

# THIS POINT.... in time

## NEWSLETTER

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### Winehaven

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## Bay Trail History

TRAC (Trails for Richmond Action Committee) is collecting stories and photographs, along with social and natural history information relating to the Bay Trail Route in Richmond. This will be used, now, to create interpretive signs along the trail and may, in the future, become the basis for a Bay Trail curriculum and/or self-guiding tour. What notable locations along Richmond's Bay Trail would you point out to Bay Trail travelers?

If you have any items you wish to share, please sent to (or notify):

Bette Tarr  
251 Western Ave.  
Richmond, CA 94801  
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Photos and other memorabilia will be scanned and returned immediately.

# From The President

**Mid Dornan**

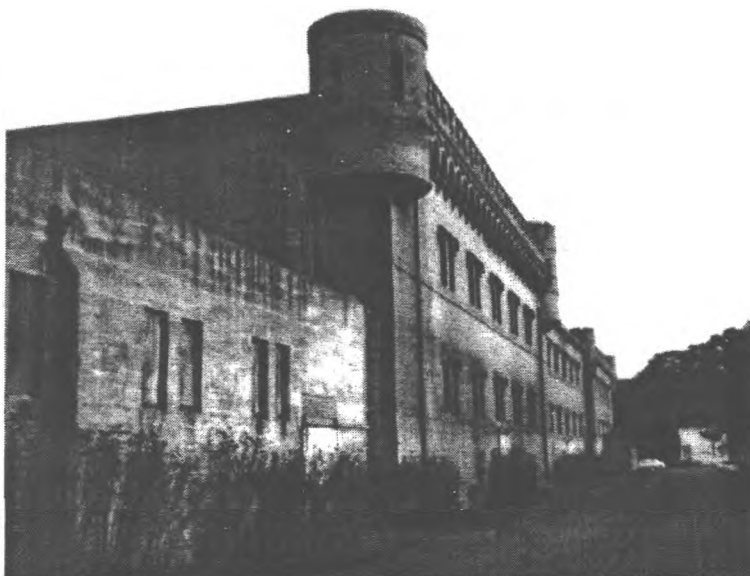
A lot has happened in 100 years. Point Richmond wasn't even a town yet. The Critchett Hotel was being built with insight of the town's future. Santa Fe Railroad had already felt its potential here and Standard Oil was then a minor commodity, not something to fight a war over. No one was thinking of outer space or even air travel. "Online" was where you could find clothes hanging to dry.

Certain people, events, and businesses, made an impact on Point Richmond. We would like YOUR input with names suggestions as to who and what these are. How about the Botts Flying Machine...or the Walgast-Nelson Fight! Certainly Rev. David Calfee and Father Scanlon would make the list...Ed Garrard... Dr. Thompson. What about the Hotel Mac...or the old Firehouse and Police Station...Pixar. The Westside Improvement Club? Current events? Submit your nominations...as many as you choose...and why. Let us assess the accomplishments that influenced the quality of life here. Nominations can be sent via the postal route to the Editor or me, or e-mail [gary@alkos.com](mailto:gary@alkos.com) or [mldornan@earthlink.net](mailto:mldornan@earthlink.net). Think about it! Then act!

*Recent photo of Winehaven  
Photo by Gary Shows*

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Thank you to the following members  
who have renewed their memberships:

**Brenda McKinley**  
**Roberta Jenkins Smith**  
**Boysie Day**  
**Claire M. Lucas**  
**George LeRoy Williams**  
**Ed Gingrich**  
**Clara Loux**  
**Myrna Wishart**  
**Lee Christian**  
**D.R. Edmonds**  
**Adele (Bruno) Waymire**  
**Al & Helene Frosini**  
**Mary J. Forbes**  
**Mary Valenzano**  
**Bena Bowles**  
**Louis R. Cunan**  
**Dean Beesley**  
**Chester W. Thompson**  
**Theodore W. Beck**  
**Jack Elle**  
**Louise Hammond**  
**Teresa B. Meneghelli**  
**Jerome Vloeberghs**  
**Sandra & Bruce Beyaert**

And a warm welcome to the following  
new members:

**Dale & Lorna Huffstetter**  
**Bonnie Jo Cullison**  
**Steve & Claudia Spencer**

Museum Staff Coordinator Betty  
Dornan thanks these volunteers  
who staffed the History Building

**Anita Christiansen**  
**Mary Roth**  
**Bruce Bartram**  
**Virginia Cherniak**  
**Dody Perry**  
**Betty Dornan**

*Thank You!*

**Santa Fe Market**

*Special thanks for the new rack Bob!*  
and

**Point Richmond  
Market**

*for their donated distribution of*  
**"THIS POINT....in time**



If you can help staff our History Building  
(2½ hours per month) call museum Staff  
Coordinator Betty Dornan at 232-4317.

### **Museum Hours:**

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11:30am - 2:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11:30 - 2:00pm</b>



# Gary's Column

Gary Shows

This issue is a week late so that I could present information about our January 30th meeting. I am including pictures, I hope they reproduce OK. It was a good meeting, thanks to Bruce Beyaert for his informative presentation.

You might notice that unfortunately, for the first time in a while this issue contains no feature memory article. I feel that memories of Point Richmond are one of the most important services this newsletter can provide, by recording these memories we record history from a somewhat objective perspective. Memories of old Point Richmond are also entertaining and interesting. So you older folks, get off you tush and write down those memories, they don't have to be ancient history and they don't have to be in perfect literary form, I will clean them up for the newsletter. Your contribution can be a multi issue article or a paragraph that I can combine with other memories.

