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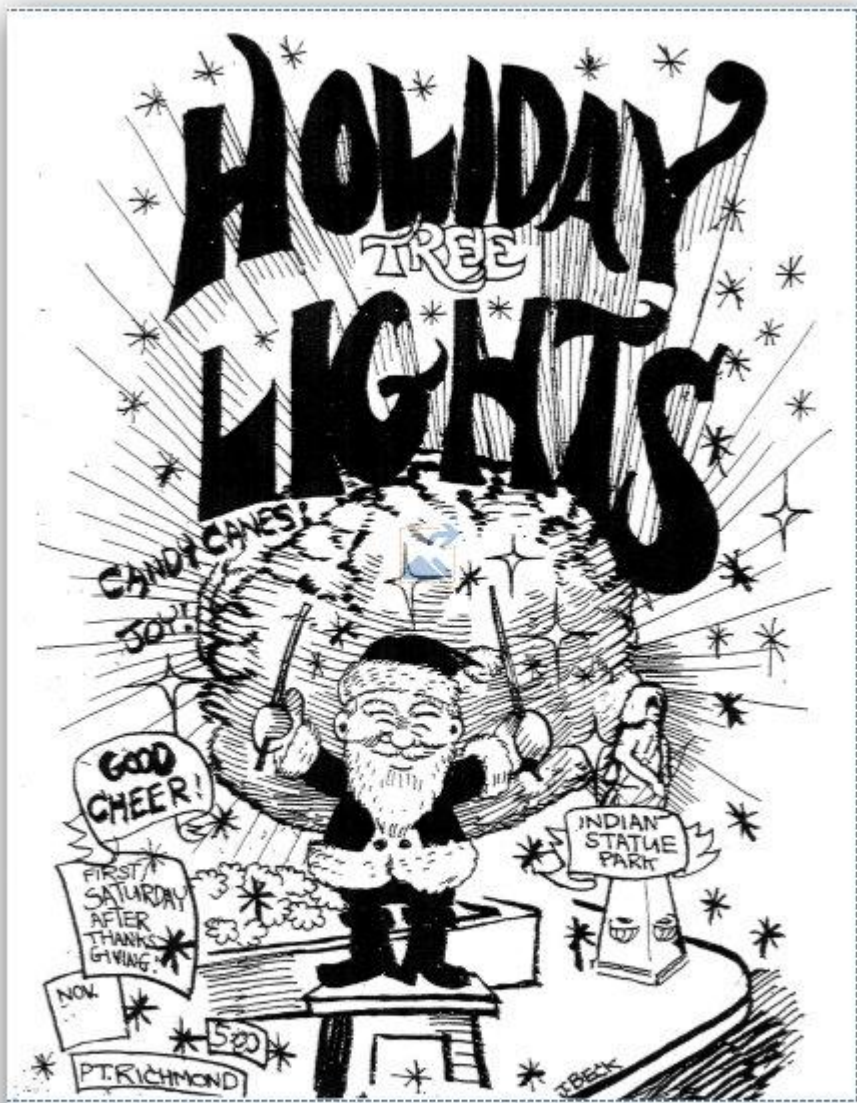
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*Downtown
Point Richmond
circa 1975*



Community Choir - Santa Tree Lighting
Candy Canes - Luminaries
Saturday November 30 - 5 P.M.
Indian Statue Park

From the President

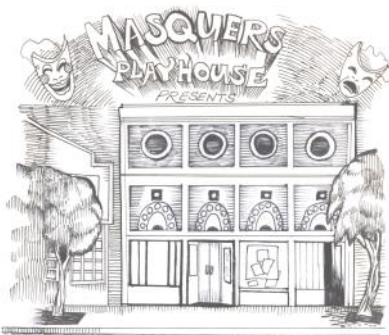
by Bonnie Jo Cullison

A number of history museum visitors over the summer have asked about the status of the Masquers Playhouse and wondered when performances would begin again. The Masquers is happy to report that detailed plans are at the City Planning office and are awaiting the requisite permits. Once the permits are issued construction can begin. The Masquers is cautiously optimistic that the renovation will be completed in the first half of 2020. In the meantime, fundraising continues. For more details and for updates as construction progresses and to donate go to www.masquers.org.

