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*Point Hillside Looking East*  
*From*  
*Idaho Street*

Please Join Us At  
our Annual Membership Meeting  
and Election of Officers on  
May 15, 2022 at 2:00pm at the  
Masquers Playhouse Theater  
105 Park Place



All are welcome but members will receive an invitation by  
USPS about two weeks prior

*As of this writing proof of vaccination will be required and masks  
must be worn while inside the building*

# From the President

by Bonnie Jo Cullison

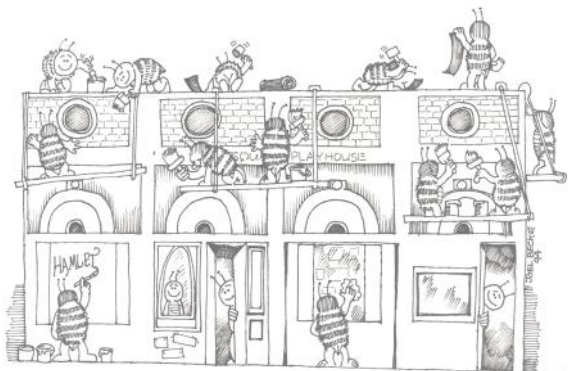
Hello everyone. As you may have noticed from the inside front cover of this newsletter we have boldly scheduled an annual meeting this year. And a special one it will be. We are very pleased and thankful that the Masquers Playhouse folks have opened their doors for us. We will meet inside their newly renovated theater. Not only that but after our usual business meeting Carl Smith, former Managing Director and current Production Coordinator, will explain the trials and tribulations, sweat and tears, that the Masquers endured to achieve their much-improved home. Since at the time of our meeting the Masquers actors will be rehearsing for their upcoming production of ***Sordid Lives*** we will get a peek at the set for that show and possibly a description by the set designer about the story behind its design and construction. And, who knows, maybe we will even get a brief preview of the play itself.

As of this writing the Masquers still has a few restrictions. Proof of vaccination must be shown at the door and a mask covering nose and mouth must be worn at all times while inside the theater itself. Also, as of this writing due to Masquer's rules, the PRHA will not be serving refreshments. Sorry!

It will be SO good to see you all again after our 2-year hiatus. Do come and join us!

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are by  
Late  
Point  
Artist

Joel  
Beck



*Thank you members for your renewal:*

**Kim & Lynn Stoddard Family**  
**Michael Pippin**  
**Olga Thomsen**  
**Frank & Kristine Lazard Family**  
**James Cheshareck\*\***  
**Chuck & Carolyn Dutrow\*\***  
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*Welcome to new members:*

**Dr. Oliver B. Pollak\*\***  
**George Petty**  
**James Koss**  
**Ruth Frassetto\*\***  
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***Thank You!***

*Thank you!*

## **Santa Fe Market**

*For distributing*

***“THIS POINT.....in time”***

*Now, more than ever, it is  
important to support our local  
retailers and restaurants.*

*Visit our little museum and view our  
1000+ picture slide show of historic  
Point Richmond photos.*

*Open Thursdays and Saturdays*

*And the first and second Tuesday  
of each month*

***11:30 am - 2:00 pm***

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

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

***Point Richmond Hillside seen from  
Ohio Street***

## *Editor's Notes*

*Gary Shows*

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Thank you to James Cheshareck for updating our Birthday lists and 90's Club.

We thoroughly enjoyed the Masquers fund raiser "Crab Feed" meal, thank you and do it again!

I hope you enjoy this issue, I had fun putting it together. My usual thank you's to Dee, Jean, Bonnie Jo, James, Mary Lee, the Arts of Point Richmond folks, Tony, and everyone else who made this issue possible, including our printer Fred at Minuteman Press.

See you in May at our Annual Meeting.

**The deadline for the next issue of "THIS POINT.....in time" will be Friday May 27, 2022 and will cover summer months of June, July and August (AKA SUMMER!).**

So that we do the proper "social distancing" we paid the printer to fold and staple the last issue, work usually done by our group. Thanks for addressing and mailing go to:

Gary Shows

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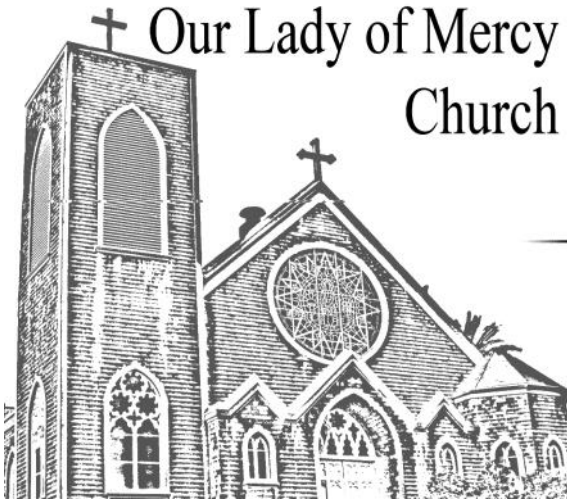
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# Church News



**By Dee Rosier**

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Welcome Spring/Daylight Savings Time. March 2022 is off to a better start than 2021 – let's continue to progress. Be sure to take in Tunnel Street whose flowering trees are dressed for the season.

After months of non-use, the church hall was filled with chatter as we welcomed back the first Sunday of the month ritual by enjoying coffee/donuts. It was the debut for the Church Hall which was thoroughly cleaned with many kitchen essentials replaced. The improvements were made possible by the generous gift from parishioners Tom and Sonja Louderback. The hall is now a means to welcome us all into a bright and friendly place where food can be served. The usual collection jar which is generally stuffed with dollar bills instead was full of \$20's. A total of \$600 was donated for assistance to the Ukraine.

The weekly donation envelopes finally arrived and can be found at the entry to the church. During the Season of Lent, donations can

be made for assistance to the Ukraine by designating and depositing in the church collection basket. If you are interested in participating in the donation envelope system, please sign up on the church registration form also located in the entryway. We thank you for your support.

The March issue of the, "Catholic Voice" featured an in-depth article on Lourdes. As members of the Order of Malta, several of our parishioners attend annual sojourns to Lourdes.

Several Saints celebrated March birthdays – the favorite being St. Patrick. Lift your glass and give a cheer.

On a Wednesday afternoon in March, a group of musicians, many from the San Francisco opera chorus, performed the Ukrainian National Anthem in our church. The music was arranged by the recently retired director of the Chorus. The acoustics of the church were the draw for their video tape. It was open to the public and drew a crowd, even though we had been to church earlier the day, being Ash Wednesday.

We welcomed Rev. Michael Fones, O.P. for a Sunday visit. His homily was well received and after Mass we were able to spend time in his presence.

Sue and Jeff Mulvihill have announced their retirement from active parish duties, which included serving on the Parish Council, Finance Committee and Lay Ministers. We thank them for their dedication and wish them the best as they now pursue time for family and travel. Stay well and enjoy. Replacements will be hard to come by.

John Madden was a member of our Diocese, worshipping at parishes in Pleasanton, Dublin and Danville. He died in December. His funeral service was held at Christ the Light Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Michael Barber. He is also buried in the mausoleum underneath. The Bishop shares the homily given to John Madden at his funeral Mass on January 18, 2022 in the March Issue of The Voice.

