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*Karen Buchanan Giving Her
"History of Downtown Point Richmond" Presentation
at the PRHA Annual Meeting, May 21, 2017*

*Don't Miss
The Plunge Garden
(The Hurlbut Tennis and Garden Park)
Celebration*

*Saturday, July 15th
3 to 10 pm*

Dinner will be served from Salute, Hotel Mac Restaurant, Up and Under, Assemble with Kid Pizzas from Raymond's. Tickets are \$15 for Adults and \$5 for Kids.

Dinner includes a movie and popcorn, beer and wine will be available at extra charge.

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You will be able to buy a personalized paver for \$275

- ⇒ Face Painting*
- ⇒ Magic*
- ⇒ Masquers Photo-op*
- ⇒ Free Swim*
- ⇒ Mayor's Garden Awards*
- ⇒ Dinner and Movie Night*

Proceeds from the event will be used to build the Bocce Ball Court, the front to back walkway and a butterfly habitat.



From the President

By Mid Dornan

Point Richmond History Association celebrated its calendar year at our Annual Meeting in May. Members unanimously elected the Board of Directors for 2017-2018. President, Mid Dornan; 1st Vice President, Pat Pearson; 2nd Vice President, Heinz Langford; Secretary, Caitlin Harvey; Treasurer, Kathe Kiehn; and Pam Wilson, Membership; Bonnie Jo Cullison, Museum Manager/Staff Coordinator who acknowledged the docents, and Virginia Mooney as docent extraordinary; Gary Shows, edited and provided newsletters, THIS POINT...in time, which is our lifeline to you.

Bonnie Jo Cullison presented and discussed plans for the Kiosk on the corner of Washington and West Richmond which is being built and then installed. Museum visitors were from 37 different towns and cities in California, six states from Hawaii to Maine to Florida.

Thank you members, readers and contributors for your interest.

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Golden Gate Avenue in 1903.

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Thank you members for your renewal:

Diane Hirano
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Marcelina Smith
Jay & Karen Fenton Family
Mary Crosby & Tom Piazza**
Kay & Ken Madison Family
Royce Ong**
Louis Stockdale
Mark Healy
Bernie McIntosh**
Bruce & Sandra Beyaert Family
Madeline Albright
Lori Kauth
Norma Wallace
Eugene Hanes Family
Karen Shaw Family
Lisa Hire & Thomas Young Family
Marcelina Smith

Welcome to new members:

Clarence Harris
Frank West
Morris Simpson*
Elizabeth (Betsy) Kellas
George Tomberlin
Grahm Perrett
Doreen Leighton

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It's open Thursdays & Saturdays

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Tuesday of each month

From 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

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

Mid Dornan
Pat Pearson
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Virginia Mooney
Bonnie Jo Cullison
Jean Rose

The Cover:

***Karen Buchanan Speaking at the
May 21, 2017 PRHA Meeting
Photo is by Gary Shows***

Editor's Notes

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Here is our Summer issue of TPIT, I hope you like it.

Thanks to all who contributed to it and once again I encourage everyone to take advantage of this newsletter and use it to tell your stories, announce your events and share your photographs. Send them to me via email (garyshows@gmail.com), mail (229 Golden Gate Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801) or drop them in the mail slot of our little Point Richmond museum.

I wish you all a wonderful Summer!

The deadline for items to be published in the September/October issue of TPIT is Friday August 18, 2017.

Thanks to those who helped fold, staple and address the last issue:

Caitlin Harvey
Mid Dornan
Kathe Kiehn
Gary Shows
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Bonnie Jo Cullison
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Gary Shows

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A-Mid Trivia

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Mid Dornan (510-234-5334) (middornan@gmail.com)

QUESTION: What do these seven words all have in common?

- 1 Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

Look at each word carefully
No, it is not that they all have at least 2 double letters...

Answer at end of Trivia.

Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last.

Renown Composer George P. Tingley showcased compositions by his students in a concert at the Methodist Church in May.

Jeff Corbin, who teaches Biology at Union College in Schenectady, New York, was just promoted to full professor. Proud parents too., Doug and Rosemary Corbin. Jeff is another pride of Washington School.

There are 328 people named Abcd in the United States.

Diet Hint: Use chop sticks in place of a fork because switching to these at mealtime promotes slower eating and smaller bites. Research shows this gives your stomach time to send satiety signals to your brain so you eat less in the long run.

The Sesame Street program assisted young children in learning letters, numbers, etc. A new Sesame Street Gang is preparing Julia as the new puppeteer to join Elmer and Big Bear portraying Autism.

Every U.S. President with a beard has been a

Republican.

Foods that help to guard your sensitive skin from sun's harmful rays are found in tomatoes, watermelon, and red bell peppers. It is Lycopene, a carotenoid found in these plants.

Velcro - what a rip off!

A deer entertained those in downtown Point Richmond Friday, May 19th, 2017.

Thank you, Jim Healy, for donating Point history items from your late mother, Velma Healy's estate.

Per Insure.com, the yearly market value of at home duties typically assigned to the average mom is, \$65, 523. Childcare: \$22,360. Cooking and cleaning: \$12,571, Homework Help: \$ 8,170.

Freshen pet beds and mattresses with Baking Soda to zap the odors. In 15 minutes, vacuum.

What was a tooth worth to the Tooth Fairy in 2016? An-all-time-high average of \$4.66 for each lost baby tooth.

Are you the average American who consumes almost 22 pints of ice cream per year? Vanilla is the most popular, Chocolate and Butter Cream voted 2nd and 3rd.

EMPLOYER: We need someone who's highly responsible.

APPLICANT: In that case, I'm your man At my last job, every time something went wrong, they told me I was responsible.

If you don't eat enough chocolate, the cacao plants will overgrow all of South America.

Why don't I have a tattoo? For the same reason I don't put bumper stickers on my Ferrari.

If you try to catch your house cat, be aware they can run 30 miles an hour.

Answer to Trivia

In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
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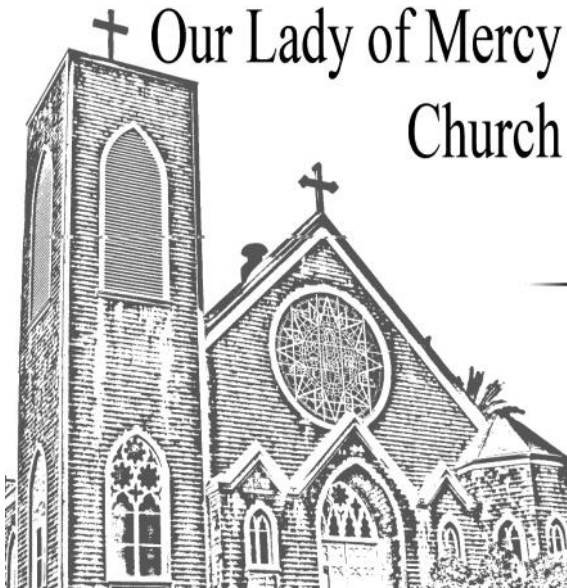


Mid



Photo Archive #676 from Mid Dornan, corner of Washington and West Richmond circa 1909

Church News



By Dee Rosier

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With all the rain we had, we are once again dry and back to the routine of watering. The wind we have experienced has not been a plus to we gardeners. Although a plus is that the turkeys are gone, and replaced by elegant deer who are walking on the lower side of the hills onto streets – keep an eye out for them.

