youth conducted an Easter Egg Hunt in the back yard for the younger ones with lots of looking and laughing.

The Angel Choir Concert on April 18 was a pleasure for all who attended and for those who performed. The Angel Choir, directed by Dan Damon, is just at the close of its ninth year. Current members are Heather Damon, Zina Foston, Hannah Frye, Lavinia Karl, Lillian Karl, Bethany Reynolds, David Reynolds, Liam Thompson, Sarah Thompson, with occasional harmonies by Alice Thompson and Jean Reynolds. It was clear from the concert that the young people are seasoned singers now and the joy they feel performing spills over! Lavinia Karl performed two pieces she wrote for her harp, and Luke Karl accompanied her on one piece with his violin. Hannah Frye shone in her first vocal solo. Bethany Reynolds accompanied one choir number on electric guitar. All of the youth have grown in craft, poise, and spirit through their participation in the choir!

The Annual Junktique Sale was Saturday, May 1. Not since biblical times have prices been so low! The ever-popular minestrone soup, chili, hot-dogs, and generous cuts of home baked pies served from the kitchen kept shoppers and workers in good spirits. Sy Siatos deserves special recognition for his untiring work to gather and organize things to sell in the months before the sale. Kudos to Fran Smith who organized the event. Fran boasted that more than forty people worked the day of the sale. That is impressive! We have a hard-working community here! On May 31, we featured Junktique II, also known as the Masquers Community Yard Sale. Hordes of shoppers checked out bargains all over Pt. Richmond; many fortified by our pancake breakfast!

On May 20 the church had a table in its familiar spot near the History Building and Dr. Pearce, the dentist, at the Point Richmond Stroll. We gave away cookies, fliers about the church, Junktique II, and social issues. Three lucky strollers won homemade pies in a flavor of their choice: Pat Pearson, David Smith, and Rita Xavier.

On the Calendar:

June 13, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. All Jazz Service with the Dan Damon Trio, the Angel Choir, and some surprises.

July 18, Sunday, 5:00 p.m. Barbershop Quartet concert and Ice-Cream Social featuring The Grand Dads. Norm Reynolds, Roland Wolf, John Serr, and Hal Rutledge will sing four-part men's harmony. Suggested donation is \$10.

Vacation Bible School for kids from age 4 and up is scheduled for July 19-23, from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. We plan a week of stories, puppet shows, games, crafts and food. Call and leave a message at the church (510) 236-0527 or with Jean Reynolds (510) 235-2988 if you would like to sign up.



Point Methodist Church History

Mid Dornan

Church history is rich with contributions of women. One church group in the 1920's was the SOCIAL LEAGUE of the First Methodist Episcopal Church whose history is reflected in their minutes printed below and taken from the canvas covered, red leather cornered notebook which cost \$1.15. The minutes are printed as written.. This is the 66th installment.

June 7th, 1927 the meeting of the Social League was called to order by the President in the church parlors. Mrs. Glennice and Mrs. Holbrook were hostesses for he afternoon. After repeating the Lord's prayer in unison 14 members responded to the roll call. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Grant reported that the "Fellowship" dinner would be held in the church parlors sometime in October instead of Sept as first planned.

Moved an carried that the Social League assist in a 'food' sale on June 8th for benefit of church expenses. Moved and carried that the League donate two dozen old saucers to the Washington PTA.

Moved and carried that the committee for buying the dishes be given a blank check.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Bess Osborn (Secretary)

(Ed Note: Signing with her first name is a first in these historic minutes. Normally they signed with their husbands first name)

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| Previous bal | 42.10 |
| Mrs. Doney dues | .60 |
| Mrs. Vloeberghs | .50 |
| Organ fund | |
| Mrs. C. Jones | 1.00 |
| Silver offering | 1.00 |
| | 45.20 |
| check for organ fund | 1.50 |
| | 43.70 |

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Mid Dornan

Little did Bob Peckham know the significance a little bottle of 'Lourdes Water', received in 1999 from a then unknown person, would soon play in his life! It proved to be a symbol for the beginning of an incredible spiritual and healing journey for Bob and Marie Peckham.

Bob was diagnosed in 2000 with cancer and in succeeding years suffered 'up and down' periods. A person, now known as Michael Lambert, again in 2001 and 2002 presented him 'Lourdes Water' from Lourdes, France. When Bob was so ill, about ten months ago, he sought

help from Dr. Amy Jackson at the Wellness Center who used some of the water on his body. A short time later he was contacted by the Knights of Malta regarding a trip to Lourdes in France. For this he had to fill out many papers, do an autobiography, plus submit numerous references.

