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**Thanks to President Mid Dornan and
Vice President Pat Pearson**



*Mid Dornan and Pat Pearson
At the 2018 Meeting
Photo by Linda Andrew-Marshall*

From the President

by Bonnie Jo Cullison

This is an historic column. For the first time in more than 25 years *From the President* is coming to you from someone other than Mid Dornan. At the Point Richmond History Association’s annual meeting on May 20, Mid Dornan and Pat Pearson retired as PRHA officers. We are immeasurably grateful for the years and years of dedication that Mid and Pat gave to the PRHA, and will continue to give. Both Mid and Pat will continue as docents and Mid will continue to contribute *A-Mid Trivia* to the Newsletter as she has for the last 35 years. She will also advise the PRHA in her new capacity as President Emeritus.

I am honored to be your President.

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The old Point Theater when it opened as a movie theater and its entrance was on West Richmond Avenue.

*PRHA photo archive #1069
from Karla & Klaudia Kobelt*

Thank you members for your renewal:

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Altha Humphrey
Pat Pearson
Karen Shaw
Mark Healy
Bernie McIntosh**
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Don & Carole Woodrow**
Susan Reynolds Prine
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Ken Blonski & Louise
Fender Family
Garry & Maryn Hurlbut**
Karen Buchanan**
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Louis Stockdale
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Family

Welcome to new members:

Judy Greifenhagen*
Bill Tilden
Ron Vandergrift**
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*Gift Membership

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Mid Dornan
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Bonnie Jo Cullison

The Cover:

*Mid Dornan and Pat Pearson at the May, 2002
PRHA General Meeting held at the Golden State
Model Railroad Museum.*

*Mid and Pat have retired from the PRHA Board,
but will remain active in our organization.*



Editor's Notes

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Here's your summer issue.

I would like to once again encourage our readers to participate in your newsletter. Please use ***THIS POINT.....in time!*** Use it to announce your coming event, tell others about your past event, tell us your story about your historic Point Richmond home, a funny or interesting thing that happened downtown, tell about your concerns for our neighborhood, share childhood memories or old photographs of Point Richmond, let others know about an important anniversary, ask other readers a question about a building or architectural feature and anything else that other readers might find interesting. Email them to garyshows@gmail.com or drop in the little museum mail slot directed to my attention.

If you haven't checked out our website, pointrichmondhistory.org for a while you should. I have been very busy scanning past issue of TPIT and posting them on the site. So far I have prepared Volumes 1 through 15 (1982 through 1997), these are in addition to volumes 23 through 36 (2004 to the present). You can now search through them on the website with Google search. After I finish that I will begin scanning the old Point Counterpoint papers. I have actually worn out a scanner.

The website also contains most of our photo archives and several old videos including the 1910 World Championship fight that was held in the Point.

The deadline for our next TPIT September/October issue is August 24, 2018.

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

Mid Dornan
Gary Shows
Heinz Lankford
Tom Piazza
Caitlin Hibma
Fran Smith

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A-Mid Trivia

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QUESTION: Globalization and digital communications have made the world feel like a smaller place. What is the average distance that the average international export good travels from source country to destination country?

- A. 7,767 miles
- B. 5,282
- C. 2,982
- D. 544

(Answer at end of Trivia)

Your taste changes every 10 days.

There is no such thing as not voting: either you vote by voting or you vote by staying home and tacitly doubling the value of some diehard's vote.

Psychiatrists say it's not good to keep too much to himself. The IRS says the same thing.

Hugs may be small but they're powerful, triggering the release of feel-good hormones.

Congratulations! It's a celebratory year for former Mayor Rosemary Corbin and Doug as they honor fifty years of marriage. The whole family will join them in Sedona, Arizona, to be a part of this joyous celebration. Adding to this eventful year, in May, Doug was welcomed to the Over 90 Club.

For 108 years, the Boy Scouts of America has been known simply as the Boy Scouts. In February, the iconic name will change and the program for 11 -17 year-olds will be Scouts BSA.

Girl Scout leaders were blindsided and are preparing a campaign to recruit and retain girls as members.

Loyal PRHA Membership chairperson,

Pam Wilson, missed the annual meeting. Where was she? Home with broken ribs, a shoulder injury, a leg injury and other painful injuries. Think of the assist for daily needs with only one arm etc. Her twin sister, Paula, is a professional cosmetologist, but unfortunately doesn't reside nearby. Prayers and a healthy, rapid healing Pam. We missed you.

A foursome Friday afternoon Tea Party with Florence Wilson, Pat Pearson, Fran Smith and Mid Dornan is a cherished friendship. Both Florence and Pat are Point Richmond icons, born in the Point more than 80 years ago.

Local HGTV's 'Property Brothers' fans will be happy to learn Season 6, which began May 23, 9:00 p.m had local home renovations in Pinole and an abandoned home in El Sobrante hills. As a first this season, they are putting out the homes for sale to the public. If the price is right, the furniture and décor will be included in the sale, and all proceeds will go to local charities.

Pat Pearson injured her knee in Sacramento and has no idea when she will be able to return home. She was told not to put any pressure on the kneecap for 2 months but she is navigating well on one foot. Wishing her a full recovery.

Smoking related diseases killed 492,438 Americans last year and 7 million globally, per the Tobacco Atlas. For each death, the tobacco Industry makes a profit of \$9,730.

Watermelon time, but isn't it always time for melons? A "thump" should reveal a hollow sound, the rind should be dull and easy to scratch, a yellow spot on the bottom and maybe the produce man will be there to assist. Enjoy!

To steal from one is Plagiarism: to steal from someone is Research.

If you are 60 and haven't had a Shingles vaccination, check with your doctor. The chickenpox virus can be extremely painful.

Too many snacks at a party? Grab a couple of walnuts from the mixed nut bowl they are the best controlling appetite and cravings, per Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism. (Notice how few, if any, are in mixed nuts? Expensive?)

Who is the contact that gets permission for you to use the Point Community Center? The librarian? The Mayor? Is there a key in the Fire station? Wrong. look for Alpha Humphrey who does that for the many uses of the Center as her volunteer service to the Point. Thank you Alpha.

ANSWER: C. 2,983 miles is correct.

A typical export good over that distance is an automobile. Crude oil export travels a similar distance.



AND THANK YOU

As I leave the Presidency I want to thank many people.

DONNA ROSELIUS for having the vision for Point Richmond History, PRHA. Thank you Donna for allowing me to be a charter member. To Gary Shows who offered to be Editor keeping life to our newsletter, *THIS POINT*...in time, when Donna reluctantly needed to drive off to new horizons in Oregon. To those who faithfully contribute to our colorful Point history, to Jean Reynolds and Dee Rosier who keep us informed of the Spiritual side of the Point, the docents that weekly staff our unique Museum in the Triangle, to the readers who support us when you purchase our products through the Santa Fe Market.

Thank you to the Docents each week at our unique 1903 building Museum. A thank you to the members, the readers that continue to support us. For the Library that archives our issues. To Michael Campos-Quinn for archiving our printed words.

In 1946, I came to Point Richmond as a bride of Robert James Dornan, son of a first generation Irish immigrant family who arrived in the Point in 1905. He had been deployed from WWII in Germany as the war ended. I have been welcomed to the community and when retiring from the Presidency find the Emeritus title an Honor.

Again, Thank You.