The following meetings take place in the church hall on various dates:

The Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM. You do not have to be a Council member to attend. Your voice will always be welcome.

Newly formed St. Vincent de Paul meets on the second Tuesday at 7PM. Once again, you are always welcome. The direct St. Vincent de Paul phone number is: (510) 334-4591. Someone will either answer or return your call. A group recently delivered several bags of donated clothing. Don't

wait for notice of a clothes drive, you may donate at any time. Members of the group have forms to verify your donation.

Bible study is held every other Wednesday and all are invited. For further information, please contact Ann Brussok (510) 517-9905..

At one time we experienced large crowds for Sunday pancake breakfasts and are giving it another try. A recent one was held with a good turnout. Watch for notice of the next one.

Speaking of notice – if you are on the parish email list, an impressive notice is delivered to your mailbox announcing special events. Those responsible for the announcement are Nancy Noble and her son, Clifton. Great job!

The Pascal candle sits on the altar and burns during the Easter season and baptisms. The old one had burned down to non-use. A parishioner volunteered to fund it in memory of her family and thereafter several others volunteered. We may be small, but generous.

Father concerns himself over minor issues, one being ushers. Without being asked the gentlemen will take the job on. Wonder how he felt today, when the two ladies stepped up and took the collection – put your money on the ladies!

Several children recently received First Holy Communion, a small wedding took place as well as a baptism. We are indeed alive and well. Tina Garcia grew up in the Point and her family were parishioners. Although she no longer resides here, like so many others, she returns to Our Lady of Mercy. During her last visit she told of having received her First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Mercy 50 years prior on the day she was attending Mass – May 14, 2017.

Also back for a visit from Texas were Rick and Linda Duste. Their daughter and grandson reside in Santa Rosa. We look forward to their returning permanently.

Anne Brussok is back from her annual journey to Lourdes with the Knights of Malta.

We celebrated Mother's Day – a very special day and even more special if you are lucky enough to presently have one.

We celebrate Memorial Day, once known as Decoration Day. So called because it was a day to decorate the gravesites of those who died in the Military. At one time, parishioners Adolph Broussard and Chano Forner would visit St. Joseph's Cemetery and decorate the gravesites with American flags. It is Father's desire to have a list of deceased parishioners who served. Anyone know – please step forward!

A walk of Washington becomes a delight as one views the fairy gardens. On the day we chose to visit them, we had the added advantage of being accompanied by Diane Diani's granddaughters. Through their eye, we enjoyed them even more. Take a walk up Washington, it's well worth it. .

The annual Historical Society meeting drew a crowd and we enjoyed a slide show and talk given on

Pt. Richmond by Karen Buchanan. If you have longevity in the Point, you recalled many of the "before" shots and remember the Hells' Angels parked in front of the Mariners. It was a trip into the past.

Sean Diaz has accepted an internship for the summer in Southern California. We wish him success in his new endeavor and look forward to seeing him for at least part of his summer vacation. Speaking of which, with this issue, we also go into summer mode and will be back with all of you in the Fall. Have a safe, healthy summer and do something exciting.

Get well wishes are extended to: Jim Chezareck, Veronica Arkin, Annette Jemo, Betty Ann and Mike Lambert, Fred Siegmund, Frankie and Dixie Mello. Fred was recently discharged from the hospital, and now enters a recovery period. Betty Ann continues her stay in the hospital.

Condolences to the Martinucci family of El Cerrito. Gloria was an outstanding lady and raised a wonderful family who will miss her.

Life tends to issue unexpected blows. Such it was with the sudden death of my nephew, Mark

Neihouse. Mark was my Godson and deceased sister's son. He was only 57 and had many good years ahead. His Aunt Dee will always love him.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE IF
WHENEVER WE MESSED UP OUR LIFE,
WE COULD SIMPLY PRESS
"CTRL, ALT, DELETE" AND
START ALLOVER GAIN.



Dee Rosier

Home Front Festival and **ROSIE RALLY!**

Bring your friends and family and be a part of history!

AUGUST 12TH, 2017 10 AM - 4 PM

***Let's set the Guinness World Record for Most
People Dressed as Rosie the Riveter, Again!
Enjoy food and 40's music in the park***

10:00 am - Rosie Rally check-in begins at the Craneway Pavillion.

11:00 am - Arrive before 11am to be counted in the Guinness Record setting effort.

11:45 am - Walking parade to the Home Front Festival

Noon-4pm - Food and Live Entertainment at Lucretia Edwards pa

Rally - Craneway Pavillion, Ford Assembly Plant

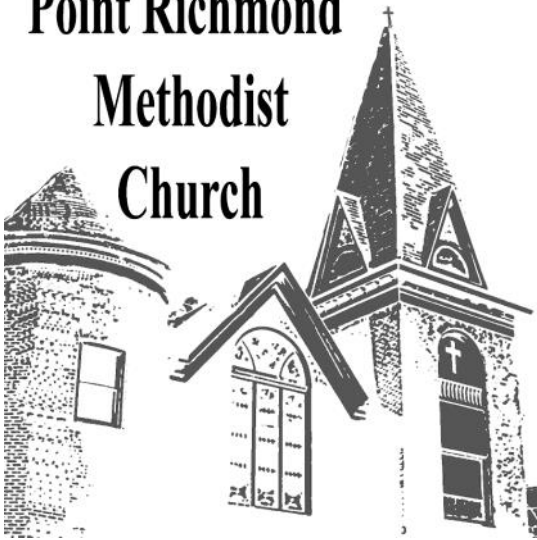
1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond, CA 94804
(next door to the National Park Visitor Center)

Festival - Lucretia Edwards Park

Lucretia Way at end of Marina Way South, Richmond, CA 94804

For more information and to RSVP, please go to www.rosietheriveter.org

Point Richmond Methodist Church



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Strong winds and stormy weather did not deter the Kurt Ribak Quintet from their concert performance on April 6 as they prepared material for their fifth recording. The band: Myles Boisen on guitar and lap steel guitar, Greg Sankovich on keyboards, Lincoln Adler on sax, Russ Gold on drums, and Kurt on bass treated concert goers to some of Kurt's newest compositions as well as familiar favorites.

