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18 Washington Avenue
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Circa 1904

Sentinel Water Flowing Again

The Sentinel returns safe drinking water to the center of Point Richmond

Kirk St. Maur, sculptor Dedicated Oct. 20, 1984

Location: Point Richmond Civic Triangle

The first “Indian Statue” was commissioned and dedicated at this site in 1909 by the Women’s Westside Improvement Club. Lost to the ravages of time, the statue fell and became scrap metal for the World War II effort. The historical interest in the choice of a Native American remains the same: His freedom lost in our past is a reminder of how precious freedom is and how precarious survival remains. A very meaningful message these days. The statue fountains have been unusable for years but today, the water is flowing with gusto and the brand new sewer system is keeping the fountain bowls clean and clear.

Please thank the Richmond Public Works Department and its Director, Yader Bermudez for wanting to give us all something to encourage communities to remember that our city staff is looking after us, even in crisis times, keeping our health and safety foremost in priority. Next on the Sentinel project plan is an “in place” safe cleaning and rehab of the statuary funded by community outreach.

Maryn Hurlbut
Chair Recreation & Parks Commission



From the President

by Bonnie Jo Cullison

Hello everyone.

We are starting to think about when we can open our History Museum again comfortably and what the restrictions would look like. Our current thinking is that we will try to resume our normal Thursday and Saturday schedule on Thursday, June 18. Because the Museum is so small, only one person at a time could come inside (two if they are a couple or family members). The docents will be masked and we would ask that visitors wear masks as well. We would also ask visitors to use hand sanitizer (which we will provide) before entering the Museum. We are keeping in mind, however, that nearly every day brings new information and changes. By the time you read this the situation may have required us to modify our plans. But when you see the flag flying you will know we are open again!

I am sorry to say that when we do open our History Museum it will be without Virginia Mooney as one of the docents. Virginia, who has been one of our most enthusiastic docents and whom many of you know, has moved away from The Point. She is very sad that she has had to move since she considers Pt. Richmond her Home. We wish her well and will miss her greatly.

On a brighter note, now that getting outdoors and walking is more essential (there's that word again) than ever, aren't we fortunate to live in Pt. Richmond where there are so many scenic, garden-lined streets for walking?!

Enjoy your summer with caution and patience.

The first "Indian Statue" was donated by the Women's Westside Improvement Club in 1909. It had three levels of fountains, one for dogs, one for horses and one for humans.

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Welcome to new member:

Richard Smith

*Gift Membership

**Special Supporter, *Thank You!*

Thank You!

Santa Fe Market

For distributing

“THIS POINT.....in time”

Support our local retailers

*Visit our little museum and view our
1000 picture slide show of historic Point
Richmond photos.*

*Open Thursdays and Saturdays
And the first and second Tuesday of
each month*

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

*Our museum is temporarily closed
because of the covid-19 pandemic.
We are considering reopening it at
regular hours on June 18th.*

The Cover:

18 Washington Avenue is now all residential. It was built in 1904 and had two storefronts occupied by a French laundry and the Peoples Water Company. The water company supplied water to the area that was pumped from San Pablo Creek and stored in a tank on Water Street. PRHA photo archive #1165 is from Mid Dornan.

Editor's Notes

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It has been an interesting springtime, eh? Our contributor reports are different because people's interactions have been different.

Over the years we have collected many issues of Donna Roselius' old "Point Counterpoint" publication. For quite some time I wanted to scan them for all to read. Well, with all of the stay at home business, I decided to go for it and have begun scanning them. I have already scanned dozens of them and plan to post them online to our PointRichmondHistory.org sometime this summer.

I encourage you to use this newsletter to tell your stories and I want to send a thank you to my reliable regulars, Bonnie Jo Cullison, Dee Rosier, Jean Reynolds and Caitlin Hibma.

Have a wonderful summer and hope that things get better soon.

The deadline for our next TPIT September/October issue is Friday, August 22, 2020.

So that we did the proper "social distancing" we paid the printer to fold and staple the last issue, work usually done by our group. Thanks for addressing and mailing to:

Gary Shows
Jerry Cerkowicz
Bonnie Jo Cullison

Thanks to the Volunteers who open and close our museum two days each week. They are getting a little break now because of Covid-19

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A-Mid Trivia

in Absentia

We have decided that this would be a perfect Trivia notice if Mid Dornan were still with us. Thanks to Mid's daughters Pat Dornan and Roberta Palfini and Alexandra Edney

Chris, Ali and Chloe (2 year old sister) Hutchens welcomed baby girl Mabel Arizona Hutchens to Mid Dornan's original house. Mom exclaimed "She didn't even let us get into the car and was born in the driveway, healthy, happy and fast! Ambulance came just after her birth and took us to the hospital to get checked out and cleaned up, we got home Monday. Thought you'd get a kick out of knowing that we had an accidental home birth!"

Mid is beaming from above as Mabel was her mother's name.



*Mabel Arizona Hutchens
born on Mother's Day in Point Richmond*

Trivia From Mark (coincidental accidental discovery)

When I proofread Mid Dornan's memorial issue, 2 words in the first big article jumped off the page at me: Norfolk, Nebraska!

Why? The late great Johnny Carson got his show biz start there – first doing magic tricks for his friends and later in small theaters, then as a part-time DJ on the local radio station. Carson was born in Iowa in 1925; his family moved there in 1933. Carson would've been 7 or 8 (he was born in Oct); Mid 11 or 12. What I wonder is if they ever crossed paths – do any of you ever recall her saying anything about him? If so, please enlighten us via a letter to the editor or e-mail me (beerman1949@gmail.com) & I'll collect them for an article for the next issue.

Mark Kornmann, Proofreader



*Late Mid Dornan
chairing a PRHA Annual Meeting*

Vintage A-Mid Trivia

Taken From 1970's Point Counterpoint by Mid Dornan

Previously it was reported that when taking a trip, gasoline was cheaper than LSD. Not so, sez A. Reedergasoline is much harder on your kidneys.

Are you wondering about that rare and unusual plant in the Richmond Supply Company window? It is a beautiful African Amarilla, a Christmas gift that wasn't delivered until several weeks after, because it was retained in the agriculture quarantine of customs.



A fourteen year old asked, "When you used to listen to the radio at night, what did you LOOK at?" And, no one can remember.

Lady to Grocer: "I'll have 20 cents worth of potatoes, please."

Grocer: "How about a whole one."

A doctor says that he can cure a woman of any complaint by telling her it's a sign of old age.

Sorry to have missed the name of Pam Wilson on the Contra Costa College Dean's list last week!

Don't be too concerned about your poor memory. The human brain is like a giant prune

and each bit of information you retain forms a wrinkle on the brain. Because the area is finite, eventually there isn't space for any more wrinkles. Since you are denied the power of selectivity over what the brain expels, you should be extremely careful about remembering new things. Never wrinkle your brain with anything except essential or profound information!

Carrot peels must be a great source for glue. Have you ever tried removing dried peelings from the counter top or floor?

There is something incongruitous about a bicyclist with a cigarette dangling from his mouth.

The perfect gift for the person who has everything.....a burglar alarm.

Eskimos have no word for toothache because it is unknown among them. Doctors studying tooth decay are trying to find the reason. I wish they would work faster and before I no longer have a reason to care.

Why do kids know all the questions parents can't answer?

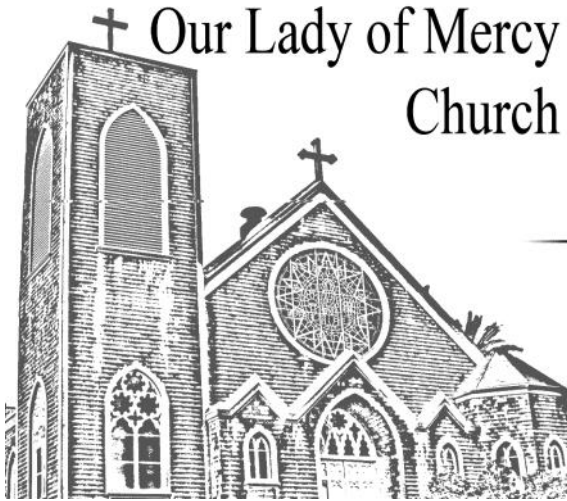
Did you hear about the neighbor who was so wealthy that he didn't even know his son was in college?

