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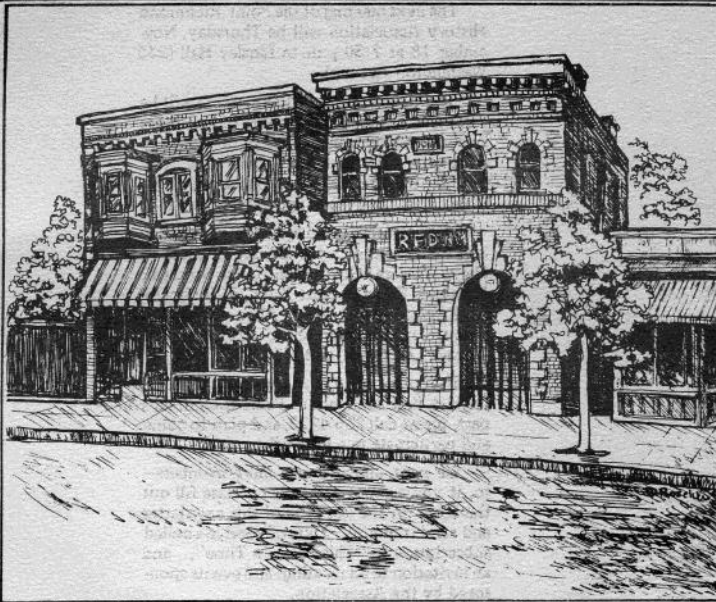
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Oh My!
Has it really been almost 30 years?
Season's Greetings to All!

From the President

By Mid Dornan

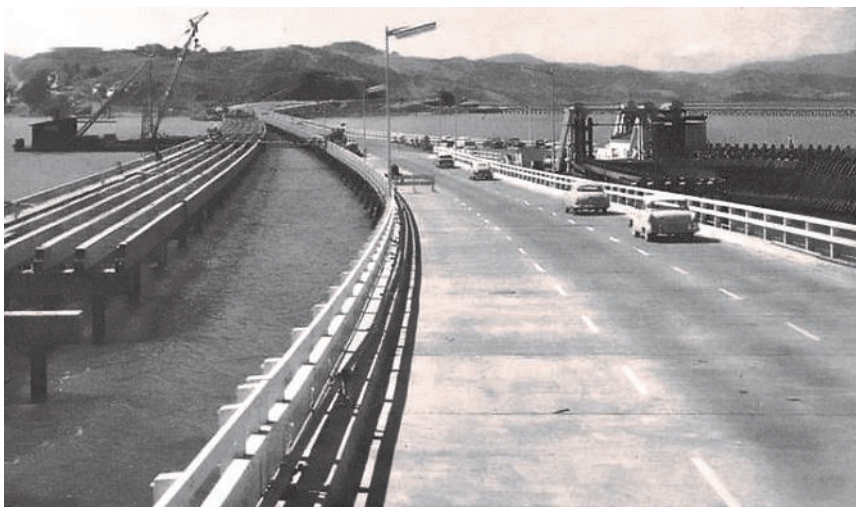
Have you taken time recently to visit Point Richmond, to partake of its amenities of fine restaurants, quaint cottages and historic buildings? Point Richmond retains the foundations of its past keeping its small town feeling. Inside our small museum are artifacts, photographs and newspaper articles bringing to life the past.

The holiday season is reason to remember that at our museum we have gifts of memberships, local post cards, books, Museum ornaments, greeting cards, photos from our collections, etc. A membership is a gift that arrives six times a year as a reminder of you.

To all of you who continue to support our efforts in keeping this a community oriented place, a thank you. Sharing your memories enables others to remember too.

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*Richmond/San Rafael
Bridge nearing
completion with the ferry
to the right.*

*PRHA archive #0772
from David Smith*

*Enhanced by Thomas
Mercer-Hursh*

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Arne K. Lang

Zoe Egger-Mukavtz**

Kevin, Renee & Griffin Knee**

Roberta & Richard Palfini**

Diane & Gordon Hirano**

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**Special Member, *Thank You!*

A warm welcome to new members:

Rachel Palfini**

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Eugene Hanes



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For us

Museum Hours:
Wednesday 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Thursday 11:30 - 2:00 pm

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

Ann Bartram
Pat Pearson
Mid Dornan
Bonnie Jo Cullison
Susan Brooks
Sonja Darling
Margaret Morkowski
Dee Rosier

The Cover:

148-154 Washington has had a real conglomeration of inhabitants over the years: a dry goods store, a soda fountain (see page 16), a music teacher, a café, a used furniture store, a pottery store, now Little China and All Star Nails and Hair. Can someone please give me a list of all of their names and I will publish in the next TPIT?
Gary

Editor's Notes

Gary Shows (510-235-1336)

Special thanks to David Smith for thinking of us when was sent some historic photos of Point Richmond and Richmond. They are now a part of our permanent collection.

I would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season.

My usual thanks to our dependable contributors, you all do a great job.

Thanks for stapling, folding and mailing the last issue:

Mid Dornan
Margaret Morkowski
Sonja Darling
Pat Pearson
George Coles
Mary Crosby
Jerry Cerkanowicz
Marcelina Smith
Bonnie Jo Cullison
Gary Shows

The deadline for articles and items for the next issue is January 20 2012.



*Visit our museum and
purchase your own copy of
Donna Roselius book.*

HILL REMOVAL

“During the period I lived in Point Richmond (1916 to 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's Memories of old Point Richmond

Thank You!

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A-Mid Trivia

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Q: How many toes are on an ordinary housecat?

ANSWER at end of Trivia

Point Richmond based Transcept Pharmaceuticals has submitted its application for the insomnia treatment Intermezzo to federal regulators. The review is set to be complete by Nov. 27. It has been exciting to watch the development of a new drug that will be identified with three little zzz's and researched locally. A big thank you to Michael Gill and his company who embraced our history association appropriately as a History Maker. Big historic Point Richmond photos from our collection adorn their walls.

Peter Minkwitz, President of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council has taken a 6 months medical leave and we all wish him well.

A Pharmacy in Point Richmond? Yes, conveniently located at 139 W. Richmond Avenue. Support your local businesses.

Does anyone remember the Palmateer Pharmacy? Now the Incurable Collector.

Having a great time at the recent Mad Hatter's Tea at the Methodist Church were Kim Butt's daughter Cecelia and her five year old friends Sasha and Zoe?

The Richmond Yacht Club raised more than \$28,000 for four charities as a part of "Give Where You Live". They "Start with nothing, we give it all away and end with nothing!" Well Done!

Barney Dietz has moved to Bay Park Residential in Pinole.

Another link in the Rosie the Riveter WW II

Home Front National Historic Park was the grand opening of the Maritime Child Development Center at Nystrom. The Center was one of the first child development centers in the United States, built by Henry J. Kaiser during WWII to provide child care for women working in the Kaiser Shipyards. It had the capacity for 180 children per day and operated 24 hours per day.

Betty Dornan celebrated her 93rd birthday on November 8th but a visit to Doctor's Hospital later that day wasn't in the celebration plans.

That painful "red face" of Diane Frary was caused by a spider bite! Not by blushing!

If the world were a logical place, men would be the ones who ride horses sidesaddle.

Zoanna Kille, a Pt. Richmond resident since she arrived here in 1942 at age 13, stopped by the History Museum one Wednesday afternoon. She observed that the old Trainmaster building, now the Mechanics Bank, was the first place she set foot in Pt. Richmond when she arrived with her parents who had come from Ohio to work in the Kaiser Shipyards.