Back-to-back concerts on April 8 began with pianist Dennis Johnson at 2:30 pm, in a program he titled: *Rags to Riches*. All donations from Dennis' recital benefited "Spirit In Action" to provide business grants to qualified individuals, families and communities in Malawi, Uganda, and Kenya. In the evening, Maria Muldaur performed some of her favorite gospel tunes: "I'll Be Glad! Songs to Lift Your Spirits" Maria has been performing since the 1960's and has a tried and true formula for how she wants her set and sound. Our venue sold out with some people waiting to see if space would be available at show time, and Ms. Muldaur's showmanship did not disappoint her fans.

On April 9 we received new members: Silvie Sather, Sandra Simmer, Jean Rose, and Ron Wheatley. Silvie is quick with a joke and to clean and straighten our space after worship and coffee hour; Sandra brings a long connection to faith communities; Jean makes us all feel glad we are members, too; and Ron served as our "Basement Coach and Best Cheerleader" for Junktique. All of our new members are already an integral part of our community.

On Easter, April 16, the weather actually permitted the 8:00 am worshipers to meet in the labyrinth garden. Afterward, Rachel Herrin, Linda Andrew-Marshall, and Norm and Jean Reynolds served Easter breakfast for all. When most of the plates were cleared, Pastor Dan led the adult Sunday School and Rachel Herrin led the children's class in an art project while they listened to and discussed "The Easter Wolf." During the 11:00 worship in the sanctuary, the Joyful Noise Choir sang a new arrangement of "Ain't No Grave"; Debbie Benko arranged an Easter egg hunt in the backyard to the delight of the children.

On April 30, soprano Olesia Gordynsky accompanied by George Peter Tingley performed Tchaikovsky's *Psalm 23*, and Saint-Saëns' *Ave Maria* to transport us all as a musical interlude during worship.

Junktique May 6, Saturday. Fran Smith spearheaded the overall event. Basement item delivery heroes: Bill Thompson, Jonathan Swett, Julio Osegueda, and Heinz Lankford did heavy lifting before the sale. The basement looked just like a department store after organizing efforts by Ron Wheatley and his team: Annie Ao, Steve Chen, David Tung, Lily Chu, Doreen Leighton, Kristi Johnson, Betty Graham, and Debbie Benko. Gill Stanfield sold electronics, lamps, and bookcases; buyers got to "ask Alice" Thompson about books; Danny Matheson, Ryan Austin, and Ryan Runge worked sales and delivery. Betty Graham cooked hotdogs and vegi-dogs in the yard, assisted by Karen Bianchini and Scott McLean. Yulia Solovieva and Christina Stanfield sold toys, games, and baskets. Yulia was dressed in ladybug regalia and pulled weeds in between waves of buyers. Debbie Benko, Linda Andrew-Marshall, Matt Foster, Barbara Haley and Lara Choe all worked as cashiers during the day. Lara

baked cookies to fortify the staff. Pat Dornan, Jean Rose, and Vivienne Stott worked in Friendship Hall and the two Sunday school rooms. Diane Frary, Fran Smith and Pat Dornan organized the jewelry room prior to the sale, and Jean Rose sold lots of art. Doreen Leighton organized the kitchen staff: Rachel Herrin, Jennifer Metz Foster, Karen Bianchini and Jean Reynolds chopped vegetables for the minestrone, served soup and chili, and sold pie by the slice cut by Barbara Haley and Sandra Simmer. Heinz Lankford brought his own brightly colored pink gloves to save his hands as he washed sinks full of dishes. Primo pie donors Alice Thompson, Barbara Haley, Diane Frary, Jennifer Metz Foster, Pat Pearson, Doreen Leighton, Fran Smith, Rachel Herrin, and Jean Reynolds brought coconut, banana and chocolate cream, peach, pumpkin, pecan, berry, blueberry, apple, apple-cranberry, rhubarb, cherry, and lemon meringue pies. Enough people stayed to clean up which made even the end of the sale a positive experience. Two unique items that sold easily at the asked-for prices: a pachinko machine and a set of H.O. model trains.

Tingley Day, May 7, we celebrated the musical accomplishment of our Composer in Residence, George Peter Tingley. The congregation and choir got to sing some of Mr. Tingley's compositions: "Holy, Holy, Holy"; "After Darkness, Light"; and "Come, Welcome Christ in Every Face". 'Cellist Miriam Perkoff and Mr. Tingley played *Vocalise* and *Reverie*, two pieces arranged for cello and piano. For the anthem, the Joyful Noise Choir sang "Pie Jesu", with solos by Gill Stanfield, baritone, and Linda Andrew-Marshall, soprano. George played "Time's Memory" for the offertory and for the sermon-in-song, he played three pieces written by some of his piano students: "Prelude" for piano solo by Shannon Rugani; "I Will Remember" by Liesel Tilles; and "Tango in A" by Dr. Armen Serebrakian. One of our special guests was George's godmother. Photos on the altar depicted his mother, Frances, as a tribute to her indomitable spirit.

We celebrated Helen Wysham on May 21 over strawberry cake. Helen is moving to be closer to her daughter in Oregon. Helen's home sold immediately after it was listed, and sooner

than we were prepared for. She is a powerhouse for human rights activism, has a sharp social conscience, and provided the impetus for our annual sock drive for the Bay Area Rescue Mission.

In May, the United Methodist Women put together a dozen health kits for United Methodist Committee on Relief to distribute to people disrupted by disaster.

On the Calendar:

Father's Day Jazz: June 18, 11:00 am, features the Dan Damon Quartet and friends.

Vacation Bible School: August 7 – 11, 9:00 am to 11:30 am daily, age 3 to grade six. Join us for songs, games, stories, art and snacks. Lunch on Friday for families and staff. Contact Jean Reynolds to register: (510) 734-3942 or sweetheart05@mac.com

Jean Eakle Art Auction: September 23, 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Point San Pablo Yacht Club, 700 Cutting Blvd, Richmond.

Visit the church website for additions and updates: pointrichmondmethodist.org



Jean Reynolds

WWIC Est. 1908

News from the Womens Westside Improvement Club by Margaret Jordan

April: Once again, Diane Hirano created a lovely setting for the April WWIC meeting with bright yellow tablecloths decorated with Easter eggs and bunnies. President Linda Newton thanked Head Hostess Altha Humphrey as well as Norma Wallace and Pat Pearson who assisted. We gave a group “Happy Birthday” to Carla Bowman, Kathy Branstetter, and Patricia Gangwer all of whom celebrated their birthdays in April. We sent get well wishes to Carla Bowman who was recovering from surgery and Anne Buchanan who missed our meeting because of a broken toe. Secretary Karen Buchanan read a letter from Anne Brussok thanking the WWIC for the generous donation of \$150 to help install a phone line for a new branch of St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Mercy.

