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East Brother Lighthouse & Bed and Breakfast



From the President

By Mid Dornan

As you read and enjoy TPIT our volunteers continue to research and try to answer your many questions as well as to provide information. Matt Davis, a Preservation Planner with an Architectural Resource Group, is interested in information regarding the Pacific Molasses Boiler at Terminal 4. Did you ever work there? Know of anyone who did? You can call Pat Pearson at 510-234-2532 or write to 139-1/2 Washington Avenue, Point Richmond, CA 94801. Your memories often provide the answers to keeping history alive, your old photographs do the same but also give often very entertaining visual links to the past. Please share both your memories and your old photographs with the Point Richmond History Association.

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*"At Attention" Washington
School Patrol:*

***Bruce Bartram, Donald
Bill, Tommie Kenny, Herbie
Bill and Jim Wilson***

Thanks Pat!



Thank you members for your renewal:

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Gary W. Darling Family
Spiro Cakos**
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Point Richmond Market

For selling
“THIS POINT.....in time”
For us



Museum Hours:

Saturday 11:30-2:00 pm

Thursday 11:30-2:00 pm

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

- Betty Dornan
- Bruce and Ann Bartram
- Pat Pearson
- Mid Dornan
- Bonnie Jo Cullison
- Susan Brooks
- Sonja Darling
- Margaret Morkowski

In Memory
Bruce Bartram
1924 - 2010

The Cover:

Nice picture of Brothers Light Station at night, most of our Brothers Light Station pictures are from Brothers Light Station archives and are courtesy of Tom Butt.

Editor's Notes

Gary Shows (510-235-1336)

A sincere thank you to everyone who, helped offered to help, prayed, sent good wishes or just cared a lot. People were just unbelievably supportive during our ordeal of Jerry's major surgery. We are very grateful to our family, friends and neighbors. Thankfully, he continues to recover.

I failed to thank Don Woodrow for suggesting the theme for our last issue, "Castro Point Railway". Don is a member of the Pacific Locomotive Association and thought that our readers would enjoy reading it, which I think they did, so thanks Don!

I once again ask your indulgence because between my nursing duties and my store I was not able to give this issue the time that I usually do. Please forgive any typos or things that just do not look right. Hope to be in good form again for the next issue.

In spite of the above it seems like this issue is taking forever to finish!

The deadline for articles and items for the next issue is January 21, 2011.



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A-Mid Trivia

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Q: Why was the first week in November picked for national elections?

ANSWER at end of Trivia

The last day in October used to mark the end of Daylight Savings Time, but that stopped in 2007. Now the “Fall back” occurs the first Sunday in November, that is November 7th this year.

Mary Highfill is the latest Point Richmonder to move to Bay Park Residence in Pinole. Just before her move, she “stopped to rest (!) for a few days at Richmond Kaiser with pneumonia!” Mary, who is going to keep our Museum planter with flowers now?

After weeks in ICU in Kaiser Hospital, Oakland, Jerry Cerkanowicz is finally home in the Point with nurses, therapists and Gary assisting his rehab back to good health.

Sign of diversity. My latest Health provider notice came with an option in 14 different languages.

Why do our Contra Costa County Tax payments go via mail to San Francisco?

Sarah Thompson had the lead in the Fall Production “Sorry Wrong Number” at Salesian High school in October. This is the second year Sarah has had a lead in their plays.

Grandchildren are your reward for not killing your children.

Friends and family are wishing Karla Tedrick Petersen a successful return to health after her latest Breast Cancer Chemo treatments.

Then there is the person who gets a regular

monthly pension. The money may not be much but the working conditions are terrific! Also, why is it that when you retire and time is no longer so important, they give you a watch?

Congratulations to Diane Frary and Jonathan Swett who recently celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary.

The reason that people can remember the “good old days” is that there were so few of them.

Judy Buhlis’s trip to Costa Rica provided a hilarious version of the visit via e-mail that touched on the taxi rides, overflow toilets etc. while, in fact, she spent most of the time in the hospital with pneumonia.

Pat Dornan and Linda Pereira returned after three weeks in Peru, the Amazon Rain Forest and the Galapagos enjoying their recent retirement.

If you missed Susan Brooks it was because she was enjoying a couple weeks in Italy. But, she was back in time to help with the OLM Pancake breakfast!

It is flu season. Have you had your vaccination? Every year a different flu vaccine is brewed to match the constantly changing flu strains that circle the globe.

The Victorian Tea fund raiser of the United Methodist Women brought out women in hats, gloves, fur stoles and fun clothes. Young and old had a ladies day out and bonded with those at their table. So successful, patrons left hoping there would be another Tea!

The Richmond Yacht Club presented checks from their Richmond Riviera Regatta to four Richmond organizations. The event brought in \$25,000 and was given to the Bay Area Rescue Mission, Richmond Emergency Food Pantry, Rubicon Programs and YES, Youth enrichment Strategies All local programs.

Dodi Perry has been once again hospitalized for hand surgery.

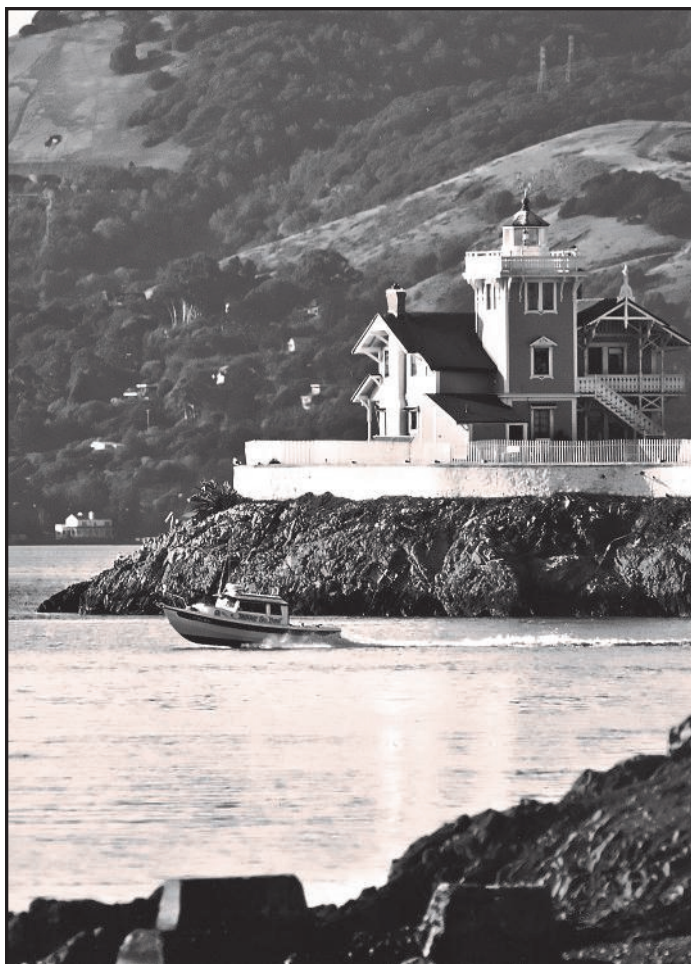
Have you seen the Kaiser commercial with the little kids discussing ‘Where do babies come from?’ At last, a commercial that makes you smile! AND, a break from politics!

People will buy anything that’s one to a customer.