There is talk of a mural of the old Point on Standard Avenue. My favorite was the Coca Cola painted on the side of The Spot.

In watching ABC News I recalled that American Journalist, Cecilia Vega, currently serving as Chief White House Correspondent was a graduate of our local Salesian High School. As well, my classmate's son, Mark Santi is an Orthopedist for Kaiser Hospital in Hawaii. His son is presently studying to become a Cardiologist. Always looking for subsequent success stories to share.

Wendy Hallett recently joined the ranks of retirees. She worked many years for Kaiser Hospital and now joins her husband John. They started off with a trip to Hawaii to stay with friends – don't we all wish we had friends living in Hawaii. They are presently on a tour of Italy. We wish them many healthy years of retirement.

Nothing makes one feel better than a big smile early in the day. Maxine, the school crossing guard owns the corner of Garrard/East Richmond and is there Monday-Friday to provide waves and put a smile on your face. She recently put her crossing uniform aside and on a Saturday afternoon was dressed in her best Sunday best to celebrate her 80th birthday. She continued to wave and conduct smiling exercises. She was surrounded by bouquets and gifts in establishing early morning smiles on sleepy faces. She is one happy person and shares it with others, including animals. May she celebrate many more.

Diane Marie welcomed an addition to her family – a Yorkshire Terrier, who is in the process of training her. Marilyn and Carol Darling send their best from their new home in Phoenix, Arizona. Anne Carroll spent a week in Mexico playing golf.

February was a prolific month starting with a new moon in Aquarius and following the experience of the last 222 days of the century which occurred on February 2, 2022. In numerology, the 222 sequence of numbers is often referred to as Angel Numbers. The number 2 in numerology references the energy of duality, partnership, relationship and balance. Many couples chose to wed on this day. The next will occur on 2/2/222.

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

Jim Arkin  
Carol Bowen  
Dayna Bradford  
Linda Cheshareck  
Rosemary Giacomelli  
Laura Holmes-Murphy  
Michael Lambert  
Raphael Lopez  
Margaret Morkowski  
Sue Mulvihill  
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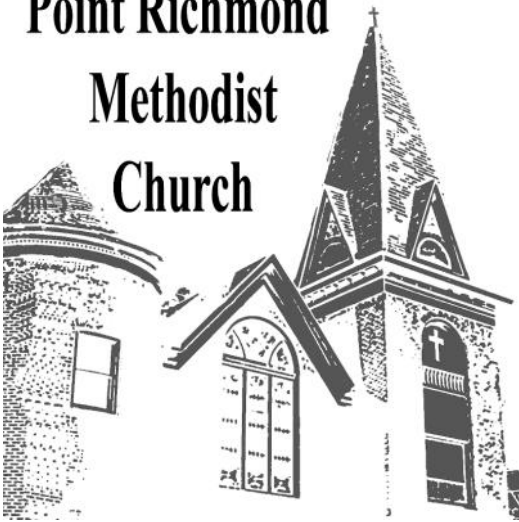
TWO LITTLE BOYS WERE AT A WEDDING WHEN ONE LEANED OVER TO THE OTHER AND ASKED, "HOW MANY WIVES CAN A MAN HAVE?" HIS FRIEND ANSWERED, "SIXTEEN – FOUR FOR BETTER, FOUR FOR WORSE, FOUR FOR RICHER AND FOUR FOR POORER.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH



*Dee Rosier*

# Point Richmond Methodist Church



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In February, Rev. Jacey preached on different aspects of *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood* and the values Fred Rogers emphasized in his TV program for children. Mr. Rogers' philosophy is one that could help heal the world. We collected coins and donations for Heifer International. February is the month we highlight the work of Heifer because Helen *Valentine* supported its mission. Helen was a pie-baker, and served as our treasurer for many years. On February 20, we resumed our hybrid worship format after switching back to Zoom-only January 9.

During Lent, we have used a resource "Full to the Brim" prepared by Sanctified Art LLC. It includes a devotional with art, poetry, and reflections to use for personal contemplation. Rev. Jacey uses some of the poetry as part of worship, and each week the resource provides a meaningful theme. Since March 20, masked worshippers can sing along with the hymns in the sanctuary. I feel "Full to the Brim" to be able to sing in church again!

Ash Wednesday, March 2, we met over Zoom with others from our West County Circuit to mark the beginning of Lent and remember our mortality. The theme was "Ashes to Ashes."

Call to Prayer, March 10, 6:00 p.m. Women from Easter Hill UMC, Open Door UMC, and Richmond First UMC met over Zoom for prayer, friendship, and to learn about the orders of Deaconess and Home Missioner, sponsored by United Women in Faith, the new name of United Methodist Women. This year, the women from Easter Hill led the program. Everyone had to provide their own soup (or whatever seemed right) for supper this year as another year passed when we were safer to meet virtually.

The trustees, under the able leadership of Bill Thompson and Jonathan Swett, have completed the major part of the kitchen remodel. The dishwasher, new sink, countertops, and back-splash tile are all installed. The old cabinets and drawers will be refreshed with a new finish and new hardware.

Volunteer towel washers based at the church have kept busy for SOS! Shower Power, mobile shower providers for people in the greater Richmond area who don't have their own showers. Used towels are delivered two or more times a week, but usually not too many bags at a time. Barbara Haley coordinates the volunteers. Contact her bahcats@comcast.net if you want to help.

## On the Calendar:

Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Good Friday, April 15, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom with El Sobrante UMC

Easter Sunday, April 17. 8:00 a.m. Worship in the garden; 11:00 a.m. Hybrid worship in-person and on Zoom. Easter Egg hunt for children, 12:00 noon.

Pastor Dan Damon's Retirement Celebration! April 23, 12 noon, Lara's Fine Dining. We meant to have a "sweetheart" celebration in honor of Pastor Dan's retirement in 2020, but we are pleased to show appreciation now for his twenty-five years serving our church and community.

Junktique: Saturday, May 7, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A modified version of our old-favorite sale. Stay tuned for details.



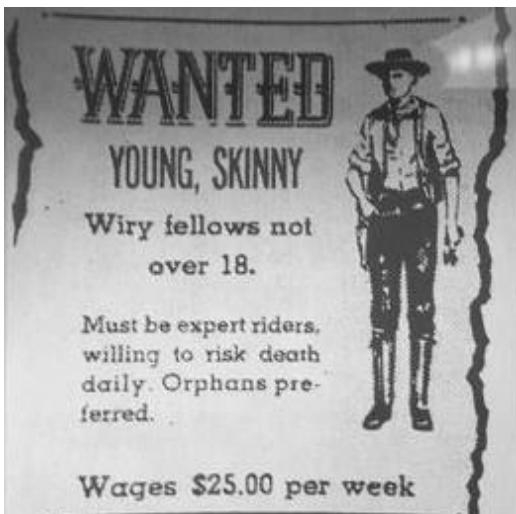
Rev. Jacey holds “Coffice Hours” on Wednesdays, 1:00 – 4:00 pm at Kaleidoscope Coffee. Contact her via email [pastorjacey@pointrichmondmethodist.org](mailto:pastorjacey@pointrichmondmethodist.org)

Bible study/book group meets Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am, via zoom We have two more weeks to discuss Joan Chittister’s book, *The Gift of Years*.