Yet another thank you to Bob and Marie Peckham for allowing us a new rack next to the checkout counter at their Santa Fe Market. Newsletter sales by their store have doubled. The Santa Fe Market and Point Richmond Market both sell TPIT as a free service to our organization, we appreciate the support.

A warm welcome Ellen Schaefer to the Board of the PRHA. Ellen has agreed to assume the title as PRHA Treasurer but she and her husband Dennis will share the work.

Sincere thank you's the PRHA Board for the wonderful holiday goodies that appeared at

our last TPIT assembly. From the festive Christmas cactus plant to the cookies, cakes, wine, champagne and even champagne glasses that were used to usher in 2000. I am grateful for you thoughtfulness.

The Deadline for the April/May issue of TPIT is Friday March 24, 2000.

Thanks to the December/January issue assembly crew:

Pam Wilson  
Mid Dornan  
Jerry Cerknowicz  
Gary Shows  
Betty Dornan  
Liz McDonald  
Sonja Darling  
Mary Highfill



*Marie Peckham*

***The Cover:  
Winhaven, once the world's biggest  
winery, taken in 1913.***

# A-Mid TRIVIA

-Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

**Question:** Where was Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address given?

**Answer** at end of trivia.

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Valentine's Day has come to be a time to let someone know they're special - whether that person is your love, a good friend, parent or special child. It comes at a good time of year, when the world needs to be brightened up a little and what better way than with the reds and pinks that herald Valentine's Day to counteract the gray skies of winter

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Romeo Pasquini informs those of us that are Astronomy impaired the altitude of the North Star (Polaris) in the Northern Hemisphere is the same as the latitude in Richmond which is 37° up.

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We are proud of PIXAR and their employees who won the Golden Globe award for best picture TOY STORY II. It was especially endearing to hear they correctly identified PIXAR was in Point Richmond.



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Jil Kiernan, Park Ranger at Miller-Knox Regional Park, is an asset and credit to the local park not only because of her interest in its care and upkeep but also because of her friendly personality and always-ready-smile.

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As if a national election isn't enough for any regular year, this year being leap year, the politicians and commentators have an extra day to talk about it..

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Election day is March 7th. Should you vote if you're uninformed? Study the state ballot and bond initiatives too-propositions 12, 13, 14, 22, 25, 26, 28. Learn about your representatives in different offices.

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Has the new millennium, century changed your way of life? The past century is the one that gave this generation gray hair (and coloring) HIV/AIDS and gridlock but was the age that gave us environmental consciousness. It gave us microwaves, computers, post-it-notes, outer space travel and recyclables. Some people today will be around to welcome 2100 but will have been too young to remember the changing millennium.

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While the nation watched to see if that special groundhog in Pennsylvania would see his shadow and delay spring, the West Contra Costa School District was matching students to spend time in real workplaces, or 'shadowing'. They got a first-hand look at what a 'real job' is like. And to see how the skills they learn in school will be put into action in the workplace.

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Anita Christensen, her son and daughter-in-law and grandchildren welcomed the new millennium on a cruise ship in the Panama

Canal. Anita fell victim to a virus and was heard to say she saw it all on a screen from her bed.

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Did anyone else sense a lack of Christmas Spirit in the Point Business District? What happened to the idea of outlining the tops of all the buildings in the triangle with white lights? A few businesses did display lights and decorations like Hotel Mac but credit Dave Vincent for the true spirit! Petra's Hydranga shop was a fairyland of lights too. Did you see the star topped tree at the end of East Richmond Avenue? There has been a request for LOTS & LOTS more lights on the triangle tree next year.

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A representative, Harriot Manley, from Sunset Magazine has been in our midst. Watch for the Travel section in the October or November issue.

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Those big, new recycle cans are welcomed for our many recyclables. However, with so many residences without garages, the bright blue containers become a polluting eyesore for lack of storage places to hide them. A less visible color available?

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Concerts at the Point Methodist Church with its nearly perfect acoustics, are proving to be a popular monthly event for local residents. The first concert was Dan Damon with Lessons and Carols. Eileen Johnson drew a standing ovation after her Soprano concert on Sunday, January 23. Next will be the concert with Kit Eakle, Matt Eakle and John Knox on February 27th.

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At my age, I've seen it all, done it all, heard it all...I just can't remember it all.

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Edna Hathaway, Hanford, spent Christmas with her son Jeff and wife Sandy in Vacaville but attended church in the Point.

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Tom and Shirley Butt have returned from Arkansas where they visited Tom's father who had been ill.

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These are the top 10 medical advances of the 20th century per PBS's Healthweek: Polio vaccine, organ transplants, birth control pill, X-rays and medical imaging, penicillin, insulin, psychiatric drugs, treatments for childhood cancer, prevention of heart disease and the use of genetics in medicine.

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Watch your mailbox for 2000 census forms. The \$167 million media blitz has already begun. Forms will be mailed March 15 and should be in your mailbox by the 19th. Those who don't mail back their census forms promptly in March will hear about it. And hear about it. And hear about it. (P.S. to Pat Pearson. Remember how we got 3¢ a person in 1960, worked many hours going back to houses to get the forms..and still only received 3¢ each person.)

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*Confession may be good for the soul but it can be bad for the reputation.*

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*THE TELEPHONE: "That's an amazing invention, but who would ever want to use one of them?" - President Rutherford Hayes, 1876.*

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Point Richmond Business Association President Nick Arrington is spearheading a drive to make the downtown area more attractive. Put on your work clothes, bring any tools you have and come down to the center on Saturday, April 1st at 9:30 to be a part of the fun. (No April Fool!)