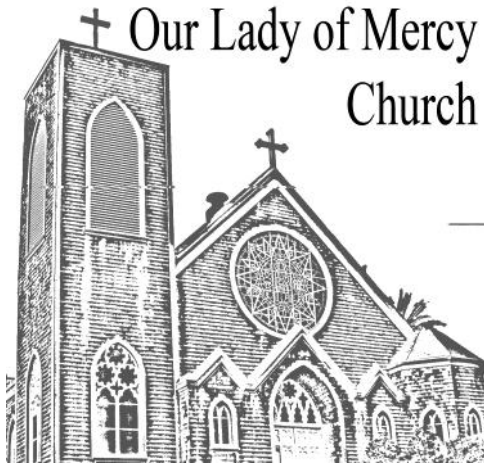
How long does it take a pedestrian to cross a street? Instead of assuming that you can cover 4 feet per second, the new Federal standards applied in California will slow the pace to 3.5 feet per second. This means motorist will face longer red lights and local agencies will have to upgrade old equipment which could cost thousands. The change is expected within the next two years.

ANSWER: Because it came after the harvests and before the roads got too gummed up to make it into town. An 1945 law set the time.

View from the water, image is from the East Brother Lighthouse, Inc.



Church News



† Our Lady of Mercy
Church

By Dee Rosier

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GO GIANTS – and they did just that by capturing the World Series – YAHOO!!

Congratulations to Father O'Rourke who celebrated his 53rd year in the Dominican order. Trying to keep up with him is another thing. He made another trip to Lithuania, but also found time to visit family in Rhode Island. He is in the learning stages with his new IMac which he describes as 165 pounds of walking amazement. The goal now is for him to remember all the details and continue being amazed.

After a few days of rain, the shingle project has begun. While the scaffolding is up and the shingles are off, the exposed wood trim will also be painted. Several substantial donations have been received in order to defer the cost. We thank those that have donated and continue to be receptive of new ones. The framing on the side door entry will be replaced by a wider door in order to facilitate entry for coffins; as well the side door to the church hall is warped and will also be replaced.

Father's 17-year Pathfinder with 185,000 miles

underwent major surgery which Father describes as being equivalent to a new hip, knee, shoulder, etc.

All Souls Day was celebrated on November 1. In keeping with tradition, envelopes are available for listing the names which you wish remembered. The envelopes are placed on the altar for the month of November and the deceased remembered in daily masses. Father recently authored an article on All Souls Day for The Catholic Voice.

During the month of September, several young children received their First Holy Communion. Thanks are extended to Margaret Morkowski in preparing these children for the Sacrament.

There is a new freezer in the church hall and you must remember not to put the makings for coffee/donuts Sunday in it. The mistake was made and instead of orange juice, we had orange slush's.

The last of the pancake breakfasts was held in October. They have proven to be a great source of additional income, as well as a social get together. Look for them to resume in the spring. Our thanks to all who volunteer their time to the endeavor – great job!

The daytime bible study class remains on hold until a new facilitator steps forward. Vince Kafka kept us together for a number of years, but has decided to step down. Thanks Vince for sharing your views and knowledge.

We continue to support the Souper Kitchen with volunteers and money. Should you be cleaning your closets and making room for your winter clothing, anything you wish to discard can be delivered to the church and it will be donated to the Souper Kitchen. Thanks to Edwina Murray who delivers the donations.

As soon as all the new registrations are received, a new church directory will be published.

We are indebted to a good neighbor who drags a long hose from the side of the rectory across the street to water the newly planted trees.

It is November and the start toward the season that comes much too quickly. Plans are presently in the making for the Christmas liturgies.

A memorable wedding was recently held which included many parish roots. The bride, Tiffany Banks, is the great granddaughter of Captain and

Mrs. Banks. The parents of the groom, Peter Martin were married at Our Lady of Mercy in 1978. The Banks name appears on one of the stained glass windows. The Latin missal on the altar of St. Joseph was presented in 1938 by a group Mrs. Banks directed. Peter is a Richmond police officer and Tiffany a fire fighter, thus the wedding was held mid-week.

Varsi Lometti is residing in an Orinda care facility.

Congratulations to Marcellina Smith who welcomed her second granddaughter on the 4th of July.

It was delightful to see Marie Peckham visiting Pt. Richmond. She continues to express happiness in her new location.

Congratulations to Barney Dietz who celebrated his 96th birthday. Barney is a frequent participant in the daytime bible study group and offers his Lutheran views.

It was a memorable day for those of us that accompanied Katherine Workman via limo to enjoy seeing the Peter Pan production in San Francisco.

Condolences to Fred Siegmund in the recent death of his father.

Condolences to the Young family in the death of Cynthia's father, George Clarke.

The parish council meeting was cancelled in order that some of the members could work the election board – Susan Brooks, Margaret Morkowski, Brenda McKinley and Dee Rosier. It

was a welcome sight to see Anna Schwarz voting.

Get well wishes to Dody Perry who recently experienced yet another surgery. Continue to remember in your prayers: Al Frosini, John Gerk, Frankie Mello, Katherine Workman, Bill Smith, as well as previous parishioner, Steve Shaffer.

May you find yourselves in the loving company of family and friends during the holidays.

DEAR LORD:

SO FAR TODAY, I AM DOING ALL RIGHT.

I HAVE NOT GOSSIPED, LOST MY TEMPER,

BEEN GREEDY, GRUMPY, NASTY, SELFISH,

OR SELF-INDULGENT. I HAVE NOT WHINED,

COMPAINED, CURSED, OR EATEN ANY CHOCOLATE.

I HAVE CHARGED NOTHING ON MY CREDIT CARD.

BUT, SOON I WILL BE GETTING OUT OF BED, AND

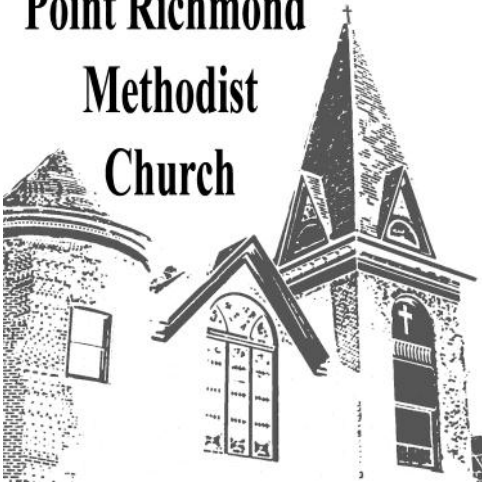
I THINK THAT I WILL REALLY NEED YOUR HELP

THEN.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH



Point Richmond Methodist Church



By Jean Reynolds

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"Tea, anyone?" The United Methodist Women held a Victorian tea with two seating times on October 16. Friendship Hall was draped in lace; Elegantly attired attendees nibbled dainty delectables from fine china whilst engaging in polite conversation. It was a sight to behold! Kristi Johnson, Fran Smith and Doreen Leighton masterminded the event, aided by others who served, decorated and prepared food.

The Angel Choir sang and danced the morning message for worship on October 17. Sarah, Lillian, Kelsey, Bethany, Liam, Adam, David, Christine, Pastor Dan, Alice and Jean were the Angel Choir. Everyone was swathed in fall colors, and the grace of the dancers was breathtaking. We were honored to have Benoni and Marlyn Silva-Netto, parents of Christine, attend on that day. They departed for the Philippines later that week where Ben will teach at a seminary: his new career in retirement after serving as district superintendent in our CA-NV Annual Conference.