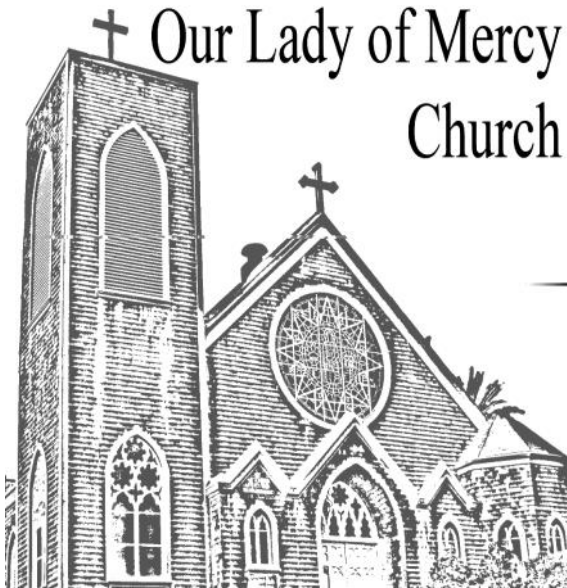
Mid Dornan

President Emeritus

(sounds better than just 'President')



Church News



By Dee Rosier

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The month of May, when the weather changes and flowers bloom. It is a busy month and right behind it comes summer. We celebrated Easter with the rainbow of roses surrounding the rectory welcoming the standing room only attendance for Mass. Churches are full on Easter due to the need of hope in our lives, and we need other people who believe that hope is at the heart of our lives. The children were well behaved and dressed in their Easter finery, anticipating the end of Mass in order to enjoy Easter egg hunts and family gatherings. Easter Season is also the traditional time for baptisms. The baptismal font is kept in front of the altar during the entire Easter to welcome baptisms.

On May 5, eleven children received First Holy Communion. Our mothers were honored on Mother's Day, the person who would guide us from day of birth. Remember: "Life does not come with a manual, it comes with a mother."

Part of a tree adjacent to the parking lot fell, but did no damage other than to the bank account. It was hit again when the water heater required replacing – welcome back hot water.

Father recently authored an article in the Catholic Voice on "Rituals to Start Your Day – And Keep Going."

He suggests sticking to routines in order to continue the good life.

There have always been kneelers on the altar for Lectors, but not on the other side for Eucharistic Ministers. It was the intent of Brenda McKinley and myself to share the cost and purchase another set.

When others heard, they joined in and collected sufficient and we now have two new ones on the other side so that the Eucharistic Ministers can now kneel instead of stand.

In review of our financial status, we have met all obligations to our special donations for programs and causes outside the parish. In effect, we are a conduit to groups like the foreign missions and different charities like the Souper Kitchen.

St. Vincent de Paul not only hosts pancake breakfasts, they will host a Bundle Sunday Weekend on June 9 and 10th. Clean out the garage and closet and bring it to the church. Donations will later be distributed to those in need.

Each year the Order of Malta sponsors an annual pilgrimage to the healing grotto at Lourdes, France.

This year more than 30 people from the Oakland Diocese made the pilgrimage. Parishioner, Anne Brussok was in attendance for the 44th anniversary. Lourdes is a major Catholic pilgrimage site and known worldwide. Catholics and many others believe that in 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, a very poor, uneducated 14-year old. Since then Lourdes has become renowned as a site of miraculous healing. However, everyone who goes to Lourdes is transformed and receives a healing of some sort – of the mind, heart and/or spirit. For the terminally ill, the healing is often in the form of

a great peace. You would think the atmosphere somber, but instead a joyous experience. Anne refers to her pilgrimage experience as, "For those who believe, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible."

Continue to remember in your prayers: The Chezarecks, Mike Lambert, Fred Siegmund, Dixie Mello, Veronica Arkin and Bill Gutierrez.

Condolences to the family of Lee Narvaez. A funeral Mass was recently held at Our Lady of Mercy. She chose to attend Our Lady of Mercy a while back. She was one of the first to welcome me as a newbie to St. Cornelius Mother's Club and remained friends through the years. She left Richmore Village and moved to an assisted living home in Vacaville. She was an outstanding cookie baker and a joy to be in her company. Her husband, Smokie, son, Mark and daughter-in-law, Cindy were all colleagues of mine at Chevron.

On another sad note, Betty Ann Lambert lost her battle to cancer. Her husband, Mike and she joined our parish and soon became warm, caring friends who were always there for the parish. They had a home in Sacramento as well. She and Mike belonged to the Order of Malta and she was a member of the pilgrimages to Lourdes. They were also faithfully involved with the medical clinic sponsored by the Order of Malta, which runs free for those without medical coverage. A Mass of Christian Burial was held for her at the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

Parishioners Wendy Hallett and Dee Pearson ran the annual San Francisco Bay to Breakers – brave souls.

Ann Carroll celebrated a memorable 70th birthday in Ireland with her entire family.

Diane Diani enjoyed a cruise to Amsterdam. She was recently honored by the Galileo Auxiliary and received the Outstanding Service award.

Rita Dorsey had to shorten her stay in

Nicaragua due to a revolution.

Congratulations to all the June graduates.

Remember to vote. Early on in my retirement I worked only in an election year. At that time the Methodist Church was the polling place and the Inspector was Mid Dornan with grand assistance by Pat Pearson, Sonja Darling and myself. We knew everyone as they entered the door. Bob Peckham never failed to furnish us with French bread and fruit. Gone are those 'good ole' days so enjoyed by many.

They returned to mind while attending the Annual Historical Society meeting where history was made when Mid Dornan and Pat Pearson retired from the chair duties.

EVER NOTICE THE OLDER WE GET
THE MORE WE'RE LIKE COMPUTERS.
WE START OUT WITH LOTS OF
MEMORY AND DRIVE, THEN WE BECOME
OUTDATED AND EVENTUALLY HAVE TO
GET OUR PARTS REPLACED.

Happy, Safe Summer

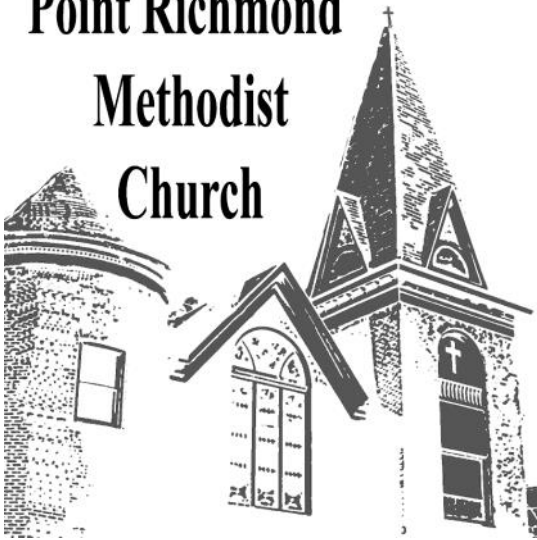


Dee Rosier

***Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it
yourself.***

Harrison Ford

Point Richmond Methodist Church



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Linda Andrew-Marshall revived our outreach to the GRIP Family Shelter by signing up to provide and serve dinner to their clients on the third Thursday of every month. For the first dinner in April, Linda purchased the food, a GRIP staff person cooked the meal, and volunteers from the church – David Tung, Lily Chu, Debbie Benko, and Linda – served it. In May, Doreen Leighton offered to organize the dinner since Linda would be out of town. She bought the food, but the GRIP staff person did not come to work. Doreen, Debbie Benko, and Fran Smith experienced their own iron chef moment. Doreen was a seasoned pro since she had previously cooked Russ Johnson's special chicken and pasta recipe for GRIP dinners. After a can-do response by our volunteer team, a delicious meal was ready at six o'clock and served with shared smiles between the volunteers and families.

