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Come Celebrate the Season!

Annual Point Richmond Tree Lighting

**The Downtown Triangle will be glowing
with Luminary Bags**

**Dan Damon and the Point Richmond
Methodist Church Choir will lead with
carols.**

**Santa will give away lots of candy canes.
Don't miss out on the fun!**

Saturday, November 24th at 5pm

From the President

By Mid Dornan

You know you are a part of history when the year 2013 approaches, you reflect on Y2K (year 2000) and it seems just like yesterday.

Deaths these past few months of local resident icons in their 90s have left legacies of their accomplishments as we mourn their loss: David Winkelstein-90, Jean Eakle -90, and Barbara Vincent-96. See Obits.

We also miss Sonja Darling, a special friend and our quiet, unassuming, and loyal Treasurer whose chocolate, chocolate brownies were consumed after many collating sessions.



We will miss Sonja Darling

The Incurable Collector, Bill Villanero, was a big part of the downtown business triangle where people stopped to chat and

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check out his merchandise.

The Good News is we welcome Kathe Kiehn, volunteer extraordinary, as the new Point Richmond History Association Treasurer.

A couple hours a month as a docent in our little history museum is a reward to yourself. It could be you and it would make your day!

WANTED: Your news so we can update or tell your stories and events.

Thank you members for your renewal:

Gary Elliott
Herbert Hunn
Darlene A. Wright*
Madeline B. Albright
Patrice Verhines Family
Zoe Egger**
Joan Gatten
Margaret Doherty**
Roberta Palfini**
Michael Lambton
Burl Willes
Edwina Murray
Barbara and Lee Gwyn
Stephanie Pearson
Linda Andrew-Marshall
Dan Pasquini

A warm welcome to new members:

Kathryn Alves
Tyson McCreary
Marjorie Roque Hill
Steve Mowry

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Winter Museum Hours:

Saturday 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday 11:30 am-2:00 pm

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

Ann Bartram
Pat Pearson
Mid Dornan
Bonnie Jo Cullison
Susan Brooks
Margaret Morkowski
Dee Rosier
Heinz Lankford

The Cover:

Our original Indian Statue, donated to the city by Westside Women’s Improvement Club. Illustration from “Richmond California”, issued by Richmond Industrial Commission. This 1911, 62 page, 6” X 9”, heavily illustrated booklet is great. I will scan it sometime over the winter and make it available on our website, www.pointrichmondhistory.org.

Editor's Notes

Gary Shows (510-235-1336)

Here is our Winter issue. My usual thanks to contributors. Over these coming winter months I encourage you to come up with things to share in this newsletter. Point Richmond historical items, pictures, stories or current things happening with you, your family or organization. Send me anything that you think others would enjoy hearing about or seeing.

The deadline for articles and items for the next issue is January 20, 2013.

Volunteers at our last mailing party:

Mid Dornan
Pat Pearson
George Coles
Pam Wilson
Jerry Cerkowicz
Gary Shows
Margaret Morkowski
Marcelina Smith
Bonnie Jo Cullison
Ann Bartram
Suzanne Wilson
Kathe Kiehn
Heinz Lankford



One of our wild turkeys visiting our house

Thank You!

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A-Mid Trivia

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

QUESTION: What is a Presidential Library?
How many are there? Who started them?

ANSWER AT END OF TRIVIA

Thanksgiving, often referred to as “turkey day,” looms on the horizon. Turkeys are known for their low intelligence, rumored to be so dumb they stand out in the rain with their mouths open until they drown. Males are called toms, females are hens and are the only breed of poultry native to the

Western Hemisphere. The average American consumes more than 15 pounds of turkey per year. In 1947 the turkey was given the first presidential pardon ceremony.

Why not celebrate Thanksgiving at the Methodist Church. Food and services provided by the church members, community organizations and local merchants. Enjoy a meal and IF interested, you can help by donating, serve and/or clean up in the spirit of the day. 510. 685-2338-Fran

Stop by and say ‘hi’ to Richard who is keeping the Incurable Collector shop open.

When traveling abroad, get a shot of your hotel marquee to show to taxi and bus drivers. No confusion.

It’s a boy, Michael David, on October 2, 2012, 8 lb. sez, 21 inches for Madison and Blake Hufford, born in Junction City, Kansas where Blake is serving in the U.S. Army. Chris and David Bradshaw are the happy first time grandparents and Joe Darling is a Great- grandfather. Congratulations to all!

Thanks to Tom Piazza and Mary Crosby for the beautiful flowers in the Museum Planter Box which are to honor Mary Highfill who formerly

kept the planter box filled with blossoms. Mary has moved to Pinole and is now unable to do so.

Is the new nighttime sleep-aid ZzzQuil the drug developed in the Transcept Pharmaceutical Labs in Point Richmond these past years?

Their lab offices feature historic Point Richmond photos.

Congratulations to Jim DeWitt who has been named America’s Cup Artist-in-residence by the Golden Gate Yacht Club. Jim is recognized for his passion for sailing and painting. He says, “I don’t paint sailboats, I paint the excitement of sailing.” An exhibit of his latest work for the America’ Cup can be viewed at the Point Richmond Art Collective.

Juanita Hoffman came from Dayton, Washington for Jean Eakle’s Memorial and visited her Point friends before continuing to visit her mother in Santa Barbara.

Junk is the stuff you throw out and stuff is the junk you keep.

Electra Skilandat has just opened her new Upholstery & Drapery Shop, URBAN BURP, 200 South Garrard Boulevard, Suite 3, Point Richmond. It also features rare Vintage Fabrics but check for hours. Open Tuesday -Saturday and third Sunday. 414-399-8761

Robert Palfini has been accepted as a Trombone Finalist in the Honors Band for the 2013 American High School Performance Series at Carnegie Hall in February.

Acceptance in this elite North American group is the result of his talent, dedication and achievements. Robert also is performing in February in his High School musical, “Oklahoma”

as a vocalist. A student at Woodbridge High, Irvine, he has completed his Eagle Scout requirements. Robert is the son of Roberta and Richard Palfini and grandson of Mid Dornan.

People love their pets and it was expected they would spend \$370 million for pet costumes for Halloween this year.

The five most popular pet names this year are: Pumpkin, Devil, Hot Dog, Cat and Bee.

Honor is better than Honors.

Nutiva, the organic superfood importer and marketer has moved its headquarters to Richmond and has committed to be a presence in the community. The first of a series of fruit tree orchards plantings at area schools was held at Washington Elementary School and their plans call for orchards at every public school campus over the next three years. Their office space is on West Cutting Boulevard.

A new law states, starting in January, you can park free at broken meters in California for the posted time limit.

Greyhounds have the best eyesight of any breed of dogs.

Non-digital!

I asked my girlfriend to marry me on a boat on the wide expanse of Lake George. There was no iPhone to capture the moment, no Twitter to tweet or Facebook to share, and, back at our campsite, no AT&T services to call home with the news. There were only s'mores. And champagne,

To keep your pie crust from getting soggy, brush the bottom crust with beaten egg white, or partially bake before pouring in your filling.

It takes as much energy to hold out a helping hand as it is to point a finger.

Happiness is having former PRHA treasurer, Ellen Schaeffer, Eugene, Oregon, continue to support the newsletter and send interesting trivia.

In the words of Dickens' Tiny Tim. God Bless you, Everyone.