There must be other Pt. Richmond residents who arrived here through the Trainmaster building. Nice to know it's still here!

Sarah and Daniel Butt and 2 year-old-big-brother Ryland, welcomed Genevieve Mary Butt on Saturday, October 29, 2011. "Gigi" is the fourth grandchild of beaming Tom and Shirley Butt. Congratulations!

Sitting in the Rose Garden of Indian Statue park, you not only enjoy the fresh air, are taking time to "smell the roses", but can be entertained reading the names on the bricks that even make

you nostalgic.

One thing about egotists; they don't talk about other people.

Linda Newton recently traveled to Los Angeles to attend her Winter of '61 Class Reunion where she rekindled a number of old friendships. Los Angeles High School claims to be the 2nd oldest H.S.. in the state after Lowell in San Francisco.

The U.S. Postal Service reports that people receive a personal letter only once every seven weeks. Are you in this statistic? (Not counting the Christmas season.)

On January 22 first class postal rates increase 1¢ to 45¢.

This was on a one cent postcard sent to my mother in 1950:

We think it is funny, how folks spend their money

For things to be cast aside.

Such is the fate, it is sad to relate

Of cards sent at Christmastime.

Now, here's one for you, we hope it will do

Our wishes for you are so many,

Just throw it away after Christmas Day

The thing only cost us a penny.

- signed (with a Christmas sticker)



Remember Roller Skate Keys?

The Port of Richmond is temporarily hosting the USS Iowa on the battleships final trek to become an interactive museum at the Port of Los Angeles. Berthed at Terminal 3, across the channel from the Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historic Park, it is scheduled to leave for LA in late January 2012. Port of Richmond anticipates that visitors will be allowed deck tours of the vessel late November and early December.