A few weeks later, it was at a morning mass that Father David at Our Lady of Mercy Church, leaned over and told him, "You are taking a trip" which was how Bob learned of his all expense trip to Lourdes, France. When friends learned Bob didn't want to go without Marie, a fund for Marie to go was set up. Marie found this hard to accept and was uncomfortable but was told, "This isn't about Bob, but about your 35th Wedding Anniversary!" It was time to accept in return some of the many gifts they have so generously given.

With only a few weeks to prepare passports, pack, wonder about the store etc., another door opened. Son Michael took over the store and they were to learn Bernadette 'couldn't wait to return' from Tennessee to enable them to make the trip. Bob was to celebrate his May 5th birthday on the pilgrimage.

How does one capture with words the ethereal emotions Bob and Marie experienced on their sacred pilgrimage to the hallowed grounds of Lourdes in the Pyrenees of France? Or the intangible and awesome memories being savored as they witnessed and were surrounded by 35,000 people carrying candles, praying and singing in the sanctified grounds of the Grotto, the Plaza, or the Cathedral? People of other countries, teenagers, elderly, severely ill, all hearing in five languages words that proclaim LOVE.

Returning, looking and feeling fantastic, Bob and Marie feel overcome with blessings and thank those who so graciously shared their kindnesses and love on their healing journey of Faith.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH and READING ROOM

by Jo Bycraft

Sorry no report in this issue.



OUR ANNUAL PRHA MEETING

About thirty members and friends attended our twenty-first Annual Meeting and Election of Officers on Sunday, May 23, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at the historic Methodist Church. Don Bastin, Director of the Richmond Museum of History and native of Richmond, was guest speaker. Don discussed his book, "Images of America; Richmond"; a book that has over 200 vintage photographs that vividly tell the story of Richmond. Autographed copies were available and books are also available at our history museum for \$20. Mr. Bastin is donating profits from his book to the Richmond Museum which has suffered from the recent cutbacks in services in Richmond.

Guests that traveled from outside the Richmond area included one of our most recent members of the "elite Over 90" club, Al McGee (who will be 92 soon) and his wife Hortense (Gnaga) from Vallejo; Jarres Saunders Henry from Cupertino; Tom Kenny, Pinole; and Tonita and John Granado, Napa. Others included Royce Ong, Betty Dornan, Bonnie Jo Cullison, Margaret Morkowski, Sonja Darling, Elizabeth McDonald, Lucretia Edwards, Norma Wallace, Bruce and Ann Bartram, Lupe Morris, Anita Christensen, Donald Bastin, Josephine Palenchar, Mary Highfill, Evellyn Thill, Mid Dornan, Helene & Al Frosini (?), Arline Rodini, Sarah and Suzanne Wilson and Jerry Cerkanowicz.

Our greatest asset editor Gary Shows was sad to miss the meeting but adhered to the old adage that says, "business before pleasure" (his business Alko Office Supply in Berkeley), Theresa Meneghelli was ready to come but felt ill at the last moment of being picked up, so missed the meeting. (She is okay now.)

A committee is being formed to work on the Centennial of the City of Richmond in August 2005! Send us your ideas.

Our annual meetings are always interesting, we hope to see more of you next year!!



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William L. Thompson, M.D.

Life in Old Point Richmond



Dr. Thompson was born in Point Richmond on February 17, 1909. He grew up in the Point, attended Washington Elementary School and graduated from Richmond

High School in 1926, attended U.C. Berkeley and in 1929 at the age of 20 was admitted to the UCSF Medical School. He completed his medical school in 1933 and interned at Highland Hospital before joining the Civilian Conservation Corp. as a contract surgeon for the Army. Dr. Thompson practiced medicine for 39 years in Richmond, we are lucky to be the recipient of his written memories of his life in Point Richmond. This is a reprint of his gift to all of us. We will reprint his entire series. Thank you Dr. Thompson! Enjoy!

Installment #2

The husband took care of outdoor work such as repairs and garden work. The care of the chickens and other animals usually fell to the children if old enough. The automobile did not get a start until after 1915. I recall no automobiles in my earliest memories. Merchants and other business people did their work with horse and wagons. The average person did not own horses and did his traveling on foot or by common carriers. My father got his first car in 1917 and that changed our life greatly. There were few repair shops and most car repair and all lubrication had to be done at home by the owner. However, cars were much simpler in those days. At first, the motor had to be started with a crank and this proved to be somewhat dangerous. Unless one held his grip just right the motor could kick back and cause a fracture of the wrist. Even after I started practicing medicine we occasionally

saw a fracture from this source. The so called "self started" was a later development and at first could not be depended on entirely so one still carried a crank for use in emergency.