The Joyful Noise choir sang a song in Persian as part of worship on October 17 and then again for a video recording to be broadcast to residents of Ashraf City, Iraq. Our Iranian-American friends

shared stories of the threats their friends and family members face in Ashraf City, and asked us to sing to offer them hope. Pastor Dan's sermon on October 24 was videotaped and sent, too, but not in Persian.

Some of the Sunday school children did a bit of reverse Trick or Treating this year. After their knock on Halloween, they gave the person who answered the door a treat. The treat was a chunk of Fair Trade chocolate and came with a card to explain why it is better to buy chocolate labeled Fair Trade: it certifies that no child labor is used to produce the candy and assures the farmers who grow cacao get a fair price for their crop. We passed out the cards in worship, too, so we all have more to consider when we get a craving for chocolate.

We prepared Russ Johnson's special recipe chicken pasta for residents at the GRIP shelter on October 5. Broccoli, salad, garlic bread and chocolate chip cookies rounded out the meal. Russ and Kristi Johnson, Kay Mink, Helen Wysham and Jean Reynolds got to use the industrial kitchen at the shelter. About seventy-five people enjoyed our efforts. It was the beginning of our promise to serve a dinner there every quarter. GRIP has an on-going need for volunteers to contribute food or cook dinner to serve families housed at the shelter.

Alma McCartney passed away in October. Her memorial service was held in Lafayette, CA, on October 29. Pastor Dan officiated. Alma or "Sis" as we knew her, attended our church for many years, and was always cheery with a kind word. She and husband Wally were involved in the Benicia Old Town Theater, and Alma would sparkle to tell about the latest show. All who knew her will miss her loving spirit.

A celebration for the life of Edward (George) Squires will be Sunday, November 21, 1:00 p.m., at the church. Ed lived in Point Richmond until recent years, and was a member of the church. He was handy with tools, and one summer agreed to lead a project at Vacation Bible School to make birdhouses. He carefully selected aged wood for the project so birds would think the houses looked safe, cut all the parts in advance, and patiently

explained the steps to the children. It was no small effort, and most children persevered to hammer and nail them together. What a gift Ed's life was!

Concerts: Amphion Music Society had a concert meeting at the church on September 19. The Vera Breheda Trio played September 26. Pastor Dan said they "probably played the best classical music he had ever heard at the church." The Point Richmond Acoustic Music Series staged a concert on October 17, with two singer-song-writer duos: Billy and Jeni, and Bev Barnett and Greg Newlon. Attendance was light but the music was fine! What a great venue for an intimate audience/performer sound connection!

Pat Dornan explained in church recently about Helen Valentine's penny savings: Helen saved all of her pennies for Heifer International. After she died, her daughter gave Pat the coins Helen had so far. We are adding our spare change to a pie plate in Helen's memory. The money collected will be given to Heifer to buy chickens (they provide eggs), fruit trees and grain for planting: some ingredients for baking a pie since Helen was our favorite Pie Lady. The campaign is off to a good start; the children who attend worship love dumping tubs of coins in the pie plate.

On the Calendar:

Thanksgiving Interfaith Worship Service:

Thursday, November 25, 11:30 a.m.

Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner:

November 25, Noon to 2:00 p.m. Sit down and let the Point Richmond businesses and church community serve you a complete Thanksgiving feast! Contact Deby McFadyen at dsmcfadyen@hotmail.com to help or contribute.

Saturday, December 11, 7:00 p.m. Christmas

Concert: This year we meet at El Sobrante United Methodist Church, 670 Appian Way, El Sobrante. Enter on Argyle Road. The Joyful Noise Choir, the El Sobrante Adult Choir, Hand bell Choir, Band, soloists and other musical guests will perform.

December 18, Bake Sale 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Delicious holiday baked goods for your family enjoyment or parties. Probably in the lobby of Interactive Resources on Park Place, but signs on

the day of the event will point the way. Check the website to be sure as the event approaches so you don't miss out!

December 24, Jazz Christmas Eve, 7:00 p.m. Come early for seating in the sanctuary.

Pt. Richmond Acoustic Concerts: Tickets are \$12.50 general, \$10 senior and student

TERESA TUDURY and special guest

CHRISTOPHER SMITH, Nov. 14, 4pm

PETER CASE - Friday, December 3, 8 pm

STEVIE COYLE - Sunday, January, 4 pm

See details about the performers on the new website:

www.folkunlimited.com

For updates to the church calendar, find us on the web courtesy of David Moore of Sincere Designs:
<http://www.pointrichmond.com/methodist>

POINT METHODIST CHURCH HISTORY

Mid Dornan

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

MARCH 20, 1928

The Social League met in the Church parlors Mar 19th with Mrs. Daisy Jenkins and Mrs. Kibbo as hostesses. Meeting opened repeating the Lord's prayer by Mrs. Ida Mae Jones Pres!

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

A letter of appreciation was read by Mrs. Jones from the Official Board and Rev. Prince thanking the Ladies for the linoleum in the kitchen.

Balance on hand 27.98

Mrs. Jenkins dollar social 1.00

Mrs. Jenkins allowed on meat .60

Following paid dues

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WWIC, Est. 1908

Margaret Morkowski

The Ladies of the Womens Westside Improvement Club returned from their summer break and held their first meeting on Tuesday September 14th at the Point Richmond Methodist Church Friendship Hall. Connie Lompa, our new President welcomed the ladies. Connie introduced the new officers for the year. They are Connie Lompa, President; Nancy Struck, Vice-President; Diane Marie, Secretary and Sonja Darling, Treasurer. Jane Vandenburg will be our correspondent for the History Association's This Point in Time Newsletter.

Connie has added a new agenda item to the meeting titled "News of the Members" and the first "news" was the marriage of Nancy Burns getting married on Saturday, September 25th. Congratulations Nancy. Other good news included Jane Vandenburg's selection to attend a 6 week artists' retreat in Woodland with all expenses paid... an opportunity to work on her writing projects. Other exciting news, Mary Highfill moving into the retirement same retirement home with Anna Schwarz, Amelia Drake and Marion Voight... it's a great place and the food is awesome

Norma Wallace, chair of the Sunshine Committee, reported that the current committee members included Linda Newton, Altha Humphrey, Kathy Kiehn, Martha Bielawski, Jane Vandenburg, Diane Hirano, Susan Brooks and Margaret Morkowski. Their projects include knitting lap robe/shawls for club members and friends, providing transportation to club meetings, visiting with club members, organizing quarterly restaurant adventures and delivering desserts after meetings... we call it the "Buddy" system. Call any of the committee members for more information

It was announced that our Holiday party will be held during our December 4th meeting. The price will be \$15. Please RSVP to Altha at 232-2934 by December 1st.

Our October 5th meeting was a meeting for the history books... that is none of us can recall having invited all of the City of Richmond Mayor Canadates to come and speak with us. After the ladies and our enjoyed salad, lasagna and dessert for lunch, all three of the Canadates, John Ziesenhenné, Nat Bates and Gayle McLaughlin provided introductory remarks. The Mayor left but John and Nat answered questions and talked with the ladies. It was a very successful, informal and informative event. We think we may make this a new tradition for our 102 year old club.

Following the program, Alice Devanel, Recreation Coordinator with the City of Richmond, invited the ladies to attend the new Adult Art classes for \$10/classes, held in the Community Center

The Women of the United Methodist Church held a fund raising Tea, on Saturday, October

16th here in Friendship Hall. Proceeds will go to the purchase of round tables and new chairs for the Hall. Many of our members contributed or attended the tea and a good time was had by all. We are excited about this new project.