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*A father received this letter from his son at college: "Dear Dad, I mi\$\$ you. Gue\$\$ what I need the mo\$t? Plea\$e \$end it \$oon. Love, your \$on Curti\$"*

*The father got the message and quickly sent this reply. "Dear Curtis, We kNOw you love college. We were talking about you at NOon. Write aNOther letter soon. Goodbye NOw, Love, your Dad."*

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It has been 1000 years since the chronometer last rolled over three zeros and

back then there weren't any chronometers. On December 31, 999, there were no watches, no clocks and the sundials didn't work well at midnight.

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Abraham Lincoln had a very helpful trait-the ability to laugh at himself. Once during a debate with Stephen Douglas the latter accused him of being two-faced. Lincoln replied, "I leave it to my audience-if I had two faces, would I be wearing this one?"

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*Maybe you could learn to earn twice as much as you get. But if you pay income tax, you already earn twice as much as you get.*

ROSES ARE RED  
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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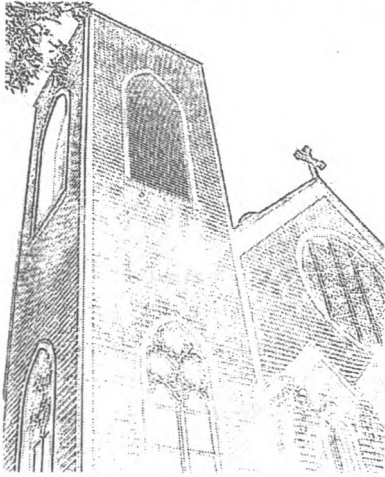
Answer: It was delivered at the national cemetery, a horseback mile up the road from Gettysburg.



*Interesting picture of the end of Dornan Drive and Brickyard Cove area before the recent development. Photo courtesy of Harry McDonald*



# Church News



## Our Lady of Mercy

*Dee Rosier*  
232-1387

We add another holiday season to our memory book and look with renewed hope to the year 2000.

Dwelling into the past, mention need be made to our Christmas Eve musical extravaganza which under the direction of Joni and Rod Phillips grows more elaborate each holiday season. Joni and Rod are blessed with musical attributes and have a range of Friends who share their musical abilities. We always look forward to Rod and his bagpipes and the excitement they generate. This years presentation was exceptional. Dual harps were played by Melina Meissner and Joyce Rosenfeld.

Melina is 15 and has played since age 6. She has taken four tests of the British Royal School of Music, achieving marks of distinction. She has played with the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra and toured Europe with them. Joyce Rosenfeld is a graduate of Curtis institute of Music and played her New York debut at Carnegie Hall. They are indeed professionals and filled our church with the music played by angels.

The Parish directory is in the final stage after most parishioners had their photographs taken by Olin Mills. All who participated in the photograph session will receive a free directory with a complete listing of all parishioners. It was a huge undertaking and required more work then we anticipated, but with the help of Mary and Peter Lespier, it is well on its way to completion.

If you are a regular attendee of Sunday Mass, it doesn't take long to figure out that the people who attend Mass regularly tend to occupy the same seats each Sunday - it's almost as if they have been assigned these seats. Thus, since the flu season has hit, it was quite evident that the usuals were not in their places. Each Sunday one more returns and before long we will have survived the flu season and all be back in our places.

Let us not forget those in our Parish who are unable to attend Mass on a regular basis. Theresa Meneghelli is regaining her health and feeling better. Bernadette Bisio attended Mass recently after a lengthy illness. Remember in your prayers my sister, Elaine Neihouse.

We start the New Year with the retirement of Father Jim Cliff. Father Jim has been our Pastor since 1988. He was born in Chicago and ordained in 1957, and has served parishes in Texas, Minnesota, Florida and Illinois. He was assigned to the Oakland

Diocese in 1965 and was a Navy Chaplain. He was at St. Cornelius before taking over at our church. In the years that he has spent at Our Lady of Mercy he has overseen the refurbishing of the Parish that involved everything from the kneelers to the windows. Every weekend Father Jim has written a church bulletin with reflective words on the Gospel and items of interest going on within the Parish. During his 12 years as Pastor he has written 500 bulletins, which is where I draw most of my material for these articles - I now have to seek a new source or attempt to become as creative as Father Jim.

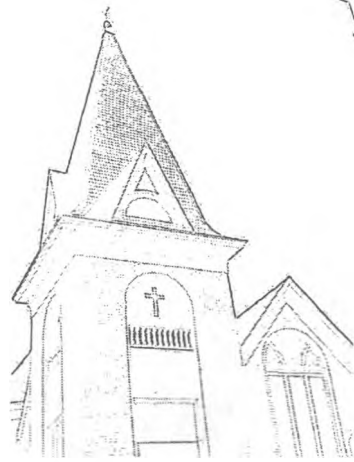
On Sunday, January 23, 2000, Father Jim celebrated his last Mass as Pastor at Our Lady of Mercy. He was joined in celebration of the Mass by Father Tony Valdavia and Father Paul Devine. On a very rainy afternoon many past and present Parishioners and friends attended a farewell retirement reception held in the church hall. We will miss Father Jim and his Sunday bulletins and wish him a lengthy, healthy retirement as he begins the latest chapter in his life at Bishop Begin Villa in Oakland.

A new Eucharistic Ministers schedule is in preparation. We have some new volunteers!

It's a boy for the Rosier family - Griffin Lonergan Knee was born on January 26, 2000, and is the first child of Renee and Kevin Knee. Needless to say, as the Grandmother, it's a great way to start the year.

2000 is here - only you can determine how good a year it will be!

