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## We Have a Beautiful New Community Map!



Thank you Westside Women's Improvement Club

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#### Mark Your Calendar Now

#### May 18, 2014

## PRHA Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

#### This Old House

Have you ever wondered who built your house and when? Want to find out what changes have been made to its original features over its lifetime? Come to this meeting and learn how to research the history of your house. We will have suggestions and insights from people who have investigated the background of their houses and houses in their neighborhood. A handout of research resources will be available. Can't come to the meeting? Stop by the Museum for a copy of the research resources after May 18.

Point Richmond Community Center
139 Washington Avenue
Point Richmond

Refreshments will be Served

# From the President

By Mid Dornan

Another busy year is drawing to a close as the Point Richmond History Association takes pride as we mark 33 years of preserving our history and recording for the future.

This all volunteer Board is to be commended for publishing one of the finest Small History Newsletters in the state; for the docents who keep the museum open, adjusting times to fit special occasions; for providing a Walking Tour of Point Richmond and being a guide for such when available. Board members assume and provide services without question i.e. planting fresh flowers in our planter box, changing lights, erecting signage to attract visitors. The many forms to the state a non-profit files is a challenge to any treasurer. Adding to our slide shows at the museum and updating the website is our newly retired Editor, Gary. If you haven't visited this little jewel in the downtown triangle, you have to come see what we have for you!

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PRHA photo archive #0938 from the Clay Pinkerton Estate

On back: "Property of Gladyes and Henry O'Hara. Pt. Richmond, Calif. scene about 1910, Richmond Ave., J. Stiefreater's grocery store on left Bank Bldg. on corner of Washington Ave. Church in background"



Thank you members for your renewal:

Doug & Rosemary Corbin\*\* Patricia Dornan\*\* Sandi Genser-Maack & Lynn Maack\*\* Joan Glover Carter Roger Glafke Dixie Mello Donna Wilson\*\* Lee and Barbara Gwyn\* **Barbara & Jeff Ward Family** Jerry & Grace Cerkanowicz Family Edwina Murray **Dolberg Family\*\*** Richard & Roberta Palfini\*\* Karen & Michael Shaw Family Ken & Kay Madison Family Gino Martinucci Olga Thomsen **Brenda McKinley Chuck & Carolyn Dutrow** Bill Eger\*\* Charlotte Birsinger **Louis Stockdale** Michael Lambton

A warm welcome to new members:

John Gioia\*
Frank & Kristine Lazard
Lou Berg
Pam Dutrow Horn
Jeanne Pritchard
Joseph Pritchard
Lori & Shelby Snellgrove Family
Bill Schwimmer & Barbara Greenhill
Family

Thank You!

## Santa Fe Market

## Point Richmond Market

For selling "THIS POINT....in time"

Please support our local retailers

Museum Hours: Open Thursdays and Saturdays 11:30 am-2:00 pm

#### The Cover:

Photo of unveiling ceremony Women's Westside Improvement Club Historic Point Richmond map at the corner of West Richmond and Park Place.

Left back: Pat Pearson, Mid Dornan, Marion

Kent, Linda Newton

Left Front: Diane Marie, Evelyn Thill, Norma

Wallace

Right Back: Grethe Tedrick, Kathleen Wimer,

Kim Hampton

Right Front: Altha Humphrey, Kathe Kiehn,

Margaret Morkowski

Photo by Steven Lee Holloway (jeeprain@aol.com)

<sup>\*</sup>Gift Membership

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## Editor's Notes

#### Gary Shows

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Love our new community map downtown. Thank you Women's Westside Improvement Club!

I am starting a new project, updateing Donna Roselius cataloging work on Point Richmond's historic houses. I plan to do a few at a time and will report my progress in this newsletter. I plan to send each a letter requesting information on owners and any changes or improvements in their property. If you get one I would greatly appreciate your response. I am open to advise or suggestions on the best way to do this.

The next issue will be our summer issue encompassing June, July and August. The deadline for articles and items for the next issue will be August 22, 2014

Thanks to the volunteers at our last mailing party at Mid's house:

Mid Dornan
Jerry Cerkanowicz
Gary Shows
Pat Pearson
Heinz Lankford
Kathe Kiehn
Pam Wilson
Tom Piazza

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

Pat Pearson Mid Dornan Bonnie Jo Cullison Heinz Lankford Susan Brooks Gary Shows

# Thank You! Our Special Supporters!

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Bill Eger

## A-Mid Trivia

#### Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

QUESTION: Whose idea was it to pay income tax by having it withheld from paychecks and when was it adopted?

ANSWER AT END OF TRIVIA

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Does the IRS still shred those paper returns and make insulation out of them?

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Voices in Cloth, presented by the East Bay Heritage Quilters, at the Craneway Pavilion in March was a special exhibit of 200+quilts. Outstanding were the World War II Home Front Challenge Quilts creatively captivating quilts about civilian experiences across the U.S. during WWII. The show was attended by more than 5000 people.

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Mothers may have "changed " since the observances of Mother's Day began in 1904 but the significance of the observance has remained the same. President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation asking people to display the flag on their homes as a "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of the country." HONOR YOUR MOTHER OR ANOTHER MOTHER on May 11th.

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Members of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council have petitioned the City to resolve the dangerous intersection at the end of the Dornan Tunnel on Dornan Drive and Western Drive.

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POLITICIAN: Someone who can borrow \$20, pay back \$10 and declare you're even because you both lost \$10.

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IT'S ALL ABOUT CHOCOLATE! A Harvard University study found that drinking 2 cups of cocoa a day for 30 days significantly

improved memory in older adults. Cocoa boasted blood flow to the brain, particularly in those whose flow was impaired.

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I'm not fat. I'm just easy to see.

One in four American males ages 6 to 19 years old consumes pizza on any given day.