The main item of business was the election of new officers. After introductions from the Nominating Committee consisting of Peggy Thow and Kathe Kiehn, we elected Kathleen Wimer as 1st Vice President (with assistance from Altha Humphrey, when Kathleen is out of town) and Marion Kent as Treasurer. The Nominating Committee had not been able to identify members willing to be WWIC Secretary. After some discussion Gail Eierweiss and Margaret Jordan (yours truly) agreed to share the office of Secretary. Norma Wallace graciously agreed to step in as

This Point in Time Correspondent. Those of you who remember Norma’s contribution to TPIT in the past few years will know that she is truly a natural at creating word pictures!

As we thank our newly elected officers for agreeing to serve, we want to acknowledge Mary Lee Cole, outgoing 1st Vice President, Karen Buchanan, outgoing secretary, and Altha Humphrey who has graciously served as the “institutional memory” on the Board. Mary Lee gave us the gift of her boundless energy and broad experience. Among other things she designed our logo and created our new brochure. She and Karen Buchanan worked together to write our Mission Statement. Karen, as an avid history buff, wrote minutes that will provide future generations of WWIC members a wonderful look into the club in 2015-2017. Altha has participated tirelessly in Board meetings, helping the Board maintain traditions of the past as we plan and execute WWIC business. She has always been present to mentor new hostesses. We thank her for all she has done for the Club.

During reports and announcements Norma reported that she and the members on the Welcome Committee are working with David Moore to complete the Welcome Brochure that will anchor the materials we assemble to help orient new Point Richmond residents to the Point Richmond Community. Announcements

included the following: Mid Dornan announced the upcoming Junktique and special Easter Service at the FUMC. Mary Lee told us about a fundraiser with Michael Krasny, well known public radio host, to support Writer Coach Connection. Pat Pearson announced the first Red Oak Pancake Breakfast April 9! Breakfast on the deck of the Red Oak Victory Ship will be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month through the summer. Marion Kent announced that she has WWIC Cookbooks for sale. Peggy Thow announced that she had completed her training as a Master Gardener (Congratulations!) and Lynn Clifford announced that she and her husband are finishing the new landscaping at their new house on Crest.

May: Our May Bunco Event was so much fun that I totally forgot to take notes or take pictures! I've pieced together the following with the help of Diane Diani and Linda Newton. Thank you, thank you to Diane and her committee—Diane Hirano, Marion Kent, Toulia Siacotos, Norma Wallace and Kathleen Wimer--for planning and executing such a great event. Thank you to Diane Hirano, Kathe Kiehn and Cathy O'Brien for the delicious desserts and to

Linda Newton for handling the reservations. After a bag lunch and brief business meeting, the fun began! Under the guidance of Diane Diani with assistance from her friends Beth Reitdorf, President of the Galileo Club and Carole Padlo, the games began! At the end prizes were given to Valerie Gutierrez for the most wins, to Norma Wallace for most Buncos, and to Diane Hirano for the least! All in all we had a wonderful time and raised money that the Club will distribute next year to organizations working for a better Richmond.

June Preview: It seems amazing that we are already preparing for our Hat Day, the last meeting of our September to June schedule. We're looking forward to members' tasty salads and desserts, but even more to the fabulous hats and fantastic stories that accompany them (we do not demand total honesty in these stories and expect to hear some interesting "yarns"). I won't be returning as This Point in Time Correspondent for the WWIC. Thank you for the opportunity. I am leaving the position in the much more able hands of Norma Wallace. Have a great summer everyone!



*Santa Fe,
West
Richmond
Avenue in
1903*

*Photo
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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. Crichtett's place. Even the names are historical. These minutes are a priceless treasure of Point Richmond's history.

-Linda Newton, President

Pt. Richmond, Sept, 29, 1908
The Women's West Side Improvement Club of Richmond met in Curry's Hall.

The meeting was called to order by the President Mrs. Nellie Adams.

The roll call resulted in all officers present except Sec. Mrs. Gohring, Treas. Mrs. Lucas, Finance Com. Mrs. Lang & Mrs. Jones, Executive Com. Mrs. Winduer, Mrs. Arnold & Mrs. Niedecker.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with the revision "that the club were to name the Park".

The investigation com. reported favorably on the application of Mrs. Irwin.

The ballot being favorable Mrs. Irwin was declared elected a member of the club.

Mrs. Curry reported that she had written for information about the fountain.

It was moved & carried that the club give a Whist Party Friday eve, Oct. 16th. Moved & carried that sandwiches & coffee be served at the Whist Party. Twenty names taken from the members beginning with A. B. & C. were appointed on the refreshment com. Mrs. C.L. Abbott, Mrs. Adair, Mrs. Lee Adams, Mrs. Clara Adams, Mrs. Mable Allen, Mrs. J.P. Arnold, Mrs. C.M. Arnold, Mrs. J.C. Asher, Mrs. Lizzie Baker, Mrs. Badgley, Mrs. J.C. Bly, Mrs. W. Butterfield, Mrs. Bugnoir, Mrs. Buell, Mrs. P.C. Campbell, Mrs. P. Church, Mrs. Chritchett, Mrs. Coral, Mrs. Chas. Cowan, Mrs. J.P. Coward.

The members suggested getting spoons and Mrs. Curry & Mrs. Adams were to report at next meeting on what they could get.

Mrs. Peard reported that she had talked with

Mr. Katchinson regarding a fountain at the corner of his property and that he was willing to give \$25.00 toward its cost. She informed him that we should expect a larger donation from him.

Receipts \$3.50

There being no further business to come before the meeting club the meeting adjourned to meet Oct. 6, 1908.

Ella Drinick, Secy Pro Tem.

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Pt. Richmond Oct. 6, 1908

The Woman's West Side Improvement Club of Richmond met in Curry's Hall.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President Mrs. Curry.

The roll call of officers resulted in all being present except the President Mrs. Adams, Finance com. Mrs. Garrard & Mrs. Land, Executive com. Mrs. Windrew, Mrs. Niedecker & Mrs. Arnold.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A bill for cleaning Hall \$1.50 was presented by Mrs. Curry.

The Finance com. reported favorably on bill and it was moved and carried that a warrant be drawn on the treasury for the amount of the bill.

Mrs. McHenry read a letter she had received from the Humane Society about a free fountain.

Moved & carried the Sec. write and secure further information as to the ways and means of securing a free fountain.

A communication from J.L. Motte Iron Co.

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was also read.

Mrs. Butterfield, Mrs. McHenry & Mrs. Olds were appointed to investigate to subject of placing drinking hydrants in several places on the streets.

Mrs. Topping, Mrs. Fenner & Mrs. Lucas were appointed on com. to learn the particulars about placing fire alarm boxes.

Moved & carried that we take up the subject

of a fire alarm system for the town and carry it right through.