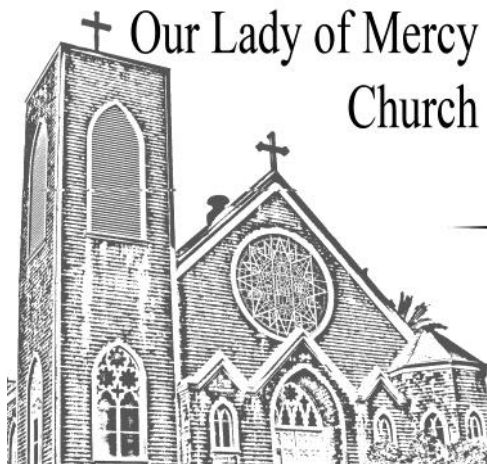
ANSWER: Presidential Libraries are collections of records and artifacts of a president and are a part of the National Archives and Records Administration but privately sponsored. Every President since Herbert Hoover has a library and they were started by Franklin D. Roosevelt. There are 13 libraries.

Some Gift Suggestions from Mid

A one-stop gift shopping can be done at our history museum.

- ◆ One year subscription to THIS POINT...in time newsletter \$15-\$100
- ◆ Booklet -Historic View of Point Richmond, CA by Donna Roselius - \$15
- ◆ The Nelson-Wolgest Fight and the San Francisco Boxing Scene-1900- 1914 - by Lang \$35
- ◆ Images of America-Richmond by Don Bastin \$20
- ◆ Point Richmond postcards \$1
- ◆ Point Richmond History note cards \$2
- ◆ Various booklets.
- ◆ History of the Plunge (Gautraud) \$1
- ◆ Brief History of Point Richmond \$2

Church News



By Dee Rosier

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The last issue for the months of September/October seem so far removed, but here we go again with another issue, which will be a wrap up our dialog for 2012.

We sometimes have discussions which stretch through many months before action is taken, but the church hall finally received a semi- face lift. The counters were replaced, a new sink and faucet, and painting of the kitchen area. It was a task to set up for coffee/donut Sunday, since the required items were not in their usual spot and others not at all visible. It will take a while to get used to the new arrangement. The rectory bathroom was also updated, as well as a new sink installed in the kitchen. A generous parishioner donated \$5000 to the cause, we thank them.

Also on the drawing board are the shingles on two sides of the rectory which need replacing.

Speaking of donations, I recently read an article that Joseph Mitchell, nephew of Margaret Mitchell (Gone With the Wind) left a multimillion dollar bequest to the Archdiocese of Atlanta, which

included a 50% share of the trademark and literacy rights. How lucky are they?

Our once Sunday vocalist, Elizabeth Hertzberg performed to the delight of all in attendance. She has been gifted with a magnificent operatic voice. It was her farewell performance to the parish. She is off to Milan for more professional training with a teacher and coach at La Scala. As outstanding as Elizabeth, so also was her performance. We wish her the best and look forward to once again hearing her voice at Christmas.

The last of the pancake breakfasts was recently held. They will resume at the first of the year. Our thanks is extended to Susan Brooks and all of her volunteers who work toward a successful event.

Father claims to have spent six lovely days on a working vacation in Kauai. How can one go to Hawaii and actually work?

One of our parishioners recently had a medical emergency during Mass. Jean Stark would like to thank all who so rapidly came to her assistance. Jean Stark's husband, John was a native of Pt. Richmond and one of the stained glass windows is dedicated to the Stark family.

Every once in a while a memorable event occurs and so many of us stood at Ferry Point and watched as the Endeavor flew over. Even Father showed up and stood with us.

Several years ago an engineering study of the roof was done. Father continues to search for the study which would greatly assist Michael Workman (Project Engineer) as he seeks estimates.

Confirmation will be held in November and will welcome Fr. George Mockel, the vicar general of the diocese who will be the celebrant.

The only person known to have been the recipient of roses from Father's garden was Anna Schwarz. Recently a woman helped herself to a few, which didn't set well with him. His roses are for viewing enjoyment.

When there is an election, the polls are generally located at the Methodist Church and the

same faces welcome you on election day – not this time around. The Methodist Church is not being used, nor the familiar smiling faces, and perhaps it is our way of mourning our favorite poll person, Sonja Darling.

Congratulations to Jack and Edwina Murray who celebrated 61 years of marriage on October 20.

We welcomed seeing previous Pt. Richmond resident, Les Lawrence who was visiting Jim and Florence Wilson. It seemed so familiar to once again see him walk Idaho Street.

We become used to seeing the trick or treaters as toddlers on Halloween and what a surprise it is to see them grown. But how rewarding for them to remember you.

Condolences to the family of faithful reader, Emil Pleau.

Condolences to the family of Leo Giacomelli
Both Emil and Leo were Chevron retirees.

We welcome Sean and Tony Diaz who have volunteered to be Eucharistic Ministers. Jim Cheshareck is training Julian Acuna to be bell ringer. Welcome to the younger generation.

How lucky was grandson, Griffin to attend game 6 of the Giants playoff and see them win and better yet win the World Series.

It was a warm welcome to see Linda Drake and her family attend Mass. We wish her well and she remains in our prayers.

Continue to pray for John Gerk, Frank and Dixie Mello, Bill Smith and Al Frosini. If it was your lucky day you may have seen Al getting his haircut in the Point.

Happy Birthday to Diane Marie as she achieved a memorable one.

Many Irish Catholics came to Richmond in the 1900's and worked on the railroad. The pastor of St. Pauls church in San Pablo celebrated mass in Curry Hall, at Standard and Washington Avenues. In 1903 Our Lady of Mercy was built next door to the Methodist Church. Father Scanlon was the first priest and had a dog which howled loudly each time the church bells rang.

One Sunday as the bells were ringing and the dog howling, a woman walked by on her way to the Methodist Church and commented to Father Scanlon that his dog was not a very good Catholic and he replied, "No, he's a howling Methodist.

The above story comes from "The Story of Richmond," issued by the Richmond Union High School District. This book and another are on loan from a friend who in his past lived in Pt. Richmond.

Wishing you and yours a delicious Thanksgiving and a Happy Christmas.

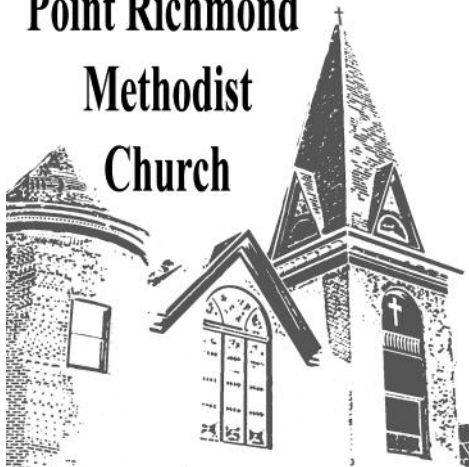
I AM NOT AFRAID OF TOMORROW,
FOR I HAVE SEEN YESTERDAY, AND
I LOVE TODAY

SEE YOU IN CHURCH



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Point Richmond Methodist Church



By Jean Reynolds

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In the last few years, out of concern for those at Ashraf City in Iraq, members of the church have travelled to rallies at the White House and New York, signed and written letters to political leaders, written and sung songs for videos, and sent prayers and words of hope to Ashraf residents. On September 28, the U.S. State Department lifted the terrorist designation on the MEK. People at Camp Liberty and Camp Ashraf have a better chance to relocate to other countries now. Everyone at worship on September 23 got a long stemmed rose to celebrate! Now the process to move our friends safely out of Iraq can begin!

Hooray for the birth of Clover Grace O'Hagan Marley-Kai Folds, born to parents Jamela Smith Folds and Cameron Folds, and sisters Irish and Haven on October 3!

