

# THIS POINT....in time

## NEWSLETTER

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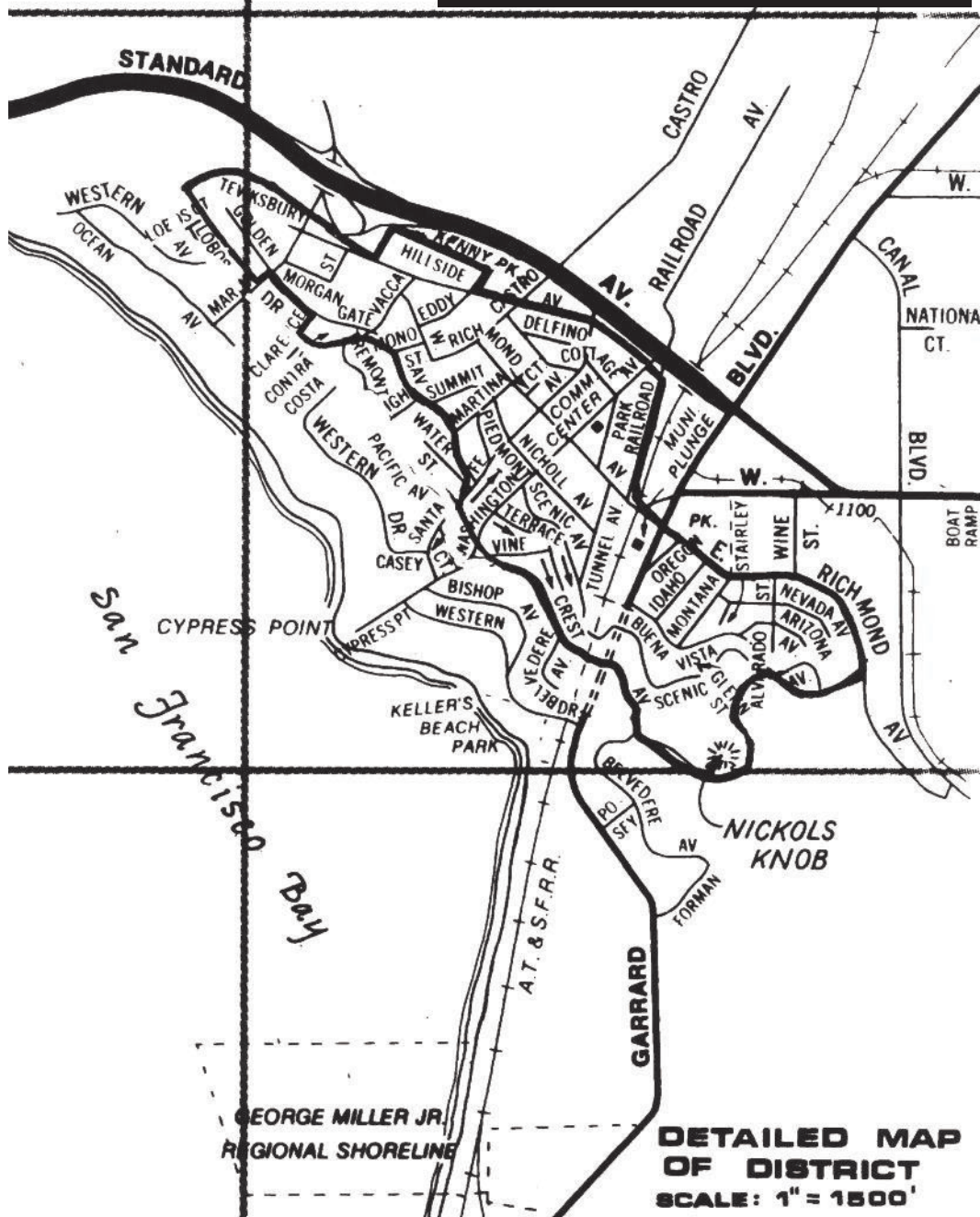
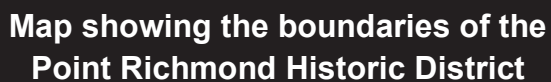
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# From the President

By Mid Dornan

When our unique Point Richmond History Museum building (formerly the Richmond Supply Company) was moved from 139 West Richmond Avenue to 139 1/2 Washington Avenue it was aided with the help of the Santa Fe Railroad. Many repairs were needed before we could open as a museum. The City of Richmond told us we needed a fence around the building to protect people until the building was declared safe. We financially didn't have the thousand dollars to erect one. Standard Oil, now Chevron, came to our rescue and provided one. Among those immediately providing help were Martin McNair with the foundation, and Sonny Jackson for the roof.

Now, our charming building needs a new roof. After being rewarded with a Grant from the Gateway Foundation and a grateful donation from a former Point Resident and a PRHA member we will soon have that roof. Ours thanks to this small community who has always reached out to our needs.

Our dedicated Board of Directors are all volunteers that are elected each year in May. Docents are needed for 2 1/2 hours, once a month on Thursday or Saturday to keep our museum open. The rewards are the interesting people you meet, being active in the community and keeping our museum open. The requirements to be a docent are few.

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Victorian on Montana



Thank you members for your renewal:

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A warm welcome to new members:

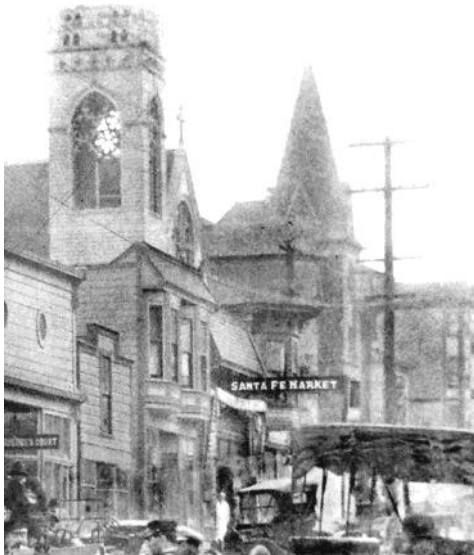
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*11:30 am-2:00 pm*

*Open Saturdays*

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

Mid Dornan

Pat Pearson

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*The Cover:*

*Victorian on Washington Avenue*

## *Editor's Notes*

**Gary Shows**

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January with no rain.....what are we going to do?

When I was working to prepare Muriel C. Clausen's "This Old House" I decided that I would take pictures of some of the Point Richmond houses that she was describing and show them off in this issue. Our neighborhood has such a warm welcoming feeling because of the great old houses here.

If you have anything that you would like to share with fans of historic Point Richmond please don't forget about this newsletter. Pictures of old times or stories about the past are always welcome. Please don't hesitate to send them to me.

Now think about rain!

Deadline for the next issue is March 27, 2015.