Only parents who have experienced the joy of having a child graduate from college can know the emotions being emitted in our household when daughter Pat, transfers the tassel on her mortarboard at Sonoma State on Friday!

John Steinbeck declared this as the most feminine story he ever heard:

Two women meet. One cries, "What have you done to your hair? It looks like a wig!" "It is a wig." "Well, you'd never know it!"

Church News



By Dee Rosier

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AND PEOPLE STAYED HOME

Kathleen O'Meara

AND PEOPLE STAYED HOME
AND READ BOOKS AND LISTENED
AND RESTED AND EXERCISED
AND MADE ART AND PLAYED
AND LEARNED NEW WAYS OF BEING
AND STOPPED
AND LISTENED DEEPER
SOMEONE MEDITATED
SOMEONE PRAYED
SOMEONE DANCED
SOMEONE MET THEIR SHADOW
AND PEOPLE BEGAN TO THINK
DIFFERENTLY
AND PEOPLE HEALED
AND IN THE ABSENCE OF PEOPLE
WHO LIVED IN IGNORANT WAYS,
DANGEROUS, MEANINGLESS AND
HEARTLESS,
EVEN THE EARTH BEGAN TO HEAL
AND WHEN THE DANGER ENDED

AND PEOPLE FOUND EACH OTHER
GRIEVED FOR THE DEAD PEOPLE
AND THEY MADE NEW CHOICES
AND DREAMED OF NEW VISIONS
AND CREATED NEW WAYS OF LIFE
AND HEALED THE EARTH
COMPLETELY
JUST AS THEY WERE HEALED
THEMSELVES

The coronavirus caused us to change our lives, and took 1000,000 lives. We sheltered in place, kept social distance, and wore a protective mask for 75+days and still counting.

Our Lady of Mercy closed and we lost personal contact with our church community. We prayed for our computers to endure, since it became our contact to the outside world. As unusual as it may seem, we could call a friend and they would answer, you could find parking in the Point and walking to the Post Office or the bank was an outing. We stood in line to shop at local grocery stores in hopes of finding toilet paper and paper towels, which had become a gold commodity.

During the rain, we remained indoors and cleaned and cleaned. When the sun was out, our gardens became near weed-free – how therapeutic. Our dogs were delighted with so many walks.

While standing in line at COSTCO on a rainy morning, a couple passed and said, Hi Neighbor. The greeting was returned, but I could not tell you who it was due to the mask and rain gear.

The church would remain open during regular services on Saturday and Sunday. Maintaining social distance was no issue.

We would celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday without the usual services. The Easter lilies which adorn the altar were delivered to the shut in parishioners – a random act of kindness.

Easter is essentially the celebration of spring, when the world blooms again. The date is

tied to the moon. It is celebrated traditionally on the first Sunday following the full moon, officially called “paschal full moon” that lands on or just before spring equinox.

A return to normal can be placed aside, since it will no longer exist for us and we move on to establish a new normal. Changes are being made and we will learn to comply.

Life within the parish continues with a wedding and baptism that took place in the backyard of the Rectory.

A new barrel to collect food should be in place in the rectory driveway. It replaces the one previously inside the church entrance.

Father has been busy cleaning/clearing the rectory office with some new additions and removal of some old.

Memorial Day came and went as well as did the excitement of a town-wide yard sale.

To stay in touch, we learned Zoom. The Chevron Retirees Board of Directors held their virtual meeting via zoom and what a delight it was to see/hear familiar faces/voices. It proves that you can teach old dogs new tricks. I also attended my niece’s garden wedding in Berkeley via Zoom, sitting in my home and seeing family members from as far away as North Carolina.

The church remains open at the usual time that Masses were held – Saturday and Sunday morning. It is open for your reflection. On Sunday Caesar, our pianist, provides music and through a creative mode Father has created, within the guidelines, a mode to distribute Holy Communion, give a blessing for the sick and absolution.

As we pass through the specific phases, it was a delight for Anne Carroll to return to the golf course finally.

Marcellina Smith continues to reside in the assisted living facility in Moraga, visited daily by her sons. Alan Smith and my daughter, Renee, started kindergarten together at Washington School. They went on to achieve their educational goals and reconnected during their professional careers.

The “Huggers” continue to keep in touch via email, occasional phone calls and exchanging reading material.

We received a joyful porch visit from Maxine, the school crossing guard. We exchanged self-hugs, which brought to mind what we miss in our daily lives.

When the guidelines officially have been set, we will all return safely to our Catholic community.

A bright, new future awaits us.

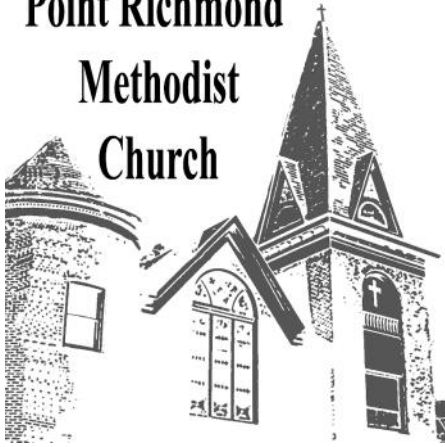
A WISH FOR THE WEEK AHEAD
MAY WE FACE WHATEVER COMES
WITH COMPASSION AND GRACE
MAY WE REMEMBER THAT WHAT
CONNECTS US IS FAR STRONGER
THAN WHAT DIVIDES US.
MAY OUR HEARTS AND COFFEE BE
STRONG, AND MAY ALL OF US
REMEMBER THAT NO MATTER
WHAT, WE DETERMINE HOW WE
WILL MOVE THROUGH THIS WORLD,
TOGETHER.
LET IT BE WITH KINDNESS.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH



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Church in Pandemic:

We have achieved a kind of rhythm with our online church life. Our worship services during this time of isolation feature Pastor Dan seated at the piano in his living room in Pinole, with occasional screeches from Min the cockatoo whose cage is nearby. We often start the service with a recording of George Peter Tingley's music – produced synthetically with features from his awesome musical software. Someone is assigned to read the scripture lessons and lead the call to worship. Another family or individual serves as the “community voice” in all of the congregational readings.

Copies of the music for our congregational hymns are emailed in advance and worshippers may print them if they like to read the music. The words are always shared on the screen. People can sing along with microphones muted. We have sung several of the hymns in Pastor Dan's soon-to-be-published newest hymn collection, Little Seeds.

Zoom only allows one microphone “voice” at a time, so we have lost the ability to sing in harmony, or pray and recite together in unison. We sorely miss the loss of choir practice, the joy of singing in harmony with Dan on piano and Alice Thompson at the organ, and impromptu piano solos by George Peter Tingley.

Gill Stanfield, Matt Foster, Jennifer Metz Foster, Alice and Bill Thompson, and Jean Reynolds meet with Pastor Dan on Saturday mornings via Zoom to plan the technical details and flow for worship. Additional readers or singers attend to practice their parts. Gill prepares the PowerPoint slides, and any audio or video recordings we use. During the service, he shares recordings; Jennifer shares the PowerPoint and monitors the gathering.

Alice and Bill Thompson lead the Children's Time segment every week. It has been a gift to connect with Jackson, Susannah, and Charlotte Bader on Sundays, and occasionally see other children from our wider community. Sarah Sutton and daughters Tyrah and Zaynah joined one Sunday from their home in Virginia.

Church Treasurer Matt Foster leads the offering time, and shares possible ways to donate to the church now that we are not together to “pass the plate.” Matt and Finance Chair Jonathan Swett collaborated to apply for a forgivable loan under the Cares Act. The funds the church received under the second act will help us meet our payroll as we are unable to engage in our usual fundraising.

Many of the anthems in worship have been choir members singing a favorite hymn from home, often without accompaniment. So far, Linda Andrew Marshall, Gill Stanfield, Laila Millar, Alice and Bill Thompson, and Norm and Jean Reynolds have sung anthems. Laila coordinates singers for the anthem. Pastor Dan and George Peter Tingley have also provided special music, live or pre-recorded.

We have celebrated communion twice since the quarantine started. Theologians are still weighing in on whether it is proper or antithetic to Christian beliefs to take communion together in a virtual setting. While the debate rages, we decided communion is a symbol for us that remains meaningful whether practiced in person in a sanctuary or with others seen only on the screen or in our imaginations. Everyone prepares their own version of communion elements, bread and juice, at home. We sing and speak the liturgy as we share the ritual, again with microphones on mute.