For updates, to find links to zoom gatherings, or to access the latest worship recording, see the church website: <https://www.pointrichmondmethodist.org>



*Jean Reynolds*



# Welcome

## **Welcome to Point Richmond!**

### **All Italia Cyclery**

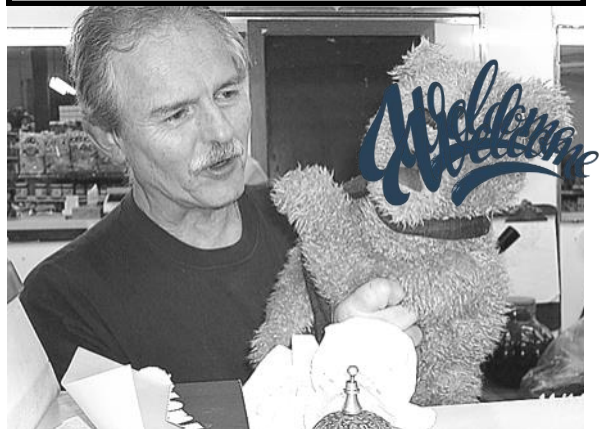
38 Washington Ave., Suite A Johnny Connor, Proprietor 510-260-0263  
Tuesday – Sunday 11am – 6pm

### **Primorosa Salon**

1 West Richmond Ave. 510-691-1592

If you are opening a new business in Point Richmond and would like us to mention you in our newsletter contact us at:

***info@pointrichmondhistory.org***



*Nice photo of the Late Bob Peckham, former owner of the Santa Fe Market*

# WWIC Est. 1908

*News from the Women's Westside Improvement Club by MaryLee Cole*

At our recent March meeting we welcomed new members Diana Stork and Jeannette Giannetta. Diana, an accomplished harpist and harp teacher, recently moved to Pt. Richmond; Jeannette, a retired educator, lives at Brickyard Landing.

President Diane Diani shared fun details about our baby shower for Marlee Prutton, who was indeed showered with many generous gifts—

lucky mom, dad, and baby girl.

Secretary Juels Klotz's February meeting minutes were approved as read. Doreen Leighton, treasurer, shared the latest financials and noted that a portion of the money in the general fund would be used for the upcoming charitable donations. First VP Ruth Frassetto will be delivering updated membership rosters and new member packets to new members, Diana Stork and Jeannette Giannetta.

Ann Langille began the Committee reports noting that the Sunshine Committee has an abundance of cards for birthdays and well wishes. At the moment there are no recently injured or ill individuals in the club needing a greeting card (knock on wood). Leslie Hicks reported the recent garden maintenance day went very well. She and Marlee were joined by Margi Sullivan, Maureen DeCombe and Diane Diani. Linda Newton and Maureen DeCombe will meet to finalize the plant display for the Map Garden sign that will be unveiled at Pt. Richmond Art Stroll on April 3rd.

Diane Diani, Leslie Hicks and Ruth Frassetto recently presented a welcome bag to new resident and WWiC member Diana Stork, who was delighted with the personal greeting and the delicious homemade bread.

←  
**Map Garden Party**  
**Your work is appreciated!**



*Westside Women's Improvement Club members wish their Point Richmond neighbors a happy, healthy 2022*

Doreen Leighton will get WWIC shopping bags from our storage facility so they can be included in new member welcome bags.

The book club meets Thursday March 3rd at 7:00 PM on Zoom to discuss *The Indifferent Stars Above*, by Daniel James Brown. This harrowing story of the Donner Party focuses primarily on a young woman who took the risky trip to find a future in the West. The story is based on considerable research, which the author includes as a reference for those who want more details.

WWIC's annual charity donations prompted a lively discussion about possible charitable organizations to support. Members voted to divide the funds equally between St. Vincent de Paul, Richmond Emergency Food Pantry and Multicultural Music Fellowship. The May Bunco fundraising event will add to the total amount we have for donations, so the funds will be dispersed after this additional fundraiser.

WWIC officer elections are slated for June. Officers whose terms will be ending are: President Diane Diani; Second VP, currently held by Leslie Hicks; Correspondent for This Point in Time, the History Association newsletter, currently held by Mary Lee Cole. Leslie offered to serve again as the Second VP. Doreen Leighton offered to work on the nominating committee with Diane Diani. Elections will be held at the next meeting.

Diane Diani presented information about the April 3rd Pt. Richmond Art Stroll and the

unveiling of the Map Garden plant display. The event, from 2-5 PM, is an opportunity to reach the public, welcome new members and share the club's new Friends of WWIC member opportunity. The Art Stroll is organized by Dee Bell and the Arts of Point Richmond. A number of businesses in town will be featuring local artists. Margi Sullivan's art gallery will be open as will the garden behind her studio with live music. Members agreed that the club should have a presence at both the Indian Statue and the Map Garden, where visitors can learn about our work and enjoy mini-tours of the town map and native plant display.

The April 5th meeting will feature a guest speaker from the East Bay Municipal Utility District who will discuss Contra Costa County's water management for the drought and offer water saving tips for local residents.

For more information please visit our website: <http://www.PointRichmond.com/wwic>.

#### \*\*\*\*\* MAKE HISTORY \*\*\*\*\*

Join Friends of WWIC — a new membership association for local residents who share WWIC's vision and desire to enhance local quality of life (without attending meetings!) Friends of WWIC will be invited to WWIC garden activities and other events; they will be acknowledged in WWIC literature and media presentations, and their help and suggestions will be valued and appreciated.



*San Francisco Skyline*

*from*

*Pacific Avenue  
Point Richmond*

# *Memories of Growing up in Point Richmond*

*by David Janes*

I was born in the Memorial Hospital on 23rd Street in Richmond and raised in the Point. Our family started out on Golden Gate Avenue and ended up on Western Drive. Our father, Fred James, worked at the Standard Oil Refinery, and my Mother Gayle Janes worked for the Central Furniture Store on Macdonald Avenue.

What an outstanding place to be raised: as little kids we “Beach Combed” almost every day. Start out at Danny Keller’s, go along the shore, around Washington Point, under the Standard Oil pier, around the Quarry, along through Winehaven, around the piers at the point ashore from the lighthouse, and around the corner to the Yacht Club and boat harbor at Point San Pablo where we could buy a candy bar. As we grew older, we got a rowboat and would start out at Kellers again and go out alongside the railroad tracks and under the Santa Fe Pier and go south inside the rock wall to Brooks Island. There we

would walk around, and you never knew what you might find. We always were looking for wooden bait boxes as we got ten cents for each one of them down at the bait and tackle store at the inner harbor on Cutting Boulevard. From there we went to Ardell’s across the street from the Nat to buy a Tootsie Roll for a penny.

The boys we played with were Bobby Paasch, Steven Banks, Scotty Perauls and now and then Royce Ong. Royce’s mom would not let him leave the house without pinning a big chunk of Jade to his long johns. Once we rowed across the bay to China Camp and were treated to some cooked shrimp. We rowed to Red Rock quite a bit because it always had some good salvage.

