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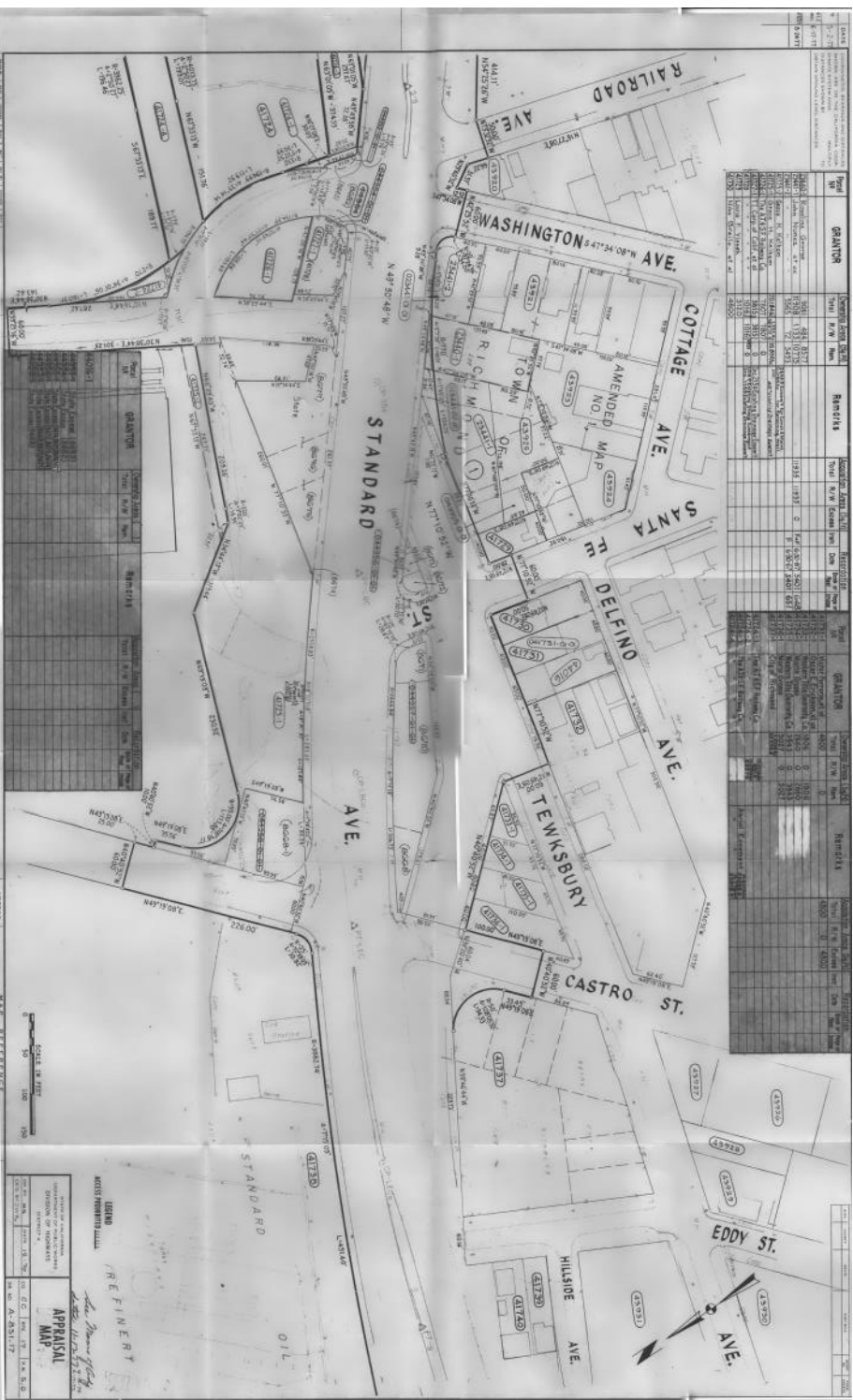
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Now Playing at the V Theatre

A first run double feature from Republic Pictures, "The Singing Cowboy" with Gene Autry and the war themed drama "Women in War", was the opening program at the re-opened V Theatre, August, 1942.

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Standard Avenue was part of downtown Point Richmond. It was taken by the I580 Freeway. Thanks to Caitlin Hibma for making it available for scanning.

From the President

by Bonnie Jo Cullison

Greetings PRHA members and non-members.

Has anyone walked past the History Museum recently? If you have you will surely have noticed that we have a tv screen in one of the front windows that plays our DVD of more than 200 photos continuously throughout the day. This is thanks to Heinz Lankford who was able to mount the tv in the window and to Gary Shows who researched and found a tv that is compatible with a timer that would start and stop the DVD properly and then programed it to do so. What a team! The plan is to have the screen operating daily even after we are able to open the Museum for visitors again. The PRHA recently received a large print of a photograph of a scow schooner off the shores of Pt. Richmond probably taken in the early 1900s. The print was donated by Phil Bray, a retired photographer, whose hobby is finding old historic negatives in places like garage sales and flea markets and restoring them. He found this negative amongst his collections and recognized it as being Pt. Richmond by the position of Red Rock in photo. He kindly contacted us to see if we would like a print of the photo for our archives. Thank you, Phil! The print is stunning. We will frame it and keep it in the Museum for all to see once we are able to open again.

Be cautious, kind and safe. There appears to be light at the end of the tunnel.

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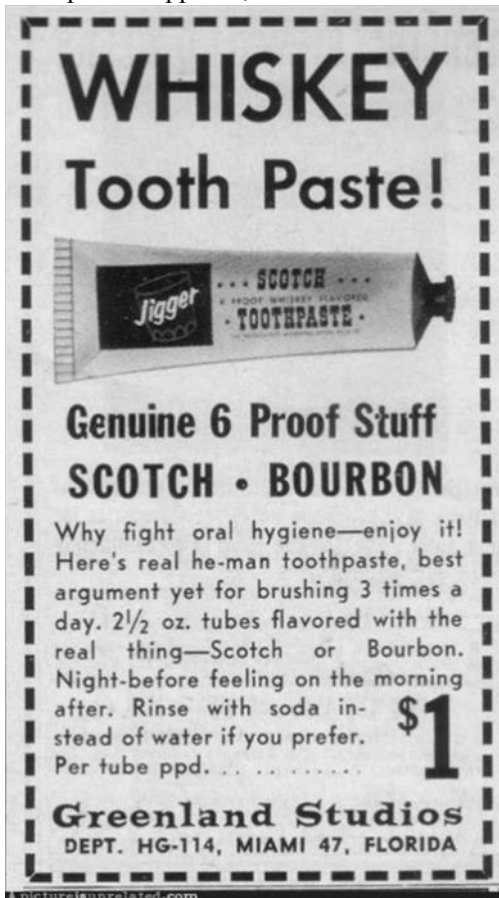


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Phil Bray.*

Thank you members for your renewal:
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Garry & Maryn Hurlbut**
Tim & Roberta Montgomery**
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Welcome to new members:
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Support our local retailers

When this pandemic passes, visit our little museum and view our 1000 picture slide show of historic Point Richmond photos.

For now you can see the best of our historic photos from the sidewalk in front of the museum.



Southern Humor:
Why did the chicken cross the road? To show the possum that it could be done.

Editor's Notes

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Another issue done!

I want to extend my usual thank you to all of my loyal contributors and extend my usual invitation of others to contribute to our newsletter.

When I created our Point Richmond History Association Facebook nine years ago I didn't imagine it growing to over 700 members. If you haven't, you should check it out there are many interesting posts there.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/prhafan>

Stay safe and social distance, wash your hands often and wear a mask. If you are over 65 you are now eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination.

The deadline for the next issue of "THIS POINT.....in time" will be March 19, 2021.

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 go to:

Gary Shows
Jerry Cerkowicz
Bonnie Jo Cullison

The Cover:

Poster for a double feature showing at the V Theatre in August of 1942. V Theatre was opened originally as Point Theater at 30 West Richmond Avenue. The entrance was later changed to 199 Park Place. See page 22 for more information on the historic theater building.

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Vintage A-Mid Trivia

Taken From 1960's and 1970's Point Counterpoints by late Mid Dornan

In 1894 there were only four automobiles in the United States.

One of life's most fleeting moments is the time between reading the sign on the freeway and reading that you just missed the exit ramp.

The world is composed of takers and givers. The takers may eat better, but the givers sleep better.

The ability to recall important things rests on an even greater ability to forget trivia.

Remember when movies were rated on how good they were, not who is allowed to see them.

The wonders of the Point continue to impress me. Last night a family of three graceful coastal deer sauntered across our street into the driveway and down the road. What with our friendly (?) racoon, the birds and the red squirrels who share the walnut crop, we have our own wilderness area.