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Caroling at Christmas has been a tradition in the Point and thanks to Margaret Doherty for information on how this delightful custom began. In the late 70's, early 80's, Maurice Doherty and Warren and Viva Winkelstein started the tradition. Shortly after Thanksgiving Warren and Maurice would start planning. Several years ago Charolette Knox put the assorted music sheets in order. In 2010, JJ. Thorpe and Kerry Radcliffe took over coordinating the group with many wonderful young voices.

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Some cause happiness wherever they go: others whenever they go.

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Tickets for the Beatles' first U.S. concert, which took place 50 years ago at the Washington Coliseum, were cheap by today's standards, costing \$14 to \$30 in 2014 dollars.

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According to the Pew Research Center, 23 percent of Americans did not read a single book last year.

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Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth.

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Congratulations to Thomas Butt, FAIA, who received a Lifetime Award for outstanding contributions to the improvement of the built environment. A Citizen Architect for the past 40 years and an AIA member since 1973, his active

involvement in the political and civic arenas is considered admirable and inspirational.

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Jean Pritchcard came from Sacramento to visit the Museum with her brother and to check out our Washington School class pictures.

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So do any Washington School alumni have a class photo we could scan for our collection? Stop by our museum and check those we do have.

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Azaleas grow best in acidic soil so you can occasionally water plants with a mixture of two tablespoons of distilled white vinegar to one quart water.

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Lorraine Parmer was in Singapore recently to visit her daughter, Lorilyn and husband Allan Parmer-Folks and then going to Cambodia to visit projects she sponsors.

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Can anyone still remember their 'First Perm'? The one that used the huge hair-curling machine. The one that gave you a vague idea of how it must feel to take a seat in the electric chair! Did the heat really curl your hair or did the "scare' of the machine do it!

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ANSWER: The idea of paying income tax by having it withheld from paychecks was the brainchild of financial expert Beardsley Ruml. A graduate of Dartmouth College, he became dean of social sciences at the University of Chicago and later a board chairman and treasurer of a department store chain. Congress adopted the payroll deduction system in 1943.

#### **NEW BUSINESSES IN THE POINT!**

Welcome these new businesses and they need your support for them to stay.

#### **ALI AMARO**

41 Washington Avenue (across from Hotel Mac) 925.360-0466 art jewelry & objects

art jewelry & objects custom design/heirloom repurposing Bridal & commitment/elegant gifts locally made/innovative materials

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#### **WOOLY's**

Park Place next to Starbucks Hair styling for men, women and children

#### KRISTINA'S NAIL SPA

145 W. Richmond Avenue 510.236-2136 Manicures ~ Pedicures Tues ~ Sat: 10:am - 7 pm Sunday: 11 am ~ 6 pm Monday closed

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#### **THRIVE**

217 Tewksbury (next to Aky's Cafe) 203.893-5759 Kim Merrill & Andrew Merrill Green & Organic Beauty Line Studio & Garden Artful and eco friendly gifts



## Church News



By Dee Rosier 510-232-1387 drosier@sbcglobal.net

We live in an absolutely amazing area where within a week we experienced all four seasons.

Upkeep of the church and rectory are ongoing. The water heaters in both the rectory and church were recently strapped into place in accord with earthquake safety regulations. The rectory woodwork will soon be painted.

Beth Litwin is the parish's office staff and contributes to its upkeep by way of bookkeeping, bulletin information, reports to/from the diocese and parish council liaison. She is also responsible for the accumulation of your donations and sending a listing at years' end for tax purposes. Martin Lopez takes care of the building upkeep, gardens and safety repairs that can be made with our own resources. Margaret Morkowski is in charge of the religious education and sacramental preparation classes. There are many more who volunteer, all who add value to our small parish.

Pancake breakfasts have resumed under new leadership. The price has increased to \$10 and they will continue to be held on the third Sunday of each month. Susan Brooks, the previous chairperson elected to retire. Thank you Susan for the outstanding contribution.

Mezzo-soprano, Julia Padilla presented a sacred concert suitable to the Lenten season with a

selection of songs by renowned composers. It was a wonderfully, peaceful, reflective time. Hoping to raise sufficient funds to replace his stolen cello, Pawel held several concerts in parishes where he contributes his musical skills. In his support, a group from our parish attended the concert held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Walnut Creek. It was a full house, with a display of their admiration for Pawel

Also performing were an Irish tenor and soprano accompanied by a flute and piano. The bonus for those of us who attended was that Msgr. Ted Kraus, our former pastor, is in residence at the church. He gave us a tour of the grounds and the future of its enlargement. He and his Golden Girls joined us for dinner. Msgr. was always entertaining company and it was a delight to again be in his midst.

While Father was in Kaui, Father Kwame's homily on the political party choice of Jesus, gave us all food for thought.

A Sunday Mass recently recognized Anna Schwarz, Dody Perry and Linda Drake; three valiant ladies who enriched our community for many years.

A display of Linda Drakes whimsical interpretations art work was recently displayed in the window next to the post office. On Sunday her art was on display at a reception held at El Sol. It is her view of the church that is on the cover of our Sunday bulletin.

With the start of Lent, Operation Rice Bowl invites us to pray with our families and faith communities, fast in solidarity with those in hunger, learn more about our global community and the challenges of poverty overseas, and give sacrificial contributions to those in need.

It's all over now, but the flowering trees on Tunnel were a colorful delight to the eye, especially on dreary mornings. Watch for a replay next year.

The Arkins and Anne Carroll, the golfers, are back with tanned faces after a trip to Mexico.

Nancy Toledo can now see forever in living color since her cataract surgery.

Get well wishes to Shawn Diaz who underwent his second knee surgery as a result of a soccer injury.

March was the birthday month for Julia Padilla, Cynthia Young and Christine Pilone. Happiness to all of them. Barbara Pohl celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with all of her family.