Many of you have seen the striking wigwag posters that Betty Tarr designed. If you weren't able to get one at the wigwag dedication event this summer fear not! The Point Richmond History Museum now has them for sale. (You can find a photo of the poster on the inside cover of the June/July/Aug issue of This Point ... In Time newsletter.) The posters are \$20 each and wouldn't one make a perfect gift for someone you know? The proceeds from the posters sale will be set aside for future wigwag maintenance.

Speaking of gifts, this is the last newsletter before the holiday season. I wish you all cheerful and warm holidays and an exuberant (but safe!) New Year's Eve. We'll be back again in February 2020.

Best wishes!



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On October 12th we discovered a box of pictures, documents and other Point Richmond historical artifacts at our little museum's front door. We are grateful for the donation and are busy cataloging and scanning the items. We would however, like to acknowledge the donation by attaching the donor's name to them. If you let me know, I will take care of that, garyshows@gmail.com.

Thank you members for your renewal:

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Ronald Vandergrift**
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Welcome to new members:

**Bruce & Gail Sinclair Family
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*And the first and second Tuesday of
each month*

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

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

Mid Dornan
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The Cover:

***1975 aerial photograph of Downtown Point Richmond
Photo is Courtesy of Greg Peterson***

Editor's Notes

Gary Shows

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First I need to apologize for cutting off the last five words on page 15 of the last issue. *That's an old story from wayback in the 1920's about Mr. Granzella who's family became the Richmond Sanitary Company of Richmond, CA.* The words were not cut off in the "proof edition", sorry about that.

The last few months have been good to us as it goes on receiving old Point Richmond pictures and artifacts, they are all being scanned and cataloged. Thank you all so much for thinking of us!

The deadline for our next TPIT Nov/Dec/Jan issue is Friday, January 24, 2020.

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

Mid Dornan
Gary Shows
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Vintage A-Mid Trivia

Taken From 1968 Point Counterpoint by Mid Dornan

(Mid is recovering from a fall and is skipping this issue.)

The Christmas sky will be viewed by members of the Methodist Church School on Sunday afternoon when they go to the planetarium at Diablo Valley College. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Newman have invited them to their Meadowbrook Avenue home afterwards for refreshments.

What do you do with those gaily wrapped holiday packages that arrive before you have a tree.? Christmas cards that arrive the first two weeks of December give me a neurosis because it only points out my unprepared approach to the holiday.

It's loyalty when number three daughter informs you she reads what you write before she reads the want ads in Point Counterpoint.

About forty women employees of Richmond Civic Center enjoyed a Christmas party last week at the Point Orient.

Any wife with an inferiority complex can cure it by being sick in bed for a day while her husband manages the children and the household.

SCHOOL SPIRIT.....how long has it been since you've attended a high school football or basketball game? The enthusiasm from school spirit is contagious and is recommended to rejuvenate and refresh your attitudes toward youth.

TRADITIONS.....a bride served baked ham and her husband asked why she cut the ends off, "Well, that's the way my mother always did it," she explained. The next time his mother-in-law stopped by he asked her why she cut the ends off of her ham. "That's the way my mother always did it," she replied.

And, when Grandma visited, she too was

asked why she cut off the ends. She said, "That's the only way I could fit it in the pan."

Simeon Burtner who left Point Richmond in 1953, came back to relive some of his childhood memories. The former member of Scout Troop 111 visited here four days with his wife before returned to his Naval base near San Diego.