See you in church



## Point Richmond Methodist

*Jean Reynolds*

235-2988

Shelby Meixell was baptized on January 23, in the presence of her parents Matt and Elizabeth Meixell, her sister Samantha Meixell, her paternal grandparents, Darlene and Roger Isenberg from Minnesota, her Aunt Janie Atchley from Missouri, Hank and Paula Scarpelli, and a congregation of extended family. Shelby enjoyed the event thoroughly and finally got a chance to see what Pastor Dan's beard felt like.

Richmond First United Methodist Church (alias Point Methodist) is celebrating its Centennial this year, and there are various signs of the on-going celebration. Marian Hawkins visited the Youth Sunday school class on January 23 to share with students some of her memories of growing up as a member of the church. One of her earliest memories included the palm tree in the garden and an Easter egg hunt. Each Sunday we have a "Centennial Minute" for a member of the congregation to share a bit about their history at the church, or about a past church family. The Centennial

Concert series promises a Sunday evening concert at least every other month, and our official Centennial celebration will be in October.

The Monday night book study group is still going strong, and the current discussion book is *Desire of the Everlasting Hills, The World before and after Jesus*, by Thomas Cahill. This group has met regularly for the last four years and has read quite a variety of books.

Point Richmond businessman Tom McGowan will be alternately honored and teased as our "Sweetheart of the Year" at a dinner on February 10, 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at the Richmond Golf and Country Club. Tickets cost \$25. Call Fran Smith to reserve yours at (510) 222-2999. Tom helped organize the Many Hands Project at Washington School and continues to work to encourage community involvement in the school and increased educational opportunities for the students at the school. He has been a friend of our church in the community, too, and helped us several times when we were raising funds for our new roof.

We collected enough money during our "Blanket" campaign in December to purchase sixty-six blankets for Church World Service. We had a blanket fashion show, talked about how buying a blanket is like sending a hug to someone who needs it, and acted out the Christmas story with blankets as key players. They were used to be a saddle on the donkey Mary rode, to cover the straw in the stable, to wrap baby Jesus, and as a gift from the shepherds.

We celebrated Souper-Bowl Sunday along with congregations of many faiths across the country, by collecting cans of soup and dollar bills to be used to feed hungry people. The money collected will go the Souper Center in Richmond, and the food will be distributed

as needed.

Our congregation sent a candle to the open hearings held in Fairfield February 1-3 regarding the "Sacramento 68" pastors who officiated at a Holy Union service for two women of our conference, Jeanne Barnett and Ellie Charleton, in January 1999. The pastors acted boldly to protest an ever-more-strict church constraint on how pastors may minister to their parishioners. They may face trials through the church judicial process based on the decision of the judiciary panel at the hearings.

#### Up-coming events:

A concert Sunday, February 27, at 5:00 p.m.; a jazz quartet featuring Matt Eakle on flute, Kit Eakle on violin, John Knox on keyboards. Suggested donation, \$10.

Centennial Concert Series: March 26, Sunday, 5:00 p.m. Gill and Tammara Stanfield and friends sing "The Best of Broadway." Suggested donation \$10.





## Point Methodist Church History

-Mid Dornan

*Church history is rich with contributions of women. One church group in the 1920's was the SOCIAL LEAGUE of the first Methodist Episcopal Church whose history is reflected in their minutes printed below and taken from the canvas covered, red leather cornered notebook which cost \$1.15. The minutes are printed as written. This is the 42nd installment.*

January Feb 2nd, 1926

Social League met in the Parlors of the Church with Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Lyder as Hostesses.

It was moved, seconded and carried that we go over members list and revise it. Moved, 2nd and carried to have table clothes hemstitched.

There was a balance of 2.35 from mens dinner.

It was decided that a food sale be held on Feb 20th.

tea fund	.60	
balance from men dinner	2.35	
	2.95	
	40.08	
	43.03	
paid to Fenner for garbage cans	2.50	
Mrs. Dicely for table cloths	12.63	
Park Florists	4.50	
	\$19.63	
	43.03	
	19.63	
	23.90	balance

## TOM MCGOWAN MAN OF THE MILLENNIUM

By the time this issue arrives, it will may be too late to make reservations for Tom McGowan's 'Man of the Millennium' aka 'Sweetheart of the Year' recognition and award dinner on Thursday, February 10, 6:30 p.m. at the Richmond Golf and Country Club, 1 Markowich Lane, Richmond.

Tom is being recognized for his many years of community service and for his special contribution to the Many Hands Project at Washington School. And, for being a nice guy!! Nice guy? The dinner will tell. There are some stories about Tom that have never been told before! Dinner tickets are \$25 and proceeds will benefit the historic Point Methodist Church which is preparing for their centennial in October.

Contact Fran Smith at (510) 222-2999 or send checks to 2574 Sheldon Drive, Richmond, CA 94803.

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## CAMP FIRE GIRLS REUNION

Former Camp Fire Girls and Leaders are invited to a Camp Fire Reunion on Saturday, February 19th at the First Methodist Church 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. People are requested to bring a brown bag lunch, coffee will be supplied. Also bring pictures, scrapbooks, memories and stories. The church is the site of the first Camp Fire Group in Richmond and is located at 201 Martina Street in the Point. A member and teacher, Nina Moody, was the first leader.

# PRHA General Meeting Report

*compiled by Gary Shows*

When I realized that we had scheduled this meeting opposite the Super Bowl, my first thought was that we had made a big mistake. I was wrong, we had a nice sized crowd, 28 folks that experienced a good, interesting and informative meeting. The meeting was held at 2:00 pm at the Point Methodist Church, Martina and West Richmond Streets.

Our guest speaker was Bruce Beyaert who is Chairman of the Trails for Richmond Action Committee for the San Francisco Bay Trail (TRAC). The mission of his committee is to complete the San Francisco Bay Trail in Richmond, assuring that it is linked to public parks and population centers, and that it is maintained into perpetuity.