The first automobiles were rather simple. Some only had two cylinders. All the early cars were open cars. The sedan was a later development. They were equipped with side curtains what could be put on incase of rain. Usually the rain came in anyway and one usually got wet putting them on. Also there were no windshield wipers and in a severe storm one had to stop and get out and wipe the glass. The next improvement was a wiper like present ones except that it had to be worked from inside by a little crank. Taking a drive in winter could be quite a task.

Gas stations were not very common but gasoline was all of one kind and quite cheap. I

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recall 10 or 12-cent gas. There was a gas station near one gate at the Standard Oil Refinery where employees could get their gas. Also the company sold coupon books so that employees could get gas at a reduced rate. Driver's licenses and driving tests were not required at first but with later great increase in automobiles these became a necessity.

Schools were quite different. Families took them most seriously because most of them had not had the benefit of a good education. Most had not gotten by the 8th grade. In many parts of the state there were no schools beyond that. Families cooperated with the teachers in 1917 and 1918 everyone had to wear a flu mask. It was odd to walk on the streets and see everyone with his face covered. In some it was an improvement. Children in school had to wear masks and the schools had to keep a supply on hand in case a child forgot and came to school without one. The masks did little good except to keep the peoples mind on the disease.

There were no school buses and few families had transportation for their children so they had to walk. For some the distance was quite great. The walk from the region of the Standard Oil Company to Washington School was over a mile and on rainy days this was quite a problem and pupils often got quite wet. Because of this the schools had warming benches usually in the halls where students could sit and dry off. Also these were sometimes used for punishment.

When we started to junior high and high school the distance was 2 or 3 miles. We went by streetcar and the car company issued books of

student tickets at about 2 ½ cents a ride. That was fine except that these tickets were not good after 5 P.M. or on Saturdays or Sundays. Those of us who went out for athletics often were not through with practice until after 5 and we either had to walk or pay the seven-cent fare.

Holidays were quite different then. Christmas was, of course, the greatest, especially for the kids. I look back on the huge amount of work that fell on my poor mother. For her it was not much of a holiday. However often 2 or 3 families would get together for the holiday and all of the wives and some of the men and children would pitch in and help. We usually had Christmas trees but in those days almost all of the trees were Douglas fir from up the coast. The red or white fir, often used today, were not available. They grew high in the mountains and the roads there were usually closed by snow. There were no Christmas tree lights at first and we had to use candles. There was a danger of fire, especially for children. Candles had to be placed carefully so as not to ignite a branch above and they were not allowed to be lit unless there was a responsible adult in the room. Children were not allowed to light them. Toys were rather few and simple but were greatly valued.

Like many men my father went to church only on Christmas and Easter. One Easter while sitting in church he suddenly began to laugh. Looking back he saw his friend Lee Dicely, who was just entering, suddenly look up at the ceiling to be sure that the church would not collapse as he entered. These church festivals were simple celebrations and the children took part with recitations and songs.

The First Public Event of Our New National Park

Gary Shows

A short but eventful ceremony was held at the temporary Richmond City Hall on Marina Way on Saturday, June 5th, 2004. A few hundred people gathered under blue sky to witness the ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the first new exhibits for the Rosie the Riveter / World War II Home Front National Historical Park. The event was hosted by the City of Richmond and the National Park Service.

The SS Hornet Band played WWII era music while the crowd met and thanked several dozen "Rosies" for their work and sacrifices for the war effort. Their coming forth to do jobs previously done only by men, not only helped the country but brought about the introduction of women permanently in the American work force. These facts were also recognized by a May 4, 2004 United States Senate Concurrent Resolution 103 and House Concurrent Resolution 413. This resolution is on display in the newly dedicated exhibit.

On hand for the ceremonies were dignitaries Congressman George Miller, Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, National Park Service Deputy Regional Director George Turnbull, Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, Richmond Mayor Irma Anderson and most of the Richmond City

Council including PRHA member and supporter Tom Butt. There were also greetings read from Senator Barbara Boxer and Senator Diane Feinstein who wanted to attend but were unable.