Receipts \$1.50

Disbursements \$1.50

There being no further business to come before the club the meeting adjourned to meet Oct. 13, 1908.

Mrs. Geo. W. Topping, Sec



Point Richmond Neighborhood Council, Richmond Tennis Association, Point Richmond Music and Point Richmond Business Association will be hosting

Mark your calendars for July 15 - Plunge Gardens Celebration, there will be festivities, food and drinks. Time of the event to follow so keep your eyes and ears open for more information in the coming weeks.

Picnic in the Point is back! This will be the 8th Annual event held at Judge G. Carroll Park in Point Richmond from 12pm to 5pm on September 9. The event is hosted by the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council and Point Richmond Business Association. Proceeds from the event will go to local charities, Let's Grow Richmond, Richmond Swims, PRAM, Mindful Life Project and Washington Elementary PTA. We will have music and entertainment from the band Felsen and the Mindful Life Project, food from Up and Under and other local restaurants as well as drinks from East Brother Beer Company, Bubble Soccer is back along with the return of the ever popular Dunk Tank, jumpy houses, corn hole tournament and more.

Admission is FREE!

We are looking for sponsors and volunteers for the event, if you are interested please contact David Schoenthal, 510-710-4621

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Will Rogers

From Saloon to Savasana

By Caitlin Harvey

The Point recently gained a new yoga studio. Relocating from an industrial space in Marina Bay, Mindful Life Yoga (which also facilitates a non-profit mindfulness program for kids in Richmond schools) has settled into the cozy rooms at 39 Washington Avenue. Having practiced with Mindful Life since January, I am excited to now have them within walking distance of my house and tote my yoga mat through downtown Point Richmond for lunch hour and after-work classes a couple times a week.

Last time I was on my mat, doing Happy Baby pose (which has you on your back with your feet over your head), I was in a great position to check out the new space from upside down. Being an architectural historian, I couldn't help leaving my meditative mind-set for a moment to take professional notice a few interesting architectural features. The studio has an extremely wide doorway between a narrow room and a larger room. I noticed ghost marks left by hinges on the door jambs, but the doorway surely seems too wide for conventional doors. I also noticed a brick pier in one wall with a patched hole, likely the place where the flue of a wood stove would have entered the brick pier, which is actually an old chimney. There are also a couple of windows in the studio that look out on Washington Avenue. They are tall, narrow windows somewhat typical of Victorian-era architecture. These windows have trim that extends to the floor, however, with molded wall panels beneath. This tells me that they may have once been doorways, since converted to windows. The strange division of interior spaces and the telltale signs of earlier uses got me to wondering (while laying completely still in savasana) what the building had originally been used for.

Back home, I started with Sanborn Fire Insurance maps. The earliest map for Point Richmond dates to 1903 and shows the building

in its current location and shape. Since the Point was only established as early as 1901, this means 39 Washington is one of the town's first buildings. In 1903, it was addressed simply as 6, 7, and 8 Washington Avenue (referring to the three commercial spaces within). It contained an office and a notions shop in the north half of the ground floor, where Mindful Life's own lobby and office are now located, and a saloon in the south half, which is now the yoga studio. It's fun to imagine the notions shop in the big bright lobby space as it exists today. I picture display cases and high shelves full of buttons, ribbons, needles, thread, and other bit and bobs qualifying as "notions," all illuminated by light from the big storefront windows. In the saloon, I imagine a decoratively carved dark wood bar and a wall full of bottles in the narrow space with the wide doorway, while tables and chairs filled the larger room. The space was probably darker then, perhaps with wallpaper, a pressed tin ceiling, and a floor covered with sawdust and spilled beer.

The building is two stories, with a separate exterior-access stairway rising to what are now, and were historically, second floor living spaces. It is uncertain whether these rooms were originally rented apartments, shorter-term boarding house lodgings, or hotel rooms. It's also possible, as was common but unadvertised with many saloons, that the rooms overhead may have served as a brothel. In early Point Richmond, which by some accounts had 41 saloons active at one time and a red-light district on Railroad Avenue (directly behind 39 Washington Avenue), it seems feasible that the upstairs may have played a role as a house of ill-repute.

The situation of office, small shop, and saloon on the first floor persisted for many years, into the mid-1910s. A 1914 city directory discloses that the saloon in the space that was by then addressed 41 Washington Avenue, was

known as the Kirk Saloon and was run by proprietor George Knab. Knab was later employed as an electrician and a telephone operator for many years, but did a short stint as a barkeep in the early 19-teens. By 1916, however, the saloon had closed and although the larger space was shown as vacant, a partitioned space in one corner of the building operated as a lunch counter.

In the 1930s, the building housed two shops, but no details as to their business is given. Later, in 1950, the building was shown to house two dwellings, but it is unclear whether this refers to the upstairs rooms or if people were actually inhabiting the ground floor shop spaces as homes.

At some point, the exterior of the building appears to have been altered. The left-hand storefront looks like intact original fabric, with its glazed

double-doors, large plate glass windows, clerestory sashes, and paneled dados. The right side, however, looks altered, with a large amount of paneled wall surface and some usually angled vestibules with non-original windows and doors inside. The door to the residential stair is definitely of Victorian vintage, but may have been moved from a more typical street-fronting location.

Unfortunately, there are no images of the building in the Point Richmond History Association's vast photo collection. Photographers of the day seemed to find the building next door, with its fancy bell-curve parapet, a lot more interesting. So, the building remains a bit of a mystery. Nevertheless, it's intriguing to know a few facts and apply one's imagination to fill a space now inhabited by serene, stretching yogis with raucous, tipsy, beer-sloshing Point Richmonders of yore.



Paar Terminal Fifty Years of Industry on the Richmond Waterfront : Oral History Transcript

Mid Dornan is submitting this series of oral history transcripts by Judith Dunning, Interviewer, here is her 1986 interview of John Paar Cox. We think it will be an interesting read for those who enjoy Richmond history.

Our company floated a corporate bond issue to have enough money to buy the land. The bond issue paid off well because the Ford Motor Company bought the land from the city. It extended tenth Street, which was to be a four-lane road, but there were only two lanes. They ran the sewer down there.

Mattie Chandler, who was on the City Council several times and occasionally a mayor, spearheaded that.

We were getting ready to construct the dock at Terminal 3. For about a year and a half, for, I'd say, three nights a week, my uncle Fred Paar, went to meetings that were held in the office of the Richmond Independent, a newspaper place where they met most of the time. Sometimes others were there, Jim McVitte whom I think was then Mayor. There was Edgar Dale who later was affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce, Tom Carlson who became city attorney shortly after, a fellow councilman Scott. I remember Ed Hoffman because he worked on the drawings, and a fellow James Walsh, the engineer hired by Paar Terminal.