He explained that his committee's purpose is to promote and coordinate the progress of the Bay Trail through Richmond. We learned that the standard for the Bay Trail is a ten foot wide path that is paved and has a stripe for a bike lane. We were given maps of the progress to date showing completed sections as well as proposed paths.

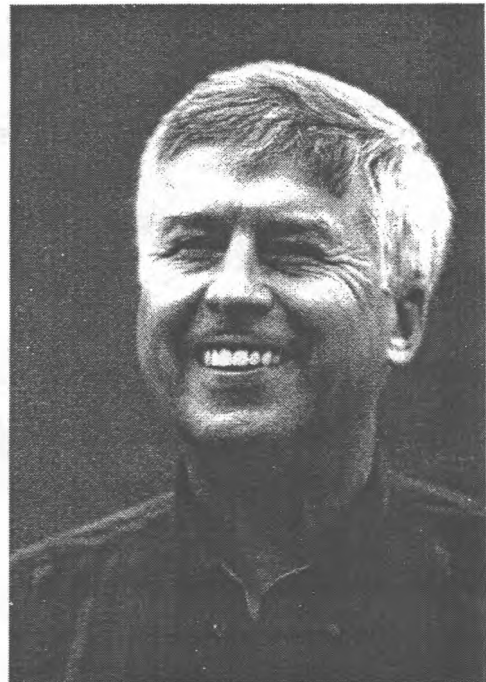
The committee's goals for the path are:

- 1) Complete Richmond's Bay Trail in 2000 on the west shore from Marina Bay to Point Molate Beach Park, between Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline and Wildcat Creek, on the north shore from Wildcat Creek to Point Pinole Regional Shoreline.
- 2). Extend the Bay Trail to the Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor concurrent with development of a regional park along the shore of Point Molate Naval Fuel Depot.
- 3). Link the Bay Trail with the Central Richmond

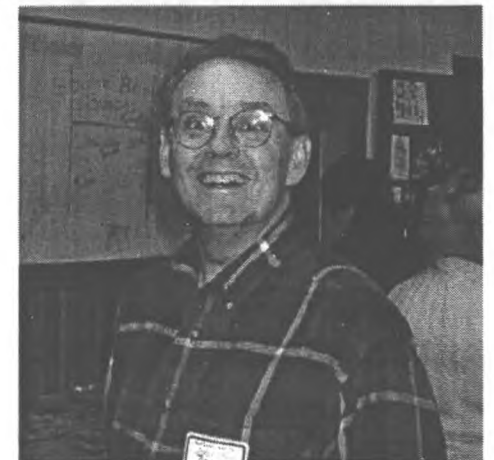
Greenway. 4). Coordinate with others to promote pedestrian and bicycle access on the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge.

Thanks to Mary, Liz, Sonja and Mid for the cookies and refreshments. And thanks also to Mother Nature for giving us a beautiful window between rain storms.

For a lot more information about the San Francisco Bay Trail log on the website <http://www.abag.org/bayarea/baytrail/>. Or you can call Bruce at 510-235-2835 or Vice Chairs Lyle Fisher at 510-236-2434 and Bette Tarr at 510-233-8188.



*Bruce Beyaert*



# Our January Meeting Thanks Bruce!

*Pictures from meeting clockwise starting in upper left: Bruce Beyaert speaking before the group; President Mid Dornan; Jan Burdick, Secretary Jerry Cerkanowicz, Jay Vincent, Shirley Butt and Lucretia Edwards; new Treasurer Ellen Schaefer with husband Dennis below; Corresponding Secretary Mary Highfill, Mary Crosby and Liz McDonald.*



# 90 YEARS AGO

*Compiled by Mid Dornan from  
the Record, 1911*

## HARMLESS WAY TO DARKEN HAIR

Who does not know the value of sage and sulfur for keeping hair dark, soft, glossy and in good condition? As a matter of fact sulphur is a natural element of the hair and a deficiency of it in the hair is held by many scalp specialists to be connected with the loss of color and vitality of the hair. The Wyeth Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy authorizes druggists to sell it under guarantee.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My wife, Mrs. Philip Kitchen, having left my bed and board, I will not be responsible on and after this date, June 25, 1910, for any debt she may cause. Philip Kitchen

## JOKE:

"Does your husband allow you to have things charged at the store?" "Oh, I think he would, but...." "But the stores wouldn't. Is that what you were going to say?" "Oh no, I was going to say that he gives me plenty of money with which to pay. Does yours?"

## *Conversation Hearts*

These are the tiny Valentine's Day sugar candy hearts that let you confess your love and then lets you eat your words. Last year about 20 companies produced 10 billion of the little hearts that are typically 3 calories. The slightly larger hearts are fluted. Featured on a 1902 conversation heart was "Please send me a lock of your hair by return mail." This years new sayings include '2000 kisses', 'time out', 'e-mail me' and 'be my icon'. Remember your Valentine.

*SHHH!*

*By Biblio Tek*

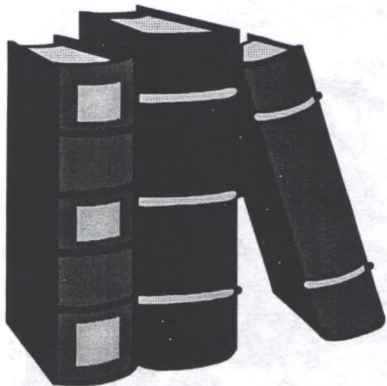
## **Westside Branch Library News**

We're into the new year and new things are happening at The Point and the Westside Branch Library. Lynn Whitson, our librarian, was the speaker at the first meeting of the Point Richmond Association of Mothers (PRAM). The group, many of whose members met at Story Time at the Library on Thursday mornings, provides contacts and support for new mothers. Lynn's talk was "It's Never Too Early," to start reading to your children. The Library - through the Smithsonian Reading is Fundamental program - provided each mother with a new book to read to her child.

