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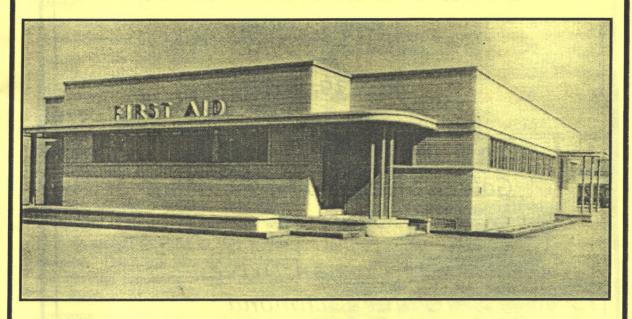
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You are invited to attend
the

General Meeting
and
Election of Officers

Point Richmond History Association

on

May 19, 2002

at

2:00 pm

at

Golden State Model Railroad Museum

at

900 Dornan Drive Point Richmond

We will tour the RR Museum Refreshments will be served.

From the President

By Mid Dornan

By 1899 Point Richmond had been designated as the Western Terminal for the Santa Fe Railroad. On July 3, 1900, the first overland passenger train with a mail car, three coaches, a baggage car and a Pullman sleeper arrived here from Chicago. In 1900 there were about 100 residents in Point Richmond but Richmond did not become a city until 1905.

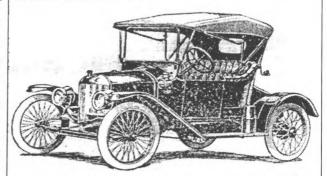
Any railroad buff will know Point Richmond today has a Railroad Museum. The Golden State Model Railroad Museum located at 900 Dornan Drive across from Miller-Knox Regional Park. A working museum, it is staffed by volunteers. Because of interest in the museum, the Point Richmond History Association will hold its annual meeting in May at this location. There will be a speaker from the museum following a brief meeting and election of officers after which everyone will be invited to tour the museum. You do not have to be a member of the PRHA to attend so bring a friend to share the day and enjoy some refreshments afterwards. Mark your calendar now.- May 19th, 2:00 p.m. at 900 Dornan Drive. See you there!

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And a warm welcome to the following new members:

Mark Healy Jon Healy Jim Healy Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Toledo Family Marjorie Harmon

Thank You! To Santa Fe Market and Point Richmond Market For selling "THIS POINT.....in time"

Thanks to
Betty Dornan and the
Volunteers who open and
close our history museum on
Thursday and Saturday.

Museum Hours:

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

Thank You!

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Editor's Notes

Gary Shows (510-235-1336)

Lots of stuff going on with the welcome arrival of Springtime! This is my favorite time of the year.

Thanks to all contributors to this issue, you have made it a good, information packed issue. You are a special group of people very much appreciated for taking the time to gather information that many others enjoy reading. But please remember that there is just so much space in this booklet and not everything that you send is guaranteed to be printed. I am thinking of changing to a slightly smaller font for the base of TPIT......any comments on that?

We are grateful to Mid Dornan for the thoughtful and skillful way she obtained PRIDE money for history purposes. Having these funds is very exciting because both the kiosk project and the plaque project have been on our "backburners" for a long time and both should now proceed. The entire history oriented community thanks you Mid!

By Bibliotek

The deadline for the Summer issue is May 24, 2002.

The February/March issue assembly crew.

Jerry Cerkanowicz
Gary Shows
Mid Dornan
Liz McDonald
Mary Highfill
Pam Wilson
Mid Dornan



This is the old Kaiser Hospital, picture taken March 31. 2002, is this the same building altered from the cover photo? Let me know please.

The Cover:

Kaiser's Shipyard Three's first aid station taken from a employee manual donated by LaVerne Rentfro Woolman, it belonged to her father. We are grateful for many items LaVerne has donated, you will find several images in this newsletter from that item. It will be available at the PRHA Museum after the next issue of TPIT.

I cannot decide if this 1943 First Aid Station is the same structure as the old Kaiser Hospital on Cutting Blvd, see picture above, can you help?

A-Mid TRIVIA

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Question: What is it that you throw away the outside, cook the inside, eat the outside and throw away the inside? Answer at end of trivia.

It's no April Fool joke! Energetic, tireless Anna Schwarz is an April lst baby. who will celebrate her 90th birthday this year. Coming to share the birthday celebration are relatives from Germany and good friend, Dody Perry, will host a luncheon in her honor. P.S. Anna fell and cracked some ribs but that didn't deter her from playing the organ at a commitment the next day! Happy 90th Anna!! And, MANY MORE.

Celebrating their April birthdays Pam Wilson, Membership chairman, and her twin sister Paula Israili, flew to London to attend a few plays. and enjoy England. (You were missed at the April collating, Pam!)

Donna Wilson, mother of the twins, returned in March from a trip to Italy. But, she claims this time she didn't throw any coins into the Trevi Fountain - having done that three times before and didn't care about returning. Donna also ran into a friend from her former work there.

Lucky Phil, Pete and Hannah Darling, grandchildren of Wally & Marilyn Darling, who took them to the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City!

Tired of looking at the old dishes? Too much junk in the garage? N eed new furniture? You are just in time to get rid of it for the Annual Juntique Sale at the Methodist Church on Saturday, May 4th. Call the church to learn when/where to drop it off or for more info, at 236-0527. Need it picked up?

Remember when being all washed up meant you were ready to eat dinner.

Deborah Haley has found an old bell on the top of the old firehouse. Does anyone know about a bell that may have been taken down as long ago as the 1906 earthquake?

Many words infiltrate our language but when do they head for the dictionary? Lencographers are obligated to be selective and figure which words have staying power. Many words, like chad, fade quickly. New words being considered are burqu, ground zero, Taliban, 9/11 to be alphabetized by the spelling of the first digit - between 'nine days wonder and nine pin.'