The dock construction went pretty fast. My uncle was able to bring in an oil company, little tankers came in. As the terminal was being constructed my uncle discovered that Filice & Perrell Company was thinking about a cannery

site. The F & P brand was a brand specifically designed for export to the Europe market. So when he offered them a site on Tenth Street, they did accept. They were given the land at virtually a no cost basis, because we anticipated tonnage and we owned property behind the dock, and felt that tonnage over the years would compensate.

Development of Richmond into a shipbuilding center for war production center began about a year prior to Pearl Harbor. Fred Paar made several trips back and forth to Washington for negotiations. He was asked to accumulate land because the lands were transferred to the federal government who took title immediately. Assembling the properties was slow and tedious because there were people all over the United States—heirs of owners and some did not want to sell.

Furthermore, the government had gone and built quite a few of their installations right on land, without the owner's permission. One post war controversy was Parchester, advertised as "an American Community".

That was our Paar Terminal slogan. About thirty percent of the sales were to Caucasians, and the rest were to black people or Oriental people. Within a couple of years the community changed completely to all black. We did not intend it for anybody except for those able to purchase. People would like to buy the duplex



“because we can live off rentals on the other side.”

Fred Paar was quite an interesting man. He was hard as nails, and a tremendous driver as a business man. He worked all day and almost all night. In the morning we'd see stacks and stacks of notes—I don't mean just one ortwo, I mean whole pads full of notes around his bed. He always gave one-third of his time and one-third of his money to charity. He was one of the few that tried to have equal housing for everybody. In Richmond's development in history.

Paar Boulevard intersects the Richmond Parkway.

Note: John Paar Cox's only child, Cathy Cox, lives in Benecia.



Whoops!

A Minneapolis couple decided to go to Florida to thaw out during a particularly icy winter. They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years earlier. Because of hectic schedules, it was difficult to coordinate their travel schedules. So, the husband left Minnesota and flew to Florida on Thursday, with his wife flying down the following day.

The husband checked into the hotel. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an email to his wife. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her email address, and without realizing his error, sent the e-mail.

Meanwhile, somewhere in Houston, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He was a minister who was called home to glory following a heart attack. The widow decided to check her e-mail expecting messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first message, she screamed and fainted. The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which read:

To: My Loving Wife

Subject: I've Arrived Date: July 19, 2010

I know you're surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send emails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and have been checked in. I've seen that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then! Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was. PS: Sure is freaking hot down here!!!!



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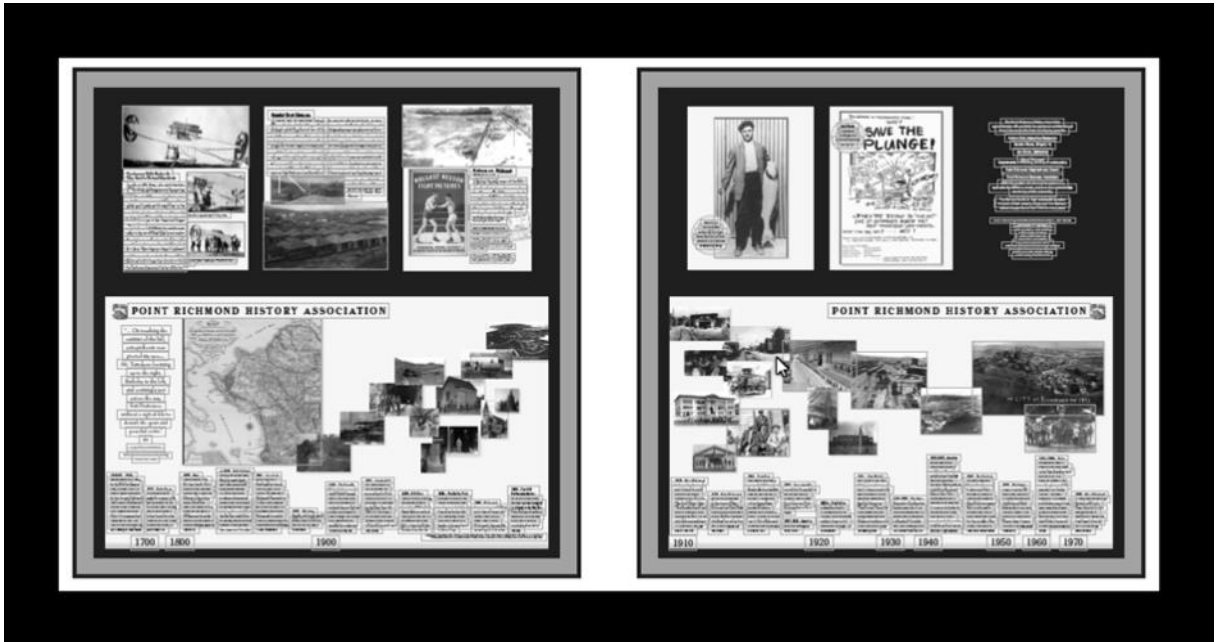


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May 21, 2017 Point Richmond History Association Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

by Gary Shows

The May meeting was held in the Point Richmond Community Center and was attended by 37 people. Mid Dornan called the meeting to order. 2016 Annual Meeting minutes were read by Secretary Caitlin Harvey.

Bonnie Jo Cullison gave the group an update on progress of our kiosk project, explaining that the lot has been cleared and the four display cases have arrived and were at Shigoto-ya who will be building the kiosk. She explained that two of the display cases will be ours and one belongs to the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council and the fourth belongs to the Point Richmond Business Association. Our two cases will contain a permanent display of our historic photographs above a time-line of the

history of the region that was prepared by Caitlin Harvey. Above that will be a items that will be changed with a new theme every several months.

Mid Dornan then introduced Karen Buchanan who proceeded with her program, complete with a slide show. She began her presentation with a 1894 map of Point Richmond that clearly showed the Point as an island. Our area was inhabited by Ohlone Native Americans for about 5000 years before the arrival of the first Europeans, Spaniards followed by Anglo settlers. Richmond was named by a Virginian who thought that there should be a Richmond on the West Coast as well as the East Coast.

Above: Kathe Kiehn, , Bonnie Jo Cullison, Mid Dornan and Caitlin Harvey, showing design of the future downtown kiosk.

Right: Karen Buchanan conducting her very interesting program.

Upper facing page: Our 37 guests

Lower facing page: Another view of our guests and the PRHA panel





She then covered the building at 2 West Richmond, the Tunnel Hotel on Railroad Avenue and the Point Theater which opened in 1913. It opened as a vaudeville and movie palace complete with marble floors and tile walls. In 1957 it was converted to the Miracle Revival Tabernacle Church. Later it again became a movie theater, then a series of restaurants that included the Point Orient in 1967.

Karen then described one of our most memorable characters by the name of Joel Beck, an artist known for his underground comics and free

wheeling life style.

