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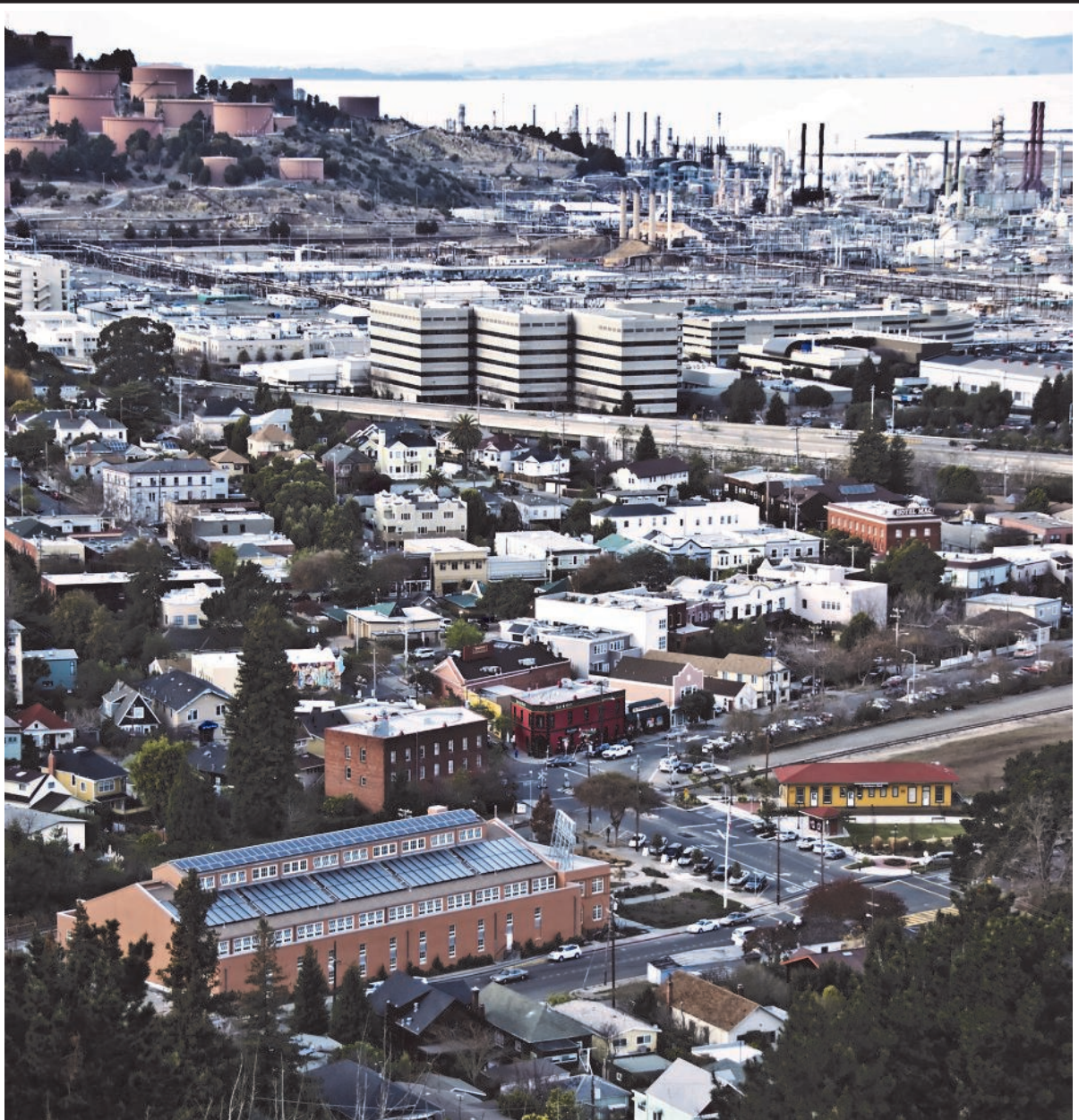
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in the year 1903**

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From the President

By Mid Dornan

Everyone values a beautiful community and Point Richmond is unique because of its preservation of original buildings which distinguishes our area. Our Museum is unique because of its size but preserves valuable historical information. Combining history with modern technology, the Point Richmond History Association has installed a digital picture frame that has a slide show of over 600 pictures. Our Editor, Gary Shows, has made this possible from his collection, many of which are already on the PointRichmondHistory.org website. Recent visitors are spending more time in the building fascinated by these photos.

Are you retired? Need some excitement in your life? Have a couple extra hours a month? Like to meet new people? Consider staffing the Museum as a substitute. Interested? Call 510.234-4219 for an interview.



Lower Tunnel in 1903

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A warm welcome to new members:

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Wednesday 4:30 pm-7:00 pm

Thursday 11:30-2:00 pm

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

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The Cover:

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See Thomas' Gallery in the center fold for the complete 1903 picture.

Editor's Notes

Gary Shows (510-235-1336)

I've had the 1903 photo from Anne Hanzlik for quite some time but had not really studied it. Sadly, Anne passed away last August and I am wishing she was here to see this issue. The picture is amazingly crisp, you will see that from the zooms scattered throughout this issue. Special thanks to Thomas Mercer-Hursh for preparing them.

We still have lots of PRHA 2012 year at a glance calendars left. Stop by the museum for your free copy

I appreciate the timely work our contributors put into making "THIS POINT.....in time" interesting. Thanks to you all.

Thanks for stapling, folding and mailing the last issue:

Mid Dornan
Margaret Morkowski
Pat Pearson
George Coles
Jerry Cerkowicz
Marcelina Smith
Bonnie Jo Cullison
Tom Piazza
Gary Shows

The deadline for articles and items for the next issue is March 23 2012.

GOLDEN GATE AVENUE BOCCI BALL

On Golden Gate Avenue we had some Italian neighbors whose menfolk built a bocci ball court and played the game seriously. Some of the families involved were Pucci and Giovanetti.

Harold Shawl Point Richmond Memories

Thank You!

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A-Mid Trivia

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Q: What Republican President chose a Democrat to be his Vice President who became President and was impeached? Later he was elected to the U.S. Senate.

ANSWER at end of Trivia

JOY increases as you give it and decreases as you keep it for yourself.

-Norman Vincent Peale

In a Leap Year we get an extra day and then we soon spring forth getting an additional hour. Feb 29 was once popularly known as "Sadie Hawkins Day".

According to the Global Language Monitor website, there are ONE million words in the English language. The millionth word? Web 2.0.

Our Point Richmond History founder, Donna Roselius, stopped overnight in December enroute from Port Orford, Oregon, to Sonora and enjoyed dinner at the Thai restaurant with Pat Pearson, Arlene Hartman, and Mid Dornan. Donna is excited to be a first time great-grandma soon.

Pam Wilson and her sister, Patrice, drove to Arizona on Route 66 to capture and renew memories of the cute towns they saw as kids. They spent a night in beautiful Sedona before taking in the highlights of Phoenix Superstition Mountains, tea at the Biltmore Hotel, Phoenix Art Museum and a tour of Frank Lloyd Wrights house, Taliesin West.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

When you look down at your texting device

when you are behind the wheel of a car, your car goes the length of a football field in 4 seconds and you are not looking.