All are invited to attend any of our meetings. They usually take place on the first Tuesday of the month with lunch beginning at 11:30 am followed by a program and then a business meeting. Please call for additional information and to confirm the meeting date.. Have a grand and safe Holiday Season.

During the period I lived in Point Richmond (1916-1930) there was a sizable hill about a block south of Cutting Blvd. near 23rd Street. This hill was later completely removed and the area used for industrial buildings

Harold Shawl

Out and About Town

Margaret Morkowski (510) 234-4219

Wow, Halloween has already come and gone but not before “450 plus” first through sixth graders from Washington School participated in the Annual Halloween Parade though the Point Richmond Business District. Police Officers on motor cycles with lights flashing, kept the little ones, their parents and teachers safe. The principal, Lisa Levi as well as the business owners were all concerned that rain would cancel... but guess what, the rain stopped 35 minutes before the parade started. Talk about cutting it close. There would have been a lot of disappointed people around and I’m not just talking about the children. Many, many of the business owners “dress-up” for this great event, the teachers too. It was a lot of fun.



The **Washington School Many Hands Project** (residents and business owners in the Point who donate funds to each teacher for supplies and for special programs) had a great time “Partying on the Bay” at David and Jeri Janes home. The Many Hands Project Board would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the fun event for teachers and attendees alike. Donations were less than usual this year because of the economy, but it isn’t too late for you to contribute and receive your “apple.” For more information, please call me at 234-4219.



Up-Coming Events:

-November 25th is Thanksgiving Day and Point Richmond Business Association (PRBA) is organizing the Point Richmond **Turkey Shoot**. Bring your goats, dogs, birds, vintage vehicles, your friends and your family for this “awe inspiring annual event.” We meet in front of the **Plunge** at **10 am**. Then we’re off to The Spot for the poetry

reading and the “Shoot.” This decades’ old tradition is a great little “activity” for Thanksgiving morning while the Turkey roasts. Please call Jake Smith at 231-4787 for more information.

-November 27th, Saturday, at dusk, the PRBA sponsors the Annual Point Richmond **Tree Lighting with Santa**. The evening begins with caroling, lead by the Point Richmond Methodist choir and includes refreshments and of course, an appearance by Santa. Many of the stores and restaurants will be open that evening so come and make a “night of it.” The celebration will be held in the Indian Statue Rose Garden. Call Jake at 231-4787 for more information.

-For an update on what’s new, call the **Point Richmond/West Side Branch Library at 620-6567** and the **Point Richmond Community Center at 233-6881**. Check the **Plunge** for Holiday hours too.

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

Happy and Safe Holidays to you all.



We'll Miss You Bruce!

Bruce and Ann were among my first friends when I arrived in the Point in August, 1946.. Having Bruce a part of the camaraderie around the table as we collated each issue of "THIS POINTin time" was extra meaningful as his 80 years of memories and stories made history come alive and factual. I'll miss his pixyish grin and the gleam in his eyes when I'd ask his opinion on what I knew was a controversial question. Bruce was dependable, loyal, and a forever friend. The History Association is fortunate to have had Bruce a part of the team and we will miss him. *Mid Dornan*

Bruce and I were in a club called The Vikings and the Scorpions. We would meet after Washington School in the Point at Bruce's house. With swords made out of wood and garbage can lids for shields, we would do battle (very dangerous). Bruce was a Viking and I was a Scorpion, Maybe 6 or 8 other kids also took part in our game. I believe they were Bob Dornan, the Smith kids and the Stark kids. I also remember being on the Washington school Traffic Patrol with Bruce. We took that seriously and were allowed to a free show on Saturday at the flea house on 5th Street on Macdonald Avenue in Richmond. *Jim Wilson*

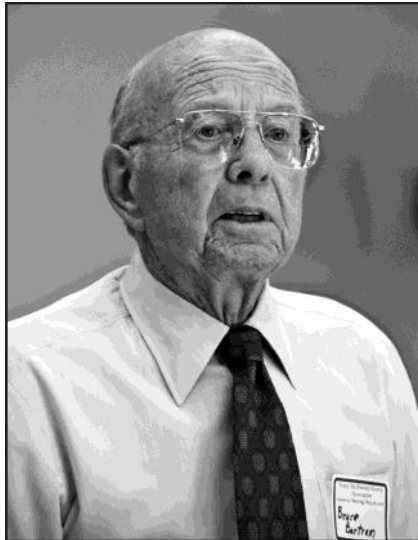
I was honored to know Bruce in his more elderly years. He was an especially polite, gracious, humble and caring man. To me this series of qualities make him very special person. I will miss him

at my kitchen table putting together TPIT newsletters and will miss his dropping by my store with Ann for his pen refills and office supplies. You did good Ann (and so did Bruce)! *Gary Shows*

I remember Bruce as a very sweet man. My most vivid memories are of him and Ann on PRHA newsletter put together nights, especially when we all leave. Almost every time, I turn on my headlights and in front of me are Bruce and Ann holding hands walking to their car. He'll be missed. *Pam Wilson*

My family connections to Bruce go way back to when his mother, Nora Westman, and my mother, Julia Waite, were in the first 8th grade graduation class from the "new" Washington School. I believe that was in 1913. Bruce was a good friend to my brothers Herbie and Donald Bill. They were Traffic Boys together, played together and carried newspapers together. Bruce was also a great comfort to the family when my mother died. Bruce and Ann have been good friends for many years. I shall truly miss him. *Pat Pearson*

Bruce was quiet but got things done, could always be counted on if he said he would do something. He was always friendly and enjoyed life. He was a big part of our history group and he will be greatly missed. *Sonja Darling*



Photo, Thomas Mercer-Hursh

Boy Scouting Celebrates 100 Years

Les Hathaway Remembers Boy Scouting in Point Richmond

Back in the 1950's, I don't think any of us Boy Scouts realized how fortunate we were to be in Bob Dornan's Point Richmond Troop 111. I remember the look of envy in the faces of other scouts in Richmond when they heard I was in Troop 111. They wanted to be in our troop, but they lived across town, so they had to join the "other" troops.

The first summer camp I attended was Camp Wolfboro in the Sierras. It was the only Boy Scout Camp available at that time. The following summer, our Scoutmaster, Bob Dornan announced that Troop 111 would not be going to Camp Wolfboro, but would be going to our own "Pioneer Camp". Bob, who owned the Richmond Supply Company had access to the necessary items needed to set up a camp in an unimproved area in the wilderness of Sierra County. He and some of the older scouts had gone and checked out the Gold Lake area and decided it would be a good place to go. I feel very blessed to have been a part of Bob's Troop 111, and our Pioneer Camp in Sierra County, California back in about 1956.

That first summer I went to the Pioneer Camp was one of the best memories I had of scouting. We were near Dugan's Pond where we could swim, fish and later, took kayaks. We hiked for miles to the top of the Sierra Buttes Ranger Station Lookout, elevation 8200 feet. We also hiked to nearby Saxon Lake, Young America Lake, and Deer Lake. Our tents were our home for the stay. Meals had to be cooked, dishes washed. Trips to Sand Pond were part of the program where we swam with "the public"! On one occasion, Johnny Blankenship and I were allowed to go on our own separate trip to Young America Lake and spend the night. Bob had erected a flagpole where we gathered and ceremoniously raised the American Flag each morning and lowered it in the evening. We learned to respect the American Flag, and were required to clean up before we left to go home. "Anything that didn't grow here will be picked up

and taken out with us", Bob would demand. I don't remember "plastic bags back then, so I guess it was taken out in "gunny sacks"!