Idaho Street lost one of its original residents in the recent death of 96-year old Steve Wyrick. Steve was memorable to know. He had a tough crust and a heart of gold. Steve cultivated the lot next to his house with fruit trees and vegetables. He was the Idaho Street farmer's market who shared with all the neighbors and anyone who walked by and admired his vegetable garden. He was the neighborhood advisor on when to plant and how to care for them. He was also the foreman whenever anyone remodeled. Steve loved to dance and enjoyed life. He leaves a void on Idaho Street

Condolences are also extended to Susan Brooks and her family in the recent death of her sister, Lois Zabriski. Lois was also known as Sister Mary William Paul, a sister of The Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. She taught music at St. Cecilias, San Francisco and played many musical instruments. Father O'Rouke was her family pastor when assigned to St. Alberts parish in Oakland

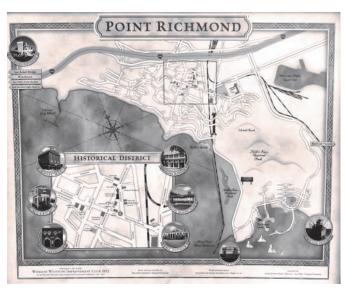
Our youngsters continue to perform as donors of the gifts at Sunday Mass. They take their contribution seriously. There are sometimes more children than we need, but each is granted a turn and Connie Calderon-Jensen acts as their advisor. A recent new draftee is Liam Flagerman. Most of the participants will soon receive their First Holy Communion. It is heartwarming to see their faces as they slowly walk down the aisle.

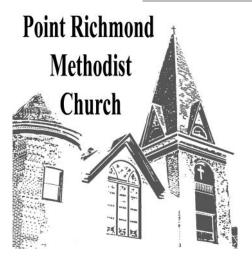
Continue to remember in your prayers: Bill Smith, John Gerk, Jack Murray, Dixie and Frank Mello and Gino Martinucci.

A picture in a previous issue showed a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and the storefront of a previous business, The Tic Toc. The picture was donated to the Historical Association by the Clay Pinkerton estate.

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SEE YOU IN CHURCH





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Tammara Plankers was dubbed "Sweetheart of 2014" at the Sweetheart Dinner on March 7. We gathered at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club and had a delicious dinner prepared by Ingrid Hogan and her gifted team of kitchen gnomes. Robert Love presided as master of ceremonies with all his usual humor and aplomb, and Fran Smith worked her juju to present a joyous celebration of Tammara. The program included sharing by Mid Dornan, church historian with a memory for things true and/or outlandish about Tammara; Tammara's sister and costuming cohort Jackie Westfall; Kyle Johnson, aka Angel Gabriel, a fellow Masquer, dear friend, and alternate future career partner; Jean Reynolds, mother of one of the Andrews' Sisters; Lynn Smith, grandmother of a Pageant Angel; and Pastor Dan Damon, appreciative pastor and Pageant supporter. Colev Grundman tenderly sang "Tammy's in Love", but Tammara refuses to be "Tammy." She called herself "Mara" when she went to college. DC Scarpelli and Peter Budinger appeared as Lady Enid and Miss Jane with their own witty repartee. reprising their roles from Irma Vep, and clad in two of the award-winning costumes Tammara crafted for the play. Linda Andrew Marshall, last

year's sweetheart, passed the heart scepter to Tammara. Tammara expressed her thanks for all the ways she has been supported and affirmed through her connection with the church. The Joyful Noise Choir and friends sang: *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*, and it was all over but the cleanup.

Molly Smith's friend Drew Brady visited from New York: Drew sang with the choir March 2 and played the mandolin in worship on March 9. Molly's parents visited February 16. Our newest Joyful Noise Choir members are Karim Davy and Linda Woody-Wood, bass and soprano, respectively. Scott McLean, tenor of choir fame, accompanied the choir several times on the accordion. Tyrah Weems played a special piece on the piano in March.

Kathy Cosby and Tammara Plankers taught the children's Sunday school class in March while Bill and Alice Thompson took time to be with family and friends. Tammara has a plan for the Angel Choir to sing something special for Mothers' Day.

Recent disasters around the world, including Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, depleted the stores of school kits the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has available. Our United Methodist Women's chapter is preparing more kits with standard school supplies to send to UMCOR in April. We plan a Russian Tea event this year with the help from Youlia Solovieva, who has samovars, recipes, and wardrobe to fit the theme.

The Ad Board voted unanimously to sign a "Declaration of Inclusion" which says our church property is available for same-sex weddings. We endorsed a resolution, along with more than ten other congregations, for the Cal-Nev Annual Conference, to ask the Conference to give priority to church laws that allow inclusion if there is a choice of two conflicting laws. We support a Church that does not discriminate based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

Many people were shaken by the unspeakably tragic death of Liam Thompson, a lifelong member of the church who lost his life in

an automobile accident March 8. Liam studied in our Sunday school as a child and youth, sang in the Angel Choir, and read the Christmas story at the Jazz Christmas Eve service every year since he was seven. He often volunteered for heavy lifting at the Junktique Sale, and worked alongside Jonathan Swett to retrofit the church basement. Most recently, he raised Delta Smelt as a lab assistant at the UC Davis Fish Conservation and Culture Lab. one of the many places people now mourn his death. Liam had an intrinsic respect for people, an insatiable curiosity about the physical world, and a quirky sense of humor. Through stories his friends and family shared at his Memorial Service on March 23, it was clear Liam took time to cultivate and sustain many deep friendships. The number of people affected by him was a tribute how he lived. People packed the pews in the church sanctuary, filled chairs in Friendship Hall and the choir loft, stood shoulder to shoulder around the perimeter of the sanctuary and Friendship Hall, and sat outside in chairs on two sides of the building. Extra speakers broadcast the service to those outside and in Friendship Hall. Liam's colorful biology-themed cotton pants, custom sewn by Grandma JoAnn Bray, hung from hooks on the walls. His coworkers cut Delta Smelt from paper and attached them to a wreath of flowers. Some people wore blue cotton "Safe Driver" ribbons, bicycle-themed neckties, a squid hat, insect accessories, or pinned on fabric dinosaurs to remember Liam and the things he loved. Everyone was invited to take one of Liam's many books home as a remembrance. As we remember Liam and his life of friendship, intellectual integrity, and love, maybe we will remember also to grow and cherish our own relationships with friends and family, as he seemed to do so well.