When is the official start of the holiday shopping season? Costco launched its holiday-themed displays as early as Labor Day and Macy's, Sears, J.C. Penney, Wal-Mart sprinkled the holiday spirit in September. ONE retail chain won't give into Christmas for more than a month. Nordstrom's don't begin their holiday decorations until the day after Thanksgiving because the company spokesman says, "We think it's important to celebrate each holiday on its own so we're doing it again this year." CHEERS!

~~~~~HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

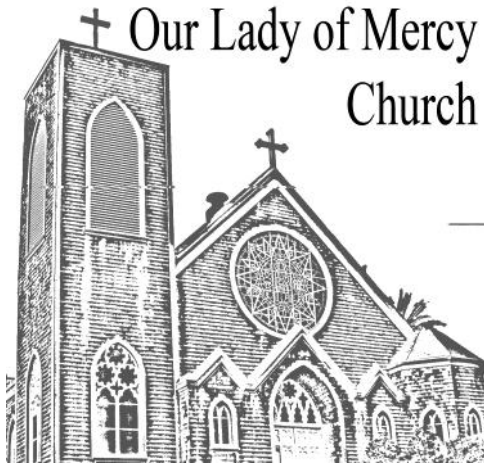
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ANSWER: There are 18. It is estimated one in a thousand could tell you this.

*The average number of people  
airborne over the U.S. in any given  
hour is 61,000.*

*From Ellen Schaefer*

# Church News



**By Dee Rosier**  
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You name it; the weather has provided us with a variety, including a sparse summer, rain in October and earthquakes to rock our nerves. Needless to say, a lot of pending projects will be put on hold.

The last of the pancake breakfasts was held in October. They will resume after the holidays. The proceeds are the major source of income to the parish's building fund. Since their inception, many improvements have been made to retain and improve our historic church. Sincere thanks to local artist, Linda Drake, who donated several of her colorful paintings to the pancake breakfast raffle. Thanks are also extended to all who volunteer for the pancake breakfast. It is a good team that makes the breakfasts a success.

A new handrail has been installed on the Sanctuary to allow one to climb up and down the stairs without fear of falling.

A liturgy for children is being held in the church hall during Mass. Teaching the children is Margaret Morkowski, assisted by Jennifer Rosier. We encourage parents to have their children attend.

You do not need to enroll, just show up every Sunday morning and enjoy religious stories and lessons. Margaret is also the instructor preparing children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. A group of four children recently received their First Holy Communion with six more pending, as well as three for Confirmation.

The Parish Council welcomed new members, Diane Marie and Bill Guitierrez. If you are interested in joining, meetings are held on the first Tuesday at 7:00PM in the church hall.

The office of Secretary is still open.

Tom Sindicich has repaired the basic sculpture of the station of the cross which worked loose from its mounting. It is on display in the church hall and a marvel of restoration and reconstruction. It has been reinforced with stainless steel pins. We have been rewarded by Tom's patience and talent and appreciate the time he took toward its restoration.

A concert of sacred music was held in the church on a Sunday afternoon. Mezzo soprano, Julia Padilla was accompanied by violin and piano. She sang works by Bach, Mozart and Verdi. The concert was such a success that another will be held on December 18. It will be a simple service along the lines of vespers but built around the carols of the season.

All Souls Day was also a day of outstanding music. Its celebration was held a week earlier with a special Mass in honor of our dead. During the year, we have lost many family members, friends and parishioners, but it was also a time to remember all those that we have lost. In their commemoration, a special vocal and instrumental music was performed in the best of our Catholic tradition, with much of it sung in Latin. The customary envelopes with names of the deceased you wish to remember are placed on the altar and remembered in daily masses.

A mass was recently celebrated to honor two Pt. Richmond natives, Peter Stark and Kathryn Stark Young. They were past parishioners as well



as brother and sister to Jenny Lanning, also deceased.

As you may have noticed, the apartment caddy corner from the rectory is now boarded up and the disruptive tenant gone. Peace and tranquility again exists in the neighborhood.

The daytime bible study class continues to meet on the third Thursday of the month at 1:30PM in the home of Dody Perry. The class is facilitated by Jim Cheshareck and all are welcome.

It was a wild weekend in our neighborhood when a car chase originating in Petaluma ended up catching fire on the corner of Montana and Scenic. Needless to say, the neighborhood was awoken and witnesses to the chase and ultimate arrest.

Congratulations to parishioner, Natalie Lens-Acuna recently named principal at St. Paul's School in San Pablo. Natalie is the mother of two sons and previously taught in Concord.

Congratulations are also in store for the family of Mary Ruiz whose daughter Raquel was recently married on a ship in San Diego. Prior to her marriage she was in the military.

One of the most unique parties I have attended was one for a neighbor's dog. Rosie lives up the hill. Formal invitations were sent and we gathered at the park for her birthday party. Even the dogs got to enjoy special dog ice cream. As a gift we were asked to bring a bag of dog food which was donated to a refuge.

Condolences to the family of Amelia Drake, one of our long time parishioners. Prior to moving to Bay Park, Amelia volunteered many hours for Our Lady of Mercy. She was a warm, caring person and will be missed. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated in her memory.

It was a pleasure to see Ann Carroll at Mass recently. Ann is recovering from major surgery and still working on her recovery.

It is bittersweet to bid goodbye to Vince and Marlene Kilmartin who are relocating to Stockton. We wish them well.

Congratulations to grandson, Griffin who recently placed third in a spelling bee at his

school. He was the recipient of a cell phone and we received many calls as a result of it.

My kindergarten friends and I met in Crockett recently to attend an annual boutique. Before the year is out, we will meet again to celebrate my birthday. They have already added a year to their age, but I am the holdout to the end of the year.

Continue to remember in your prayers: Al Frosini, John Gerck, Vince Kafka, Bill Smith, Frankie Mello, Juan Spampinato and Dody Perry.

It is interesting to note how people attach a description of you as a result of what you do. Was recently told by a friend that her nephew told her he didn't know that she knew "The Donut Lady." Actually, there are two of us, let's not forget Brenda McKinley who is always by my side.

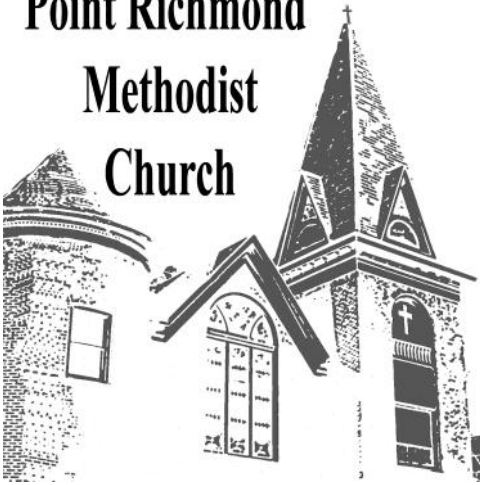
Now that we have celebrated Halloween, time continues to move quickly; soon it will be Thanksgiving and then Christmas. Enjoy the busy season, spend it with family and friends. We'll share words again in 2012.

SPREAD THE LAUGHTER  
SHARE THE CHEER  
LET'S BE HAPPY  
WHILE WE ARE HERE

SEE YOU IN CHURCH



# Point Richmond Methodist Church



By Jean Reynolds

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We sent a postcard mailing - 1000 cards manually machine embossed with the word HOPE plus the church address and time of worship - to some addresses in the 94801 area code. It is one way to let people know that we are here and that we would welcome them.

Art Auction September 17: Deby McFadyen solicited art donations, arranged for the space, organized refreshments, made invitations, and helped with the décor. It was another fun afternoon, and raised money for the church! Pastor Dan and Matthew Foster moved the piano from Friendship Hall to the Pt. San Pablo Yacht Club and back again so we would have a better piano for mood music. Paintings, prints, crocheted or knitted fashions, and jewelry created lively bidding. People left the event pleased about their purchases.

We sampled hymns from Pastor Dan's recently published collection "Garden of Joy" in worship on September 18. The Joyful Noise Choir led the congregation in singing selections written in four-part setting. The rich harmonies kept rolling all through the service, and the well-crafted lyrics carried their own message.

Peace Vigil, September 22: Linda Andrew-

Marshall organized a vigil in the Indian Statue Triangle to commemorate United Nations International Day of Peace. Music, silence, and lit candles centered the people gathered with the wish for an end to war and armed conflict in our world.

The Persian community in the USA is under heightened alert for their friends and family living in Ashraf City, Iraq. Residents in Ashraf City, political exiles from Iran, risk death at the hands of Iraqi security troops. The Iraqi government wants to relocate them to an obscure site in Iraq. On September 25, we learned more about the current situation and were treated to a Persian feast. We can write, call or visit our Members of Congress, Senators, Secretary of State Clinton, and the UN to express our concern for the people trapped in Camp Ashraf. Political pressure from the USA might allow them to leave Iraq safely.

