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POINT RICHMOND'S CHURCHES

Save the Date!

May 20, 2012

PRHA

Annual Meeting

Election of Officers

*We will help celebrate
Washington School's
Centennial*

and

*Present an update on our
“Windows to the Past” plaque program*

**Point Richmond Community Center
139 Washington Avenue, Point Richmond**

Refreshments will be served.

From the President

By Mid Dornan

At the annual meeting of the Point Richmond History Association on Sunday, May 20, 2:00 p.m. at the Point Richmond Community Center in the downtown Triangle, we will have a brief meeting to elect officers for leadership in the coming year before our program.

For the Program we are proud to help Washington School celebrate its Centennial in the coming year and invite all former students and teachers to attend. We have and continue to collect class photos from the past hundred years. We need your stories and memories. The Centennial Celebration began when the current PTA and teachers in March hosted a Centennial Tea to honor the school's Past Presidents and learned of their many accomplishments. Come hear the plans the PTA and School have to make this Centennial a special year for the students as well. They want former students to tell what has happened to them since they left Washington School and the accomplishments of their lives. You can be the inspiration to each child.

Last year we were gifted with a grant from the Gateway Foundation for plaques, Windows to the Past. Patricia Pearson is working on these plaques and will have some prepared for the meeting.

Come and bring a friend.

"in the Moreland truck"

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Enhanced by Thomas Mercer-Hursh

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Thank you members for your renewal:

Ken and Kay Madison Family
Roger Glafke
Gary Darling
Marcelina Smith
Maria Inchauspe
Dixie Mello
Darlene A. Wright*
Frank Kenny
Penny Cahario
Michael Shaw
Alice & Nina Williamson Family
Doug and Rosemary Corbin**
Kathe Kiehn**
Brenda McKinley
Marion Kent
Donna Wilson**
Joann Cannon
William Vallivero & Richard Giordano
Family

*Gift Membership

**Special Member, Thank You!

*The first Point Richmond Farmers Market of
2012 will be on May 2nd*

4pm to 8pm and continue until September.

*At that time our museum hours will change to
our summer hours:*

Wednesday 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Thursday 11:30 - 2:00 pm

Thank You!

Santa Fe Market

and

Point Richmond Market

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

Museum Hours:

Saturday 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday 11:30 am - 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:

Point Richmond's historic churches. Photo is by Thomas Mercer-Hursh.

Editor's Notes

Gary Shows (510-235-1336)

Here is your April/May issue to welcome springtime. As you can see we have several nice photos of our beautiful historic churches and running them as a theme of the newsletter is the perfect excuse to get Thomas to enhance them. A good part of our collection of over 700 archive photos have been enhanced.

Regarding our photos I would like to remind everyone that I am actively collecting them. If you have any photos of old Point Richmond (and they don't have to be turn of the century) please allow me to scan them. They will become part of our archive and have your name permanently attached. All of our photos are now viewable on an electronic picture frame in the museum, drop by and take a look.

See you on May 20th.

Special Thanks for stapling, folding and mailing the last issue:

Mid Dornan
Margaret Morkowski
Pat Pearson
George Coles
Jerry Cerkawicz
Marcelina Smith
Bonnie Jo Cullison
Tom Piazza
Pam Wilson
Gary Shows

The deadline for articles and items for the next issue is June 1, 2012.



Thank You!

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A-Mid Trivia

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Q: What is the most frequently used word in written English? Answer at the end of Trivia.

Voter ID requirements differ from state to state. California is one of 21 states that does not require an ID. It is quoted - "it's more likely that an individual will be struck by lightning than that he will impersonate another voter at the polls."

The next time you feel a hunger coming on, massage it away! Place the tip of your index finger right in front of your ear, next to the fleshy bump above the earlobe, and massage for 30 to 60 seconds. This is your body's cravings according to a licensed acupuncturist. She says the relief calms you and your cravings.

Friends and neighbors gathered on a recent Saturday to dedicate a rock to honor the late Maurice Dougherty who was active and fought for shoreline access parks. The Rock is at the intersection of Cliffside Court and Western Drive and reads:

MAURICE DOUGHERTY
SHORELINE ACCESS 2006

Include this on your walks.

Have you ever been "chalked"?

What is chalking? It is usually a teen prank, like TP'ing, where you chalk the driveway, sidewalks but ONLY on the premises of someone you like. Usually boys in girl's residences. Practice not popular in the Point with so few concrete driveways and sidewalks.

Terry Wynne has finally recovered from those "bugs going around" and has flown to Florida to spend 10 days to welcome her new grandson, Dillion, born to daughter Kyli and Sam Efron.

It has been two months since TinkerBell delivered two new lambs on February 17. Their father is Peter Pan of Cliffhanger fame! Remember?

Michael Marshall, son of Linda Andrew-Marshall and recent Cal Poly Honors Graduate, gave a 20-min presentation at the SPIE Conference (International Society for Optics & Photonics) on solar & optics at Moscone Center in S.F. Michael will spend 6 weeks this summer at the University of Beijing. On his return he will make a presentation in San Diego and then mentor another student next year for the trip.

It's the law. Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

According to data bank USA the median age of residents in California is 35.2.

Grandma used to set her pies on a window sill to cool. Her grand-daughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

(Bill Fiset was a columnist for the Oakland Tribune. This is from one of my favorite columns.)

A mother was zipping along Eastshore Freeway with her two kids in her station wagon. The kids were playing with their pet lizard, which got away from them and darted up the mother's leg, inside her Capri pants. She screeched to a stop leaped out of the car and began a wild dance to shake it loose. A man pulled behind, hopped out and, convinced the woman was having a seizure, wrestled her to the ground and tried to get his ball-point pen between her teeth. A third motorist pulled up and, convinced the man was attacking

the woman, rapped him on the head pretty good. Recriminations and explanations and they all drove off, the kids in the station wagon in tears. Their lizard got away.

A new weight problem explanation. The lady said, "I have metal fillings in my teeth. My refrigerator magnets keep pulling me into the kitchen. That's why I can't lose weight.!

Richmond has a new Professional Basketball Team the RICHMOND ROCKETS! The American Basketball Association franchise, launched November 10, 2011, has its home court at the city's newly renovated Civic Center Memorial Auditorium.

Ailurophobia is fear of cats.

The Fit for Life Coalition has formed to fight the child obesity epidemic and plan to put two measures on the November ballot.

1. levy 1 cent/ounce tax on sweetened drinks.
2. designate monies raised to support play fields and nutrition programs, etc.

Who are the 54 million people that receive Social Security? 64% are retired workers; 15%, Disabled, 8% are widows, widowers and parents, 8% are children, 5% spouses.

HINT: After slicing onions or mincing garlic, neutralize smelly hands by rubbing fingers on a stainless steel spoon under running water.

Plan now to do something special for your Mother on Sunday, May 13!

ANSWER: THE is the most frequently used word in written English, followed, in order, by OF, AND, A and TO. (YOU is number 8 on the list, and HE is number 11 - proving what you've always suspected HE is not as popular as YOU.)

PROVERBS

1. What killed the cat?
2. What is the best medicine?
3. What goes before a fall?
4. What makes the heart grow fonder?
5. What is the mother of invention?
6. What is next to godliness?
7. What does familiarity breed?
8. What is the soul of wit?
9. What catches more flies than vinegar?