When we were beachcombing, we were always looking for any 2 x 12’s, 3 x 12’s and small piling and we would tow them back to Kellers as Danny would buy them from us. He had a marine way and would scratch and paint the



*Painting by Gary  
Carter of Keller  
Beach Wharf*

*Given to PRHA  
by Bernard  
Bernes, 1992*

*PRHA photo  
archive #0553*





*The Southern Pacific Ferry slip at Ferry Point in the 1930's. They gave scheduled auto and passenger service to San Francisco.*

*PRHA Photo Archive #0360 from Allan Smith was enhanced by Thomas Mercer-Hursh*

bottom of boats. He also had a beer joint on the dock and sold a lot of beer.

We had an adventure around the age of 12 when Scotty got a call from a doctor who asked him and I to go down to the inner harbor and take the tarps off a 65-foot motor sailer and wipe things down. Soon, the doctor would arrive with his wife and two other couples. He motored the yacht out of the slip and then let Scott or I sail it to Tiburon where he docked it. They would go to a funky place with green tar paper and have lunch and drinks and he would give us each a dollar, and after we got things cleaned up; we would head for the grocery store. On the group's return, the doctor would get the boat out of the slip and let Scotty or I sail it back to the Inner Harbor, and the doctor would take it back into the slip. He would give us each ten dollars (which was a lot of money in those days) and his group would leave the boat. A couple of times we went to Petaluma and Half Moon Bay. After they left, we would wipe

everything down, put the tarps on, and lock everything up.

As we got older, it was girls and fast cars. After the old grammar school in the Point, it was Harry Ells, then Richmond High. I went up to Downieville, worked for a while then got a call from my folks that there was a Draft Notice in the mail box. I told them to leave it there, then went to Oakland and joined the Navy. My two older brothers were in the Navy.

After my four-year hitch, I came back to the Point, got married and went to work for the Standard Oil Refinery. Then I moved to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Inglewood, and then Bakersfield. I sold our family home on Western Drive to our son David so our family continued the Point Richmond "Lifestyle".

At this point I wish to close our membership in your outstanding THIS POINT.....in time newsletter. Thank you all for keeping your newsletter going.



*Keller's Boathouse Wharf and the Santa Fe tracks David Janes "went alongside".*

*PRHA Photo Archive #0094 from Don Church was enhanced by Thomas Mercer-Hursh*





*Arts of Point Richmond is a community association established to enrich our community by providing support, appreciation, and exposure for the arts.*

*For more information:*

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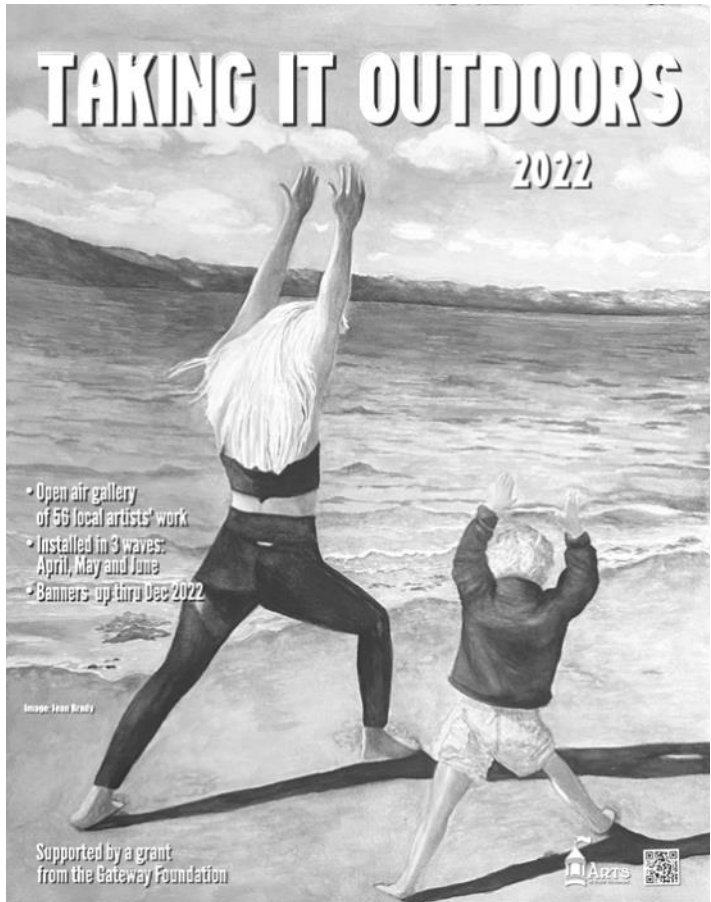
*from:*

*Anna Froker*

*Dee Bell*

*Patricia Tostenson*

*Kenoli Oleari*



- \* **New Banners from TIO (Taking it Outdoors):** The first wave of new banners will be installed for the Art Stroll, followed by further installations in May and June
- \* **KALEIDOSCOPE: "Dancing Colors"** oil paintings by Dee Bell until April 30. 20% of all sales will be donated to NIAD Art Center, Richmond
- \* **LARA'S FINE DINING:** Exhibition featuring over 60 pieces by 30 AOPR artists will continue until July 30.
- \* **MOM AND POP ART SHOP: "Bring Back Love"** Exhibition through April 14.
- \* **June Felter Exhibition** at the newly opened Point Richmond Gallery, 145 West Richmond, see next page
- \* **EL SOL MEXICAN RESTAURANT:** New Portraiture Exhibit opens April 4 and continues until July 18.

## *Welcome Point Richmond Art Gallery*

# JUNE FELTER

1919 - 2019

### A Centenary Celebration

April. 1 - June 12, 2022

Inaugural exhibition at the new  
**Point Richmond Gallery**

145 West Richmond Ave.  
Point Richmond, CA 94801  
510-260-0778

[www.margisullivanart.com](http://www.margisullivanart.com)



Opening Reception ~ Sunday April 3, 2-6 pm.  
Closing Party ~ Sunday June 12, 4-7 pm

Vaccination and Mask required  
Please RSVP for all events: [rsvp@margisullivanart.com](mailto:rsvp@margisullivanart.com)



*Looks like a parade!*

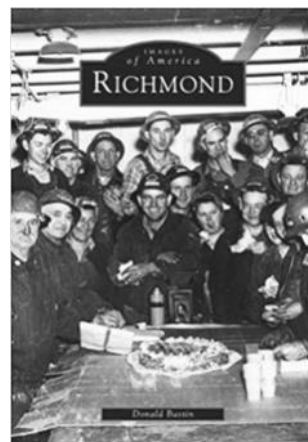
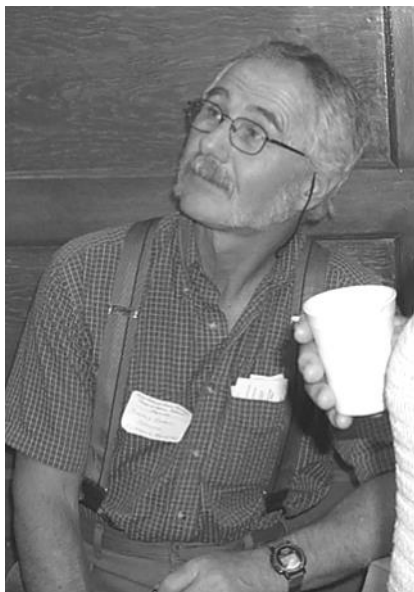
*PRHA photo archive #0676 from Mid Dornan*

# *PRHA Annual Meeting 2004 in Pictures*

*Guest Speaker is Donald Bastin, author of "Images of America: Richmond"*







# NICK'S TAVERN

## *Surviving Standard Avenue Eminent Domain*

*By James Cheshareck*

Nick Brailo was a Yugoslavian immigrant who took up residency on and eventually established a longtime business on Standard Avenue. His establishment among the very few businesses that rolled with the punches of eminent domain to remain on Standard Avenue. Nickola "Nick" Antone Brailo was born 9/15/1889 in Dalmatia, Croatia. Draft and employment records list his date of birth as 3/15/1889, while his grave marker, Social Security and California death indexes list 9/15/89. He immigrated in 1905 when what would later become Yugoslavia was part of the Astro-Hungarian Empire. Therefore, the homeland of Slavic immigrants was recorded as "Austria" on most early U.S. immigration and Census records.