Pat Nelson is the honored "Sweetheart" of 2012 and will be feted at the San Pablo Yacht Club on Thursday, February 16th. This is a fund raiser for the Point Methodist Church. Seating is limited and reservations are required. 510.234-5334.

Visitors Dolores Cone and her Mom from Elk Grove, CA, stopped by the Museum and were thrilled to have our Point Richmond walking tour brochure and to learn about the Rosie the Riveter Park and the Red Oak Victory Ship. They were spending the week-end at the East Brother Light Station and happy to learn about the other historic places to visit while in the area.

The Point Library Book Club meets the third Monday at the Library at 5:30. It has out grown the Library space and plans to meet in the Community Center.

Richard, Roberta, Rachel and Robert Palfini, Irvine, CA., spent the holidays visiting Roberta's Mom, Mid . Rachel was home from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington. While here, she met with her Richmond college classmate, Fabiola Ochoa, and they headed to a favorite place, Fenton's in Piedmont for, what else, ice cream!

Thank you to former TPIT treasurer, Ellen Schaefer, now living in Eugene, Oregon, for keeping in touch and sending "Trivia".

Were you one of the 7 out of 10 Americans who bought their animal a Christmas gift?

Wishing Mary Highfill at Bay Park a Happy Valentine's Day.

First time Grandmother, Terry Wynne, plans to be in Florida in February when her grandson is born to daughter Kiley and Sam Efron.

Our Incurable Collector, Bill Villanero, has undergone surgery, and is wished a speedy recovery. WE all miss you, Bill.

Money can't buy happiness but it will certainly get you a better class of memories.

There are no clocks in Las Vegas Casinos.

Income at which happiness peaks is \$75,000.

Norm Reynolds is recovering from a concussion that he suffered from when a tire blew on his bicycle, throwing him to the ground leaving him unconscious. Medics had arrived before he was aware of his accident. A helmet badly broken from the accident saved him from further injuries.

Hotel Mac guests, Helen and Laurel Tracy, Beaverton, Oregon, returned home with stories about the winds and power outage but stayed several days to enjoy the local attractions.

Did you remember the price of first class postage stamps increased 1¢ to 45¢ on January

22nd? Of course, you remembered to buy Forever Stamps.

One third of baby boomers are obese according to the Associated Press-LifeGoesStrong.com poll.

The estimated Volunteer dollar value of non-management, skilled workers, or specialized doctors, lawyers, etc. for 2009 listed California at \$23.42. Only five states were higher, Conn., Mass., D.C., N.J., and N.Y.,

Spring arrives on March 20.

Valentine's Day! Only 254 days 'till Christmas!

SEND SOMEONE A VALENTINE

ANSWER: LINCOLN. Andrew Jackson became the 17th President when Lincoln was assassinated. Andrew grew up in poverty, never attended school and was virtually illiterate until his future wife, Eliza McCardle tutored him. He was impeached because he removed a Cabinet member without the approval of the Senate and became the first former President to be elected to the U.S. Senate.

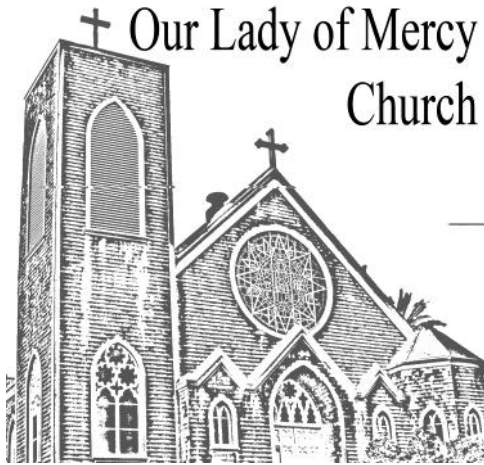


***Railroad Avenue in
1903***

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Church News



By Dee Rosier

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HAPPY NEW YEAR and welcome to 2012. How quickly 2011 passed.

The next generation is preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. At present, 20 are preparing to receive First Holy Communion.

A Children's Liturgy is ongoing each Sunday during Mass. The children are tutored by Margaret Morkowski, assisted by Jennifer Rosier. All children are invited to attend. A few Sundays ago, the children attended the first part of the Mass with their parents and then left for the church hall – some left willingly and some needed a parent's hand to guide them.

Along with the economy, our income has fallen somewhat, but we were able to pay the obligatory bills and still keep our heads above water. When it comes to the economy, we too are affected. We give thanks to a number of generous parishioners. The Parish is small, but showing signs of increased attendance. We may be small, compared to others, but we are blessed with some very generous parishioners.

The Point Richmond Art Society meets in the church hall. They deserve credit for encouraging local artists and arranging exhibits around town. We appreciate having the upbeat, colorful and creative presence among us.

It did not take long for Father to realize the pluses of Pt. Richmond. He frequents the Plunge on a regular basis and confirms that it is a great way to start the day and retain mobility of the body.

We have experienced several baptisms. Father has had the honor of baptizing 80 children and are into our third register which began in 1972. The other register went back to 1943, and the first one begins on October 10, 1902. The baptisms are presently listed alphabetically and indexed. In the past, church records were very important, since they were usually the only records kept. Among those recently baptized were: Corinelise Sara Buie, the daughter of Jeff and Paulette and Haley Anne Howard, the daughter of Anthony and Christine. Both of the girls have brothers who were also baptized at Our Lady of Mercy.

If you wish to register as a parishioner, forms are available in the entry way. If you live within the parish's legal boundaries, you are by church law already a member. For details, visit the webpage: pointrichmondatholic.org.

We continue to support the Souper Kitchen and also collect clothing for the same. Your contributions are always accepted. If you have clothing to donate, you may leave it by the church hall door.

We thank the Gateway Foundation for awarding Our Lady of Mercy a grant which was used to preserve the gothic design on the back porch of the church. At about the same time the back porch on the rectory showed signs of dry rot, etc., and was replaced.

Christmas is now a memory, but we must comment on the beauty of the church during this season. The Pointsettas were a donation by a generous parishioner and many hands worked on

beautifying the interior for the Christmas services. During this season, a Ceremony of Carols was held, which was in the traditional form of vespers. It was led by three musicians – soprano, violin, and piano.

During Advent our Lady of Mercy Giving Tree sat in the back of the church and received many donations which were given to the Family House at Children's Hospital, Oakland. Nancy and Stanley Toledo chair the giving tree and transport the donations to the hospital. Thanks is extended to the Toledo's who continue to chair the tree each year.

In all the years that Brenda McKinley and I have hosted the first Sunday coffee/donuts get together, we have never missed a month – 2012 being the exception. The New Year fell on a Sunday and the donut supplier was closed for the holiday. It was a first for all of us.

Our Parish Secretary, Beth Lewin, works behind the scenes, but is responsible for keeping all the official aspects of parish life well organized. We are fortunate to have her.

A parishioner is willing to lend us a very high quality grand piano for use in the church. The big question is whether it will or will not fit and whether the weight can be supported. At this point, it is a matter of discussion.