American children and their parents are in basic agreement on at least one thing: they don't care much for egg plant, turnips or okra according to a finding of a US Dept of Agriculture survey. Big winners are corn, white potatoes and tomatoes.

Each one of us is a noble creation! Let us not fail to exhibit it in action and good deeds.

The only people who listen to both sides of an argument are the neighbors.

Does illegal refer to a sick bird?

Bored and restless? Try writing your zip code in Roman numerals.

A husband came home one evening to find the house in a terrible shambles. He asked his wife what in the world had happened, to which she replied, "You are always wondering what I do all day. Now you know. I didn't do it today."

Happiness is a by-product.

At the entrance to the parking field of a church a no-parking sign has been amended to read: "No Parking Except Sundays. Violators Will Be Given Sermons."

Ever stop to wonder why you throw rice at a bride and groom? We are told that in the Orient, rice is the emblem of fecundity and throwing it at newly-weds symbolizes bestowing fertility upon them.

November 15, 1912

"New Theatre on West Side Corner"

Contracts were signed yesterday for the erection of a modern theater to be erected on Richmond Avenue and Park Place.....it will have a seating capacity of 460 and a mechanical system of ventilation.....the lobby will be lined with marble with tiled floors. The interior will be decorated in the most artistic manner. The architect is C.O. Clausen of San Francisco.

"Founding member, longtime docent and former PRHA Vice President Pat Pearson is now living in Carmichael, CA. She would love to hear from you:
Pat Pearson, 8350 Fair Oaks Blvd., Rm 1218, Carmichael CA 95608."



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Meals on Wheels

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Stories from the Heart

Tony R. was born on June 4th, 1939, right before the start of WWII. By the end of the war, he was just 6 years old. He remembers his mother telling him she had received news from his brother Peter, who was fighting in Italy. Fearing that his brother was dead, he began to cry. Much to his surprise, his mother told him his brother had not died but had been awarded the Purple Heart for being injured in the war. Tony was relieved to hear that his brother was okay." To this day, Tony is proud to be an American and displays the American flag outside his house.



Tony became a Meals on Wheels client after a stroke slowed him down in 2012, which made preparing a nutritious daily meal very difficult. A neighbor of his was a Meals on Wheels client and encouraged Tony to sign up for the program. "The meals give you the correct portion sizes and provides the vitamins needed to maintain health. Meals on Wheels is for real. The volunteers are for real ... Steve, Buzz, Pam, Coco, Leo, Maria, and Art." Tony describes the Meals on Wheels volunteers as being good Samaritans who deserve respect from the community.



Tony is a big believer in people sharing their stories with one another. He feels that sharing stories from the past will encourage this generation that may be going through hard times today. He had a great desire to share his story with the people in the City of Richmond. He mentioned this to Meals on Wheels volunteers, and they encouraged him to start writing. "I discovered a hidden talent," he reminisces fondly. Tony began writing about his life. He felt he was being led to write, that he was being empowered to write from his heart. One day he handed one of his stories to Pam, detailing childhood memories about the City of Richmond. About 2 weeks later, Pam brought him a newsletter from the Point Richmond History Association, "*THIS POINT... in time*," with his story in the newsletter. He was shocked they had chosen his story! He was also very grateful that he was finally able to share one of his many stories with others.

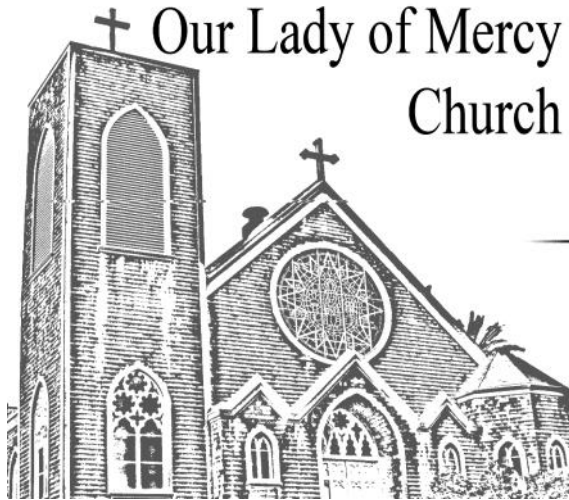
At the end of our meeting, Tony picked up his guitar that he hadn't played in 2 years. He sang songs for us including Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison" and Richie Valens' "La Bamba" – in perfect Spanish. He played and sang with pride. We smiled and danced in appreciation of his talent. Needless to say, our visit ended on a heartwarming note.

People like Tony are the reason our program exists. The Meals on Wheels program allows us to serve people like Tony in our community who depend on us for much needed services. 🍷



Tony as a child, with his brother Peter and his parents

Church News



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We continue status quo. Although the light at the end of the tunnel is still at a distance, retain the faith, it will eventually come into view. Our lives have become a series of changes and adjustments. We have come up with a new phrase describing a bad situation by referring to it as “2020.”

The same changes and adjustments also refer to our gatherings for church services. Masses have been held outdoors and indoors always following requested safety precautions – masks, social distancing, etc. Until we are able to return to our routine services, we will continue to abide by instructions as issued.

The church is open at 1PM on Saturday for private prayer and Communion. On Sunday, the church is open at the usual 9:30 AM time. The schedule is subject to change at Father’s discretion.

The Christmas season, while always joyous, was quietly celebrated. Beginning with Advent, the church silently changed from purple to red. It continued to decorate itself with the usual

decorated trees affixed to the side walls, the poinsettias decorated the altar, along with the manger scene.

Unlike previous years, the “Giving Tree” was not adorned with holiday requests for the children and the gifts placed under the branch. This year, gift cards were requested in order to purchase needed items. They were delivered to Children’s Hospital in order to purchase needed items for the families who stay there while their child receives medical care. We again thank Nancy and Stan Toledo for introducing us to the “Giving Tree” which has become a Christmas tradition.

2021 Donation envelopes are available for pick up on the table inside the entryway to the church. 2020 tax donation letters will be mailed by January 31, 2021.

A piece of slightly colored textured glass was installed in order to repair the baptistery window which was damaged by vandals. The Bailey Fence Project proceeds with two options, and at this point a decision for option 1 which would be individual panels between pillars – two wrap around pillars. Option 1 was chosen due to being more aesthetically pleasing.

The Huggers were treated to a zoom meeting, which brought together some very special faces with smiles and joy at being able to speak and view each other. Thanks to Nancy Noble for setting it up.

The Huggers would meet after Sunday Mass for coffee at Starbucks. The sadness being that we no longer have a Starbucks and will have to relocate. If/when – here we come Little Louies. January 21st us National Huggers Day.

The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday in the church hall at 5PM. Immediately thereafter, St. Vincent de Paul meets at 6PM.

St. Vincent de Paul is a parish-based branch of St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County focusing their efforts in and around Pt. Richmond . Donations provide emergency food, help with utilities, rent and other services and assistances to a person or family facing financial

and other real difficulties. The Pancake Breakfast fundraisers assisted in their funding. A listing of the 12 months of 2020 giving is available.

Long-time Point residents, Marilyn and Carol Darling left us some time ago and moved to Martinez. They have made an even further move to Phoenix, Arizona. We wish them the very best in happiness and health in their new residence.

Many years ago we had an interim Priest, Father Jim Pickett who brought us together on Sunday afternoons and explained many interesting traditions regarding our faith. One was the holy chalk and the blessing of homes. An inscription is made above the front door to entrust the home to God's protection and all who enter or leave enjoy the blessing. He drew a crowd on Sundays. Remember him wearing a vestment made from one of his mother's coats. At one time he was chaplain on cruise ships.

The death of Jim Cheshareck has left a void in our church. Jim was the ringer of the church bells and a regular attendee at Mass. Jim had continual medical issues. He was always available to lend a hand and always left the pancake breakfasts with prizes. Condolences to his wife Linda and sons, Michael and Jim. Due to the pandemic, services have yet to be announced.

We sometimes do not realize that we have a celebrity attending our Masses. Another recent death was Tom Louderbach who lived in Reno, but was previously a parishioner. Tom was an American football linebacker who played for the Philadelphia Eagles, Buffalo Bills and Raiders. Tom had a great, friendly smile. Condolences to his wife, Sonja and family.

Please remember these members of our community who are sick and for those who care for them: Jim Arkin, Tom Brady, Linda Cheshareck, Michael Lambert, Margaret Morkowski, Edwina Murray, Fr. David O'Rourke, Marie Peckham, Emom Roongruangphol, Fred Siegmund, Marcellina Smith, Christine Young and Dave Spencer.

Be aware when approaching the Dornan Way tunnel that it is frightening to see a car approach without headlights on – now add becoming aware of cyclists without lights.

Caution.