On Easter, early risers attended a service near the labyrinth garden at 8:00 a.m. Pastor Dan played his Native American flute, and Heather Damon led everyone in dance and song to "Christ is Risen from the Dead: Glory, Alleluia!" at the end of the service. Worshippers came inside for

Easter Breakfast of Cheesy Amish Egg Casserole (from Allrecipes.com), muffins, yogurt, grits, strawberries, and more. Adult Sunday school met at 10:00 a.m., and regular worship in the sanctuary followed. Debbie Benko organized the Easter egg hunt for the children, who always seem to be pleased by the outcome.

On April 7, eight people from our congregation joined other United Methodists at Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church in Oakland to commemorate Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and to relate his message to our perspective now: Building Beloved Community in the Face of the Three Evils of Militarism, Racism, and Materialism. The Rev. Phil Lawson, who was part of Dr. King's efforts, and David Wildman, Executive Secretary for Human Rights and Racial Justice from the General Board of Global Ministries, were the keynote speakers. District Superintendent Staci Current preached during the opening worship. The Rev. Dan Damon accompanied our singing. Workshops in the afternoon allowed people to learn more about one human rights issue of their choice. Rachel Herrin, Linda Andrew-Marshall, Doreen Leighton, Barbara Haley, Norm Reynolds, Fran Smith, Pastor Dan, and Jean Reynolds attended.

The Joyful Noise Choir sings almost every Sunday, September through May, but on April 22, too many members were away. The bulletin had a generic entry labeled "Song" in place of our anthem. Amazingly, two of Lara Choe's former schoolmates, in town for their class reunion, came to our adult Sunday school class. One of the scripture readings was Psalm 23, and the three of them knew a musical arrangement they all were able to sing by heart in Korean. It was the perfect spontaneous addition to the worship service that morning!

Dennis Johnson's recital on April 28 netted over \$1400 for Spirit in Action to provide business and development grants for women, families and communities in Malawi, Uganda and Kenya. It was a wonderful concert with friends and family gathered for music, commentary, and refreshments. We are honored to host Dennis' performance here annually and to educate more people about the successful work of Spirit in Action.

May 5 was our Junktique holiday. Kristi

Johnson took a super-sized role and scheduled volunteers for Junktique, oversaw the sale, and setup the jewelry room with great artistry. Fran Smith, our usual organizer, had surgery just before the event, so her official task was to recuperate. Luckily, Fran's detailed organizational plan guided Kristi through the task. Ron Wheatley organized the basement, side yard, and sidewalk sales with his team: Jonathan Swett, Bill Thompson, Heinz Lankford, Steve Chen, Annie Ao, David Tung, Alice Thompson, Matt Foster, and Lily Chu. Danny Matheson, Laurence Tietz, Ryan Runge, and Doreen's son Simon helped set up furniture in the morning. Alice Thompson sold books; Gill Stanfield sold electronics and was the basement DJ. Julio Osegueda peddled items on the sidewalk while gingerly nursing broken ribs. Nick Hayter helped deliver items at the end of the day. Doreen Leighton made minestrone soup aided by dicers: Rachel Herrin and Jean Reynolds. Rachel baked two kinds of cornbread to serve with the soup and chili. Betty Graham cooked hamburgers and David Valentine cooked hotdogs on dueling grills beneath the palm tree. Rob, Susie, Jackson, Susannah and Charlotte Ashworth sold toys, games, and baskets in the backyard. They demonstrated some of the games so buyers would know they were complete and fun to play. Russ Johnson made chili and worked as cashier in the basement. Debbie Benko, Karen Bianchini, Liz, and Barbara Haley cashiered. Jean Rose, Vivienne Stott, Christina Stanfield, Yulia Solovieva and Pat Dornan worked in sales. Jennifer Metz Foster served slices of pie. She told the buyers what the crust ingredients were for each pie and pointed out the pie baker. She called it, "Meet your baker." Heinz Lankford served at the sink all afternoon: he washed every dish, some more than once. Kristi got complements all day from happy shoppers. Best of all, enough volunteers stayed to clean up: no one had to stay late. It was another teamwork win for our congregation and our neighborhood.

On May 8, our West Contra Costa circuit of United Methodist Churches hosted the People's Caravan for Peace and Justice in the Philippines at El Sobrante UMC. The caravan included three people who came from the Philippines to share

their stories, and other USA residents who support better human rights conditions in the Philippines. The caravan visited several states and cities. Their colleague, Jerome Aba, arrived at SFO to be part of the caravan, but was held by Customs and Border Protection, interrogated, and returned to the Philippines, even though he had a visa recently issued by the US state department. We heard how Filipinos suffer injustice under their government; the Philippine military and police forces are trained by our army and financed by the US government. The Philippine National Police killed over 10,000 people under the guise of "War on Drugs" since President Duterte took office in 2016. People who speak out for human rights or try to help the poor may be targeted; Indigenous People's schoolteachers and students are being threatened and attacked; often the schools are occupied by the military or destroyed. To make our guests feel welcome, Noel Stout from El Sobrante UMC headed a team in the kitchen to make an excellent main dish for our dinner; members of other churches brought side dishes. I saw Pastor Mark Zier wash all of the dishes afterward in El Sobrante UMC's spiffy industrial grade dishwasher.

Linda Lee, our newest member, joined the church on May 27. She was baptized and accepted into membership after a long connection with the church through the events she attends here. We are thankful to be able to formally welcome her into the community!

On the Calendar:

Sunday, June 10, Pastor Dan is on vacation. Jean Reynolds shares her faith at 11 am

Fathers' Day Jazz Service: Sunday, June 17, 11 a.m. Invite a friend to hear the Dan Damon Quartet.

Vacation Bible School for children age three to sixth grade: August 6 – 10, 9:00 am to 11:30 am daily. Ends with lunch for children and their families on Friday, August 10. Join us for stories, songs, games, art, and snacks. Call Jean Reynolds to sign up (510) 734-3942 or email sweetheart05@mac.com

For updates, see the church website: pointrichmondmethodist.org

WWIC Est. 1908

News from the Women's Westside Improvement Club by Norma Wallace

WWIC's first meeting of spring took place April 3, in Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church. Approximately 22 members were present by the start of the meeting, drawn both by interest in the day's speaker, recommended to WWIC by member Doris Mitchell, and by the annual election of officers.

President Linda Newton greeted members, and offered thanks to hostesses Altha Humphrey, Lara Choe and head hostess Lynn Clifford, and to Diane Hirano and Norma Wallace for setting up and decorating the luncheon tables. Special thanks and a round of applause went to Lara for providing new coffee pots to WWIC - one for regular, and one for decaf!

April birthday announcements followed, with more applause for Carla Bowman (3rd), missing our celebration of her birthday to care for her newborn grandchild whilst son-in-law's broken arm mends, and Kathy Branstetter (12th). Linda welcomed guest and invited speaker Denise Lombard. Linda announced correspondence had been received from St. Vincent de Paul, the Masquers, and the Writer Coach Connection thanking WWIC for the donation each received.

Doris then introduced Denise to the group. Denise spoke about long-term care insurance, part of a career in insurance that she began in 2004. Denise provided many detailed statistics, specific costs of care at various levels, and outlined a couple of ways to obtain coverage.

Following a question and answer session with Denise, Linda guided the group back to business, including hearing reports from the Secretary and the Treasurer. During the Secretary's report, Linda granted Diane D. a free year's membership for having read minutes from the March meeting. Treasurer Marion Kent provided a detailed report of WWIC finances.

Member announcements included: how to post on the community board at the ATM-contact Margi Celluci; how to post at the PRHA Kiosk-contact Mid Dornan. Linda announced that Point neighbor Richard Katz received a patent on his

cure for bladder infection, "SuperMannan"™. Linda's mother died of just such an infection, which failed to respond to antibiotics.