Contribution envelopes for 2012 are available in the entry to the church. Parishioners using envelopes may pick up their assigned envelope boxes and new users may select a box and register on the sheet provided on the table. At the end of January, parishioners using the envelopes will receive a detailed list of all 2011 contributions.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the parish in 1952, the parish purchased a silver chalice, engraved in honor of the Parish Pioneers. With continued use, it was in need of restoration. The restoration was recently done and was quite costly. It is a tradition to offer parishioners the opportunity to help cover the costs used at Mass in memory of deceased relatives.

A few weeks ago the Chronicle pictured an

old Nissan Pathfinder and its owner. Father David could also qualify for such a picture, since his 1994 Nissan Pathfinder with 198,000 miles on it just left the shop with a new transmission.

A watercolor class is scheduled for Saturday, February 5. Father has a DVD with a few lessons on it by an absolute genius at catching the shapes of his subjects without obsessing.

Last year, Tom Sindicich did a marvelous job of restoring the Station of the Cross, which fell off of the wall. It has not yet been put back in place since it needs to be repainted, which requires funds that we do not presently have.

A graduation celebration was recently held for Martin Lopez, who graduated at the top of his class.

The holidays brought many visitors to our Parish. Linda and Rick Duste from Houston, never miss the opportunity to visit us while in the Bay Area. We also enjoyed meeting Louisa Hager visiting from Sherrill, New York. Louisa is Craig Hager's mother.

Condolences to the Frosini family in the recent death of Helene Frosini, a Pt. Richmond native.

Condolences to the Lometti family in the recent death of Varsi Lometti.

Continue to remember in your prayers: John Gerk, Al Frosini, Vince Kafka, Bill Smith, Frankie Mello and Dody Perry.

Condolences are also extended to son-in-law, Kevin Knee, in the recent death of his mother, Peggy. Memorial services will be held in Pittsburgh, PA.

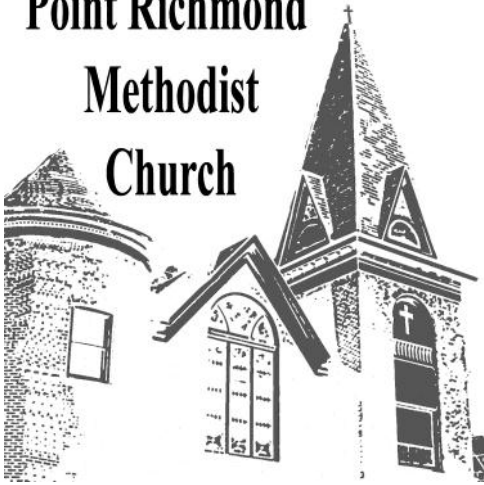
Those of us living on Idaho Street are rather smug because we retain the same neighbors, but that recently changed when 16-year residents Scott, Cyndi and Ben Stanfield moved to Berkeley. They will be missed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Grandson, Griffin – Ama will always love you.

WHEN EVERYTHING IS COMING YOUR WAY, YOU ARE IN THE WRONG LANE.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH

Point Richmond Methodist Church



By Jean Reynolds

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On Thanksgiving, members, dedicated friends and local businesses came together to serve a sit-down dinner to anyone who could join us. Teams formed to decorate; plan, prepare and transport the food; set up; welcome; serve; clean up; ask for donations (and pick them up); and deliver leftovers. An army of people brought pies. Pastor Dan and Tom Belton provided easy-listening music for the diners. Fran Smith and her crew made sure the space looked bright and comfortable. Barbara Haley, Doreen Leighton, Deby McFadyen, Mim Drake, and Tinna Manansala organized the feast. Attentive servers in the dining room made all who came to dinner feel welcome and cared for. Tyrah Weems, our youngest server at age six, was really dedicated to her role. She wore the servers' uniform apron with pride. We owe special thanks to Paul Garnett who was captain of the kitchen the day of the dinner and kept the plates of food coming in spite of a cantankerous stove, and to Tinna Manansala who oversaw the food prep and plating. Mim Drake hosted chopping and baking at BarkStix bakery. Don Wieber, Steve Shank, and Lauren Macleod embraced the less-visible task of cleanup. We served about 200 meals, both to people who stayed

to eat or took them home to eat with others. After it was over, we still had leftovers to share with the Bay Area Rescue Mission.

This year's honor roll of business donors was long: Margi Cellucci of Bayview Realty, DeWitt Gallery and Framing, Edibles, El Sol Restaurant, Feagley Realty, The Hotel Mac, Little Louie's Restaurant, Pikanha Brazilian Restaurant, Point Richmond Business Association, Michele Seville for Richmond Arts and Culture, Richmond Fire Department, Santa Fe Market, Starbucks, Caterer Marsha Tomassi, Up and Under Restaurant, Paul Garnett and Tinna Manansala, and Bark Stix. Be sure to thank our donors and patronize their businesses as often as you are able – uh, except for the Fire Department, that is!

Helen Wysham collected a basket heaped with socks to warm cold feet for homeless and needy people in Richmond. Pat Dornan arranged holiday support for a family through the GRIP Family Shelter, aided by donations from our congregation.

Some people from the church donated to Pt. Richmond resident Claire-Elizabeth DeSophia's project to provide toys San Quentin inmates can give their kids who visit them during the holidays. Claire shopped with a former student from San Quentin and bought games, dolls, skateboards, scooters, hot wheels, jewelry-making kits, Legos, coloring sets, plush stuffed animals, and much more to make Christmas a little merrier and add some normalcy to the families whose loved-ones are incarcerated.

The United Methodist Women had a Holiday potluck at Fran Smith's home in Fairfield on December 3. Fran's home was elaborately decorated and a festive setting for our party. We brought gifts for people served by the Contra Costa Rescue Mission, and enjoyed savory dinner and friends. Somehow in all of the fun, we forgot to sing carols.

An urgent concern for the people who live at Camp Ashraf in Iraq led to a rally at the White House on December 12. Jill Jenice, Jean, Ensieh, Parviz, and Ali attended the rally, along with a couple thousand other people from across the

country. Since the rally, Nouri al-Maliki, Prime Minister of Iraq, has extended the deadline for all people to leave the Camp from December 31, 2011, to April 2012. Hopefully, Iraqi security forces will help Ashraf residents have a safe and easy transfer to other countries where they will be welcome. Pastor Dan, Linda Andrew-Marshall, Norm and Jean Reynolds recorded a song used as part of the sound track in a video to help encourage the people of Ashraf.

We sponsored a Holiday Bake Sale on December 17 at the Point Richmond Community Center, with tables groaning under the weight of tasty homemade holiday treats. Pat Dornan made sure all purchases were beautifully and securely wrapped. We also sold Fair Trade coffee, cocoa, and tea – delicious and guilt free. The next day, leftover baked items were available after church to purchase and enjoy on the spot or later. Yum!

On December 18, Eileen Johnson directed the Chancel Choir from El Sobrante UMC combined with the Joyful Noise Choir from First UMC, in Point Richmond. The concert featured Lessons and Carols for the Advent season. Pastor Dan Damon accompanied on the piano. It's a treat to have the choir loft overflowing with singers, to be surrounded by sound, and to have ample coverage on your part if you need a quick breath!