She described the 1981 moving of our little museum building from West Richmond to its current location on Washington Avenue. Then she went on to talk about the Bank of Richmond, the Indian Statue, the Baltic, the Masquers Theater, Hidden City Café, the Mariners Tavern, the Hotel Mac (Colonial Hotel) and the Spot.

It was a very enjoyable meeting and program after which the group socialized and enjoyed coffee, cookies and cakes.

John Nicholl is credited with developing Richmond. In 1895 A. H. Macdonald realized that a railroad would do well here considering that there was a deep water port available and eventually Point Richmond became the western terminus of the Santa Fe Railroad.

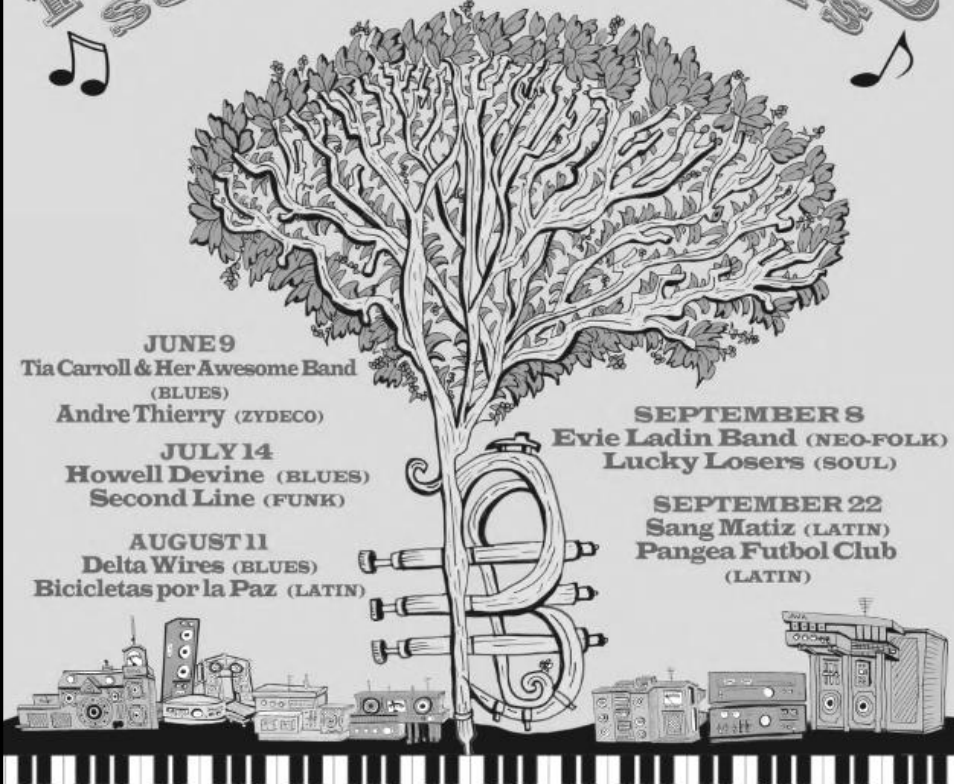
In the winter of 1900 an eccentric named Professor Robert H. Botts came to town with the intention of building a flying machine. He obtained patents for a light steam engine and an aluminum boiler. In 1902 he built a model and started sell shares to his "World Aerial Navigation and Construction Company." In May of 1902 it was taken to the top of Nichol Nob and a wind gust blew it off of the hill and destroyed it.

In 1901 what is now the Chevron Refinery was started and would eventually become the third largest refinery in the world.

Karen described the beginning of the Richmond Natatorium and John Nicholl's ill fated search for oil in the Point. He only struck water and eventually donated the land to the city.



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Richmond City Councilors

1980 compared with 2017

Official	Profession
Thomas Corcoran, Mayor	retired, Standard Oil Company
Robert Campbell, City Councilor	M.A. Hays Insurance Company
George Livingston, City Councilor	public relations, Pacific Gas & Electric Company
Donald Wagerman, City Councilor	realtor
Fritz Allen, City Councilor	instructor, Contra Costa College
Donald Greco, City Councilor	insurance agent
Lonnie Washington, Jr., City Councilor	auditor, Southern Pacific Railroad Company
Nathaniel Bates, City Councilor	probation officer
Al Silva, City Councilor	manager, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company



City Officials picture from 1980 "The Richmonder"



Picture from City of Richmond Website

Official	Profession
Tom Butt, Mayor	architect
Jovanka Beckles, Vice Mayor	counselor, youth educator, team builder and strategist
Ben Choi, City Councilor	account manager, program coordinator
Eduardo Martinez, City Councilor	teacher
Gayle McLaughlin, City Councilor	postal clerk, teacher, caregiver for the elderly
Jael Myrick, City Councilor	Richmond field representative for assemblywoman
Melvin Willis, City Councilor	activist, community organizer

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

- 10-25-1912 Plan for a new theater on Park Place in the Point.
- 10-27-1912 Polytechnic Business College to open next month at 4th and McDonald. There are 25 buildings being built south of Macdonald to Santa Fe tracks.
- 11-15-1912 Contracts signed for new Point Theater for R. Tcherassy of Fresno. Jim Cruickshanks will build. To seat 460 persons.
- 11-24-1912 Everybody say your prayers. Santa Fe says they will start Ashland paving next Thurs. which is Thanksgiving Day.
- 11-26-1912 Gang of pickpockets are robbing street car passengers on San Pablo Ave.
- 11-29-1912 Willie Ritchie wins lightweight title from Ad Wolgast in 16th round.
- 11-30-1912 Nicholl well at 1232 feet with 20 feet of sand.
- 12-01-1912 Chief Arnold says he will confiscate all guns in hands of minors in the future.
Drunk gets into wrong house on errand, James P. Arnold's home (chief of police.)
- 12-06-1912 Peeping Tom caught at 23rd and Macdonald.
- 12-07-1912 Gridiron Club recommends that Ashland Ave. be named Garrard Blvd.
- 12-08-1912 Will change Ashland Ave to Garrard Blvd.
- 12-12-1912 R.F. Johnson opens 1st class shoe shine parlor at Point, 223 Richmond Ave.
- 12-19-1912 New Lincoln School formally dedicated yesterday.
- 12-24-1912 Irish pig must go say the Irish American League.
Chas. Ceridoni, Point barber finds pig and winds up on top of the Indian fountain.
- 12-26-1912 Effective Jan. 3, the speed limit in the City of Berkeley will be 10 MPH. (shades of horse and buggy days and the motorists screamed)
- 12-29-1912 Much criticism of the 10 MPH speed limit of Berkeley.
- 12-31-1912 300 watch two dogs fight for 1/2 hour at Washington and Standard Aves.



Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.