And then, the most exciting part of the meeting, the annual Election of Officers. Linda invited nominating committee member Diane D. to report, team member Carla being absent. Nominees for the available positions were: TPIT Correspondent - Carla Bowman; Second Vice President - Fran Smith; President - Diane Diani. Members agreed to adopt the slate by unanimous acclaim, much applause, and gratitude to the volunteers who stepped forward.

Thankful for the election results, other business was dispatched quickly: Diane D. reported final details of the May Bunco event, and members applauded to learn that her Galileo Club has again agreed to loan card tables for the event.

While a sign-up sheet circulated through the room for June 3 Hat Day Potluck commitments, members made announcements, including: Altha about the latest exhibit by the Arts of Point Richmond; Mary Lee having met a Washington Elementary school teacher still using the set of *Charlotte's Web* books WWIC sponsored several years back; and, Mary Lee's two art installations - at each of Mill Valley Library and Bank of Marin. Jessie West announced the Community Crime Meeting April 3. Mid announced Junktique on May 5, and thanked folks for providing rides to her.

The much anticipated WWIC May Bunco event took place May 1 at the Point Richmond Community Center. With advance reservations required for this Member-plus-Guest special event, the event team geared up to cover all the details, including getting items from storage to and from FUMC, tables to and from the Galileo Club, the reservation list finalized and available, prizes ready to go, hostesses updated and much more. A full house of 30 participants attended.

To the relief of all, President Linda Newton omitted all the regular business to get down to Bunco business. First, members acknowledged the efforts of those created our Bunco pop-up. The



Hirano (head hostess); and, event committee members Altha, Jessie, and Diane H., and Carole Padlo, from the Galileo Cub.

Linda announced birthdays of Lynn Clifford (9th) and Norma Wallace (20th), and asked members to introduce their respective guests. Reminders for Hat Day on June 7 and a gardening event the morning of May 22 completed the meeting. Then, Linda turned over the meeting to Diane D., and Bunco began ! Many dice were cast, exercise was had (sitting, standing, changing tables), tables were shared, new friends met. Most importantly, prizes were won!

WWIC welcomes you to our meetings. Look for the announcement on Nextdoor. We request RSVPs to plan seating, beverages, and desserts. You'll meet neighbors, and learn so much about our little village. Member responsibilities include paying annual dues, attending meetings, hostessing once per year (Sept-June, a "bye" in January), and making friends. Our Bunco pop-up is an Invitation Only event, so please join to be included in next year's fun and frivolity. Please see our web presence, graciously created and updated by local artist and webmaster David Moore, Sincere Design. <http://pointrichmond.com/wwic/> or look for meeting announcements on Nextdoor.

See you around town!

event was made possible first, foremost and most importantly, by Diane D., who gathered volunteers from WWIC and resources from Club members and the Galileo Club to make it happen; hostesses Kathleen Wimer, Fran Smith and Diane



Attendees to our May meeting, thank you all for coming.



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, Jan 19, 1909

The Women's West Side Improvement Club of Richmond met in the Free Reading Room.

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

Roll call of officers resulted in all officers being present except Finance com. Mrs. Garrard, Mrs. Lang & Mrs. Jones, Executive com. Mrs. Windrew, Mrs. Arnold & Mrs. Niedecker.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read from Mrs. Goode from the Calif. Fed. Of Women's Clubs, two letters from Mrs. Cora E. Jones, City Trustees and Mr. Crichtett.

The communication from the City Trustees was discussed and it was decided that any of the members who wished to contribute toward the fund for the relief of Italian sufferers could hand to money to Mrs. Trautvetter and she would give it to the Leader.

Moved and carried that the club accept the invitation of Mrs. Cora E. Jones to furnish talent some P.M. after February. Other communications placed on file.

The subject of joining the Federation was laid over until the next meeting.

Bills from Mr. Cruinshant for table and bookcase \$49.00, Mrs. Trautvetter stamps .40, Union Transfer Co. .50, Geo. Renacre .85. Total \$50.75.

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

Mrs. Curry reported that she had seen Miss Stout and that she was ill, asked would not be able

to take the position of Librarian at present.

Mrs. Topping reported that she had seen Mrs. Flurry and that she would be willing to try it for a couple of weeks and if she thought that she could afford to at the end of that time she would like the position permanently.

Moved & carried that the club pay \$20.00 per mo. for librarian for the preseny.

Moved & carried that Mrs. Flurry be asked to act as librarian for two weeks on trial.

Moved & carried that Mrs. Marston be allowed to spend some money for books.

The report of Mrs. Jones on Finance Com. was read as follows: receipts for the year ending Dec. 31, 1908 - \$933.50. Disbursements \$143.50 - Total on hand \$789.97.

Moved & carried that the club subscribe for Scribners Magazine for one year together with a set of kiplings works for \$2.95.

Mrs. Marston reported that Mr. C.L. Smith of Smith Bros. Book Co. in Oakland, would make a reduction on books bought for the Free Reading Room if the purchaser was accompanied by a letter from the club.

Mrs. Curry suggested that Mr. Windrew be asked to make an address at the opening of our Free Reading Room.

Moved & carried that the opening night be held Wed. Jan. 27, 1909.

Com. on program as follows: Mrs. Curry, Mrs. McCrea, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Adams & Mrs. Roth.

The Sec. was instructed to send a note of thanks to the Fireman for chairs, to Mr. Spierch, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Cruinshank to the donation of books.

The Sec. was instructed to notify Mr. Crichtett that the club had taken possession of the building

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occupied as Free Reading Room on Jan. 19, 1909.

Receipts \$7.25

Disbursements \$50.75 Kipling \$2.95

There being no further business to come before the club the meeting adjourned to meet Feb. 2, 1909.

Mrs. Geo. Topping, Sec.

Pt. Richmond, Feb. 2, 1909

The Women's West Side Improvement Club of Richmond met in the Free Reading Room.

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

Roll call for officers resulted in all being present except Treas. Mrs. Lucas, Finance Com. Mrs. Garrard, Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Jones, Executive Com. Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Windrew, Mrs. Niedecker & Mrs. Drinick.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Communications were read from Mrs.

Dickenson from the Call and the Globe.

Sec. was instructed to thank the newspapers for their papers.

Bills were presented from Jordan & Miner \$26.00, Mrs. Trautveter 15¢, Mrs. Adams book .40 stamps .40, McWhorter dustpan, broom & duster .95. Total 27.90.

Finance Com. reported favorably on bills & it was moved and carried a warrant be drawn on treasury for the amount of bills.

Mrs. Curry reported that the Reading Room was formally opened with a program and pleasant Eve. quite a number of books were received.

Sec. was instructed to write to Mr. Walker Supt. of Santa Fe about securing a piece of land for the Carnegie Library.

Rules were discussed for the Reading Room. Mrs. Dirnen asked the club to get out tags and work for the new charter.

There being no business, club adjourned to meet Feb. 16, 1909

Disbursements 27.90

Receipts \$6.25

Mrs. Geo. W. Topping (Sec.)



The original Indian Statue left and original Indian Statue plaque dated 1909 below.



May Was Historic Preservation Month

By Caitlin Hibma

So, how did you celebrate?