People filled the church sanctuary and Friendship Hall for the Christmas Eve Jazz Service with the Dan Damon Quartet: Kurt Ribak, acoustic bass; Rob Hart, drums; Lincoln Adler, sax; Dan Damon, piano. Vocalists included Dave Tattershall, Paula Helene, Claudia Russell and Bruce Kaplan, Sarah Thompson and the Angel Choir, Gill Stanfield, and Bethany Reynolds. Kelsey Tostenson sang "Someone to Depend On", a song she wrote and accompanied on the guitar. Manuel Navidad read the Christmas story to the children, and Liam Thompson read it from the Gospel of Luke. Tyrah Weems joined the Angel Choir to sing the first verse of "Silent Night." The lights, decorations, music and community made for a magical evening.

Christmas came on a Sunday in 2011. We met

for worship at the usual time, and many of us dressed as shepherds, angels, and wise men and women. Cameron Folds and Jamela Smith Folds channeled Joseph and Mary. We sang Christmas carols, stood around the Holy Family and became part of the story. The following Sunday, everyone was a King or Queen – Bill Thompson and Richard Smith cut an inspired paper crown for anyone who wanted to wear one.

Betty Dornan, our oldest living member, died January 7. About one hundred people gathered for her memorial and a reception on January 21. Her nieces Roberta Palfini, Kathleen Barnes, and Patricia Dornan shared stories of Betty that revealed a glimpse of the true depth of who she was. It was a loving tribute to one who valued and cultivated her relationships with others. Betty had taught Sunday school at the church, sang soprano in the choir, and was active in United Methodist Women. She served as a volunteer at the Point Richmond History Building, and was a member of the Westside Improvement club. She got older, but she never aged. We will miss her quiet strength.

We sent postcards to many Point Richmond residents in January featuring artwork by Lauren McLeod and the time of Sunday morning worship. We hope some people will decide to come check out our service and learn more about what we do.

The United Methodist Women are gathering items for layette sets to send to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief.) Kits contain cloth diapers, undershirts or onsies, baby washcloths, gowns or sleepers, diaper pins, a sweater or jacket, and receiving blankets. These are bundled together in a pack and sent to new mothers who are in need of soft, warm items to help them care for their babies.

On the Calendar:

Thursday, February 16, celebrate our **2012 Sweetheart, Pat Nelson** at the 14th **Annual Sweetheart Dinner**. Pat Nelson is a beloved member of First United Methodist Church of Point Richmond, Co-Director of the Joyful Noise Choir,

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Christian Science Church



JUST WHAT IS CHRISTIAN SCIENCE?

Steven Blair

On Saturday, March 10, 2012, at 3:00 PM the public is invited to a free talk entitled, “Just what is Christian Science?” It will be given by Marceil DeLacy, CSB, a practitioner and teacher of Christian Science from Seattle, Washington. Maybe you have questions on what Christian Scientists believe, or about healing through prayer without using medicine. Is a spiritual form of healthcare safe and effective, and how does it work? These are some of the questions that will be answered at the talk.

Some background will be given on the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy. In the latter half of the 19th century, she wrote the textbook on Christian healing: *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. You will gain some insight into the content of this book and its relation to the Bible, why Mrs. Eddy wrote it, and how its revolutionary ideas have impacted generations of people around

the world. You will hear examples of lives healed and transformed by understanding cause and effect to be spiritual rather than material.

Ms. DeLacy says, “The laws of God that made biblical healing possible are still operative and available to anyone. Learning how to rely on these laws is life-changing.”

The talk will be held at the Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue, and will last about an hour.

It is sponsored by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Richmond, located at 112 Washington Avenue in Point Richmond. Sunday church services and Sunday School for young people up to the age of 20 are held at 10:00 AM, and a Wednesday evening testimony meeting is held at 7:30 PM. The church’s Reading Room is located at 114 Washington Avenue where the public is invited to come in to read, borrow, or purchase the *Bible, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, and other writings by Mary Baker Eddy, as well as weekly and monthly publications on Christian Science, including *The Christian Science Monitor*.

For more information call (510) 233-1209



*The first novel ever written on a
typewriter was Tom Sawyer*

From Ellen Schaefer

POINT METHODIST CHURCH HISTORY *Mid Dornan*

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

SEPT 3, 1929

The first meeting of the new year, of the Social League was held in the church parlors, preceded by our regular luncheon. There were (blank) members present. Our new president, Mrs. Monette Dixon (?) presided. The minutes of the last Dec. meeting were read and approved.

A report from the auditing committee was given with both the secretary and treasurers book balancing. The treasurer gave the following report.

For the past summer months-

113.09 - collected

81.76 - expended

31.33 - balance

22.50 - old balance when the books were turned over

\$ 53.83 - new balance

The president spoke of having a sick committee, called the Sunshine Committee and asked Mrs. Brothers to send cards to any sick member in the Point and Mrs. Mythen to look after any in Richmond. All expenses of the card to be paid by the League.

As the next league meeting was to be at the Methodist Church in Albany, Mrs. Prince acting as hostess, the matter of transportation was brought to our attention. Mrs. Owens was appointed to see that all members from the Point were provided for and Mrs. Scofield all those from Richmond. This luncheon was to be a pot luck one and each was asked what her dish would be so as to have a balanced diet.

A motion was put before the house, as to whether the S.L. should pay for having the dishes washed at each regular meeting, not to exceed \$1.00. After discussing the question, the motion

was withdrawn and no action taken.

DUES: Mrs. Diller .60

Mrs. Jenkins .60

Quilt Money 1.25

Plate Collection 2.65

5.70

Laundry bal. 1.05

4.65

53.83

new balance 59.48

Mrs. Scofield reported that a potted plant had been sent to Mrs. Green, Mrs. Oehnes' father. The matter of the January food sale was discussed. The date was set for Jan 31 with no place for distribution. Mrs. ?? appointed Mrs. Owens to take charge of the orders from Pt. Richmond and Mrs. Stuart from Richmond and Mrs. Scofield and Gray from Mira Vista. It was to be a cake and pie sale, the proceeds of which were to be used for the organ fund.

Mrs. Gill reported that the seat for the lavatory would be gratis when a shipment was received.

It was suggested by the president and endorsed by the members that each hostess plan their own entertainment for their day.

The matter of having our annual tea was discussed and favorably received. The matter was laid on the table until a later date.

Hostess for Feb 3: Mrs. Gill, Pollard, Odell and Bell.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Marian Scofield
Sec pro tem



Out and About Town

Margaret Morkowski (510) 234-4219

Washington School is celebrating their **Centennial** in 2012 and 2013. Many events and activities are planned for the two-year celebration. In addition to a special Tea for PTA-Past Presidents on March 1st, this coming May they will be a Centennial Games Day. This day-long event for the entire school, will include games from the past 100 years such as Jacks, rolling a hoop with a stick, Red Light Green Light, Cates-Cradle, four-squire, jump rope, hop-scotch and much-much more. Another centennial event includes a special dedication of the school library in honor of **Dr. Pina J. Barbieri**, who attended Washington School in the late teens and early 1920s. Pina became a Richmond educator and business woman with her father's Richmond Sanitary Service. Also next school year, the entire school will be inviting all prior principals, teachers, staff, students and the community to an evening Centennial Celebration Birthday Party... details to come. The Point Richmond History Association and the Many Hands Project will be working with the PTA and the school staff to make sure the two-year celebration is a great success. Note: If you attended Washington School or would like to be invited to various centennial events or would like more details, please call me at 234-4219.