Answers are on page



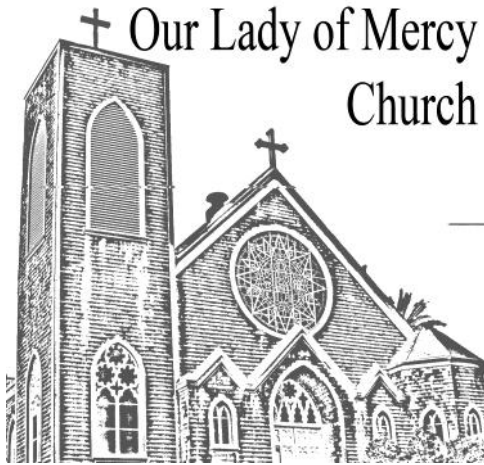
Washington School Miscellaneous

I recall an eighth grade incident that was very embarrassing to me. It involved a skit where I was "Dr. Wiseguy from San Pablo". During a "serious" speech my false mustache fell off and the audience thought it was supposed to happen! Miss Lucas, our teacher, wasn't too pleased.

We used a "ditto" process to make copies that used an indelible ink on the original master sheet and pressed it on a gelatin sheet in a metal pan. Copies could then be made by laying a paper on the gelatin sheet and presto! A copy was made. Xerox, where were you when we needed you?

Harold Shawl

Church News



† Our Lady of Mercy
Church

By Dee Rosier

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Welcome back rain, please stay a while – we really need you!

The recently restored chalice and ciborium was made in Dublin and presented to the Parish in 1952 in celebration of its 50th anniversary. It was a gift from the parishioners in honor and memory of “The Parish Pioneers,” as is engraved on the bottom of the chalice. Gifts received have been used to pay for its restoration.

It took a fete of engineering, but the new piano is now in place. It replaces the electronic keyboard.

There was just one screw that needed to be replaced and it takes up no more room than the keyboard and the flooring has been reinforced to distribute its weight. The sound is outstanding and it will be a plus in future musical events.

We now enter the Easter Season. The parish website, “Pointrichmondatholic.org,” will provide a complete listing of Holy Week services. It also provides information regarding, weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc. Father’s homilies and the weekly bulletin can also be accessed through the site.

A recent visitor to our Parish was Dominican Deacon, Emmanuel Taylor, who will soon be ordained.

His background is wide, having spent time working on an oceanographic research ship as well as a summer spent working in Kenya. His homily compared the gospel reading to the cultures observed

In Kenya, and was of extreme interest.

It is time for the Bishop’s Appeal. It is an annual program that helps fund a variety of diocesan needs throughout the greater Oakland area. The gifts received provide grants for parish and inner city schools in need, programs and services for seminarians and clergy, and support pastoral ministries such as youth, marriage and family life.

Parish repairs are ongoing. The Parish Council discussed the next project, which will be to replace the

Church hall flooring, which after many scrubbing no longer shines and is just worn. The counters also need to be replaced, as well as a new sink and fixtures. Once you take care of one problem, another always comes into play.

First of the month coffee and donuts is simply a social get together and we rarely make enough in donations to pay for the donuts. Although during last months, we had a generous crowd and must thank them for their donations. A 3-year old came up and presented a nickel saying he had money to buy a donut. We gave him a donut and returned his nickel. Teach them young.

Pancake breakfasts are back in full swing and you can certainly not beat the price of \$8 for pancakes and all the trimming. A raffle is held at each event and donations toward it are always welcome. The name has been changed to Sunday Breakfast (will try to remember).

The Gerk family will live on forever. At a recent baptism, it was a Gerk off-spring. John Gerk’s family members see to John’s presence at Mass.

To most people it was President's Day, but to Dody Perry it was her 94th birthday. Congratulations Dody, enjoy many more healthy ones.

Also celebrating a memorable birthday was Brenda McKinley. In honor of her 85th birthday, her son, Michael hosted a luncheon in the parish hall. The food was outstanding, Louisiana Creole. Many of Brenda's family from other states attended her celebration.

We welcome Gino Martinucci as a new subscriber. Gino lives in El Cerrito and was past president of the local ICF branch. Gino's Pt. Richmond connection is his daughter, Laurie Framsted, who worked at Rosemary's Bakery. We all remember the luscious pastries from Rosemarys.

St. Rose of Lima, my home parish in Crockett recently celebrated their 100th anniversary. During my youth the town was probably 85% Catholic and on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all of the Catholic's were dismissed from school an hour earlier and walked to St. Rose's for their religious instruction. The original church burned and a new one constructed across the street.

The last surviving brother in my mother's family recently died, which moves the rest of the family up a notch and we are now the senior family members. My Uncle Henry J. Rodriguez, was the first in the family to receive a college education and thus paved the way for the generation that followed him.

His obituary was impressive, as was he. He was an attorney in Oakland and active in many civic organizations. He also had a Pt. Richmond connection. He was schooled in Tormey by Mrs. Diffin (Margaret Allyn's mother). He was born with an ailment and Mrs. Diffin was responsible for his acceptance into Shriner's Hospital where he was successfully treated. Mrs. Diffin lived on infamous Idaho Street, the same street where I reside.

Continue to pray for those unable to attend

Mass on a regular basis: Dody Perry, John Gerk, Frankie Mello, Bill Smith and Al Fosini. Al has moved to a location closer to his daughter, Valerie, but he will always be in our thoughts.

We welcome Jean Stark home. Jean took a fall and has spent some time in a rehab facility. Take it easy Jean – you are in our thoughts.

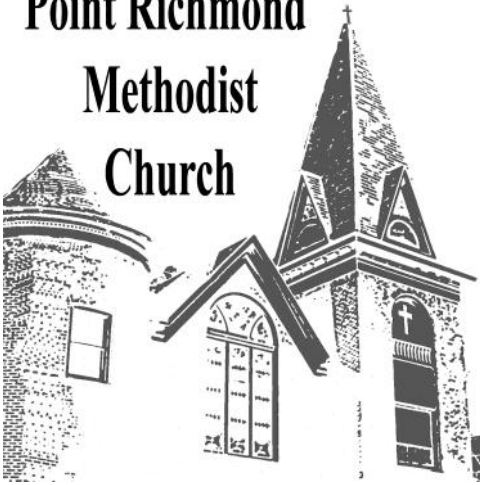
Catholic Word Meanings:
INCENSE: HOLY SMOKE!

SEE YOU IN CHURCH.



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Point Richmond Methodist Church



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Point Methodist News - - April 2012

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Jean

Pat Nelson starred this year as Sweetheart of the Year at the Sweetheart Dinner on February 16. Pat sings alto and occasionally directs the church choir. At the Masquers' Theater, she is famous as an actress, director, and managing director. Yacht Club volunteers captained by Ingrid prepared and served a savory dinner at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club; Bob Goshay of Masquers' board fame emceed the award festivities. A boisterous roomful of friends and family gathered to honor Pat for her many contributions to our community. Fran Smith, Mid Dornan, Theo Collins, Robert Love and Jean Reynolds shared stories to illustrate some of the many ways, real and fictional, that Pat is special. Pastor Dan's witty adaption of a jazz standard to describe Pat as "Sweeter than Robert" ignited our mirth. Pat shared some of her little-known history: she has always been remarkable! The Joyful Noise

choir and friends sang the finale with Pat's sweet harmony: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You.*

Many United Methodist Women from the Pt. Richmond church attended the LUNAFEST at Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley on February 3, sponsored by Zonta Club.