Bette Tarr's Wig Wag note cards and posters have been selling like 'hot cakes'. Proceeds go to the Wig Wag Defense Fund. Have you seen Jim DeWitt's painting of the wig wags? He, also, is donating \$40 per picture to the fund.

The man who invented Voice Mail, and died in February, made millions but he has caused headaches and confusion to as many others. Have you tried to connect with a real voice with SBC (Pac Bell) recently? When a live person was finally contacted, that person wasn't knowledgeable of the required information and still couldn't get a live voice who could be of help!

Interested in planning the future of Point Richmond? Have ideas you think are worth presenting? You are invited to attend the "Envision Point Richmond" meeting led by Planner Allan Folks on Saturday, April 20, 2002, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Quality Inn, Cutting and Canal. This is another of the Pride Fund rewards in action.

Congratulations to Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church as they celebrate a hundred years: 1902-2002. The third religion in the Point, they are celebrating with a Dinner & Dance on Friday, May 24th held at the Mira Vista Country Club.

Evelyn Lizarraga's sweatshirt with the heart shape made with pink baby foot prints is pretty cute.

Did you know, or care, that from San Diego downtown to the Space Needle in Seattle there are 158 McDonald's? On the 1,275-mile journey that puts one every 8.1 miles, nearly all of which is on I-5.

Phyllis Barusch didn't let a cast on her broken leg deter her from going to the polls to vote. Helen and Robert Stewart returned from the Canary I slands just in time to cast their votes on March 5th.

By Bibliotek ***

Filed your taxes with the IRS? One thing a lot of people have after taxes is a guilty conscience. - Or not!

Sadly, the devastating four alarm fire in downtown Point Richmond that Sunday could have been avoided had someone notified authorities of an illegal drug lab. Thanks to Richmond firemen were heroic in battling a potential catastrophic fire in our historic district of wooden buildings. Their praises were heard from many viewing the damages. Thanks, too, to all those engines coming from San Ramon, El Cerrito, Pinole, Crockett/Carquinez, Orinda/Moraga, Chevron and Contra Costa County just in case.

Guess our speedy recovery wishes work as Amelia Drake is reported to have taken off for a Mexican cruise. Hearty and determined people in the Point!

It is encouraging to learn that PRAM Point Richmond Area Mothers are working hard to make Washington School a neighborhood school again! Kids should be able to walk home from school with friends and have local after school activities.

David Reynolds surprised friends with his juggling abilities last year but don't be surprised this year to learn he is performing with the Splash Circus and into acrobatics, aerial acts, animal balloons, and clowning. ***

Should you notice a large, unfamiliar perambulator strolling through the Point you can almost be sure to find 3-month old Solveig inside enjoying the ride. Her parents. Mairanne and Torben Maagaard, from Copenhagen, Denmark, are living here while Torben pursues studies at Berkeley. Mairanne's parents plan to visit at Easter and as Marianne commented, "They probably will be happier to see baby Solveig than us!" Torben and Marianne will be returning to Denmark in May. Enjoy your stay as we are enjoying you.

Chris Arellano was a recent visitor at the Museum. Now living in San Bruno, Chris formerly lived on Casey Drive and was enjoying the nostalgic visit. He and his 4-year old son decided to stop by to visit Jack Elle, who, Chris said, took him and all the Elle kids to McDonald's every Friday night. Ivar Elle was home when he visited so Chris' visit was doubly nostalgic.

Be sure to stop by our Museum on the Chamber of Commerce Stroll on Thursday, May 16th! You could win one of our building ornaments!

Richmond's Historic Preservation Advisory Committee has unanimously elected to put the Wig Wags at the Point entrance, the last double upward quadrants in the states, on the Historic Register and hopefully the City Council will vote so the Wig Wags can be saved from destruction! ***

Bette Tarr's Wig Wag poster and cards are being sold to help the defense fund for the saving of the Wig Wags if it becomes necessary. If you don't have one of these or want to see how beautiful they are, stop by the Museum.

Beginning February 19, those becoming a United States citizen will have to pay \$310, a \$60 increase from the previous years. Immigration and Naturalization Service said the increase was approved to help the agency quicken the application process.

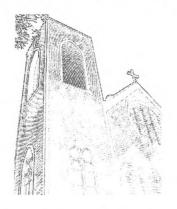
A Native American Tale, A Native American Grandfather was talking to his grandson about how he felt He said, "I feel as if I have two wolves fighting in my heart. One wolf is the vengeful, angry, violent one, The other wolf is the loving compassionate one." grandson asked him, "Which wolf will win the fight in your heart?" The grandfather answered. "The one I feed." (submitted by Sarah E.)

For most of us, there has been a woman in our lives who seemed or was a second mother. She might have been a teacher, friend or relative. Regardless of her role, she played a special part in our lives. As you remember your own mother on Mother's Day why not recognize that second mother in a special way too? HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

ANSWER: An ear of corn!



Church News



Our Lady of Mercy Church

By Dee Rosier 510-232-1387

Welcome Spring! Only here can we recognize spring as we viewed a snow capped Mt. Tam last week and the water continues to flow down our street from the hill above us. My Grandson enjoys it much more than we do as he runs his hands through it and occasionally leaps into it - oh the joy of childhood.

The time continues to pass quickly. As we approach Easter our annual Seder dinner will be celebrated in the church hall.

This year at the Easter Vigil we will witness the adult Communion of Eloise Bussio. Eloise is a Chicago native, presently residing in El Cerrito. She is a Chicago native and retired from the Los Angeles School District as a School Nurse Coordinator. She moved to the Bay Area six years ago to be closer to her sister. Eloise has a daughter in Redondo

Beach. While there are many churches in this area, her choice of Our Lady of Mercy was because it made her feel closer to God. She has been taking classes in the Catholic faith and has completed all of the ceremonies necessary prior to baptism. We embrace having Eloise in our presence and welcome her into our Christian world.