Three events, ranging from the regional to the hyper-local, had me busy the last week in May. It all started with the California Preservation Foundation annual conference. This year, our state-wide historic preservation advocacy organization (californiapreservation.org) held its gathering in Palo Alto and it was well-attended by preservation professionals, city planners and government officials, historical society members, and many others interested in the topic of historic preservation in California. Four days of content included educational sessions and workshops on topics related to local preservation planning, technology in preservation, recognizing diversity in history, and the always-hot topic of Modernist architecture. Tours of the Stanford campus, Professorville, Filoli estate, and the NASA Ames Research Center were offered and lively receptions were held at MacArthur Park restaurant (originally a WWII hostess house designed by Julia Morgan) and the famous Hewlett-Packard Garage. Richmond's own Mayor and members of the Historic Preservation Commission were in attendance.

Following shortly on the heels of the CPF conference was the Richmond Historic Preservation Commission's Historic Preservation Awards ceremony and reception. This year the Commission recognized two individuals and two projects in Richmond. The inimitable and greatly missed Sandi Genser-Maack was awarded posthumously for her relentless preservation of Richmond's history, and Melinda McCrary, Director of the Richmond Museum of History, was awarded for spearheading the rescue of the Victor Arnautoff post office mural as well as

fostering new participatory community-centered programs at the museum. Alten Construction, Inc. was given an award for the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the historic National Oil Products Company vitamin factory (at 1141 Marina Way South); while the West Contra Costa Unified School District was awarded for undertaking the rehabilitation and National Register designation of Nystrom Elementary School (at 230 Harbor Way South).

Last, but not least, was the small but heartfelt gathering of our own Point Richmond History Association at our annual general membership meeting. We took care of some business, including a debriefing on our gorgeous new history kiosk, and then bid adieu to retiring President Mid Dornan and Vice President Pat Pearson. Mid has been at the helm of PRHA since 1992 and Pat has served since 2006. They were celebrated with cake, flowers, a large card signed by all, and profuse appreciation. We will surely miss Mid and Pat's dedicated leadership, but are reassured that they will continue their involvement in emeritus roles. Meanwhile, we welcome Bonnie Jo Cullison as our new President and Heinz Lankford as Vice President.

As a professional in the field of historic preservation, May is always a month that reinvigorates my enthusiasm for my work and inspires me to do my part in the interest of our special historic places. I hope you may have attended one of these events too, or did something to support preservation efforts this month, or even just took a moment to appreciate a place that matters to you or your community. If so, thank you, and keep it up... all throughout the

2018 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

MARIA MULDAUR + HER BLUESTIANA
BAND

AMERICAN ROOTS MUSIC

5:30p – 7:45p

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

LAURIE LEWIS + THE RIGHT HANDS

BLUEGRASS

5:30p – 6:30p

THE MAD MAGGIES

FOLK/ROCK/R+B/SKA/WORLD FUSION

6:45p – 7:45p



FRIDAY, JULY 13

CONSONANCE

GOSPEL

5:30p – 6:30p

AKI GOES TO BOLLYWOOD

RETRO BOLLYWOOD + AMERICAN BLUES

6:45p – 7:45p

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

ACHILLES WHEEL

ROCK, BLUES + BLUEGRASS

5:30p – 6:30p

RUCKATAN LATIN TRIBE

LATIN, REGGAE, CARIBBEAN

6:45p – 7:45p



REASON WE CELEBRATE JULY 4

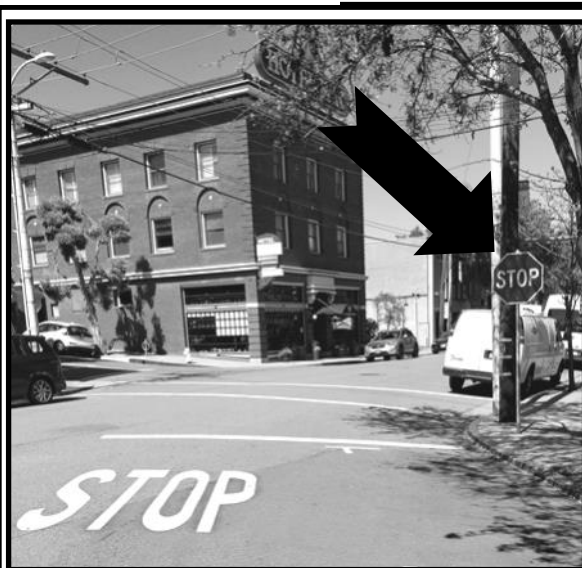
July is a day for flags, parades, speeches, red-white-blue regalia, and fireworks. Another essential ingredient for a proper celebration is to show respect for and the understanding of the reason we celebrate.

It was 232 years ago that 13 colonies changed the world by declaring independence from Great Britain. The British took considerable umbrage to this and a war dragged on for eight years before it was done.

John Adams felt this such a memorable epoch that it needed to be celebrated and that the celebration remember the sacrifices of those in uniform.

July 4 is the day of the Declaration of Independence.

- Mid



New stop sign at
Park Place and
Washington Avenue.
Is a traffic light next?



Remembering the Pine Inn on Standard Avenue

From James Cheshareck

One of the many Standard Avenue businesses razed between 1951 and 1952 for the approach to the Richmond-San Rafael bridge was The Pine Inn, a bar, restaurant, and dance hall at 18 Standard Avenue established in the 1940's. The proprietors were Portuguese immigrants Forrest "Muzz" Marcello (1910-1979) and brother-in-law Joe Dias (1901-1990) along with their wives Roselyn Marcello (1916-2014) and Mary Marcello Dias (1906-1982). 18 Standard was previously the Lombard Hotel, and Genova Hotel. After the building was torn down, the Dias' went on to run The Hub Café at 619 Macdonald Avenue while the Marcello's ran The One-Twenty-Five hotel and bar at 125 Standard Ave. This building managed to escape demolition since it was on the opposite side of the street and was best known as The New Roma Hotel owned by Joe Matteucci (1887-1962), who closed the business in the early 1940's to focus on his numerous rental properties. The building was eventually torn down and later replaced by an apartment building.



Ad from 1968 Point Counterpoint



*From Rita Gardner, AOPR Communications
Director*

The Arts of Point Richmond (AOPR) is ten years old this year! We are celebrating with a special event on June 16, 2018, and hope you will join us that day:

AOPR's 10th Anniversary Celebration/Pop-Up Gallery Event, Saturday, June 16, 11:00a-4:00p at Art-i-fact Gallery, 109 West Richmond Ave, Pt. Richmond. Please come and enjoy this one-day event featuring live music, refreshments, and a variety of art works, books, jewelry and craft items created by AOPR members.

Other News: AOPR is pleased that local community members and business owners continue to support the arts by providing space for exhibits by AOPR members. Venues include El Sol Mexican Restaurant, Kaleidoscope Coffee, the Post Office display windows, and various "pop-up" events at other locations.

Please visit our current exhibits in the Point:

Photographs by Nora Lee at El Sol Restaurant (through July 30, 2018), 101 Park Place, Point Richmond.

This exhibit features Nora Lee's dynamic photographs of the horse-racing and rodeo world.

Mixed-media exhibit by writers Shana Penn and Diana Paul at Post Office display windows

(through June 25), 104 Washington Avenue, Point Richmond.

AOPR's Point Writers Group is represented by Shana Penn and Diana Paul, who have mounted a thought-provoking display that focus on women's issues and important historical transitions.

About Arts of Point Richmond:

Established in 2008, Arts of Point Richmond is a community association established to enrich our community by promoting support, appreciation and exposure for the arts. For more information, please visit our website:

www.artsofpointrichmond.com



FIRST 50 YEARS OF MASQUERS HISTORY

*Over half a century of first-rate community theater in
Richmond, CA!*

*It all started with choir robes
1955-1964*

At the start of 1955, Masquers Playhouse did not exist — no actors, no designers, no stagehands, no season. But then a church choir decided to raise funds for material to make choir robes. Virginia and Basil Cherniak and others agreed that a play might have broader appeal than one of their usual concerts.