LUNAFEST features short, engaging films made by and for women from around the world, and profits all go to women's charities. Near the beginning of Lent, February 23, women from Easter Hill and Good Shepherd UMC's came to Point Richmond for a Call to Prayer soup supper and program. Doreen Leighton made the soup; we discussed the benefits and drawbacks of living with technology. Our offering will provide computer access for some women who lack it. At the March meeting, we gathered, wrapped and packaged items for ten layettes: they will be distributed to new mothers. We postponed a field trip to Mary Elizabeth Inn in San Francisco due to the Bay Bridge closure.

On Sunday, March 4, we hosted Barbara Lubin and Ziad Abbas, Executive Director and Associate Director of MECA, the Middle Eastern Children's Alliance. Ms. Lubin and Mr. Abbas told us their own personal experiences that led them to want to do work to improve the lives of Palestinian children, and to work for Palestinian human rights. They recently published a book of children's art: *A Child's View from Gaza*, as a way to convey the reality that Palestinian families live with daily. They have arranged to exhibit the art around the world. Recent censorship by a children's art museum in Oakland raised awareness about the exhibit and resulted in three years of invitations to show it. MECA works on other projects in Palestine as requested by people who live there. They build playgrounds, community centers, and try to provide some relief from the pressures residents endure because of the occupation.

Congregants gave spare coins to Heifer International in February in memory of Helen Valentine. Helen, our favorite Valentine, always saved her pocket change in a jar to donate to Heifer. The Sunday school children designated our donation to purchase a llama, a trio of rabbits, a hive of bees, a flock of hens, a flock of ducks, and a mixed flock of fowl for six families in need and ultimately six communities where they live.

The garden called, “Spring,” while the calendar insisted, “Winter”: exotic variegated tulips, calla lilies, ceanothus, daffodils, and crocus bloomed in profusion. Helen Wysham selected a yellow rose bush in memory of Betty Dornan; Carlos Sanchez planted it. Bill Thompson cleaned and serviced our ancient Wolf stove – it should be ready for the pancake breakfast on Memorial Day. Jonathan Swett and his painter buddy German Alvarez painted Friendship Hall “apple core” after careful prep and primer the week of March 19. They smoothed and masked a multitude of imperfections; put in new light sconces; and installed a row of shiny, intact coat hooks by the back door. During the recent rain, Jonathan, Liam and Bill Thompson responded when water seeped into the basement from the street.

On the Calendar:

Fri. April 6, 7:30 pm - Good Friday Service – We meet at Pinole UMC this year, 2000 San Pablo Ave., Pinole. All are welcome.

Easter Sunday, April 8 - 8:00 a.m. Worship in the Garden; 9 a.m. Breakfast for everyone; 10 a.m. Sunday School for all ages; 11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with special Easter music. 12:15p.m. Easter egg hunt for children in the backyard. Come for the whole morning or pick your favorites to enjoy!

Friday, April 13, 8 pm - Point Acoustic Series

presents **Bill and Kate Isles** and special guest **The Henriettas**. Natives of Duluth, Minnesota, they offer a unique blend of charm, keen songwriting and harmony. \$15 at the door (\$12.50 students & seniors); doors open at 7:30. Point Acoustic is co-sponsored by Point Richmond Music, Folk Unlimited, and the Point Richmond First United Methodist Church.

ANNUAL JUNKTIQUE SALE, Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Come early for the best bargains - with the lowest prices since Biblical times! Sale items include Electronics, Furniture, Bedding, Toys, Decorations, Jewelry, Records, Books, Dishes, Tools, Linens & More. Enjoy Soup & Chili, Hot Dogs & Homemade Pie for lunch.

Donate your gently used items to benefit the church (Please, No Clothing). Drop off items at the church basement in April on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-8 p.m. or Saturday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Need a donation picked up? Call: 510-750-9591 or 510-236-0152.

Junktique II - Masquers All Point Richmond Yard Sale, Monday, May 28. The church basement will be open with items for sale. Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. will feature Boy Scout recipe “World Fair” pancakes, homemade syrup, sausage, juice, coffee or tea for \$6.

Check the church website: pointrichmond.com/methodist/ for updates.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter was Tom Sawyer

From Ellen Schaefer

Very Good News!

From Bruce Beyaert, TRAC Chair

Funding has been secured to proceed with plans for closing the mile-long San Francisco Bay Trail gap between the bus stop at Castro St. & Tewksbury Ave. and the existing trail under the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge. On March 23, the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) Board of Directors approved a \$200,000 award to the City of Richmond for funding participation by Caltrans from whom encroachment permits are needed.

This project has been in the works since TRAC was formed over 12 years ago, and we've been delighted to see the excellent progress that the City of Richmond has made recently with active support by Chevron and ABAG's San Francisco Bay Trail Project. The City of Richmond has committed \$1.6 million for project planning, environmental review and preparation of construction documents. Conceptual designs have been completed and an alignment selected following public meetings expressing strong support. WCCTAC's \$200,000 award will allow the project to proceed. Funding was made possible by Contra Costa County voters approving Measure J in 2004 extending the 0.5% sales tax for transportation expenditures.

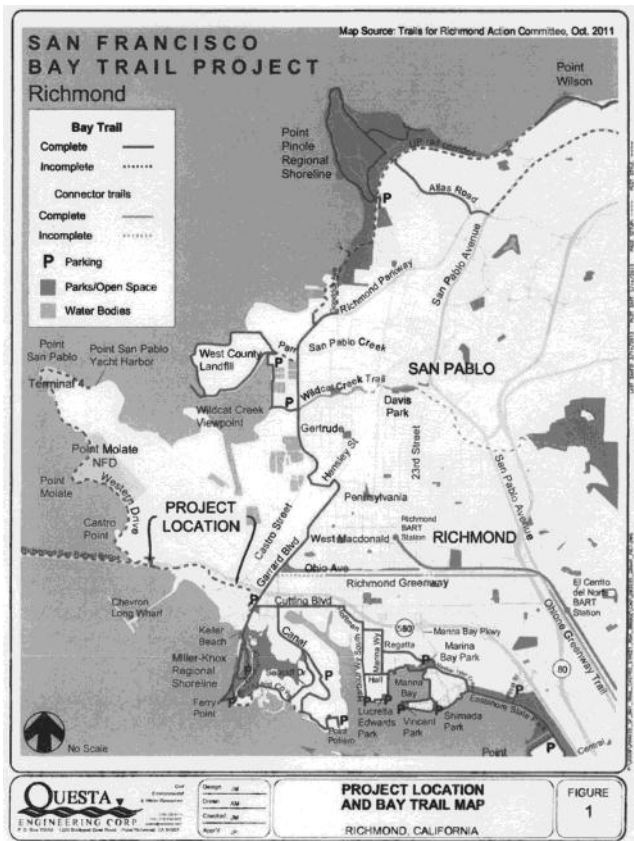
Referring to the map below, this planned trail connection will provide safe, convenient, and inviting access for bicyclists and pedestrians to Point Molate and ultimately the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge. Currently, there is no pedestrian access to the Point Molate area, and the only bicycle access is a demonstrably dangerous route along the shoulders and exit ramps of I-580.