I would love to hear from our readers who were living here during World War II. It would be interesting to our readers to print the stories about your experiences here in the Point. How did the blackouts work? Exactly what was blacked out? How often were they? What about the boarding houses with 24 hour beds? With 24 hour work going on, what changed, were movies really shown at all hours? If so, the theater in the Point? Were the shipyards noisy, could you hear the work in Point Richmond? Were their fears of attack? Was Nichol Nob really fortified with a fake gun? How did the war effort effect Santa Fe Railroad? Chevron (Standard Oil)? Are any of our readers or members Rosies?

You don't have to write an article (even though that would be nice), just notes about your experiences and remembrances of our home front war effort. With our new National Park coming along these questions will become more and more compelling. If I can get information from enough of you maybe I could save it up for an issue with that as a theme.



Cutting the ribbon

Dr. Thompson's Son in law Gab Tognor wrote a touching eulogy to Dr. Thompson at his memorial in 1998, you can read it at <http://www.alkos.com/prha/thompson.html>.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 133 / HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 413
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
May 4, 2004

Honoring the contributions of the women, symbolized by 'Rosie the Riveter', who served on the homefront during World War II, and for other purposes.

Whereas during World War II, 6,000,000 women stepped forward to work in homefront industries to produce the ships, planes, tanks, trucks, guns, and ammunition that were crucial to achieving an Allied victory;

Whereas women worked in homefront industries as welders, riveters, engineers, designers, and managers, and held other positions that had traditionally been held by men;

Whereas these women demonstrated great skill and dedication in the difficult and often dangerous jobs they held, which enabled them to produce urgently needed military equipment at record-breaking speeds;

Whereas the need for labor in homefront industries during World War II opened new employment opportunities for women from all walks of life and dramatically increased gender and racial integration in the workplace;

Whereas the service of women on the homefront during World War II marked an unprecedented entry of women into jobs that had traditionally been held by men and created a lasting legacy of the ability of women to succeed in those jobs;

Whereas these women devoted their hearts and souls to their work to assure safety and success for their husbands, sons, and other loved ones on the battle front;

Whereas the needs of working mothers resulted in the creation of child care programs, leading to the lasting legacy of public acceptance of early child development and care outside the home;

Whereas the needs of women on the homefront led to employer-sponsored prepaid and preventative health care never before seen in the United States; and

Whereas in 2000, Congress recognized the significance to the Nation of the industrial achievements on the homefront during World War II and the legacy of the women who worked in those industries through the establishment of the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, California, as a unit of the National Park System: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress--

(1) honors the extraordinary contributions of the women whose dedicated service on the homefront during World War II was instrumental in achieving an Allied victory;

(2) recognizes the lasting legacy of equal employment opportunity and support for child care and health care that developed during the 'Rosie the Riveter' era; and

(3) calls on the people of the United States to take the opportunity to study, reflect on, and celebrate the stories and accomplishments of women who served the Nation as 'Rosies' during World War II.

Looking For historical Materials to Read, See or Give a Gift?

list compiled by Bonnie Jo Cullison

The Point Richmond History Museum has the following items for sale:

Books/Pamphlets

Brief History of Point Richmond, California by Donna Roselius.

Begins before the arrival of the Spanish in the early 1800's and contains brief descriptions of the brickyards, Chinese Shrimp Camp, Winehaven, the Indian Statue, Kaiser Shipyards and more. **\$2.00**

Richmond Municipal Natatorium by Alexandra Gautraud **\$1.00**

Images of America: Richmond by Donald Bastin

A pictorial history documenting the birth and growth of Richmond from the 19th Century to the present. **\$20.00**

This Point in Time, Newsletter of the Point Richmond History Association. Published ever other month (once in the summer). **\$1.50**

Videos

Birth of Victory Produced by the Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley.

Actual footage of ship production at the Kaiser Shipyards, information about and images of the influx of people who worked there and its affect on the shape and economy of Richmond. **\$20.00**

The Plunge. Time Laps Through History. Produced by Richmond Friends of Recreation. A film by Nick Armington and Sari Armington "tells the fascinating story of this treasured landmark through the eyes of people who knew the pool intimately in each decade of its existence...." (sales of this video benefit the Save the Plunge fund). **\$20.00**

Ornaments

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| Richmond Union High School | \$20.00 |
| Our Lady of Mercy Church | \$20.00 |
| PRHA Little Museum | \$20.00 |
| Gordon's Drive-In | \$20.00 |

Notecards

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| Drawings of assorted buildings and houses in Point Richmond | 50¢ each |
| Indian Statue Postcards | 50¢ each |
| Point Richmond History Association Stickers | 25¢ each |