Family and friends of Jean Eakle remembered her with loving stories, images, music and poetry at a memorial service on October 20, when she would have turned 90. Jean recognized her passions and set her priorities around them. She sustained deep friendships throughout her long life, and all the while took time to examine spirit and nature closely to see them clearly. A sample of her paintings, fabric craft, and journals are exhibited at the DeWitt Gallery through the month

of November. Two others are missed from our wider community: Sonja Darling, whose service was September 22 and Bill Vallivero, Incurable Collector, remembered here by many on October 6.

The Art Auction in October was named in memory of Jean Eakle. Deby McFadyen and Diane Frary did most of the planning. Paintings, prints, crocheted or knitted fashions, fabric art, and custom-made jewelry attracted eager bids. Diane wove handbags, made jewelry, and ordered cloth gift bags for sale. Other UMC artists represented were Terri Fewins-Pittman, Jean Eakle, Richard Smith, Judy Buhlis, Bethany Reynolds and Spencer Compton. Pastor Dan entertained on the piano. We enjoyed a fun evening at the Pt. San Pablo Yacht Club and raised money for church programs.

Cellist Rebecca Rust performed in October. German bassoonist Friedrich Edelmann, and pianist Vera Breheda from El Cerrito joined her. Rebecca Rust was born in Oakland and attended El Cerrito High, but lives in Germany now when she is not touring as a musician. It's the third time their "SF Munich Trio" has performed at our church. Rebecca Rust left sporting one of the church shirts with Heather Damon's drawing of the reed organ.

Angel Choir is in transition this year. Until summer, it met on Saturday mornings. Since fall, Pastor Dan sings with the Sunday school children for 15 minutes on Sunday mornings. We have younger children again now, and a new cycle for the choir has started!

The three newest voices in the Joyful Noise Choir really add richness to our harmony: Robbie Lee Robinson, Molly Smith, and Alice Thompson enhance the tenor, alto and soprano sections. Robbie started a blog and has posted podcast recordings of some of our choir anthems. Check them out here <http://1st-umc-choir-ptrichmond.blogspot.com/>

Since UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief, requested school kits, Judy Buhlis and Fran Smith found twenty of the requisite tote bags and other members donated school supplies to fill

them at a September meeting of United Methodist Women. UMCOR distributes the school supplies to students in various parts of the world.

In October, we participated in the GRIP Harmony Walk to End Hunger. Some from our congregation walked, some donated, Pat Dornan helped register walkers the day of the event. GRIP operates the Family Shelter and Souper Center in Richmond. The shelter provides free temporary housing, meals, and counseling to families, and free lunches daily.

Our favorite bassist Kurt Ribak sustained serious injury in an automobile accident in June. He faces a long process of healing, has had a series of surgeries, and is relegated to playing bass on an electronic keyboard as he recovers. On October 21, he sang bass with our choir: a special treat for us! Kurt's musician friends performed several concerts to raise funds to help with his medical expenses. In spite of sometimes painful and grueling physical therapy, Kurt is committed to regaining full use of his hand.

Bill Thompson and Jonathan Swett cleaned and serviced our ancient Wolf Stove. Jonathan, Bill, Betty Graham, Liam Thompson and Hermán Alvarez finished the uneven floor in the basement with new cement, mended the gaping hole in the window, and added more bookcases for the Junktique.

On the Calendar:

Sharing Thanks: Thursday, November 22, 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, Thanksgiving Day.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner: A Community Celebration of Thanks: November 22, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Sit down and let our business sponsors provide and cheery volunteers serve you a Thanksgiving feast! Contact Fran Smith by phone (510) 685-2338 or email junosmith@aol.com to volunteer or help sponsor the dinner.

Dinner Theater: Thursday, November 29, The Masquers' Community Theater and the Hotel Mac Restaurant will dedicate their efforts to help the church. For \$50, you may indulge in dinner at the award-winning Hotel Mac then view a private showing of "Little Women," the Musical, in the

intimate Masquers' Theater across the street. Dinner is served from 5:30 p.m.; Curtain is at 8:00 p.m. Call Jean Reynolds (510) 235-2988 or email jeanormr@pacbell.net to reserve your seat.

Christmas Pageant, Sunday, December 23, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.: Everyone is invited to a dramatic retelling of the traditional Christmas story. Willing members of the Masquers Theater and others in our community will portray shepherds, angels, kings, Mary and Joseph. Sing Christmas carols and experience the love conveyed by the nativity story. At 11:00 a.m., the cast will perform an abbreviated version; enjoy the full pageant at 7:00 p.m.

Bake Sale and Holiday Craft Faire, Saturday, December 15, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Point Richmond Community Center adjacent to the library. Shop for delicious holiday baked goods to give or enjoy at home. Handmade craft items are the perfect calorie-free purchase. Sit down with a hot drink and taste our freshly baked treats on-site. All sales benefit programs of the church or the United Methodist Women.

Jazz Christmas Eve, December 24, 7:00 p.m. This is a staple for many locals' Christmas celebrations. It features the Dan Damon Quartet and other musical guests. All are welcome to this musical feast of the season. Come early to sit in the sanctuary: the back doors will be open with overflow seating in Friendship Hall.

Pt. Richmond Acoustic Concerts:

Bruce Kaplan and Claudia Russell, professional entertainers in their own right, labor lovingly to offer our community the "Point Richmond Acoustic Series," a monthly concert of singer/song-writers housed in our sanctuary. Enhanced by new lighting and sound equipment, concerts run the second Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m. Cost of the show is \$15. See details about the performers on the website: http://www.pointacoustic.org/Point_Richmond_Music/Point_Richmond_Acoustic.html

For updates to the calendar see the website: pointrichmond.com/methodist/

WWIC, Est. 1908

Linda Newton and

Kathleen Wimer

SEPTEMBER 2012 Linda Newton

After a summer hiatus, the WWIC held its first meeting of the 2012-13 year on Tuesday, Sept. 11. It was also the first meeting led by our new president **Norma Wallace**. She and her board, consisting of **Marion Kent**-1st VP, **Kathe Kiehn**-2nd VP, **Helen Wysham** -Sec'y, and **Diane Hirano**- Treas. decorated the room with colorful potted plants, and prepared desserts, coffee and tea. **Kathleen Wimer**—TPIT Reporter was absent. **Calvert Barrows**, a new member, arrived early and pitched in. The rest of us arrived around 11:30 a.m. After greeting each other and eating our brown bag lunches, the business meeting began a little after 12 p.m. by announcing the September birthdays of **Sheila Fostiak**, **Joan Gatten**, **Susan Hesse**, yours truly, **Diane Marie**, and **Margaret Morkowski**.

This summer we lost two of our members, Gilda Markarian and Sonja Darling who we will miss dearly. We spoke about their fighting spirit, their friendliness and what they meant to us. In their honor we had a minute of silence. Following this, we introduced ourselves and guests. **Lori Endres** introduced her son Sam who was born June 9 this year. He was fast asleep in his mother's "Snugli." Many members took this opportunity to extol the WWIC and say why they looked forward to attending meetings. It was clear that we have a membership that is involved with our community and greater Richmond. During announcements **Helen Wysham** told of the GRIP Walk on Oct. 20. **Norma Wallace** will be participating and asked for sponsors. **Altha Humphrey** said that the Arts of Point Richmond would be participating in the Artwalk in Sept. and



PRHA Archive Photo #713-Sonny Jackson

would be holding its annual holiday craft fair on Sat., Dec. 8 from 11-5; Knit & Such will held at the Community Center on the first Wednesday of each month from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. **This reporter** mentioned there was one more staffing of the PRBA table at the Farmers' Market for the season and thanked all of our volunteers; also SASE ("Sassy"—a way for member to connect with and help members) has been offered individual tickets for Berkeley Rep performances by Mark Mantele in memory of Chris Spencer, a board member of the former Point Richmond Village. **Susan Brooks**, on the Sunshine Committee, reported she had sent sympathy cards to the Markarian and Darling families. She also received a thank you from **Linda Drake** for the lap robe knitted by **Altha Humphrey**, also on the Sunshine Committee.