The Point Richmond Acoustic Series resumed October 14, with the T Sisters and Ira Marlow. It was a crowded house for the return of the T Sisters. Their performance was even better than last spring; their own compositions are pleasing with tight harmonies and clever themes. Ira Marlow only had a short time slot, but he packed it with a wide variety of his own pieces. It was a great concert and set the tone for other fine acoustic concert events in the future.

Harmony Walk to End Hunger - October 22: Some from our congregation walked, some donated. The GRIP Family Shelter provides temporary housing, counseling, meals, access to laundry facilities, and life-skill training. Lunch is served free for anyone daily. GRIP is at work in other areas of our community, too. The Harmony Walk helps fund the work they do year-round for people at the margins in our city. The GRIP operating budget is large, but volunteers and donations make its work possible. They welcome volunteers or donations anytime. Our United Methodist Women prepare and serve dinner at the GRIP family shelter quarterly.

Cellist Rebecca Rust performed in concert October 22. German bassoonist Friedrich Edelmann, and pianist Vera Breheda from El Cerrito joined her. Rebecca Rust was born in

Oakland and attended El Cerrito High, but lives in Germany now when she is not touring as a musician. We have been honored to host them twice at our church.

Fran Smith presided as the Red Queen, while Doreen Leighton channeled the Hatter herself at the Mad Hatter Tea presented by the United Methodist Women on October 29. Costumes and mad (or elegant!) hats were the fashion, as everyone enjoyed tea, scones, sandwiches, fruit and dainty sweets. Sarah Thompson and Paige Viebrock entertained at four o'clock (that's peculiar, it was always four o'clock) and helped serve tea.

Eileen Johnson moderated a discussion about Inclusive Language on October 30. Eileen wrote her Masters thesis on Inclusive Language used in hymns, so she has spent some time pondering it. Seven of us met with Eileen and Pastor Dan for lively discourse!

Thanks to David Moore of Sincere Design, Point Richmond residents have an online source of information about what is happening locally. Do you visit it regularly? <http://www.pointrichmond.com> is the main community page. See the church website at: <http://www.pointrichmond.com/methodist> to view the current calendar listings, see photos of recent events, and Moore!

#### On the Calendar:

##### Thanksgiving Interfaith Worship Service:

Thursday, November 24, 11:30 a.m.

##### Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner:

November 24, Noon to 2:00 p.m. Sit down and let the Point Richmond businesses and church community serve you a complete Thanksgiving feast! Contact Barbara Haley [bahcats@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bahcats@sbcglobal.net) or call (510) 232-5358 to help or contribute.

##### Sunday, December 18, 4:00 p.m. Christmas

Concert: The Joyful Noise Choir and the El Sobrante Adult Choir will perform and everyone will get to sing Christmas music.

Saturday, December 17, Bake Sale: 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Point Richmond Community Center adjacent to the library. Delicious holiday baked goods for your personal seasonal sweet tooth, easy refreshments for your party, or the perfect hostess gift.

##### December 24, Jazz Christmas Eve, 7:00 p.m.

Come early for seating in the sanctuary.

December 25 Christmas Day worship, Sunday morning, 11:00 a.m. Wear a costume to resemble someone in the Christmas story, or wear your new pajamas or fleecy robe.

##### Pt. Richmond Acoustic Concerts:

These concerts are all on the second Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m. Cost of the show is \$12.50 Senior/Student, \$15 General. See details about the performers on the website: [www.folkunlimited.com](http://www.folkunlimited.com)

## CHAUTAUQUA

**“These were traveling tent shows that would annually come to Richmond for a one week series of plays, lectures and other forms of entertainment. In about 1918 or 1919, I attempted to sell five season tickets at \$5.00 each in order to earn a season ticket. I could only sell four tickets and as a dejected salesman turned in the money and remaining unsold ticket. Miss Ashfield, our Washington School Principal (bless her heart) said she would buy the fifth ticket!”**

*Harold Shawl Point Richmond Memories*

# WWIC, Est. 1908

*Norma Wallace*

## *News from the Women's Westside Improvement Club*

We held our lasagna lunch fundraiser Tuesday, October 4. More than thirty members and guests arrived to find the hall ablaze with fall colors including smiling sunflower faces at every tale. Special thanks go out to the hostesses for the month **Linda Newton, Susan Brooks, Jane Vandenburg** and **Alyce Williamson** responsible for the tabletop displays, beverage service, and yummy desserts! I was fortunate to sit at the table of the guest speaker, who had provided small ceramic sculptures for each table.

**Altha Humphrey** alerted us to the upcoming yarn swap on Wednesday, October 5, 12:30 – 2:30 pm. In addition to trading for 'new' colors and textures, leftover yarn will be donated to local nonprofit NIAD! Next, **Altha** alerted us to the Arts of Point Richmond's upcoming meeting Tuesday, October 18 (third Tuesday), and their planned Holiday Faire to take place on Saturday, December 10 from 11– 5 in the Community Center. Get there early for best selection!

**Mid Dornan** announced the Mad Hatter Tea party on October 29 sponsored by United Methodist Women in the hall where WWIC meets. Two seatings are offered, 11:30 am and 1 pm. **Norma Wallace** announced the GRIP walk to end hunger on Saturday, October 22, and collected several sponsorships from WWIC members. WWIC was reminded of the Many Hands fundraiser reception later that afternoon; **Mid Dornan, Pat Pearson** and **Sonja Darling** will attend on behalf of WWIC.

During the business meeting, members discussed the historic plaque planned for the Indian Statue Park to commemorate WWIC efforts in Point Richmond on the occasion of our centennial celebration a couple of years ago. **President Connie Lompa** announced the City has committed to improving the Indian Triangle Park.

A discussion of the planned Community Map

occurred. **Connie** had spoken with the project lead, **Margaret Morkowski**, and announced the graphic artist needs to make corrections, with anticipated completion pushed into early 2012. The new map frame will be constructed by local woodworkers and furniture restorers at Shigoto-Ya on Tewksbury. The next step is for **Margaret** and team member **Altha** to meet with the graphic designer, and then produce the map.

The November meeting saw more than 25 members and guests arriving to find Fellowship Hall decorated with **Mid** and daughter **Pat Dornan's** collection of decorative pumpkins of all sizes and materials. Special thanks go out to the hostesses for the month **Diane Marie, Susan Brooks, Margaret Morkowski** and **Mid Dornan**, for the decor, beverage service, and pie!

WWIC then welcomed Richmond Park and Recreation department staff member **Lisa Graves**, who updated us on the state of the Indian Statue Triangle Park. Planned replanting will be postponed until after the Point Richmond Tree Lighting ceremony. **Lisa** offered WWIC the opportunity for a volunteer party to plant the natives which WWIC is purchasing; her department head commits to caring for the plants once WWIC purchases and plants them. Planting Day is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 10a 3p (drop by when you can). A sign-up sheet passed around, and we anticipate a quick morning of planting up the garden. Natives including ferns, heucheras and penstemons will be utilized, and consideration is being given to communicate gently that people need to stay *off* the garden.

**Norma** announced an upcoming Christmas Toy Program Breakfast at the Courtyard Marriott. Richmond, El Cerrito Fire and Police Departments and Chevron Fire Department sponsor the event including breakfast. Donations requested.

Retired safety contact **Joan Gatten** asks – did



we feel the recent earth-moving jolts? Do we have a safety buddy? Are our earthquake supplies ready? Have we secured shelving? **Joan** encourages us to work through our neighborhood watch groups to organize for emergencies. (Excellent advice, **Joan** !)