WWIC ACTIVITIES

Alyce Williamson

April

The Women's Westside Improvement Club met April 6, 2004 at the Point Richmond Methodist Church. There were 24 members and guest present. The theme for the day was "Happy Springtime". Hostesses Mid Dornan, Dody Perry & Pat Pearson decorated the tables with lovely spring decorations. The guest speaker was Julie L. Van Tilburg, a Certified Financial Planner of Lincoln Financial Advisors Corp. Julie gave us an overview of wise investment strategies; what wise investing is and is not; where to find help and what to expect from advisors and points to consider when choosing an advisor. She touched on stock market - difference of stocks & bonds, meaning of no load and load investments. She stressed the importance of protecting your assets with a Living Trust and the wisdom of Long Term Care Insurance. We were given a booklet "Shopper's Guide to Long Term Care Ins." and a brochure, the California Partnership for Long Term Care. All in all it was a very interesting and informative talk. We are very fortunate to have another knowledgeable businesswoman in Point Richmond.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President, Margaret Morkowski. Margaret welcomed new members Connie Lompa, Claire Crowson & Janice Cook. Margaret announced our first "Day" trip will be Thursday, April 22nd. We will be visiting Sunset Gardens in Menlo Park. Reservations for the trip must be in by April 19th. Anita Christiansen's research discovered that the Senior Center has a driver and van that holds 14 people at \$5.00 per person. We will meet at the Point Richmond Methodist Church at 9:00 AM. Election of officers is coming up in May and Margaret called for volunteers for the nominating

committee. Altha Humphrey & Alice Zeier volunteered. Nominations will be announced at the May meeting and nominations from the floor will be accepted followed by balloting. May 4th will be our annual "hobby, craft, garden, travel & etc. day". Since many members mentioned that their hobby was gardening or traveling we have expanded "Day" to include anything that you do for fun or relaxation. For those who are new members everyone brings samples of their work and each tell a little bit about their hobby.

Announcements: Happy birthday to Anna Schwartz, Rosemary Corbin & Anita Christiansen. Congratulations to Mary & Vic Highfill on celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary April 2. Sat., May 1st will be Methodist Church annual "Junktique" sale from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Have lunch there too. Thurs., May 20th is annual Pt. Richmond Stroll 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. We plan to participate. More details at the next meeting. Mon., May 31st is the Masquers community yard sale with pancake breakfast at the Methodist Church. Easter Sunday the Methodist Church will conduct service in the garden. Washington School is organizing a year book for this year. Donations of \$10 are needed to help pay for books for those unable to afford to pay for them. Mid Doran made a motion that WWIC donate up to \$60 toward the books. Motion carried unanimously. In addition, some members made individual contributions. Thank you everyone.

Members present signed a "get well" card for Marion Voight wishing her a speedy recovery.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM. Next meeting is Tues, May 4th. Remember it is "Hobby Day". See you there. Bring a guest and or a new member.

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May

The Women's Westside Improvement Club met on May 4, 2004 at the Point Richmond Methodist Church. There were 22 members and guest present. Theme for the day was "May Day". Hostesses Marge Miller, Anna Schwartz, Marion Kent & Anita Christiansen decorated the tables with beautiful flowers and flowered plates and napkins. Altha Humphrey brought a new "red & white" cloth for the work table in the kitchen. Being "Hobby Day" there was no guest speaker. Meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM by President, Margaret Morkowski. Report on our first "Day Trip": Our first trip was a rousing success!! Eleven members met 9:00 AM at the Methodist Church and with help of our driver, Drew, boarded the van and settled in for the trip to Sunset Gardens in Menlo Park. In spite of it being commute hour we zipped right along in the diamond lane and the Bay Bridge "Fly Over" and were in Menlo Park within an hour. Our driver, Drew, found some 1940's & 50's music on the radio and with a "sing-along" and visiting the hour passed quickly. At Sunset Gardens we were left on our own to tour the gardens at our leisure for an hour. On the drive from Sunset Garden to our lunch destination, Drew drove us thru an old section of Menlo Park where there were large mansions with beautiful gardens. After lunch we headed home via U.S. 280, the Great Highway, the Cliff House, the Legion of honor, Sunset Cliffs, the Presidio, the Golden Gate Bridge and Sausalito into Pt. Richmond via the San Rafael Bridge. All in all it was a grand tour and a fun time was had by all. For Election of officers, Altha Humphrey reported that all presiding officers (except for the First Vice President who was absent) agreed to serve for another year. There were no nominations from the floor. Ballots were cast