The response to The Best Sellers Club has been wonderful. Countless best sellers have been donated to the Library, giving us all a great new selection. After you've read a current best seller in hardback or paper, you can drop it off at the desk in exchange for

hurrahs, high-fives and many, many thanks. Because of space limitations, the branch cannot accept older hardbacks, but they will be gratefully accepted at Main Library.

What to read rainy winter nights? Thanks to The Best Sellers Club, we have "The Victors" by Stephen Ambrose. It is a nonfiction account of Eisenhower and "his boys." We also have The "Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw. Anglophile mystery fans will find intrigue in the books of M. C. Beaton - one series is set in Scotland and another is set near London. Children and adults alike will enjoy "Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone" by J. K. Rowling. This enchanting fantasy which won the British National Book Award, "Children's Book of the Year", is about an ill-treated orphan who discovers he is a powerful wizard. Happy reading!

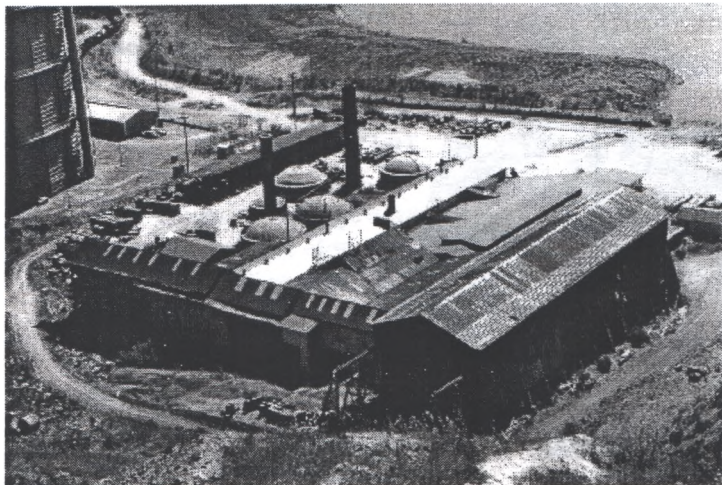


# “Does anyone know where I can get a drink?”

According to information in my files below is a list of retail liquor licenses issued in the year 1915 by John Harnett, City Council Chairman

W.C. Barry, 53 Washington Avenue  
C.T. Beringer, 41 Wahsington Avenue  
P.M. Dean, 2 Washington Avenue  
Mitchel & Geze, 27 Washington Avenue  
Charles Hoover, 126 Washington Avenue  
Sundbeck & John, 100 Washington Avenue  
Thomas Kenny, 11 Washington Avenue  
John Kenny, 49 Washington Avenue  
Kate Riordan Pope, 50 Washington Avenue  
W.D. Thompson, 110 Washington Avenue  
Ben Brignone, 100 Standard Avenue  
J.A. Ballenct, 30 Standard Avenue  
Romolo Bobba, 413 Standard Avenue  
Gus Briscon, 144 Standard Avenue

G. Gsrobotti, 541 Standard Avenue  
Walter Bianella, 134 Standard Avenue  
M.B. Lent, 219 Standard Avenue  
Filip Mazza, 18 Standard Avenue  
Ed McDuff, 525 Standard Avenue  
Harry McNeil, 12 Standard Avenue  
G. Pacini, 200 Standard Avenue  
Joseph Raspiller, 125 Standard Avenue  
James Coffey, 19 Cottage Avenue  
Ed McDuff, 28 Cottage Avenue  
Gus Green, 37 Park Place  
H. Sirrenberg, 2 West Richmond Avenue  
E.H. Weber, 112 Railroad Avenue  
G.W. Crippen, 1 West Richmond Avenue



*Brickyard Cove with, guess what? A brickyard.  
Photo Courtesy of Harry McDonald*



# Allan Smith's Point

By Allan Smith

Richard Malloy, local Point Richmond resident, passed away recently. He came to the Point with his family in the early 1940's residing in a home on Nichol Avenue. The family was very active in Catholic circles, and Our Lady of Mercy Church in Point Richmond is proud to claim one of the Molly sons, Reverend John Malloy, as coming from their church. Father John Malloy joined the Salesians and became very influential in that Order. He was, at one time, Principal of Salesian High School in San Pablo. Seventeen Salesian priests attended Richard Malloy's funeral at Our Lady of Mercy Church, it was a very inspiring scene. Salesian Priests came from Australia, Canada, Hawaii and the Fij Islands. Father John Malloy gave the Eulogy of his brother, who was buried in St. Joseph Cemetery in San Pablo.

We are very fortunate to have Harold Shawl as a new contributor to this publication. We are all sharing in the beautiful "Random Memories" that Harold Shawl has of his early days in Point Richmond, some of which we are familiar with. Harold wrote about Vernon "Lefty" Gomez, the great pitcher for the New York Yankees who was born and raised in

Rodeo and attended Richmond Schools. I was pleased to know that Gene, the popular and talented barber working with John Veirs of the Park Place Barbers in Point Richmond has a story regarding "Lefty" Gomez. The father-in-law of Gene played baseball with Gomez and was his catcher at one time.

I am interested in some of the early buildings in the Point. Behind the old Abbott home, which is being remodeled, is an old hay barn which must date prior to 1900. I wonder if the new owners will tear it down? It is located on Cottage Avenue. There are buildings on Santa Fe Avenue and Piedmont Place that are interesting to see.