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

Mid Dornan  
Jerry Cerkowicz  
Gary Shows  
Bonnie Jo Cullison  
Pat Pearson  
Lori Kauth  
Tom Piazza  
Heinz Lankford  
Pam Wilson

*We omitted*

***John A Thiella & Rosa T. Casazza***

*From the History Maker Thank You list  
in the last two issues.*

*We appreciate you and apologize for this error.*

***Thank You!***

***Our Special Supporters!***

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# A-Mid Trivia

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

**TPIT**  
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Question: Where do Cashews come from?

Answer at end of Trivia.

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Long time friends, Sonja and Wilson Gondola celebrated Sue Brostrum's special birthday at Hotel Mac.

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Happy 90th Birthday Jim Wilson who celebrated it at La Strada and later this summer will continue to celebrate on an Alaskan Cruise. Congratulations and welcome to the 90 Club !

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Thomas K. Butt, was sworn-in as Mayor of Richmond and Jael Myrick as Vice-Mayor by Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom. New Council members-elect also installed were: Gayle McGlothlin, Jovanna Beckles, Eduardo Martinez.. Nathaniel Bates has two more years on the council and a new member will be needed to fill the council seat vacated when Tom Butt became Mayor. Richmond council members do not run on party lines.

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Grethe Tedrick would appreciate a visit, a call, or a card as she faces a lengthy recovery after a fall and is at Greenridge Senior Care, 2150 Pyramid Drive, El Sobrante, CA, 94803.

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Tip: Brush your teeth while standing on one foot for up to 60 seconds, then switch to the other foot to improve balance.

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New words in the 2014 Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary were "Hashtag," "selfie" and "crowdfunding. New in 2015 are "schplecking," "junkdroop" and "P@PHH%&\$!!!"

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National Park Rangers at the Rosie the Riveter Visitor Center are looking for volunteers to greet visitors at this historic site. They need people everyday of the week for just a few hours a

month. People from around the world are now aware of this site and eager to learn of its history. Can you think of a more rewarding way to spend a few hours? Volunteer now.

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Welcome and Thank you Karen Engbratson for taking a membership in our PRHA two weeks before moving into the Point. A great way to learn about our roots and be active in the community. She also is eager to give back by wanting to lead history walks so we wish you a speedy recovery after present surgery.

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Tom Piazza and Mary Cosby were married in 1971. Tom recently visited the Florida church, Saint Abby, where they were married on the front lawn and have a Memorial in front of the church.

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PRAM (Parents, Resources and More) has a Field House near Washington School and provides excellent care for toddlers and serves as a Children's Activity Center. A wonderful site for children's parties too.

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Most people know the # symbol as either a pound sign, number sign or for twitter users a hashtag. According to engineers at Bell Labs, that little hex is called an octothorp.

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Christmas is past but memories linger of 12 "Angels" in the Pageant at the Methodist Church, directed by Tammera Plankers with the Masquers. Those Angels? Ages 5 - 8 are: Alice Cropsey, Aubrey Herrera, Cecilia Butt, Ethan Cheng, Harlan Butt, Mia Sassi, Owen Cheng, Sadie Cosby, Skyler Rouse, Tyrah Weems, Zaynah Weems and Zoe Thorp.

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Granddaughter Rachel Palfini, an Asian Studies Major at Whitman College, visited at Christmas before going to China for three weeks

of Archaeology studies with her class and then returning to college to prepare for graduation in May. Rachel is the daughter of Roberta (Dornan) and Richard Palfini.

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Superfoods to embrace this year: Farro, a nutty, nutritious, ancient grain related to wheat, will be showing up in restaurant menus. Kale and Brussel Sprouts are being used in fresh new ways and Avocado is spread on bread instead of butter.

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The City of Pittsburg, California, will honor the life of Police Officer Inspector Ray Giacomelli by naming a city park after him. Ray was the son of Leo and Freddie Giacomelli, Golden Gate Avenue in the Point, and graduated from Richmond Schools. Giacomelli was going to a residence to interview a murder suspect's family when he was ambushed by the suspect.

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XL is the Roman Numeral for forty (40).

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Prevent the paper tab on your tea bag from slipping into the hot water by weighing it down with a small paper clip. Dangle it over the side of the mug or pot until you remove the bag.

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One reason Janice Cook looks so fabulous is because she is an ice skater and recently finished her Adult pre-Bronze and Bronze Dances. Congratulations! What is next?

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Know why it's HARD to be happy sometimes? It's because we refuse to LET GO of the things that make us unhappy.

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Granddaughter Molly, visiting at Christmas from Mississippi, checked out the chickens and kitty, Pumpkin, at Bonnie Jo Cullison Bonnie Jo and guest walked walked Molly home via the LittleFreeLibrary and Molly was excited to choose a book and return it.

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More than \$15 billion was spent in 2014 for pet medical care. A recent poll found that nearly two thirds of pet owners would pay up to \$1000 for

lifesaving treatments, while 25 percent said they'd be willing to fork over \$3000 or more.

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Thank you Karen and Jay Fenton for your kind words about our TPIT Newsletter. A happy PRHA member is our reward.

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The Magic Lantern, a little movie theater located in downtown Point Richmond, 125 Park Place next to Starbuck's, has reopened with a core group of residents who formed a non-profit corporation. They need donations and memberships to keep it open. For more information call (510) 232-2559 or email at magic-lantern@att.net.

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"Get at least eight hours of beauty sleep—nine if you're ugly".

- Betty White

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ANSWER: First, cashews are not actually nuts, but rather fruits and do not grow inside a shell like any other nut. The Cashew tree, a large evergreen tree that thrives in tropical climates produces a red flower, which in turn produces yellow and red oval fruits resembling apples.

These so-called cashew apples are very juicy and pulpy. However, cashew apples are not actually fruits. The real fruit of the cashew tree is the kidney-shaped formation growing at the end. Called drupes, these fruits are harvested and become what we know as a cashew nut. In their raw form, the other layer of the fruit contains multiple toxins, including Anacardic acid, a powerful skin irritant similar to the toxin found in poison ivy that must be removed before eating. Roasting the cashews destroys the toxins, but roasting must be performed carefully outdoors because the smoke can irritate the lungs even to a life-threatening degree. When roasted, they change from their natural greenish-gray color to the light brown one sold in stores.

Next time you crack open a tin of cashews, take a moment to appreciate the long journey those little c-shaped nuts took from the tree to your table!