and officers for the year 2004 - 2005 will be presented at the June meeting. First Vice President position will be acted upon at that time also. Happy Birthdays since our last meeting Shelia Fostiak and Connie Lompa. Marge Miller will celebrate her birthday on May 26th. A sign up sheet was circulated for the Pt. Richmond stroll on May 20th. Seven ladies signed up meaning each lady will staff the table for 1/2 hour. June meeting will be last meeting of the year. In addition to presenting officers for the year 2004 - 2005 we will have our annual Salad Pot Luck Luncheon hosted by current officers. A sign up sheet was circulated for each to indicate if you will be bringing salad, dessert or donation. If you do not bring a salad or dessert then there will be a donation of \$5.00. Guest are welcome. It is also "Hat Day" be sure to wear a hat. Anyone not wearing a hat will be fined \$1.00. It was now time for members to show their "Hobbies" and tell about them. When we arrived many crafts were on display. There were many various crafts - quilting, knitting (lap robes), pillows, decorative hats, bottle covers, Ice skating on film, decorated shoes, needle point, painting, soap making, vases, greeting cards, laser work, and a personal demonstration of Muay Thai (Thai style kickboxing) and a few moves for self defense by Claire Crowson. Each member exhibited their work and told about it. There were so many beautiful things too numerous to mention each one here. We have a very talented group of women in our club and it was a delight to see all their work, Janice Cook gave the club a wonderful compliment. She said that many of her days were very busy and left her feeling tired. She said coming to the meetings where there is so much energy it was very healing. Thank you, Janice for the very nice compliment. Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM. Next meeting June 1st. Salad Pot Luck Luncheon & Hat Day. See you there. Bring a guest and or a new member.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL CLASS PICTURES

Thank you Rosemary Corbin for providing fourteen Washington School Class pictures for our archives. Classes included are:

Kindergarten 1974/75 - Faria
Grade 3 1974/75 - Kriet
Grade 1 1976/77 - Johnaon
Kindergarten 1976/77 - Crouse
Grades 2-3 1976/77 - Politeau
Grade 1 1977/78 - Nowling
Grades 2-3 1977/78 - Berg

Grade 4 1978/79 - Crouse
Grade 4-5 1979-80 - Crouse
Grade 3 1979/80 - Berg
Grade 6 1980/81 - Demorest
Grade 4 1980/81 - Croft
Grade 5 1981/82 - Sharp
Grade 5-6 1980/81 - Bogy

Stop by our history museum to enjoy these photos, reminisce and perhaps help us identify those unnamed students in the photos.

Also, IF you have school class photos we could have or copy for this book, let us know. We have the 1932 Second grade and the 1933 fourth grade classes from Stewart Saunders.

SHHH!

By Bibliotek

News From the Westside Branch

No report from Biblio

YOU CAN HELP OUR LIBRARY

Donations to support online databases and magazines may be done through the North Bay Cooperative Library System. Make checks out to NBCLS; note "for Richmond Public Library Trust Fund". Checks may be given to the Richmond Public Library Administration Office.

You can now donate a book(s) using Amazon.com. Open Amazon.com, click on Wish List, under Find a Wish List enter Richmond Public Library, click on Richmond Public Library's Wish List and buy a book(s).

Sponsor a book by going to the Children's Room and paying the retail price of a new book. A gift plate with your name will be attached. Checks to be made out to the Friends of the Richmond Public Library.

WATCH FOR AN OPEN SPACE MAIL BALLOT STARTING JUNE 11, 2004

This June, Contra Costa property owners will have an unprecedented opportunity to restore and maintain existing neighborhood and regional parks and protect and preserve our most important remaining open spaces, wildlife habitats and shorelines in order to ensure that our children and grandchildren will enjoy the same quality of life that we do. This ballot measure was developed by a broad group of environmental, business, labor and local leaders with ongoing input from organizations such as TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee. It is the first comprehensive, countywide measure for open space protection since 1988.

The measure specifically allocates \$5 million to preserve and restore Richmond's remaining undeveloped shoreline open spaces, e.g. on the San Pablo Peninsula north of the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge and the Breuner Marsh south of Point Pinole Regional Shoreline. It also allocates \$5 million to help complete the Bay Trail plus an additional \$5 million for other trail projects.

The Measure will raise about \$8 million annually and includes strong fiscal safeguards with a citizen's oversight committee.. The proposed rate for virtually all single-family homes is \$25 per year - or about \$2 a month. This is a modest investment for protecting our last remaining natural lands, waterways, shorelines and natural history for our children and their children.