Jennifer Metz Foster hosts our worship gatherings and other Zoom meetings. She unmutes all attendees at worship to share prayer concerns. We can be unmuted before the service starts, and

after it ends, to check in and tell some personal stories. It is not the same as coffee hour in Friendship Hall, but is still good.

Although Governor Newsom released protocols for faith communities to be able to open their places of worship in June, our bishop asked United Methodist churches in the California-Nevada Annual Conference to remain closed through the end of June. We do not know when the circumstances will change so it is safe to be together in worship again, to have live concerts in the sanctuary, or Vacation Bible School in the summer.

Linda Andrew Marshall still buys and delivers the food for guests at the GRIP Family Shelter on the third Thursday of every month. GRIP has fewer volunteers during the quarantine since many of their usual volunteers are older and staying home. See their new website <https://gripcares.org> for ways to help.

Heather and Brett Wagner welcomed their baby daughter, Grace Donna Damon, on May 2. They all came to Zoom worship on Mothers' Day from the comfort of their home in Sacramento. We all crane our necks to get the best view of baby Grace every Sunday.

Karen Buchanan joined the church on May 17, our first new member received during a Zoom worship. Karen has immersed herself in Pt. Richmond history and conducted walking tours to highlight the stories of where we live. Happily, Karen decided to make Richmond First UMC her church home after she moved to Pt. Richmond.

Barbara Haley has been in the hospital with heart-related challenges. We realize how much we rely on her and her stints away have underscored the key role she fills in our community. We pray for her continued recovery as she gains strength at home. Linda Andrew-Marshall stepped in to write and send the weekly e-newsletter that Barbara provided for numerous years.

Katherine Parker, missionary to Nepal, got stranded in the US after attending a conference in this country just before Nepal closed its borders to protect from outside infection by coronavirus. She is sheltering in place with her parents in Mill Valley as she continues to work via internet in Nepal. We scheduled a "Tea with Katherine" Zoom meeting for Wednesday, June 3, to chat and

hear about her latest projects.

Robert Wenz, church neighbor and regular attendee at worship, died on April 29. Tom McGowan, a longtime friend of Bob's, remembers him as "Fisherman, Duck Hunter, Humorist, Philosopher, Hiker, World Traveler and Dear Friend." Tom reported, [Bob] "chose for his ashes to be scattered on the East Carson River which was his favorite trout stream. He was as colorful a graduate as Dartmouth College ever produced." We will remember and miss Bob.

Yulia Solovieva retires this June from teaching English Language Development at De Jean Middle School in Richmond. She is moving to North Dakota to share childcare for her niece's children with her sister. Yulia helped in major ways with art projects for Vacation Bible School, worked in the church garden, guided the planning for our Russian Tea, took pictures of church events to help us remember, and served dinner at the GRIP family shelter. She often brings food for coffee hour, sends greeting cards, and knows enough about each of us to give us heartfelt gifts. My laptop is resting on a colorful collage placemat she made for us from calendar art. As long as we have a Zoom or other streaming worship, Yulia will be able to join us from North Dakota. There are some perks to virtual meetings.

Pastor Dan retires as of July 1, after serving Richmond First UMC for twenty-five years. Pastor Jaycie Pickens-Jones and spouse Emily will be moving into the parsonage at the end of June. We will do our best to make the transition smoothly, honoring all that Pastor Dan has meant to our congregation and community: thankful for such a long and deep partnership. We look forward to loving and supporting Pastor Jaycie as we enter this new chapter with her.

We are grateful for this community and all of the ways people support each other here. Please, all, stay safe!

On the Calendar:

All face-to-face events have been postponed.
No Junktique donations will be accepted until
January 2021.

For the latest news, Laurence Tietz keeps the website current at pointrichmondmethodist.org

New Uncover Point Richmond App

Karen Buchanan

Looking for a way to discover the charms of Point Richmond using your smartphone? There's an app for that! Introducing the first ever walking tour app showcasing Point Richmond's colorful history, ***Uncover Point Richmond***. You can now explore the historic downtown Point Richmond business district either on foot or in the comfort of your own home.

Features of the app include:

- Explore Point Richmond from wherever you are
- Directional GPS with way finder
- Zoomable map
- Points of interest
- Historic photos from PRHA's archives
- Stories of colorful characters
- History fun facts
- Interactive quizzes
- Exclusive in-app coupons and contests from local Point Richmond businesses.

Developed by PRHA member and Urban History Hikes Meetup group organizer Karen Buchanan and Uncover creator Lucas Ho, ***Uncover Point Richmond*** provides a fun, interactive way to learn about local history while exploring Point Richmond. As the economy starts reopening from the COVID-19 shelter-in-place, the app also provides an opportunity for local businesses to reach a wider audience.

In developing the app, Karen and Lucas forged early partnerships with local favorites Kaleidoscope Coffee and Mom & Pop Art Shop, and the app includes exclusive promotional deals with them. The app has received sponsorship funding from Visit Richmond CA, and eventually it will include coupons and contests from many more local businesses.

Some highlights so far:

On February 27, 2020, Karen and Lucas presented a well-received demo of the app at the Point Richmond Business Association monthly luncheon, resulting in many more promotional opportunities for local businesses.

On April 25, 2020, Karen and Lucas led a virtual tour Meetup of downtown Point Richmond featuring the app and Karen's famed History Hike content for a receptive audience.

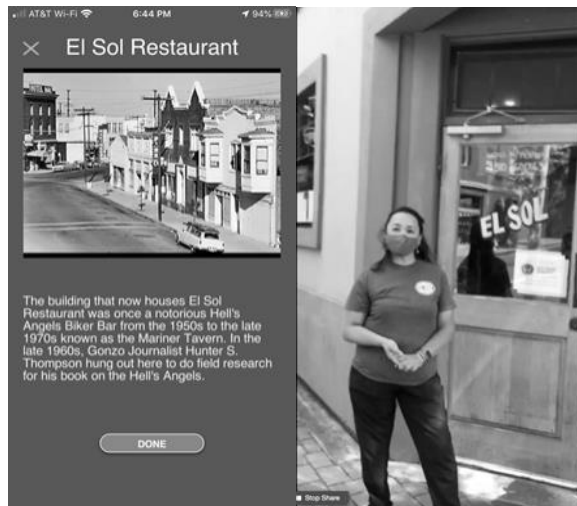
On May 23, 2020, Karen and Lucas led another virtual tour Meetup of downtown Point Richmond using the app, and also featuring short interviews with the owners of five local businesses (Aky's Cafe, El Sol Restaurant, Kaleidoscope Coffee, Up & Under Pub and Grill, Mom & Pop Art Shop) where they described how they are coping during the shelter-in-place. When Karen and Lucas announced that they are giving proceeds from the virtual tour event to the highlighted local businesses, over half of the event's attendees each paid double the event fee!

If you would like to try out the ***Uncover Point Richmond*** app, you can download it by searching for "Uncover Discover" in the iOS App Store or by using this link: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/uncover-discover/id1393803213>.

Ed: If you have an Android phone you are out of luck for now. Developer Lucas Ho says he does have plans to support Android "down the line."



left: The app's blurb on Kaleidoscope Coffee, right: Cassie Cushing, owner of Kaleidoscope Coffee



left: The app's blurb on El Sol Restaurant, right: Josephine Orozco, owner of El Sol



Looking down Washington Avenue, Standard Avenue at the end of the street still existed.
PRHA photo archive #1169 from Sonny Jackson



From Rita Gardner

Current and upcoming exhibitions sponsored by Arts of Point Richmond:

Please note: Due to changing safety regulations in place during the pandemic, please check with the venues below to be sure they are open to view the art exhibits.

***Through June 22 at Post Office, 104 Washington Avenue, Point Richmond.
Exhibition of fused glass art by Jan Chleboun at Post Office, 104 Washington Ave., Point Richmond.***



Jan Chleboun has been passionate about the color and texture of glass for years. She enjoys the challenges of glass with the rudimentary old tools and the alchemy of the extreme heat kilns. Her craft has evolved along with glass art technology and she enjoys the possibilities of hot glass. She's "happy ever after" when pieces fire correctly. Contact Jan at jbsroost1@mac.com

(TBD: See note): Kaleidoscope Coffee, 109 Park Place, Point Richmond.