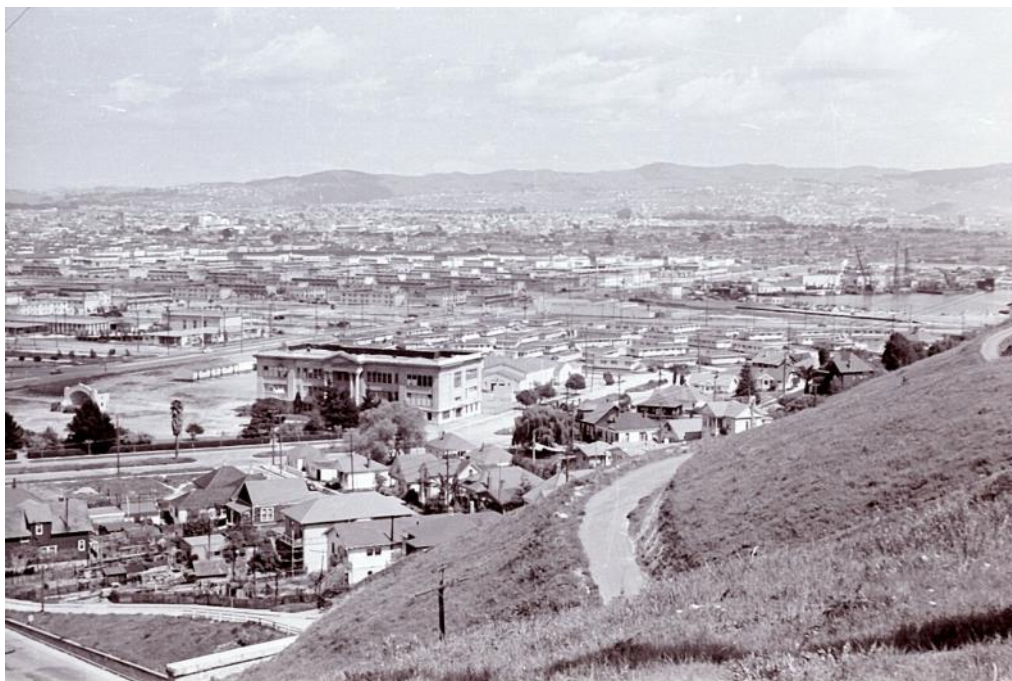
Police officer GUS ZANZI will retire March 1 from the Richmond Police Department. Officer Zanzi lived on the corner of Tewksbury and Contra Costa (now part of the freeway landscaping) for many years. He attended Washington School, worked at the Chevron Station formerly owned by the Grosso family and now an empty triangle at the corner of Standard, Castro and Tewksbury. He began his policeman's career at the old police station in the Point. Zanzi's voice has been the voice on the Richmond police radio for the past 16 years.

Overheard at the flea market last Saturday - "if I buy these skis, how much for those crutches."

Melody Ruth Remas and Dennis Richard Radke will be united in marriage October 27 at the First Baptist Church of Point Richmond on Washington Avenue. The unique ceremony is to be performed by the reverend Sam Hendrix, and will take place at sundown. All Point residents are cordially invited to attend.

Anyone wanting Holiday Fruitcakes should contact any of the ladies at the Methodist Church...or call Uldine Nickola at 232-6904.

In a parochial school baseball game a young boy hollered from first base, "hey Father, is it alright to steal?"



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*Note all of
the war
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August 10 to December 29, 2019

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Saturday, August 10, 2019 2:00 PM

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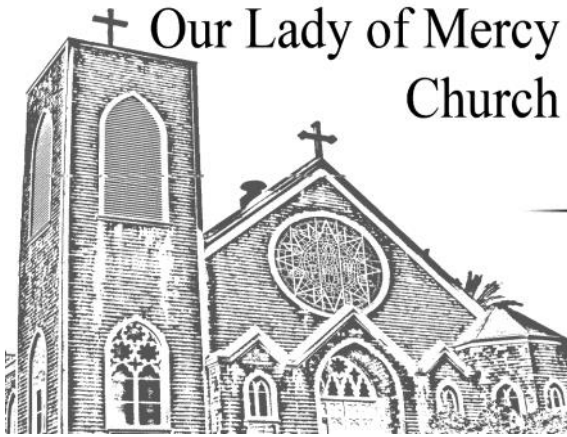
Photos with
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Get tickets at www.Masquers.org or by calling 510-232-4031

Church News



By Dee Rosier
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Welcome to Fall when the leaves fall and colors change. Only a few of our many species of deciduous trees produce stellar performances for our annual autumn spectacular. Unfortunately, the fall has produced strong winds causing devastating fires and disrupting lives. There was a loud blast during Mass and the lights went out – what better place for us to be. It was one of other transformers that blew in our area due to windy conditions.

The scaffolds are in place which means that the long awaited painting of the tower louvers is taking place. It is the completion of the outdoor painting. The trim is now all color coordinated. The next anticipated repair issue is repaving the parking lot. Bids for the job are ongoing.