For more information, see <http://www.contracostaopenspace.org/or> contact TRAC at tracbaytrail@earthlink.net. bb

Exclusive - Over 90 Club

An impressive list! And it grows each month!

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

**Alice Elspeth
Jean Moyle Spiersch
Rena Cairo Gonsalves
Anne Hanzlik
Dulcie Johnson
Lupe Padilla Lopez
Louise Hammond
Anita Brougham
Ethel Schumacher
Dorothy Rudnick
Goldie Mobley**

**Al McGee
Laura Kurtz
Reva Ward
Lee Christian***(welcome to our newest member!)*

*An even more exclusive club.
100 YEAR OLDS:*

Bonnie Kirkman
Have we missed anyone?

CARDS, LETTERS & E-MAIL

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am very interested in American Civil Aircraft of the 1920's and 1930's. I have a hobby of collecting information and pictures of the less well known aircraft of this era. I hope you might be able to help me with an aircraft built in Point Richmond.

In 1930 Mr. E. E. Whitman of 238 Castro St., Point Richmond built an Amphibian Flying Boat. This information comes from the United States Register of Aircraft. This all the information that I have at present.

If you have any information, no matter how small, about Mr. Whitman and his aircraft I would be very pleased to here from you.

Sincerely,
John M. Jarratt
17 Linsdale Gdns.
Gedling
Nottingham NG44GY
England

Letter to Editor

Re: Growing up in Pt Richmond
Mrs. Dornan,

I stumbled on your wonderful web page quite by accident! My sisters and I grew up in Point Richmond I remember the war years well. It seems to me, we used to attend the Victory Theater (later to become the Point Theater) for eleven cents. I attended the "new" Washington School but the old one was still in place. Actually, my fourth and fifth grade classes were in the Canal Housing Project Recreation Center. The school didn't have enough classrooms because of the rapid growth of the Kaiser Shipyards.

I joined the Cub Scouts (Pack 5 Den 4) and later Boy Scout Troop 111 which met in the basement

of the Methodist Church. I don't remember much about the Cubs but I remember the Scouts well. Bob Dornan was one of several Scoutmasters. Camp Wolfboro was always the highlight of summer vacations.

In the late 40's the Municipal Natatorium became the Richmond Plunge with its heated saltwater pool. Ralph was the life guard and Georgia was the admission (ticket) clerk. When I wasn't playing baseball at the lot behind the closed restaurant building at Castro and Standard, I was at the pool.

I rode the Key System bus to both Roosevelt Junior High and Richmond Union. My class, RUHS 1954, is having its 50th reunion this year!

Assuming you still live in the same house, I must have visited you many times while in the Boy Scouts. I probably can't count the number of times I visited the hardware store. . .Bob's death was a terrible loss to the community.

After graduation in '54, I joined the Navy and was essentially gone for the next 30 years. In 1957 I returned for several months and then went back into the Navy. I briefly returned in 1965 to attend my mom's funeral. Other than that, I have been at sea with the Navy. The Navy was good to me, it gave me a college education, sent me to flight school in Pensacola and gave me a masters degree from the Naval War College. I retired in 1984 while on the faculty of the Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey.

We still live on the Monterey Peninsula and I am about to retire a second time as a teacher in the Alisal Union School District (grades 4, 5 and 6). My address is: Ronald (Ron) Vandergrift
25641 Toro Road
Salinas, Ca 93908
(831) 484-9902

Regards, Ron Vandergrift

DEATHS.....

Carol Nancy Garcia passed away on April 13, 2004 at her Brentwood Home. She was born and raised in Richmond and lived in Point Richmond for 66 years, moving to Brentwood two years ago. Carol was a 1953 graduate of Richmond High, Past Worthy Advisor of San Pablo Assembly #117, and worked at CAL Research until 1960. She is survived by her son, Robert Garcia, daughter Tina Pilara, four grandchildren and a sister, Sue Lynn of Pinole. Her parents, Chester and Garnet Stanley preceded her in death.