An influx of Yugoslavian immigrants settled

in Richmond during the early 1900's. The East Richmond and East Richmond Heights neighborhoods in proximity to San Pablo and McBryde Avenues were where most settled. Some also settled both in North Richmond and Point Richmond as well. Upon immigration adding an "h" to surnames ending in "ic", was commonplace for phonetic pronunciation reasons. For example, "Marinovic" became "Marinovich". When my paternal great-grandparents immigrated from Yugoslavia to Chicago in 1904, my surname Cesarek became Cheshareck, as if it weren't already difficult enough to pronounce! Slavs, like most other immigrant blocs in America encountered nativism. They were referred to as "bohunks", a pejorative derived from Bohemian-Hungarian. Though the term was derogatory then, it is mostly a term of endearment for Slavs who use it amongst themselves today.

Nick Brailo settled in Sacramento and found work at the Southern Pacific railroad before moving to Point Richmond around 1916. He started working for the Atchison and Topeka & Santa Fe railroad's Richmond facility and took up residency in the Colombo Hotel (See TPIT Vol. XL No. 1 for the Colombo Hotel history). Around the same time, Charles Senjo (1886-1951), another Yugoslavian, returned to Point Richmond to manage the Hotel D'Italia owned by the Pacini family, who had moved to central Contra Costa County. (See TPIT Vol. XL No. 2 for the Hotel D'Italia history). By 1917, Brailo resided in the Hotel D'Italia and assisted Senjo with managing the bar and restaurant while concurrently employed at Santa Fe.

During Senjo's tenure, the D'Italia housed more Yugoslavian boarders



*This photo shows the guard rail installed around 1953 that sealed the original crooked Standard Avenue alignment from the new straight one. It was taken from about where Shigoto Ya is. Nick Brailo's new building at the corner of Santa Fe Avenue, is next to the telephone pole. Tewksbury began just past those billboards.*



than it did Italian. In 1920, there were 19 boarders along with Senjo residing there. In 1922, Senjo left Point Richmond to manage restaurants and hotels in Oakland, and the Pacini family decided to raze the building. While one door closed for Nick Brailo, another one opened. The old Scandia Hotel and Saloon at 144-146 Standard Avenue, owned by Gustav Ericson, had sat vacant and Brailo decided to purchase the building. It was on the north side of the street between Railroad and Santa Fe Avenues. He took a gamble and left the Santa Fe railroad to go into business for himself.

While working at the Hotel D'Italia he wore many hats including cook and soda jerk, and had the experience needed to succeed in his endeavor. His new establishment initially named the Hotel D'Italia Annex, was soon known as Nick's Place. It provided lodging, a restaurant, soda fountain, and billiards. Due to the Volstead Act (Prohibition) being enacted in 1920, he had to wait until December 1933 before opening the bar. Prohibition was the most likely factor for the Pacini's and the Ericson's getting out of the business. Although I didn't find anything in my research implicating Brailo, the hotels and bars on Standard Avenue had notoriety for flaunting the Volstead Act.

Several businessmen on Standard Avenue were arrested during prohibition including the Colombo Hotel's Ben Brignone (1874-1932) and Ralph Santini (1867-1941) along with Joe Matteucci (1887-1962), owner of the New Roma Hotel and Tavern at 125 Standard Avenue, and one of Point Richmond's wealthiest men. They were charged with either bootlegging and/or serving alcohol out of now illegal bars. Volstead disobedience wasn't exclusive to the Italian's bootlegging on Standard Avenue.

Peter "Crazy Pete" Boljat (1883-1956), a Yugoslavian native, owned a restaurant and cigar store at 219 Standard Avenue whilst operating a taxi service. He also had notoriety in Point Richmond for both alcohol related and other legal woes. His 1931 arrest for speeding in El Cerrito being the least of his troubles, he was arrested in 1933 for selling bootlegged rum, and a fine of \$300 was imposed. His incompetent lawyer failed to appear in court in S.F. and Boljat nearly ended up being taken into federal custody. This incident did not dissuade his illicit distillery as his products were in constant demand in Point Richmond.

Somehow Boljat was granted a liquor license after the rum incident and opened a legitimate saloon in the building. On April 5, 1934, he was hospitalized with first and second degree burns as well as cuts and bruises when he was blown out of a window in the cellar of the business. Boljat had attempted sticking an electric needle into a 50-gallon barrel of illicit whiskey to artificially age it. An additional 50 gallons of whiskey and more than 1,000 gallons of illegal wine were also found. When his liquor license was revoked, 151 Point residents petitioned the City Council to grant him a license on June 11, 1935, but the Council had no such authority. Boljat continued bootlegging but ultimately received a 1 ½ year stint in San Quentin prison between 1939-1940. Upon parole he returned to Richmond and lived in an apartment at 565 Standard Avenue. Many Yugoslavians in Richmond also bootlegged slivovitz, a brandy derived from plums.

Upon repeal of prohibition Nick Brailo opened a bar in his establishment, but unsettling events were less than two decades away. The California Division of Highways prepared for the soon to be built Richmond-San Rafael bridge and Brailo's building was one of many directly in the pathway of Standard Avenues realignment for the bridge approach. Brailo's 3,125 square foot property was parcel number 8673 on Osborns addition, which would be completely obliterated for the new highway. In 1950 the California Division of Highways settled with Nick Brailo and later tore the building down. I could not find the amount paid in the DOH right of way files but based on comparisons of other settlements, he most likely received 35 cents per square feet plus the value of the building. He'd have been lucky to have been compensated more than \$3,000.

Unbowed, eminent domain didn't force him



*Where 144-146 Standard Avenue one sat*

(Continued from page 17)

off Standard Avenue. Brailo used his settlement towards the construction of a new building across the street on the southwest corner of Standard and Santa Fe Avenues in 1951. The south side of Standard Avenue was unaffected by eminent domain and the vacant lot was most likely purchased from Leonardo "Leo" Candelo (1886-1965) a wealthy Piemontese native entrepreneur on Standard Avenue. Nick's Tavern now had the address of 201 Standard Avenue, and his residential flat above the business was addressed 10 Santa Fe Avenue.