Our beautiful soprano, Elizabeth now living in Milan, Italy welcomed a daughter – Sophia Eugenia Canetta, was born on November 20, 2020 and weighed in at 7lbs, 9oz. Congratulations – looking forward to a visit from you.

Paulanne Pritchard has taken some pictures of the inside/outside of the church, as well as Father O'Rourke which Father now uses in his weekly online bulletins – great additions.

Remember to schedule your vaccine appointment. Years ago we all took an anti-polio sugar cube at a local school. It was a simplistic procedure, but involve politicians and life becomes complex.

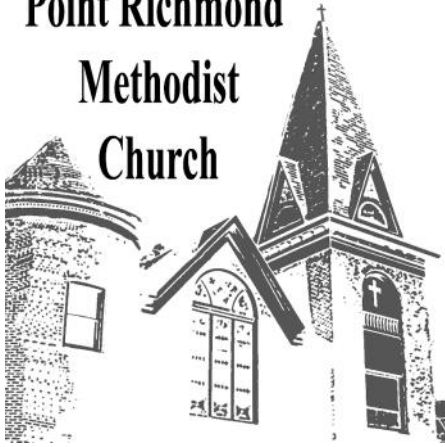
Also remember to pray for the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE –
THE DAYS OF THE WEEK ARE NOW:
THIS DAY, THAT DAY, OTHER DAY,
SOME DAY, YESTERDAY, TODAY
AND NEXT DAY.



Father O'Rourke putting wreaths on front door. Photo by Dee Rosier.

Point Richmond Methodist Church



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Leadership Celebrations:

Jennifer Metz Foster presided at one final Ad Board meeting in December after serving as Chairperson for a decade. Her leadership guided us through some of the best years of our congregation's history. During her years as Chair, Jennifer understood and adhered to the prescribed structure of church administration. She steered us away from ill-advised, reflexive ways we might have responded to everyday challenges and change. She looked at the big picture with an eye for how our current thoughts and actions affect our long-term goals and overall vision for our community. Jennifer fostered a team approach to leadership, with each person on the team valued for their contributions. To salute her years of service, we are honoring her with donations to Greater Richmond Interfaith Program. Doreen Leighton has ably stepped into the role of Ad Board Chairperson, and we anticipate continued change and growth with her help.

Diane Frary and Jonathan Swett served as Chairperson and member of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee for nine years. During that time, we revised and refined the church profile more than once so the bishop's cabinet could know the best pastor to appoint to serve our church and so we could better understand what our current

goals and focus should be. Diane and Jonathan made sure we diligently attended to ideas, evaluations, and required paperwork. A repeat of last year's story did not suffice for the current year. Due to their efforts, and to the committed participation of the committee, Rev. Dan Damon continued to be appointed to serve our church for twenty-five years, and we were blessed, in July 2020, by the appointment of Rev. Jacey Pickens-Jones. Linda Andrew-Marshall is the new Chairperson of Staff-Parish Relations Committee, a role she capably served in years past.

Norm Reynolds stepped down after sixteen-plus years as Financial Secretary. During Norm's tenure, he further-developed a system to report the church finances in a way that even those who did not attend Ad Board meetings might be able to understand. Sundays after worship, he entered all the donation data promptly. Norm kept the Board aware of the church's financial outlook with measured pragmatism and positivity. Rose Ayers assumed her place as Financial Secretary in January 2021. We are so grateful for Norm's service and for Rose's expertise and willingness to take his place.

Church Life:

On Saturday, December 19, our Holiday Bake Sale took a new form as the pandemic precluded the usual in-person sales from Interactive Resources' lobby. Buyers ordered and many paid for their baked goodies in advance via a web-link or by phone. We knew ahead of time how many cookies and candies, and which specific kinds of pies and sweet breads we would need. Pat Dornan, maven of elegance, wrapped forty platters of holiday cookies, two or three dozen on a platter. It required serious cookie baking, folks. Barbara Haley baked 1000 or more. Jennifer Metz Foster baked 423. Other cookie bakers: Doreen Leighton, Sandra Simmer, and Isabelle Murphy. We sold seventeen pies, baked by Rev. Jacey Pickens-Jones, Doreen Leighton, Barbara Haley, and Jean Reynolds. As a pie baker, I loved knowing the names of the recipients while I baked the pies. Doreen baked persimmon bread, Barbara and Pat Dornan baked banana bread, and Linda Andrew-Marshall baked pumpkin bread. Pat made rocky-road candy. Some people asked for their orders to be delivered, but most buyers picked theirs up at the door of Friendship Hall, by the side gate. We

sold more items than ever before, and we will surely adapt future bake sales to incorporate pre-sale orders.

We met on Zoom for the annual Christmas Eve Jazz service the evening of December 24. The Kurt Ribak Quartet pre-recorded their part of the program, more than thirty minutes of Christmas carols and classics. Their music featured Kurt Ribak, upright bass; Lincoln Adler, saxophone; Greg Sankovich, keyboard; and Carrie Jahde, drums. Sheilani Alix and Gill Stanfield provided vocals. Kurt's quartet made it possible to keep the jazz tradition alive. Lincoln professionally produced their recording so we could use it easily for our online service. We value their talent and the heart always evident when they perform. We cherish the gift of being able to share their music with our community. In addition, live musical guests Claudia Russell and Bruce Kaplan performed "Pass the Fruitcake" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas," to garnish our time together with a bit of whimsy and wistfulness. Jennifer Metz Foster and Doreen Leighton lit the advent wreath and Christ candle, Rev. Jacey Pickens-Jones spoke with the children, and Jean Reynolds read the traditional Christmas story from Luke 2.

Walker Weatherly preached November 22. He spoke to us about hope and endurance in today's times of struggle. Walker's mother, Marsha, joined worship and was there to visit before it started. Walker and Marsha shared their experiences of cleft palate surgery with Jane Carnall whose tiny great-granddaughter, River Jane Marie, was healing from her surgery from the previous week. Rev. Jacey was out-of-town on vacation at Lodging and Llamas.

Tanya Cothran, Executive Director of Spirit in Action, preached on November 29. Tanya updated us on her current work with partners in Africa. Spirit in Action formed an African Advisory Board last year. African colleagues are in the driver's seat, and decide which grants to fund. The model aligns Spirit in Action more fully with the vision, "Our partners know best what they need and can create the change they envision." Spirit in Action awarded grants early during the COVID pandemic to help communities buy food to alleviate hunger and make soap to slow disease spread. Other grants will fund new

gardens, teach women with epilepsy and their caregivers to raise poultry, provide education and emotional support for girls.

As Point Richmond's own internationally-known composer, George Peter Tingley continues to share the fruits of his creativity with us. He recently partnered with singers affiliated with the San Francisco Opera to record some of his arrangements and compositions. George permits us to use those recordings for our gathering music during worship. Our worship November 15, December 20, and January 10, featured three of those recordings. George arranged and produced a duet of Linda Andrew-Marshall and Gill Stanfield singing "O Holy Night" for our anthem January 3.

In November, we collected warm Sox for clients of the Bay Area Rescue Mission and Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP). In December, people brought new stuffed animals for children whose families are served by the Contra Costa Family Justice Center in Richmond. We continue to provide dinner ingredients once a month for families being housed by GRIP.

Trustees:

Bill Thompson reported the electrical wiring in the church has all been upgraded and no more knob-and-tube type wiring is connected. Additional receptacles were installed to give more options for concert lighting. Bill restored the original gas lights, installed LED lights in the ceiling globes, and restored the switched light in the study. Jonathan Swett, Hermán Alvarez, Chris Davis, and Bill did the electrical work; Jonathan and Bill patched and repainted the sanctuary and study. Bill replaced the thermostat: the old one was installed during the nineteen sixties. We anticipate the joy of fresh surroundings when we are able to meet in our building again.

On the Calendar:

Bible Study, based on the book, *Journey through the Psalms*, by Denise Dombkowski Hopkins. Wednesdays, 10:00 am; Thursdays 7:00 pm. See the church website or contact Rev. Jacey Pickens-Jones at (510) 621-3418 or jpickensjones@gmail.com to receive a link to the Zoom meeting.

Laila Millar preaches at Sunday worship January 31. 11:00 am.

For updates, see the church website: <https://www.pointrichmondmethodist.org>

WWIC Est. 1908

News from the Women's Westside Improvement Club by Mary Lee Cole

The Pandemic Edition

Due to Covid-19, March 3, 2020 was our last in person meeting of the year. After welcoming everyone, President Diane Diani introduced new member Barbara Mosera and visitor Marlee Prutton. Hostesses Cathy O'Brien, Leslie Hicks and Lynn Clifford provided lovely St. Patrick's decorations and delicious desserts. Birthday celebrations for the month included Kathe Kiehn, Gail Sinclair and Deborah Haley. We also sadly noted member Margaret Jordan's passing, and discussed her celebration of life on March 8.