The trip home was tougher than the trip going, since we didn't want to go home. Bob had a vintage 1948 Chevrolet stake bed truck that held the troop of scouts, all their backpacks and anything else that would fit, such as supplies or building materials. It was about 220 miles and over 4 hours. Gas fumes would surround us on occasion, but we all survived. In looking back, I don't think such a thing would be allowed today.

Back home we had our weekly scout meeting that we attended on Monday night. I think we all went just to be able to play "poison rag" after the ritual of the meeting. Some of us had "sleep-overs" in the church basement. I am really not sure if they were authorized or not, but we had a lot of fun, and played a lot of poker! We had "Paper Drives" where we would gather at Bob's warehouse and roll up newspapers to be sold. In thinking back, I don't know who bought them, but we earned money for our troop. We also had "Donut Sales", planted trees in the Point, worked with Bob on the Pancake Breakfast every year, and we attended church, at least on Scout Sunday. If we were not there, we better have a real good reason.

My only regret is that I didn't apply myself and attain the rank of Eagle Scout. My thanks go out to Duke Nissen, Bob Craig, Ed Morrison and Carl Jenkins for visiting Bob Dornan that night in 1950 and asking him to be their Scoutmaster.



Photo Gallery

East Brother Lighthouse & Bed and Breakfast



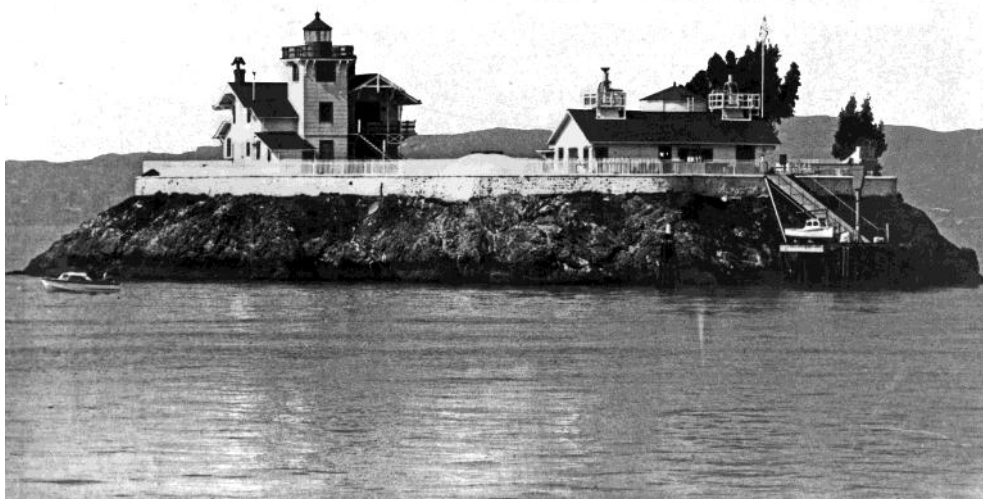
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25th Annual Putnam County SPELLING BEE *at the Masquers*

A review by Theresa de Valencé, TdeV@bstw.com

Is this the season for *silly*? Exactly six years ago for my first TPIT review, I watched **David Irving** metamorphose into a dog. This time his face contorts with petulance, his feet fly, and he shoes his way into our hearts.

The *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is a fun show suitable for youth and adults alike and plays at the Masquers until Dec. 18th. The show is directed by **John Maio** with music direction by **Pat King** and was written by **Rachel Sheinkin** with music and lyrics by **William Finn**. The music is ably executed by **Wesley Asakawa**, **Barbara Kohler**, **Jo Lusk**, **Dean Starnes**, **Patrice Young** and **Pat King**.

With song comes dance. Thanks to Choreographer **Katie Kimball**.

I am fascinated by the dexterity involved in designing sets—often little details bring the set to life. The basketball lines on the floor give us the familiar soupçon of sweaty socks found in most middle school gymnasiums. The posted signs remind us of how much life was lived in harness then. Well done by **John Hull** and crew.

As the show opens, the stage is flooded with light and a lump of undifferentiated strangers—difficult with so many new faces. The actors are then further augmented by members of the audience. *Photo by Jerry Telfer.*

Miss Rona Lisa Peretti (**Shay Oglesby-Smith**) is a teacher. She's also a former champion, achieved no doubt by the rigid control in which she keeps her hair, her dress, her figure, and, her thoroughly positive attitude. She has the strained perfection of a beauty contestant complete with gushing, vacuous enthusiasm. Her voice is outstanding.

The other judge is Vice-Principal Douglas Panch (**Michael Sally**). Within moments I was

sucked back into my high school years and my clashes with the administration. As an adult I've felt I'd overdramatized high school life, but I see now I was right. Mr. Panch is every bit as denigrating and self-aggrandizing as I remember. He leers. He's a tedious twit. His near death from apoplexy is a start in the right direction, but he's goes on . . . and on. Awfully funny!

Mitch Mahoney (**Gregg Klein**) is the third adult and an assistant for the Bee, though he's a hoodlum complete with motorcycle insignia. For Gregg it's easy to look huge and intimidating; he's impressive staring down his nose at lesser beings. But, when he sings *forte*, I can't help loving him, so Mitch's thuggery gets less menacing. Gregg's rôle as a chef is amusing. I do hope such successful characters means he plans to be onstage again soon.

Early on we're told that wining the Spelling Bee is largely accidental, and attitudes about winning vary by gender, but we don't believe either stereotype any more than the "kids" do. We feel the pressure as each contestant is cowed by rivals. Each reacts differently to the pressure, but most start ill at ease and tongue-tied.

One by one, these middle schoolers reveal themselves to us—we see what made and drives them. This is sometimes sad, but mostly silly. We have many opportunities for laughter.

Chip Tolentino (**Tony Gardner**, photo, #21) is a handsome boy, nearly a man—with all of a



Spelling Bee contestants Noelle Arms #1, Tony Gardner #21, Kevin Hammond #17, and audience members.

man's potency. As a past challenger to the Bee, he's got his eye on the prize, and an eagle eye it is. He's eager and we know little can stop him. His solo song is a hoot.

Marcy Park (**Leslie Ji**) looks like a well-behaved and well-balanced girl: orderly and self-contained—seemingly without a rebellious bone in her body. As the show unfolds, so does Marcy's talent, her motivation and longing. She's a pocket full of surprises and sings a fun song.

Leaf Coneybear (**Kevin Hammond**, photo, #17) has grown up believing individuality matters and it's his duty to express himself. He's charming in a deranged way. He has the sweet placidity of a much tortured younger brother but shows us that some compulsions can be more effective than any middle school teacher's threat. And yet in his second rôle he's a different man. Sweet!