Guest **Jean Reynolds** announced the upcoming Hot Mikado fundraiser for WWIC meeting host, First United Methodist Church of Point Richmond (FUMC). The dinner theater evening is scheduled for November 10 with a full dinner at the Hotel Mac followed by the musical at The Masquers. Funds raised help support the Thanksgiving Community Feast, which **Jean** also announced. Businesses throughout Point Richmond support this endeavor in various ways. Donations of food and funds are requested to support this community-wide effort. Dinner is served from noon to approximately 2:30.

**Pat Pearson** announced the Armistice Day celebration to be held on the Red Oak Victory 11/11/11 from 11am to 1pm. **Mid Dornan** announced FUMC's upcoming Christmas Bake Sale at the Community Center on December 17. **Altha** announced the December 10 Arts of Point Richmond annual art show and sale at the Community Center.

As president during WWIC's centennial year, **Margaret Morkowski** has been following through on numerous projects, and provided exciting updates. Cookbooks from the centennial Cookbook project will be available at the December holiday meeting! Many WWIC members contributed recipes. Hopefully, extras will be available for the gift-giving season. The centennial plaque has been ordered and paid for. **Connie** and **Margaret** will visit the 'Lompa rock pile' to locate a rock suitable for displaying the plaque in Indian Statue Park.

**Margaret** is planning to meet with the map designer later in November. There are ten basic corrections, with the most difficult being the 'finger' streets in the Seaclyff neighborhood. There are still a few details to work out, including production. WWIC targets a springtime installation which can hopefully be coordinated with new plantings in the map area.

## 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, SEPT 3, 1929

The Social League of the First Methodist Church met in the church dining room at eleven o'clock a.m. and enjoyed a noon luncheon together. After lunch the regular business meeting was held with Mrs. Daisy Jenkins, the president, presiding. Fifteen members were present and responded to the roll call. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was moved and seconded that we have a Cake Sale Saturday Sept. 14th. The committee appointed for the said sale were Mrs. CB Jones, Mrs. Vloebergh and Mrs. D. Jenkins.

It was moved and seconded that the League give \$10.00 as a special offering to the Church fund.

Mrs. Burdick resigned as Secretary and Mrs. Osborne was made Secretary with Mrs. Scofield as the alternate.

Mrs. E. Jenkins feeling that she could not fill the office of treasurer at this time, resigned and Mrs. Oehne was elected.

The following paid dues,

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Mrs. Holbrook | .60     |
| " Brothers    | .60     |
| " Vloebergh   | .60     |
| " E. Jenkins  | .60     |
| " Burdick     | .60     |
| " Oehne       | .60     |
| " Dicely      | .60     |
| " CB Jones    | .60     |
| " D. Jenkins  | .60     |
| " Scofield    | .60     |
| Old Bal.      | \$24.31 |

(Sept ) Monthly Church Fund

\$10.00 [paid]

Special fund to church \$10.00 "

Total \$20.00 Mrs. Prince, Sec'y protem

# *Out and About Town*

Margaret Morkowski (510) 234-4219

Yes, we've had another successful **Washington School Halloween Parade** here in Point Richmond. More than 500 children and parents "showed off" their scary, funny and cute costumes as they paraded through the Point Richmond Business District. Police Officers and Traffic Control Officers were on their motor cycles and vehicles with lights flashing as they kept the little ones, their parents and the teachers safe. The principal, Lisa Levi, ensured that things went smoothly and took a deep breath when everyone was safe and sound back at school. More than 20 businesses took part in the event with many, many of the business owners also "dressing-up" to the delight of the children. There may have been a first with year's event. Nathan Trivers and everyone from the "Up-and-Under" set up a "Haunted Tunnel." I was too scared to go through it... but the children's screams let me know that it was a thrill. Everyone had a lot of fun.



**Washington School** will be celebrating their **Centennial** in 2012. The Point Richmond History Association and the Many Hands Project will be working with the PTA and the school staff to make the year long celebration a great success. We would like to invite everyone who has attended the school to join in the celebration.

We invite you to answer the following questions and send them to me along with a picture of you during your school days and a picture of you as an adult. Group and family pictures which include you are great too. We would be glad to scan any original pictures and return the originals to you.

**The Questions:** What year(s) did you attend Washington School? What high school or college did you attend? What types of things have you been doing as an adult? This answer could include

information about your family, career and/or hobbies.

Since we've been posting items in the school lobby, we know the current students are very interested and inspired by activities of previous students. Please join in the fun and let us know "what you've been up to as an adult."

Also, if you send us your address we would very much like to invite you to the "Founders Day" event, tentatively scheduled in the month of February. Please call me for information and with questions. Thanks, Margaret 234-4219



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 "Back at the Beach" at Anne Carroll and Chris Cochrane's home. The weeks before and after the event were just wonderful with Indian Summer evenings. But the day of the party it was cold and rainy, so we all wore coats over their Hawaiian shirts. The presentation went quickly as the huge rain drops began to fall. It wasn't quite what we had planed but it was fun. The Many Hands Project Board would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this fun event for teachers and attendees and in support of the Many Hands Project. Donations were less than usual this year because of the economy, but it isn't too late for you to contribute and receive your "thank you" from the children and us. For more information, please call me at 234-4219.



**Up-Coming Events:**  
**November 24<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving Day** and Point Richmond Business Association (PRBA) is

organizing the Point Richmond's **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 around 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 is roasting. Please call Pam DeWhitt at 236-1401 for more information.



**November 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 Church choir and evening includes refreshments and of course, plus an appearance by Santa. Many of the stores, galleries 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 Pam at 236-1401 for more information.



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, services and celebrations**. Please call them for dates and details.



**Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.**



*Battleship  
USS Iowa  
being towed  
to a short visit  
to the Port of  
Richmond*

*Photo from  
Pat Pearson*

*USS Iowa will be spending a few months at the Port of Richmond across the channel from our USS Red Oak Victory for some important refurbishing work. She is on her way to San Pedro in Southern California where she will become a permanent battleship museum. There will be events and tours available while in Richmond starting in late November. Go to [www.pacificbattleship.com](http://www.pacificbattleship.com) for more information.*

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# Cozy Ice Cream Parlor and Candy Store

*The Cozy Candy Store on our cover is located at 148-152 Washington Avenue. The building is now owned by Annie Janes and is occupied by Little China and All Star Nail and Hair. From 1907 until 1923, when purchased by the Turkovich family. The building changed hands five times. The name was also changed back and fourth from Cozy Candy to Kozy Candy until it was purchased by Antone Turkovich and was named Cozy Candy and ice Cream Shop. The family operated the store until 1930. The following letter along with pictures was sent to TPIT by member Pat Houck who now lives in Riverbank California.*

*Pat Pearson*

It was the roaring 20's when my grandfather, Antone and Kate Turkovich, opened a little ice cream store in Point Richmond. Antone had six girls and twin boys, who were younger; Mary, Rose, Ida, Ann, Carolyn, Violet, and the twins,

Walter and Wallace. The girls were mostly one or two years apart in age.