The Centennial Dinner/Dance will be held on Friday, May 24, 2002, 7:00 PM at the Mira Vista Country Club. For reservations, call Nancy Toledo - 233-7529 (\$35/person). It's our first grand Centennial affair. Please plan to attend. A Centennial banner graces the entrance to our Parish.

We may be few people, but we are also willing to donate our time to successful ventures. The Goals Committee continues to meet on Mondays in an effort to prioritize our goals in order to move forward on those which are most workable and of major concern. At the same time the Nominating Committee has been meeting and preparing a list of candidates to fill the expired terms of some members of the Parish Council. At a recent Parish Council meeting Fire Inspector, Richard Kalayjian, spoke to the Council on fire safety and the need to have an evacuation plan in place in the event of a fire.

Our Small Christian Community groups continue to meet. The day group will adjourn soon, but the evening group will continue. Toward the end of a meeting hosted in my home, Judy Kafka came with a cake and the trimmings to surprise her husband, Vince on his birthday.

The church parking lot had become a haven for old "junkers" which were stored in a private parking lot. The local dentist and Santa Fe Market pay monthly fees for parking space. According to a new ordinance, a vehicle

without current registration can legally be towed. And so, on a recent Monday they were towed away, including Bob Peckham's produce truck. Appropriately it was Parish Council meeting night and Bob appeared to register a complaint. He wanted to know where his truck was! After some delving into the situation, the truck was located, returned, and the incident resolved. Sorry Bob.

A shorter version of the 2001 Parish financial report was included in a recent Sunday bulletin. If you are interested in seeing a more detailed report, please call Fr. Lima. 2001 was a good year, as we met our expenses and were able to set a few dollars aside for a rainy day. Naturally, costs do not go down, so the proposed 2002 budget will be substantially greater. Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners, we were able to meet the Annual Bishops Appeal goal.

Congratulations to Fr. Lima who recently celebrated his 39th year since his ordination and celebration of his first Mass. We wish him many more. Likewise to Gordon and Victoria Herrick celebrating their 56th Wedding Anniversary. Fred and Diane Siegmund celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on a two week cruise to Hawaii. Fred also celebrated his big "50."

Anna Schwarz is becoming an expert on falling. This time she fell and broke a rib. She claims it's a family gene. Anna worked in the Chevron Safety Department?????

Jim Santos recently retired after 30 years at Chevron. He will now have more golf time and prepare for his impending move to Montana.

Condolences to the Calvan family in their recent loss. How proud Nick would have been to see his Grandchildren fill the church on a recent Sunday. Raquel Ruiz, a Calvan Granddaughter, who is in the Navy, has been assigned to Naples, Italy.

Claudia Spencer will be chalking up frequent flyer miles as she visits her first Grandson, Christopher Allan Mentzer, born February 8, 2002. Claudia's son Sean and wife Therese live in Denver. She can now sing lullabies, with her voice of an angel, to him.

Bruce Young continues to be hospitalized after many setbacks. Remember Bruce and all others in our parish who are ill. Baskets will be distributed to those in our Parish who are ill. Take care of yourself and others.

Coffee and donuts are served after Mass on the first Sunday of the month. The treats are donated by Bob and Marie Peckham. Prior to their closure, Rosemary's Bakery donated muffins.

Every day is a journey - travel it well. See you in church.

Annual Point Richmond Garage Sale (Memorial Day)

On Monday May 27, 9:30 to 4:00
Point Richmond becomes a great
big garage sale. Got stuff you
want to get rid of? This is the
perfect solution! This is a
Masquers benefit, call David
Vincent for information on how
to participate, 510-235-4850.



POINT RICHMOND METHODIST CHURCH

by Jean Reynolds 510-235-2988 jeanormr@pacbell.net

Our Fifth Annual Sweetheart Dinner was held on Thursday February 7. We celebrated Virginia Chemiak as "Sweetheart of the Year" at the Richmond Golf and Country Club with help from the Masquers. Virginia was one of the founding members of the Masquers Theater; she has contributed to our community in many ways over the years. Masquer Robert Love was the Master of Ceremonies. As he planned his speech, Virginia told him, "Now, don't make me cry!" so he invented a fairy-tale-like biography, complete with poster-sized photos. The story bore a remarkable resemblance to reality, and it was immensely entertaining.

Masquers Joan Combs-Nelson and Ann

Homrighause sang love songs. Speakers included Tom Butt, Allen Folks, Mid Dornan, Virginia's daughters Susan and Stephanie, granddaughter Zoe Eakle, and Kit Eakle. A quartet representing the church choir "Before Virginia" Sang a song written in honor of the occasion to the tune of "The Heavenly Train". The Joyful Noise Choir sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" at the closing. It was a wonderful evening and was only marred by the absence of an "Elvis" sighting (Bob Peckham, our "Sweetheart" was home with the flu.) Fran Smith gets credit for organizing another fun evening of food and festivities and Virginia gets credit for being a real princess!

Bobby and Pamella Hall organized their second annual "Bobby Hall and Friends" concert for February 24. Gospel singer Dorothy Morrison of "O Happy Day" fame was the featured performer. Other talented members of her family a companied her, as did a quartet of instrumentalists, and a back up choir. We should have a saxophone player more often! Following Dorothy Morrison, several other groups and soloists performed. It was a rockin' good time.

On Palm Sunday, March 24, we welcomed new members Liam Thompson, Katie Osborn, and David Reynolds. They chose to join the church after attending several weeks of confirmation classes.

Following worship, the community was invited to a Palm Sunday Feast. We had a delicious ham dinner and more than one hundred thirty diners at this community gathering. Chuck Wise and his staff at the Baltic Restaurant cooked the hams and potatoes. The Santa Fe Market donated

potatoes, the Hotel Mac donated salad, and Rubicon Bakery donated fifteen pies and tarts. Members and friends donated food or money or time to make this event one of the best yet. There were more people than ever, and people stayed to visit and to listen and sing along with Pastor Dan's jazz piano.