Art exhibition featuring the paintings of distinguished artist Jim DeWitt. NOTE: Because of changing safety regulations during the Coronavirus crisis, this exhibit will be viewable only when Kaleidoscope reopens with indoor seating. Please check with the venue beforehand to see if café is open.

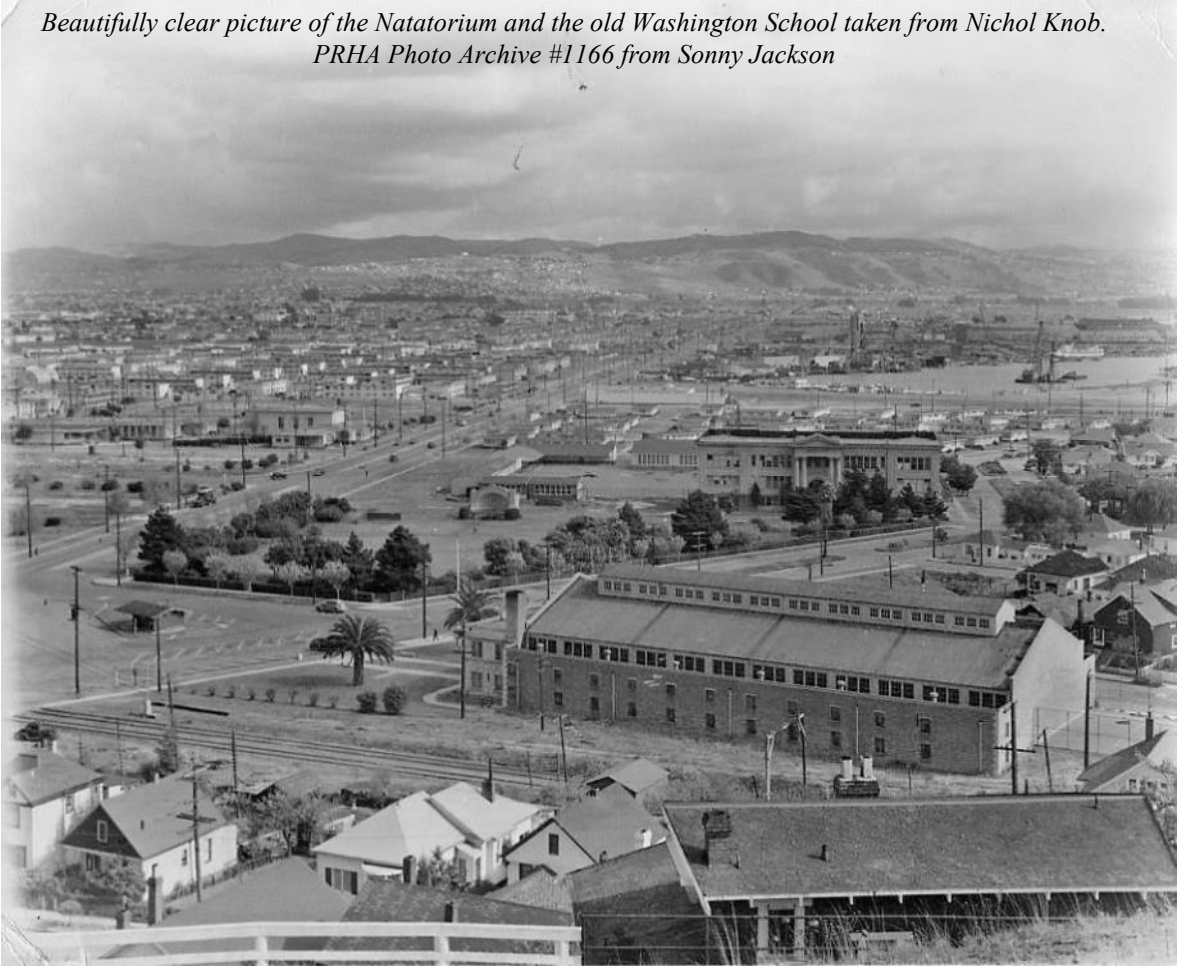


(TBD) Lara's Fine Dining Restaurant (formerly Salute) 1900 Esplanade Drive, Richmond (Marina Bay). Inaugural exhibition features artists Caitlin Hibma, Mary Lee Cole, Rita Gardner, Bonnie Leonard, Virginia Rigney, Betsy Kellas, George Tomberlin, Marilyn Hertzberg, Louise liams, Jean Brady, Jan Chleboun, Nancy Whitley, Nancy Noble, Dee Bell, Bob Colin, and Jim DeWitt. (As of May 29, the restaurant is closed due to the virus – reopen date is not known.)

Arts of Point Richmond is a community association established to enrich our community by providing support, appreciation, and exposure for the arts. For more information: www.artsofpointrichmond.com

Recent Additions to our Photo Archives

*Beautifully clear picture of the Natatorium and the old Washington School taken from Nichol Knob.
PRHA Photo Archive #1166 from Sonny Jackson*



PRHA photo archive #1161 from Royce Ong

An Account of the 1918 Spanish Influenza in Richmond

from reporting by the Oakland Tribune and the Berkeley Daily Gazette

by Caitlin Hibma

The influenza epidemic of 1918, known as the “Spanish Flu,” first emerged in March 1918 at a military base in Kansas and spread worldwide with soldiers deployed to fight in World War I. A second and more deadly wave of the flu occurred from September through November 1918, which is when the contagion reached Richmond. On 21 September 1918, the *Oakland Tribune* reported that influenza had not yet manifested itself in Oakland or any other part of California, but by October 2, three cases of the flu had been reported in Berkeley and put under quarantine.

Sometime in early October, the flu broke out in Richmond. By 13 October 1918, the city was “closed tight,” with all public and private gatherings banned until October 21 with the possibility of extension if the Spanish Influenza could not be curbed by that time. Only five days later, nurses were being recruited to provide care to flu victims in private homes. Five deaths had occurred, including the wife of Mayor William L. Lane. Agitation for a strict quarantine of influenza cases was mounting, but the city health officer claimed it was impossible to recruit enough men to enforce such a quarantine on a house-by-house basis.

On October 15, Richmond physicians claimed that the epidemic was under control with cases decreasing, but warned citizens to be careful of exposure and counseled people to abide by the health order closing public meetings, lodges, schools, churches, and other affairs. More deaths were reported on October 19, along with further closures of public facilities throughout Contra Costa County. Police in Richmond were given orders not to allow congestion in the streets and to arrest any parents allowing their children to roam about freely.

The epidemic was thought to be at its crest and the next day's paper (October 20) reported two deaths and 96 new cases, stating that local hospitals could take no more patients. Numbers continued to climb, however; with 132 new cases reported in Richmond on October 23 as the State's toll topped 50,000. Pneumonia was a significant side effect of the flu and in late October the Red Cross in Richmond reported that they would stop making face masks out of gauze, as it was needed to make pneumonia jackets (which therapeutically warmed the chest). Instead, they began making masks from cheese cloth. October papers were filled with a flood of reports related to the flu.



*Washington School
class in Point
Richmond during the
1918 Spanish Flu
Pandemic.*

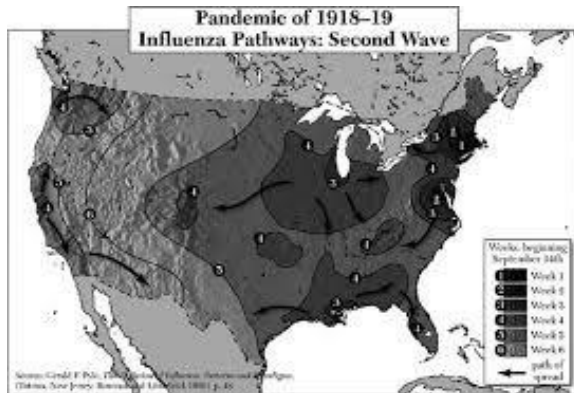
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November 1918 opened with a crowd of Richmond residents and all of the Red Cross emergency hospital nurses being administered an anti-influenza serum (ultimately an ineffective treatment).

Cases and deaths were on the decline and optimism prevailed on November 6, when "improvement in the flu" was reported in Richmond. There were only 13 new cases and 2 deaths that day. By November 9, case numbers were so diminished that the Richmond Red Cross emergency hospital, located in the Richmond clubhouse (possibly the Richmond Club at Nevin at 12th Street), was closed, having cared for 150 patients. Any further cases were to be sent to another local hospital or tended to by Red Cross nurses in the patient's own home.