While the California Division of Highways failed to run him off Standard Avenue, the map did. Even though the building was on the old alignment of Standard Avenue, some entity decided to absorb this original alignment into Tewksbury Avenue around late 1953, thus his address became 201 Tewksbury. Nick Brailo

died on 2/11/1968 at age 78. The building now houses Aky's Café and last sold for \$1,350,000 in 2016. I hope to write about many more Standard Avenue success stories. Al Frosini, Leo Candelo, and Joe Matteucci will be included. Matteucci and Candelo were Italian immigrants, and Frosini was first generation Italian American. Another article will examine the original buildings still standing on the original Standard Avenue alignment between Railroad Avenue and the Tewksbury Avenue junction. These 6 structures were built between 1908-1952. The seventh building on the route is an apartment building constructed in 1979 well after the fact. There have been early discussions of painting a mural of the lost neighborhood on one of the I-580 freeways retaining walls. We should also explore adding Standard Avenue signage because 6 of these 7 buildings had original Standard Avenue addresses.



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**I AM SPEEDING BECAUSE I HAVE TO GET THERE  
BEFORE I FORGET WHERE I AM GOING**

## ***Joe Vogel on our Theater Treasure The Point Theater***



Joe Vogel on November 5, 2014 at 11:30 am

The Point Theatre was one of several houses in the bay area opened or re-opened by Robert Lippert during the early days of World War II. A letter from Lippert published in the September 12, 1942, issue of Motion Picture Herald had this paragraph about the Point:

“June 12th, I commenced remodeling of the old Point theatre at Richmond and installed a balcony to seat 100 and renovated the house from front to back. Total seats, 450. Opened this theatre August 15th.”

I haven't been able to trace the theater prior to that, but the building looks quite old and could date from the 1910s. It's possible that it operated under a different name earlier in its history. Richmond had a house called the Regent Theatre which was mentioned in the September 16, 1916, issue of The Moving Picture World. The Point building looks old enough to have been a theater in 1916. Perhaps someone can pin down a connection, as I'm coming up blank on this one.

Joe Vogel on November 5, 2014 at 1:09 pm

Well, I don't know how I missed John Rice's page about the Point Theatre, which has the answers (and several good photos.) The Point Theatre was opened by Richard Tcherassy on February 14, 1913, and the building was designed by architect C. O. Clausen.

Robert Lippert renamed the house the V Theatre (for Victory,) and re-opened on August 4th, 1942. The remodeling for Lippert was designed by architect Vincent Raney. Post-war, the name Point Theatre was restored. The house opened and closed a few times after that, finally re-opening in the mid-1950s as the Ciné Theatre, a second-run, revival, and art house.

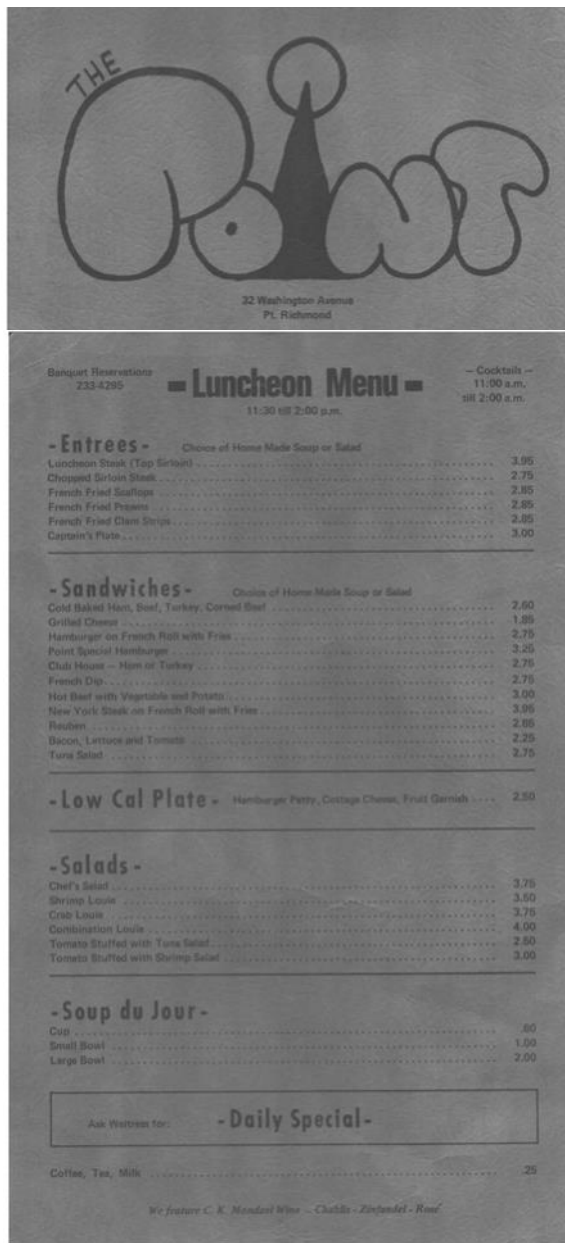
A thing I find remarkable is that the building's Greek Revival pediment has survived all this time, little worse for wear. Plaster is unlikely to have held up so well, and there are no joints as one would expect in terra cotta, so it must be either wood (frequently used for exterior trim in the Bay Area even after more than half of San Francisco went up in flames in 1906) or cast iron.

A 1924 Exhibitors Trade Review item spelled Mr. Tcherassy's name Tcherrasy, but it was mistaken. Internet search returns numerous hits referring to members of the Tcherassy family in northern California.

Building is Greek Revival







Thank you Linda Andrew-Marshall for saving this Point menu image.



## Something from Tony

by Tony Ramirez

I very much enjoyed reading the comments about the Santa Fe Railroad's Native American Village in the last issue. Lana Martarella mentioned Chief Sanchez's family, which reminded me that I went to Peres Elementary School with the Chief's son Winifred Sanchez during the war years of 1944, 1945 and 1946. I remember enjoying their Saturday Pow Wow Ceremonies where I would watch the Indian women bake corn breads, sourdough breads and corn on the cob in those huge adobe stoves. They also cooked chili beans and rice in large kettles that were big enough to feed an army, in fact the kettles were supplied by the US Army. Reading



this article made me recall so many memories of the 1940's. I am grateful to the eleven people who so adeptly described their memories of the Indian Village on page 18 of the newsletter.

On a different note, I would like to express my gratitude to Dee Rosier and Victoria and Paul Ciabattari for giving their time to be kind to me. Mrs. Rosier sent me a beautiful get well card, her righteous words gave me the strength to carry on in these difficult Covid-19 times. I so much admire Vicky Ciabattari whose greeting card explained to me that she so cleverly asked her mother to record memories that she and the grand children can listen to so many years later.

Mr. Shows, will you print this to share with the readers of the Point Newsletter. Please, can you send the get well cards back to me. I want to remember who sent them to me. God Bless you Mr. Shows, may the Good Lord Bless the Point Richmond Newsletter.

Adios Amigo, Tony





## Early Minutes of the Women's Westside Improvement Club

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

*-Linda Newton, Past President*

### Pt. Richmond Apr 30 1912

Woman's West Side Improvement Club meet in Fire Hall and was called to order by President Mrs. T.T. Cramer. Roll call resulted in all being present except VP and Tres. Reading of minutes was read and approved. Communication from Walnut Creek with tickets to attend a lecture about wild flowers. Application of Mrs. Dunlap for readmission committee appointed on application Mrs. McHenry, Mrs. Gerlach & Mrs. Whitcomb.

A copy of the letter to the Carnegie Library Corporation was read. Sec had not seen Attorney in regard to incorporating.