The Angel Choir, directed by Dan Damon, rehearses on Saturday mornings at 10 am. The group ranges in age from six to sixteen, with a mom or two as needed to fill out the harmony. They plan their second concert on Mothers' Day, May 12, at 5:00 p.m. The Angel Choir will sing some favorites from last year, some new favorites, and this year Lavinia Karl will play her harp.

The Monday night book study group finished "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant. The next book we will read is "Wise Blood" by Flannery O'Connor.

On the calendar:

Harp Concert: April 21, 5:00 p.m. Gospel Harp player Linda Rice from the Bodega Bay area. A free will offering will be taken, but there's no admission fee.

Annual Junktique: Saturday, May 4. Call Claudia LeGué (215-1813), or Juanita Hoffman (234-8052) to arrange pick-up of good usable items for sale.

Angel Choir Concert: May 12, 5:00 p.m. A great treat for your mother! Suggested donation \$10. No one refused for lack of funds.

May 19: Following worship, New Hymnal release party and book signing. Pastor Dan has published the third collection his of hymns!

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 53rd installment.

Oct.19, 1926

Social League met in the church parlors at 2:45. Mrs. Holbrook and Mrs. Glennly were hostesses. There were 12 members present. Minutes of the previous meting were read and corrected

Discussion of the reception for the minister, it being postponed (sic) from Oct 15 to Oct 26. Mrs. Brothers was asked to arrange the program. Discussion about the bazaar. It was decided to have an apron bee at the home of Mrs. Jones at our next meeting, providing the Ladies Aid didn't care to handle them.

The chairmen of the various committees for the bazaar were appointed, Mrs. Burdick to have charge of the Fancy Work Booth; Mrs. Brothers, the Candy Booth; Mrs. Dingle the Handkerchief Booth and Mrs. Dicely to have charge of the Lunch. Mrs. Schmidt told of a new kind of canned soup and would try and get enough to it to sell at the bazaar. Each chairman to appoint her committee.

Mrs. Dicely appointed the following committee to work on the lunch: Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Scofield, Mrs. brothers, Mrs. Alexander, Owens, Schmidt.

Mrs. Eva Doney was welcomed as a new member. Meeting adjourned. Dues: 1.20, plate collection 1.20=total \$2.40

Prev bal: 41.90 + 2.40 = \$44.30 balance.

Rose Dingle, Sec.

LUCRETIA EDWARDS PARK

At long last, Point Richmond's First Lady, Lucretia Edwards, has been recognized. In Richmond, the name Lucretia doesn't need further identification. For 50 of the 54 years she has been a resident of the Point, Lucretia has envisioned a goal for public access to the shoreline. On Friday, March 1st, the City of Richmond fulfilled that dream and goal by hostessing a ground breaking ceremony to begin construction on the Lucretia Edwards Shoreline Park located on the Bay at the foot of Marina Way South. The Park is planned as a two-acre, \$1 million spread that will include educational elements on the Bay Area's World War II shipyards. Her children, Barnaby, Hannah and John David, were here to help honor their mother. Speakers included neighbor and former Legislator, John Knox, Assemblywoman Dion Aroner, Congressman George Miller, Richmond Mayor Irma Anderson, former Mayor Rosemary Corbin, Superintendent, National Park Service, Judy Hart and Richmond City Manager, Isaiah Turner. A reception followed at City offices located at 1401 Marina Way South.

-Mid Doman



BILL SMITH REACHES 50 YEARS AT CHEVRON

Point Richmond native son, William A. Smith, one of the Point's Oregon Street Smith brothers, received his 50 year service pin from the Chevron Company. He joins the elite group of nine employees who have received this honor.

Bill and the entire Smith family were guests of Chevron's Ken Derr, Jim Sullivan and tom Moore of Chevron Shipping. The luncheon and presentation took place at the Chevron Headquarters on Market Street in San Francisco. Everything was 'on the house' and it was excellent. Bill received a 'diamond' for each of his fifty years and when he wears the pin, I call him "Diamond Jim Brady". What is Bill Smith doing now? With his wife, Ardy, Bill is volunteering on Richmond's Museum of History's ship, the "Red Oak Victory".

-Allan Smith

Local Newspaper Clippings, Richmond - 1913 - 1932

I have this ring-binder that is full of yellowed original clippings from old newspapers. The hand inscribed front cover says "Local Newspaper Clippings-Richmond - 1913-1932". It has a documenting problem as that most of the clipped articles do not give credit to the source, most however seem to be from the "Richmond Herald-Record". I do not know who put it together. Allan Smith thinks it's the work of Don Church, he is probably correct. They are, however old, hand dated and interesting reading, spelling errors are not corrected here is installment #6. Garv Shows

ARMED ITALIAN RUNS AMUCK ON THE WEST SIDE October 16, 1918

Inspector Wylie, of the local police force, arrested an armed Italian last night at the Piemonte Hotel who is thought to be a burglar. After his arrest the man gave his name as T. Bassoni and when he came into the hotel in the evening he was flourishing a big gun and warned everybody to stand back. Wylie was telephoned for and placed the fellow under arrest and locked him up in jail.

Bassoni came to town a few days ago and a friend paid his room rent at the Peimonte hotel. It is thought that Bassoni is the man who has been pilfering rooms in West Side hotels for the past few days and the police are going to make a thorough probe of

his actions since coming to town.

He had no explanation of his conduct to make last night when questioned at the police station.

LAND DEEDED TO CITY FOR MUNICIPAL POOL October 19, 1922

When the people of Richmond vote bonds for a municipal natatorium in November they will have property on which to erect the building, and at no cost whatever.