News of the flu in the Bay Area was relatively quiet through December and into the new year, 1919; although positions for influenza nurses continued to be advertised in Richmond and occasional deaths and accounts of the flu elsewhere in the world were published.

By 9 January, 1919, the number of cases was again on the rise, representing a third, lesser wave of the epidemic. Within a two-day span 120 new cases erupted in Richmond. The city health officer



was reluctant to re-impose restrictions on public gatherings and businesses like moving picture houses, but did re-institute face mask requirements in public settings. Four special-duty police officers were appointed to enforce the mask-wearing ordinance, the violation of which incurred at \$10 fine (\$170 in today's dollars). The reopening of the emergency hospital was considered, but ultimately not needed. The Spanish Flue eventually ran its course by late spring and summer 1919, having taken over a year and many lives in the process.



1918: The Oakland Civic Auditorium was used as a treatment center for the Spanish influenza in 1918 and 1919.

Photo: Oakland Public Library 1918



Early Minutes of the Women's Westside Improvement Club

It's amazing what's in the WWIC minutes! They date back to July 1908 when the Club started. The ladies met weekly. In the first six months they set projects in motion that we enjoy to this day: a statue a Washington and Park Place, a large drinking fountain, a park next to the Baptist Church, and the establishment of a reading room where the city hall had been in Mr. Crichett's place. Even the names are historical. These minutes are a priceless treasure of Point Richmond's history.

-Linda Newton, Past President

Point Richmond California April 19, 1910

The Womans West Side Improvement Club met at the Reading Room.

Meeting called to order by Vice President Mrs. Marsten.

Roll call of officers result in 5 being present 8 being absent.

Minutes of Regular and Special meetings were read and approved.

Bills presented: The Cozy, rent for Palm Hall for play \$15.00, Daily Leader tickets for programs 7.00, Mrs Dorothy expenses 4.90, Mrs. Jesselyn as musician 2.00.

Auditors reported favorable on bills. Moved by Mrs. Roth seconded by Mrs. Dimick warrants be drawn to pay bills. carried.

Communications: A letter from John Nicholl Co. in regard to playgrounds. The first payment of \$333.33 to be paid down on lots or would except \$100.00 down. Letter laid over until next meeting.

Mrs. Gagen of the Womans Improvement Club was admitted. She cam to invite the club over to their public meeting next Monday. Also to invite us to the Mothers Club to be called by Prof Helens the 1st Wed. in May. The purpose of instructing scholars in different branches of work such as serving, cooking, etc.

The dance proposition was laid over until next meeting as none of committee were present.

Mrs. Topping stated that her term of office would expire on May 1st as Trustee of the Library Board and asked club to recommend someone.

The club nominated Mrs. Hopkins as 1st choice and Mrs. Adams as 2nd choice to be recommended as Trustee.

A warrant of \$6.30 was drawn for Mrs.

Dorothy half of proceeds for play.

No further business appearing before the meeting it adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 3rd.

Receipts: Mrs. J. Baker 1.50, play 44.50. Total 47.50.

Mrs. Marsten, Pres. Pro tem
Ella Dimick, Secty

Point Richmond May 3rd 1910

The Womans West Side Imp. Club met at the reading room.

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Geo Adams.

Roll call of officers resulted in 3 being present and 10 being absent.

Reading of minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Communications: A letter from Dr. Blake stating Dr. D'Evelyn would be pleased to come and speak and for us to take it up with the other club and let the Dr. know when to come.

Receipts: Show Palm Hall 1.00, Mrs. Grover dues 1.00. Total 2.00

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Ella Dimick, Secty

Point Richmond May 17, 1910

Womans West Side Imp. Club met at the Reading.

Meeting called to order by President Mrs. Curry.

Roll call of officers present Mrs. Curry, Pres., Mrs. Adams, Treas, Mrs. Trautvetter Fin Secty, Mrs. P. Roth, Mrs. Grover, Mrs. Eaton.

Communications: Form Dr. Blake stating Dr. D'Evelyn would be here Sunday 22nd all invited to attend.

Bills: Mr. Fritz for tree planting \$1.25.

Warrant was ordered drawn for \$8.80 for book finance.

Playground laid over until next meeting.

No further business meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Adams, Secty Pro

tem

Point Richmond June 7, 1910

The Womans West Side Improvement Club met at the Reading Room.

Meeting Called to order by President Mrs. Curry.

Minutes of last two meetings were read and approved.

Communications: A postal from Adele Humphrey Cor. Secty C. & W. Clubs in regard to election of officers and their addresses.

Mrs. Curry stated the Santa Fe are having a new boat built and suggested us sending in the name of Richmond for it to be named.

Secretary instructed to write to Santa Fe, also write a letter to the City Council in regard to not buying the playground and also thanking them for their Curtsies.

Another proposition was discussed for a playground and committee would write in regard to it.

The club decided to have Thursday for park day to pull weeds. Secretary suggested getting several boys and treat them and they would pull the weeds.

Next meeting to be held in Peard Hall and have refreshments for members only.

No further business appearing before the meeting the club adjourned.

Ella Dimick, Secty

Point Richmond June 21, 1910

Womans West Side Improvement Club met at Peards Hall.

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Curry President.

Roll call of officers resulted in

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Bills presented: M.A. Coleman plowing park 2.00, Mrs. Curry pulling weeds in park .75, Mrs. Adams hose 2.50. \$5.25.

It was moved and seconded warrants be drawn to pay bills. carried.

Election of officers: for Pres. Mrs. Marsten, for V. Pres. Mrs. Grover, for Rec. Secty Mrs. Dimick, for Fin. Secty Mrs. Eaton, for Treas Mrs. Adams.

Executive Board: Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Roth, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Trautvetter, Mrs. Younglove.

Mrs. Marsten suggested that some one would try and get \$10.00 from different ones to try to pay for playground. It was moved and seconded a vacation was to be had until Sept 6, 1910. carried.

Receipts \$2.75

No further business the club adjourned.

Mrs. Adams, Secty pro

tem

Point Richmond Cal. Aug 26, 1910

The West Side Womens Improvement Club met in special session at reading room on Richmond Ave. with President Mrs. Marsten in the chair. The meeting was called in regard to building a Womans Comfort Room on Park Place. The agreement of James Cruickshank to complete the building for the sum of \$123.00 was read and after due consideration was accepted on motion of Mrs. Adams seconded by Mrs. Younglove with the slight change of adding a box seal.

The agreement of Spiersh Brothers to furnish the plumbing and their work was read and their contract accepted as written with the privilege of Club advertising being used in the room. Both contracts were then signed and left in the hands of Mrs. Adams.

Mrs. Marsten was to act as a committee of one to see Mrs. Curtan about getting the hall for the meeting of Sept. 6.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned.

Nellie Grover, Rec Pro

Tem

We Have Standards!

Episode 7: Avoid Harsh Treatments

by Caitlin Hibma

I don't know about you, but with Spring in the air these last few months and so much time cooped up inside, there's been a lot of house cleaning going on at our place. Vacuuming the floor, scrubbing the sinks, washing the laundry... sandblasting the front facade. Okay, well, not that last one... not in a historic house anyway. The Secretary of the Interior would frown on it, because Standard Number 7 states that "chemical or physical treatments shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used."

Being old and having witnessed many changes in taste and technique over the years, historic buildings tend to accumulate a lot of layers. Layers of dirt and grime, layers of paint, layers of wallpaper... layers of history, if you want to be poetic about it. Sometimes those layers need to come off though, to reveal what's underneath and create a fresh surface for new paint, new wallpaper, even

new dirt (it lends a certain character). Sometimes those layers need to come off because they are doing harm to the building; for instance layers of incompatible cement plaster on brick, which traps moisture and undermines the structure; or because they are, themselves, damaged and need replacement; crumbling mortar in a stone wall, for example.

Many people are tempted to attack the unwanted layers and get right to the bottom, make a clean slate, eradicate the unwanted accumulation of materials, colors, or patterns that aren't fashionable anymore or are hurting the building. There's actually nothing wrong with this, especially if the materials to be stripped are detrimental or damaged. Even simple aesthetic changes are okay, since finishes like paint are typically considered cosmetic and not historically significant. It's all in how it's done.