New business: Doreen Leighton volunteered to head the nominating committee for new board members, and Barbara Mosera and Doris Mitchell offered to assist. We discussed the club's charitable giving and unanimously voted to give eight local projects \$125 each: Rosie's Girls, Every Kid Outdoors, Richmond Swims, Masquers Playhouse, Groundwork Richmond St. Vincent de Paul Society, United Methodist Women's Club, and the WWIC Map Garden project.

Committee reports: Ann Langille of the Sunshine Committee sent many birthday cards. She also noted that the book club would meet at her home. Map Garden chair Linda Newton announced a March 13 Map Garden workday and displayed photos of native plants to beautify the public gardens in Point Richmond.

Announcements: Kathleen Wimer announced a Richmond City sponsored Sisters in Solidarity event on March 7. The Magick Lantern, Point Richmond's cinema, was set to stream the film Capernaum on March 20. Ruth Frassetto shared Annie's Annual's offer to donate suitable plants for our Map Garden. Finally, Diane Diani announced April's guest speaker, Dr. Mi-Young Rhee from Healthy Qi and You.

After having to miss 5 meetings, due to Covid-19, we decided to try Zoom. In November 18 members happily gathered on Zoom. Diane Diani welcomed new member Marlee Prutton and

recognized birthdays for Doreen Leighton, Diane Hedler, Leslie Hicks and Anita Aaron. We sang Happy Birthday—it sounded pretty good!

The club welcomed new board members Leslie Hicks and Mary Lee Cole. Leslie, who enjoys working in the Point Richmond garden, shared "thank you's" she hears from passersby while pruning roses. Linda Newton observed that local residents help with weeding—especially Philip Rosenthal. We voted to give Philip a \$20 gift certificate with a thank you card. Linda also asked for help leading the garden committee.

Committee reports and announcements: Kathleen Wimer stated the WWIC book club has 8 members and encouraged others to join. Ann Langille has sent over 35 birthday and get well cards this past year—a record. Diane Diani shared her neighbor's recommendation for a free little library in the Point triangle, and Jessie West offered to lead the project.

New Business: Diane Diani said we need a virtual alternative to our Bunco fundraiser. Doreen described the Methodist Women's virtual tea and offered to help organize one for WWIC; Marlee will take the lead. The club was also interested in Zoom bingo. Finally Diane Diani requested suggestions for speakers, noting that Dr. Mi-Yung Rhee from Healthy Qi and You will lead off our speaker series on February 2.

In conclusion, Kathleen suggested we introduce ourselves to Marlee and share what we've been doing during this strange time; we enjoyed hearing how members adapted to stay-at-home life during Covid-19.

Now regular "Zoomers," we met in December, wearing festive attire and sitting at home amidst our holiday decor. Diane Diani recognized birthdays for Pat Pearson, Karen Buchanan, Mary Highfill and Altha Humphrey.

Marion Kent, club treasurer, explained how Zoom Bingo would work as a fundraiser, and the club voted to move forward. Marlee Prutton

reported that the garden tea and fundraiser plans were on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions. She found the information needed to ask the Pt. Richmond Neighborhood Council for funds for garden tools and materials. Marlee's cousin offered to create a poster to invite the community to help garden and publicize WWIC. Jessie West announced that the little free library project is

progressing. Fran Smith said the Masquers Theater is offering virtual dramas. Doreen Leighton announced the Methodist Church's bake sale.

We enjoyed singing a medley of holiday songs and then shared the work of our favorite charitable organizations. Finally, we wished all a safe and Happy New Year.



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At the Merke Institute, Fifth Avenue, N. Y., which I founded, stage and social exhibition, home



Current art exhibitions sponsored by *Arts of Point Richmond*

from Rita Gardner

For more information: www.artsofpointrichmond.com

Through April 5, 2021 at Post Office, 104
Washington Avenue, Point Richmond.



Exhibition of oil paintings by **Dee Bell**. Her art is inspired by the organic shapes, patterns, and colors of nature. Dee lives in Point Richmond and loves painting local scenes. Many of her paintings also reflect the spirit of the years she lived in Hawaii. She states: "Painting is pure joy to me" – and that delight is clearly reflected in these colorful pieces of art.

(photo by Bob Colin)

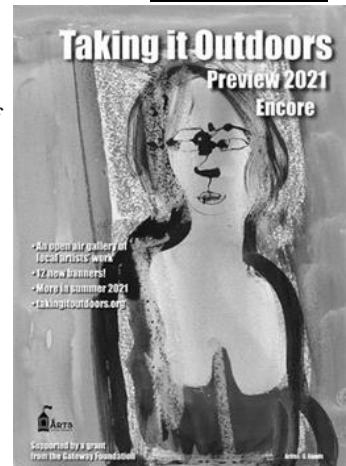
**Ongoing: Lara's Fine Dining Restaurant, 1900
Esplanade Drive, Richmond (Marina Bay).**



Exhibition features artists **Caitlin Hibma, Mary Lee Cole, Rita Gardner, Bonnie Leonard, Virginia Rigney, Betsy Kellas, George Tomberlin, Marilyn Hertzberg, Louise Iiams, Jean Brady, Jan Chleboun, Nancy Whitley, Nancy Noble, Dee Bell, Bob Colin, and Jim DeWitt**. (As of Nov, restaurant has outdoor and some indoor seating, and art is available to view during their business hours.)

Ongoing: "Taking it Outdoors" Encore addition!

Art banner displays on the walls of downtown Point Richmond. Arts of Point Richmond announces an encore addition to the Taking it Outdoors Preview, an open-air exhibit first installed in downtown Point Richmond last summer. The exhibit has been



enlarged and extended due to an enthusiastic response from the community, and now features a total of 28 banners. It's the perfect fresh air art experience during the time of Covid! Drive through town or put on your masks and social distance for a leisurely stroll, discovering each of the pieces adorning walls throughout Washington Street and Park Place. Look for more banners to come in Spring 2021!

For more info on this exciting project and the featured artists, visit <http://takingitoutdoors.org>

Thanks to Vanessa Stevens for loaning us her collection of Point Counterpoint covers and partial issues for scanning. I have scanned all 40 of them and will be posting them on PointRichmondHistory.org soon.



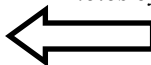
Hotels in Point Richmond in the 1920's

Colombo Hotel - Standard Avenue
Hotel D'Italia - Standard Avenue & Santa Fe
Lombard Hotel - Standard & Washington
Roma Hotel - Standard Avenue
Piedmonte Hotel - Railroad Avenue
Standard Hotel - Standard Avenue
National Hotel - Standard Avenue
Eagle Hotel - Washington Avenue
Maxwell Hotel - Richmond Avenue
Anderson Rooms - Richmond & Washington
The Baltic Rooms
Richmond Hotel - (now The Spot)
Joe Kenny's Rooms - Washington Avenue
Hoover's Hotel - Washington Avenue
St. Francis Hotel - Cottage Avenue
St. James Hotel - Cottage Avenue
Colonial Hotel - Washington Avenue
Mrs. O'Brien's Rooms - Washington Avenue
Mrs. Lee's Rooms - Above Bank on Richmond
American Hotel - Standard & Washington