Mrs. Whitcomb stated all things in readiness for dance, and reported progress in the musical show, "Onward" was adopted as our Club motto by a ballot.

The following new officers was elec. President Mrs. S.F. Eaton, Vice President Mrs. U.P. McHenry, Rec Sec Mrs. Ruth Dunlap, Fin. Sec Mrs John Gerlach, Tres. Mrs. Charles Cowan. Mrs. D.D. Whitcomb and Mrs. C. Cowan acting {unknown}.

Fin Sec.	Mrs. W.S. McRacker	Dues
2.25		
	Mrs. T. Conn	"
1.00		
	Mrs. W. Bonner	"
1.00		
	Mrs. E. Gerlach	"
.50		
	Mrs. D. Hopkins	"
1.00		

A motion was made that the club adjourn for one week.

Carried  
Nellie Adams, Sec.

### Pt. Richmond May 7, 1912

Woman's West Side Improvement Club meet in Fire Hall and was called to order by President Mrs. Cramer. Roll call of officers result in all being present except VP. Minutes of previous meeting was read and approved as read.

Bills,	Dance	22.60
Independent		1.00

Moved & carried bills be covered carried. The credentials from the General Fed of Woman's Clubs for the delegates Houghton Mifflin & Co., 4 Park Street, Boston offering for sale a political book for 1.00 per copy from Albany club. Mrs. Rubinsvill gave a talk on political and civic work. The club also endorsed Mr. Davis giving a lecture on Ledsbation by Hichhorn.

New Business, change the by-laws to admit a member for that has been dropped from membership for two or more years for the admission price which is \$1.00. Election of Delegates to Paso Robles the state convention. Mrs. Juliaetta McHenry delegate Mrs. Nellie Adams alternate. Then the mistral was discussed and good progress was reported.

Fin Sec.	Mrs. Josie Reposa	1.00
	Mrs. Mary Church	2.50
	Dance May 1st	33.50
		37.00

Closing club adjourned for one week.  
Nellie Adams, Sec.

### Pt. Richmond May 14th 1912

Womans West Side Improvement Club meet in Fire Hall and was called to order by President Mrs.

T.T. Cramer. Roll call of officers result in all being present except VP and Tres.

Reading of the minutes of previous meeting was read and accepted.

Bills, Music and copy paper for minstrel \$7.30.

A letter to Mrs. Eaton from Mrs. Nash of Albany stating that a number of their club would visit us May 21st. Mrs. Cramer and Mrs. Gerlach decided by other members were appointed on the reception committee.

Mrs. Church applied for reinstatement which was accepted. Mrs. Whitcomb rendered her resignation to the club, it was moved, seconded that it be accepted. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. Mrs. McHenry was appointed press contact. Mrs. Rose Miller resigning. Moved and carried that the club sustain Mrs. Whitcomb in her efforts to make the coming minstrel a success. Also that the club pay the delegate expenses on her return from Paso Robles.

#### Fin Report

Mrs. Chas Nidecker 2.00

Mrs. Maude Ellis 1.00

\$3.50

Motion made and carried that we adjourn for one week carried.

Nellie Adams, Sec'y

#### **Pt. Richmond May 21st 1912**

Woman's West Side Improvement Club meet in Fire Hall and was called to order by President Mrs. Cramer. Roll call of officers result in all being present except VP and Tres. Reading of minutes of previous meeting was read and accepted.

Bills: Posters for dance May 1st allowed \$3.00

Communications from Forest commissioners calling the attention of club members and others to care to be taken to prevent forest fires. Also a letter from Chamber of Commerce asking that we co-operated with other committee to beautify our city it was suggested that a prize be offered for the most beautiful yard a committee was appointed to confer with the city council in regard to a city beautiful. Mrs. Spiersch & Mrs. McHenry were appointed.

Mrs. McHenry accepted the Press appointment. A motion was made and carried that the Minstrels be held for two nights in the Opera House and later the final committee would be appointed. It was suggested that the tickets be 75c & 35c.

Mr. Odell talked to the members in regard to the Daily Independent contest for the \$250.00. There was five members of the Albany Club present and reported that they would have a whist party May 31st and all would plant {unknown} on Saturday June 1st. also each lady gave a nice talk on clubs and club work.

Mrs. Nixon asked that we send them some tickets for the minstrels. The announcement was received with applause.

A motion was made and carried that we adjourn for one week.

Mrs. Neise and Mrs. Whitcomb favored us with a couple of songs after which ice cream and cakes were served.

Nellie W. Adams

Sec.

## EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

**Martha Bielawski - 101**

**Billie Bonham Shaw - 99**

**Christopher Wilson - 99**

**Mary Bianchini Highfill - 98**

**June Beesley Sosabal - 98**

**Hector Lizarraga - 98**

**Marcelina Smith - 96**

**Alphonso Diaz - 96**

**Ila May Dein - 94**

**Victor Morales - 93**

**Donna Wilson - 91**

**Florence Wilson - 91**

*Note: Ila May Dein is the grand-daughter of James P. Arnold who was the 1st Police Chief of Richmond*

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

## **Items of Interest Point Richmond, early 1900's**

### ***The Record, The Leader and The Independent***

- |            |   |
|------------|---|
| 01-02-1920 | 10 cars of black powder (10,000#) explodes at Hercules yesterday. No injuries due to Sunday. Believe hunters took a shot at the cars.<br>The notorious White House at the end of 7th Street, owned by Jean Martin, burns to the ground. Hadn't been in use for two years. |
| 01-03-1920 | 4000 Reds arrested throughout the U.S.<br>30 German liners offered for sale including the Leviathan and Geo Washington.<br>A great landslide hits Juneau Alaska.  |
| 01-05-1920 | S.O.Co. orders its 1st tanker with Diesel propulsion.   |
| 01-07-1920 | Last shipload of wine will load Sat. for Cardiff Wales.   |
| 01-15-1920 | U.S. will go dry at midnight January 16th.  |
| 01-17-1920 | Housing problem acute in this county and this city. Richmond's due to SOCo expansion.   |
| 01-27-1920 | Gravel trucks endanger children at Washington School. Too much speed.   |
| 02-05-1920 | Blake warns children to stay away from theaters - FLU   |
| 02-17-1920 | Gravel trucks over 4 tons must reduce speed on Point streets to 10 miles per hour.  |
| 02-28-1920 | SOCco expanding all over the world.   |
| 03-09-1920 | Bay cities legislate against Ouija boards. Arrests will follow if using them.<br>East Bay cities discuss the water shortage.  |
| 03-13-1920 | Price of new Fords Touring Car with self starter \$750, Roadster \$725, Sedans \$1090.  |
| 03-15-1920 | Richmond's woman's club celebrates 14th birthday.   |
| 03-16-1920 | Local school teachers demand min. pay of \$1500 annually.<br>Unheard of prices for Mira Vista lots at \$350 for corner, \$300 inside.   |
| 03-25-1920 | Housewives put boycott on potatoes. Too high.   |
| 04-08-1920 | Pop. of Richmond is 16,843 by census just taken. It was 6802 in 1910 (146% gain).   |
| 04-09-1920 | Miss Angelina Myatt, 23, of 132 9th Street judged insane.   |
| 04-13-1920 | Horses to be barred from Macdonald Ave. due to odors.   |
| 04-16-1920 | Clothing up so high that overall clubs are forming all over the U.S.  |

## Cards, Letters & E-Mails

I am Saddened to hear of the passing of Les Crim and Jay Francis. They both opened their doors to me when I was a troubled young man. Lex was a mentor and a friend and taught me the value of hard work and honesty. I am forever indebted to these two men. Rest in peace my friends.