*ED: More than you wanted to know?*

# Church News



*By Dee Rosier*

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Welcome 2015, the Year of the Sheep. Never thought of sheep as fast pacers, but January is already gone, thus an indicator of 2015. We add Christmas to our memory bank. Once again, the church welcomed all with its festive decorations. Christmas trees were hung intermittently on each wall and decorated with lavender ribbons for Advent and later replaced with red ribbons for Christmas. Thanks to our musicians for contributing to the beauty of the Mass. The Mass itself was filmed and recently edited. Copies have been made (100) and will be available for \$6/each. A gracious thank you to all who volunteered to thoroughly clean the church prior to the festivities. The gift we received came to us via Italy, on a Sunday afternoon when Soprano, Elisabeth Hertzberg performed in a recital program. She was accompanied by Pawel Walerowski on cello, Yulee Seo, violin and Julian Fong, piano. She sang several arias and gave the background of each. Elizabeth continues her studies in Italy. We look forward to her visits and performances.

Good Shepherds, Stanley and Nancy Toledo continue to chair the annual Giving Tree. The tree is adorned with stars as gift suggestions. There was a generous array of gifts which were delivered to

Children's Hospital. We also continue support of the Souper Kitchen.

Donation envelopes for 2015 are located in the back of the church. If you are new and wish to participate, please complete the form and take a box. It is a way to give back. By use of the donation envelopes, at year end you receive a compilation for presentation to the IRS. Church calendars were also received and quickly gone.

Coffee/donuts are enjoyed on the first Sunday of each month. What a blow when the coffee pot decided to die for the January coffee/donut gathering. Thereafter a team cleaned out the church hall kitchen and relocated items according to their use. In the cleaning process, a new 55-cup coffee pot still in its original packing was found.

If you have received one of the Sacraments, Father has the certificate. During a recent Mass, we welcomed Father Zachary from St. Mary's Parish in Walnut Creek. He is responsible for introducing us to our Pawel Walerowski, our cello player. Also in residence at St. Mary's is Father Krause, who at one time was our parish priest.

The garden is at in between stage where cleanup is done and thought given to new plantings. Old rose bushes will be replaced and a lot of trimming done. Thought is being given to drought resistant plants. We were fortunate to be recipients of a Gateway donation which will be used to renovate some of the rectory garden.

As is his usual R and R destination. Father spent several days in Hawaii. Martin Lopez was fortunate to accompany him and came back sporting a aloha shirt with Santa on it. As we all know, Father enjoys cooking. In anticipation of the holidays, he purchased a turkey and ham which were placed in the church hall refrigerator. Both were stolen????? There was a good turnout for the December parish dinner and duplicated in January. It is a great way to get to know those you greet on Sundays, as well as enjoy a variety of good cuisine.

With repairs well done, Father would like to



focus his collective attention more on the human side of our Christian community. We welcome a number of new parishioners and they should know that they are clearly and happily welcome. We also invite them to share in church dinners, coffee/donuts, etc., as well as volunteering in Eucharistic Ministry.

A long time fund finally reached maturity when sufficient dollars were on hand to bestow a new roof on Our Lady of Mercy – almost like a new hat! It had been talked about for years and many thought they would never actually see it come to be. Like most endeavors in life – patience. And so it came to pass that we now have a new roof and can move forward. Our bank account is not depleted, but it is also not as healthy as it previously was. The big maintenance upkeep is out of the way, but there will always be smaller, less costly projects which will continue. A look at the flooring in the church hall is a good indicator of where it may well start.

An open armed welcome to our newest parishioner – Katherine Huie, born January 20, 2015. Kate, as she will be called, is sister to Jack, who is the smiley little guy who sometimes carries the donation basket to Father. She made her debut at Mass on January 25, 2015. At this time we also await the birth of another new parishioner who also will have a brother. Look for the announcement in the next issue.

Willie and Sonja Wong attended Christmas Eve Mass along with their grandchildren. Their newest granddaughter was recently baptized at Our Lady of Mercy. Diane and Fred Siegmund

will also become grandparents for the fourth time. Their son, Sean will reward them with his first child.

In life there are many firsts and Sean Diaz shares his as he proudly announced that he had his own car.

He said that it did not matter that the car was as old as he was. He will now be responsible for transporting his younger brother to/from Salesian. Their Aunt Dominique recently visited from Boston.

Family and friends recently celebrated the 90th birthday of Pt. Richmond native, Jim Wilson – quite a fete! Add to the thread that Michael Workman is son-in-law to Jim and Florence.

Jean Marie and Jack Hill had a great big bulldog named Hank who died at age 16. A while has passed, but Hank has been replaced with a younger version – Harry, who will grow to resemble Hank. Hank would sit in the parked car during services, no doubt Harry will do the same.

Get well wishes are sent to: Bill Smith, John Gerk, Dixie and Frankie Mello, Gino Martinucci and Marcellina Smith. Judy Kafka continues to recover after a fall.

It was delightful to see Lorraine Jolivet-Quinn attend Christmas Eve Mass. Lorraine is in the recovery stage of a heart attack.

Hugs/kisses to grandson Griffin on his 15th birthday.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH

TODAY IS THE TOMORROW YOU  
WORRIED ABOUT YESTERDAY

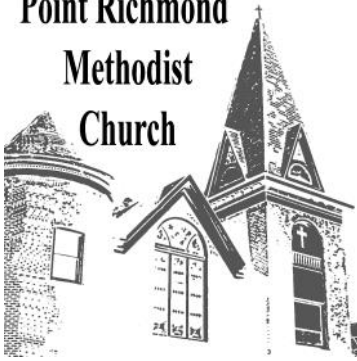


JUNE 11, 1915

CHIEF ARNOLD issued a five hour curfew bill that means children must be off the street as autos are making it too dangerous for them.

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## Point Richmond Methodist Church



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2014 Community Thanksgiving Feast – Our Fabulous Business donors included Point Richmond Market, Santa Fe Market, Aky's, Spot Liquor, Beauty by Nature, Hotel Mac, El Cerrito Natural Grocery, Little Louie's, Up and Under, The Baltic, Starbuck's, and Feagley Realtors. Kristi and Russ Johnson and Alexis Gable called on merchants to ask for donations and received a generous response. We express many warm thanks to our community partners and to individuals who donated cash or time to the event; we are truly grateful. Heather Damon led the Service of Thanksgiving at 11:30 with readings, singing, expressions of thanks, and dancing. Kristi Johnson guided the first to arrive to tables already set with salads. Servers Kit Eakle, Peggy Geary, Deborah Doctor, Joan Folino, Sara Remington Pollutro, Eric Dauden, Stephanie Pearson, Manuel Navidad, Lisa Liago and daughters Asia, Selah, Kiani and Ella, and the elder Mr. Liago, kept the plates moving from the kitchen to the tables.

It was a warm, sunny day, comfortably accommodating diners at tables outside on the patio as Friendship Hall's 62 seats filled to capacity. We served two hundred meals on site or by take out in clamshell packages to be enjoyed at home. By the end of the day, sixty people volunteered in some way to make the Feast one of the best yet – a real reason to be thankful!