#### On the Calendar:

Saturday, April 12, 7:30 pm, Dan Damon in Concert: Come hear the newest hymns from Pastor Dan's soon-to be-published collection, and sing along if you wish. Pastor Dan is internationally known as a hymn writer and jazz

musician: his music begs to be sung! He has performed jazz standards in several major hotels in the Bay Area and currently plays at Hotel Mac on Monday and Friday evenings. A \$15 suggested donation for the concert benefits the church.

Easter Sunday, April 20 The morning festivities begin with worship at 8:00 a.m. at the side of the church facing West Richmond Ave. near the native grass labyrinth. At 9:00 a.m., eat a hearty breakfast in Friendship Hall. Sunday school for all ages is at 10:00 a.m. Worship inside at 11:00 a.m. Join the Joyful Noise Choir to sing Handel's *Hallelujah* Chorus. Children may hunt for Easter eggs after the 11:00 service. Come enjoy any or all of the day's events!

May 3, Junktique Sale: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.— You have to see the bargain prices and the huge array of useful and unique items for yourself! The kitchen crew will dish up chili, minestrone, hotdogs, and pie by the slice at lunchtime to give you strength to stay longer.

In April, Lighten Your Cupboards, Garages, and Storage Areas. Donate! We would love to have your discarded but still usable furniture, toys, books, electronics, appliances and other household items (no clothing, please). For a pick Jonathan contact Swett inscons@comcast.net or Betty Graham at BettyGraeham@gmail.com. Or phone (510) 236-0152 or (510) 234-2512. □ Drop off donations on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, via a friendly volunteer behind the church basement door facing West Richmond Ave. Or deliver donations Monday through Friday, April 28 -May 2 between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. □Other ways to help: price, organize or clean items before the sale. Got muscles? Help move donations. Jonathan Swett or Betty Graham would welcome your email. □ This is our largest fund-raiser of the year: we need your help to make it a success!

May 26 Masquers' All Point Richmond Yard Sale and First UMC's Junktique II sale. Stop by the basement for bag of books, a special

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lamp, kitchen appliances or any of a multitude of treasures. Fortify yourself for a full day of cruising the citywide sales at our <u>Pancake Breakfast</u>, 8:00 to 11:00 AM, in Friendship Hall. Savor 'World's Fair' fluffy buttermilk pancakes made from scratch, sausages, juice and coffee or tea, for only \$6.

#### Point Richmond Jazz:

Friday, April 25, Real Vocal String Quartet Friday, May 30, Kit Eakle and Mark Holzinger Both Concerts: 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 at the door.

For updates to the calendar, visit the new church website: http://www.pointrichmondmethodist.org



See "THIS POINT.....in time" November, December, January, 2013/14 (XXXII No.3) for Bruce Beyaert's illustrated History of Point Molate Beach Park.

This issue is available in PDF at www.pointrichmondhistory.org





Clean up included City staff as well as many concerned citizen volunteers. Pictures are from Citizens for Sustainable Pt. Molate.

## Point Molate Beach Park Grand Opening

Grand Opening to be hosted by Parks Departments, Environmental Organizations and People of Richmond and will take place on Saturday, April 19, 2014 starting at 10:00AM

After 10 long years of closure, one of the most beautiful beaches in the East Bay is once again open to the public. Point Molate Beach Park will now welcome visitors to its beautiful shores. Come celebrate with free family fun, and a chance for those interested in the environment to tour this spectacular park with guides expert in the wildlife and habitat that make this park so special.

- Fun Activities for the Whole Family
- Live Music Latin Jazz and R&B (12:30 1:30)
- Naturalists Leading Hikes
- Unique Egg Coloring Station Treasures to Bring Home
- Tug of War Watch the Police Department Battle the Fire Department!
- Exclusive Tours of the Winehaven Historic District (1:30 PM The Only Chance to Tour This Historic Area!)
- Children's Art Activities
- Oral History Table Share Your Stories of Point Molate
- Volley Ball Pick-Up Games
- Exhibits and Demonstrations
- Ribbon Cutting by Mayor Gayle McLaughlin (11:30 AM)
- Bird Watching Spotting Scopes and Assistance from Audubon and Golden Gate Raptor Conservancy
- Idea Tent Have Your Opinions on Pt. Molate Park Programming and Planning Heard
- Nature Walks about Local Butterflies and Oysters, Seals, the Watershed and Native Habitat Osprey Walk at 10:30 AM
- Docent Talks
- And Much More
- Bring a picnic, or enjoy BBQ, coffee and popsicles which will be available during the event.
- Bring the whole family and make some memories that will last a lifetime! TRANSPORTATION: Free shuttles are available from Richmond City Hall (on the half hour from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM - the last bus will return from Pt. Molate to City Hall at 2 PM), or park for free near Point Molate Beach Park. The park is located just north of I-580 and the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge on Stenmark/Western Drive (map: goo.gl/maps/kKnBL). The Stenmark/Western Dr. exit 7A (Pt Molate) can be accessed on west bound I-580. It is last exit before the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge.

By Kim Hampton on behalf of Citizens for a Sustainable Pt. Molate (www.cfspm.org)

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As WWIC President

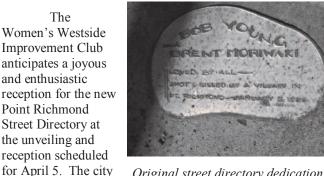
## WWIC Est. 1908

#### News from the Womens Westside Improvement Club



Structure to house the new street directory designed, built, installed by Shingoto Ya.

by Kathleen Wimer



Original street directory dedication stone inscription. "Bob Young and Brent Moriwaki, loved by all, shot and killed by a villain in Pt. Richmond - January 5, 1989 " Joe Hanzlik

Norma Wallace said when she announced the event at the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council meeting, "When you see the new street map, we are certain you will be as amazed as we are."