*Mike Pippin  
Mt. Shasta, CA*



Dear Sirs,

Here a humble little piece of life in ancient California:1920.

I was disposing of papers of all kind out of the basement. An old writing made my grandpa alive in my memory, and even me being 68 years old was a reminder of his short experience in California .

The paper heading being: Point Richmond year 1920: Hotel Colombo S. Calandra proprietor

My grandpa, farm worker in Fresno with his cousin Calandra in 1910, having returned to Italy, Piedmont, used to correspond with Calandra. Times for decisions where settling in the life ahead. That is the content. I took to the net just because you know, when you say California is nice having a look at that. Passing by your site took me aback, and I was overwhelmed by memories.

I was stunned by unexpectedly finding the names mentioned in the paper and a lot of information.

My writing to you, I apologize for disturbing, is only to acknowledge how praiseworthy your association is.



*Peace  
Kind Regards  
Lorenzo Monge  
Piemonte Italy*

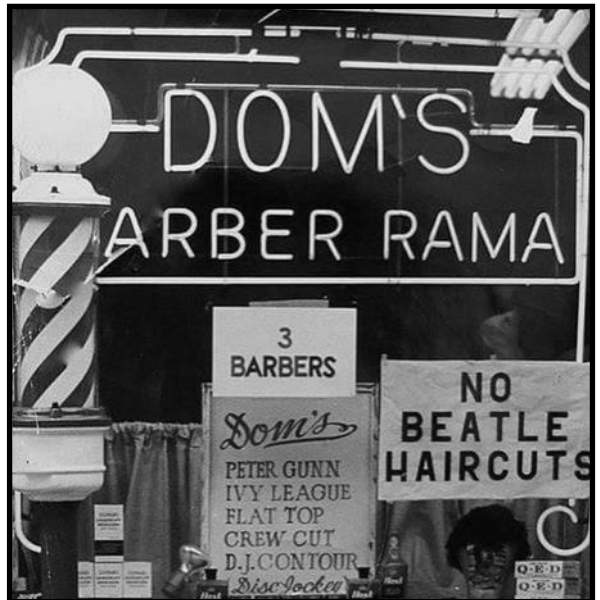
To Pam Wilson:

Because of your “short” note in my *This Point*, I am moving my membership to “History Maker”. I enjoyed two articles in the Feb./ March issue.

First, the “Nicholl Ranch”. My great grand parents on my mother’s side worked on this ranch in the 1870’s as farm laborers. They somehow had funds in the 1880’s to purchase 25 acres of land from “Mrs. Tewksbury” located at the south corner of the intersection of Church Lane with San Pablo Avenue. I have the deed!!!

Second, information about “Our Lady of Mercy Church”. Sorry to read about the current physical condition of the church. My Baptism was conducted there on March 14, 1937. I am making a modest contribution for church repairs.

*Vic Westman  
Reno*



# *Birthdays*

## **April**

LOOF LIRPA  
Kathy Dornan Barnes  
Billie Bonham Shaw  
Erin Frame  
Roberta Dornan Palfini  
Charlene Smith  
Ruth Wilson  
Paula Israeli

Pam Wilson  
Don Amantite  
Joel Peterson  
Teri Meister  
Charlotte Knox  
Monica Doherty  
Eric Hoiland  
Rosemary Corbin

Alison Lord  
John Maxwell  
Sherri Mertle  
Carol MacDiarmid  
Gloria Smith  
Robert J. Palfini  
Terry Downey  
Sharon Mertle

Charline Barni  
Louis Stockdale  
Joni Loux Emerson  
Donna Diaz  
David Roth  
Ann Hathaway Kissling  
Kate Harps

## **May**

Patricia Beth Dornan  
Diana Corbin  
Richard Mattuecci  
Jon Doellstedt  
Sara Eeles  
Rena Gonsalves

Sandra Loux Fuller  
Sophia Dolberg  
Julina Smith  
Anne-Catherine  
Hadreas  
Roger Glafke

Henry Marchitiello  
Shoney Gustafson  
Winifred Boziki  
Norm Reynolds  
Patrice Verhines  
Mark Healy

Karen Brougham  
Nilda Gozzi-Reed  
Annabella Feese  
Lorenzo Feese  
Dale Roberts  
Neil Owens

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***Older Point people will know who these ladies are.***

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# Memorials.....

**Eddie Brookfelt**, 59, was a Richmond resident and member of the Eagles Lodge. He moved to Oklahoma to help his brother run his farm. He was planning a visit and wanted to look his very best and had weight loss surgery. He was home recovering. His caregiver said he had not appetite and refused to eat. She found him in his bed on May 19, 2020.

Eddie was the nicest person you could ever meet. He would do anything for anyone in need. He believed if you can't find something nice to say, say nothing at all. When he was younger, he wanted to learn to drive a motorcycle, so my husband, Paul agreed to teach him. He promptly froze on the throttle and drove his Harley Davidson Sportster straight into San Pablo Bay. My husband had to jump in and save him. From that day forward he was known as U-Boat Eddie. He leaves behind one brother, Ken and sister Sam. Until we meet again my friend.

## **Richard Lompa** 11/23/1937-1/24/2022

Point Richmond resident Richard Lompa died peacefully in his sleep on January 24<sup>th</sup> at age 84. He was born 11/23/37 at Richmond Hospital and was raised in Richmond on 35<sup>th</sup> Street. After graduating from Richmond High School in 1955, he learned the printing trade while working for his uncle at Richmond Printing for several years. In the late 1960's he and first wife established Lompa Printing, which was state of the art and very successful.

He lived in El Cerrito Hills before designing and building his Brickyard Cove home in the early 1980's. Richard was a shrewd self-made businessman, particularly in real estate, owning numerous properties. He restored 2 W. Richmond Avenue making it possible for Up and Under Pub and Grill to open. Maya Taqueria and Raymond's Pizza, both popular, are also serving the Point thanks to Richard's transformation of 130 Railroad Avenue. He could be frequently found walking throughout town getting exercise, or across the street from the Up and Under chatting with the many who crossed his path.

He is predeceased by his parents Elsie and Ernest, and his stepfather Willard Pace. He is survived by his second wife, Connie, first wife Joyce, sons Ernest (Nancy), John (Stacy), brother Frederic (Kathy), and many grandchildren. His cousin Carl and wife Marilyn have lived in the Point for over 50 years.

### **Comments made in the year 1957:**

**"I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying "damn" in *Gone With The Wind*, it seems every new movie has either "hell" or "damn" in it.**

**"If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous"**

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

### **CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM**

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### **PARENT, TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

Joanna Mina, Contact, 510-235-0157

### **POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

Contact: Andrew Butt, 510-236-7445

### **POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER**

Info: 510-620-6905

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

### **POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Meets last Wednesday of each month, Point Richmond Community Center; 7:30 P.M.  
Contact: Peter Thelin at 510-326-8108

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