Yesterday W. B. Nicholl of the John Nicholl Company, in company with his attorney M. R. Jones delivered over to Mayor E. J. Garrard a deed to a piece of land on the west side about 200 X 300 feet, containing nearly and acre and a half of ground, and his deed was placed in escrow at the Mechanics Bank.

The land is very valuable and will make an ideal site for the purpose to which it will be devoted.

The deed is absolute, there is not strings to it, and the minute bonds are voted for the purpose, the City of Richmond becomes the owner of the property.

Mayor Garrard has had as a hobby for many years a public swimming tank for Richmond and he is to be congratulated that his has succeeded in have a site donated.

PROFANE TALK IS HURLED AT CONTRACTOR BY COUNCILMAN February 14, 1917

Much profanity was hurled by Councilman J. N. Long at Contractor George Cushing, near the close of the city council meeting last night, over the improvement of Forty-seventh street.

Cushing objected to the inspector in charge of the work, stating that he was proving a detriment toward completing the improvement rather than aiding it.

Long---"If you don't like it you can go to hell. You stand a fat chance of getting an extension from this council for work that you are doing."

Cushing--- "And let me tell you something, Long, you'll stand a fat chance of getting an extension of time as a councilman when you come up for re-election in May. Now you mark my word, Long."

Gerlach--- "You told the people the work would be finished in two months."

Cushing--- "It would have been had I had fairly decent weather this winter. I a m endeavoring to put a good pavement in that street and do not want to do it while the ground is wet."

Gerlach--- "That's the way you do with all you work."

Cushing-- "I may be a little slow, but my work has been found to be all right. I suppose you're looking for a little notoriety by taking a poke at me now."

Long--- "It's like Mr. Cushing getting an outside plasterer to plaster his house. And look at the thing; its all going to hell."

Cushing--- "That's all right Mr. Long. That's why you're sore. Trying to take a petty grievance out in this manner."

Samples of sand, said to have been taken from Cushing's work and which were reported to contain loam were presented to the council at this juncture by Councilman Ogborn.

According to City Engineer H. D. Chapman the sand of which he had made an inspection that day was all right. It was being broungt by Cushing from San Pablo creek and in spite of efforts to prevent certain amounts of loam usually creeps into the sand.

No action was taken by the board in an extension of time for the completion of the work by Cushing, the objections to the sand and gravel used in the work referred to the street committee for one week.

REDLIGHT OWNER DELCARES SHE IS CONDUCTING AN EATING PLACE November 2, 1915

Claiming that the house which she conducts on Railroad avenue is a boarding house and not one of prostitution is the ground on which Miss Grace Miller is basing her fight against Chief of Police Walker which is to be aired in a jury trial before Police Judge William Lindsey on Friday at 10:00 o'clock.

The Miller woman with five other owners of houses on that street were arrested in a recent raid made by the police.

The other women paid their fines all except the Miller woman who intends to fight her case.



Alyce Williamson

The Women's Westside Improvement Club is a century old organization that has a long history of giving to Point Richmond, it's first major contribution being the original Indian Statue. After this issue there will be a regular short report on the goings on with this wonderful group. For now, Mid Dornan found this article on microfiche. We wonder if this item was ever really produced and if so does anyone have a copy?

Taken from Richmond Daily Independent, Richmond, California, Wednesday, June 8, 1910.

WOMEN WILL EDIT NEWSPAPER AND EXPLOIT CITY

WOMEN'S IMPROVEMENT CLUB OF RICHMOND WILL ISSUE A MONSTER EDITION OF THE INDEPENDENT -NOTHING LIKE IT EVER ATTEMPTED BEFORE IN RICHMOND.

One of the most worthy undertakings ever considered by the ladies of the Richmond Improvement Club is about to be launched by the members of that organization.

This new undertaking, gentle reader, is one whereby the club hopes to enrich its coffers to the extent of several hundred dollars. The club needs money to carry on its improvement work, and to carry to successful execution many other plans which have been under consideration for several months. The

ladies of the club have solicited funds for their undertakings at different times; they have given entertainments; in fact, they have used every means possible to raise money; they have even b orrowed. S till they n eed m oney, and they are going to get it.

The ladies are preparing to break into the ranks of journalism, and to that end have elected from among their number a general manager, and editor-in-chief and a business manager, and they have decided upon the kind of publication which they will issue. The entire plan has been carefully worked out by the ladies, and to say that they will make a monster success of the undertaking will by putting it mildly, to say the least.

When the ladies first conceived the idea, the next thing was to decide upon a newspaper which would fill all the requirement; that is, a newspaper which was popular with the people, and which would stand behind the ladies and boost their enterprise.

The plan is this: On or about the 15th of July the ladies will issue a monster edition of the Independent. For one day the Independent will be edited by the women of the club. They will give the People of Richmond an idea of their worth to the community. The ladies will show the public that they can edit a newspaper as well as build libraries.; that they can write and "fill space" just as easily as they can give a dance and decorate the hall, or serve refreshments.

The edition will be gotten up in book form. The pages will be one half of the size of The Independent or about 11 x 16 inches. It is hoped to make the edition of about fifty pages, all of which will be encased in a beautiful cover of enameled paper. The design for the cover has been prepared by Mrs. B. X. Tucker, and consists of four panel drawings

representing the oil works, the railroad shops, the Pullman works and the Carnegie library, with a beautiful landscape scene across the bottom of the page. The drawings are already in the hands of the engraver, and when completed will reflect great credit upon the skill of Mrs. Tucker as an artist.

The edition will be illustrated throughout with new cuts and engravings of Richmond and Contra Costa county. The descriptive matter of the edition will be supplied by the members of the club. Every industry of Richmond will be covered, and the city itself will be carefully gone over from the time of its birth until the present day. To go into detail and tell all that the edition will contain would require several columns, but further information will be given from time to time.