As permit approvals and design work proceed, the City of Richmond and its

partners will be seeking an estimated \$18 million to build this new Bay Trail section. The result will be replacement of the current dangerous bicycle route with a safe, multi-use Class I Bay Trail section providing both pedestrian and bicyclist access to the Point San Pablo Peninsula and, ultimately, to Marin County.

For more background, see <http://www.pointrichmond.com/baytrail/pointsanpablo.htm>.

TRAC appreciates your continuing support.



NILES—POINT RICHMOND

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NILES

ELLIS BROS, Agts

Black	51	Bonner & Roderick, Livery Stable
Black	54	Briscoe Jno E, r
Black	53	Chalmers Dr G F, r
Black	21	Chittenden Mrs Giles E, The Bel- vior
Black	76	Donavan G L, r
Black	55	Easterday J A, Saloon & Restau- rant
Black	28	Ellis Bros, Grocers
Black	26	Ellsworth's Drying Yard
Black	73	Ellsworth Edw A, Ofc
Black	74	Ellsworth Mrs H B, r
Black	25	Ford Wm H, r
Black	77	Jacobs J E, r
Black	59	Murphy & Briscoe, Grocers
Black	23	Rose F, Fashion Stables
Black	22	Shinn J C, r
Black	30	Same, Ranch
Black	58	Snedden M B, r
Main	1	Southern Pacific Co
Main	2	Spring Valley Water Co
Black	75	Tyson Joseph, r

OAKLEY

SILVA & JEFFE, Agts

Main	1	Solway Land Co
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PACHECO

RUSSI & SONNER, Agts

Main	21	Solmi Bros, Grocers
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PINOLE No 2

J B DOWNER, Agt

Main	106	Brunone Chas, r
Main	131	Clark C P, Grocer
Main	103	Downer J B, r
Main	135	Enloe J V, Popular Mkt
Main	113	Fitch F, r
Main	125	Gerrish Wm, Butcher
Main	1	Greenfield A, Dept Store
Main	124	Grow E B, r
Main	3	Jaunet Mrs, Pinole Hotel
Main	144	Lehman Bros, Grocers
Main	104	Machado M L, Saloon
Main	41	Murphy & Donahue, Saloon
Main	45	Nugent M, Saloon
Main	116	Parsons E A, r
Main	115	Patterson J, r
Main	111	Robison E, r
Main	143	Silva J T, r
Main	126	Silva M F, Saloon
Main	34	Smith Dr E B, r
Main	133	Smith & Bailey Drs, Ofc
Main	101	Southern Pacific Depot
Main	105	Starkey G W, Fruit
Main	2	Steele Mrs, Commercial Hotel
Main	123	Towns J W, r
Main	114	Wood Carl, r
Main	121	Wood J L, r

PLEASANTON

THOS H SILVER, Agt

Black	111	Adams Fred E, Pleasanton Times
Black	73	Alameda Sugar Co, Farm
Black	95	Apperson E C, r
Black	124	Arendt Mrs H, r
Black	25	Arendt H & Co, Mdse & Feed
Black	23	Arendt J N, r
Black	24	Bank of Pleasanton
Black	21	Benedict E L, r
Black	116	Bernal A H, Lou Dillon Palace
Black	117	Case C A, Phy
Black	115	Colestock L A, Dentist
Black	51	Copt Wm H, Phy
Black	35	Detjens G W, r
Black	74	Diavilla & Son, Gen Mdse
Black	26	Donahue W H, r
Black	118	Dunlap H H, r
Black	33	Ellis Bros & Co, Gen Mdse

Black	123	Fashion Livery Stable, Lee Wells
Black	114	Griffith Chas L, r
Black	33	Hall E E, r
Black	31	Hall Warehouse Co
Black	34	Same
Black	75	Hanna Wm, Santa Rita Creamery
Black	27	Harris & Donahue, Atlys
Black	31	Harvey Mrs J, r
Black	63	Hearst Mrs Phoebe A, r
Black	94	Hearst Ranch, W J Dakin Supt
Black	44	Hellar E M, Livery
Black	56	Hellwig Meat Co
Black	36	Hewitt & Co, Gen Mdse
Black	51	Kirkpatrick J C, r
Black	53	Lewis Frank, Plumber & Jeweler
Black	41	Lillenthal & Co, Rancho del Valle
Black	121	Mello & Goulardt, Plumbers
Black	113	Nevis Joseph, Opera Hse
Black	57	Philpot J A, Milk & Cream
Black	34	Pleasanton Hotel, N Hansen
Black	45	Reimers H, Farmers Hotel
Black	135	Remillard Brick Co
Main	1	Rose Hotel, A S Olney & Son
Black	125	Rossi G, Gen Mdse
Main	81	Southern Pacific Co, Depot
Black	76	Therkelsen & Helms, Blksmiths
Black	46	Wells S J, Phy

POINT RICHMOND

GEO W TOPPING, Mgr

Black	83	Abbott Dr C L, Ofc
Black	75	Adams A E, r
Black	271	Allen Mrs J, r
Black	341	Angelas Geo F, Sign Painter Atch- ison
Black	105	Arnold C M, r
Black	413	Arnold & Truett, Tea Store
Main	201	Associated Oil Co, Pumping Plant
Black	346	Atchison Mkt, Gilford & Masters
Black	581	Babcock F S, Foreman P C O Co r
Black	104	Baker B J, r
Black	376	Baker L L, r
Black	156	Bank of Richmond
Black	585	Barker Nellie, r
Black	414	Barlow H C, r
Black	584	Barnard House, Mrs C M Cook
Black	564	Barney H N, Phy & Sur Ofc
Black	565	Same, r
Black	371	Bartholomew W E, Richmond Feed & Fuel Co
Black	275	Bay State Hotel, C Spanzini
Black	375	Bayless A L, r
Black	423	Bedwell J L, Dentist
Black	115	Belding Wm F, r
Black	356	Blake Chas E, Phy
Black	116	Bonner Wm, r
Black	507	Brasch S D
Black	163	Brignon & Demaria, Poodle Dog Restaurant
Black	373	Brown Warren, Pubr Richmond Terminal
Black	265	Campbell P C, Phy
Black	175	Caron T J, Golden West Hotel
Black	345	Carpenter D H, r
Black	224	Central Saloon, John Kenny
Black	531	City Mkt, Metzger & Masterson
Black	215	Clark's Hotel, E W Hayden
Black	361	Coleman R, Coal Yd
Black	121	Cook Mrs C M, Lodgings
Black	133	Cornish Mrs L A, Christian Scien- tist
Black	91	Curry S E, Checkered Front Livery Stable
Black	263	Curry S E, r
Main	51	Daily Leader, Frank Hull Editor & Pubr
Black	503	Davis J J, Statnry
Black	61	Dean Patrick, Saloon
Black	364	Decker Henry, Dentist
Black	145	De Vere Geo, Hotel
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Out and About Town

Margaret Morkowski (510) 234-4219

It's Spring, and luckily we are now having our winter rains. My garden sure is enjoying the showers.