History Museum Visited by Many

We are grateful to Betty Dornan who provides the volunteers who staff our history museum each week in the Point. This past year visitors have come from Texas, Missouri, Florida, Nevada, Michigan, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Alabama, as well as a 'Fleet Post Office' address. Visitor signatures indicated some lived in New Zealand, Costa Rica, and England. We welcomed guests from Kentfield, Dixon, San Francisco, Berkeley, Concord, Vallejo, Rosemead, Albany, Alameda, Oakland, San Rafael, Pinole, Rocklin, San Diego, Sonoma, Moraga, Napa, Sacramento, Pleasant Hill, Nevada City, Dutch Flat, El Sobrante, Los Angeles, Menlo Park, Loomis and Clovis, all cities in California

While visitors come from many places, it is heartening to know so many people in Richmond and Point Richmond also visit and enjoy our small museum. md

* Residents of Crest Ave. gathered at the "Triangle Park" at Crest Ave and Vine *
* on May 15th for a clean up day. The "Triangle" had become overgrown with *
* weeds and they proceeded to turn the jungle into an oasis. *
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* Special thanks to the workers and contributors: Manny, Rod, Mary, Jane, Pat, *
* Mary, Liz, Marion, Harvey, Molly, Cazeaux, Angie, Rosemary, Peter & *
* Carmelle. Manny will design a new landscape plan to be planted when the *
* rainy season begins. It is going to be beautiful for not only the residents to *
* enjoy but for those who take their daily walks to Nichol Nob. *
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* Soooooooooo Keep and Eye Out!!!! *

BIRTHDAYS

June

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| Alissa Bagley | Dan Weinstein | Dianne Primavera | Lee Christioan |
| Phyllis Downey | Brian Rotting | Suzanne Unser | Lillian Karl |
| William Shea | Stacey Spinola | Aaron/Michael | Luke Karl |
| Emeric H. Baxter | Gill Stanfield | Marshall-twins | Steve Wyrick |
| Anita Brougham | John H. Knox | Thomas Kenny | June Solosbal |
| Andrew Butt | Alice Baxter | Marcelina Smith | Phyllis Bogue |
| Jean Eakle | Rosemary Giacomelli | Maurice Doherty | |
| Joanne Lansing | Daniel Buhler | Gerry Higuera | |
| Cathe Brazil | Dave Macdiarmid, Jr. | Judy Travis | |

July

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| Josephine Palenchar | Allen Anderson | Loretta 'Mertle' Lease | Stella Anellini Giovannini |
| Frances Smith | Madison Bradshaw | Madeline Bellando | Alyce Williamson |
| Amy Rotting | Ed Squires | Albright | Martha Bielawski |
| Mrs.Chas Baldwin | Roger Elle | Jean Reynolds | Madison Bradshaw |
| Julius Matteucci | Alice McMahan | Ann Bisio | Dixie L. Mello |
| Bea Read | Betty Conception | Ed Squires | Frank Matteucci |
| Mary L.Knox | Hilary Lord | Regan Bradshaw | Mae Mandl* (93) |
| Al McGee* (92) | Liz Garrard | Jon Healy | |
| Diedre Cerkanowicz | Clifford (Lou) MacMillan | Golda Pettycord Howard | |

August

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| Oretta Eaton | Zoanna Kille | Romilda Burress*(93) | Michael Shaw |
| Donna Wilson | Mary Knox | Bonnie Ritzenhaler | Roy Henry Gover |
| Mid Dornan | Karla Peterson | Wilson | Beatrice Beesley |
| Joe Darling | Alia Smyke | Ethel Schumacher* | Jerome Vloeberghs |
| Nikki Eaton | Terrence Doherty | Dean Beesley | Jim Healy |
| Barbara Ward | Lisa Smith | R.Clayton Barnes | * Elite over ninety member |
| Connee Fisher | Kelly von York | Tony Bernabich | |
| Alice Bray Thompson | Rose Barra | Thelma Hecker Harvey | |

The Exclusive Over Ninety Club has gotten too big for this space, see page 20

CALENDAR

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY

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

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE

Quality productions, Fridays and Saturdays at * pm, Sunday Matinees at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$13, cash check or credit card. Reservations and program, 510-232-4031.

Dinner at the Hotel Mac and the play on Thursday, for only \$28. Call 510-232-4031 for reservations.

POINT RICHMOND ASSOCIATION OF MOTHERS (PRAM)

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

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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

POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER/FIELD HOUSE & PLUNGE

Info: 233-6881

POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Museum at 139½ Washington Avenue, open Thursday's and Saturday's, 11:30 to 2:00

The Association's Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers is Sunday May 23, 2004 at 2:00pm at the Point Richmond Methodist Church Meeting Room.

The deadline for the Summer Issue (June/July/August) of TPIT is Friday May 21, 2004.

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Meets last Wednesday each month, Pt Richmond Community Center; 7:30 P.M Contact: Don Woodrow, President, 234-3107.

RICHMOND ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND

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

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

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

WOMEN'S WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Contact: Margaret Morkowski, President.