In the days leading up to Thanksgiving,

Mary Lee Cole, Barbara Haley, Tom Butt, Jean Reynolds, and Scott McLean publicized the feast and brought both additional diners and volunteers. Kristi Johnson, Doreen Leighton, Manuel Navidad, Michael Weeks, Jonathan Swett and Fran Smith decorated the hall and set up the bandstand. Betty Graham single-handedly rolled the warmer oven upstairs from the basement. Doreen brought a glorious floral arrangement. Rachel Herrin added posters made by her pre-school students to wish everyone a "Happy Giving Thanks Day." Community chefs Paul Garnett and Tinna Manansala oversaw prep of the tastiest turkey and dressing ever, accompanied by mashed potatoes and gravy, a salad of spring greens, yams with pecans, and fresh cut green beans with sliced red pepper followed by pie to the nth power. Chefs labored for four days to prepare the feast. Matt Foster's lucky number was sixteen: he purchased sixteen 16-pound turkeys. Mike Carnall, Paul Garnett and Shirley Ramirez cut up the birds. Tinna Manansala rubbed them with herbs from her own garden. Russ Johnson baked the bones to create the rich broth used in the gravy and the dressing. Julio Osegueda, Mim Drake, Mary Lee Cole, Deborah Doctor, Joan Folino, Doreen Leighton, Heinz Lankford, Ensieh Yazdanpanah, Terry Cullinane and Larkin Murry peeled, sliced, chopped and mashed vegetables. The day of the feast, Shirley Ramirez, Jackie, Nick Pollutro, and Dale Chase made sure all was ready for the guests. Jennifer Foster, Jean Reynolds, Pat Pearson, Julie Simmons, Fran Smith, Molly Smith, Rachel Herrin, Diane Frary, Doreen Leighton and anonymous donors brought 40 pies. Linda Andrew-Marshall donated many dozen rolls. Lara Choe delivered fresh salad greens and "Hotel Mac" salad dressing. Terri Fewins-Pittman, Kathy O'Brien, and Donna Marie cheerfully sliced and plated pies displayed on the tiered serving trays on the table by the back door. Doreen Leighton served as our barista and kept the coffee carafes full. Musicians Eileen Johnson, bass; Tom Belton, drums; and Pastor Dan Damon, piano set the tone with their easy-listening jazz. Vocalist Alexis Lane Jensen joined in on a couple of tunes.

Scott McLean arrived early and demonstrated his award-winning dishwashing skills. Two hours later, Jack Eskelin stepped up to wash. Later Arian Palmer and Daniel Bort dipped into washing dishes, experiencing the special challenge of washing extra large pots and trays in a smallish sink. The rest of our clean-up crew included Juanita Hoffman, Will Larson, Jean Reynolds, and Jonathan Bort. The team put away tables, carried chairs downstairs, and swept the floor. Diana Bort did a lion's job sorting trash. Heinz Lankford made sure the kitchen was cleaned to his standards. Frances Brausch's very tall friends, James Camoza and Lance Henry, took down decorations without a ladder. All cleanup was finished by 3:00 p.m. and the room was ready for the Friday night concert.

We delivered the leftovers to the Bay Area Rescue Mission, where kitchen staff was especially grateful for the extra cranberry sauce, an item not in their budget this year.

Bake Sale – The Bake Sale on December 20 at the Point Richmond Community Center sold out an hour early! Without consulting one another, bakers made so many types of cookies that plates containing two-dozen had no repeat varieties. Buyers agreed that the candy, pepper jelly, muffins, cakes, breads and pies all seemed perfect to give as gifts, bring to parties, or share at home. Pat Dornan wrapped baked treats in ribbon and cellophane with a festive flair. The United Methodist Women sold handmade items on the side: jewelry, knitted and crocheted hats and scarves, paper sculptures, and more. Mid Dornan, Fran Smith, Barbara Haley, Doreen Leighton, Rachel Herrin, Betty Graham and others worked the day of the event. Lots of bakers loaded the tables with a delightful abundance.

Christmas Pageant – Tammara Plankers worked her magic to direct the Christmas Pageant performed during morning worship on December 21 and later that day at 7:00 p.m. Word got out about how special it is to be in the pageant, and a dozen children sang in the choir of angels. Angels: Alice Cropsey, Aubrey Herrera, Cecilia Butt, Ethan Cheng, Harlan Butt, Mia Sassi, Owen

Cheng, Sadie Cosby, Skyler Rouse, Tyrah Weems, Zaynah Weems, and Zoe Thorp were undaunted by the bright lights. Mia Thorp led the shepherds and sang with the Joyful Noise Choir and other shepherds Alice Thompson, Jean Reynolds, Norm Reynolds and Dan Damon. Other main characters: Robert Love narrated; Bridget O'Keeffe, Mary; Coley Grundman, Joseph; Derrick Silva, Gabriel; Tyrah Weems, Angel; Ted Bigornia, Gill Stanfield, and LaMont Ridgell, Wise Men. Pastor Dan Damon was the Music Director, and the Masquers Playhouse donated use of many of the costumes. The Joyful Noise Choir included George Peter Tingley, Scott McLean, Pat King, Linda Andrew-Marshall, Rachel Herrin, Jill-Jenice Shirah, Linda Woody-Wood, and Mim Drake.

Christmas Eve Jazz – The Dan Damon Quartet featuring Dan Damon, piano; Kurt Ribak, bass; Bryan Bowman, drums; and Lincoln Adler, sax; led a parade of soloists for the concert on Christmas Eve. Vocalists Dave Tattershall, Bethany Reynolds, Sheilani Alix, Gill Stanfield, Heather Damon, and Sara Pollutro all shared a variety of songs for the season. People filled the sanctuary and Friendship Hall. Heather Damon read a story to the children. George Peter Tingley played his own improvised arrangement of Joy to the World to accompany the congregational singing. We remembered Liam Thompson with love, and again grieved his accidental death last March. Since Liam read Luke 2:1-20 at the Jazz Service every year since he was seven, Pastor Dan read in his stead this year. In sweet high tones, the Angel Choir sang the first verse to Silent Night; the rich voices of everyone joined together on the remaining verses.

Official City Business – Our own Pastor Dan Damon delivered the invocation in the Richmond City Council Chambers when newly elected mayor Tom Butt and council members Jael Myrick, Jovanka Beckles, Eduardo Martinez, and Gayle McLaughlin were sworn into office on January 13. The event featured special guest officiator Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom and

*(Continued on page 13)*

# *Stop and Stay a While*

## *What's Happening at our Little Museum*

*By Heinz Lankford*

### ***BIRD ALERT***

While sitting at the desk in the Museum I am looking out the front window and my mind is wandering, trying to come up with a new subject matter for our next newsletter. Suddenly I realized that the next topic was literally within my sight, with a little adjustment of the neck muscles.