Updated rosters from last year and draft calendars of this year's meetings were distributed. **Marion Kent** instructed us that our one obligation for the year is to serve as hostesses at one meeting. A sign-up sheet was distributed. At our first meeting of the year we discuss possible speakers for our meetings and projects to work on. We decided on three general themes for meetings: aging related topics, local history, and just plain fun. Also, we have ongoing projects that we definitely want to complete this year: various rose garden concerns, SASE, the new and improved Point Richmond map and structure installation, and the WWIC Centennial Cookbook. Towards this end we may apply for a Gateway Foundation grant. We have planned a few fundraisers, too. We voted to contribute \$250 to Many Hands for Washington School classroom teachers and to pay our rent for our meeting space at the United Methodist Church.

The next meeting will be held on our regular meeting day of the first Tuesday of every month which is October 2, 2012. It will be a fundraiser luncheon and will cost \$10 per person. There will be a speaker.

Our subsequent meeting dates can be had by

contacting Norma Wallace at (510) 236-6968. We look forward to seeing some new faces at our meetings. No personal invitation is required.

OCTOBER 2012 Kathleen Wimer

Members of the Women's Westside Improvement Club arrived October 2, 2012 for our lasagna fundraiser at the Community Room of the Point Richmond Methodist Church to find our hostesses, Altha Humphrey and Susan Brooks, had arrayed tables with autumn-themed decorations including those yummy candy pumpkins. They served another indulgence everyone appreciated – a vanilla ice cream dessert - following the lasagna and salad meal provided by board members Norma Wallace, President; Marion Kent, 1st Vice-President; Kathe Kiehn, 2nd Vice-President; Diane Herano, Treasurer; Helen Wysham, Secretary, and Kathleen Wimer, TPIT Correspondent.

Norma announced birthdays for October: Terry Wynne, the 16th; Marion Voight, the 24th; Rebecca Beal, the 25th, and Kathleen Wimer, October 28. Helen Wysham shared Marion Voight moved to Bay Park Independent Senior Living Community in Pinole so may not attend further meetings.

We all introduced ourselves and were pleased four-month-old Sammy Nova Andres joined us once again while he enjoyed his own special lunch. We welcomed Pat Pearson's guest, Carla Bowman. We were also pleased to have Grier Cooper and her Australian visitor join us. Always the more the merrier.

Our speaker, Karen Everett, shared her journey toward fulfilling her dream. She established Gratitude Power, a Center for Heart-Inspired Living at 110 Railroad Avenue. There - in a store, a wellness suite, and three classrooms - Karen and her colleagues teach people how to live from their hearts; how gratitude can change one's life, and how – through heart-inspired living – one can intuitively know what choice is best for one.

Karen invites everyone to come by Gratitude Power on Railroad Avenue 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Friday and noon to 5:00 PM. Saturday and – in particular – to meditation every Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

Items of business the club addressed included:

- Increasing our donation to the Methodist Church for monthly use of the Community Room,
- Reading minutes and the Treasurer's Report, which revealed the Club now holds a grand total of \$7,742.84 in funds and included the good news of funds remaining after installation of the club's centennial plaque in the rose garden;
- Discussing items initiated by former President Margaret Morkowski and carried over, including the new Point Richmond directory to replace the deteriorating one by the fire house and the member cook book;
- Providing a new edition of the SASE (Sharing Activities/Service Exchange) Bulletin, which includes Mark Mantele's offer of tickets to Berkeley Repertory productions this year given in memory of Chris Spencer;
- Thanking Linda Newton for arranging to have a club table at the Farmers' Market throughout the summer.

Norma reminded members the next meeting will not be the first but the second Tuesday of

November because of Election Day. We will meet November 13. Our guest speaker will be Mary Stegner, who will share information about a registry for placing people in senior living facilities, the needs seniors confront in relocating, and, in general, seniors' psychological needs.

Several announcements followed:

- Knit and Such - 12:30 to 2:30 at the Community Center every first Wednesday ~ Altha Humphrey
 - Elder Voices – Open mic featuring the Great Grandfathers of Ecology, 1:00 to 4:00 P.M., one of a wonderful series every second Tuesday at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, ~ Joan Gatten
 - Memorial services for Bill Villinaro, and for Jean Eakle, whose art will be on display downtown ~ Mid Dornan
 - Art silent auction, to benefit the Methodist Church, at San Pablo Yacht Club ~ Mid Dornan
 - Caf  Altura facing eviction; concerned citizens and patrons may show support, sign a petition directed toward their landlord, Walter Connolly, etc. although circumstances behind the eviction are unclear ~ Linda Newton
- With the close of the formal meeting, those members with time limitations split; others milled about socializing and cleaning up after ourselves. As they say, "A good time was had by all.



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Introduction from “The Richmond Story”

A Publication Printed in 1955 to Celebrate Richmond’s Fiftieth Birthday

In the beginning.....when RICHMOND was young.....

In the 1850’s a young draftsman stabbed a tiny dot on a map, identified it in miniature letters as Point Richmond, then switched his attention to boom towns where gold nuggets were making news. His dot remained just that for another half century. Then, when many of the State’s roaring frontier towns were becoming gentle ghosts, Richmond became a sturdy harbinger of the State’s future.

When the hey-day of the gold nugget passed, a new gold flowed into Richmond. Steel rails and oil, ships and highways turned hayfields - the landscape of the past - into a city of destiny.

Long before the gold towns lured settlers to California, men had marveled when they sighted the harbor which was to nourish a growing city. When the Spaniards came in 1772, they observed whales in that inlet of the sea we know as San Pablo Bay. Franciscan Friar Juan Crespi, chronicler of the Pedro Fages expedition, concluded that here there must be depth and space “for all the ships in Spain.”

A century later Augustin Sylvester Macdonald, scion of a pioneer San Francisco family, came duck hunting at the mouth of San Pablo Creek.

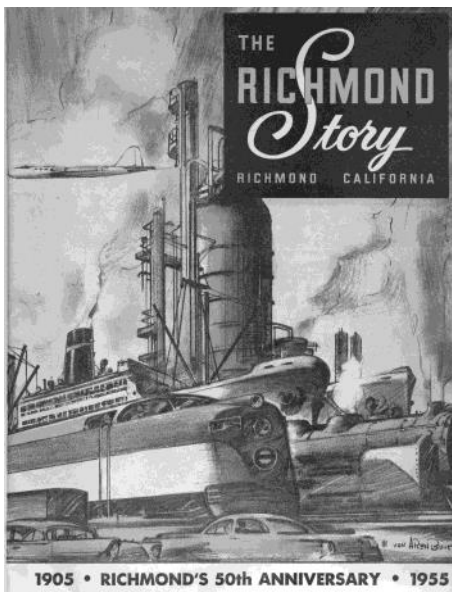
It was a beautiful morning in 1895. The sun was shining brightly, there was no breath of wind, and the ducks refused to fly. The

young hunter turned his attention to the view. Land which had been a part of the vast San Pablo Rancho, an 1823 Mexican land grant to Francisco Maria Castro, sloped gently into the deep waters of San Pablo Bay and the Bay of San Francisco.