The **Point Richmond Farmers' Market** will be here soon. For the fourth year, members of the Point Richmond Business Association (PRBA) will be hosting the Market. There will be a Grand Opening event for the first Market and special themed events during the Market's Season. The first Farmers' Market of the year will be on **Wednesday, May 2nd from 4 PM to 8 PM.** It will be held on Park Place every Wednesday through September with the street closure beginning at 2 PM.

Again this year the Pacific Coast Farmers Market Association will operate the certified farmers' market. This association operates more than 60 Certified Farmers' Markets in Northern California and has been providing this service for more than 20 years. Please call Margi Cellucci at 237-0101 for more information about the market.



By the way, the **Point Richmond History Museum on Washington Avenue** will be open again this year during the Market from 4:30 PM until 7 PM. Stop by and say "Hello."



With May comes the Farmers Market and with June comes **The Point Richmond Summer Concert Series.** The concerts are great and are always held on the second Friday of the month from **June through September –the time 5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.** The concerts are held on Park Place and the bands are awesome. Look for posters around town or call Andrew Butt at 236-7435 for more information.

As you may know, **Washington School** is celebrating their **Centennial** in 2012 and 2013. The first event of the two-year celebration was held on March 1st.

We invited more than twenty honored guests to the special **Tea for PTA-Past Presidents** as a way to say "Thank you." Everyone was encouraged to wear hats and gloves and as you can tell from the pictures, this added great charm to the event. Attendees included the current and 15 PTA-Past Presidents, our Principal Lisa Levi and a few of the current teachers also stopped by to enjoy the festivities. Everyone was asked to tell us a "PTA-Story" and let us know what their children are doing now. Ms. Levi, the current PTA president and the teachers brought us up to date on current PTA activities.

The library was transformed into a "elegant tea shop" with china, silver and linen table cloths from Lisa's collection. Becky Jones made the delicious tea sandwiches and brought the scones with "clotted cream" and dessert sweets for all to enjoy. It was a grand event.



Rosemary Corbin, Kate Lord, Brenda McKinley and Becky Jones, photo by Margaret Morkowski

Next up ... **April 20th is the Centennial Games Day.** This day-long event for the entire school will begin with a “ground-breaking” to commemorate the first one which took place in April of 1912. The ground-breaking will be followed by games from the past 100 years such as Jacks, Hoop Rolling (with a stick,) Red Light Green Light, Cates-Cradle, Graces, Four-Squire, Jump Rope, Hopscotch, Yo-Yo competitions and much-much more.



In February 2013, there will be a community wide “Founders Day” event when we hope prior students, teachers and volunteers will attend to celebrate the Centennial with their current counterparts. If you would like more information on any of these events please call me at 234-4219.



Other Items:

The **Point Richmond Methodist Church** will have its **Annual Junktique on May 5th.** There are always lots of “treasurers” to purchase, good food and lots of longtime friends to see. Please call 236 -0527 for more information.



Historic **Our Lady of Mercy Church** hosts a fundraising **Pancake Breakfast the 3rd Sunday of each month** through October. For \$8.00, the menu includes pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, juice, fruit, coffee and tea. **Pancakes are served from 9 AM to 12 noon.** Please call 232-1843 for more information.



The **Masquers Playhouse Annual Memorial Day Yard Sale** will be held on **Monday, May 28th.** Please call David Vincent at 235-4850 for more information.



Need a way to remember an old friend, to commemorate an anniversary or celebrate a birthday? Stop by the **Library and check out their “Wish List”** of books. With the City Library budget cuts, donating a book to the library would be a great idea. Call the Point Richmond/Westside Branch at 620-6567 for more information.



Knit-and-Such meets on the first Wednesday of every month in the Point Richmond Community Center from 12:30 PM until 2:30 PM. Please join Altha Humphrey and everyone to work on your current knitting, crocheting, art, craft and/or other project to get together for some fun. Please call Altha at 232-2934 for more details.

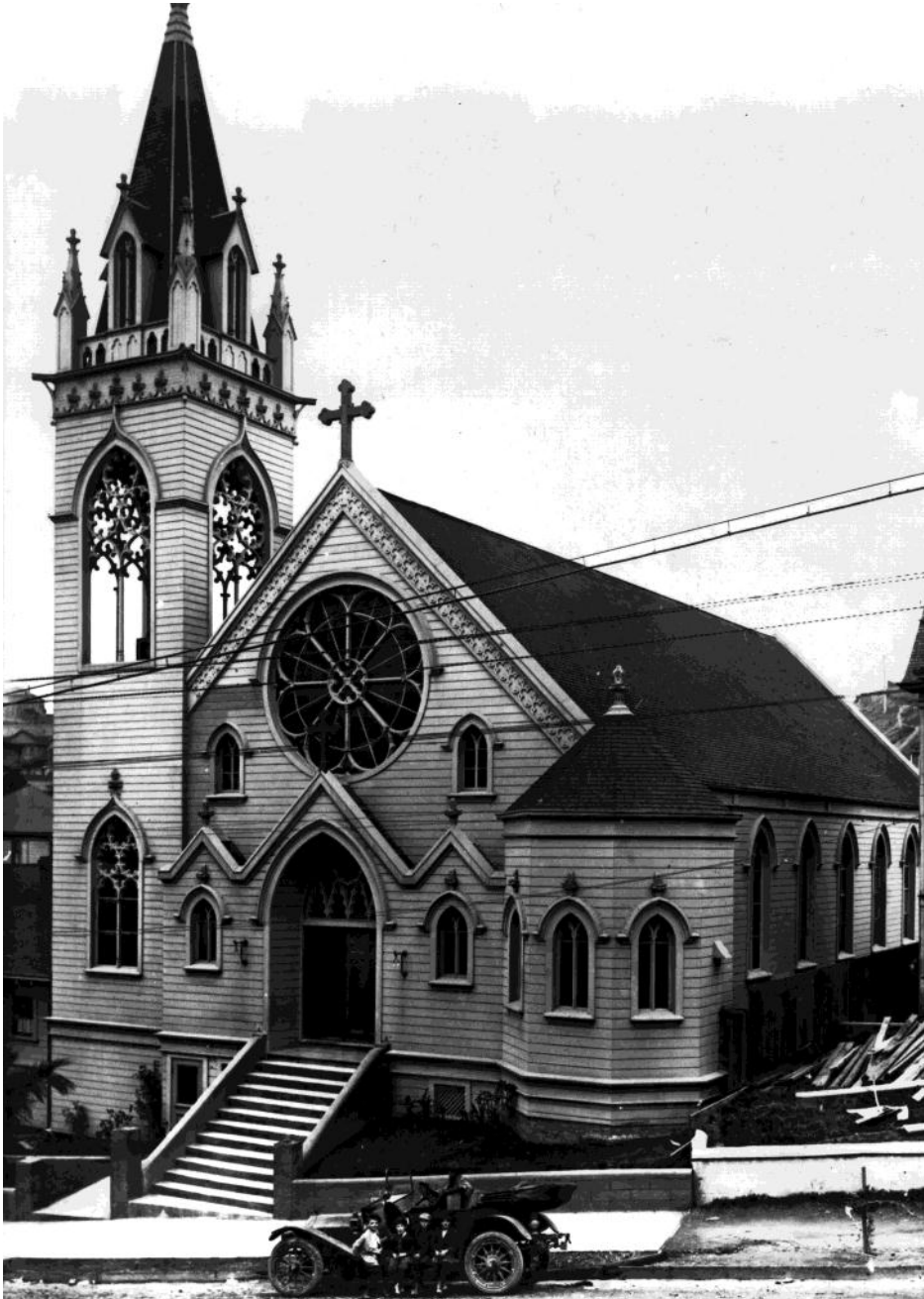


For more up-to-date information on what’s happening around the Point please check the Point Richmond Online Web Site <http://www.pointrichmond.com>. Also, check the “Calendar” page in this TPIT Newsletter for more information about the various organizations here in Point Richmond.