In the near vicinity of the museum are two large trees which provide an abundant area of sleeping quarters for the birds called Black-crowned Night- Heron. Although there are other trees, in the downtown Point Richmond area, these two trees seem to attract the majority of these birds.

Black-crowned Night- Herons are stocky birds compared to many of their long-limbed heron relatives. They are most active at night or at dusk, when you may see their ghostly forms flapping out from the daytime roost to forage in wetlands.

One of the side effects of a successful fishing trip of a Night- Heron is displayed beneath the trees on the sidewalk. There is no way to estimate the consumption of a Night-Heron by the white patterns they leave on the sidewalk. Some excel, others get by.

Recently I watched a woman, who had parked her car under one of the trees, return to her car and was shocked to see that the right rear portion of her car had undergone a transformation, covered with Night-Heron excrement. I suggested to her that she should clean the car as soon as she arrived at home. She stated that living in an apartment house she had no access to a hose to wash it off. I retrieved a watering can from the museum, along with paper towels, and assisted her in damage control. She thanked me and I recommended that she reconnoiter the trees for possible Night-Heron sightings.

Whenever I walk beneath those trees I make a habit of looking up, trying to spot potential threats that could ruin my day.



*Black Crowned Night Heron*

*Photo courtesy of Wikipedia*



## *On Sheila Fostiak*

*By Erica T. Goode, M.D.*

In the latest newsletter, I noted that Sheila Fostiak died on October 2nd. I would like to add some special comments about her, as Sheila held a unique place in the Point neighborhood during my young years, and long before her Meals on Wheels days.

I know she moved here well before 1953, when (her son) Peter was due to be born, a shower was held for Sheila. My mother attended, and as Sheila told me later, she was tired and discomfited as only the last stages of pregnancy make one feel, since the pelvis gets unfused, and even arising from the chair is a sloppy issue, never mind from a bathtub. Mother, knowing this (since Peter is younger than I am) decided to give Sheila a present, (a pretty bedjacket)...not anything for the baby. Sheila told me this many years later, and said it pleased her enormously.

My sister, Shari, was named May Queen of her 5th grade class at Washington School. Our mother despised sewing, and Sheila very kindly made a lovely long white dress for Shari. It was a big deal, since 5th grade Queens from every elementary school came with families to Richmond High School, to track surrounding a Maypole on the grass for this Mayday ceremony.

Each May Queen, replete with crown, slowly paraded around the track to music, followed by 2 (5th grade) Ladies in Waiting, bearing the train of each queen's purple cape. The maypole dance came later. Sheila didn't attend, but my father took pictures for her. Shari's was the prettiest dress.

Sheila and (husband) Ted were wonderful together. He and many of the neighborhood dads made kayaks, taking wives and us children out on calm days. The Point was a smaller place then, very cohesive among those of us on the bay side of the hill. Most of us spent weekends climbing trees, building forts in tall grass, listening to seagulls and meadowlarks, and catching herring in nets and with our hands when the herring runs came each spring.

It was an idyllic time of unlocked doors and children surging into one another homes.

Sheila was a best friend and next door neighbor to Lucretia and Tom Edwards. All of them were attentive and kind with children. I will miss Sheila "being here". She is the last parent of my generation of children to depart: and we are all in or late 60's and 70's.



*The Fostiak home was  
one of the first ones  
built in this area*

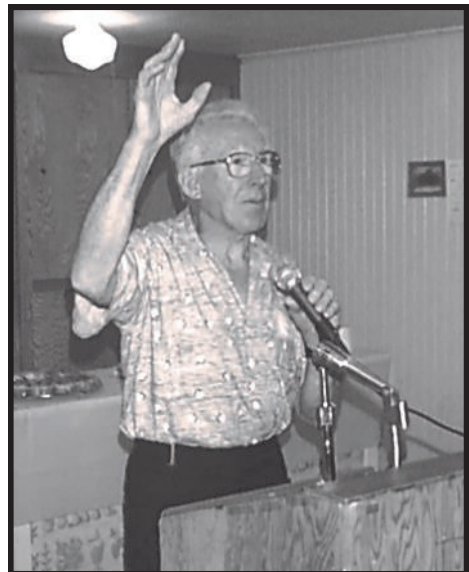
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## ***Honoring PRHA Members From the Past***



**Upper left is Sonja Darling, upper right is Betty Dornan, lower left is Bruce Bartram and lower right is Al Frosini. *All are now deceased***

***All photos are by Thomas Mercer-Hursh except Al Frosini is by Gary Shows***



## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Who setup the LittleFreeLibrary on Santa Fe Avenue in the Point? These little libraries are a take one, leave one philosophy and can be seen in many neighborhoods but this is the only one in Point Richmond. Could it be Crystal Banagane, LOL Educational Services, who is setting up her versions of the library in several locations? They are also sold as kits. Thank You to whomever is responsible for this added charm in the neighborhood.

*Mid*



*(Methodist Church News Continued from page 9)*

marked the last swearing-in ceremony performed by long-time City Clerk Diane Holmes.

**Labyrinth** – The labyrinth in the church garden near the West Richmond Ave. driveway has been enhanced. Elena Breen recently turned the simple native grass arrangement into a more visually intriguing sculpture with a Native American flair. She hauled rocks from her previous central-Californian farm expressly for the purpose. Labyrinths are an ancient construct now used for walking meditation – a path to follow inward and then out again as you quiet your mind.

**Adopted family** – Pat Dornan adopted a family for Christmas gifting and collected items and money from the congregation to shop for their pleasure and needs. She collected warm coats for people who need them.

### On the Calendar:

**Program for Lent:** The United Methodist Women at Richmond First UMC are hosting a “Call to Prayer” supper and program on February 19, Thursday, in Friendship Hall at 6:00 p.m. The Open Door UMC women will lead the program, and Easter Hill UMC women will be our guests. All are invited.

**Easter Sunday:** Easter is April 5. We will have a full morning of events to include: Worship in the Labyrinth Garden at 8:00 a.m.; Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday school at 10:00 a.m.; Worship in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.; Easter Egg hunt following worship. Pick a favorite or come early and stay for all of the celebration!

For updates to the calendar or out of curiosity, see the church website: <http://www.pointrichmondmethodist.org>









**The Final Partition of the  
San Pablo Rancho  
Contra Costa County, California**

*PRHA Archive photo #0956 from Don  
Church*

## ***TPIT Reprint***

***Beginning in the summer of 1992 Muriel C. Clausen wrote an excellent series of articles about the old houses in Point Richmond. In the last twenty-two years we have many new owners of old houses that we treasure here in Point Richmond. For that reason we thought it would be appropriate to reprint her report. Thank you Muriel!***

# **This Old House**

***By Muriel C. Clausen***

***As you read this, keep in mind that it was originally written in the Summer of 1992***

Chapter II  
***Influences On the Early Homes of  
Point Richmond***  
Part 3

There were other influences which helped these early home builders establish the kinds of homes they would live in. These were the features that made the home function, as it was known in the early 1900's.