In preparing for the Washington School Centennial events, **the Many Hands Project's Spirit of Leadership Program** has selected the theme of "Richmond History" for this year's student projects. All of the students in the school are invited to participate in the program and they will select a subject or person from Richmond History as the focus of their research, essay, oral presentations and assessment project. Please call me at 234-4219 if you would like to participate in the program or if you have questions.



The historic **Our Lady of Mercy Church** is hosting their series of annual **Pancake Breakfasts on the 3rd Sunday of each month** through October 2012. For \$8.00, the menu includes pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, juice, fruit, coffee and tea. **Pancakes are served from 8:00 AM to 12 noon.** Come and join in the fun and enjoy the good food. Please call 232-1843 for more information.



Knit-and-Such meets on the first Wednesday of every month in the Point Richmond Community Center from 12:30 PM until 2:30 PM. Please join Altha Humphrey and everyone to work on your current knitting, crocheting, crafting and/or other project or in just getting together for some fun. Please call Altha at 232-2934 for more details.



The **Art Galleries in the Point** have a **monthly "Art Walk"** event in the evening on the third Thursdays of the month. There is always something new to see and an artist to meet. Please call Pam deWitt at 236-1401 for details.



The Arts of Point Richmond is changing the schedule for their gatherings at the Point Richmond Community Center. Please call Linda Drake at 672 -0793 for more information's.



The **Point Richmond Business Association** meets monthly at 11:45 AM on the second Wednesday of the month at the c1904, historic Baltic Bar and Restaurant. They often have a speaker followed by a business meeting. Please call their President Andrew Butt at 236-7435 for additional information.



Note: Look for the return of the **PRBA's Point Richmond Farmers' Market** in April 2012.



The **Pont Richmond Neighborhood Council** meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Point Richmond Community Center. Please call Sue Rosenof at 599-197 for more information.



Don't forget to check out the "**Calendar**" page near the end of this newsletter for a list of the various Point Richmond organizations. We have lots of groups here in the Point and the members

always like to "welcome" newcomers. You'll meet lots of great people.



For an update on what's new with the Book Club and the Children's Reading Program, call the **Point Richmond/West Side Branch Library at 620-6567.**



Also check David Moore's **Point Richmond.com** to get up-to-date information on the latest in the Point.



Downtown Triangle in 1903

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Methodist Church News

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esteemed alto, and former Managing Director of the Masquers Playhouse. The evening begins at **6pm with gathering music, 7pm dinner & program**, at the **Point San Pablo Yacht Club, 700 W. Cutting Blvd.** (at Canal Blvd.), Richmond. Tickets are **\$40**. Seating is limited to the first 72 individuals who mail their checks to Fran Smith, 2149 Beaujolais Court, Fairfield, CA 94533. This is a fundraising event to benefit the church's operating budget. No telephone reservations but call Fran 707-427-2131 with questions. See you there and bring a friend!

Point Richmond Acoustic Series Concert February 10, 8:00 p.m. February's concert features Singer/Songwriter Rita Hoskins and her band, Cousin Jack, with special guest, Bobby Joe Valentine. Tickets - \$15. See more details about the show at: folkunlimited.com

Check the church website: pointrichmond.com/methodist/ for updates on the calendar, including our plans for Lent and Easter. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, February 22. We will have an evening Ash Wednesday service at the church, but the time has not been scheduled. Easter is April 8, and is usually a day of festivities not to be missed!

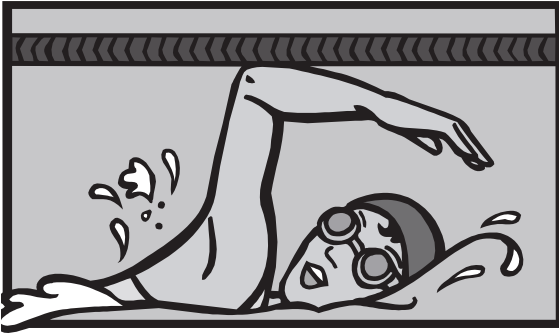
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Point Richmond in 1903

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Swim Clubs at the Richmond Natatorium

By Jean Reynolds

The end of 2011 marked the end of the first full calendar year of the Plunge Masters adult and the Richmond Sailfish youth swim clubs. Both teams formed in 2010 after the Richmond Natatorium - "The Plunge" - reopened in new glory after its massive retrofit and renovation. The many accomplishments of the Sailfish Club can be shared another time, and I will focus this article on the Richmond Plunge Masters, RPM. RPM is affiliated nationally with U.S. Masters Swimming and regionally with the Pacific Masters. Ultimately, the club membership numbered 76 swimmers for 2011.

Masters swimming offers people a variety of gifts depending on their goals: fitness, coaching, competition, and camaraderie. People come to Masters swimming with various abilities and experiences. Coach John Schonder, a competitive swimmer since age five, is able to teach basic principles of the four competition strokes, give swimmers of all levels coaching to further hone their skills, and help triathlon and open water swimmers create an appropriate training plan. He balances a love of competitive swimming with an understanding that all team members do not choose to compete. Through themes for weekly workouts and bi-monthly Saturday clinics, RPM will increase emphasis on swim technique and instruction this year. Some Saturday clinics will incorporate video recording above and under water to help analyze and improve swimmers' techniques. In 2012, RPM swimmers are encouraged to keep a personal swim log. Swimmers who complete 100 miles, 200 miles, or

300+ miles during the year will be awarded certificates.

Some swimmers practice in the bay for open water swimming events or just for fun. In September 2011, Richmond Swims hosted its second annual open water swim, Keller Cove Swim for Kids' Sake, to raise money for the Richmond Sailfish youth team. 116 swimmers signed up for the race (twice as many as last year); 26 were members of the Richmond Plunge Masters. The event t-shirt featured artwork from local artist Jim deWitt. Local business sponsors for the event included: Veolia, Questa, Bay Marine, Sports Basement, SunPower, Summit Defense, Mechanics Bank, Interactive Resources, Richmond Sanitary, Golden Bear Transfer Station, West County Resource Recovery, Smith Office Solutions, Ginger Springs Day Spa, GU Energy Gel, Body Wisdom Studio, and CLIF Bars & Company. Team members and Sailfish team parents volunteered to clean Keller beach, welcome participants, register swimmers, distribute swim bags and timing chips, staff a swimmers' aid station, sell t-shirt, and time the race to make the event a success. Race results were divided by age, sex and whether or not the swimmer wore a wet suit: of the swimmers from Richmond Plunge Masters, 15 placed first, 2 placed second, 4 placed third, and 3 placed fourth in their division. RPM finished in the top ten (in a field of over 100 clubs) in the season-long open water points competition in our region mainly due to points earned by RPM members in the Keller Cove Swim for Kids' Sake event.