"Chemical and physical treatments" are treatments that clean, strip, or remove one material from another and can include anything from soap and water to acid washes, steel wool to sandblasting, gentle hand tooling to jack hammering. The harshness of the treatment depends on what's being treated, and what might be a gentle treatment for one material or feature might be harsh for another. You could use some sort of acid wash to remove rust from an iron gate, but you certainly don't need that to polish up the brass chandelier in the parlor, and definitely don't use it to remove the copper weathervane's beautiful green finish... some patina should be



kept and cultivated.

Both physical material and ephemeral knowledge can be lost by using inappropriately aggressive treatments. Sandblasting and heavy power washing are notoriously detrimental to masonry, blowing mortar out from between the bricks and eroding the bricks themselves. Removing layers of paint with a chemical stripper could, if unchecked, eat down into original finishes underneath or a heat gun used too aggressively could scorch the wood underneath. In short, the original material is at risk of damage and destruction when treatments are too harsh.

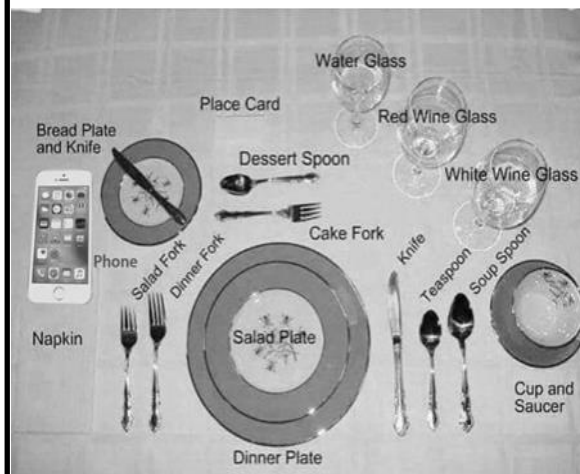
By obliterating every layer at once, its also possible that our understanding of historic building practices and historic tastes may be lost. Gently removing paint layer-by-layer shows us what colors were in fashion over the years, or in the case of wallpaper, might actually tell us the age of the building and the historic events of the time when we get down to the base layer of newspaper. Finding the gentlest effective means can also teach us about the materials that are being removed, what they were made of themselves, how they were applied, when and why, and what their affects have been on the building. We might learn about the way things were done in the past. We might learn from mistakes. In this sense, it's helpful to think of the project as dissecting or excavating, rather than cleaning or stripping. Don't use a jack hammer when a dental pick will do.

Next Time: Keep your Standards high by watching out for buried treasure!



Modern Table Etiquette


The correct place for the phone is below and slightly to the left of the bread plate.



No More Rain-Soaked Cigarettes!


MANY are the inventions devised to insure a dry smoke, but it has remained for a clown appearing with a circus in England to solve the problem. An umbrella over the smoke keeps off water and a spigot drains off excess moisture.





“The Spanish Flu”

—and the Ounce of Prevention



The epidemic of “Spanish Influenza,” “Three-Day Fever,” or “The Flu,” is rapidly spreading over the country, and Health Officers, both civil and military, are making every effort to stop its spread.

A recent U. S. Public Health Service Bulletin describes the malady as follows:

“The disease now occurring in this country and called “Spanish Influenza” resembles a very contagious kind of ‘cold’ accompanied by fever, pains in the head, eyes, ears, back, or other parts of the body, and a feeling of severe sickness. In most of the cases the symptoms disappear after three or four days, the patient then rapidly recovering; some of the patients, however, develop pneumonia, or inflammation of the ear, or meningitis.”

If you have the slightest suspicion that you are afflicted,

Consult Your Doctor at Once!

Be guided entirely by his advice. It is not the function of The Owl Drug Stores to Prescribe a remedy.

Mouth, Throat and Nasal Cleanliness Essential as a Preventive Measure


In discussing the spread of the malady, the Government Bulletin says:

“No matter what particular kind of germ causes the epidemic, it is now believed that influenza is always spread from person to person, the germs being carried with the air along with the very small droplets of mucus expelled by coughing or sneezing, forceful talking, and the like, by one who already has the germs of the disease. They may also be carried about in the air in the form of dust coming from dried mucus, from coughing and sneezing, or from careless people who spit on the floor and on the sidewalk. As in most other catching diseases, a person who has only a mild attack of the disease himself may give a very severe attack to others.”

Frequent use of throat gargles, mouth washes, and nasal sprays is advisable as a guard against the conditions mentioned above. In The Owl Drug Stores you will find the necessary preparations and atomizers.

<p>Dobell's Solution (pint).....35¢</p> <p>Listerine23¢</p> <p>Glyco-thymoline25¢</p> <p>Owl Throat Gargle25¢</p> <p>Liquid Kolynos68¢</p> <p>ZePyrol50¢</p> <p>Stearns' Astringent69¢</p> <p>Parke-Davis Peroxide.....20¢</p> <p>Lavoris25¢</p> <p>Dioxogen23¢</p> <p>Rubilyptus35¢</p> <p>Borolyptol25¢</p> <p>Owl Antiseptic Solution.....40¢</p>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">“An Ounce of Prevention Is Worth a Pound of Cure”</h3>	<p>Mintanol Mouth Wash.....45¢</p> <p>Glycerol25¢</p> <p>Salugen30¢</p> <p>Pasteurine25¢</p> <p>Wampole's Formolid30¢</p> <p>Rexall Throat Gargle.....40¢</p> <p>Alkalol45¢</p> <p>Wampole's Formolid Magnesia 60¢</p> <p>Formazincol50¢</p> <p>Owl Peroxide10¢</p> <p>Mentholyptine75¢</p> <p>Cytos95¢</p> <p>Lowry's Calenduline60¢</p>
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Baker Atomizers \$1.00
De Vilbiss Atomizers \$1.15, \$1.35, \$1.65 Todco Atomizers \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00



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An Owl Drug Store advertisement from October 1918 recommended “frequent use of throat gargles, mouth washes and nasal sprays” to prevent the Spanish flu.

Photo: The Chronicle 1918

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", "The Leader" and "Richmond Herald Record". It is one of many historical items left for us by Allan Smith.

Items of Interest Point Richmond, early 1900's

The Record and The Leader

02-03-1917	Red light violators to get jail not fines in the future.
02-05-1917	Explosion at Giant, 2 killed 300 autos drive to new San Pablo Dam construction.
02-06-1917	Women should be allowed in saloons since they can vote. Engineer say Richmond-San Rafael Bridge will cost two million dollars.
03-15-1917	Santa Fe chief to fight the 8 hour day.
03-22-1917	Speeders beware of El Cerrito cops. Arm of the law is busy there.
03-30-1917	U.S. Cabinet considers war today.
04-02-1917	Only 19 out of 600 favors war with Germany.
04-05-1917	Otto Mueller closes store and leaves town due to anti German feelings.
04-06-1917	War! Call for Volunteers!
04-07-1917	Germans blow up Cruiser Cornmorant at Guam. S.P. tunnel at San Luis O'bispo dynamited. Mt. Tamalpais to be made game refuge.
04-09-1917	SOCo tanker Sequoia has battle with a sub in Atlantic.
04-10-1917	4 companies of soldiers arrive today to guard industries.
04-12-1917	SOCo changes place of business from Richmond to San Francisco.
04-13-1917	Mrs. Sarah Corlette, Richmond's only Jitney bus driver, goes over cliff enroute Winehaven. 4 escape injury. She was severely injured.
04-16-1917	Donald Church entertains Walter Lamore at home 25 Tunnel Ave.
04-26-1917	Farmers again attempt to stop SP Dam construction.
04-30-1917	Bread goes to 6¢. Will go to 7½¢.
05-07-1917	Richmond boy fires first shot of the war. Bill Faeh of 609 Ripley. It was fired to stop a merchant ship. He was on the Destroyer Terry.
05-12-1917	Home guards have 25 rifles.
05-21-1917	Kozy Cove opened Sunday for the season.
05-22-1917	Cops take many on noisy muffler drive. Fred Leber is one of them.
06-05-1917	Police car wrecked at Quarry Hill.
06-22-1917	Standard Hotel at Clarence and Standard burns.