Sewer and water systems as we know them today were virtually nonexistent at the turn of the century. It is true that by the 1850's the major cities of the East Coast were in the process of building such systems, and by the 1900's these were fairly well established. However, the West Coast was slower in such progress, and the only homes had such amenities as a "dry kitchen" with water carried in. The heavy iron-topped stove with heavy iron cookware was the measure by which cooking was done, and a container could be attached to this stove to heat water. The floors in the kitchens were covered with "painted cloth", a

stiffened decorated heavy fabric, or with wood, which needed much more care. It wasn't until 1907 that linoleum was invented and used for floors in the East. It's use was later here. The kitchen walls were covered in wood with a wood wainscot. Some later kitchens were decorated above the wainscot with wall coverings. Later, built-in cupboards appeared where separate cabinet like units stood before, serving the kitchen's various needs.

Bathrooms too were behind the times in Point Richmond from those in the East. The East Coast homes had indoor baths with quiet toilets and porcelain fixtures. The tub had ball and claw feet and a shower ring above. There were white tiled walls and floors by the 1900's in the wealthier homes. In Point Richmond the toilets were in outhouses and the homes had a small cabinet with a back-splash carrying a basin and pitcher of water for washing. The zinc "hip tub" was carried to the kitchen for warmth and warm water for bathing.

For house heat the floor "furnace" sufficed where needed while on the East Coast central heat furnaces with a water heated tapped into it had been developed and established by the 1890's. Electricity was another factor that affected the

designs of the homes in Point Richmond. While the first electricity was in use in the East in 1880, it was not yet very reliable and so was used in conjunction with the gaslight. (This combination controlled the design of those early light fixtures recalling the “gaslight” era.) By 1910, when the tungsten vacuum light bulb was invented, electricity was very much in use and reliable on the East Coast. On the West Coast, however, it was much later for this innovation to appear and gas lighting was the order of the day. The gas used was kerosene, as it burned cleaner and brighter than the early gas. Then the electric lines were finally strung, homes in Point Richmond began slowly to sparkle with light.

Finally, as it gradually became affordable and useable, the automobile had an effect on the design of homes. Early homes were simple and needed no garage as cars were scarce and expensive, and the roads were virtually nonexistent. The automobile was in full demand by the early ‘20’s, and garages began to be added to homes, changing their designs quite significantly from the early days. With the increase in automobile use, the early settlers in Point Richmond began to wish they had made

their “roads” wider. By this time many homes were nestled closely together on the steep hillsides.

#### Part 4

These influences and their results worked with the demand for housing in Point Richmond to create a welcoming small community which hugged the hillsides around the town center. The early newcomers quickly adapted realistically to the times and built functional and charming houses. Romantic touches can be found in many of those houses, when a memory of the past or of the occupant’s homeland was incorporated into the function and design. This results in a gathering of lovely homes, and a mixture of functional homes with homes with nostalgia designed in. Once again, the effect of the Gold Rush of 1849 is distinctly felt in the truly West Coast way building was carried out. A certain “refined” frontier feeling existed in early Point Richmond with its wood structures and board sidewalks.

Once again referring to “This Point In Time”, we find an interesting pattern in the styles



*Bungalow style home on Buena Vista in Point Richmond.*



of the houses as they were built in Point Richmond from the 1900's. The very early houses built in 1900 were a mixture of small West Coast "hip roof" cottages (the "smoky row" houses built for the railroad workers) and an Italian modified homestead type or a Princess Anne modified homestead type, all mainly very functional and the latter much more roomy than the tiny "hip roof" cottages. From 1901 we find fewer West Coast "hip roof" cottages, and we find the beginning of the bungalow and the modified homestead houses with a Princess Anne touch or and Italian touch. There were some vernacular styles appearing.

In 1902 the more rural foursquare type of house and the bungalows were built. From then on until 1906, the bungalow in its many variations persisted strongly. The vernacular, the modified Italian and the modified Princess Anne were built less frequently, but these styles remained the strong leaders. In Point Richmond, the greatest number of early houses were built in the period from 1900 to 1906, with the years 1901, 1904 and 1906 being the busiest for construction. After 1907, building rapidly dropped off, for the little town had for the most part filled its housing need.



*Row of bungalow style homes on Idaho Street*

The community had taken on a consolidated quality of its own.

On analyzing the styles of houses built in the early days of Point Richmond, it's found that about 25% were bungalows, about 15% were modified Italian, and 15% were modified Princess Anne. The balance consisted of an assortment of homes in the English cottage, Classic, French, modified second Empire Mansard, Flemish, Dutch Colonial and Spanish Mission styles. There were also West Coast "hip roof" cottages, small one story single gable houses, vernacular, foursquare, shingle and salt box homes. All of these were interpretations particularly responsive to this area's climate, terrain, functional needs, and the influences of the Gold Rush. Point Richmond is truly a town of variety and identity, a town that many citizens of the community have been glad to see placed on the American Historical Registry, through the efforts of a few dedicated residents. Keeping this town a charming mixture of West Coast architecture with sympathetic European touches has been the goal of many who have moved here in recent years. To restore a building as it functioned in the 1900's wouldn't make much sense in these modern times of multiple

automobiles, electronics, television, updated kitchens and bathrooms, and modern heating systems. A home today must function to serve the modern time the way homes in the 1900's served in their time. Community feeling, charm and the variety that has developed with this period of growth, is what should be preserved in sympathetic materials. Careful remodeling as needed, or building new homes with an eye toward keeping the character and charm of Point Richmond, will preserve this legacy into the future.



# *Point Richmond's Old Houses*



Piedmont Place



Tunnel Avenue



Washington Avenue



Washington Avenue



Washington Avenue



## Shrimp Camp *from a Donald Church Album*

Sometime between 1865 and 1870 a shrimp camp was established in the cove located on the north side of Point Castro on the Point Richmond peninsula. For nearly half a century the camp was the home of some forty Chinese fishermen who furnished fresh shrimp for the markets of the San Francisco Bay Area and exported dried shrimp to China. The Chinese were isolated from any populated area. Transportation to and from the camp was solely by water in those pre-Richmond years.

In 1904 when the late Point Richmond pioneer plumbing contractor Richard Spiersch took this picture, the camp consisted of about thirty shacks, five wharves, and ten sampans. The shrimp-drying yard was a smoothed out 4,000

square foot section of earth. The shrimp were turned over daily to facilitate the drying process. One man can be seen doing this in the center of the picture. The mudflats extended some 300 feet into the bay at the cove, and to avoid being left high and dry during low tides, the sampans were usually anchored out in deep water.