So prized was this land by the early settlers, that it had been embroiled in the courts in the famed “Emeric vs. Alvarado” suit for some forty years. Reflecting on the details of that case, which had given the pioneer farmers a clear title to their property only a year earlier, the young duck hunter envisioned a city growing on the beautiful Contra Costa shore with its magnificent view of Mt. Tamalpais, San Francisco’s skyline, and the Golden Gate.

Here was a bonanza to challenge the imagination. Here was a find to inspire great achievements. In an era when railroads and great new industries were building the West, this level land touching a great harbor was a natural site for a new western city.

By 1897 Point Richmond land owned by pioneer settler John Nicholl had been claimed as the site of a West Coast railroad terminal. George H. Barrett’s level hay ranch became the City of Richmond tract, the nucleus of a city which has come of age in the Twentieth Century. Within six years scattered farms were replaced by a modern city of ten thousand. With the first four decades of her life Richmond became a major industrial center with a population of ten time ten thousand.





Point Richmond from Above



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Out and About Town

Margaret Morkowski (510) 234-4219

Yes, the Holidays are here. What an eventful time of the year. I just love the crisp, cool air of the Fall and Winter Seasons.



The Holidays got off to a huge success with the annual **Washington School Halloween Parade** here in Point Richmond. More than 500 children, parents and parade goers "showed off" their scary, funny and cute costumes as they participated in the parade through the Point Richmond Business District. Police Officers and Traffic Control Officers were on their motor cycles and vehicles with lights flashing, as they kept the little ones, their parents and the teachers safe. The principal, Lisa Levi, commented that this year she saw many more people on the parade route who had come just to watch the parade. More than 20 businesses handed out candy with many of the business owners "dressing-up" to the delight of the children. Everyone from the "Up-and-Under Pub" staffed the "Haunted Tunnel" again this year plus Chevron staff were busy handing out "Halloween Safety" coloring books and blinking lapel lights for the children to wear during their night-time "Halloween Adventures." Everyone had a lot of fun.



The **Washington School Many Hands Project** is planning its Annual "Party by the Bay," this time in early December. The Many Hands Project was established in the mid-1990s and is composed of residents, business owners and friends in the Point who donate funds to each teacher for classroom

supplies and materials. In addition the Many Hands Project organizes the Spirit of Leadership program and the Teacher Mini-Grant program. If you have questions, would like to attend this year's event with the teachers or would like to donate to these programs please call me at 234-4219.



The **Third Annual Keller Cove Open Water Swim** was held on Saturday, September 30th and it was a great success and lots of fun. This year more than 160 swimmers from all over the bay area, braved the cold bay waters to see if they would come in "first" in their classification and distance. Official timers tacked the friendly competitions for ages 10 thru 90. After a "snack" the swimmers gathered for the award ceremony. A special "Thanks" goes to Richmond Swims'

Board Member Norm Hantzsche for organizing this outstanding event. This annual event is a fundraiser for the **Richmond Swims - Kids' Sailfish Team**, who practice year-round at the Plunge. The funds raised are used on team scholarships for qualifying children ages 5 through 17. Richmond Swims also has a Masters' team for those 18 and older, many of whom just swim for fun and benefit from swimming clinics and guidance provided by the two Richmond Swims swimming coaches. If you have any questions on either the kids or the adult programs please call Coach John Schonder at 356-8801.



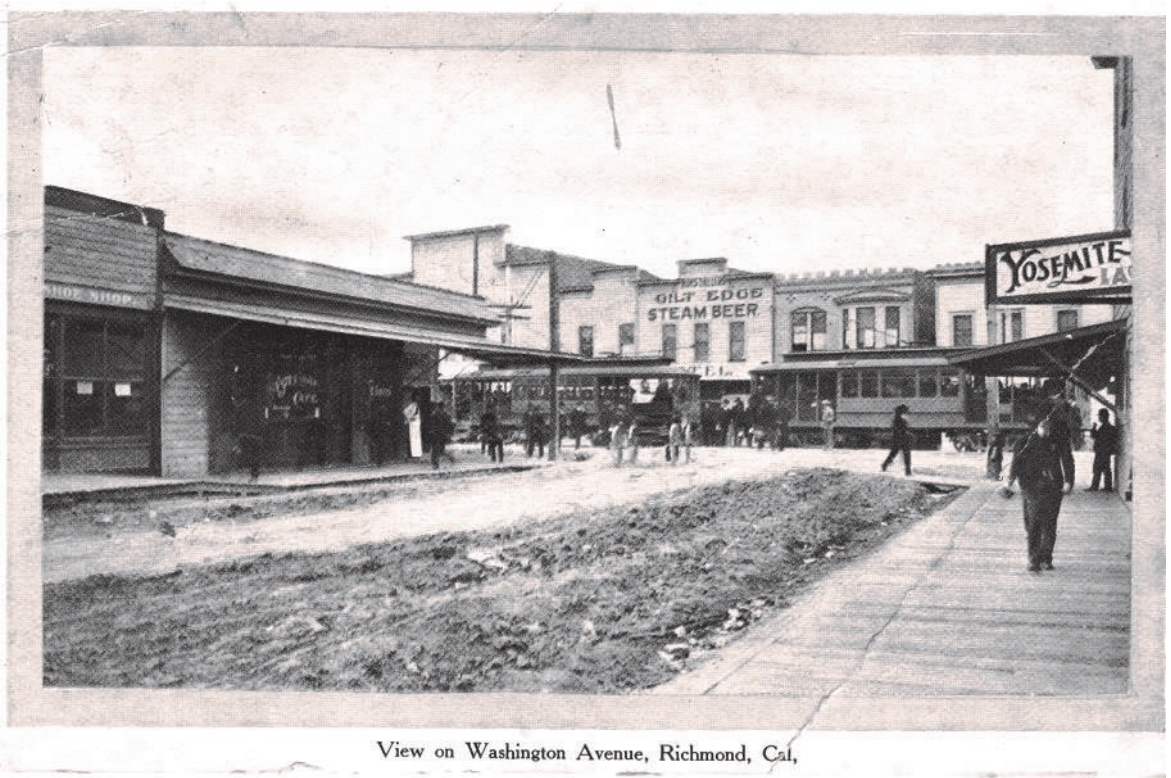
Up-Coming Events:

-November 22nd is Thanksgiving Day and the Point Richmond Business Association (PRBA) is organizing the Annual Point Richmond's **Turkey Shoot**. (No guns allowed.) Bring your goats, dogs, birds, vintage vehicles, your friends and your family for this "awe inspiring cultural event." We meet in front of the **Plunge around 10 am**. Then we're off to **The Spot** for the poetry reading and a Shot with the Wild Turkey. This decades old tradition is a great little "activity" for Thanksgiving morning while the other Turkey is roasting. Please call Pam de Whitt at 236-1401 for more information. A fancy hat or a little seasonal costume adds to the fun.

-November 24th, Saturday, at dusk, the PRBA sponsors the Annual Point Richmond **Tree**

Lighting with Santa event. The evening begins with caroling, lead by the Point Richmond Methodist choir and includes refreshments and of course, an appearance by Santa. Many of the stores and restaurants will be open that evening so come and make a "night of it." The celebration will be held in the Indian Statue Rose Garden. You may call Pam de Whitt at 236-1401 for more information.