The edition, while it will bear the name of the Independent, will be the product of The Women's Improvement Club of Richmond. The Independent, will do all the mechanical work and no pains will be spared to make the edition a work of art. The papers will be printed on the Independent's fine big press, which is especially adapted for halftone work. Nothing like this edition will ever have been attempted in Contra Costa today, and the ladies with the assistance of the Independent, prepare to make their venture a success from the word go. The articles, with few

exceptions, will all be written by members of the club, and will prove interesting reading. The paper will in every respect be worthy of the city and of the club, whose members have always been untiring workers for the best interest of Richmond.

Mrs. Kate Smith has been selected for the position of general manager and already has her assistants hard at work. Mrs. F. G. Fall is editor-in-chief, and will be assisted by the best and most able writers selected from the membership of the club. Mrs. C. S. Gibson has charge of the advertising end of the work, and within a few days will have her solicitors, selected from the ranks of the club. in the field accruing advertising for the big edition. The committees have their work well under way already, and it is to be hoped that every person who can will take a hearty interest in the forthcoming edition and assist the ladies in making it the greatest advertising medium this paper has ever had. No less than --- copies will be issued, and even this number of copies is thought at this time to be insufficient.

The ladies who have this undertaking inhand are all worthy, and the people of Richmond, together with the advertisers, may look for something which will be lasting credit to Richmond and to the promoters of the enterprise.

WWIC Calendar:

April 2, 2002 the guest speaker will be Friends of the Library. A nominating committee will be appointed at this meeting to select a slate of officers for our election on May 7th. Pleas consider accepting a nomination to be an officer for the coming year.

May 7, 2002 will be election of officers. There will be no guest speaker. This will be a get acquainted meeting with our new members and officers.

June 4, 2002 our last meeting until September will be a "fun day". Suggestions are requested for a pot luck salad luncheon to be combined with a fashion show from the period 1908 to 2002. Ladies start scouring your trunks, attics, and closets and come dressed in fashions of that period

Allan's Point

By Allan Smith

Be careful walking in front of the Point After the recent fire in the Post Office! building, it left quite a mess on the sidewalk. Of course, it was a mess before the fire with the 20 newspaper, porno and periodical stands dominating the sidewalk. You can't get out of you car on the right side because of the stands. Every month I get a copy of "Bay Crossings", which is a wonderful and interesting periodical of the Bay Area maritime and ferry boat scene. Last Wednesday, I reached over to get a copy from the stand and someone velled, "Look out for second base!" Well, second base to me was always the dog and cat 'dew' that unforgiving dog and cat owners let their pets deposit. The one who yelled was TIM, a former baseball player, who owns the two, white cocker spaniels named Rocky and Mouse that are seen frequently around Point Richmond. Yes, I did reach second base.

Tim lives in the same apartment that several Point Richmond natives once occupied. M elvin H itch lived there with h is mother and brother, Ken during the 20'sand 30's; Al and Helene Frosini lived there when first married and Marcelina and I also lived there. The rent for the very large a partment with a bedroom, kitchen, living and dining room and even a Murphy bed was \$50 a month. Incidentally, Tim supervises the big boat shows which take place in the Bay Area.

The private parking lot on East Richmond Avenue is a favorite baseball diamond for some dogs. Their owners clean up "second base" sometimes during their exercise and elimination walk.

I've been resisting attending 'crab feeds' because each year we go to the one that the Pat McKinley Foundation in Richmond sponsors. I asked Brenda McKinley, Pat's mother, when the crab feed will take place and she informed me that the event will not take place this year. The McKinley Foundation sponsors many academic and recreational opportunities for Richmond youth.

Do you remember when the Salesian High School used to have an annual 'abalone feed' each year? What a deal that was! Mrs. Linda Sarri reminded me of the event as her sons attended the school. I do remember the Zarri's Delicatessen and Italian food store on MacDonald Avenue and 13th Street. They moved many years a go and now we have to travel to Albany for their delicious raviolis, cabala and perciutto. In the early Point Richmond Days, Josephine (Mateucci) Palenchar used to deliver raviolis to the Smith residence on Oregon Avenue. Mr. Joe Mateucci had the very popular Roma Hotel in the Point and raviolis was his specialty. Josephine is still in town and looking as pretty as ever.

I recently donated an item to our PRHA Museum. It was a cocktail (highball) glass from the Mariner's Inn located at 101 Park Place. The Bakery and Tom McGowan's office now occupy the space. The glass was last used in 1950 (if my memory is correct), and contained a little "Jack Daniels". The original Mariners Inn used to be located on Standard Avenue down by the refinery offices. Mariners Inn was the last place a seaman

visited before going to the Standard Oil Long Wharf to catch his ship; it was also the first place he stopped at after completing his voyage. Liz ran the place.

I also recently donated a panoramic photo of very early Point Molate and Winehaven, the PRHA has had it beautifully framed, come by and see it and the cocktail glass in the museum.

Mystery Photo

The Mystery Photo that was published in the February/March, 2002 issue of TPIT was that of a ships Captain and one of his young crew. The Captain is unknown and the young seaman is Don Church of Point Richmond. Don came to the Point at the age of two and attended all local Richmond schools. Don went to 'sea' at an early age and became a Marine Engineer and served on Standard Oil Tankers before transferring to the Pipe Line Dept. and later to the Richmond Refinery until his retirement. As a young boy growing up in the Point, Don

always carried a camera. I wonder if it was a "brownie"? I was fortunate to receive several photograph albums which contained many photographs of early Point Richmond from the estate of the late Don Church.

When Donna Roselius organized the Point Richmond History Association, she took the Don Church photographs albums and teamed with Standard Oil Company (Chevron) to have the photos enlarged to 8" X 10" and negatives retained by both the PRHA and Chevron. This has become the foundation of the PRHA photo archives to which more has been added. So, go down to the Museum on Thursday or Saturday and reminisce. All the photos whose archive numbers end with "DC" are from those Don Church albums.