WWIC raises funds to share with the community each year. We congratulate recipients of this year's improvement grants selected at our February meeting:

- Rosie the Riverters' Washington D.C. trip \$200
- Masquers-initiated "historic" signage near Garrard \$100
- Arts of Point Richmond sandwich board \$100
- WWIC ad in the Masquers program \$200
- Janice Playground Improvements seed money \$250
- Milo Foundation (for rescued dogs and cats) \$150

Members enjoyed each other's company, marked seasonal holidays, and heard a fascinating speaker at monthly meetings the first Tuesday of February and March. We marked members' birthdays from December, including Diane Hirano and Olene Sparks on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Pat Pearson on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Susan Brooks on the 21<sup>st</sup>; in January, Mary Highfill the 5<sup>th</sup>, Altha Humphrey the 9<sup>th</sup>, Kim Hampton the 11<sup>th</sup>; in February, Calvert Barrows the 24th, Gail Eierweiss the 18th, Maggie LaForce the 10th; and in March, Betty Ann Barnett March 10<sup>th</sup>, and Kathe Kiehn March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Pearson brought step-daughter Stephanie Pearson, who is back in her home on Ocean Avenue and shared home-baked St. Patrick's Day-themed desserts for the March meeting. Kathleen Wimer invited David Cole, President of the Masquers Playhouse Board of Directors, to come in February.

Gracious hostesses decorated and served tea, coffee, and desserts: Lori Endres, Kim Hampton, and Helen Wysham in February; Mid Dornan, Pat Pearson, and Marge Harmon in March.

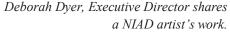


Chocolates, hearts, flowers, Marge Harmon and Kathe Khein



Begorah. Be it Susan Brooks and Barbara Robertson

Deborah Dyer, NIAD Executive Director, received the highest number of votes cast last fall when we selected speakers. Her March update on some of the artists who train, exhibit, and sell their works with NIAD's support reminded us of the opportunity NIAD presents the community. As their web site says, "NIAD art is art everyone can feel great about. When you purchase a piece of NIAD art (or make a donation) you connect with the unique story of an artist with disabilities, honor an original voice in contemporary art, and allow an uncommon artist to earn income from their work.







#### **Help Nurture the Plants**

Most of the plants WWIC volunteers and East Bay Regional Parks staff planted last fall along the ramp from Dornan Drive into the lagoon area of Miller-Knox Park made it through the winter despite the drought. Now we worry the plants will get overgrown by weeds or overlooked when it's time to mow. As you walk the path, maybe you can help weed around the plants lining the walk. If the state marking plants is gone maybe you can bring sticks to mark plants nex time you return.

# Historic Houses of Point Richmond

We would like to update our information on historic houses in the Point. We are starting with Donna Roselius booklet "Historic Houses of Point Richmond". To the right is the information that we have currently recorded on the first three houses in Donna's booklet. We ask you to help us with this information update.

If you currently own, know the owners or are in the neighborhood near these houses and have information about them that should be recorded such as who currently owns them or lives in them, any changes, remodels or improvements or any story about the house that we should know please let Gary Shows know and we will begin this update and report these updates in later issues of TPIT

Email: gary@alkos.com

Or Mail: 229 Golden Gate Avenue, Point Richmond, CA 94801

#### 126 Santa Fe



The most easily recognized house in the Point on the corner of Cottage and Santa Fe was originally the home of Dr. Abbott Point Richmond's first doctor. He had an office in the round corner of the house on the ground floor. The house contains a double parlor, a dining room, kitchen and sun room on the first floor. A very impressive winding staircase leads to the second floor where there are four bedrooms. The garage was originally used as a stable and barn.

Rose Abbott's sister, Mrs. Crum lived in the house until Katy Solich and her family bought it and moved in. After Katy met and married Henry Dutrow they rented the house to the McClure family, and moved to Orinda. Later Mrs. Dutrow lived in the big house with her son.



#### 317 East Richmond



This two-story house at 317 East Richmond Avenue was built in approximately 1903 by R.L. Fernauld, who claims fame as the man who developed and patented the cement blocks that adorn many houses in Point Richmond. The blocks are used around foundations, doorways and fireplaces. This house has been divided into flats and has had many occupants, including Mrs. William Keller from the family that Keller Beach is named after. The lower flat was longtime home for Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Slagle.



#### 315 Alvarado



Originally located on the corner of Bissell Avenue, between Seventh and Eighth Streets, the house was moved to the corner of Nevada and Alvarado when Roosevelt School was enlarged.

The first owner of the house was John Gough, who sold it to the late Carl Stender. Mr. Stender was responsible for moving the house to its present location, in the mid-thirties. The house was later owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Batten.



# A History of the "New" Point Richmond Map

## A Women's Westside Improvement Centennial Project

#### Margaret Morkowski



In 1908 the ladies here on the Westside of Richmond, established the Women's Westside Improvement Club (WWIC) to provide "improvements" in what is now known as Point Richmond. In 1900, their husbands and fathers had begun to establish the infrastructure of the City of Richmond and on August 7, 1905, Richmond became a Chartered City in the State of California.

The ladies of the WWIC realized that there was more to city then a volunteer fire department, a 2 man police department, a railroad, a refinery, a brick yard, churches, homes, stores, restaurants and saloons. At the time, the streets were paved in dirt and only a few places had electricity, but the ladies knew a

city also needed "other amenities" to make a "good life." For their first three projects they chose to establish a library, a children's park and a drinking fountain for people, horses and dogs to use. Over the vears the ladies their continued projects. These included the flag pole for the new

Richmond Natatorium (the Plunge) in 1926, programs at Washington School and a map of the Point at the corner of Park Place and West Richmond Avenue in the early 1980s.