-December 8th, Saturday, the Arts of Point Richmond will hold their annual Holiday Exhibit. Come and meet many of our local artists, view their work and maybe select a few items for your Holiday Gift Giving. The event will be held at the Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue from 1 PM – 5 PM. Please call Altha Humphrey at 232-2934 for



View on Washington Avenue, Richmond, Cal,

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Out and About Town

Margaret Morkowski (510) 234-4219

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details.

-February 13th 2013, Wednesday, Washington School will continue their **Centennial Celebrations** with its Founders Day Event. In February, 1913 the original Washington School located at the foot of Idaho Street, opened for classes. In February, the children of the school will be celebrating that 1913 event at 10 AM with a special Washington School Founders Day program which will also include refreshments, school tours and exhibits from the children's Many Hands Richmond History projects. If you attended Washington School or are interested in our great neighborhood school, you are invited to this event. **Please RSVP** and call me at 234-4219 for more details. **Everyone is welcome.**

-On **various** dates through-out **November and December** the Point Richmond Methodist Church (235-2988,) the Christian Science Church and Reading Room (233-1209) and Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church (232-1387) will be having **special events, concerts, services and celebrations.** Please call them for dates and details.

During this eventful time of the year, we wish you a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.



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***Thanks to Pat Pearson for keeping the
grocery stores well stocked with TPIT's
and***

***Thanks to Margaret Morkowski for
making the TPIT Post Office trip***

**If a statue in the park of a person on a horse
Has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle.
If the horse has one front leg in the air,
The person died because of wounds received in battle.
If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died
Of natural causes.**

from Ellen Schaefer

at the Masquers

November 2nd to December 8th

Little Women

The Musical

Book by ALLAN KNEE

Lyrics by MINDI DICKSTEIN

Music by JASON HOWLAND

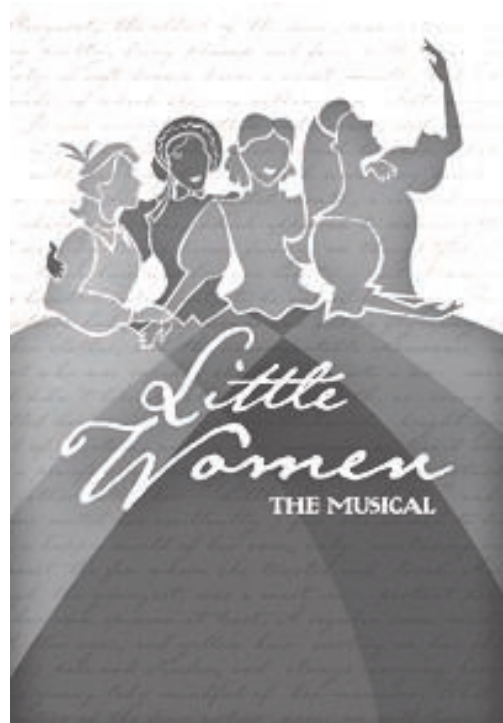
Adapted from the novel by

LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

Directed by JAN BROWN

Music Direction by PAT KING

Choreography by KELCEY POE



Little Women, the heart-warming Louisa May Alcott evergreen, has become a musical! Once again the much-loved stories of the four sisters, Jo, Meg, Amy, and Beth—and some of the melodramatic tales Jo writes in her attic studio—are brought to life, this time with song.

with

*Anna Albanese, Tyler Barnes, George Coker,
Sophie Gabel-Scheinbaum, Miguel Gamalinda,
Diana Godet, Coley Grundman, Robert Love,
Sophia Rose Morris, Shay Oglesby-Smith, Daniel
Quezada, Melissa Tanner*

All seating is general admission. Admission to all productions is \$20. Evening performances start at 8 PM and Sunday matinees at 2:00 PM. The box office opens 30 minutes before the curtain.

105 Park Place, Point Richmond, CA 94801-3922

The reservations phone number for the main season is (510) 232-4031. Call any time, and leave your details. Remember that all reservations must be paid in full in advance. That's one of our straightforward and painless reservation policies.



On This Date in KP History

Steve
Gilford

Seventy years ago this month the Kaiser shipyard in Richmond, California astonished the world by building a ship in 4 days 15 hours and 29 minutes, setting a record that probably will never be beaten.

S.S. Robert E. Peary: “The Wonder Ship”

At precisely 3:26 on the afternoon of November 12, 1942 the Liberty ship, S.S. Robert E. Perry, Hull # 440, slid down a shipway at Kaiser Shipyard Two in Richmond, California into San



HJK demonstrates to reporters how a pre-fab ship goes together

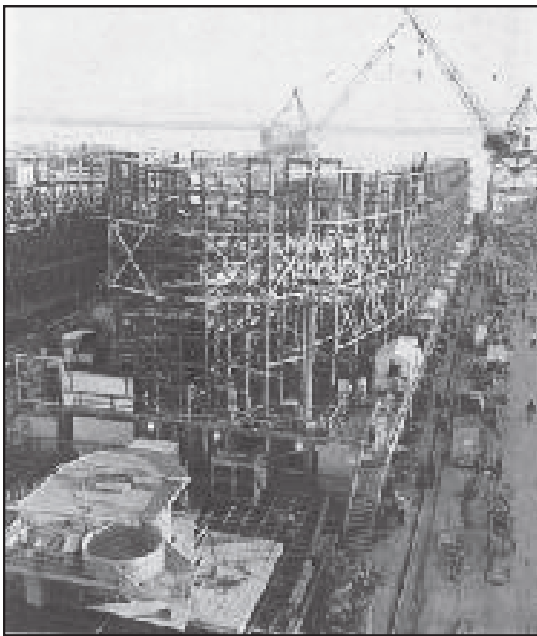
Francisco Bay. The enthusiastic cheers of the thousands of spectators were nearly drowned out by band music and blasts from every shipyard horn and whistle.

The celebration was for an extraordinary event. Kaiser shipyard workers had assembled this entire ship in just four and a half days.

Only a year before, the US Maritime Commission, the “client” for the Liberty ships, had estimated that on a speeded up schedule it should take 250 days to build a ship like this. By late 42, there were eighteen ship-yards building Liberties and the average construction time for most of the yards was down to sixty days. The Kaiser “Build them by the mile, cut them off by the yard” approach to mass production, had cut the average in their yards further back, to a very impressive 35 days per ship. Furthermore, the Kaiser vessels were built well, something much appreciated by their officers and crews. The nearly 200,000 people working for Kaiser were fiercely proud of their achievements in shipbuilding.

The story of “The Wonder Ship” had begun several months before launching. In late summer of ‘42, Edgar Kaiser, Henry Kaiser’s son and the General Manager of the Kaiser shipyards in the Vancouver-Portland area, had called on the workers there to set a new speed record, far surpassing anything done before. The workers had responded with great energy and enthusiasm. The result was that on September 23, they’d managed to launch the S.S. Joseph Teal in just ten days, a new world’s record, smashing the previous one which incidentally had been held by the Kaiser Richmond yards. It was such a significant achievement that President Roosevelt made a secret trip across country and attended the launching. And it was his daughter, Anna Boettiger who broke the traditional bottle of champagne across the bow.

When Edgar Kaiser’s counterpart, Clay Bedford,



Early in the first day, the hull is already rising off the ship way.