The St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Mercy sponsors pancake breakfasts. The earned money helps those in need, i.e.: New warm jackets/coats and pajamas were given to needy children at Washington Elementary School and stocked “budget cut” school supplies to help 250 children in 20 classes from K-6.

Assisting an elderly widow with health issues in paying 30% of her PG&E bill to avoid shutoff; as well as a single mother who could not meet her

EBMUD payment.

Watch the weekly bulletin regarding First Holy Communion instruction, which will begin in January. If you were in the last class and did not receive your certificate, please contact the Rectory.

Knight Michael Lambert and his wife, Dame Betty Ann (posthumously) were honored recently at the St. Francis Yacht Club by the Order of Malta for the volunteer hours at the Free Health Clinic located in the Cathedral Complex.

We bid farewell to Dave Schoenfeld and his family as they move to Walnut Creek. Dave was very civic minded while a resident here.

Get well wishes to Marie Peckham who suffered an injury due to a fall. She is in a rehab facility and anxious to return to her home.

Our friend John Morales who left here to assist the poor in Mexico has written regarding his



endeavors.

He left here with many boxes of used clothing to distribute to children and mentions how difficult and discouraging it was to cross the border, but vows he will continue. He is living in the town of Obregon and continues to keep in touch with Joanne Magda and Jeff Porter. We wish him well.

We live in a very dog-friendly area and know most of them by name. We recently lost a favorite, Roma. His dog parents were Hugh and Isidro.

An article in the last issue referenced Elvo Agostini. His wife, Margie was a member of the Pt. Richmond Walkers. The group originally began when his sister, Amy, had some health issues and started to walk. Her walking was a draw that eventually drew 25 members, spouses included. Some of the known members were: Dr. Barney Dietz, Former Police Chief, Leo Garfield, Chano Forner, Doug Daniels, Dr. Harris Lavine, Brenda McKinley, Jean Stark, Esther Sindicic, Dave Smith, Dee Rosier, Alyce Williamson. Dave Smith and I are the remaining members.

Michael McKinley enjoyed a visit from Cathy Forbes – we all remember her mother, Mary Forbes.

Nancy Noble, Arts of Pt. Richmond member, has her artistic calligraphy on display in the window next to the Post Office.

Condolences to the Sommers family in the death of Mike's mother, Helen Sommes.

Condolences to the Pohl family in the death of their mother, Barbara. Years ago when the Pohl and Gerk families attended Mass, the size of each families siblings took up several pews.

Condolences to the family of Mary Ann Berthoud. Mary Ann was a caring person who attended Mass when in the area. She was a nurse and her profession took her to many foreign areas where she enjoyed assisting those in need.

The Huggers are a group of women who met in church and immediately bonded. They instituted the group hug, as well as including Michael Fitzgerald. They recently celebrated a paella get together hosted at the home of Anne Carroll.

Get well wishes to those unable to attend Mass, especially Jim Chezareck and Mike Lambert, Fred Siegmund, and Bill Guitterez.

Halloween is a contraction of Hollows Eve or Hallows Evening which is observed in several countries on the eve of the Western Christian's feast of All Hallows Day. It begins the three-day observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including Saints (Hallows), martyrs and all the faithfully departed.

This is the last issue for the year – we wish you joyous days celebrating all upcoming holidays – Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc. with those you love the most.

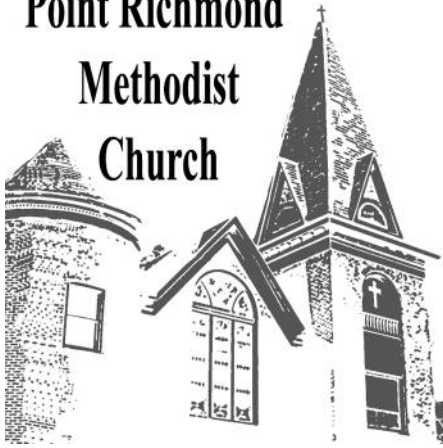
SEE YOU IN CHURCH

THE DALI LAMA SAID:
THERE ARE ONLY TWO DAYS IN
THE YEAR THAT NOTHING CAN BE
DONE.
ONE IS CALLED YESTERDAY AND THE
OTHER
IS CALLED TOMORROW, SO TODAY IS
THE
RIGHT DAY TO LOVE, BELIEVE, DO AND
MOSTLY LIVE.