While competition is optional as a Masters' team member, RPM swimmer Ron Taylor participated in Pacific Masters pool competitions during the year, and Kamala Appel competed in several open water events. Alyssa Newman won her individual age group category for the season, and finished her first Ironman-type Triathlon (the Vineman in Guerneville) last summer, thanks in part to her newfound swimming skills under John's coaching and her committed training.

On January 21, 2012, the Olympic Club of San Francisco hosted a 1500-meter swim meet, the first of the new year. RPM members Jennie Smythe, John Schonder, and Steven Westcott all placed in their age divisions.

Early in September, city staff installed a bulkhead - a barrier placed across the width of the pool - to increase our lap distance from 20 yards (the pool width) to 25 yards (the end of the pool to the bulkhead.) Thus equipped, the lane distance at the Plunge is suitable to host swim meets, and the teams are able to practice standard competition distances. The club purchased one diving block in 2011 and recently Norm Hantzsche donated another, but five more are needed before the team can host a meet.

In October, swimmers did a 30-minute freestyle swim for distance. The recorded distances will be used as a baseline for a future 30-minute test. Since October, swimmers can build strength using hand paddles crafted by experts Bob Carlson and Max Rapoport at Carlson River Boards and provided to the team at a low cost. Coach John

assembled the paddles; many RPM members use them at every practice.

To keep swim fees down, support the Sailfish youth, and purchase some needed equipment, the Plunge Masters plan some fundraising activities during the year. Besides the Keller Cove Swim for Kids' Sake, scheduled for September 16, the team plans to participate in the Point Richmond Garage Sale, hosted annually on Memorial Day by the Masquers Theater.

The Board of Directors of "Richmond Swims", a non-profit operating under the financial umbrella of "Richmond Friends of Recreation," expects in time to have its own separate 501.c.3 status. The current Board of Directors, which oversees RPM and the Sailfish youth team, includes volunteers Jonathan Mayer, President; Norm Hantzsche, Vice President; Nancy Malone, Secretary; Margaret Morkowski, Treasurer; Beth Miller, Member at Large (RPM); Alfredo Deloa, Member at Large (Sailfish Parent); and paid staff member, John Schonder, Head Coach.

I recently learned that humans, unlike most other primates, are especially able to regulate their breathing to make underwater swimming possible. As I swim with Richmond Plunge Masters, I am finally using that innate ability. It feels right!

The team holds practice every weekday at noon, three times a week at 6:00 p.m., twice per week at 6:00 a.m. and on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Come on down, regulate your breathing, and join the fun!



Lower Tunnel in 1903

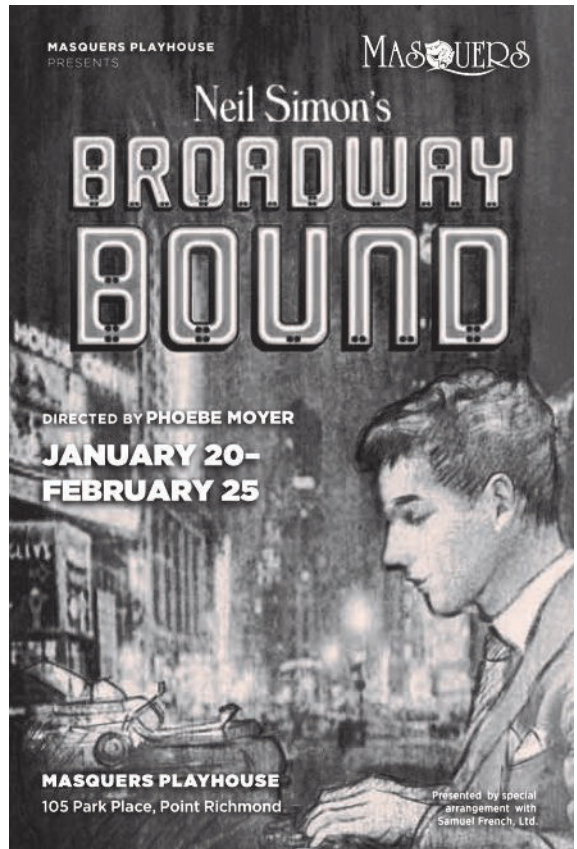
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Broadway Bound *at the Masquers Theatre*



L to R, Above: Kate (Marilyn Hughes) and Eugene (Zac Schuman); Below: Stan (Chris Dewey) and Eugene (Zac Schuman).



Now Playing!

Friday and Saturday evenings
8:00 p.m. Jan. 20—Feb. 25, 2012

Sunday Matinees

2:00 p.m. Jan. 29 and Feb. 5

<http://www.masquers.org>

For Ticket reservations, call
(510) 232-4031

WHERE'S OUR WIG WAG?

The Wig-Wag is being stored at the City of Richmond Corporate Yard. EBMUD agrees that they are responsible for the restoration. They are currently working with the City Attorney's Office and the Public Works Department to finalize the costs and restoration plans for them. Victor Morales (of Crest Avenue) has the lead for the PRBA to follow-up with the City staff to make-sure "It all comes together." EBMUD has been pretty good about the whole process.

Margaret Morkowski



***East Richmond
Avenie in 1903***

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POINT COMMUNITY CENTER

The saga of the Point Richmond Community Center continued on Wednesday, January 24th when the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council met for their monthly meeting. Once again, and again, the key and the locks were malfunctioning! Community Center not available. A frustrated Alpha Humphrey is the designated Volunteer as keeper of the key which she must obtain from the Recreation Department before and return after each event.

Next door President and Mother-to-be Megan Bleckinger, found the local firemen willing to remove the fire engines onto the street for use of the space for the meeting. The helpful firemen even provided a table and chairs for the officers, plus a couple other chairs while the rest of the 100 attendees stood.

What attracted so many to this meeting? Well, the proposed Art Gallery with a Tattoo Parlor. Tattoos are art. Next Neighborhood Council meeting is February 29. Try again.

Mid Dornan

On This Date in KP History

Steve
Gilford

In #310, I described the famous Norman Rockwell Saturday Evening Post magazine cover of the husky woman war production worker. He portrayed her on her lunch break, eating a sandwich but with her rivet gun at the ready, lying across her lap. On her lunch box, Rockwell had painted the name, "Rosie". How had he come to choose that name for his larger-than-life riveting heroine?

#311 Rosie the Riveter Pt. 5

Rosie becomes a household name and steps into history

If you had to pick a birthday for Rosie the Riveter, you could very well say that she was born in Chicago on Friday, January 15, 1943.

On that date, a popular quartet calling themselves The Four Vagabonds went into a studio to record two songs they had prepared for the session. There was a hitch, though. At the last minute, the composer of the songs refused to give them permission to record his tunes and it looked as though the session would be canceled.