Point Richmond old-timer's can still remember a peddler dubbed "John Chinaman" who stopped at homes in the area to sell his wares. On his slender shoulders he carried two wicker baskets secured to each end of an eight foot long pole made of hardwood. Each basket would be loaded down with 75 to 100 pounds of fresh shrimp. The peddler walked with a springing gait, which kept his load bouncing. In this manner he



received the full weight only when his feet hit the ground. Between steps the baskets were in the air. He carried his bouncing merchandise about a mile and a half over a narrow foot trail before arriving at his first customer's house. It was really a sight to see. Men along Washington Avenue would try lifting the load, but it was a struggle for most of them.

Bay shrimp were gathered in fine mesh nets. Overfishing resulted in a five-year moratorium in 1912. With their only source of livelihood suddenly ended, the Chinese fishermen abandoned the camp. In 1913 the Washington Elementary School graduating class hiked to Winehaven, and on the way stopped to examine what was left of the once busy camp. They found one elderly Chinese still living among the broken down shacks. The children passed the hat amount themselves and offered the old recluse twenty-five cents. In gratitude he lit the punks around his idol and prayed for the group.

Shrimp fishing in San Francisco Bay has been in a decline for years, but not simply due to overfishing. Raw or partly treated sewage and

industrial pollution are said to be responsible for the virtual disappearance of the delicacy. So far as is known, only one boat is used in shrimp fishing in the entire Bay Area.

*(Editor; this was written probably in the 1940's. I don't think there are any shrimp anymore.)*



# SHRIMP CAMP INHABITED BY CHINESE

The old abandoned Chinese Shrimp camp located near Point Orient which has been picturesque during the past two years in its desertedness is soon to be a thriving business center. Once again the high prowed junks which used to warp their clumsy way to the dilapidated wharves will sail in and out of the Point Molate lagoon while the odor of salt and drying crustaceans will once again permeate the air surrounding the two score shacks.

Yesterday a launch containing several directors of a Chinese shrimp company looked over the camp with the intention of immediately commencing fishing, made possible by the recent action taken by the Legislature.

That the shrimp bed near the Chinese camp is overly crowded with the crescent shaped crustaceans is shown by the report of statisticians in which is recorded the notes that during the years of 1910-11 between five and six hundred tons of the table delicacies were shipped to San Francisco for exportation.

5-15-18

# *There Goes the Bride*

## *at the Masquer's Playhouse*

There Goes the Bride opens January 23 at the Masquers Playhouse. Cooney and Chapman are masters of the British farce: fiendishly clever comedies filled with surprises, combining good-natured bawdiness with inspired mayhem. *There Goes the Bride* shows them at the top of their game, creating a web of tall tales, mistaken identities, and outrageous twists that will have you howling. Directed by Angela Mason.

featuring Giorgia Ghizzoni, Norman Macleod, Shay Oglesby-Smith, Simon Patton, Michael Sally, Sarah Sloan, Carl Smith, Lorealee Windsor

Scenic Design by Michael Clark  
Lighting and Sound Design by Michael O'Brien  
Costume Design by Marjorie Moore  
Choreography by Kris Bell

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 pm with Sunday Matinees at 2:00 pm on February 1, 8 and 15. The show plays through February 21. Tickets are \$22 and all seats are general admission. Tickets can be purchased on line at [www.masquers.org](http://www.masquers.org) 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.



*(Left to Right) Carl Smith,  
Michael Sally, Shay  
Oglesby-Smith and  
Giorgia Ghizzoni*

*Photo by Jerry Telfer*



*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 many items left for us by Allan Smith.*

## Items of Interest Point Richmond, 1911

### *From the Richmond Independent*

- 3-9-1911 Rhodes the tailor is making new uniforms for the police.
- 3-11-1911 Wreck on the Belt Line near Winehaven
- 3-14-1911 Moyle bldg. being moved north for construction of Colonial Hotel (*ed. Now Hotel Mac*) It was later occupied by Casey's News Stand
- 3-16-1911 Wolf Bill defeated in Sacramento. It would have given San Francisco power to annex all cities in the East Bay without their consent. Vote was 21 to 19.
- 3-19-1911 All night lighting for Richmond streets considered. Will cost \$1 per month per light or \$90 per month.
- 3-23-1911 Permit issued to improve the building of Gibbs and Shaw recently vacated by Lang Drug on Washington Avenue, one of the oldest in Richmond.
- 3-24-1911 Flying machine at Pullman on Sunday, Excursions to run from SF and Bay Area to see it. Large crowds are expected.
- 3-26-1911 Nicholl Avenue being improved around Mrs. Little's property with block walls.
- 4-16-1911 Acacia trees being planted on Washington and Nicholl Avenues. Janice Park also being improved. Acacia trees pushed up sidewalks and had to be removed.
- 4-29-1911 Former Tax Assessor Geo. Searcy arrested for \$1400 shortage.
- 5-9-1911 Garrard, Penry and Ludwig win election for council.  
Bonds for tunnel and parks pass 2 to 1.
- 5-28-1911 Jas. Cruickshanks to build the Colonial Hotel. George Galbraith to excavate.
- 5-31-1911 Considerable pressure to get City Council to slow SP trains in town.
- 6-8-1911 John Nicholl to drill for gas after report of C.L. Cofer.
- 6-23-1911 Pullman ships opened to Newsmen for preview.  
Grand opening of Oliver Wylies Mecca
- 7-2-1911 Leland Higgins sold his blacksmith shop on 4th St. He ill continue to shoe horses in the same bldg. Geo Peck the new owner will move here from Santa Rosa.
- 7-11-1911 Owens elected Mayor by Councilmen.
- 7-20-1911 Contract let to drill for oil on John Nicholl property at Oregon and East Richmond Aves.

## *Cards, Letters & E-Mails*

Dear Ms. Wilson,

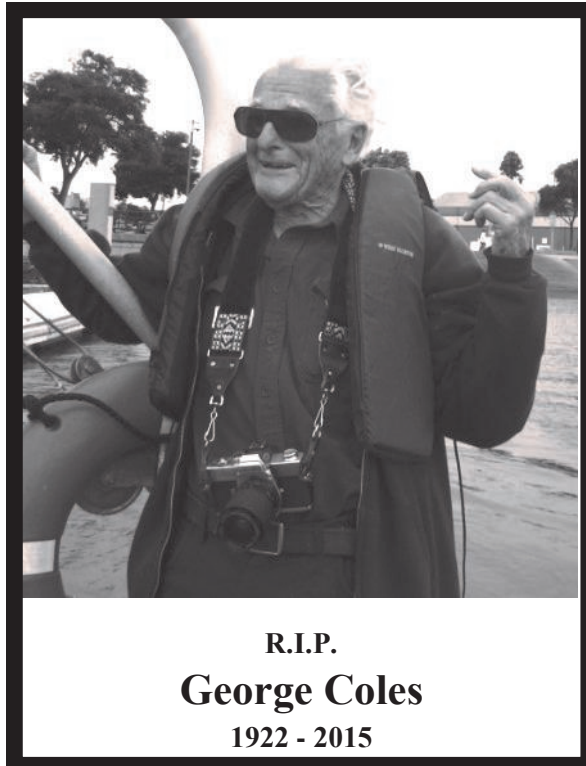
Enclosed is a check for \$50, as well as my membership application to join the Point Richmond History Association.