I am sure that the entire family spent time there, at least on weekends, since they were so close in age, except for the twins, who were younger, and Mary, who was 4 years older, and married by then.

My mom, Carolyn, spent a lot of her time working in the store the last couple of years of high school, judging from the pictures taken at the Point. Carolyn graduated from Richmond High in 1929, the first class to graduate at the new building. The calendar on the wall indicates it was 1929.

The trek to the Point involved the streetcar, since the family lived at 5010 Clinton Avenue in Richmond. There was a following of friends and boyfriends of the girls spending their time eating ice cream and hanging around, also, according to Reno Cairo. The Cairo family lived at the Point.



*Antone Turkovich and daughter, Carolyn in the Cozy Candy Store.*

*PRHA photo archive #0766-Pat Houck*

*Enhanced by Thomas Mercer-Hursh*

My father, Al Allamano, was from Crockett but managed to beat out the competition and he married Carolyn after she was graduated.

Many years later, in the forties, when Kate Turkovich was getting ready to sell the Clinton Avenue house, the items looked on as treasures were the items left from the parlor, like the long spoons for the milk shakes, scoops and Sunday

dishes, milkshake makers and glasses, dainty spoons to eat parfaits.

The family spoke of it often in later years and I was very surprised that it had only been open for a few years, because it made quite an impact on our family.

*Pat Houck*



*Left, PRHA photo archive #0435-Stone, enhanced by Thomas Mercer-Hursh*

*Right PRHA photo archive #0764-PatHouck is Carolyn I front of Cosy Ice Cream Parlor and Candy Store*

*Richmond/San Rafael  
Ferry landing. Parts of  
this still remain.*

*PRHA photo archive  
#0774 from David Smith*

*Enhanced by Thomas  
Mercer-Hursh*





# THE HOT MIKADO

## *at the Masquers*

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

The original *Mikado* was written by **Gilbert and Sullivan**, opening in 1885 in London. The show is nominally set in Japan where Gilbert and Sullivan could take jabs at the Victorian English. *The Hot Mikado* was adapted by **David H. Bell** and **Rob Bowman** and set into the 1940s; it was performed first in 1986 in Washington, DC. This Masquers production is directed by **Ellen Brooks**, with music direction by **David Howitt**.

In these uncertain times, it can take extra effort to attend a performance with a deep social message. Fear no such obstacle with *The Hot Mikado*. In Titipu, a small town in the Japanese countryside, flirting is illegal. Greater nonsense ensues as the citizenry embrace ridiculous schemes and get themselves further embroiled in harebrained solutions. (Photos by Jerry Telfer).



The set, designed by **Bruce Lackovic**, has a minimalist theme with clever pre-show lighting. Simple props delightfully metamorphose into multiple useful objects. This large production overflows the proscenium into the aisles.

While much of the music comes from the original comic opera, the 1940s version was reorchestrated

using popular musical styles of jazz, gospel, swing and blues. The musicians, performing on-stage, are **Michael Wirgler**, **Gus Wedemeyer**, **Zachariah Friesen**, and **David Howitt**.

The male characters are gorgeously dressed while the females are decorously undressed, demonstrating that Costume Designer **Jo Lusk** had fun. Several men are clothed in brightly coloured zoot suits. When they move, the folds of draped cloth swish like royal robes. All the actors garments glow with warm autumn colours.

The lightly dressed young women are mesmerizing and we are treated to a reaffirmation that women's breasts jiggle wondrously when they dance. Choreographer **Shanti Davis** keeps the actors in an orchestrated swarm.

The Mikado (**Keith Stevenson**, *photo next page, centre*) is the top ruler of Japan, a fittingly huge man with a big voice. This beautifully dressed, genial monster has terrified his subjects. The Mikado enfolds young dancing girls into his arms and they twirl and grin in grim terror. City officials speak apprehensively and the populace hang back with fear. Then, of course, the Mikado proves the people have reason to be afraid. An exemplary performance.

Nanki Poo (**Steve Beecroft**, *left photo, left*) is an important person disguised as a travelling musician. Although he'd rather quit life than live without his true love, he is a comic, romantic character. We get a friendly impression from his bright patch-worked vest, strengthened by his red blond hair. When he sings his mouth moves endearingly and his voice is sweet. Nicely done.

With Yum Yum (**Amy Lucido**, *left photo, right*) we're exposed to the wonder of a truly beautiful woman and one who is preoccupied with her own pulchritude. Her singing voice is quite satisfying. Amy has a bewitching smile, making people feel fine just watching her.

I was surprised by Ko Ko (**Coley Grundman**) as I expected to recognize Coley right off the bat, but didn't until I heard his clear voice. Perhaps it was also the hat. The updated Coley is screamingly



funny as a precise and fussy man. Normally a mild-mannered tailor, Ko Ko has another gruesome rôle for which he is utterly ill-suited.

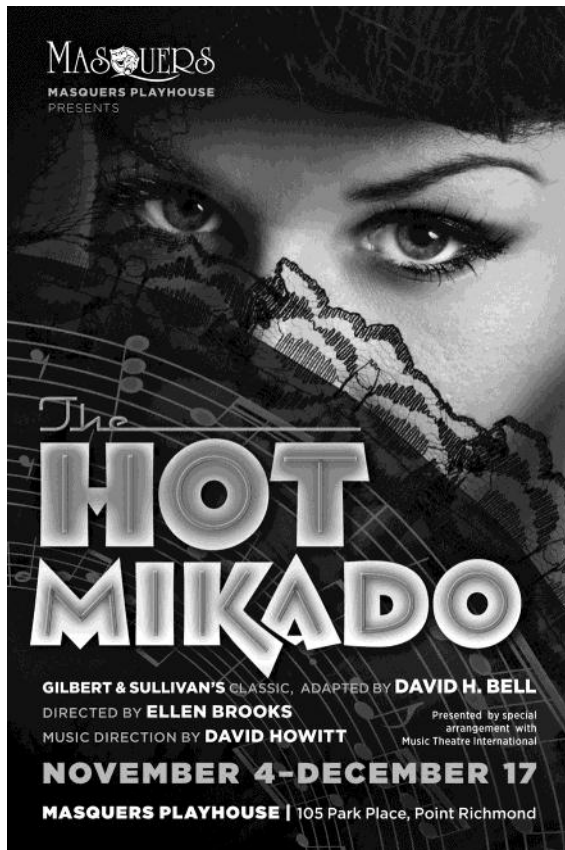
Katisha is very angry. She's an older lady of the court, spurned in love. She could be seeking revenge. As Katisha is a demanding rôle, she is shared by two actresses on alternate nights, so I saw the performance twice. **Debra Harvey** has a powerful, exciting voice. A wonderfully sultry **Pamela Drummer Williams** (*photo below, centre, rear*) infuses the atmosphere with menace.

Poo Bah (**Gill Stanfield**) is many officials all rolled in one and fits all our expectations for lawyers and politicians. As Lord High Everything Else, he cheerfully lays out the merits and deficiencies of each case with the obvious expectation of raising the bill.

Twittering onstage like chirping birds dance Pitti Sing (**Katie Francis**) and Peep Bo (**Laura Domingo**). These maidens fawn anxiously over the bride, their sister Yum Yum. Volatile Pitti Sing soon loses her niceness and sings provokingly to the fearsome Katisha.

Pish Tush (**Anthony V. Lucido**) is a gentleman of Japan with dark, shocking talents. As well as a singer, Anthony is also an accomplished dancer. As I watched the second performance—when I already knew the plot—I found myself watching him particularly. Anthony is definitely a dark horse.

Peek-A-Boo (**Kimberly Miller**, *photo below, right*) and Machi (**Kelly Lotz**, *photo below, left*) are sexy dancers with fine legs who rivet our attention



over and over again.

Ping (**Bob Galagaran**) is an indolent citizen save in the frightening presence of the Mikado. Niko (**Sean Beecroft**) makes us realize exactly what we all did in our youth when we thought we were cool.

What fun!

If your life is tense, come to this show. You will feel better for having heaved yourself out of your couch. And if you have a relaxed life, come to the show anyway; this is a delightful, fanciful romp.

*This is the 8th season Theresa de Valencé has reviewed Masquers performances. All her reviews can be read at [www.ReviewsByTdeV.com](http://www.ReviewsByTdeV.com). Subscription to the electronic list is free, send an email with "subscribe" in the subject to [Theresa@ReviewsByTdeV.com](mailto:Theresa@ReviewsByTdeV.com).*

# Victory! Red Oak, That Is

*Pat Pearson and George Coles*

I am sure you have been waiting for your ship to come in, well, It Has Arrived. !

For fourteen years, you have put up with our volunteer group financial maneuvers. We have extracted your money for pancake breakfast (\$6. bargain) and great mimosas. We have coaxed you into our gift shop, sold you great used books (5 for \$1.00), raffled ship models, sold paintings, offered dances, barbecues, concerts, little theater, film series, begged for boarding donation, sold you first trip bonds, and even suggested that you put us in your will and take up sky diving.

All of these resolute efforts of our non-profit Richmond Museum of History group have been to accumulate funds for matching what turned out to be a \$700,000 National Park Service American Treasures Grant. Volunteer hours were also allowed to be credited as cash to reach the required amount.

Our Red Oak Crew is quite amazing. Many trades are represented but there are some things which require more than can be done while the ship is in the water. Painting of the hull would

pollute the water if done at anchorage. Replacing our battered propeller with a better one, which we had already acquired, along with resetting the rudder takes equipment we do not have. The hull must be scraped to remove shells and other organic matter and to check the welds and plates of the hull. The salt water intakes for cooling the turbines also had to be replaced.