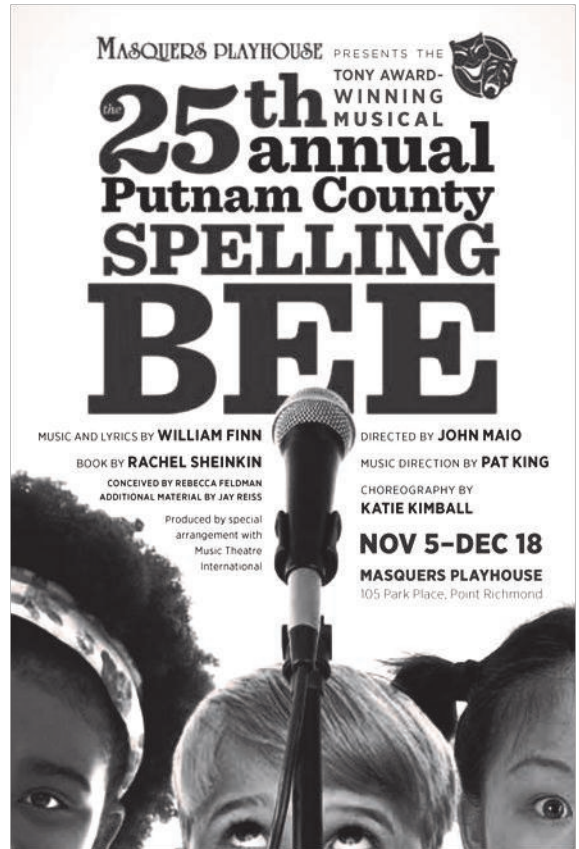
Though Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre (**Noelle Arms**, photo, #1) has had a predictable up-bringing, she seems much too young to be so open-minded. She is an illustration of the magic of theatre combining many facets into little signals: script, choreography, costuming, and a huge dose of talent. She is a bullet of energy and charm.

Olive Ostrovsky (**Julia Etzel**) starts as a down-trodden girl—the kind oft-identified as someone so pitiful she's just asking to get stomped on. She's trailing trouble. She shows us a lonely girl who's spent time seeking friendship in magical words. And yet, she's a complete dark horse—she has the most impressive transformation of all. What an incredibly stunning, powerful voice! Words can't convey her impact—she must be *heard*.

William Barfee (**David Irving**) wins my award for Actor Most Enjoying Himself yet again. In a new character David doesn't look anything like he used to. William carries the backbone of the show's comic thread. He showcases a great dancing talent I'd never have known was there. More! More!

As the contest progresses, there's much bumbling unfairness. Most makes us laugh louder. One after another contestants fail to spell correctly; they are handed a consolation prize and hustled off the set. Until finally we have a winner.

This show will make you feel good about the



world. Each “kid” starts out badly fitted, and for some, the world gets better. Everyone does something unexpected—they burst out with something bigger and truer about themselves, and in so doing, the world gets more manageable. Each kid fills us with the promise of their leading a successful life. A promise for which it's worth getting out of your chair and trundling down to the Masquers.

For everyone, life gets better.

This is the 7th season Theresa de Valencé has reviewed Masquers performances. All her reviews can be read at www.ReviewsByTdeV.com. Subscription to the electronic list is free, send an email with “subscribe” in the subject to Theresa@ReviewsByTdeV.com.

Early Days History of the City of Richmond

By Bill Foster

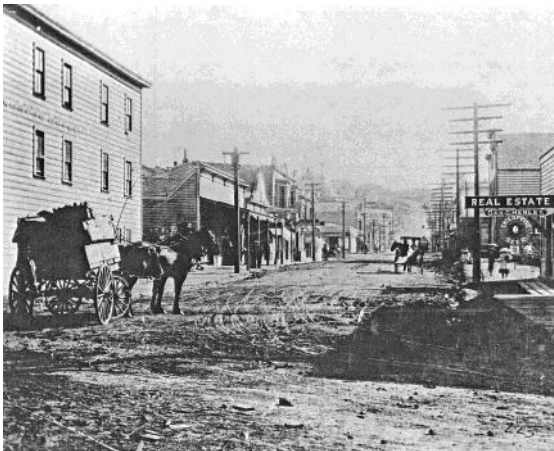
I published this once many years ago, but not since the items are going to the internet. I think it is clearly worth a second look. Thank you so much Mr. Foster.

Gary Shows

Installment #1

In 1903, in the month of May I stepped off the Santa Fe train from Fresno, California to East Yards, better known later as Point Richmond, at 6:30pm and trudged down the tracks of the railroad to the town on the hill called East Yards. I was there to find my sister, Mrs. J.H. Bedford, who settled there a few years ahead of me. There was no road from the depot to the town and you were on your own going down the railroad tracks in front of the depot. The swamps and the mosquitoes were terrible. One would have to fan them off in droves. It was sure terrible.

The next day I went to work as a grocery boy for a Jewish man named Ben Shelline. His store, the first in East Yards, was located in the old Cas-



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tle Garden Hotel at the rear of the Santa Fe Shops. Things were very crude compared to a modern store. It was a junk ship to me, nothing in order, rough and tumble patrons and booze were the main factors. Salary was \$30 per month and long hours, from 7am to 10pm daily except Sundays.

Well, the town of East Yards was booming daily. John Nicholl owned the town and as the town grew we moved from the Castle Garden Hotel, that was run by a lady named Mrs. Lehman and her daughters, to Standard Avenue, right in the heart of Hells Half Acre or bad women town. It was like the gold rush, gambling saloons and dance halls and fast women. There were drunks everywhere. The town was very wicked. It was not safe for a decent lady on the streets after sundown.

The general attraction was the Standard Oil Company which was moving its plant from Alameda, California to East Yards and building was in full force. When I landed there the company had four stills running and an office shack, but the men poured in by the droves to build the present plants that stand today. Boarding houses and saloons popped up like mushrooms. Men of all trades were in good demand.

There was no transportation from the plant. The men walked to work on board walks. As for winter, you were out of luck if you got of the walks for the mud was knee deep. The pay rolls were brought in twice a month by horse and buggy to the plant and were often robbed enroute from Oakland. The big bosses got off the electric cars at the county line (Rust) and a man named Brown met them with an old hotel bus and two mules. If you

cared to go on to Oakland, by that old bus with Brown the fare was \$1.50 to the county line and a slow journey too. The Santa Fe did not put their road in there until years later. The dirt you see making the big climb over the SP tracks at 23rd Street came from the tunnel at the Point.

Washington Avenue was a big busy street. Pat Dean was then better known as the boss of the town. He ran a saloon and dance hall on the corner of Washington and Standard Avenue. Across the street was Mrs. McNalley's hotel, good old Irish and on the north side was Mrs. Dwyer's hotel and next to her was a saloon and eating house run by Johnnie Demire and next to him was Sam Curry's livery stable and undertaking parlors upstairs. On the far corner was another saloon called "The Hunters Home" (run by De Soto). You could stand on the porch of the Hunters Home and pop ducks galore as it was swamp to the oil company's gates.

Harry Livingston was the first peace officer of the town; also pound man, street superintendent and license collector. In later years he was on the police force for the City of Richmond. He was I believe the oldest on the force. Later we had a town constable named John Gregory who had a waist long beard. Livingston joined police force and John Murray was Constable until 1910 when John Gregory defeated him in the 1910 elections.

Well, here are some of the early days merchants; McCracken's Clothing store and up the street as follows: King Brothers cigar store and gambling hall, Lang's Drug Store, George Drews Cigar Store and Pool Hall, Gilt Edge Saloon and boarding house in the rear, Hoover's all you could eat for 25 cents. Then the pioneer newspapers; The Record, run by Nauman Nagle had only two sheets and was produced in a hole in the wall you might say, then came Frank Dietricks Jewelry Store.

The Critchett Hotel was on the corner of Washington and Richmond Avenues across the street from the Bank of Richmond (the first bank in Richmond) on the corner and was run by Mr. Stairley and George Lee was his cashier. It had a big oversized safe in the middle of the room and a counter to do business over.