There were once five grocery stores in Point Richmond

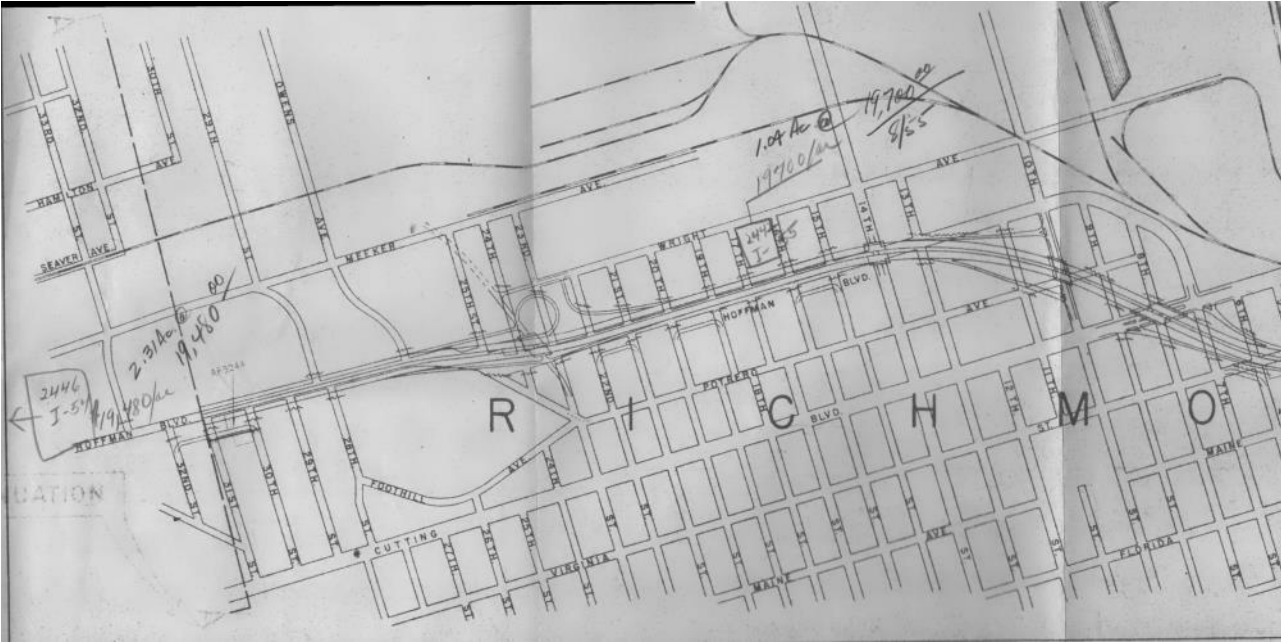
Steivauter - Richmond Avenue
Chasseur Bros. - Standard Avenue
Tony Mazza - Standard Avenue
Scheeline - Standard Avenue & Castro Street
Sutich - Tewksbury & Standard Avenue (later Whitesides.)

Photos by Vanessa Stevens.



February 29, 1920

"In startling contrast to the leniency of police courts, Judge Robert Edgar of Berkeley sentenced Miss Louise Krause, freshman at U.C. Berkeley to three days in County Jail for driving along College Avenue at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour."



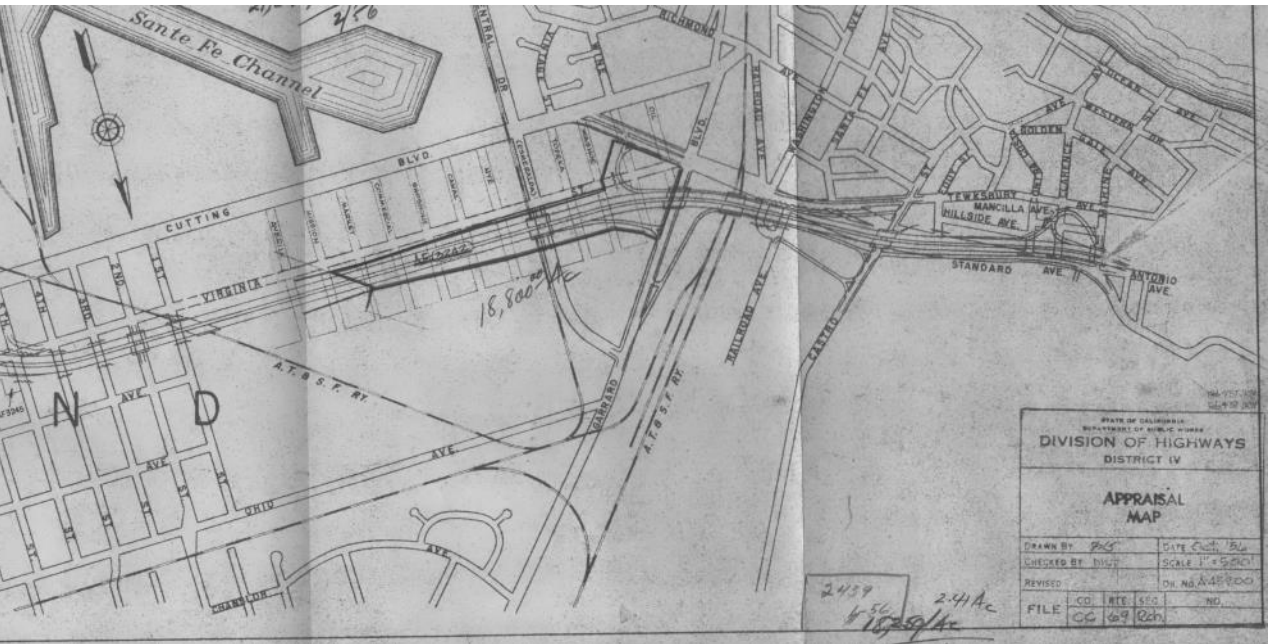
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Thanks to Caitlin Hibma for***



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We Have Standards!

Episode 10: On Second Thought...

by Caitlin Hibma

Well, here we are. We've made it to our last Standard. Thanks for bearing with this preservation-wonk in exploring technically abstruse but practically important concepts in dealing with historic buildings. We've discussed historic use and appropriate re-use of buildings, character-defining features, false historicism, alterations that have gained significance in their own right, repairing and replacing deteriorated features, chemical and physical treatments, archaeological finds, and the concept of "compatible but differentiated" new construction.

The last Standard - number 10 - concerns the reversibility of alterations. It states: "New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired."

Although it's unusual for a property owner to make a change to a building and then want to remove it later, I suppose it does happen. Or, more likely, a future owner may want to reverse changes made before their time that are not to their taste or don't serve their needs. In this case, the ease and impacts of reversibility come into play. Is an addition physically unobtrusive enough to be removed without harming the historic portions of the building? Or is it so enmeshed with the historic fabric and building form that removing it will leave the original building incomplete and unrecognizable?

An example that would comply with this Standard would be any small addition that is "tacked on" to the main building. Perhaps a small lean-to mud room addition or a porch. It is smaller (subservient) to the overall mass of the building, probably on a side or rear facade, and attaches at a point and in a way that doesn't remove or damage

much of the existing structure. Obviously, holes will need to be cut in the original exterior walls to create interior access to the addition, but they do not remove a large amount of material or significant features and could be easily be closed back up. The addition itself would be a new appendage and certainly wouldn't replace or result in the removal of any original portion or appendage of the building. Were it to be removed, there might only be some attachment points to patch and an opening or two to infill or restore as exterior features.

A non-compliant example might be a large addition that requires the removal of a significant portion of the original building or sort of subsumes the original building into a new mass. It destroys a large percentage of original fabric and features and gives the building a new identity with major changes in form and character. This might be an addition that removes an entire facade and all its features, encroaches into the original form of the roof or even removes the roof and goes vertical, instituting a new height and roofline. It may create new articulation of facades beyond the one it affects directly, giving the building a new overarching form. Were it to be removed down the line, the job would be extensive and the building would be left with an entire side or roof missing, its original form and facade organizations in question, and many character-defining features lost.

In many respects this standard correlates with others. An over-large addition that is not easily removed in future would also result in the destruction of materials, features, form, and character which would in turn not be compliant with a number of earlier Standards. It is a Standard that illustrates the intertwined nature of all the Standards and the need to consider the important

intent of each when undertaking changes to a historic building.

Thanks for following along on my exploration of the ten Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. While the Standards necessarily apply to designated and eligible historic resources (those on the National, State, or local historical register), they provide a great framework for anyone dealing with an older building and wanting to do things sensitively and with respect for the history their building embodies. For further information, the National Park Service can fill you in at <https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards.htm>.



*Caitlin Hibma
PRHA Secretary*

*Thank you Caitlin for this informative and
entertaining series.* Gary



Royce Y. Ong
1930 - 2021





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 WWIC President

Point Richmond Calif. Jan. 25, 1911

The Women's West Side Improvement Club bet in regular session at Peards Hall.

Sec. called meeting to order and asked Mrs. Topping to act as President. Roll call of officers resulted in 5 being present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The application of Mrs. Murray was read and referred to course.

Bills read, Hall rent \$2 from Mrs. Curtian, Mrs. Younglove \$2 for calendar fund, Mrs. Crauer \$2 for supplies. Moved and seconded that bills be allowed.

Communication read from Dist. President in regards to Convention at Stockton.

Mrs. Walker spoke about the tree planting.

Mrs. Curtian spoke about the bad condition the school grounds were in.

Mrs. McHenry then read an article and spoke about the White Slave Traffic.

Piano solo Mrs. Cramer and talk by Mrs. Younglove on White Slave Traffic furnished a very interesting program. Afterwards the subject was open for discussion, and several spoke about it.

Mrs. Topping then spoke about our Library, they do not exchange books as was agreed to.

The acting President appointed Mrs. Adauers and Mrs. Eaton for our next meeting.

Receipts – Mrs. Walker .50 dues, Mrs. J. Murray 1.00 applic., total of 1.50.

No further business the meeting adjourned to meet Feb. 8th

Mrs. Cramer, Sec.