By 2008, the current ladies of the WWIC were very excited about celebrating the Club's Centennial. Ideas for projects and event celebrations abounded. Connie Lompa and her Landscape Committee obtained a Landscaping grant from the Point Richmond Gateway Foundation and worked closely with Lisa Graves of the City's parks department staff to renovate and expand the rose garden area adjacent to the current Indian State fountain.

Altha Humphrey, the creating founder of the Arts of Point Richmond, one day was

looking at the old map next to the Fire Station. When she came to the next WWIC meeting she said the map was looking bad and it was time to replace it. She said since the WWIC had put up the old map more than 20 years before, we should put up a new map. And so the project



Crowd gathering

began....

Margaret Morkowski, then President of the WWIC, took on the project management responsibilities. Margaret talked first with one and then months later a second local Point Richmond individual who said they would really like to design the new map. Again time passed and she tried another Richmond designer. This third designer said "yes" too but this individual's work load really increased and they let Margaret know they were



About 100 people gathered to see the ceremony.

sorry, but they were unable to begin the project. By then, more than  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years had passed.

Margaret then met Laura Kuhn at a Richmond Rotary meeting. Laura had been a graphics designer and illustrator in New York City where she worked on national and international advertisement campaigns. Laura really liked the idea, said she had never done a project like the map and said since she had her own consulting firm, she could fit the project into her schedule. Laura was very organized. She methodically took pictures of the old map, asked what we liked and didn't like about it. She asked what things we wanted to add. We wanted to highlight some of the historical aspects of the Point and ensure all of the new streets in the Brickyard Cove area were included.

Her first draft design was awesome. In many ways it was very similar to the present map. The

colors were vibrant. The fonts were easily read. It was a delight. She asked more questions, made a few comments and additions. Then she asked if we might want to put an enlarged insert of the downtown area on to the portion of bay that took up so much space in the bottom left portion of the map. With our answer being "yes" Laura created the insert and took the photographs which were included in the map. Over the months during this part of the project, Laura had many questions and invaluable suggestions. She also worked closely on the sign fabricators, Fossil Industries. Just a note, we were able to provide Laura with a stipend from the WWIC Centennial Fund Raising activities. As the project evolved, we were able to offer her additional funds. Laura always quietly said "not now, we'll see when the project is over." When the project was over, she said "no, it is just fine." By the way, Laura's stipend was \$20,000 less than the quote we received from a firm in San Francisco.

We knew the final map needed to be weather resistant and graffiti and vandal proof. Margaret called Ranger Elizabeth Tucker of the Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park and Bruce Brubaker of TRAC for recommendations and vendors. Laura and Margaret went on a fieldtrip to see the Park and TRAC signs and as a result we selected Fossil



Margaret Morkowski and Shingoto Ya's Gordon Hirano



WWIC's President Norma Wallace

Industries of Deer Park New York to fabricate the sign. The technical exchanges and fabrication of the map took about three months. Fossil used an exclusive 12 color HD Printing process on a 1/8 inch Exterior dHPL Graphic metal panel, size 48 inches x 58.5 inches. Again, this was paid for by WWIC fund raising activities.

Early on in the process, Margaret spoke with Gordon Hirano of Shigoto Ya Inc., located here in Point Richmond, about designing and installing a replacement frame and structure for the map.



"Plywood Unveiling"

Gordon and his family have been long time residents of the Point. Shigoto Ya has been at its Tewksbury location for almost 40 years. Gordon thought this was a great project and said that if the WWIC paid for the materials Shigoto Ya would take care of the design of the structure and the installation of the map, as their contribution to the community. The WWIC applied for and received a new grant from the Point Richmond Gateway Foundation for the materials to be used for the map frame and structure. Thank you.

After Laura finished her work with the map fabricator, the map was delivered to Shigoto Ya, Gordon and his staff began work on the final design and construction activities. During this time the entire staff were very gracious as the ladies from the Club to look at the map. Thank you.

As the process was going along, Margaret talked with Frank Gonzales of the Parks Department about the removal of the old map, pouring cement for the post holes and the new landscaping. Frank, Gordon and Margaret met at the site and discussed the final requirements. This meant that the last phase of the project was on its way. Gordon and Frank enjoyed working closely together and had some great ideas. The WWIC had the funds for the landscaping, so Frank worked with Linda Newton of the WWIC Landscape Committee on selecting the new plantings.

With the posts in place, Gordon, Johnny and Pete of Shigoto Ya, finished the map frame and structure. After a few days, they decided that the structure needed another "layer" and they brought back the ladders and added the additional "layer." It looked wonderful.

Then everything was ready for the unveiling scheduled Saturday, April 5, 2014.

It was ceremony and celebration time. Altha, Marion Kent and Norma Wallace formed the Map Unveiling Celebration committee. Altha was able to schedule the Community Center for the serving of refreshments after the ceremony. Many ladies from the Club brought home made desserts to go along with the fresh fruit, peach and strawberry drinks and with coffee.



Margaret Morkowski receiving her award from President Norma Wallace

About 100 people gathered at the site for the map unveiling about 10:30 AM. Norma, President of Women's Westside Improvement Club was our Master of Ceremonies. Altha rang a hand held school bell as individuals were acknowledged and thanked. She had also asked the Fire Department for a special favor.

Norma did a wonderful job thanking everyone in turn for their contributions to the project. Norma surprised Margaret with a beautiful and thoughtful certificate on behalf of the Club, to thank her for coordinating the project. Margaret was very touched and honored with the gift.

Gordon and Tom Butt used an eclectic drill to unveil/remove the plywood covering from the front of the map. The crowd cheered, the Firemen set their sirens blaring and the photographers snapped their cameras. After a final "thank you for coming" from Norma, the crowd moved-up to the map to take a closer look.