ANSWERS TO PROVERBS ON PAGE 5:

1. CURIOSITY
2. LAUGHTER
3. PRIDE
4. ABSENCE
5. NECESSITY
6. CLEANLINESS
7. CONTEMPT
8. BREVITY

Thomas Mercer-Hursh Enhanced Photo Gallery



A brand new Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, PRHA photo archive #0129 from Don Church

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Point Richmond's Historic Churches



Building of the Point Methodist Church, PRHA Photo Archive #0128a from Don Church

Point Richmond's Churches

By Donna Roselius

Taken from her book, "THIS POINT in time"

Richmond's first church services were held in 1899 in a railroad car that was placed on a side track for Sunday morning services. Soggy ground blocked off the coach in rainy weather, so worshippers moved to a "waterproof" tent on Washington and Richmond Avenues. A strong wind blew the tent away during one of the services, forcing a move to more permanent structures.



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Already planning construction, the Methodists hastened work on their first church building, a small wood-frame structure built on a lot between their present church and the Catholic Church. While it was being built, Rev. Younglove conducted services in his own home. This building served also as Point Richmond's first schoolhouse, where Emily Boorman Axtell provided everything until a small school was built. She may have also conducted classes in the church's new building

after 1906, since educational conditions were inadequate until 1913. The church also provided sanctuary for victims of the 1906 earthquake.



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The church prospered and outgrew its first building, and under the leadership of Rev. D.W. Calfee, the church that we know see on the corner of Martina and West Richmond was built. Completed late in 1906, the building cost \$11,000. No record of an architect or designer can be found, although the design is distinguished by the beautiful vaulted octagonal sanctuary. Volunteers provided most of the labor on the redwood frame building. The veneer of Richmond Common Brick was manufactured here, at the Richmond Pressed Brick Company (located across the street from Miller/Knox Park). Standard Oil bricklayers Harold Garrard, Harry Marland, George Connolly and John Huston laid the brick that Bob Dornan Sr. delivered free of charge by horse and wagon.

The beautiful sanctuary of the Methodist Church is almost acoustically perfect. It is lined with Douglas fir wainscoting, and adorned by carbon filament light globes that still operate. The original gaslight fixtures remain on the plastered walls, but they have been converted to use

electricity. The present stained glass windows were installed in 1919.

Roman Catholics in Point Richmond conducted their first services in Curry's Hall at Standard and Washington Avenues. The room was not reserved for masses, hosting roller skating, dancing and prize fighting as well. Its ground floor was a horse stable.

By the summer of 1902, a parish was established here, and Rev. Scanlan offered his first mass in September at Monte Richards Hall, at Park Place and Washington Avenue. Pat Deane, local bar owner, served as the Acolyte. The parish began work on their permanent church and rectory simultaneously, in 1903. The architect was Mr. Higgins, and Mr. LeGault, known for his great interest in baseball for Richmond's youth, was the contractor. The estimated cost of both buildings was \$30,000. The formal dedication of Our Lady of Mercy Church was held on August 23, 1903. Its attendance in 1903-04 was approximately two hundred families, predominantly Irish. Membership was greatly expanded when refugees from the 1906 earthquake moved into this area.

An excavation was made beneath the church

for a parish hall between 1909 and 1912.. The large room has been host to many large luncheons and banquets. The West Side Improvement Club still holds monthly meetings in the hall. The well-kept up church had to give up its original bell, used little because of structural weakness.



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The Real Inspector Hound

AND THE FIFTEEN MINUTE HAMLET

at the Masquers

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

Someone has been terribly clever. That's what you'll think moments after the show begins. *The Real Inspector Hound*, a farce written by **Tom Stoppard** and directed by **Steve Hill**, asserts that fiction is make believe and anything goes. There's a double-meaning to most parts, like a drawing which is both a representation of a real thing as well as a pattern on the page.

Kudos to Costume Designer **Maria Graham**, Lighting Designer **Steve Hill**, Set Designer **Rob Bradshaw**, Sound Designer **Joseph Ponder** and Wig Designer **Robert Love**. The show plays at the Masquers until April 28, 2012. (*Photos by Jerry Telfer*).

Over time, théâtre reviews help people—patrons or actors—in different ways, but here we're treated to a poignant understanding of what a review means for the reviewer.

The play opens to a stage set prior to opening curtain disclosing two eccentric reviewers who plunk down in the first row. They've been wondrously fitted out with hairstyles and costumes. Moon (**George W. Adams, Jr.**, *photo this page, left*) is standing in for the senior critic, Higgs. Moon is a philosopher with an existential view of the importance of his views while Birdboot (**Mark Shepard**, *photo this page, right*) is a happily married man who might just be a dirty dog enraptured with his own influence. The dialogue is alliterative and amusing.

Most comic is how completely each reviewer's thoughts are isolated from the play; in fact, they write much of their reviews long before the play begins. Eventually, the old fools are drawn from their observational perch into the action. Ultimately, each suffers a fate appropriate for a reviewer.

Mrs. Drudge (**Jean Rose**) is a maid who makes us feel that, should we need to join this society,



we'd druther *not* become members of the servile classes. Mrs. Drudge dearly lives up to her name and we warm to her straight-faced act. She develops side rôles as a narrator and accessory after the fact. Much later she develops most telling characteristics. Perversely, she is the only sane voice in the ensemble.

A radio programme is interrupted by a BBC announcer (**Brian Jones**) with terrifying updates of a criminal at large.

Simon Gascoyne (**Eric Sadler**) appears onstage surrounded by sinister mystery. His dark eyes glitter and he smiles slyly. We don't trust this handsome lothario and it's easy to see why we suspect him of deception. We are elegantly transported to the days when fondling cigarettes was common. We watch Simon prepare his surroundings for seduction of his target victim. Et voilà!

Cynthia Muldoon (**Michelle Pond**) is the beautifully dressed, lady of the manor who adores her man passionately, within the constraints of dignity. Or perhaps only when others are looking. She toys with temptation. Her gentility may be a veneer for ruthless determination.

Felicity Cunningham (**Kirstin Haag**) is the play's young lovely who excellently transports us to a time early in the last century when society women were glamorous and droll. She's a pert, capable young miss playing at being empty-headed. Deliciously, she turns out to have a temper.