The Record was published under the bank until washed out in a flood of mud and water. It then moved next to Drew's Cigar Store. Also on the Avenue was Otto Ludwig's butcher shop and V.A. Fanner's hardware store. Across the street was Elsie and Elsie's dry goods store which was run by Sandy Elsie and Russell Dave. Up Richmond Avenue to the west was an old store building that was used as the 1st City Hall. They were just building the Catholic Church with Father Scanlon as priest. The Methodist Church on the west side of the Catholic Church was built in 1900-1 either Rev. Rich or Younglove officiated. A carnival was held back of Sam Curry's livery stable to raise funds for the church and Minnie McNally was chosen queen. She was better known around town as Pretty Minnie with a dirty neck.

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Point Richmond Street

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East Brother Lighthouse

East Brother Lighthouse, or more accurately a Light Station, is a beautifully restored Victorian Lighthouse Bed and Breakfast Inn perched atop an island in the strait that separates San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. Located 30 minutes from downtown San Francisco, the lighthouse Bed and Breakfast is close enough for a weekend jaunt or as a unique complement to your San Francisco/Northern California visit. Once on the island, visitors take in the spectacular views of the San Francisco skyline, Mount Tamalpais, and the Marin coastline.

East Brother Light Station has been an active lighthouse for more than 133 years. The Inn began operations over 26 years ago as a means of earning money for upkeep of the restored lighthouse and facilities. It offers the rare combination of both a “lighthouse bed & breakfast” and an “island B&B,” and is a unique destination. Though only a ten-minute boat ride to the island, the lighthouse inn seems to be a world away from the lights of the nearby cities. Guests of East Brother Light Station have a direct impact upon its preservation. Funds earned by the Inn, through its non-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation, pay for ongoing restoration and maintenance costs of the buildings and equipment of the island.

Bed & Breakfast guests can stay in one of five available rooms. Four of the rooms are located within the lighthouse itself and one room is located in the original Fog Signal Building. A stay at the lighthouse includes champagne & hors d’oeuvres upon arrival, a multi-course dinner with wine and a full gourmet breakfast the next morning. Guests are also provided with a full tour of the island taking in all of the buildings and being regaled with the history of the island and its life as a lighthouse up to the present day.

Volunteers needed!

We would love to have your assistance. Go to http://ebbs.org/?page_id=100 to register your skills and interests in our volunteer database and to be on the Wickies volunteer announcement list.

The 1979 License agreement between the U.S. Coast Guard and East Brother Light Station,



Light Station Before Renovation

Inc., states:

The licensed premises are to be used only as a facility for historical, educational and environmental programs and projects...The licensee agrees to preserve the existing exterior architectural and structural integrity of all structures located on this historic licensed property.

For the last 28 years, East Brother Light Station, Inc. has restored, maintained and operated for public use the historic lighthouse and fog signal facility on East Brother Island, including:

Restored and maintained the historic property, which is listed on the National register of Historic Places, using \$250,000 of grant funding, over 200,000 hours of volunteer work, and \$750,000 of products, materials and services purchased with donations and the proceeds from public use fees.

Hosted over 50,000 visitors for bed and breakfast use and over 10,000 visitors for day use and special events.

Published and widely distributed the book, *East*

Brother, History of an Island Light Station (http://ebls.org/?page_id=78).

Successfully nominated East Brother Light Station as a *State of California Registered Historic Landmark No. 971*.

Received national recognition, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation *Honor Award*, the U.S. Department of Transportation *Award for Outstanding Public Service to Transportation and Historic Preservation*, and the California Preservation Foundation *Award of Merit*.

Becoming a volunteer dues-paying member of the Richmond Convention and Visitor Bureau.

The funds for routine maintenance are generated by the operation of the bed and breakfast inn, and all of the maintenance work is done by a group of highly motivated volunteers. However, the 134-year-old facilities, which are severely exposed to the elements, require periodic major repairs.

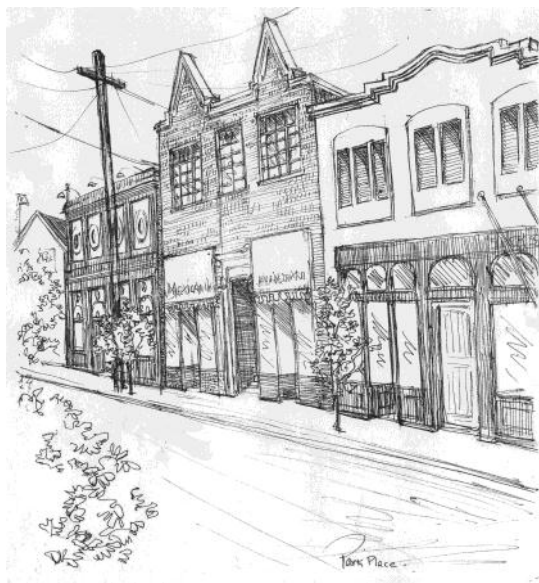
Methodist Church History

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Mrs. A.B Jones	.60	
Mrs Holbrook	.60	
Mrs Adams	.60	
Mrs Ellen Campbell rent of silver	.50	
Plate collection	1.20	
New balance	\$33.68	

Mrs A.B Jones and Mrs Dicely ??? April 2nd at the home of Mrs Jones on Tuller Ave.

Elizabeth Gray Sec'ty



What a Difference 100 Years Makes!

Mid Dornan

Here are some interesting statistics for the year 1910, one hundred years ago:

- *The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.*
- *Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.*
- *Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.*
- *There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.*
- *The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.*
- *The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.*
- *The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.*
- *A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year.*
- *A dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.*
- *More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.*
- *Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!*
- *Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government! as 'substandard.*
- *Sugar cost four cents a pound.*
- *Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.*
- *Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.*
- *Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.*
- *Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.*
- *The Five leading causes of death were: (1) Pneumonia and influenza, (2) Tuberculosis, (3) Diarrhea, (4) Heart Disease, (5) Stroke*
- *The American flag had 45 stars*
- *The population of Las Vegas , Nevada , was only 30!!!!*
- *Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.*
- *Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and*
- *Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.*
- *Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help....*
- *There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A. !*

A Short History of How the Neighborhood Councils Started in the City of Richmond

By Lucretia Edwards

Lucretia Edwards wrote this history of Richmond's Neighborhood Councils some years ago. We thought a reprint would be interesting. We will offer in two segments, here is part one.



*Lucretia Edwards
Photo by Ellen Gailing*

A long time ago, in 1956 to be exact, I (then a newcomer to Richmond) had the job and excitement of being involved in the formation of the first Neighborhood Council in our city. This made quite an impression upon me, and I have followed the waxing, and waning, and waxing again of this concept in Richmond ever since. It seems to me that this manifestation of democracy has great merit, and that it is a simple and pleasant method of bringing people together and getting things done, in which everyone can join according to his or her inclination and ability.

Appreciation of this form of participatory democracy has grown in my mind during the recent cynicism and deterioration of the political process, and I am grateful to have had in my life a mechanism which provides both hope and inspiration. Though not all the people in our city believe in or avail themselves of Neighborhood

Councils, it occurs to me that we are fortunate in our city to have this process in place. This brought me to the realization that many people take Neighborhood Councils for granted, since they do not know much about the origin of the idea. This exceedingly brief digest of the Neighborhood Councils initiation and progress is an effort to correct this lack of knowledge (or absence of memory), in the hope that it will provide recognition and appreciation of a positive asset which is happily available to us.

The development of Neighborhood Councils in the City of Richmond came about because of the upheaval of the city, occasioned by the Kaiser Shipyards that were located in Richmond during World War II.