The ladies of the Women's Westside Improvement Club hope that the crowd continues to "move-up to the map to take a closer look" for many more years to come.



## LEXOPHILES

"Lexophile" is a word used to describe those that have a love for words, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish", or "to write with a broken pencil is pointless." A competition to see who can come up with the best lexophile is held every year in an undisclosed location. This year's winning submission is posted at the very end.

- When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.
- The batteries were given out free of charge.
- A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- A will is a dead giveaway.
- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- When you've seen one shopping Center you've seen a mall.
- Police were called to a day care Center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
- When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.
- He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
- When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd dye.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.
- Those who get too big for their pants will be exposed in the end.

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PRHA photo archive #0946 from Patricia Pearson, 1940 Y.M.C.A. basketball champions

#### Martin's Celebrate Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to George and Barbara Martin who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 6th with dinner at Chez Panisse in Berkeley. In January, they hosted a dinner at Salute e Vita Restaurant in the Richmond Marina for members of a Point Richmond cooking club they were in during the 1970s. A second dinner, also at Salute e Vita, was a reunion of the Rose Family cousins on his maternal side but included the Martin sons, Gwillylm and Luther and their families. George and Barbara moved to 600 Golden Gate Avenue after their wedding in 1964, renting an apartment (which later burned down) from Fred and Edna Gernandt, who owned the New Todd Hotel and the Point Richmond Market building. Later they lived on Railroad Avenue in a duplex owned by Ted and Sheila Fostiak. They bought their home on Nevada Avenue at Alvarado Street in 1967.

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PRHA photo archive #0934 from the Clay Pinkerton Estate

Thanks to Kathe Kiehn and Heinz Lankford for mailing the Winter issue of TPIT

This is from a "fact diary", a book of headlines and interesting events in Early Point Richmond. It was compiled by Don Church from the "Richmond Independent" "Point Richmond News" and "Richmond Herald Record". It is one of the items left for us by Allan Smith.

# Items of Interest Point Richmond, 1914 From the Richmond Independent

- 1-4-1914 Jack London in town, entertained Arthur Livingston (Manager of Royal Theater) on his yacht.
- 1-10-1914 Catholics buy land for a cemetery in San Pablo.
- 1-13-1914 Chief of Police Arnold is a very sick man.
- 1-28-1914 Chief Arnold to St. Francis Hospital in SF, stomach trouble.
- 2-5-1914 Burglars rob five stores in the Point at the foot of Washington Avenue.
- 2-7-1914 E.J. McCutcheon held prisoner in Mexico by bandits. He was engineer on the Mexican line. (father of Irvin McCutcheon.)
- 2-10-1914 McCutcheon killed in Mexico. Suffocated in a tunnel when wreck occurred inside of it due to bandits.
- 2-11-1914 Chief Arnold gaining 1# per day and will return from SF on Tuesday.
- 2-15-1914 John Casey critically ill. 2-15 dead. 2-16 buried.
- 2-21-1914 John Galvin buys out M.F. Beaumont and is now the sole owner of the independent.
- 2-24-1914 Most popular West Side boy contest.
- 3-3-1914 Chief Arnold back to work
- 3-19-1914 Cutting Blvd being graded from 23rd Street to Richmond Avenue.
- 3-24-2014 City Hall to move to east side. Want Standard Avenue School house moved to Wall Addition for temporary City Hall.
- 4-5-1914 Santa Fe will build new shops.
- 4-12-1914 Charlie Geer former Point saloon keeper and pioneer arrested in San Diego for having a crooked roulette wheel in saloon.
- 4-16-1914 Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt visited Richmond yesterday.
- 4-19-1914 First spade of earth by Mrs. Fred Zimmerman at Richmond Women's Clubhouse on Nevin between 11th and 12th.
- 4-28-1914 Standard Avenue School House is for sale.
- 5-2-2014 Elks host at Dedication today.
- 5-3-1914 Special edition dedicated to the Elks Lodge Dedication.
- 5-5-1914 City Hall (Walls) OKd by a 6 to 2 vote of council.
- 5-15-2014 Man has 10 maggots removed from his ear.
  - Governor Hiram Johnson visits Richmond tonight.
  - New automobile ordinances by state take effect.



PRHA photo archive #0943 from Allan Smith and Andrew Cakos 1933 Washington School low 5th grade class

Top Row Mickey Allyn, John Bellano, Claudia Bisio, ?, ?, ?, Jim McAffee, Rudolf Annelini, Left to Right Ray Golden, Trefry Ross, John Lizmich

Second Row Francis Gebhart, ? Ed McAfee, Frank Matteucci, Louis McDonald, Edward Gilg, Left to Right Roberta Jenkins, Myrtyl Smith, Margaret Tolosano, Harry McDonald, Jim McDonald

First Row ?, Henry Bustillos, Andy Cakos, Rudy Stark, Elio Tobacco, Bruno Biancini, J. Higgens



#### FYI

In the year 1850, at birth the life expectancy in the U.S. for a white male was 38.3 years, and an American white female could expect to live to the age of 40.5. By 2011 live expectance at birth rose to 76.3 for white males and 81.1 for white females. More than doubled!

Information Please Database

#### at the Masquer's Playhouse

## JOHNNY GUITAR, THE MUSICAL

Johnny Guitar, the Musical opens on March 28 at the Masquers Playhouse. Based on the iconic (and unintentionally hilarious) Joan Crawford film, Johnny Guitar, the Musical gleefully sends up 1950s melodrama and shoot-em-up Westerns. It's an award-winning Off-Broadway camp-fest with a great score, and it's a must-see for any lover of film, music, or fine cheese! Johnny Guitar, the Musical won the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Off-Broadway musical in 2004 and since then has been produced only a handful of times around the country. The Masquers Playhouse production is the Bay Area Premiere.