When we were awarded the grant, many things began to happen. At the administrative level the financing of our matching portion taxed even the amazing talents of our president, Lois Boyle, and our accountant/treasurer Bill Rochester. The rest of the board members, volunteers and community leaders National Park and Coast Guard were brought into action. There were arrangements for tug boats, Coast Guard bay pilots, insurance, crew services and a myriad of other details.

Onboard ship the volunteers removed hundreds of objects such as chronometers, museum objects, clocks, pictures galley equipment, and anything else subject to damage by the motion of the ship. All items removed from the walls were listed and packed in the vaults on the ship, even the fire axes. Wiring and other hookups were made ready for the new settings. Several weeks were needed for all this work and all had to be finished by September 15, the departure date. All volunteers sailing on the ship had to be registered 2 weeks ahead in order to be cleared by the Home Front Security Department.

*Fitting the new prop.*

*Photo by George Coles*





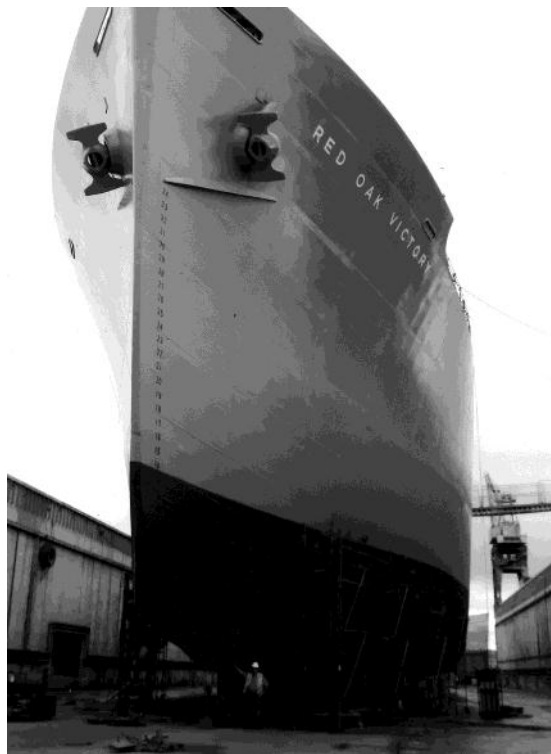
*Margie Hill, Pat Pearson and Lois Boyle on the deck . Photo by George Coles*

September 15, finally arrived and there we were ready to go –Safety glasses, hard hats, life preservers. Our destination was to a BA&E dock below 20<sup>th</sup> and Potrero in San Francisco. We cast off with the help of employees of Chevron. Several members of the crew were on board to pull in the cast off lines.

Our chef had prepared lemon bars and we brought out our lunches and a picnic spirit, all was well with the world. We proceeded out the channel past Point Richmond, past the San Francisco Skyline and under the Bay Bridge with the bar pilot in command and three agile tugs expertly guiding the ship to a waiting berth until the dry dock was available. Apprehensively we left our ship in other hands. It was amazing the level of attachment we felt for the old craft. We returned by bus to our dock and instead of just an empty dock we discovered the dredge was already at work cleaning up the channel for the return of the ship.

Many of us went over to see her while she was under the care of others. The dry dock crew was quite hospitable We had to pass strict security there

*Spiffy new paint job looks just great!*  
*Photo by John Trtek*



and be informed all the safety rules and be sure to walk between the yellow lines on the pavement. We had to put on our goggles and helmets again. The crew on board was very helpful and tried to answer all our questions.

We took many pictures of the process and learned a bit about the handling of very heavy objects. A shipyard/dry dock is an amazing, orderly and well run place amid a very deteriorated area. The ROV was right next to a large modern navy ship named The Henry J. Kaiser, the man in charge of building the ROV 67 years ago.

We were fortunate the work was completed on time so that we could have our ship on hand for the Festival By the Bay. We did not have time to put her back together but the hundreds of friends visiting that day seemed to enjoy





*USS Red Oak Victory leaving the dry dock facility.*

*Photo by George Coles*

it anyway

The new paint looks wonderful. The new propeller shines and we will get a lot of money for the old junk one. We still have a great need for funds. The rudder, plates, cooling water intakes all in place, she looks like a new ship in traditional old form.

We are all quite happy, but new problems appear evident. We have a great technical crew for a ship tied to the dock, but, very few have papers required to operate a moving craft. We want to take you cruising on the bay, and we shall even if Chevron does balk when I hand them my credit card and say

“fill her up” She holds 802,000 gallons of fuel.

But, our crew has been solving problems for fourteen years and will solve these. You may even want to help. The Red Oak Victory is your ship. Come and see her Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 to 3:00 and for special events.



*“Before”*

*Photo by John Trtek*





*Early Days,  
History of the  
City of Richmond  
according to  
Bill Foster*

***This was written by Mr. Foster in 1954. I would like to know more about Bill Foster and will share any information with our TPIT readers. Gary.***

***Installment #6***

*I have not learned anything more about Mr. Foster, must have been an interesting man. This was presented pretty much as written, I have changed or corrected very little, punctuation and spelling. I do not know if it should be taken as factual history. As you read, keep in mind that this was written nearly 60 years ago I think in the year 1954. I hope you enjoyed this. ....Gary*

***Conclusion***

Dan Cox was chief of police. Bill Luce ran Richmond's champion ball club (sponsored by the Elk's Lodge). They played at 1<sup>st</sup> and McDonald. He turned out some big leaguers for the Pacific Coast League such as Big Bill Burns, Tom Seaton, Bill (Cutie) Cunningham and many others.

I never got a bigger kick in all Richmond's history than when the 4<sup>th</sup> of July came and all plans were set for the big parade. It was planned months ahead. The streets and stores went the limit to decorate the town and a big carnival moved in for the blow out. During the night before the 4<sup>th</sup> it

clouded up and rained all night and the next day about 3" of rain fell. The streets were a sight. No Fourth! Bare lots were lakes for days and plenty of frog ponds and mosquitoes. Lots of sickness in those days.

The Catholic church on the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and Bissell is one of the oldest churches in town. Rev. Calfee built the 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist at 9<sup>th</sup> and Nevin. He was a good clergyman and was liked by everyone. His son was a lawyer (Tsar Calfee). The whole town turned out when Rev. Calfee died.

Myers cleaning works is another old timer still in business. Paulson the jeweler and the old Eagle Creamery (Tony Papadikas) are standing today. Likewise for Black Cleaning Company at 10<sup>th</sup> and McDonald. Black started his first business in an old building on 6<sup>th</sup> Street, next to the old post office. He cleaned suits in two old wash tubs and lived in the rear of the store. I still have a picture of the building.

Mrs. Bond, a widow, had a lot on 7<sup>th</sup> Street right jammed up next to the Santa Fe tracks and the Woodman of the World members built her a house in a day, a frame house of four rooms. The ladies of the Woodcraft served lunch at noon for the workers. The widow moved in by night fall. There is a picture of this in the museum; I am in it as I was a Woodman). I moved from the Point with my parents at to 123 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street and drove a grocery wagon for Pulse Brothers. I have a picture of myself on the wagon. Frank Lancaster had an early day butcher ship just a few doors from the present U.A. Theater. Richmond bakery near

14<sup>th</sup> Street was an old timer too. I walked down McDonald Avenue a few months ago after being away for 30 years and McDonald Avenue had not changed in my mind very much. Most of the old landmarks still stand today.

I left Richmond in 1920 for San Jose and was married by Judge Roth, the Justice of the Peace, over Schrader's Furniture Store at 7<sup>th</sup> and McDonald, to Lella Howe of San Jose. She passed away February 5, 1953. I live alone now at 1001 E. Jackson Street, San Jose in the old home. Richmond used to have good dances in town and the people were very friendly. Maple Hall was our main dance hall at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Ohio.

One night the Woodman of the World had a big Saturday night ball and there was such a jam on the stairs the police had to stop the dance as the floor was about to give away. Everyone went home happy. The town had a fine bunch of young folks. The girls were more modest then and nothing but gentlemen among the men. They respected the girls at the time and as I said before I walked down McDonald, the old crowd was missing. Hardly a soul I knew. I thought for a minute I was down below the Dixie line. Never saw so many colored people in all my days and said to myself this can't be old Richmond.

*End*



## *Cards, Letters & E-Mails*

Dear Gary,

I thought I should write to you and let the people know that my brother Johnny Bellando passed away on October 23, 2011. He died of heart failure, he was 91 years old. So that leaves me the last in the family. On July 15 I will turn 94 years old. I still drive. I have my daughter and grandson Jamie, that's my family. I do my own shopping and play bingo and enjoy my home. I have no more news so will close for now.