I am relocating to Point Richmond on January 1, 2015, but I wanted to get a head start on joining your worthy organization.

I was born and raised in San Francisco, and I've been a history buff all of my life. As a hobby, I lead History Hikes in San Francisco and Sausalito. I'm considered the unofficial Historian of the Golden Gate Bridge District, where I have worked for 18 years. I look forward to meeting you and the rest of the PRHA members.

Regards,  
Karen Engbretson

*Welcome to Point Richmond, I think you will like it here. I look forward to meeting you as well.*  
Gary Shows



# *Birthdays*

## *February*

### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Mark Gebhart  
Sarah Wilson  
Steven Mertle  
Billy Bob Karl  
Chris Rotting  
Walter MacMillan  
Connie Healy

Marcos Rotting  
Jim Allgaier  
Ladow Howe  
Rowene MacMillan  
Ethel MacMillan  
Art Gagnier  
Kim Ward  
Velma Healy  
Anne Brussok-Roth

Jared Bigard  
Lupe Padilla Lopez  
Allegra Fenton  
Kay Mayfield Madison  
Artrese Morrison  
Anne Roth  
Kiley Brougham  
Gretchen Van Tassel  
Shaw

Brenda McKinley  
Mitzi Kruse  
Frank Smith  
Leonard Smith  
Kay Madison  
Beverly Bartram  
Fred Beesley

## *March*

### GIRL SCOUTS CAMP FIRE GIRLS

Rachel Palfini  
Elfriede Morris  
Damon Kiehn  
Kathe Kiehn  
Dale Hawkins  
Karolyn Macdiarmid  
Carol Paasch  
JoAnn Bray

Carol Darling  
Claire E. Crowson  
Dolly Frosini  
Rich Schuldt  
Lucile Cottingham  
Meyer  
Ben Bray  
Ken Madison  
Janice Jones  
Jean Knox

Lavinia Karl  
Darlene A. Wright  
Brian Richardson  
Susan Berman  
Mary Valenzano  
Isobel Folsom  
Myron Pestana  
Delphina Franco  
Tawney  
Mike Smith

Lorna Huffstetter  
Henry Marchitiello  
Evan Jahromi  
Kenneth Madison  
Kara Piantidosi  
Michael Smith  
Tom Butt  
Harlan Butt (4)  
Ryland Thomas Butt(4)

*My apologies to Alpha Humphey for omitting your January birthday. We appreciate your service to the Point community.*

*Mid*



# *Memorials.....*

**Mary Jo Neel** died December 3, 2014, she was 90 years of age. Born Mary Jo Cortese in Primero, CO to Guiseppe Cortese and Francesca Cortese. Mary married George Neel within one year of being introduced by a mutual friend in 1958. They spent 54 wonderful years together. Within four years, they had built a home together on the Point Richmond waterfront. Mary and George loved to travel and spent a lot of time in Mexico, Canada and many other places with a lot of wonderful memories. They built a cabin in Clearlake where Mary learned to waterski and became quite good at it. Mary Jo is preceded in death by her five brothers and two sisters. She was the youngest of her siblings. There are many nieces and nephews and their children with fond memories of Aunt Mary.

**Carl Jenkins**, age 81, died on January 23, 2015 in Tucson, Arizona. Carl lived in the Canal War Housing across from Washington School and graduated from Richmond High. A scout and leader in Boy Scout Troop III, first Scout troop in Richmond at the Methodist Church, he later became head of the Boy Scout Council in Tucson.

**Lynne Saunders Erskine**, January 27, 1945 - December 17, 2014. Lynne grew up in El Sobrante with her younger sister, Diane. She participated in Camp Fire Girls and Jobs Daughters and graduated from De Anza High School in 1962. Shortly after graduation, Lynne began her 30+ year career at Chevron, followed by several years at Chiron. Lynne loved her work and her friends and especially loved living in Point Richmond. She was a singer, writer, jewelry maker and collector. In addition to her sister and family, Lynne is survived by her life partner, Richard Tapp, and a myriad of friends.

**George Coles** passed away at the age of 92. George was a 60 year resident of Point Richmond, a long term member of the Point Richmond History Association, a member of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Museum of History Association, and a docent on the Red Oak Victory Ship. He taught Anthropology and Psychology at Contra Costa College. There will be a longer article George Coles Remembered in the next edition of *THIS POINT...in time*.







Washington Avenue

## EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

Lupe Padilla Lopez - 100  
Delphina Franco Tawney - 96  
Billie Bonham Shaw - 92  
Elfriede Morris - 95  
Martha Bielawski - 92  
Shoney Gustafson - 97  
Jerry Cerkowicz, Sr. - 95  
Grace Cerkowicz - 90  
Beatrice Beesley Casey - 97  
Madelilne Bellando Albright - 97  
Mid Dornan - 93  
Charlotte Kermabon Birsinger - 96  
Gretchen Van Tassel - 95  
Viola Lala Kennedy - 97  
Lee Christian - 93  
Jean Stark - 99  
Mark Gebhart - 98  
Mary Highfill - 90

Muriel Clausen - 90  
Tom Kenny - 90  
June Beesley Sosabal - 91  
Helen Wysham - 90  
Jim Wilson - 90

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

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**Thank you to those who update these numbers.  
It would be nice for us to know the month as well.**

# *CALENDAR/DIRECTORY*

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## **CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM**

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

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

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

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

Contact, Margaret Morkowski, 510-234-4219

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## **PARENT, TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

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## **POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

Contact: Andrew Butt, 510-236-7445

## **POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER**

Info: 620-6905

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## **POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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Open Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday 10am - 3pm. \$5 donation for adults, \$4 seniors, \$2 children.

Pancake Breakfasts one Sunday a month, April thru October. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$7 adults, children under 5, free

For more information call the ship directly at 510-237-2933 or Richmond Museum of History 510-235-7387

## **RICHMOND SWIMS**

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

Contact: Coach John Schonder, 510-504-0330

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

## **WASHINGTON SCHOOL**

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

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Richmond's longest standing women's club. Contact: Norma Wallace, President. 510-236-6968

I would like to join the P.R.H.A.

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