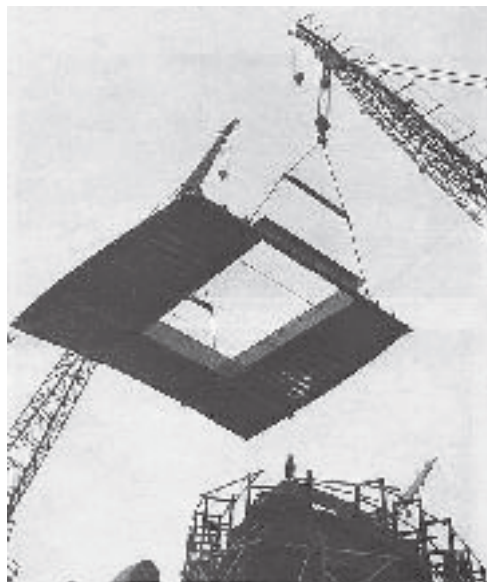
General Manager of Kaiser's Richmond Yards, had returned from the Teal launching in Portland, he was determined to reclaim for Richmond the title of "The World's Fastest Shipbuilders" and the bragging rights that went with it. He set his staff on the problem of how to organize the building of a ship to have it completed in significantly less than ten days. A sense of competition, a spirit highly valued in the Kaiser organization, spurred them on. Before long, Bedford had the elements of a plan that benefitted from the experience and imagination of literally thousands of workers. Details were checked, refined and checked again. The progress of every one of the 250,000 parts that went into a Liberty Ship, 14,000,000 pounds of them, was laid out in precise order. It started to become clear that the record-breaking ship would not only set a new record, it would be a real-world laboratory for new techniques which, if they worked, would become standard operating procedure.

During the weeks leading up to the assembly of

Hull 440, huge prefabricated sections including the bow, the stern, and deck sections, began to take shape around the shipyard. The pieces reminded some of the workers of a giant jigsaw puzzle scattered through the Yard.

Alyce Kramer, in "Story of the Richmond Shipyards" describes the start of construction of the Wonder Ship.

"Yard Two became hushed in the silent awe that precedes the critical engagement. Her people had publicly promised America a second home front in the form of the fastest shipbuilding job in history. At the stroke of twelve (midnight), Way One exploded into life. Crews of workers, like a championship football team, swarmed to their places in the line. Within 60-seconds, the keel was swinging into position. . . . The speed was unbelievable. At midnight Saturday, an empty way -at midnight Sunday, a full-grown hull met the eyes of graveyard (shift) workers as



One of sever huge deck sections lifted into place by two precisely teamed "Whirleys"



Work continued full speed, around the clock

they came on shift. Feverish, yet sure and methodical, was the march against time. Orders were explicit, work was controlled, muscles were strained, hearts were bursting with hope and pride . . .” The huge bow section, one of the first prefabricated pieces to be put in place, was so completely prefabricated that it even had the ship’s name painted on it before being lifted into place.

The deckhouse a 250-ton section of the ship was totally assembled before the building of the ship began. The 26,000 feet of welding, all five miles of it, needed to complete the deckhouse had been done and it already contained all the necessary electric appliances, floorings, plumbing and fixtures. Crews quarters in the deckhouse were fitted out with bunks, chests of drawers, sinks and toilets, even mirrors. However, at 250 tons, the preassembled deckhouse was too heavy even for the brawny Whirley cranes to lift so the shipyard planners had decided on an ingenious plan. Once assembled, they cut the deckhouse into four roughly equal parts. Shipyard cranes could lift the more manageable 60-70 ton pieces aboard the ship where they were joined back together with just 600 feet of additional welding. The time saved on the ways was enormous.

Just ten days after the ship slid down the ways, she had completed her sea trials, taken on a crew, and taken aboard the equivalent of three hundred railroad cars of

vital war material. On November 22, the ship that hadn’t existed two weeks before, steamed out through the Golden Gate carrying a cargo of food and war supplies to the South Pacific. It was a phenomenal achievement.

Of course there were detractors. Some said it had been nothing more than a publicity stunt. After all, the ship had been almost totally preassembled. Clay Bedford was quick to point out that had been the whole purpose, to see how much more ship construction could be done in timesaving pre-assembly.

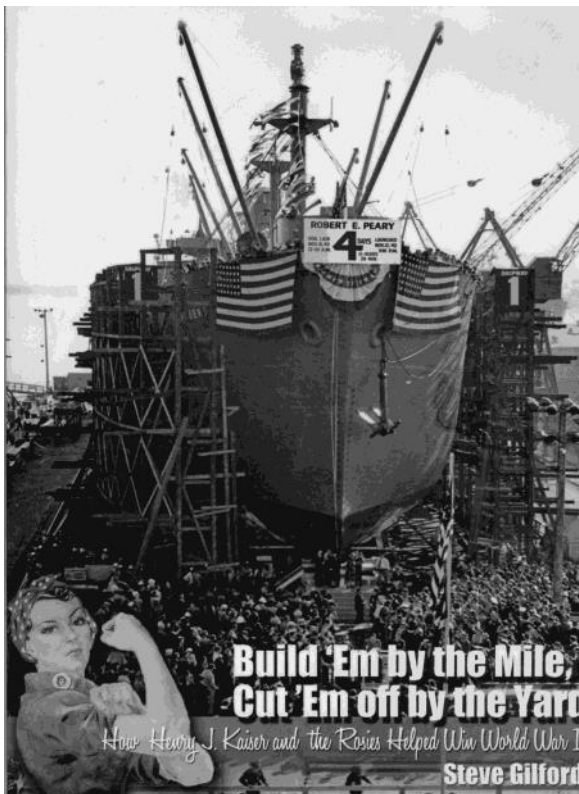
Other people claimed the ship had been thrown together for speed, without regard for the quality of construction. However, a War Shipping Administration report has since silenced those critics. “In her first year of war cargo transport,” the report read, “the Robert E. Peary voyaged more than 42,000 miles. Master’s and Engineer’s Reports show that Her mechanical and navigational efficiency equals that of sister ships much longer on the ways.”

On her first voyage, the Peary saved American soldiers trapped near the beach of a Japanese-held Pacific island. While under enemy fire, the Peary maneuvered close in to shore. The sailors rigged a line to the beach which they used to ferry food and ammunition to the troops until they were able to beat back the Japanese attack. The Peary also participated in the D-day invasion on the other side of the world, shuttling back and forth between England and the Allied beachhead in Normandy, often under heavy air attack.

The Kaiser company kept the workers informed of the achievements of their ship and they never had reason to be anything but proud of “The Wonder Ship” they had built in just one hundred eleven and a half hours.

After 21 years of service, the SS Robert E. Peary was scrapped in Baltimore, Maryland on June of 1963.

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Steve Gilford has a new 7-1/2" x 10", 230 page illustrated book about how Henry J. Kaiser and the Rosies helped win World War II. It's called "Build 'Em by the Mile, Cut 'Em off by the Yard".

It is selling for \$25.

To learn more about Steve's new book or to purchase a copy call the Richmond Museum of History at 510-235-7387.



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Mid

*Which day are there more collect
calls than any other day of the
year?*

Answer: Father's Day

From Ellen Schaefer

YEARS PAST Dec 26, 1923

W.S. Lincoln, Franklin Canyon farmer, has purchased the Critchett properties on Washington Avenue on the West Side. The property consists of 9 stores, a brick building, a dwelling and hotel on the corner of Richmond and Washington Avenue. It is reported the value of the property is about \$25,000.

December 27, 1935

LeRoy Williams, Raymond Golden, John Stephen, James Forbes, and Edward McGarvey, all of Troop 1 Boy Scouts, left early yesterday morning for a 4-day-stay at the scout winter camp near Long Barn.