Point Richmond, Calif. Feb. 8, 1911

The Womens West Side Improvement Club bet in regular session at Peards Hall.

The President called the meeting to order.

Roll call of officers resulted in 7 being present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The application of Mrs. Murray being reported favorable ballot was spread and she was declared elected.

The concern over park improvement reports that Mr. Fritz will put in redwood curbing. Plant and care for park if expected to be ready for first cutting for \$60.

It was moved by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Trautvetter that we have ~~~~~ do the work. It was moved and seconded that we have the City Eng. To oversee the work.

Mrs. Younglove then spoke about the following bills after which the club endorsed.

Training School for Girls Red Light Abatement, Bill.

Federal Children Bureau Marriage Board, Bill
It was decided to pay expenses of delegate.

Moved by Mrs. Walker and by Mrs. Curtian we refer back to Park.

Moved, seconded & carried that we decline Mr. Fritz's offer for the present.

Mrs. Marsten read her report on the work the club had done that she had prepared for the convention.

Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Younglove were appointed to see Mr. Helms if anything could be done in regards to the Standard Ave. School Yard.

Report of Dance given. Sec. instructed to draw warrant over Tres. to pay bills for the Dance. Receipts for the Dance \$45.10.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Cramer, Sec

Point Richmond, Calif. Feb. 22, 1911

The Women's West Side Improvement Club met in regular session at Pearde Hall.

Roll call resulted in 8 members being present.

The Sec. being absent Mrs. Dunlap was appointed to act as Sec. The reading of the minutes of previous meeting was omitted.

Mrs. Walker of the Standing Comm. Over playgrounds reported seeing Councilman Garrard who talked favorable of beautifying the playgrounds. She found few conveniences for the children on the school grounds. The councilman said that their funds were low and that the club should take the matter up with the school trustees.

Mrs. Younglove reported her visit with Mrs. Walker at the school grounds. She was unimpressed with the need of benches as there were none on the grounds. Moved by Mrs. Coleman and by Mrs. Adams that the Service Comm. consult with the school trustees and see what could be done with the school grounds. Carried motion made by Mrs. Hopkins and by Mrs. Coleman that Mrs. Adams be empowered to put the park in order – carried. Mrs. Adams reported that she would place an order for trees for the park with Mr. Fritz this week.

Motions by Mrs. Younglove & my Mrs. Walker that a Comm. be appointed to get the restrooms in order – carried.

The President appointed Mesdances, Adams, Hopkins & Cramer.

Mrs. Coleman our delegate to District Convention in Stockton gave a very interesting report of her visit to that city. Moved and seconded that Mrs. Coleman's report be accepted. Moved and seconded that bill for hall rent be paid.

Receipts – Mrs. Younglove 1.50

Meeting then adjourned.

Mrs. Dunlap, Sec. pro-tem

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Point Richmond Calif. March 8, 1911

The Women's West Side Improvement Club met in regular session at Pearde Hall. Roll call resulted in 6 being present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Comments from Mrs. Boyd regarding park site was read and decided to lay it off over the future reference.

Mrs. Coleman's bill for expenses at Stockton Convention \$5.80 was read – moved and recorded that bill be paid.

The City Engineer and Mr. Fritz were then introduced and gave us a talk in regards to tree planting. Mr. Fritz spoke about the curbing that needed to be put in the park. Mrs. Coleman corrected to see that the trees were taken care of. It was moved and seconded that the park & tree planting be left in hands of Comm. Carried. Mrs. Coleman spoke in regards to the city obtaining a park. Moved and seconded that Mrs. Slegled be appointed to meet Mrs. Slegled in regards to the park sight. Club favors small parks and playgrounds throughout the city and if we ask city to loud themselves to do so for enough to several small parks and Stege park – carried.

Mrs. Walker gave her report of talking with school trustees and what they would do as soon as street work was so they could.

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Holusteadts resignation be accepted.

Receipts – dues

Mrs. W.E. Luce 2.50

Mrs. F. Spiersch 1.00

Mrs. A.C. Lang 1.00

Mrs. W.W. Younglove 1.50

Total 6.00

Disbursements

Mrs. Coleman's expenses \$5.80

Meeting adjourned,

Mrs. T.T. Cramer

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Pt. Richmond Mar. 22, 1911

The West Side Improvement Club met in regular session at Pearde Hall.

The President called the meeting to order. Roll call resulted in being present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

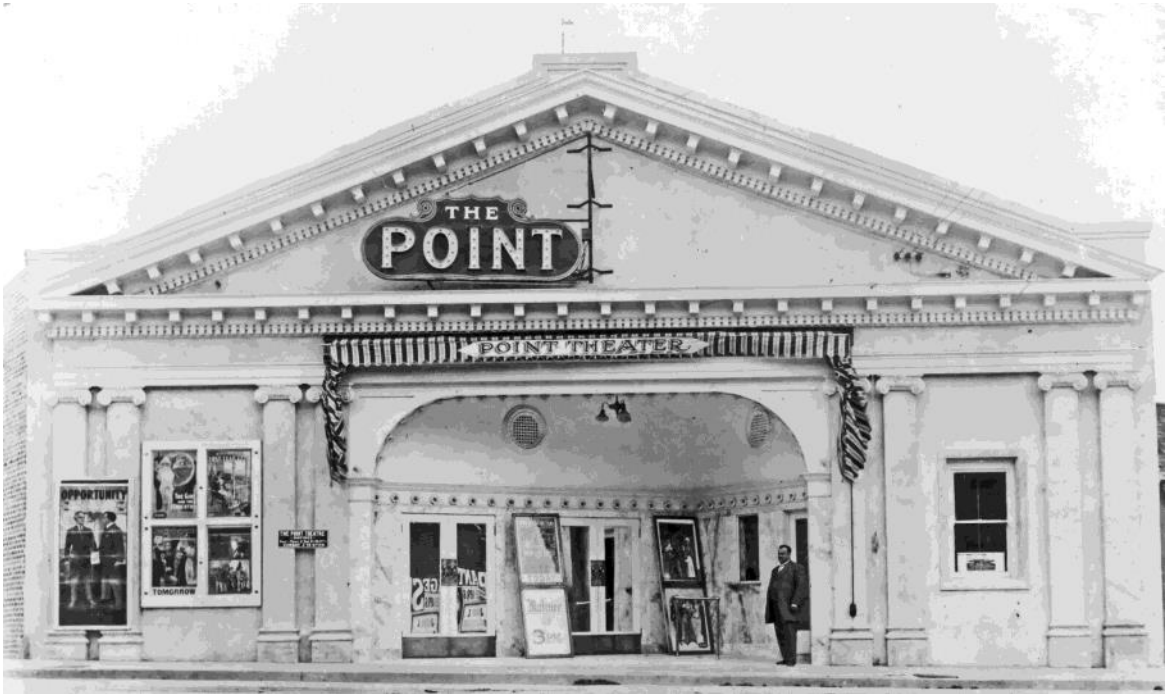
Bills – read a bill from the Richmond Leader for 500 tickets \$2.25. Hall rent for March. It was moved and seconded that a warrant be drawn on Tres. for amount of bills.

Unfinished business – the rest rooms came up again. Good of the club – it was moved & seconded that Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Cramer and Mrs. Murray be a Comm. to see about getting some speakers from the Federation to speak to club later in the near future.

Receipts – Mrs. Ida Holmsteadt \$1.00, Mrs. John Murray 1.50. Mrs. Curtian .50, Mrs. C.W. Ivitcorube 1.00. total \$4.00

Meeting adjourned until April 12

Mrs. T.T. Cramer, Sec.



Point Theater, V Theater, Ciné Theater, Bridge Theater, Point Orient Restaurant, Suzhou Chinese Restaurant, El Tunnel Restaurant, Masa Taqueria Restaurant

Above picture is PRHA photo archive #0126a from Don Church Collection, enhanced by Thomas Mercer-Hursh.

Point Theatre (later "V", Point again, Cine, Bridge) (Point Richmond)

Address: 30 W. Richmond Avenue, Richmond CA 94801

Architect: C.O. Clausen (original Point), Vincent G. Raney (conversion to "V", 1942)

Date Opened: February 14, 1913

Date Closed as Point (first time): Unknown

Date Re-opened as "V": August 4, 1942

Name Changed back to Point: December 29, 1945

Date Closed as Point: September 1, 1952

Date Re-opened as Cine Art': March 2, 1955

Date Closed as Cine: End of February 1956

Date Re-opened as Bridge: May 17, 1958

Date Closed: July 1958 (probably)

Circuit/Owners: Independent (Richard Tscherassy) Robert L. Lippert, Independent (?)