#### **CAST**

Peter Budinger
Mark Enea
Craig Eychner
Coley Grundman
Shay Oglesby-Smith
Michelle Pond
DC Scarpelli
Chaz Simonds
J. Scott Stewart.

Directed by Robert Love Costume Design by Maria Graham Lighting Design by Steve Hill Set Design by Robert Love & DC Scarpelli Stage Manager – Renee Echavez

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and Sunday Matinees at 2pm on April 6, 13 and 20. The show plays through April 26. Tickets are \$22 and all seats are general admission. Tickets can be purchased on line at <a href="https://www.masquers.org">www.masquers.org</a> or by calling (510) 232 -4031. The playhouse is located off of Highway 580 (Richmond Parkway exit) at 105 Park Place, Point Richmond across from the Hotel Mac.





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# **Birthdays**

## April

LOOF LIRPA Kathy Barnes Billie Bonham Shaw \*Roberta Palfini Karilu Crain Charlene Smith Tara Kaufman Ruth Wilson Paula Israeli

Marjorie Roque Hill Pam Wilson Don Amantite Joel Peterson Lori Meister Charlotte Knox Monica Doherty Eric Hoiland Melissa Allyln Delio Alison Lord John Maxwell Sherri Mertle Taylor Bradshaw Carol MacDiarmid Rosemary Corbin Gloria Smith Robert J Palfini Terry Downey

David Bradshaw Sharon Mertle Charline Barni Louis Stockdale Cynthia Wilson Quist Joni Loux Emerson Donna Diaz David Roth

## May

Douglas Corbin Diana Corbin Diana Spinola Henry Marchitiello Richard Mattuecci Becky Horn Jon Doellstedt Sara Eeles

Vern Doellstedt Rena Gonsalves Lyle Fisher Sandra Loux Fuller Muriel Clausen Sophia Dolberg Nell Brooker Patricia Dornan

Julina Smith Anne-Catherine Hadreas Margaret Miller Roger Glafke Shoney Gustafson Winifred Boziki Jerry Cerkanowicz, Sr.

Jackson Bradshaw

Gene Bielawski Norm Reynolds Charles Palenchar Patrice Verhines Mark Healy Karen Brougham

## EXCLUSIVE

Lupe Padilla Lopez - 100 Delphina Franco Tawney - 96 George Leroy Williams - 92 Elfriede Morris - 95 Billie Bonham Shaw - 92 Shoney Gustafson - 97 Jerry Cerkanowicz, Sr. - 94 Grace Cerkanowicz - 90 George Coles - 91 Madelilne Bellando Albright - 96 Mid Dornan - 92 Charlotte Kermabon Birsinger - 95 Viola Lala Kennedy- 96

Lee Christian - 93 Mark Gebhart - 97 Gretchen Van Tassel - 95

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

Please send corrections and additions to "Over 90 Club" to midornan@sbcglobal.net or call 510-234-5334.

Thank you to those who update these numbers.

## Cards, Letters & E-Mails

Dear Mid,

Thanks so much for spending so much time with Joe and me last week - and many thanks to Pat, too. I can't tell you how much we enjoyed all the information you and Pat shared with us. It was great fun to reminisce about so many people & events. We didn't find any of our class pictures in the album, but it was great seeing so many faces we remembered - kids and teachers, too. Later that day we went to our old neighborhood & walked around a bit, then drove Joe's paper route.

We're glad to be members of The Point Richmond History Association - the "TPIT" is wonderful!

I am going through my old photos taken at The Point (early 1950s) to see if there are any that might be of interest.

Thanks again and we will be in touch.

Best, Jeanne

Thanks to Pat Pearson for keeping the local markets stocked with TPIT and thank you Santa Fe and Point Richmond Markets for the support!

Mid,

This is an original photo of Arthur Francis Glover and daughter Joan taken July 28, 1937. It is taken at 100 Pacific Avenue in the Point.

Sorry to hear about Albert Frosini. Art Glover was one of his friends, and also in the Philippines in WWII. Please return the photo.

Thanks, Joan Glover Hayden, ID

I have returned the original in the envelope you provided and share it with our readers below, Gary

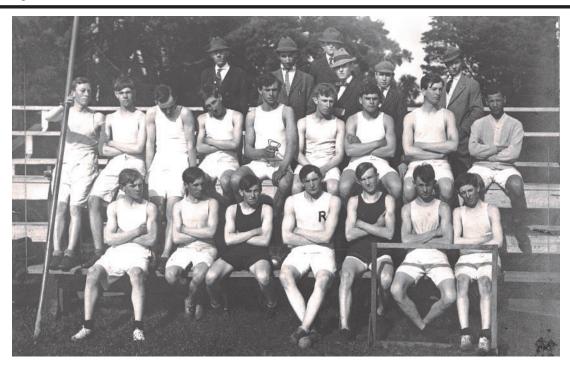


PRHA archive #0944 From Joan Glover

## Memorials.....

**Doris de Benedictis-LeDonne** passed away on July 17, 2013. She grew up in Pittsburgh, PA., but came to Point Richmond after marriage to Jack de Benedictis. Later in life she married Ed Le Donne and they settled in Knights Ferry, CA. She is survived by her brother, James R. Gillium; her children Jo de Benedictis, Jill Cherry, Paul James de Benedictis; and three grandchildren.

**Stephen Adolpus Wyrick** passed away February 6, 2014. In June, Steve, one of our 'Over 90' members, would have celebrated 99 years of life. Born in Texas, it was during his community college days that the Railways enticed him, by the good pay, to change careers and signed on with the Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe Railways which brought him to the Bay Area. He moved on to work the Amtrak Passenger trains and retired in 1980. A lifelong member of the Moose Lodge and a member of the Richmond Lawn Bowling Club. He is survived by his daughter, Carol Sweatt, a granddaughter and one greatgrandson.



PRHA archive photo #0907 from Allan Smith, someone help me to name these players. (gary@alkos.com)

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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

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