TPIT Editor Gary Shows and I agreed that if it is possible we should credit an entire issue of this newsletter in memory of Don Church and his family. Don's son, Russell, resides in Arizona and daughter Marilyn lives in Santa Clara.

The Richmond Union High School Graduating Class of 1939 Celebrated Their 62nd Class Reunion last October at the Richmond Golf Club.

The Point Richmond students who were in that 1939 class were:

- 1. Lupe Avila
- Ila Baker
- 3. Theodore Beck
- 4. Ruth Dingle
- 5. Pauline Spiersch
- 6. Frank Moscrop
- 7. Regina Cunan
- 8. Mervin Kelleghan
- 9. John Bailo
- 10. William Koopman

- 11. Richard Ervin
- 12. Helen Esser
- 13. Raymond Silva
- 14. Lois Peck
- 15. Raymond O'Brien
- 16. Robert Leist
- 17. Eleanor Kelleghan

Maxine Johnson and James Eakle later became Point Richmond residents for many years. James Eakle was the Senior Class President and was also one of the four graduation speakers. His topic was "Against Indifference in the Oblication of Citizenship". Ruth Dingle was the Senior Class Secretary and Jim Eakle was Vice President of the Honor Society.

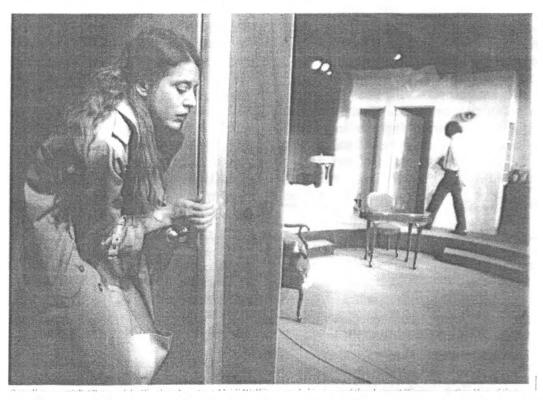
Communicating Doors

A Review by Marge Harmon

"Communicating Doors," a farce by Alan Ayckbourn, opened at The Masquers on March 29th and will run through May 4th. It's wildly improbable plot draws the audience into a world of murder, intrique and the supernatural. Time travel? Why not? Murder most foul? Of course. And do we laugh at the twists and turns of the plot? Naturally.

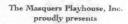
The Masquers give a superb performance. Heidi Wolff is outstanding as Poopay, the somewhat tarnished sex specialist, whose life takes a surprising twist.

For a delightful evening, this is a play not to be missed.



Outcall sex specialist Poupee (ako Phoebe; aka actress Heidi Wolff) cowers behind one of the aberrant "Communicating Doors" that shuttle her twenty years into the past and a murder plot that concerns her closely.

Masquers photo by Jerry Telfer





Directed by Serena Anderson

Assistant Director/Stage Manager: Jennifer Jobes

Costume Design: Serena Anderson

Lighting Design: Debbi Sandmann

Makeup & Wigs: Robert Love

Production Manager: Pat Nelson

Properties: Joyce Hughes

Set Design: Rob Bradshaw

Sound/Music Design: Gary Howes

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By Bibliotek Thursday, May 16th

5:00 - 7:00

Complimentary Food

Live Entertainment all around the

Triangle

Entertainment for the Kids in the

Square.

Don't miss this event sponsored by

the Point Richmond Business

Association.

It's short but sweet!

March 29 - May 4

Box Office opens half hour before curtain

Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00

Sunday matinees at 2:30 on April 7, 21, 28

All seats \$12

For reservations call 510-232-4031

Chinese New Year



NUMBER 13- Lucky? or Unlucky?

They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or many hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, s13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid on a dollar bill, 13 letters in the Latin above, 13 letters in "E PLURIBUS UNUM," 13 stars above the Eagle, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and if you look closely, 13 arrows.

Al Bernes

Cards and Letters

Dear Gary:

I would like to tell you what a great job you do with TPIT and all the people who write the memories, etc. plus the working volunteers.

I have a problem, I haven't received my TPIT for February/March. I called the P.O. but they weren't helpful. Could you please give an idea of the dates that you mail to us out of state, then I could know when to expect it. I don't like to miss any of the newsletter's as I read it from cover to cover right away. They are so good!

I always enjoy Allan Smith's articles. In my memory, we used to play sand lot ball next to his home and across from "Ardell's". In my neighborhood in Bemidji we had sand lot ball when my kids were little and us parents played too. It was a fun time for all.

I am enclosing a clipping of our BSU College on the shores of beautiful Lake Bemidji. I just traded the bay for the lake. Our town and Lake Bemidji was named after and Indian Chief and there is a statue of him on the shores looking out to the lake. I life just north of the college and 4 blocks from Lake Benidji. I use d to take my kids to the lake so they could enjoy it.

Bemidji is a regional center, population of 11,971. I have lived here 56 years and love it with all the forests. The falls are so pretty, I have 26 trees on my 2 lots in the city limits. I now can't make up my mind which season I like best they are so special each year. Buy my heart will always belong to the Point, just like the Tony Bennett song "I left my heart in San Francisco".

Happy Easter, June A. (Kunkel) Blackburn Bemidji, MN

Really wonderful to hear from you June! We mail all the newsletters at the same time from a Richmond Post Office. Local issues are usually delivered the very next day, elsewhere in the state about a week, other states take about four weeks. I can't image where they sit for all this time. I will send you another copy though as it has been about six weeks.

Gary



Dear Mr. Shows:

The enclosed small book was given to my father, Ira Rentfro, when he began working at the Shipyard Number 3 in Point Richmond in May 1942. The subjects in the book would help to acquaint new employees with the different departments and working surroundings. Perhaps all new employees received on the these books.

I spoke on the phone with Mr. Cerkanowicz about the interst in the book. Thank you for the opportunity to share it.