Both Lady Cynthia and Felicity are of a time when women did not speak what they were thinking.

Instead whole conversations are told with the eyes. Magnificent!

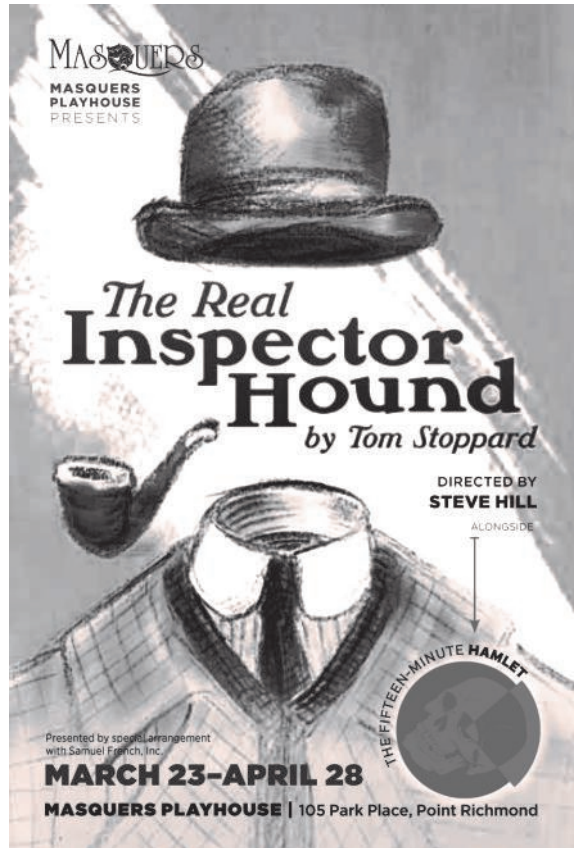
Major Magnus Muldoon (**Robert Love**) is the aged, embittered brother of the missing-in-action Lord Albert. He's hilariously mean-spirited and grumpy. Mobility is an issue for the Major and we are entranced by his adroit use of an antique wheelchair; we appreciate how much time was spent rehearsing this part. In time we see how possessive and commanding the Major can be.

The fabulously dressed Inspector Hound (**Norman Macleod**) makes a dramatic entrance, having just come from searching nearby marshes for the escaped criminal. The Inspector is a complex character; we're never quite sure if he's a bumbling fool or a perspicacious boffin. He's a charming old penny buffed into brightness. Using infallible logic, the inspector soon unmask the criminal. Or does he?

As the story unfolds, the kaleidoscope wheel slips and what was murky now becomes sharper; other meanings mutate. There are bodies galore and at least one dying scene worthy of joining a collection of Great Dying Scenes.

The Fifteen Minute Hamlet stars foppishly dressed **Robert Taylor** (photo this page, left) as Hamlet and includes all of the actors from the earlier play. The doomed Hamlet is devious and behaves crazily.

The abridged story lasts about fifteen minutes, so things happen rather quickly. For those for whom it's been a long time since reading the play, the



performance acts as a bit of a refresher course. Small touches make the play memorable, like the way the passage of days is illustrated.

The cast of *The Real Inspector Hound* and *The Fifteen Minute Hamlet* constantly move across the stage keeping the audience's eyes roaming. There is swordplay, gunplay, glorious costumes and wigs.

This is an enthralling performance with an imaginative storyline requiring careful attention and quite a few chuckles. There were many cheers at the sold out performance on opening night.

Get seats while you can.

This is the 9th 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.

On This Date in KP History

Steve
Gilford

The launching of the Red Oak Victory Red Oak, Iowa and The Red Oak Victory

Kaiser Permanente has every reason to take pride in the accomplishments of the hundreds of thousands of people who worked in the Kaiser shipyards in Richmond, CA and in the three Kaiser shipyards in the Portland-Vancouver area as well as at the Kaiser steel plant in Fontana (CA). The hard work and constant innovations of these early Health Plan members made it possible to build more ships, in less time, than had ever been done in the history of the world, a total of 1,490. The Kaiser workforce built all sorts of vessels, freighters, troop carriers, and tankers as well as a variety of warships including fifty Kaiser aircraft carriers. Six decades later, the ships all over the world are still being built using techniques they pioneered. The workers turned Henry Kaiser's companies into some of the most valuable assets of wartime America.

Of that great armada of nearly fifteen hundred ships built by the

*Red Oak Victory under construction in
Richmond, California at Kaiser Shipyard #1
November 8, 1944*

Kaiser workforce, only one is left to symbolize the literally millions of people who built and sailed these vessels during one of the most critical periods in world history. That ship is the SS Red Oak Victory. To stand alongside her at the dock in Richmond, California, dwarfed by the gray hull towering above you and the giant welded plate stretching out 450 feet in front of you is probably the best way of getting a sense of the immensity of the Kaiser workforce's accomplishment.

This ship celebrated her 60th birthday on November 9, 2004. On that date in 1944, at 10:00AM, when Edna Reily, wife of the mayor of Red Oak, Iowa smashed a bottle of champagne against the brightly draped gray steel bow. It was just three months after construction had



begun. As the champagne splattered, the brand new vessel slipped into the waters of San Francisco Bay to begin a career that would ultimately include serving in three wars. Coincidentally, this all took place here only a few hundred yards from where she's now berthed. A crew of hundreds of volunteers have been working for the past several years to get her ready to go to sea again, this time as a museum ship.

As a Victory ship, the Red Oak is slightly larger, better built, and far faster than the better-known Liberty Ship. The Liberties were designed as emergency vessels, part of a simple but desperate strategy in the early days of the war. Those gallant but vulnerable ships and their crews were sent out to overwhelm the German submarine Atlantic blockade that was threatening to strangle Great Britain by putting more of them to sea than the Uboats could sink.

On the other hand, the Victory Ship fleet was a product of a later wartime strategy when the balance of the war was beginning to shift in favor of the Allies. More time and money could be put into this new class of ship. Victories could be bigger, three to four times more powerful, and far faster. They were designed to be, and were, the backbone of the American Merchant marine after the war.

This particular Victory ship carries the name of a small town founded in the middle of the nineteenth century on the rich, black soil of southwestern Iowa, Montgomery County. Almost a century later, the town earned the right to have a

ship named after it because of the residents' dedication, courage and heartbreak

Red Oak came to national attention May 3, 1943 in a LIFE Magazine article:

WAR HITS RED OAK: A small Prairie town gets word that 23 of its boys are missing in action after a battle in North Africa.

The article described how several weeks earlier, Rommel's Afrika Korps, battle-wise and confident, had attacked American forces at places with strange sounding names like Kasserine and Faid, somewhere in Tunisia, North Africa. There, on the edge of the Sahara Desert, the first major battle of World War II between German and American forces had been fought. A powerful Afrika Korps force had pushed the Americans back. Before the advance of the German Panzer divisions led by tanks had been stopped, they had engulfed an entire infantry company. That was Company M of the Iowa National Guard. In that single action, twenty-three boys from Red Oak were listed as "Missing in Action". In a town with a population of only 5,600, the loss was stunning. Everyone in Red Oak had known several of the missing boys.