No one knew how to stage a show, but someone did know of a woman who had directed and taught theater by the name of Josephine Camp. Jo was contacted and she cheerfully agreed to direct “one or two shows.”

Calling themselves The Masquers, the energetic group put on three lively productions (*Stardust*, *Gramercy Ghost*, and *The Curious Savage*) at the wooded Hillside Community Church in El Cerrito (which still has a wonderful stage and auditorium!). Presented a year apart, the first two shows played for one weekend in the spring of 1955 and 1956 to happy crowds more than willing to pay the 75-cent ticket price. For their next play, the Masquers confidently doubled the number of performances (to four!) and jacked up their ticket price to one dollar.

El Cerrito and its surrounding communities were eager for live theater and the press generously provided the Masquers space for plenty of articles on their plans, activities, and accomplishments. With Jo Camp and Dorth Hadley as permanent director and stage manager, the core group of Masquers was well on its way to

establishing a full-fledged amateur theater.

In 1957, Masquers moved down the hill to the El Cerrito Boys Club (the site of today's Contra Costa Civic Theater). They produced eight more plays, including comedy, mystery, and drama, beginning with Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*, featuring Jo Camp as the medium Madame Arcati.



*Jo Camp as Madame
Arcati*

The group was close-knit from the get-go. Some of these early Masquers who were devoted to the group and contributed steadily for many years included Bob & Jeanette Gilmore, Charles Reynolds, and Ken & Kay Guthrie. Bob built sets, providing paint from his hardware store; Dorth's sister Jeanette acted and designed sets that drew critics' praise; Chuck loved to be on stage and also helped behind the scenes; Kay starred in many plays while Ken did loads of work to make the sets.

Masquers always welcomed and encouraged new people to join in the fun. Effective recruitment for Masquers plays was done by personal invitation, the program notes of each show, and through ample newspaper coverage. An article on tryouts for *George Kaufman & Edna*

Ferber's *The Royal Family* announced that many roles were "easy for neophytes yet valuable for experience." Reviewer Theresa Loeb Coen echoed later that while some of the players "fell considerably short of the 'expert mark', the Masquers demonstrated they do have a decided flair for comedy."

Chalk Garden, in 1958, was the first show not directed by Jo Camp so that she could go on vacation! Charter member Jerry Larue, who had already been in six Masquers shows, directed the play, which featured Louis Flynn.



*Jerry Larue in
Gramercy Ghost*

Suds in Your Eye boasted actors with day jobs ranging from singer to plant manager, junior high school principal, phone company switchman, and Fire Department lieutenant.

In the fall of 1959 the group vacated the El Cerrito Boys Club so that it could undergo repairs, and produced a lavishly costumed *Student Prince* at the Albany Veterans Memorial Building. Then the possibility arose for a long-term lease on the theater building at 105 Park Place in Point Richmond, known as the Village Playhouse. Announcing the new location as "our future home," Masquers put on *The Happiest Millionaire* in early 1960.

According to the newspaper, their next play, *Ladies in Retirement*, was so funny that an expectant mother in the audience had to make an emergency trip to the maternity ward from laughing so hard.



*Shirley Hickman in
"Man in A Dog
Suit", Basil and
Virginia Cherniak
in Strange
Bedfellows (1963)*

In August 1961, the theater was redecorated inside and out and officially dubbed the Masquers Playhouse. The play was *Man in a Dog Suit*, a comedy hit extended to 5 weekends. Shirley Hickman's performance was reviewed as "brilliant and professional." Ticket price this season was now an unabashed \$1.50!

They were now able to offer four plays a year, with a four-weekend run for each production, with an option to add a fifth weekend by popular demand.

As a Masquer, you were (and are!) encouraged to participate in more than one area. A set builder might be enlisted to dress up and deliver two lines on stage; actors euphoric to land a part would find themselves building and painting sets also — and enjoying it! Everyone pitched in, hauling furniture, hanging lights, making costumes, or serving cookies because they loved theater or because they loved someone who had been "bitten by the bug."

Roland Scrivner saw a Masquers audition notice in 1958 and tried out though he had never acted before. His wife Inez helped in a variety of support duties. In 1962, 15 Masquer roles later, he was directing and acting in his 16th play, an original "mellerdrama," *Curse of the Devil's Eye*, or *Fast Friends Foil a Fiend*, written by John Moore. The peanuts handed out during the play delighted audiences (but not the clean-up crew!). Jo declared "Never again!"



*Roland Scrivner in
"Holiday" (1958)*

Point Richmond residents Virginia and Basil Cherniak returned to the Masquers in 1961. By the end of the first decade, they had been in seven Masquers Playhouse productions and Virginia was Business Manager of the organization.

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Betty Magovern moved overseas immediately after the closing of *Chalk Garden*. Upon her return five years later, she won not only comic parts but also choice dramatic parts. The title role in *The Country Girl* garnered effusive raves from Jack Allard's *Intermission* column in November 1963: "strangely piquant ... projects with warmth and conviction ... sympathetic and engaging."



*Betty Magovern in
"Curse of the Devil's
Eye"*

for conversation among women." Colleen performed in seven shows during this period. She and her two young sons, Randy and Tim, were in *Strange Bedfellows*. Forty years later Tim's daughter Kit was acting on the Masquers stage.

All in all, that first 10 years, Masquers performed in five venues and put on 31 productions for a total of 223 performances. From 1960 to 1964, they tripled the number of performances they had done previously. In 1965, they were a solid organization with years of experience, a long-term lease, and looking forward to the next 10 years.

In the next issue of TPIT

1965-1974 Comedy, Drama, Music On & Offstage

TV personality Bob MacKenzie reviewing *A Mighty Man Is He* for the Tribune wrote, "... Colleen Turner, maturely attractive and nimbly-spoken ...and Miss Cherniak make a formidable pair, trading the purrs and cobra strikes that pass

Point Richmond on Wikipedia

Originally a tiny village known as East Yards surrounded by abandoned farm lands,[1] Point Richmond was Richmond's central downtown area from the late 19th century until the early 20th century, when the present downtown superseded it as the busiest part of town. Since then, its trademark "mom-and-pop" shops have largely survived. The Point Richmond Historic District has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1978.

The neighborhood is dominated to the north by several industrial operations, including a large Chevron refinery, several smaller chemical manufacturing facilities and an active Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight yard. Long distance freight trains are put together in this yard, largely consisting of container cars and automobile transports loaded from the nearby Port of Richmond. The 24-hour operations of the switch engines are a constant feature of life in the Point. Residents have a love-hate relationship with the trains,[citation needed]pushing the railroad to modify operations to make them quieter and less disruptive to traffic but also fighting to save the wig wag signals when BNSF made plans to remove them. The wig wag signals, while no longer operating (newer gates, red lights and bells have been installed at the crossing), are one of only a handful still in existence nationwide.

The neighborhood is divided by a ridge, which separates it into a "Bay side" and a "town side." Many houses, which include historic Victorians, offer a view of the bay. Many of the area businesses are housed in century-old buildings dating back to before the founding or incorporation of the town. Partnerships of which prominent locals Josh Genser and Tom Butt are principals are the largest property owners in the area.