Number of Screens: 1

Number of Seats: 460 (original Point), 424 ("V" and later Point, Cine' & Bridge)

Current Status: Masa Mexican Restaurant

Joe Vogel on November 5, 2014 at 11:30 am

The Point Theatre was one of several houses in the bay area opened or re-opened by Robert Lippert during the early days of World War II. A letter from Lippert published in the September 12, 1942, issue of Motion Picture Herald had this

paragraph about the Point:

"June 12th, I commenced remodeling of the old Point theatre at Richmond and installed a balcony to seat 100 and renovated the house from front to back. Total seats, 450. Opened this theatre August 15th."

I haven't been able to trace the theater prior to that, but the building looks quite old and could date from the 1910s. It's possible that it operated under a different name earlier in its history. Richmond had a house called the Regent Theatre which was mentioned in the September 16, 1916, issue of The Moving Picture World. The Point building looks old enough to have been a theater in 1916. Perhaps someone can pin down a connection, as I'm coming up blank on this one.

Joe Vogel on November 5, 2014 at 1:09 pm

Well, I don't know how I missed John Rice's page about the Point Theatre, which has the answers (and several good photos.) The Point Theatre was opened by Richard Tcherassy on February 14, 1913, and the building was designed by architect C. O. Clausen.

Robert Lippert renamed the house the V Theatre (for Victory,) and re-opened on August 4th, 1942. The remodeling for Lippert was designed by architect Vincent Raney. Post-war, the name Point Theatre was restored. The house opened and closed a few times after that, finally re-opening in the mid-1950s as the Ciné Theatre, a second-run, revival, and art house.

A thing I find remarkable is that the building's Greek Revival pediment has survived all this time, little worse for wear. Plaster is unlikely to have held up so well, and there are no joints as one would expect in terra cotta, so it must be either wood (frequently used for exterior trim in the Bay Area even after more than half of San Francisco went up in flames in 1906) or cast iron.

From Lost Movie Theaters in Richmond

The next photo shows the former Point Theatre in final stages of remodeling in preparation for August 4, 1942 re-opening as the new "V" Theatre. Architect Vincent G. Raney designed the remodeling. New projection & sound equipment, a new plastic screen and new seats

were included in the interior and exterior renovations. A new 100 seat balcony was also installed in the structure. Photo from the Richmond Independent.



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WITH DON CHURCH *(Reprinted from 1967 Point Counterpoint)*

CHILDREN WERE THE SAME OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

From the Richmond Independent of March 1, 1913 comes this item:

"Skating in the Point Streets must stop says the Chief."

"Since the new asphalt paving has been installed on the West Side streets, children have been using the streets for a skating rink and a roadway for rating the bicycles."

"If this practice is not stopped we will have a terrible accident," says the Chief. "If the parents will not cooperate with me I will have to ask the Council to pass an ordinance which will keep them off the streets. Thursday evening a little girl broke her arm, and a boy narrowly was missed by a machine. The escape from a fatal accident was miraculous and too close to be comfortable. It is too serious a matter to be treated lightly and I want the parents to cooperate with me."

(You were so right Chief Arnold, but we never had a skating rink at the Point before, and boy, was it fun!!) (Comment from Donald Church).



This story is from the Richmond Independent of January 6, 1931, although written in an interesting and jaunty manner, may bring back chilling memories to some Pointers.

SCOOTER HITS LOCOMOTIVE, BOY AGED THREE IS UNINJURED.

"Here's a story about an ambitious little scotter that picked a railroad locomotive for its first encounter, and although it came out a loser in the joust, it must be given credit for being a game little scooter.

Henry Charles Allyn, 3, of 22 Idaho Street, manned the scooter and the train crew was made up of A.E. Lamb, Engineer, T.L. Jackson,

Fireman and Mike Sullivan Conductor. The train was a Santa Fe Passenger, number 22, eastbound.

As the locomotive nosed its way through Richmond in the vicinity of the Municipal Natatorium at about 30 miles per hour, this morning, the scooter raced down Richmond Avenue, full speed ahead.

The locomotive got to the crossing first but nothing stopped the scooter, nothing could stop it. Gamely and perhaps a little cockily, it drove broadside at the engine.

Like so much insignificance, the engine brushed the scooter aside, bowling its one-man crew over and over. The joust was over.

Little Henry Allyn was rushed to the Abbott Emergency Hospital where he was found to be suffering only minor cuts and abrasions, and the battered little scooter was taken back to the youth's home, noted that it is no match for a locomotive. Henry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G.J. Allyn.



1917- WAR! - CALL VOLUNTEERS

"My a vote of 373 to 50 the House today adopted resolutions declaring the U.S. at war with Germany." A few days later, it was announced that four companies of National Guardsmen would be stationed at Richmond to protect industries, bridges, and tunnels in this section."



GIRL IS JAILED FOR SPEEDING AUTOMOBILE

"In startling contrast to the leniency of police courts, Judge Robert Edgar of Berkeley sentenced Miss Louise Krause, freshman at U.C. Berkeley to three days in the County Jail for driving along College Avenue at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour.

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 interesting historical items left for us by Allan Smith.

Items of Interest Point Richmond, early 1900's

The Record and The Leader

03-16-1918	41 county saloons close today at 4 pm. Secty Daniels says no liquor within 5 miles of Mare Island.
03-19-1918	Pres. Wilson signs Daylight Savings bill to take effect 2am Mar. 31. Many homes to be built for Hercules workers.
04-02-1918	Mayor Lane issues call to people to plant war gardens in vacant lots.
04-17-1918	Henry McNamara 1st CCCo boy to die at front.
04-18-1918	Mrs. Scofields new Piage car slips brakes and goes all the way down Washington Ave into the bay and is a total loss.
04-22-1918	Pro-Germans and Liberty Bond slackers will be dealt with. Parade of 75 masked men also black robed will show to fear or favor.
04-25-1918	Fire Chief Lamoine says the City Ford is not fitting for a man of his ability and importance and wants a \$3000 Stutz.
04-29-1918	The Night Riders are busy painting store fronts of German people.
05-02-1918	Night Riders tar and feather G. Poenisch owner of Cyclery at 2nd and Macdonald. Editorial on page 1. Every pro-german should be given his just deserts.
05-04-1918	Night Riders raid on Poenish is witnessed.
07-03-1918	The U.S. takes over the Pullman Co.
07-15-1918	James Williams, a carpenter, arrested for praising Kaiser. \$20 fine.
07-17-1918	Lt. Quentin Roosevelt, son of Teddy, shot down and killed in France.
08-01-1918	New Cutting firehouse opened today with men and machines.
08-05-1918	Joe (Howe) Kryavich local boxer is 1st Richmond boy killed in war.
08-20-1918	Water shortage getting critical.
08-21-1918	Appeals to residents regarding water shortage. All drinking water should be boiled says Dr. Blake.
08-29-1918	Dr. U.S. Abbott to leave for front. Commissioned as Capt.
08-31-1918	East Bay Water is hauling water to the Point Res by tank truck. Fire Chief Lamaine pleas to residents to be careful due to lack of water.
09-03-1918	Most County road work is to be held up until war is over.
09-05-1918	Oil tankers bringing water here from Col. River.



Lois Helen Seabolt Boyle
1933 - 2020

*Here is Lois Boyle entertaining
us as "Rosie the Riveter" at our
May, 2011 General Meeting at
Point Richmond Community
Center. See page 27.*

Cards, Letters & E-Mails

Hi Gary,

In doing some computer research I ran across the web site for The Point Richmond Historical Assoc. During checking out the site I found an article in one of the news letters that was about my uncle Mario Grosso and wanted to see if I could obtain some copies of the 2002 news letter. I would also like to ask some questions concerning the history and maybe I could even provide some info if needed. My sister and I spent many a weekends with my aunt, uncle and cousin at the Point and the Liberty Market which the Grosso family owned. Elsie Grosso was our fathers oldest sister and Rose Grosso was our cousin.

Frank Moglia

*Your memories of the old times in the Point
are welcome here.*

Gary

Hi again Bonnie Jo,

I am trying to find some pictures that maybe would be of interest of the houses my aunt and uncle owned in the Point. The old house which is still there at 335 Tewksbury on the corner of Eddy and the house next door at 333 Tewksbury which is the house they later had build and lived there most of the remainder of their lives. They kept both houses and for many years rented the old house to Andy Cakos and his 2 sisters. Where the new house sets was originally the side yard for the old house and I can remember playing in that yard

and I think we may even have some old home movies of a party once held in that yard. I remember as a small boy playing in the new foundation for the new house as it was being constructed. My aunt and cousin had a rabbit cage in the back with a pet rabbit named Pinky and I used to pet and feed Pinky (funny how these things come back to mind). In that new house I remember they had the first electric garage door opener I had ever seen. I remember riding to the house from town with my cousin in her 1953 Chevy Belair hard top which she later gave to me for a dollar after I got married in 1968 (wish I still owned that car)and she would let me flip the switch that opened the door! As a small boy when I would stay with them I would go down to the ball park and play ground down the hill between them and Standard Oil and play with the other kids. Used to wait for the whistles from Standard Oil which may have been shift changes and thought that was pretty neat! They also owned an old Chevron station and property at the bottom of Tewksbury for a long time as well as some other properties in the Point at one time or another. Well I need to get something done but I will pass on anything I come up with. Don't know who owns those houses now cuz after Rose passed away one of my other 2nd cousins got the properties and I would guess he sold them as I never hear from him or his sister.