Mid

Cards, Letters & E-Mails

Mid,

Wow, what a great edition of the THIS POINT. Well, with the exception of the notice of the passing of Sonja Darling. I don't know that I had ever met her, possibly at the Washington School meeting we came to at the Community Center in May. Sorry about your loss. The name Joe Darling rings a bell for some reason. I think I met or knew a Joe Darling along the way somewhere when I was younger. I am 68, I don't know how old he is. The story of the wig wags is something, I hadn't heard all that history before. Quite a story.

I love your Trivia column. The centerfold

photo from Frank Pearson caught my eye as I have travelled those roads many times in my youth, although quite a few more houses had been erected by then! I would think George Coles would know the vintage of that photo. I see all three churches had been built then. Even the Crim's house had been built. Here I thought Ed had built it, guess not! If I lived closer, I would surely sign up for duty on the Red Oak. Sorry. Sandi and I leave for the Islands next Monday a.m. for two weeks. Looking forward to it.

Thanks for all you do for the Point,
Les Hathaway



EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

Lupe Padilla Lopez - 97
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Billie Bonham Shaw - 90

*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

Birthdays

November

LaVerne Rentfro	David T. McCarthy	Shane Thomas	Audrey Edwards
Woolman	Clare Doherty	Liam Thompson	Ida Giacomelli
Heinz Lankford	K.Patrick O'Higgins	Linda Feyder	Bobbies Boziki
Lynn Rendler	Jason D. Crowson	Nicole Vargo	Linda Chesareck
Robert Larsen	Dennis Dornan	Bethany Reynolds	Katrina MacDiarmid
Mary Ann Gaspard	Kenny Paasch	Kathryn Pinkerton	Albert Kollar
Shirley Butt	Xavier Delatorre	James Cheshareck, Sr.	Viola Kennedy
Gary Shows	Lance Rotting	Aubyn Eakles	David Dolberg
Chris Bradshaw	Joe Savile	James Cheshareck, Jr.	Charlotte Birsinger

December

Jean Allyn	Lydia Jahromi	Michael Cheshareck	Thomas Mercer Hursh
Hazel Paasch	Marian Hawkins	Eric Turner	Jerry Feagley
Edna Hathaway	Jeff Corbin	Seth Fenton	Ilana Dolberg
Donald Smith	Mike Turner	Vince Smith	Kayla Dolberg
Debbie Seaburg	Lauren Nason	Richard Barnes	Bob Burdick
Fred Frye (25th)	Marilyn Darling	Christina Nagatani	Pat Pearson
Christine Hayes	Linda Mertle	Donald Smith	

January

Donna Buhler	Ed Paasch	Diana Kaffan	Mitchell Heckmann
Cindy Rosier	Jan Burdick	Marilu Fox	Diana Mertle McHenry
Tom Brennan	Jim Wilson	Elaine Harris	Brad Feagley
Lynne Erskine	Robert McIntosh	Kristina Hollbrook	Marian Sauer
Linda Andrew-Marshall	Mary Highfill	Louis Cunan	Sparta Chiozza
Bryan Smith	Ann Bartram	Les Hathaway	Frank Kenny
Doug Greiner	Alphonso Diaz	Richard Palfini	Les Hathaway
Jeff Quist	John Cutler	Sena Bowles	



Deaths.....

Sonja Marie Darling died September 1, 2012. Sonja's failing heart led her to try a mechanical heart which didn't work with her already weakened heart and she passed away September 1, 2012. Age 72. She served the Point Richmond History Association for many years as Treasurer and faithfully committed time as a docent at our Museum. Her chocolate brownies were a hit when we collated the newsletter! Sonja was a past president of Washington School PTA, past treasurer of the Women's Westside Improvement Club, was active in the Point Methodist Church, and a Camp Fire Leader. . She and her husband Joe moved to the Point shortly after their marriage in North Dakota in 1962, celebrating 50 years of marriage this past April. Sonja is survived by her two daughters, Christine and Kelly and five grandchildren.

Barbara Moore Vincent died on September 24, 2012, in her childhood home in Richmond. Age 96. She was born in Richmond to Marie and Joseph Moore who were pioneers in Richmond. During the sudden influx of shipyard workers during WWII Barbara's became a leader in the PTA working to help solve chronic overcrowding and her tireless efforts are credited with helping save miles of shoreline from being overrun by industry. She and her husband, Jay" who died in 2005, were leaders preserving open space as in the 1950s, only 64 feet of Richmond's 33-mile coastline was accessible to the public. She was instrumental in the establishment of a variety of parks, including Point Isabel, Miller-Knox, Point Molate, East Brothers Lighthouse, Point Pinole and San Pablo Reservoir. in 1997 a shoreline park in Marina Bay was named the Barbara and Jay Vincent Park in their honor. Barbara earned a law degree from Hastings College of the Law when she was 50, was the first female chairwoman of the Richmond Planning Committee, was involved in the creation of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, an avid sailor and a member of the Richmond Yacht Club. She is survived by her sons Stephen of San Francisco, Michael of Fairfield, and David in Point Richmond. numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service was held at the Richmond Yacht Club on November 2, 2012.

Warren Winkelstein Jr. died on July 2, 2012 . Age 90. Dr. Warren was an emeritus professor of epidemiology at the University of California, Berkeley, and former dean at its School of Public Health. He was best known for an AIDS project as a physician and researcher whose groundbreaking studies connected unprotected sex between men to AIDS, smoking to cervical cancer and air pollution to chronic lung disease. His study lasted 12 years and led to about 150 articles in scientific journals. In the 1960s, Dr. Winkelstein designed a study showing that air pollution could cause chronic lung disease and those findings helped shape national air quality standards. During the Korean War, he worked for the U.S. Public Health Service in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. Later, in Buffalo, he led a large trial of the Salk polio vaccine. He is survived by his children, Rebecca Yamin, Joshua Winkelstein and Shoshana Winkelstein, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Deaths.....(continued)

Laura Jean Eakle died in her sleep on July 17, 2012 in Point Richmond. A celebration of her life was at the Point Methodist Church on October 20, which would have been her 90th birthday. Jean was a noted local colorful watercolorist whose artwork is on display at the DeWitt Gallery. She had been a favorite teacher at Washington Elementary School. Jean was a member of the Point Methodist Church where she often played the piano for the choir and was a member of the church Sunday School and Book Club. Her sons, Kit, David and Matthew, shared their musical and poetic talents in her memory at the celebration. Jean is also survived by her siblings Raymond Anderson and Ruth Casterson, four grandchildren and a great-grandson.



*A contribution was made to the Point Richmond History Association by
Gary and Cindy Darling
Rose and Grant*

In Memory of Aunt Sonja Darling
***“She loved her community and we thought this was a fitting way to help
carry on her Spirit”***

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

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

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Contact, Margaret Morkowski, 510-234-4219

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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 January 20, 2013. 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: Sue Rosenof at 599-1197

POINT RICHMOND/WEST SIDE BRANCH LIBRARY

Information call 510-620-6567

RED OAK VICTORY

Open Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday 10am - 3pm. \$5 donation for adults, \$4 seniors, \$2 children.
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 25, 2011 open water bay swim raises money for coaching, equipment, pool fees and swimming scholarships for inner-city youth throughout Richmond. More info at <http://www.richmondswims.org/> or call (415) 892-0771

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: Norma Wallace, President. 510-236-6968

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Point Richmond, CA 94801

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