Do you remember the produce and grocery wagon that the Moore Family operated in the early thirties? It was a covered truck with side openings for the produce that Mr. Moore would drive all around the Point for the convenience of his customers. My mother would always look forward to and shared in the Moore business. Perhaps the Santa Fe Market and the Point Richmond Market should consider serving their customers in this way.



*New owners are doing a splendid job on the old Abbott house.*

# Sports Memories

by Allan Smith

During our time, the early 1930's, there were baseball trading cards that became very popular among young baseball fans. The Pacific Coast League, a Triple AAA organization, had teams from Oakland, San Francisco, Hollywood, Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle and Sacramento, and all of their players were involved in the baseball cards. The cards were of better quality than they have now. They showed the players in a playing position on glossy photo cards averaging 3 x 5 inches in size. The pictures were inside a candy box that you purchased for ten cents. The candies were known as ZEE-NUTS, RUF NEKS and HOME RUN KISSES.

John DeFabio, a former local outstanding Richmond baseball player, has a complete ZEE\_NUT baseball player picture series that he showed to me on one of you Chevron Retirees Tree Planting trips to the El Dorado National

Forest. Needless to say, I was overcome with emotion and envy after viewing the priceless collection of early Pacific Coast League baseball players that I was familiar with. I wonder if John has a card of DENNY WILIE who played for the Oakland Oaks in 1923, a rare card. The Denny Willie career was a very interesting one which I will continue with in the next issue of TPIT. Denny was from Texas and was an outstanding athlete in all sports and was considered the "fastest man in the Southwest". He played three years in the Big Leagues with the St. Louis Cardinals and Cleveland Indians and later with the Oakland Oaks. Steven Lavoie, Oakland Tribune columnist, wrote about Denny Willie in his Time Capsule article titled "Love Burns Out Baseball Players Career". More about Denny Willie later.



*Tommy "Mr. Touchdown"  
McDonald played for  
Richmond High School.*





## CARDS & LETTERS



Dear Gary:

My father, Trefry Ross corresponded with "This Point...in time" on a regular basis. He recently passed away and we are requesting you publish his obituary. We know he truly enjoyed his life in Point Richmond and TPIT have him much happiness in his last days with us. He was looking for a picture of his wedding for the upcoming article on the Methodist Church. Once the photo is located, we will forward it to you for publication. Please send me information on subscribing to the publication.

Thank you,  
Rebecca Cileo  
Anderson, CA

*We will also miss your dad and his contributions to this publication. We are grateful for the many memories of, and information about Point Richmond that he has shared with us. I will see to it that you get a copy of this issue. Gary*



Dear Gary:

My heart is saddened by the multiple deaths of our friends in 1999.

Louella Wilcox; my dear schoolmate, Bernard Christiansen; Naomi Huffstetter; long time acquaintance of my parents, Mary Rudolph: louella's sister, such a dear sweet

spiffy lady, who will be missed by the workers at the Richmond Museum of History as well as the TPIT crew, and now the latest being Trefry Ross; a great contributor to TPIT!

Three days prior to Christmas my husband fell off a 12 foot ladder while sawing protruding limb. The tree toppled in a very freak split shattering just below the ladder top and sent him airborne! The poor dear suffered a broken pelvic bone in 4 places, clavicle, right arm and smashed wrist and all his ribs are cracked as well as a cracked sacrum. I told them NOT to give him penicillin because he is highly allergic to it. He got it anyway—what knot heads! His arms, neck, chest and torso broke out in an erythmus rash (resembles scarlet fever) and was itching like crazy. He was released January 26th for home, provided no further complications.

Well, I have to scoot, freak happenings in life can be deadly. He is still with us, fortunately. What a way to end a year and begin a new century!

Sincerely,  
Betty Glass Marshall  
Grants Pass, OR

*Thanks Betty, it is always good to hear from you. We all wish for a rapid recovery for your husband, and take care of yourself too! Gary*





Dear Editor:

It is with sadness that I learn of the death of a dear friend, Trefrey Abbott Ross. Born and raised in the Point, Tref received his middle name from the Doctor that delivered him. He married his high school sweetheart, Nellie Huffstetter. Tref and Nellie were two of the first persons I met when I came to the Point as he was a good friend of Bob's.

His great-grandparents came to Sonoma County from Missouri in 1850. Tref's grandparents, Charles and Avonia Adams, were Richmond pioneers who came to the Point around 1898 where his Grandfather Charles Edward Adams was an engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad. They were pillars of the historic Methodist Church and lived across the street at 222 Martina Street. Tref's mother, Uldine, lived there after the death of her parents. Many of Tref's peers still live in the Point. His memories of the Point to TPIT will be missed.

Sincerely  
Mid Dornan  
Point Richmond

Dear Pam:

I would like to be a member of the 90 club. I am now 92 born in 1907 on Washington Avenue. Dr. Lucas was my doctor for many years.

I remember Ruth Wood. My childhood in Point Richmond was some of the happiest days of my life.

With love,  
Thelma Harvey  
Orinda, CA



## Deaths....

**Kathryn I. Pinkerton** a homemaker died January 2, 2000 in Richmond. She was 90. San Francisco native lived in Point Richmond for 70 years. Her hobby was collecting. She is survived by daughter, Velma Healy, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Her husband, David, preceded her in death in 1996 and her son Clayton died in 1994. Services were by the Neptune Society.