Take care and stay safe,
Frank Moglia

Birthdays

February

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Karen Shaw
Mark Gebhart
Sarah Wilson
Steven Mertle
Billy Bob Karl
Chris Rotting
Walter MacMillan

Connie Healy
Marcos Rotting
Jim Allgaier
Thomas R. Williams
Landow Howe
Rowene MacMillan
Ethel MacMillan
Art Gagnier
Mitzi Kruse

Hilda Gozzi-Reed
Kim Ward
Anne Brussok-Roth
Jared Bigard
Lupe Padilla Lopez
Allegra Fenton
Kay Mayfield Madison
Artrese Morrison
Anne Roth

Kiley Brougham
Brenda McKinley
Frank Smith
Leonard Smith
Mark Mallagiatse
Anne Brussok-Roth
Gretchen Van Tassel
Shaw
Maryn Hurlbut

March

GIRL SCOUTS CAMP FIRE GIRLS

Rachel Palfini
Damon Kiehn
Kathe Kiehn
Sophia Frame Rice
Isabella Frame Rice
Karolyn Macdiarmid
Carol Paasch
JoAnn Bray
Carol Darling

Claire E. Crowson
Ben Bray
Ken Madison
Jean Knox
Lavinia Karl
Darlene A. Wright
Brian Richardson
Susan Berman
Mary Valenzano
Isobel Folson
Myron Pestana

Delphina Franco
Tawney
Mike Smith
Michael Lambton
Lucile Cottingham
Meyer
Henry Marchitello
Evan Jahromi
Kenneth Madison
Kara Piantidosi
Michael Smith

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Harlan Butt
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Muriel Clausen - 96

Mary Bianchini Highfill - 97

Tom Kenny - 96

Loretta Stevens Johromi - 95

June Beesley Sosabal - 95

Alphonso Diaz - 95

Marcelina Smith - 95

Victor Morales - 92

Jean Knox - 93

Hector Lizarraga - 97

Donna Wilson - 90

Florence Wilson - 90

Christopher Wilson - 97

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

Did you know that fully 50% of Americans are below average?

Memorials.....

James Cheshareck, 72 passed away December 12th after several years of declining health. He was a native and lifelong resident of Point Richmond with family roots dating back to 1912. He was born 11/2/48 to Frank “Shock” Cheshareck and Ann Marcheschi Cheshareck at Richmond Hospital. He grew up in the family home on West Richmond Avenue next door to Joe Matteucci, who was once known as “The mayor of Point Richmond”. His grandparents resided two doors down, and he had plenty of stories about 1950’s-1960’s Point Richmond.

After graduating from Harry Ells high school in 1966 he was a warehouseman for Safeway until retirement in 1991. A lifelong athlete who enjoyed softball, golfing, and helping to coach his son’s baseball team. Al Frosini’s boxing lessons in early childhood paved a path to becoming a skilled martial artist in Kung Fu and kickboxing. He was also an ardent advocate of Chinese herbal medicine and homeopathy.

A devout parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy church. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother John. He is survived by his wife of 50 years Linda, his sons James and Michael, and his granddaughter Amber. He is also survived by his brother Frank, and many nieces and nephews.

Harriet Berg, Jan 9, 1925 - Dec 5, 2020

Longtime Berkeley resident Harriet Berg died on December 5th, a month shy of her 96th birthday. She was born in New York to an immigrant mother and an American-born father, who was himself the son of immigrants.

Harriet graduated from Queens College in 1947, two years after marrying Irving Berg, who was starting his psychiatry residency at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago. Harriet earned a master's in education from the University of Chicago. In 1954, the Bergs moved to Berkeley and later bought their beloved William Wurster home, where Harriet would remain for the rest of her life.

Harriet began her lengthy teaching career in the mid-1960s at Peres Elementary School in Richmond and later taught at nearby Washington School. She loved her job and was a dedicated teacher. After retiring, Harriet volunteered in the West Contra Costa School District into her seventies.

Harriet loved the arts and nature. She was an avid reader, especially of literature. She and Irving attended the opera with dear friends, and she attended both the San Francisco and Berkeley symphonies. Mahler was among her favorite composers. She was also a patron of several regional theater companies. Hiking and swimming in lakes, rivers and the ocean were high on her list.

Food was central to Harriet and she was an excellent cook. She hosted dinner parties for friends, who like her, enjoyed meaningful discussions on all manner of topics and sharing good jokes. As Harriet reached her nineties, by then widowed for two decades, she continued to cook for her family and grandchildren. Laughter and discussion were shared as well as meals.

Harriet was deeply engaged with her grandchildren, whom she adored and whose adoration was reciprocated. Fiercely independent, Harriet was sharp, pragmatic, warm, and loving. She will be missed by her children, Kathie (Michael), Amy (Hugh), and David (Karen); five grandchildren, Ashley (Adam), Will (Yelena), Ethan (Jessica), Erin (Matthew), and Caleb (Tayleigh); and five great-grandsons, Liam, Wolf, Hudson, Francis, and Irving.

Lois Helen Seabolt Boyle was the tenth of 12 children born to Alfred Lafayette Seabolt and Beulah Cornelia Seabolt (nee Shackelford). Lois was born in Muldrow, OK., on August 11, 1933, and died at the age of 87 with kidney and heart complications in Richmond, Ca. on December 24, 2020. She passed away peacefully with her family by her side. She was predeceased by her husband George Stanley Boyle “Stan,” and her son James Boyle.

Boyle is survived by her loving family: Susan Boyle Amacker Dodge (Rod Dodge), James Boyle (deceased), Edward Boyle (Denise Boyle), David Boyle, Catherine Boyle Leavitt (Jim Leavitt). Bringing her additional blessings were her grandchildren: Matthew Amacker (Roxanne Sapp Amacker), Robert Amacker, and Diana Amacker Lloyd (Jason Lloyd). Nathan Hatfield, Erin Boyle, Dylan Boyle, and Bronson and Bryce Boyle, and great-grandchildren: Cole and Grant Amacker, Cormac and Melody Lloyd. After attending college at San Diego State University where she met her husband, Stan, she moved to Berkeley and eventually settled in Richmond, CA. in 1955. A few years later, she began her own printing business providing typing, flyers, brochures, and programs. She later went to work for the city of El Cerrito, Ca and was featured on the cover of the newspaper for making the Parks and Rec. Dept. profitable for the first time ever. She eventually went back to school for a Master’s degree In Urban Planning and Public Administration. As the owner operator of Creative Celebrations which she operated for 25 years in El Sobrante she provided wedding and party supplies, and even singing telegrams. She was also the owner/operator of Rainbow Hill, Rainbow Valley, and Rainbow’s End, daycare programs. And then, with her extra time, she opened Captains Cottage Tea Parlor located in Pinole, CA where she served tea, snacks, and nostalgic tales of the sea and the local community.

Boyle was President of the Richmond Exchange Club, and also the Richmond Museum Association for 30 years. Her favorite passions were the history, and the improvement of Richmond’s image and culture. She helped create the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts, helped build a new YMCA, and successfully lobbied to establish the Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond. One of her proudest accomplishments was salvaging a major piece of Richmond’s history when she successfully lobbied Congress to save the SS Red Oak Victory, a ship constructed in Richmond during World War II and the last ship remaining from over 1000 built in the Kaiser Shipyard. The ship was rescued from the mothball fleet in Suisun Bay where it was destined to be scrapped. Lois, along with government grants and many, many volunteers refurbished the SS Red Oak Victory and, after reaching an agreement with the city, is now berthed free of charge at Terminal 3 in Richmond as a floating museum. When Lois retired she was appointed honorary Director of Ships Operations.

Royce Y. Ong died on January 17, 2021, he was 90 years old. Royce died in his little home on Golden Gate Avenue where he had lived since the age of 7. He was long time retired from his Navy Civil Service job and in retirement, he volunteered many years to work on the restoration of MUNI trolley cars in San Francisco. He was a long time History Preserver for the Point Richmond History Association and faithfully attended the group’s annual meetings. His hobby was keeping his vintage Chevy Camaro in perfect condition.



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

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