Sincerely, LaVerne Rentrfo Woolman Rescue, CA

Thank you LaVerne for sharing! We sincerely appreciate all of the artifacts you have sent and rest assured that they will be well cared for and shared with all interested.

Gary

Because a portion of the major motion picture titled "The Sweetest Thing" was filmed in the Point and caused major disruption to our day to day business, the production company awarded \$50,000.00 to the community, the funds were fairly distributed by an impartial committee.

Below are their decisions:

Group & Project

•	Trails for Richmond Action Committee: Restoration of Boat Ramp Street	\$5,000	
•	Envision Richmond: Plan & conduct visioning workshop		
•	Friends of the Richmond Library: Pilot school-age reading activities		
•	 POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION: HISTORY KIOSK 		
•	Masquers Playhouse: Historical Façade Renovation		
•	PT. RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION: HISTORICAL PLAQUES	2,000	
•	Point Richmond Association of Moms: Community Center Renovation		
	Suzhou Restaurant: History Mural		
•	Golden State Model RR Museum: Baggage Car Remodel and Relocation		
•	Landscapes for Learning: Washington School Outdoor Space Development	12,000	

"The Sweetest Thing" is a romantic comedy starring Cameron Diaz, Christina Applegate, Thomas Jane, Selma Blair, Parker Posey and Jason Baterman and opens on Friday, April 12th, should be fun to see our downtown on the big screen.



Thank you to Claudia for baking cookies for the Easter Egg Dying Contest on March 30, 2002.

Also thanks to David, Marsha, Jerry and Eric (from the City of Richmond) for their tireless efforts making this annual event work.

Deaths

Nicasio Abido Calvan, died on February 20, 2002. A long time Atchison Village resident,he is survived by his wife of 51 years, Ramona; his 6 children, Linda Drake, Mary Ella Ruiz, Shirley Ann Martinez, Nicholas Calvan, Jr., Estella Olsen, and Josephine Orozco; his sister, Emerita Cirnatu; 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Nick was a Chevron Retiree and Chevron Radio Alert/Television Monitoring System, and belonged to many organizations. Funeral services were held at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church where he was a member.





This Washington School 1956-1957 Class Picture is from Allan Smith. He Recognizes Judy Forbes, Gary Encinas, Pat McKinley and Buddy Beardley.

Birthdays! April

LOOF LIRPA
Kathy Barnes
Roberta Palfini
Bruce Bartram
Karilu Crain
Dori Freitas
Tara Kaufman
Ruth Wilson
Paula Israeli
Anna Schwarz
Pam Wilson
Don Amantite

Joel Peterson

Lori Meister
Charlotte Knox
Donna Diaz
Monica Doherty
Eric Hoiland
William Kretzmer
Melissa Driscoll
Alison Lord
John Maxwell
Sharon Mertle
Taylor Bradshaw
Carol MacDiarmid
Gordon Miller

By Britistal ary Corbin
Darian Peckham
Robert James Palfini
Terry Downey
David Bradshaw
Sherri Mertle
Roberta Jenkins Smith
Charline Barni
David Roth
Cindy Quist
Joni Loux Emerson



Patricia Dornan
Gene Bielawski
Douglas Corbin
Bob Peckham
Diana Corbin
Diana Spinola
Richard Mattuecci
Becky Horn
Jon Doellstedt
Sarah Eeles
Lucretia Edwards
Betty Wirth
Vern Doellstedt

Lyle Fisher
Sandra Loux Fuller
Maurice Doherty
Muriel Clausen
Ruth Beardsley
Nell Brooker
Varsie Lometti
Wini Jones
Julian Smith
Adolph Higuera
Anne-Catherine Hadreas
Marg Miller
Ann Hanzlik

Ann Hanzlik Shoney Gustafson Winifred Boziki
David MacDiarmid
Jack Murray
Jackson Bradshaw
Norm Reynolds
Sophia Dolberg - 1 year old
Laura Beckerley
John Knox, Jr.
Diana McIntosh
Dale Huffstetter
Mary L. Roth
John Granado

Tonita Avila Granado

Exclusive - Over 90 Club

Mae Mandl Pina Barbieri Ruth Wood Mark M. Gebhart

Rena Gonsalves

Bernard Bernes Willard Spiersch William Kollar Thelma Hecker Harvey

Alice Helseth Clara Christopher Loux Let us know if we have missed anyone.



GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY

900 Dornan Drive, Miller/Knox Regional Park. Interested in Museum Membership? Business Meetings and Workshop on Friday's 7-10 PM. 510-234-4884.

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE

"Communicating Doors" Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, March 29th through May Fourth. Sunday Matinees at 2:30 on April 7, 21 and 28. Tickets are \$12. Reservations 510-232-4031.

Dinner at the Hotel Mac and "Doors" on May 2nd for \$28. Call 510-236-4988 for reservations.

Annual Point Richmond Town Wide Garage Sale. Monday May 27, (Memorial Day) 9:30 to 4:00. This is a Masquers benefit, call David Vincent for information on how to participate, 510-235-4850.

POINT RICHMOND ASSOCIATION OF MOTHERS (PRAM)

Mondays, at 7:00 PM; , December 11 on Mondays at 7 PM, Methodist Church, 201 Martina Street. Information on meetings call 273-9959.

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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

POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER/FIELD HOUSE & PLUNGE

Info: 233-6881

POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION

General Meeting on May 19th at 2:00pm, 900 Dornan Drive will include a special tour of the Golden State Model Railroad Museum, Refreshments will be served.

The deadline for the Summer issue of TPIT is Friday May 24, 2002.

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Meets last Wednesday each month, Pt Richmond Community Center; 7:30 P.M Contact: Rod Satre, President, 232 5059.

RICHMOND ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND

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

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

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

WOMEN'S WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Contact: Alyce Williamson, President at 234-6167

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