**Trefry A. Ross** died peacefully in his sleep at home in Tucson, Arizona on December 29, 1999. Born in Point Richmond, California on January 5, 1922, he was 77 years old. Most recently Trefry enjoyed reminiscing about the good ole days and corresponding with friends and family. He thoroughly enjoyed sharing information about life in Point Richmond with "This Point....in time". He was a member of the 461st Bomb Group and Clan Ross Association. He is survived by his brother, Ted Ross of Hilo, HI; sister, Dorje Ross of El Sobrante, CA; daughter Corene Ross of Tucson, AZ; son, Scott Ross of Vallejo, CA; daughter, Rebecca Cileo of Anderson, CA; son Jared Ross of Tucson, AZ; six grandchildren and one great grandson. Trefry's wife of 53 years, Nellie Naomi Huffstetter, preceded him in death in 1996. They will be reunited at Arlington National Cemetery, VA. As a former WWII Prisoner of War and Purple Heart recipient, he will receive full military honors. Gifts of remembrance can be made to Trefry's favorite charity at Pio Decimo Center, 848 South Seventh Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701.

**Richard George Malloy**, a forklift operator at Felice & Perelli Cannery in Richmond for 20 years, died in Richmond. He was 63. The native of San Pablo lived in Richmond for 63 years. He was a member of Teamster Cannery Workers Union Local 866 and Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Point Richmond. He is survived by sisters, Catherine White of Vacaville, Louise Bergesen of American Canyon, Margaret Smallen of Lafayette and Mary Mackenzie of Yountville; brothers Joe Malloy of Berkeley and John Malloy of Canada.

**Ina E. Briggs** on January 24, 2000 in Vallejo. Ina served as Principal of Washington School in the 70s. She was 85 years old.

**Albert Anthony Raffanelli** on January 16, 2000 at his home in El Cerrito. A native of Point Richmond, he was 76 years old. Al was the former owner of Norwalk Gas Station and Al's Pro Shop. He was a WWII veteran in U.S. Air Force and a member of the Galileo Club. He is survived by sons Tony Raffanelli and Thomas Vicencio; his sister Helen Frosini, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held at Wilson and Kratzer.



# *February Birthdays*

Mark M. Gebhart (91)  
Ed Garrard  
Sarah Wilson  
Hortense Gnaga McGee  
Mary Shur  
Steven Mertle  
Dixie Copeland  
Frank Pearson  
Allan Smith  
Doug Busby

Chris Rotting  
Mitzi Kruse  
Bessie Squires  
Walter MacMillan  
Barnaby Edwards  
Connie Healy  
Helen Valentine  
Marcos Rotting  
Arlene Hartman  
Ladow Howe

Rowene MacMillan  
Dody Perry  
Ethel MacMillan  
Kim Ward  
Dagmar Francis  
Phillip Dorn III  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
Pearle Westman  
Velma Healy  
Carrie Wickman Dorn

# *March Birthdays*

Karolyn Macdiarmid  
Dale Hawkins  
Virginia Cherniak  
Carol Paasch  
JoAnn Bray  
Wendy Wirth  
Carol Darling  
Jim Morrison  
GIRL SCOUTS  
Dolly Frosini  
Carl Paasch  
Reba Downs

Rich Schuldt  
Allan Smith, Jr  
Phyllis Feyder  
Janice Jones  
Jean Knox  
Marie Wilson-Dietz  
Avis Blanchette  
Delphina Franco  
CAMP FIRE GIRLS  
Winnie Guist  
Brian Richardson  
Ben Bray

Alexandra Gautraud  
Maxine Mayer  
Susan Berman  
Mary Valenzano  
Rachel Elizabeth Palfini  
Myron Pestana  
Elizabeth Buhler  
Edwin Loux  
Lucile Cottingham Meyer  
George LeRoy Willims  
Isobel Folson





# *Calendar of Events*

## *Alphabetical by Group*

### **GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY**

900 Dornan Drive across from Miller/Knox Regional Park. Has business meetings on Fridays from 7 to 10 pm. Visitors interested in joining are welcome to the business meetings, call 510-234-4884 for time and dates of special shows.

### **MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE**

January 21 - February 26

"Tribute"; \$10.00, Friday—Saturday, 8 PM, with some Sunday matinees at 2:30. Reservations: 510-232-4031.

March 31—May 6

"The Haunting of Hill House", a thriller; \$10.00, Friday—Saturday, 8 PM with some Sunday matinees at 2:30. Reservations; 510-232-4031.

### **POINT RICHMOND ASSOCIATION OF MOTHERS (PRAM)**

Mondays, at 7 PM; February 7, March 13, April 10, May 8 and June 12; Methodist Church, 201 Martina Street. Info: 510-273-9959

### **POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

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

Annual Valentine Making Contest, Community Center, 12—4 PM, February 12. Artist Judges, with categories from pre-school to out-of-school

Annual Easter Egg Coloring and Basket Making Contest, Community Center, 12—4 PM, April 22. Artist Judges, with categories from pre-school to out-of-school.

## **POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER/FIELD HOUSE & PLUNGE**

Info: 510-233-6881

## **POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION**

The deadline for the February/March issue of TPIT is Friday March 24, 2000.

The next general meeting will next summer. This will be our election meeting with a theme, details will be in the next issue.

## **POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Meets last Wednesday each month, Pt Richmond Community Center; 7 PM, Contact: Rod Satre, President, 510-232 5059.

## **WASHINGTON SCHOOL**

Contact: Linda Hutcherson, Principal or Miss Jones, Secretary 232-1436.

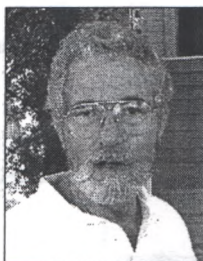
Reading week at Washington school. You are invited to read a story to the children. Pick your story and age group. February 28—March 2, 2000.

## **WOMEN'S WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB**

Contact: Amelia Drake, President at 284-8131

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