What had happened at Faid and at Kasserine had brought the war to Red Oak with grief that touched every household but, because of military secrecy, back in Iowa they wouldn't learn of it until weeks later.

This was not the first time that the men of Red Oak, fired by duty, pride, and purpose, had gone off to war. In 1861, only

fifteen years after Ohio had joined the Union, the little farming town had sent volunteers to the far off battlefields of the Civil War to help preserve it. Men from Red Oak also fought in the Spanish American War. A generation later they were taking part in that half-forgotten 1916-1917 border war with Mexico. They had also sailed across the ocean to France to serve in the trenches to help stop the German advance on the Western Front during World War One.

It was no surprise that twenty years later, when the world went back to war, Red Oak was called on once more to pay a blood fee for freedom.

To better understand of how one small town could have paid such a high price in a single battle. I looked for answers at the

Montgomery County Historical Society. Bettie McKenzie, President of the Museum pulled out old files, newspaper clippings, books and oral histories and to help make my search easier.

From the archived papers Bettie McKenzie gave to me to read, I learned why so many fathers, sons, husbands, brothers and sweethearts had been casualties of this one battle.

The reason had its roots in the economics of farming during the Great Depression. Mid-America had been hit early and hard by the Depression. Service in the state militia was a small but dependable source of cash at a time and in a place where cash was very scarce. Young men from the town joined up to supplement the family's income.

The men, of Company M, (168th Infantry Regiment 34th "Red Bull" Division) would meet once a week at the local armory for training. In return, they received a much needed although modest one dollar payment for each session. Sometimes, it was pretty informal. Often the citizen-soldiers would march over to the town square where they would practice close order drill and run through their skirmishing tactics while curious townspeople looked on.

One former member of Company M recalled that there was not always a strong sense of urgency during these pre-war, Depression



Launching Day, November 9, 1944

Wife of Mayor of Red Oak, Iowa sends the SS Red Oak down the ways with a splash of champagne

-era training sessions. By chance, I'd struck up a conversation with him at breakfast at a local hotel. When he learned that I was interested in Company M, he told me of a time that the town was being bothered by flocks of ravens roosting in the trees of the square. On the next militia evening, he and his comrades-in-arms marched to the square with shotguns they'd been issued. At the order from their captain, they blasted away. The birds never returned.

However, even with their sometimes relaxed approach towards military training, state militias were the closest thing to a reserve force the US Army had available at that time. On February 10, 1940, ten months before Pearl Harbor, as international tensions mounted, President Roosevelt mobilized reserve units across the nation including the Iowa State militia. The citizen-soldiers thought that they were

being called up for no more than 12 months but events overtook such planning. They would remain in service through the end of the war.

Company M and the rest of the Red Bull Division of which they were a part went to Camp Claiborne in Louisiana for preparedness training in case the US should have to enter the European war. Because the Army couldn't yet supply them with weapons, they had to make do on their maneuvers with substitutes such as stovepipes for mortars. Then, when war did break out, because they were available, the men of the Red Bull Division were among the first US troops to see action.

On that February morning, as Company M marched from the Red Oak armory to the railway station, many watching were worried that their young men were heading into harm's way, but it

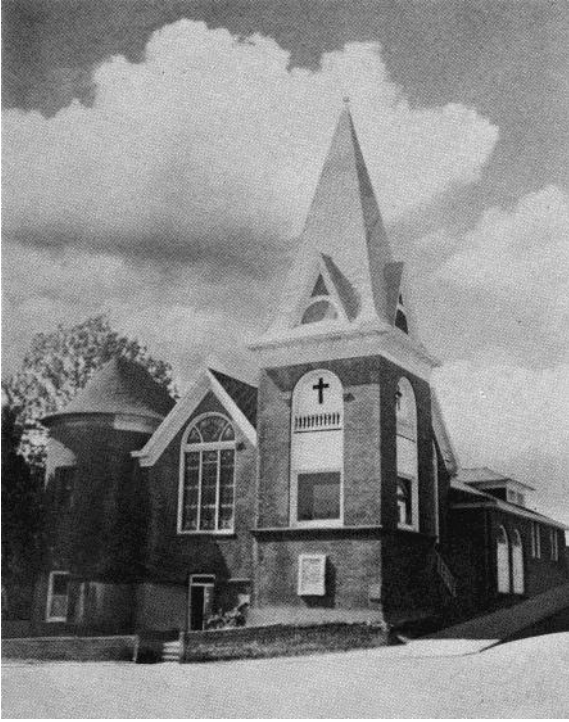
would have taken a terrible pessimist to think that before they would return, the casualties of Company M would be so many that they would catapult the little town into the national news.

Today the Red Oak Victory is open to visitors.

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Local highway sign honoring the 34th Infantry ARed Bull@ Division, of the Iowa National Guard, It included Red Oak=s Company M.



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Jailhouse Door Question

In 1982 Frank Mello of San Pablo bought five jailhouse doors from the old fire/jail house. He wants to know more about them such as who made them. If you know anything about these doors he asks that you call him at 510-234-3000.

Cards, Letters & E-Mails

Thomas,

Thanks very much for all of the great work you've done in enhancing historic Point Richmond photos. The centerfold of the Feb./March TPIT is a stunningly crisp photo providing perspective on the amazing changes man has brought to the Point Richmond landscape.

Bruce and Sandra Beyaert
Point Richmond
beyaert@earthlink.net

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened. Thereby making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase.... "Goodnight, sleep tight".

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Age is not a number, it is an attitude.

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Sara Eeles

Vern Doellstedt
Rena Gonsalves
Lyle Fisher
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Gene Bielawski
Norm Reynolds
Charles Palenchar



*Only two people
Signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th,
John Hancock
And Charles Thomson*

From Ellen Schaefer

Deaths.....

Annie Soo passed away March 2012 with congestive heart failure. Age 85. Annie taught Journalism at Roosevelt Junior High School and Harry Ells High and sponsored the school's newspaper and yearbook. She often hosted students in her home in Oakland giving them slips from her Jade Plant which are evident today in the Point. Annie was a seasoned traveler and received many awards for her Journalism. She is survived by her 2 daughters, 2 grandsons, and many other relatives. Services were held on March 17 (*61st anniversary of the day she met her late husband, James.*)

Peter Minkwitz died February 11, 2012 at his home in Point Richmond. Age 67. Born in Hamilton, Australia, Peter spent his earlier life in Stanford Village. He and his six siblings grew up sailing small boats on S.F. Lake Merced. Peter was an accredited member of the National Association of Marine Surveyors. But when Peter moved to the Point to build his home with his wife, Doreen, he immersed himself in the Point community serving as President of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council. Peter was described as a genuine human being-honest, generous, integrity at the highest level, brilliant problem solver, warm, thoughtful, and loving. He is survived by his wife, Doreen and six siblings. The Ferry Point Tunnel Mural on the Bay side of the tunnel, in which he was actively involved and which is waiting to be painted, will include something special about Peter. Donations for the mural may be sent to Point Richmond Neighborhood Council, P.O. Box 94807, designated for the Ferry Point Tunnel Mural Fund. A date of remembrance is pending. For more information re: Peter go to: <http://peterremembered.blogspot.com>



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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 June 1, 2012. Info call President Mildred Dornan at 510-234-5334.

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