***109 Years Ago
The Plunge.....How it Happened
Reprinted from November 1969
Point Counterpoint***

Few people who enter the Richmond Natatorium notice the steel plate located in the east lawn; nor do they realize the direct connection between that plate and the creation of the Plunge.

The Richmond Independent from May 21, 1911 announced "THE LAST THING NEEDED FOR RICHMOND IS FOUND".

The "last thing" was oil. Oil "found" by C.L. Cofer of Red Bludd, who, with his "Terrestrial Wave Detector" predicted oil in Point Richmond. He stated that well here would be very great producers, and that he found great belts of blue rock and great dykes of yellow and blue oil shale and a very large and well defined gas dome (Nicholl Nob) which was "the hand of nature pointing to her hidden wealth and which I do register with my terrestrial wave detector."

Cofer's device for detecting oil deposits was described as a "series of electrical batteries strapped tightly around his body with an indicating instrument of his on invention."

John Nicholl hired Cofer at \$50 a day to carry on tests at the Point, which Cofer reported in glowing details. The newspaper reported, "Local people have enough faith in the report to form a Company and a test well will be sunk during the summer."

On June 8, 1911 the paper announced that the statement of Cofer after examination of Nicholl properties at the Point had prompted Nicholl, together with W.S. McCracken, James Cruickshanks and E.M. Tilden to form a company to drill on the Nicholl property at Richmond and the Santa Fe tracks. On July 25, a half page ad appeared describing the company and advertising stock.

June 8, 1911..... "DERRICK NEARLY READY"

The derrick structure was reaching skyward, and Nicholl claimed it would be one of the strongest in the state. The tower would be 82 feet high with a 16' X 16' base 8' wide at the apex.

And, by November 17, 1911....."NICHOLL OIL WELL, SUBSTANTIAL DREAM"

Great crowds were present when steam from the boiler floated aloft. Nicholl was present, directing the efforts of his crew of experts. Such crowds were present at all times of day that it was contemplated that the area might have to be closed in the exclude the crowds who were interfering with the work of the operating crews.

OIL NO--SILVER YES

"Professor Jahnke (in a Nov. 21st paper) says Nicholl has a silver mine! The 'Wizard of Nicholl Knob' showed Nicholl a small silver nugget. He had been watching operations at the well a few days ago and took a small rock home to his lab and tested it with chemicals finding the silver nugget. It came from a depth of around 60 feet and the professor is convinced that a larger vein will be found further down in the well."

November 23.....HARD, BLUE ROCK

At a depth of 80 feet. a vein of hard rock was hit, and the drilling has continued two days without any sign of let up in the rock.....People living on the hillside claim the drill striking the hard rock causes the ground to quiver... The shock of each stroke is felt at the San Pablo Rock Quarry over a mile west.

**November 25...(the real treasure)
ARTESIAN WATER!**

A flow of 9,000 gallons per minute is now flowing from the Nicholl Oil well. A cave-in has caused minor difficulties, and that section will be filled with concrete.....The drillers are bothered

by visitors who flock to the scene. Mr. Nicholl has provided a seat, but the majority of callers seem bent on standing where they are in the greatest danger.....A fence will be built next week and a pass required for all visitors.”

January 17, 1912.....

“The well is down to 290 feet, a soft red shale has appeared as predicted by Wizard Cofer. His predictions are accurate so far, except he did not say it would be necessary to drill through 250 feet of granite to get to the red shale. The heavy flow of water remains within 25 feet of the top, and is considerable source of trouble. A pump is being used instead of the bails.”

February.....MORE ROCK

“Drillers are in solid rock and at a depth of 398 feet. Have spent 60 days in this rock, and only averaged 6 feet per day. Two hundred sixty feet of hard rock without without change. Water is still 25 feet from the top and a problem. Steam jet used to remove the water. New 10 inch bit ordered.

April 5, 1912.....WATER COMPANY WANTS TO BUY WELL.....

“The Peoples Water Company wants to but Nicholl’s well. Claim to have option. They can see the need of more water in the future. The city is growing fast.”

The will is now at 500 feet. Nicholl plans to go to 1,000 feet and if no gas or oil if found, the offer will probably be accepted. Water flow is now at 250,000 gallons per day or 12,000 per hour.

June 7, 1912.... “Nicholl will drill to 1200 feet.

He is determined to find out what is at the bottom of the hole!”

August 21, 1912..... “A strata of gas is found at 800 feet.”

September 7, 1912..... “The well is now at 854 feet.”

October 9..... “Well at 1053 feet and oil sands are four feet thick.

November 30, 1912..... “Nicholl well at 1232 feet and 20 feet of sand.”

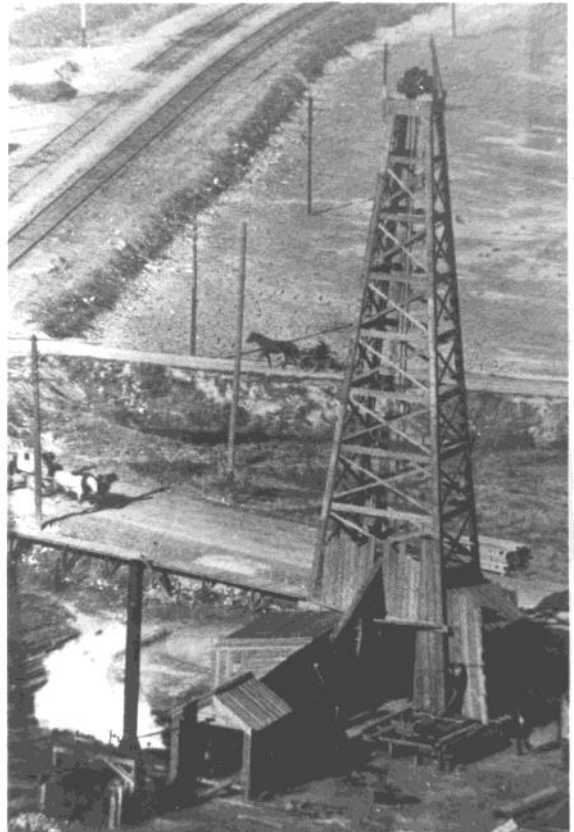
January 23, 1913,,,,, “NICHOLL CEASES WORK”

“Nicholl announces that operation will stop,

and he will close down the work on the hole indefinitely due to considerable trouble....and the fact that the City’s new highway to the tunnel will pass over the spot where the well is drilling. He will wait to see whether the city will change the route or buy the well.

September 22, 1913.....Nicholl says, “I sunk this well looking for natural gas but have discovered what I believe to be a valuable supply of water.”

Mr. Nicholl had indeed found a valuable supply of water. He succeeded in making the city move its route to the tunnel to miss the well property, and in 1926, the water supply from the well was tied in with the salt water from the bay to provide the swimming pool water for the new Municipal Natatorium.



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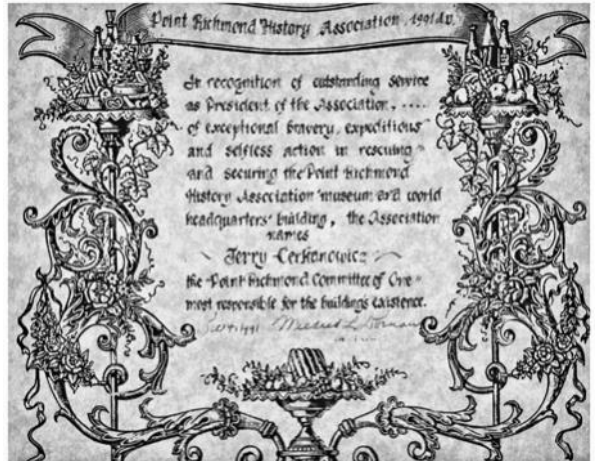
Memorials.....

Madeline Patricia Rieger Cheshareck

May 21, 1942 - February 22, 2020

Madeline passed away at age 77, surrounded by her loved ones in her Martinez home due to complications from congestive heart failure. She was a loving, giving, caring and patient wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend.