Although the Vagabonds were a well-known group with fan clubs from coast to coast, unlike the other big stars of the time, they didn't do much recording. Instead, they concentrated on live appearances on radio. With an astounding fifteen hundred songs in their repertoire, great flexibility, and their ability to prepare new songs quickly, they were in demand. They'd been singing together for almost ten years and had perfected their harmonies to blend their voices into a single smooth stream of melodic sound. By 1943, they were regulars on the ABC Radio Network and best known nationally for their daily appearances on the very popular hour-long, five-morning-a-

week, *Don MacNeill's Breakfast Club* where they sang three songs each broadcast and participated in the on-air comedy.

On this particular day when the four singers went to the RCA Victor Company's Chicago recording studio and learned that the songs they had worked up could not be recorded, they must have been disappointed since their agreement with the Bluebird label, a subsidiary of RCA Victor, was \$3000 for each recording session. Perhaps that's why when the record company executives approached them with sheet music for two substitute songs, they agreed to look them over on the spot. They spent some time going over the music to see how the songs might be presented, experimenting with the harmonies and then told the record company executives that if they could have one hour more to work on the arrangements for the two songs, they'd be ready to record. Rosie the Riveter

The songs were "Rose of Charing Cross" and



The Four Vagabonds on an ABC Radio Network publicity still

*All the day long,
Whether rain or shine,
She's part of the assembly line.
She's making history,
Working for victory,
Rosie, the Riveter.*

*Keeps a sharp lookout for sabotage,
Sitting up there in the fuselage.
That little frail can do
More than a male can do.
Rosie, the Riveter.*

*Rosie's got a boyfriend, Charlie.
Charlie, he's a Marine.
Rosie is protecting Charlie,
Working overtime on the riveting machine.*

*They gave her a production "E",
She was proud as a girl could be.
There's something true about,
Red, White and Blue about
Rosie, the Riveter.*



another “Rose” song, the one destined to be a runaway hit, “Rosie the Riveter”.

“Rosie” had been written several months earlier by two established songwriters Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb. Their inspiration had been a newspaper column describing how Rosalind Palmer, recently graduated from high school, had taken a job at an aircraft factory near New York City where, as a riveter, she was helping to assemble the beautiful but deadly Corsair fighter planes for the US Navy.

Loeb and Evan had been intrigued by the sound of the words “Rosie” and “Riveter” and the contrast between the floral associations of the name and the deadly serious nature of the industrial process Rosie was engaged in.

Rosalind “Rosie” Palmer seemed to represent

the hundreds of thousands of women who were leaving their homes to go into the wartime factories to help win the war and to bring the men back home.

When they’d finished writing their new piece, they had little trouble convincing the Bluebird Record company to buy it. When they gave her a production Unfortunately, once the record company had purchased it, they just let the sheet music sit in a filing cabinet for several months. It was the unexpected refusal of an unknown songwriter to release his music to The Four Vagabonds that January 15, 1943, that sent the company executives scurrying to their file cabinets to find a replacement. That was the day that Rosie the Riveter stepped into her place in history

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The Four Vagabonds had asked for an hour to prepare “Rosie” and “Rose of Charing Cross”. When their hour was up, they were ready to step up to the microphone. Not only did they keep to their schedule but they nailed each of the songs on the first take. When you listen to their imaginative arrangement of “Rosie”, complete with sound effects made by the singers, you can appreciate their achievement.

“Rosie the Riveter”, almost overlooked had been discovered in an emergency and had begun her career by setting a production record!

The song was released the next month and was an immediate hit. People recognized in this Rosie the spirit that had led their daughters, sisters, wives and sweethearts to go out into the workplace to do “men’s jobs” as a way of participating in the war effort.

As the song played out over millions of radios and Victrolas across the nation, newspapers and newsreels began looking for hometown Rosies of their own and discovered many of the inspiring stories mentioned earlier in this series.

With this sort of popularity, it seemed only natural that Norman Rockwell would decide that a woman working as a riveter would be an appropriate subject for the Saturday Evening Post cover he had been commissioned to produce. Of course, his cover was a great hit, too.

It was probably only a matter of time before Hollywood would take advantage of Rosie’s growing renown. In 1944, Republic Pictures released a movie version, starring Jane Frazee and Frank Albertson, a comedy in which four women working in a factory share a boarding house with four men, each sex trying to take charge over who gets to use the house for what, and when. TV Guide’s review says it is “Pretty silly but harmless”.

What was not at all silly though, were the results of the work done by millions of Rosies across the country who were helping the US win the production battles in what had become a war for survival for the US and allies.

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RICHMOND’S OLDEST BORN DIES

Lillian Kelleghan Ghidella passed away in her sleep last year in Orange County, age 98. Lillian was born to Pete and Annie (Valencia) Kelleghan in Point Richmond at 225 Clarence Street in a house built by her father in 1905. Lillian was considered the oldest living person that was born in Richmond. Her father, Pete, was a carpenter at Standard Oil and could walk to work. Lillian lived here until her marriage to “Dutchy” Ghidella when they moved to Dunn Avenue in Richmond. Several years ago she moved to Orange County to live with her son, Allan Ghidella. Lillian worked in the print shop of the Richmond Independent. She was one of seven children. Lillian is survived by her brothers Mervyn Kelleghan, Pinole and Allan, Orange, CA.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history

Spades - King David

Hearts - Charlemagne

Clubs - Alexander

The Great Diamonds - Julius Caesar

From Ellen Schaefer

Historic Preservation Awards, 2012

The Richmond Historic Preservation Advisory Committee invites nominations for the Richmond Historic Preservation Awards. The nomination form will be available in February and is due March 31, 2012.

The purpose of the awards program is to increase public awareness of Richmond's heritage by recognizing individuals, organizations, businesses, and agencies whose contributions demonstrate outstanding commitment to excellence in historic preservation, local history or promotion of the heritage of the city. Awards will be presented in at a reception in May, National Preservation Month.

In addition to public and private buildings and structures, historic preservation projects may include media, publications, presentations and exhibits, parks, burial grounds, public art, oral history, theater productions, events and video presentations.

Any individual, group, organization or agency involved in historic preservation or promoting Richmond's heritage is eligible to receive a Richmond Historic Preservation Award.

Nomination forms will be available on the City's website: www.ci.richmond.ca.u or call HPAC Committee member Pat Pearson at (510) 234-2532 or ppearson174@hotmail.com and ask for a PDF copy to be emailed to you. You may pick up a hard copy at City Hall or at the Point Richmond History Museum.



*Upper Washington
at Santa Fe in 1903*

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*Left is West
Richmond Avenue in
1903*

*Below is Scenic/
Crest hilltop in 1903*

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EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

An impressive list that grows each month.

Gretchen Van Tassel Shaw - 93

Al Frosini - 93

Shoney Gustafson 95

Madelilne Bellando Albright - 94

Charlotte Kermabon Birsinger - 95

Lupe Padilla Lopez - 98

Steve Wyrick - 95

Bernard Dietz - 97

Reva Ward - 98

Lee Christian - 93

Roger Wiese - 96

Eunice Ruth Hursh - 95

Dody Perry - 94

Edna Hathaway - 93

Jerry Cerkowicz, Sr. - 92

Mark Gebhart - 97

Delphina Franco Tawney -93

Harry Gondola - 92

Viola Kennedy - 93

Mildred Dornan - 90

EVEN MORE EXCLUSIVE OVER 100 CLUB

Rena Cairo Gonsalves- 102

Age is not a number, it is an attitude.