-Will Rogers

Birthdays

June

Alissa Bagley	Stacey Spinola	Suzanne Unser	Gerry Higuera
Phyllis Downey	Dan Damon	Tom Kenny	Judy Travis
William Shea	Gill Stanfield	Bill Smith	Lee Christian
Emeric H. Baxter	Alice Baxter	Aaron Marshall	Lillian Karl
Andrew Butt	Wilson Gandola	Cynthia Wilson	Luke Karl
Kristine Lazaro	Rosemary Giacomelli	Workman	Graciella Feese
Joanne Lansing	Daniel Buhler	Michael Marshall	June Solosabal
Cathe Brazil	Dianne Primavera	Marcelina Smith	Morris Simpson

July

Francis Kinter Smith	Richard Smith	MacMillan	Alyce Williamson
Amy Rotting	Diedre Cerkowicz	Loretta 'Mertle' Lease	Martha Bielawski
Nicole Sebastian	Allen Anderson	Madeline Bellando	Madison Bradshaw
Mrs. Chas. Baldwin	Roger Elle	Albright	Dixie L. Mello
Dan Damon	Trace Smith	Jean Reynolds	Lea Smith
Julius Matteucci	Alice McMahon	Regan Bradshaw	Nancy Comer-Reed
Bea Read	Hilary Lord	Jon Healy	Terry Lizarraga
Mary L. Knox	Clifford (Lou)	Golda Pettycord Howard	Joan Glover-Carter

August

Donna Wilson	Zoanna Kille	Kim Morales	John Lizarraga
Mid Dornan	Mary Knox	R. Clayton Barnes	Karen Gagnier
Kevin Pryne	Karla Peterson	Tony Bernabich	Suzanne Bartram Owens
Molly Kathleen Barnes	Terrence Doherty	Michael Shaw	Bernie McIntosh
Joe Darling	Lisa Smith	Megan Lizarraga	Debbie Dutrow
Marlene Smith	Rose Barra	Roy Henry Glover	Althausen
Barbara Ward	Betsy Kellas	Bernie McIntosh	Steve Rice
Connie Fisher	Bonnie Ritzenthaler	Beatrice Beesley	Kendall Craig
Alice Thompson	Wilson	Casey	Kim Butt
Linda DeLaTorre	Bob Armstrong	Jim Healy	

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Cards, Letters & E-Mails

Dear Mid and Gary,

Thank you so much for sending us the latest edition of "This Point....in time". We were thrilled to see our Aunt Amy's photos displayed so beautifully in your wonderful publication! And we enjoyed reading the nice paragraph about us in the "A-Mid Trivia" section.

The history of Point Richmond is in very good hands with the two of you at the helm. It was a pleasure visiting the museum, and thank you for taking such an interest in the photos we brought in and attaching our names to them.

Wishing you both our very best,

Karla and Klaudia Kobelt



Mid:

I thoroughly enjoyed the annual meeting (thanks for the reminder). It was a social scene and always delighted to see faces from our time there. Was thrilled to be seated next to Donna Wilson and see the faces associated with some of the familiar names I hear/see. Thought the speaker did a good job and it brought back good thoughts of what the Point was when I first moved here. There have been so many changes and so many new faces.

Dee Rosier
Point Richmond

Memorials

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John T. (Jack) Knox died April 3, 2017, age of 92. Assemblyman Knox represented Contra Costa County for 20 years and was a shining example of a time when Democrats and Republicans, or at least some of them were willing to work together, said Bill Bagley a former Republican assemblyman from Marin County who was first elected in the same year, 1960.

He presided over Assembly sessions as speaker pro tem from 1976 to 1980. A section of Interstate 580 leading to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is named the John T. Knox Freeway because of his success in obtaining funding to rebuild a dangerous, undivided highway. He also secured funding for converting industrial land in Point Richmond to a park, now called the Miller-Knox Regional Park, named for the assemblyman and his onetime mentor, state Senator George Miller.

John T. Knox was born in Reno in 1924 and moved to California with his family in 1929. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He returned to graduate from Occidental College in Los Angeles, where he met his future wife, Jean Henderson. After attending law school at what was then Hastings College in San Francisco, he practiced law in Richmond from 1953 until his election in 1960. He returned to law practice 20 years later and started the San Francisco office of the firm Nossaman, Gunthner, Knox & Elliott, where he worked until retirement in 2008.

He died in a Richmond hospital. Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Jean; their son, John; daughters, Charlotte and Mary; and seven grandchildren.

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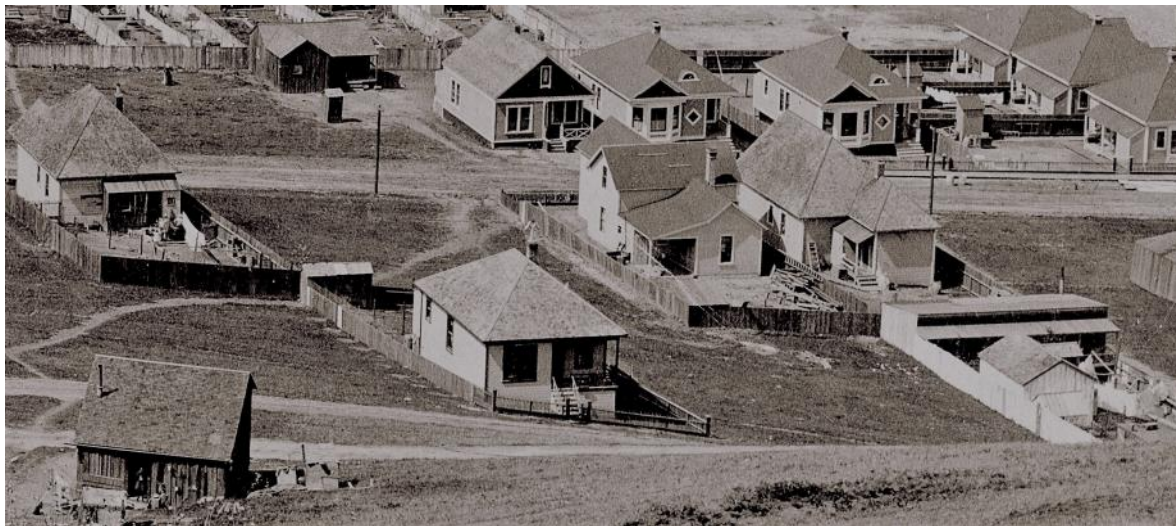
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Muriel Clausen - 93
Mary Bianci Highfill - 93
Tom Kenny - 93
Loretta Johromi - 91 (month?)
Billie Bonham Shaw - 95
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Delphina Franco Tawney - 99

Jim Wilson - 92
Alice Williamson - 93
Mid Dornan - 96
Brenda McKinley - 90
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*Idaho Street in 1903
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