Madeline was born and raised in Oakland Ca, went to school at Sacred Heart Grammar School class of 1956, and graduated from Holy Names High School class of 1960. She was involved in many sports, including volleyball and basketball and, while there she and a friend started up and maintained the A/V equipment for activities at school. The Rieger family moved from Oakland to Point Richmond in 1956, where she met her high school sweetheart, Frank Cheshareck, Jr. Frank and Madeline were married on Oct 26, 1963 and moved from Point Richmond to Martinez to raise their 3 daughters and son in 1973. She worked for Bank of America in Martinez for 27 years until retiring in 2004. She would always tell stories of the family trips to Zephyr Cove Lake Tahoe, Calistoga, and Monterey. She is survived by her husband Frank Cheshareck, daughter Karen Anderson and her husband Craig, daughter Lynn McDowell, daughter Lisa Luna, son Brian Cheshareck and his wife Rachel, granddaughters Nicole, Brianne, Jennifer, Katie, grandsons Roland, Sean, Joshua, John, great granddaughters Angelina and Isabella, sister Barbara Ciarlo of Livermore and her husband Dino, and many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.



Award given Jerry Cerkanowicz when he left the PRHA presidency.

Dog Rides Comfortably in Sack on Running Board

GROMMETS
 LARGE CANVAS SACK
 HOLE FOR HEAD
 SEWED

Your dog will ride safely in this sack, which is quickly attached or removed

When you take your dog along for a ride, but prefer not having it inside the car, it can ride safely and comfortably in this sack, which is carried on the running board. The bottom of the sack is clamped to the running board and the top is fastened to the lower part of an open window with hooks, covered with small rubber tubing to prevent marring the car.

Reminiscing

by Don Church

Reprinted from Point Counterpoint

June, 1969

June 22, 1917

HOTEL FIRE....Standard Hotel Destroyed this Morning by Blaze.

Fire from an unknown cause destroyed the second floor of the Standard Hotel, wrecking the two story building at Standard and Clarence Streets. The fire is thought to have started either from a defective or overheated flu, or from a smoldering fire in one of the lodgers rooms. The entire second story was destroyed and water ruined the first floor furnishings. The loss is estimated at about \$3,500.

June 25, 1917

RESCUED TREASURE

Frank Williams, Standard Oil employee, startled several onlookers and a police escort when he kicked in the side of his partly burned trunk, which he had dragged from the ruins of the Standard Hotel and pulled forth a sack containing \$1,000 in gold. Williams had difficulty in obtaining permission to search for his property in the hotel as he stated he wished to find some clothing. This the police said had been burned, but Williams insisted and was finally given an escort. The trunk, which had fallen from the second story and landed in a pool of water on the water-drenched first floor, was but partly burned. Williams kicked out one side of the trunk and the gold-laden sock rolled forth to the amazement of the police and a few curious spectators.

June 25, 1917

KELLER'S BEACH ALMOST WASN'T

Mrs. Elizabeth Shinkle, owner of Kozy Kove park, has filed suit to eject Mrs. Nellie Keller from property adjoining the park, and to collect \$1,000 damages. Mrs. Keller, widow of Gus Keller, at one time foreign mail clerk in San Francisco, and said to have known every international mail route in the world, operates a small wharf and rents a few rowing boats each week as her sole means of

making a livelihood. Gus Keller was killed in the Santa Fe tunnel a few years ago and because the railway company put a strong case of "contributory negligence" in court, the widow was left penniless. She lives in a small shack and her case, should she be ejected would necessitate the attention of the county. She leases her present "home" from the Santa Fe Company. Attorney Wilbur Pierce is defending Mrs. Keller free of charge.

June 26, 1917

A REPORT FROM THE POUND....

"Poundmaster Frank Meader submitted a report last evening to the City Council showing he had collected fees as follows: Dogs, \$5.00; horses, \$4.00; cows, \$24.00; and one cat, 50 cents.

"The cat must be the Independent's beloved "Scoop", who has been missing from the press room for the past week.

"A disgruntled citizen of the West Side wrote a long epistle to the councilmen threatening to start proceedings to dislodge the entire board if they even dared place a fee upon the poor toms and tabbies of the city. He worded his letter strongly and tersely, leaving nothing to be imagined. The letter was read after all the women who were in the audience earlier in the evening had gone home!"

June 28, 1923

A REPORT FROM THE COUNTRY CLUB

"Don't Molest Snakes"

"Secretary E.F. Louideck of the Berkeley Country Club (now Mira Vista) has been compelled to warn members against molesting the big gopher snakes which infest the "rough" fringing the greens and fairways, as they are harmless and useful. A placard on the Bulletin board says, "These snakes destroy gophers and ground squirrels. We had to hire boys at considerable expense to place them along the gold course. Don't kill the snakes unless they rattle!"



Birthdays

June

Alissa Bagley
Phyllis Downey
William Shea
Emeric H. Baxter
Andrew Butt
Kristine Lazaro
Joanne Lansing
Cathe Brazil
Brian Rotting

Stacey Spinola
Gill Stanfield
John H. Knox
Alice Baxter
Wilson Gandola
Rosemary Giacomelli
Daniel Buhler
Dianne Primavera
Suzanne Unser

Tom Kenny
Bill Smith
Aaron Marshall
Cynthia Wilson
Workman
Michael Marshall
Marcelina Smith
Gerry Higuera
Judy Travis

Lee Christian
Lillian Karl
Luke Karl
Graciella Feese
June Solosabal
Doreen Minkwitz
Morris Simpson
Mary Lee Cole
Virginia Martinez

July

Francis Smith
Amy Rotting
Nicole Sebastian
Mrs. Chas Baldwin
Dan Damon
Julius Matteucci
Bea Read
Mary L. Knox

Richard Smith
Allen Anderson
Roger Elle
Trace Smith
Alice McMahon
Hilary Lord
Clifford (Lou)
MacMillan

Loretta 'Mertle' Lease
Madeline Bellando
Albright
Jean Reynolds
Regan Bradshaw
Jon Healy
Golda Pettycord
Howard

Martha Bielawski
Madison Bradshaw
Dixie L. Mello
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You share your birthday with about 9 million other people in the world!

An elderly man went to his doctor and said, 'Doc, I think I'm getting senile. Several times lately, I have forgotten to zip up.' 'That's not senility,' replied the doctor. 'Senility is when you forget to zip down.'

Are you looking for a little diversion on one of your walks? Need something to take your mind off of the haircut you can't have yet? How about a walk around The Point with an historical point of view. Stop by the History Museum and pick up a Self-Guided Walking Tour from the little box outside the door. Take yourselves, your kids, your dog on a stroll and learn a little more about some of those old buildings you have passed by so many times.

For example, did you know that in the building at 145 Park Place, which was Richmond's first firehouse and jail, there were four cells and a drunk tank that would sometimes accommodate as many as 60 inebriated individuals?

Bonnie Jo Cullison

Cards, Letters & E-Mails

Dear Gary,

Thank you for the extraordinary archive of so many PRHA newsletters.

During this historic "lockdown" they have been a much appreciated diversion.

Your grateful fan,
Burl Willes
Berkeley

Thank you Burl, very nice of you! There will be more for you to read coming soon as my "stay at home" project this summer is to scan the many 60's and 70's 'Point Counterpoint' issues that I have. I loved the old postcard you wrote this on!
Gary



EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

Martha Bielawski - 100 - Congratulations!

Morris Simpson - 98

Billie Bonham Shaw - 97

Muriel Clausen - 96

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Tom Kenny - 96

Loretta Stevens Johromi - 95

June Beesley Sosabal - 95

Alphonso Diaz - 95

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Please help me keep our lists correct, send additions, corrections or updates to our "Exclusive Over 90 Club" or "Birthdays" to Gary Shows, c/o PRHA, 139½ Washington Avenue, Point Richmond, CA 94801 or email to editor@pointrichmondhistory.org

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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-A Dornan Drive. Sunday 12:00 to 5:00. Adults \$5, children under 11 and seniors \$3, family \$10. Trains run on Sunday and Wednesday 11-3, Saturday 12-5 viewing only. 510-234-4884 for details or www.gsrmr.org

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The Masquers remains closed for building repairs. For more information see the website, <http://www.masquers.org>

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Open Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10am to 3 pm. \$10 Donation/Boarding fee.

Pancake Breakfasts one Sunday a month, April - June, August - October, \$9/adults, \$5/kids under 8 years.,

For more information call the ship at 510-237-2933 or visit www.richmondmuseum.org

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400 Nevin Avenue, Richmond. Open Wednesday-Sunday, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. For more information call 510-235-7387

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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 - More info at <http://www.richmondswims.org/> or call 415-892-0771

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