In 1940, just prior to World War II, Richmond was a tidy industrial town of 23,000, centered around the western terminus of operations of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, the deep-water port, and the Standard Oil Company (later Chevron).

The African-American population of the city at this time was 270 persons, almost all of whom lived in a 4 block area in the northern part of the city.

Then World War II brought the Kaiser Shipyards to Richmond, and in 1942, the population jumped to 50,000, in 1943 to 93,776, and by 1946 it hit its peak of 110,000. To house these workers 17,000 units of Lenham Act War Housing units were built on the empty land on the south side of town. The shipyard workers were recruited throughout the United States, and a great number came from the southeastern part of the country. A high proportion was African-American, primarily from the rural agricultural areas of Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana

and Mississippi. From the same states and at the same time, Caucasian workers were recruited, and southern blacks and southern white carried their historical and cultural frustrations and hostilities with them.

When World War II ended, it was assumed by the pre-war, original "core community", that the shipyard workers would return to the far-flung states and towns from which they had come. But this, of course, did not happen, since Richmond, California was preferable in many ways to the circumstances from which many of the shipyard workers had come. While some of the in-migrants did leave, and some of the housing units were cleared, many people remained. The chaos of the life in a town with a quadrupled population was compounded, post-war, by unemployment of the shipyard workers, to the extent that the city was given the doubtful distinction of an article in Look Magazine entitled "Richmond, California, a City Earns a Purple Heart".

One of the factors that perpetuated the confusion of life in Richmond at this period was the fact that most of the people who came during the war years did not have any feelings of belonging to the city. It was not possible when they came pouring in to give them this feeling, since the City was hard put to simply house them. Also, there was the opinion that the newcomers were only in Richmond as temporary workers. Subsequently, many of the residents who came as shipyard workers had to feeling of participation in the life of the City, and no sense of responsibility for the welfare and future of the City. They might experience strong emotional feelings of pride and commitment to the neighborhood in which they lived, but for the city of Richmond, their feelings ranged from indifference to annoyance.

In 1954, because it was recognized that this was an atmosphere with a potential for unrest and trouble, the United Community Defense Services was requested to make a survey of social services in the City. This organization served the same function for cities that during World War II the United Service Organization, or USO, served for individual servicemen, in evaluating problem

situations and providing wise counsel to alleviate them.

The survey recommendation was that a Community Welfare Counsel be formed and that a director be found to work with budgeting and to coordinate planning on community problems. And so it was that in 1955, the West Contra Costa Community Welfare Council was reactivated and Dr. Ralph Kramer (later with the University of California at Berkeley) was hired as director.

In 1956, the Group Work and Recreation Section of the Contra Costa Community Welfare Council inaugurated a pilot demonstration project in the North Richmond area, to determine how best to provide for the needs of the neighborhood through more effective health, welfare, and recreation services.

The neighborhood people originally felt that what they most needed to bring them together, and provide a centering of the community was a building, a community center. But after a year of hard work in small groups and large groups, in surveys and discussions and study the people came to feel that what they really needed was a more effective means of communication with the world outside their somewhat isolated and segregated boundaries.

Neighborhood Councils, a new concept brought for the east coast (where it had been borrowed from early colonial history and Town Hall meetings) were described and the neighborhoods decided that they liked the idea. So, in 1956, the North Richmond Neighborhood Council was formed, the first neighborhood council in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Funds (\$19,566) were secured from a small family foundation in San Francisco, the Columbia Foundation, to finance this program for three years. There was an assumption that the city would accept financial responsibility for the project if the validity of the concept was demonstrated and proved to be successful. Funding was primarily needed for the cost of staffing. Also for materials needed for Councils, such as research, minutes, agendas, and reports.

To be continued.....



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Bernard Dietz - 96

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Age is not a number, it is an attitude.

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November

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Ann Greiner
Paul Cort
Jason McGill
Lynn Rendler
Betty Dornan
Mary Ann Gaspard
Shirley Butt
Chris Bradshaw

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Clare Doherty
K. Patrick O'Higgins
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Kenny Paasch
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Liam Thompson
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Bethany Reynolds
Kathryn Pinkerton
James Cheshareck, Sr.
Aubyn Eakles
James Cheshareck, Jr.
Audrey Edwards
Ida Giacomelli

Bobbies Boziki
Linda Chesareck
Katrina MacDiarmid
Albert Kollar
Viola Kennedy
David Dolberg
Mohamed Warith
Charlottte Birsinger

December

Jean Allyn
Hazel Paasch
Cris Creed
Edna Hathaway
Donald Smith
Fred Frye
Christine Hayes

Lydia Jahromi
Marian Hawkins
Jeff Corbin
Mike Turner
Lauren Nason
Marilyn Darling
Linda Mertle

Michael Cheshareck
Eric Turner
Seth Fenton
Richard Barnes
Jean Eakle
Christina Nagatani
Thomas Mercer Hursh

Jerry Feagley
Ilana Dolberg
Kayla Dolberg
Bob Burdick

January

Henry Allyn
Donna Buhler
Cindy Rosier
Tom Brennan
Sonja Darling
Lynne Erskine
Linda Marshal
Bryan Smith
Doug Greiner

Jeff Quist
Ed Paasch
Jan Burdick
Jim Wilson
Robert McIntosh
Mary Highfill
Lupe Morris
Ann Bartram
Alphonso Diaz

John Cutler
Diana Kaffan
Marilu Fox
Elaine Harris
Kristina Hollbrook
Louis Cunan
Les Hathaway
Richard Palfini
Sena Bowles

Mitchell Heckmann
Diana Mertle McHenry
Brad Feagley
Marian Sauer
Sparta Chiozza
Frank Kenny



Deaths.....

Dennis Leander Witman died in August at the age of 63. He was born in San Pablo and later lived in Point Richmond. He is survived by a daughter Angela, brother Jerry Witman, a sister, Donna Witman, and three grandchildren. A Memorial was held at the Point Methodist Church on August 28th.

Ed Squires passed away on October 25, 2010. Age 93. Ed was born in Porterville, California but lived in the Point area for 63 years before moving to Yosemite Gardens in Clovis. He was a master carpenter and when he built his last family home here, he felled trees and milled them into lumber for it. In the '90s Ed volunteered at Washington School teaching woodworking in the Many Hands Project. He was married to his wife, Bessie, for 65 years. Ed is survived by four daughters, Janice Jones, El Cerrito; Pamela Frogge, Albany; Suzanne Unser, Carmel; and Dianne McIntosh, Coarsegold; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held at the historic First United Methodist Church on November 21.

Bruce R. Bartram passed away in his home on November 6, 2010. with his wife, Ann, daughter Suzanne and his granddaughter Sarah Wilson at his side. Bruce was born in Point Richmond on Lobos Street to Nora Westman and George Bartram. Bruce attended Washington school and graduated from Richmond High School. Growing up in Pt. Richmond, Bruce loved hiking and walking to Pt. Molate or the Whaling Station and also enjoyed riding his Indian motorcycle. During the war he worked at the Cyclotron in Berkeley and later received a citation from the War Department Service Forces for contributing to the conclusion of the war. He also served in the Merchant Marines as well as working in Shipyard #3. He then attended the Junior College of Marin, and later Mortuary College of San Francisco. As a mortician, Bruce worked in Oakland, Vallejo, San Francisco and returned to Richmond at Schmidt and Dixon Funeral Home where he retired. Bruce was a faithful member of the Point Richmond History Association.



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PARENT, TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER

Info: 233-6881

POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION

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