Madeline Bellando Albright  
Brentwood, CA

*It is always wonderful to hear from you Madeline.  
Thank you on behalf of our readers for keeping in touch.  
Gary*

***The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of 11.  
\$16,400***

***From Ellen Schaefer***

# EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

*An impressive list that grows each month.*

Gretchen Van Tassel Shaw - 93

Al Frosini - 93

Shoney Gustafson 96

Madelilne Bellando Albright - 94

Charlotte Kermabon Birsinger - 95

Lupe Padilla Lopez - 97

Steve Wyrick - 95

Bernard Dietz - 97

Reva Ward - 98

Lee Christian - 93

Roger Wiese - 96

Eunice Ruth Hursh - 95

Dody Perry - 93

Betty Dornan - 92

Edna Hathaway - 93

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Delphina Franco Tawney -93

Harry Gondola - 92

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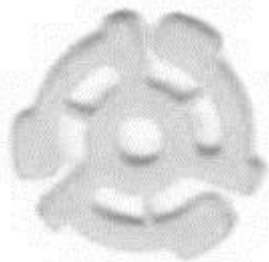
Mildred Dornan - 90

## MORE EXCLUSIVE OVER 100 CLUB

Rena Cairo Gonsalves- 100

*Age is not a number, it is an attitude.*

**Please send corrections and additions to “Over 90 Club” to [midornan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:midornan@sbcglobal.net) or call 510-234-5334**



**Who is old enough to know what this is?**

*“Amelia Marie Drake, known to her friends and family as Babe, left us peacefully to paint the heavens Saturday 29th, 2011. Babe, an avid supporter of the arts and founding member of Arts of Point Richmond, loved to exhibit her work in all the local exhibits. She was my biggest fan and inspired me to pursue my artwork, to enjoy cooking as an art and to improve my score in golf.*

*Her loving daughter-in-law, Linda Drake*

# *Birthdays*

## *November*

LaVerne Rentfro  
Woolman  
Heinz Lankford  
Lynn Rendler  
Betty Dornan  
Robert Larsen  
Mary Ann Gaspard  
Shirley Butt  
Chris Bradshaw  
David T. McCarthy

Clare Doherty  
K.Patrick O'Higgins  
Jason D. Crowson  
Dennis Dornan  
Kenny Paasch  
Xavier Delatorre  
Lance Rotting  
Joe Savile  
Shane Thomas  
Liam Thompson

Linda Feyder  
Nicole Vargo  
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  
Charlotte Birsinger  
Gary Shows

## *December*

Jean Allyn  
Hazel Paasch  
Edna Hathaway  
Donald Smith  
Debbie Seaburg  
Fred Frye  
Christine Hayes  
Lydia Jahromi

Marian Hawkins  
Jeff Corbin  
Mike Turner  
Lauren Nason  
Marilyn Darling  
Linda Mertle  
Michael Cheshareck  
Eric Turner

Seth Fenton  
Vince Smith  
Richard Barnes  
Jean Eakle  
Christina Nagatani  
Donald Smith  
Thomas Mercer Hursh  
Jerry Feagley

Ilana Dolberg  
Kayla Dolberg  
Bob Burdick  
Pat Pearson

## *January*

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

Jeff Quist  
Ed Paasch  
Jan Burdick  
Jim Wilson  
Robert McIntosh  
Mary Highfill  
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  
Les Hathaway





# *Deaths.....*

**Roberta Hipolito** was born September 8, 1917 and died July 20, 2011. The Hipolito family, Roberta, husband David, and daughters, Rebecca and Sarah lived in Point Richmond on Santa Fe Avenue for many years. Roberta was a lifelong activist in Labor and Civil Rights and Peace Movements. She was employed as a cytotechnologist at Merritt Hospital, Oakland. On retirement she returned to UCSF medical center where she had been a student and became a counselor in their willied body program. She was predeceased by her parents Adeline and Elmer Nourse, husband David Hipolito, brother, David Nourse, sisters Willa Hewitt and Kathleen Johnson. She is survived by her sister, Marilyn Foyston of Palm Springs, daughters Rebecca of Sacramento and Sarah of Oakland, and a large and loving extended family. At her request, no services were held.

**Spiro Cakos** was born in Point Richmond on November 8, 1925 and died September 28, 2011 at this home in Phoenix Arizona. He graduated from Richmond Union High School and then from Armstrong College. Spiro moved to Phoenix Arizona after he finished college. He retired as Sales Supervisor of Exxon Corporation U S A. Spiro is survived by his wife Mary Lee and predeceased by, his three brothers Gus, Peter and Andrew and two sisters Helen and Rebecca.

His brother, Andy, was also well known in Point Richmond. The family lived on Cottage Avenue while Spiro was growing up. They came out to the mud flats where my family lived and played baseball with the "Bone Crushers" as did many other boys in the Point. The family later moved to Tewksbury Avenue where they were neighbors of Rose Grosso. Spiro was in contact with Rose by phone every Saturday until her death.

Spiro was a "special member" of the Point Richmond History Association for many years. He often wrote letters to This Point in Time. Upon his death, his wife sent a generous contribution to the Association. He will be missed.

**Amelia Marie Giacomelli Drake** died October 29, 2011. Age 91. Born in Point Richmond September 5, 1920, Ameila attended Washington Elementary, Longfellow Junior High, Richmond High School and Livingston 's Art College in San Francisco. She worked for the U.S. Navy on Yerba Buena Island where she met her husband Robert Max Drake who was in the Navy awaiting assignment. Amelia enjoyed traveeing. An avid supporter of the arts she was a founding member of the Arts of Point Richmond. She served as an officer and board member of Our Lady of Mercy Parish Council, Italian Catholic Federations at Saint Cornelius, Women's Westside Improvement Club, AARP Richmond Chapter, Saint Vincent de Paul Brown Bag Program and the Richmond Soup Kitchen. Amelia is survived by her daughter Barbara Lee Brown, sons Robert and Leslie Drake, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; also by her brother Leo Giacomelli. Her brother, Raymond Giacomelli preceded her in death. Funeral Mass was held Monday, November 7, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

# *CALENDAR/DIRECTORY*

## **ARTS OF POINT RICHMOND**

Meets third Tuesday of each month 7-9 at the Pt. Community Center, Contact: Linda Drake, 510672-0793

## **CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM**

114 Washington Avenue, Point Richmond, 510-223-0487

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

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

## **MANY HANDS PROJECT TO SUPPORT WASHINGTON SCHOOL**

Contact, Margaret Morkowski, 510-234-4219

## **MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE**

Quality productions, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sunday Matinees at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$18-\$20. Dinner at the Hotel Mac and the play on Thursday, for only \$50. Call 510-232-4031 for reservations.

## **PARENTS, RESOURCES AND MORE (PRAM)**

A volunteer, nonprofit organization serving families with children 5 or under. Playgroups, social events, educational opportunities, Information go to <http://www.PRAM.net> or call 510-215-1734.

## **PARENT, TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

Becky Jonas, Contact, 510-235-0157

## **POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

Contact: Andrew Butt, 510-236-7445

## **POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER**

Info: 233-6881

## **POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION**

Museum is at 139½ Washington Avenue, and open Winter, Thursday's 11:30 to 2:00 and Saturday 11:30 to 2:00 and Summer, Wednesday 4:30 to 7:00 and Thursday's 11:30 to 2:00. The deadline for the next issue of TPIT is Friday January 20, 2012. Info call President Mildred Dornan at 510-234-5334.

## **POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Meets last Wednesday each month, Point Richmond Community Center; 7:30 P.M Contact: Peter Minkwitz, President, 510-232-3663

## **POINT RICHMOND/WEST SIDE BRANCH LIBRARY**

Information call 510-620-6567

## **RED OAK VICTORY**

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## **RICHMOND SWIMS**

The Children and teens "Sail Fish" and Masters swim teams at the Richmond Plunge.

Contact: Coach John Schonder, 510-504-0330

September 25, 2011 open water bay swim raises money for coaching, equipment, pool fees and swimming scholarships for inner-city youth throughout Richmond. More info at <http://www.richmondswims.org/> or call (415) 892-0771

## **WASHINGTON SCHOOL**

Washington School at 565 Wine Street offers traditional and Spanish dual immersion curriculum, K - 6th grade. Contact principal Lisa Levi at 231-1417 for more information.

## **WOMEN'S WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB (established 1908)**

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