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

Cards, Letters & E-Mails

Hello,

As a child I lived in Point Richmond from 1955-1966. My family , “The Starks” lived in the Point for many years and most of the family had worked for Chevron. I enclose funds to be a History Preserver and wish to receive “This Point in Time”. I now live in Glide, Oregon and work for the Wolf Creek Job Corps.

Renee Stark
Glide, OR

Welcome to the PRHA Renee, we are grateful for your membership and I hope you enjoy TPIT.
Gary

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From Ellen Schaefer

Birthdays

February

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Mark Gebhart
Sarah Wilson
Steven Mertle
Fred Beesley
Billy Bob Karl
James P. Kenny
Chris Rotting

Walter MacMillan
Connie Healy
Mitzi Kruse
Marcos Rotting
Arlene Rodini
Ladow Howe
Rowene MacMillan-
Dody Perry
Ethel MacMillan

Kim Ward
Velma Healy
Anne Brussok Roth
Jared Bigard
Lupe Padilla Lopez
Allegra Fenton
Kay Mayfield Madison
Artrese Morrison
Adele Bruno Waymire

Anne Roth
Gretchen Van Tassel
Shaw
Brenda McKinley
Frank Smith
Leomard Smith

March

GIRL SCOUTS CAMP FIRE GIRLS

Rachel Palfini
Kathe Kiehn
Sheba Warith
Dale Hawkins
Karolyn Macdiarmid
Carol Paasch
JoAnn Bray
Carol Darling

Claire E. Crowson
Dolly Frosini
Reba Downs
Rich Schuldt
Ben Bray
Janice Jones
Jean Knox
Lavinia Karl
Avis Blanchette
Brian Richardson

Susan Berman
Mary Valenzano
Isobel Folsom
Myron Pestana
Delphina Franco Tawney
Mike Smith
Lorna Huffstetter
LeRoy Williams
Lucile Cottingham
Meyer

Henry Marchitiello
Evan Jahromi
Kenneth Madison
Kara Piantidosi
Michael Smith
Tom Butt
Harlan Butt (3)
Ryland Thomas Butt (3)



Chevron Refinery in 1903

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Deaths.....

Nellie Bisio Pasquini born October 10, 1923, died December 10, 2011 in her home. Nellie was a lifelong Richmond resident, born in Point Richmond to parents Giacomo Bisio and Yvonne Godard Bisio. Nellie attended Richmond Schools, Washington, Grant, Longfellow and Richmond Union High School. She worked at Peter Pan Soda Foundation and retired from Bank of America after 55 years. Nellie was a devoted wife, and mother and is survived by husband Romeo Pasquini who she married September 3, 1944 and sons Richard, his wife Margaret and their children, Sarah and Vincent, son Dan, his wife Teresa and their children Danny and Laura. Nellie was preceded in death by her brother Claude and his wife Bernadette Bisio.

Trannie Elizabeth “Betty” Dornan died at Doctor’s Hospital on January 7, 2012, age 93 . Born on 2nd Street , the first child of Trannie and Robert Dornan. She graduated from Richmond High School in 1937. Classmates Marie Thompson , Mary Tom Coe and Betty for years met for luncheon dates once a month with Marie coming from Martinez to drive them. Betty joined the historic Point Methodist Church in 1931 and was their oldest member. She taught Sunday School and sang in the Choir. She worked in S.F. for USS steel and later PG&E. She was a member of the Point Richmond History Association and the Westside Improvement Club. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Dorothy, and brother, Robert. Betty was survived by her sister-in-law, Mid Dornan, 3 nieces, Patricia Dornan, San Pablo; Kathleen Barnes, Oxford, MS. ; Roberta Palfini, Irvine, CA and three nieces. A Memorial Service was on Saturday, January 21st at the Methodist Church.

Helene Raffanelli Frosini was born in Point Richmond October 19,1920. She died January 16, 2012. She lived in Point Richmond her entire life. She attended Washington Elementary School, Roosevelt Junior High School and graduated from Richmond Union High School in 1938. While a sophomore in high school, she met the “Fred Astair of Point Richmond”. Al Frosini. a senior at the time. The initial meeting began a long love affair with dancing before, during, and after school. The result of this meeting was her falling in love with her best dance partner, Al. They married on July 13,1942. When Al joined the Army, Helene joined the war effort and was employed at the Explosive Manufacturing Operations, a torpedo producer. However, after horrifying experiences with three major explosions at the factory, one in which she was the sole survivor, she asked for and received a safer job working in the office. She worked there until the war ended and Al returned home. 1947 was an important year for Helen and Al. They welcomed the birth of their daughter, Valerie and also purchased their restaurant, “Al’s Fountain” at the corner of Santa Fe and Tewksbury Avenue in Point Richmond. Helene, “the Boss”, turned the restaurant into a successful eatery which they operated for 32 years. Helene and Al were long time members of The Galileo Club and The Point Richmond History Association. Helene was an avid golfer and a member of the Franklin Canyon Golf Course. She had the distinction of making a “hole in one”, and won many local tournaments. Helene is survived by her daughter, Valerie, and son-in- law Jerry Gutierrez, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; three nephews and one niece. Her Memorial Service was held on January 28 at St. Joseph Cemetery.

CALENDAR/DIRECTORY

ARTS OF POINT RICHMOND

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM

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

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY

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

MANY HANDS PROJECT TO SUPPORT WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Contact, Margaret Morkowski, 510-234-4219

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE

Quality productions, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sunday Matinees at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$18-\$20. Dinner at the Hotel Mac and the play on Thursday, for only \$50. Call 510-232-4031 for reservations.

PARENTS, RESOURCES AND MORE (PRAM)

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

PARENT, TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Becky Jonas, Contact, 510-235-0157

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Contact: Andrew Butt, 510-236-7445

POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER

Info: 233-6881

POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Museum is at 139½ Washington Avenue, and open Winter, Thursday's 11:30 to 2:00 and Saturday 11:30 to 2:00 and Summer, Wednesday 4:30 to 7:00 and Thursday's 11:30 to 2:00. The deadline for the next issue of TPIT is Friday March 23, 2012. Info call President Mildred Dornan at 510-234-5334.

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Meets last Wednesday each month, Point Richmond Community Center; 7:30 P.M Contact: Peter Minkwitz, President, 510-232-3663

POINT RICHMOND/WEST SIDE BRANCH LIBRARY

Information call 510-620-6567

RED OAK VICTORY

Open Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday 10am - 3pm. \$5 donation for adults, \$4 seniors, \$2 children.
Sunday Breakfast September 10th and October 12th, 9 am - 1 pm, \$6 adults children FREE

RICHMOND SWIMS

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

Contact: Coach John Schonder, 510-504-0330

September 26, 2012 open water bay swim raises money for coaching, equipment, pool fees and swimming scholarships for inner-city youth throughout Richmond. More info at <http://www.richmondswims.org/> or call (415) 892-0771

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

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: Connie Lompa, President. 510-237-7888

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

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Point Richmond, CA 94801

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

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