Your 2018 PRHA Board of Directors



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***I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad, I take something for it.
-Robert Benchley***

ROWDEYISM AT OPERA HOUSE LAST NIGHT

Loud and long were the remarks of disapproval heard on the street this morning at the conduct of the rowdy element at the play last night. At several (sic) of the recent performances gangs of hoodlums have made the evening atonement for those of the audience who desired to enjoy the presentation. The proper place for noisy hoodlums is the street, where if they go too far they can be checked by the officers. But we forget, there are no officers, or at least not enough to go around. If the boys desire to play horse let them go with the horses.

The play last night was evidently not to their liking. Unless given something coarse, simple and horsey, which they can follow, they become restive, and get their fun by annoying the balance of the audience. Last night at times the theatre was filled with shrieks, hisses, cat calls and whistling, and paper balls and other articles were thrown with utter disregard of the comfort and rights of others about the house.May we look for improvement?

(From the Richmond Daily Leader, Point Richmond, California, dated Thursday, October 8, 1908.)

60 YEARS AGO . . .

by Sarah Eeles

RICHMOND-SAN RAFAEL BRIDGE: SUPERVISORS TO HEAR PLEA

"The application of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, Inc., for a franchise to construct and operate a toll bridge between Point San Pablo, Richmond, and Marin county, will be heard by the Contra Costa County board of supervisors next Monday

. . . The proposed bridge would run a distance of 14,600 feet from Point San Pablo to Dillon's point near San Rafael. . . It would be the longest highway bridge in the world. Plans call for a 30-foot roadway and a bridge of the steel suspension type with enough clearance to allow the largest vessels to pass beneath without interference or danger. The Richmond landing would be 135 feet above the water. The cost would be about \$12,000,000."

April 1, 1927

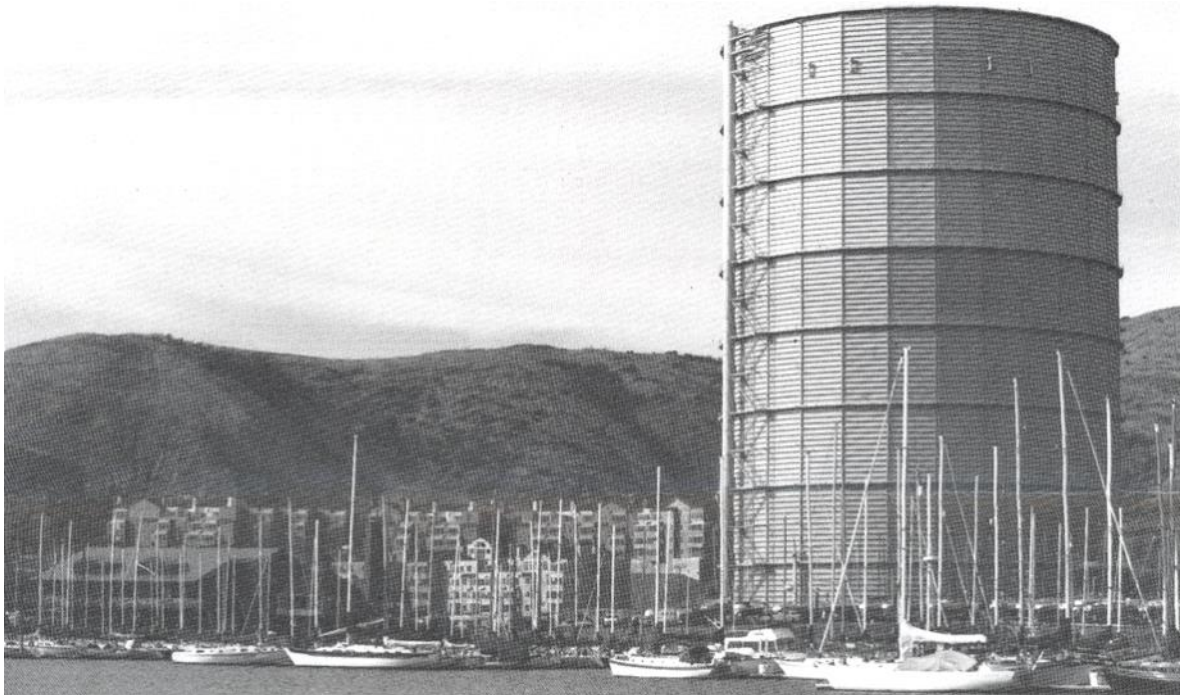
TWO CITIES BACK BAY BRIDGE: COUNCIL URGES FRANCHISE

"The Richmond City council Monday night went on record as favoring the construction of a toll bridge from Point San Pablo, Richmond, to San Rafael . . .

At the motion of Councilman J. N. Hartnett, city clerk A. C. Faris was instructed to communicate with the supervisors, expressing favor of a bridge across the bay.

Erection of such a bridge would make Richmond the east bay gateway of the great traffic flow from Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt and other counties along the north shore of the state. The Redwood highway would pour traffic into Central California through this city, and the benefit of the bridge would mean much in upbuilding the city."

April 5, 1927



***Things change ...
sometimes for the better.***

This gigantic 17-million-cubic-foot-capacity was formerly a fixture on the shore of Brickyard Cove.

It was erected in 1949 by PG&E to store natural gas for use during heavy demand periods. At 379-feet tall it was clearly visible from the Marin and San Francisco shorelines to say nothing of the residents of Brickyard Landing. Fortunately, its function became obsolete and it was dismantled in 1989 under pressure from the West Contra Costa Bayshore Council among others.

(Photo courtesy of On The Waterfront, a Journal of News and Information published by the West Contra Costa Bayshore Council, September 1985)

-Bonnie Jo

***If tomatoes are technically a fruit,
is ketchup a smoothie?***

Paraprozdokians from Dave

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

Items of Interest Point Richmond, early 1900's *The Record and The Leader*

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|------------|---|
| 03-14-1914 | A. T. Freeman given 90 days. Cancelled if he goes to Bakersfield. (He did) |
| 03-19-1914 | Cutting Blvd. being graded from 23rd St. to Richmond Ave. |
| 04-17-1914 | Tunnel is now 350' deep |
| 04-20-1914 | Chief Arnold issues order regarding the carrying of guns. |
| 05-01-1914 | S.O.Co. to install filter for drinking water-- Too much typhoid fever in town. (dead cats were found in the reservoir when cleaned later on) |
| 05-31-1914 | Kozy Kove is formerly opened today. |
| 06-03-1914 | Tunnel bore is thru-completed yesterday. Al Nelson the foreman was a good friend of mine and told me enroute from work and I was the 1st boy thru. |
| 06-09-1914 | Chief Arnold resigns to run for sheriff. |
| 06-12-1914 | George Lee to build on Montana Ave, will cost \$3,000. |
| 06-16-1914 | H.D. Chapmans home on Crest one of the finest in the west!! |
| 01-05-1915 | Richmonds 1st kindergarten opens in local schools. Kids 4½ to 6. |
| 01-07-1915 | Inner Harbor dredging 50% finished. |
| 01-09-1915 | Construction started on Richmond-San Rafael ferry. |
| 01-15-1915 | Work to commence soon on road from Inner Harbor to LA Brick Co. |
| 01-31-1915 | The price of the Independent reduced from 40¢ to 30¢ per month. |
| 02-02-1915 | Storm demolishes diving tower at Kozy Kove. |
| 02-03-1915 | Worst storm in 20 years does thousands of dollars damage here.
Dick Fer loses 50 pair of shoes. They were found by the police where he threw them out with empty boxes. Sends police a box of cigars.
Cows, sheep, pigs and ducks in the waters of San Pablo creek complains the Peoples Water Company. So that was the bad taste?? |
| 02-10-1915 | Wind hurls horse, wagon and driver downhill off Scenic Ave. |
| 02-11-1915 | Work going on full blast on new S.R. Ferry at both ends. |
| 02-23-1915 | More police needed in Richmond, many robberys past 3 days. |
| 02-26-1915 | 1,808,00 autos in the U.S., 700,000 more than in 1913. |
| 03-04-1915 | The Episcopal Church robbed for the third time at the Point. |

Birthdays

June

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

Cathe Brazil
Stacey Spinola
Gill Stanfield
Alice Baxter
Wilson Gandola
Rosemary Giacomelli
Daniel Buhler

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

Lee Christian
Lillian Karl
Luke Karl
Graciella Feese
June Solosabal
Cynthia Wilson
Workman

July

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

Richard Smith
Diedre Cerkowicz
Allen Anderson
Trace Smith
Alice McMahon
Hilary Lord
Clifford (Lou)
MacMillan

Loretta 'Mertle' Lease
Madeline Bellando
Albright
Jean Reynolds
Jon Healy
Golda Pettycord
Howard
Alyce Williamson

Martha Bielawski
Dixie L. Mello
Lea Smit
Nancy Comer-Reed
Terry Lizarraga
Joan Glover-Carter

August

Donna Wilson
Mid Dornan
Kevin Pryne
Molly Kate Barnes
Joe Darling
Marlene Smith
Barbara Ward
Connee Fisher
Alice Thompson
Linda DeLaTorre

Zoanna Kille
Victor Morales
Terrence Doherty
Lisa Smith
Rose Barra
Kim Butt
Bonnie Ritzenthaler
Wilson
Bob Armstrong
Kim Morales

R. Clayton Barnes
Tony Bernabich
Michael Shaw
Megan Lizarraga
Roy Henry
Glover Bernie
McIntosh
Beatrice Beesley
Casey
Jim Healy

John Lizarraga
Karen Gagnier
Suzanne Bartram
Owens Bernie
McIntosh
Debbie Dutrow
Althausen
Steve Rice
Kendall Craig



Memorials.....

Raphael Allen loved to teach. As he engaged audiences with his fascinating stories, built rapport with teenagers and teachers, and worked with experts to develop new curriculum enhancements, Raphael never lost a moment to improve someone's knowledge of history. Thanks to his work and collaborations, Rosie the Riveter's teaching resources grew, encompassing detailed information about often-hidden stories, such as the struggles of Japanese-Americans and African-Americans seeking to support their country during wartime.

A Stanford graduate and former book editor, Raphael combined passion for his work with the joy of being a national park ranger—a mission he took seriously because he deeply understood the importance of national parks to our cultural history. His brilliance, wit, and humor engaged audiences on every level, opening up lively conversations about identity, race, history, and democracy's progress over the decades after the war.

On May 1, 2018, Raphael passed away unexpectedly from surgical complications, leaving a gap too large to fill in his wake. We will miss him every day.

Cards, Letters & E-Mails

Dear Gary,

I so appreciate that you print current write-ups about the Womens Westside Improvement Club in TPIT. I also appreciate the work you do to digitize the early minutes of the WWIC. In the April/May 2018 issue of TPIT I found two errors I wish to correct. First, there were 19 members at the March 6 meeting, not 9. Second, Fran Smith accepted the nomination for Second Vice President, not First. The 2nd Vice President is in charge of hostesses for our meetings.

By the way, in the Early Minutes article the Treasurer, Mrs. Lucas who was absent from all three meetings had not yet built the home she and her husband, Dr. Lucas, moved into by 1911. It happens to be where I now live.

It is such fun to read the names of the people who lived in Point Richmond so long ago. In the article by James Cheshareck about the Lang Drug Company the Niedecker name was mentioned. Mrs. Olive Niedecker and Mrs. Luella Lang were also WWIC members as the article indicates!

More up-to-date is the article about Altha Humphrey. I remember when she announced at a WWIC meeting that she wanted to organize the

artists in Point Richmond. She asked our members to give her names of any artistic people—of any type of art—that we could think of. I don't know how many names she eventually got, but now there are around 90 members, I believe. It is so wonderful that AOPR is thriving and benefitting the artists and the community!

As Norma Wallace mentioned in the March section of the current WWIC meetings, WWIC is for women who are interested in Point Richmond history, who "...value the opportunity to get to know our neighbors, and to give back to the community..." We welcome other ladies who love our Point Richmond community to come to a meeting and join us. www.pointrichmond.com has a link to our webpage with dates of meetings and a phone number to contact. TPIT also has the phone number to contact.

Thank you to the Point Richmond History Association for all the related work it does on everyone's behalf.

Sincerely,
Linda Newton
President, WWIC, 2017/18

EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

Martha Bielawski - 95
Muriel Clausen - 94
Mary Bianchini Highfill - 94
Tom Kenny - 93
Loretta Stevens Johromi - 92
Billie Bonham Shaw - 96
June Beesley Sosabal - 95
Alice Williamson - 93
Mid Dornan - 97

Morris Simpson - 95
Brenda McKinley - 91
Victor Morales - 90
Doug Corbin - 90

**Please send corrections and additions
To Middornan@gmail.com or call
510.234-5334 and leave a message.**

Age is merely the number of years the World has been able to enjoy time with you.

CENTURY CLUB

Madeline Bellando Albright - 101
Delphina Franco Tawney - 100

*Please send additions and updates to our "Exclusive Over 90 Club"
to Mid Dornan, c/o PRHA, 139½ Washington Avenue, Point Richmond, CA 94801*



West Richmond Avenue, 1914

CALENDAR/DIRECTORY

ARTS OF POINT RICHMOND

Art is for everyone, the artist, the viewer, the Point is art. Meets at 139 Washington Avenue. Contact: Irene Hightower, irene1328@comcast.net More info: <http://www.artsofpointrichmond.com/index.html>

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM

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

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY

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

MANY HANDS PROJECT TO SUPPORT WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Contact, Margaret Morkowski, 510-234-4219

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE

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

PARENTS, RESOURCES AND MORE (PRAM)

A volunteer, nonprofit organization serving families with children 5 or under. Playgroups, social events, educational opportunities, Information go to <http://www.PRAM.net> or call 510-215-1734.

PARENT, TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Joanna Mina, Contact, 510-235-0157

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Contact: Andrew Butt, 510-236-7445

POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER

Info: 510-620-6905

POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Museum is at 139½ Washington Avenue, and open Thursday's 11:30 to 2:00 and Saturday 11:30 to 2:00. See the *Editors Notes* on page 3 for next TPIT deadline. For information call President Mildred Dornan at 510-234-5334.

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Meets last Wednesday of each month, Point Richmond Community Center; 7:30 P.M.

Contact: Margaret Jordon at 510-412-3673

POINT RICHMOND/WEST SIDE BRANCH LIBRARY

Information call 510-620-6567

RED OAK VICTORY SHIP

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

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

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

www.richmondmuseum.org

RICHMOND MUSEUM OF HISTORY

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

RICHMOND SWIMS

The Children and teens "Sail Fish" and Masters swim teams at the Richmond Plunge. Contact: Coach John Schonder, 510-504-0330 - September 25, 2011 open water bay swim raises money for coaching, equipment, pool fees and swimming scholarships for inner-city youth throughout Richmond. More info at <http://www.richmondswims.org/> or call 415-892-0771

ROSIE THE RIVETER NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK VISITOR CENTER

1414 Harbour Way South, Oil House next to Ford Craneway.

For more information call 510-232-5050 or visit www.nps.gov/rori.

See page 22 for programs. GREAT movies all day

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

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

WOMEN'S WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB (established 1908)

Richmond's longest standing women's club. Contact: Linda Newton, President. (510) 235-0081

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