Dee Rosier

Point Richmond Methodist Church



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Guests in the pulpit: On August 25, The Rev. Dr. Cornel Barnett preached a sermon titled, "Where is God when people suffer?" Eileen Johnson, preached on September 8, on the story of how she heeded her call to become a deacon: what a deacon does, and how she is engaged in theological studies in the process to achieve the title.

On September 22, we received Laurence Tietz, Rose Ayers, and Audrey Chittenden as church members. Besides being an expert on mandolin, Laurence is our new webmaster: be sure to visit the church website at www.pointrichmondmethodist.org to see the improvements and additions he has crafted and for the latest calendar of events. Rose plays guitar in the strings ensemble and serves as one of our church photographers. Audrey travels to Richmond from her home in Marysville every Sunday for Bible study, worship, and coffee hour here. She advocates for immigrants' rights and keeps us informed about trends in the central valley. We celebrate our newest members and appreciate all the ways they make our congregation more complete.

The choir is delighted to be back in rehearsal on Wednesday nights. Pastor Dan writes one or more new pieces for us to try every week, and

George Peter Tingley continues to bring us newly composed music in a variety of styles. Thus, our choir rehearsal serves as a composers' laboratory. Laila Millar, who joined the choir in September, adds a positive boost to the soprano section, and we are grateful whenever she is able to be there.

Special Music: September 1, Clyde Childress, guitar, accompanied Pastor Dan, piano, for the opening prelude and for the special music, "The Boat Is So Small." September 8, Laurence Tietz, mandolin, and Matthew Foster, guitar, supplied our strings accompaniment. October 13, George Peter Tingley, piano, and internationally famous Burke Schushmann, 'cello, played a new duet arrangement of George's "The Great Conversation," and J.S. Bach's Allemande, Prelude, Sarabande, and Courante from the Cello Suite in G major. Burke leads a cello choir that rehearses at the church once a month on Saturdays; More October 13 musicians: Rose Ayers, guitar, and Laurence Tietz, mandolin, accompanied our congregational singing. October 20, Matt Foster, guitar, and Jennifer Metz Foster, cello, provided our strings support.

In the month of October, we collected diapers for families served by the Early Childhood Mental Health Center, an agency that provides therapy and support for families and young children facing stressful challenges in Contra Costa County. It's a small way we can add our support to ease burdens endured by local families.

Jackson Ashworth-Bader volunteered to organize some projects at the church and parsonage as part of his pursuit to become an Eagle Scout. He and his family: parents, Susie and Rob, and siblings, Susannah and Charlotte, helped restore the bricks in the memorial garden and painted the back stairs of the parsonage. They installed a bird feeder near the palm tree and plan to install benches Jackson made soon. We are lucky Jackson selected the church as the site of his Eagle Scout project: his leadership, planning, and effort brought tangible results for all to enjoy.

Linda Andrew-Marshall organized dinners for the families residing at the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program's shelter on September 19 and October 17. We expect to serve dinners there on November 21, December 19, and January 16. Contact Linda lindaam@gmail.com if you would like to help serve any of those days.

Susannah Ashworth Bader recently agreed to be on the list of liturgists, and read scripture in worship on October 20. We now have a list of ten or more readers whose personal inflections enrich our worship experience. Gill Stanfield schedules readers every quarter to make sure everyone who volunteers is assigned a turn.

At the Jean Eakle 11th Annual Art and Jewelry Sale on September 28, handmade jewelry, paintings, photography, and sculpture filled every corner of the Mezzanine at Hotel Mac. Debbie Benko, Doreen Leighton, and Diane Frary organized the event with help from Hotel Mac owner Lara Choe and others. One buyer immediately saw the value of Katharine Hemphill's California wildflower-themed painted windowpane panel, and scooped it up. Diane Frary's unique beaded jewelry fans vied for their favorite new pieces. People went home with new art to grace their spaces. After the sale ended and we packed away every unsold item, several people stayed afterward for a convivial dinner at the Mac: Diane Frary, Jonathan Swett, Bethany Hayter, David Reynolds, Katharine Hemphill, Melodie Smith, Bill Benko, Debbie Benko, Pastor Dan Damon, Fran Smith, Doreen Leighton, Linda Andrew-Marshall, Norm Reynolds, and Jean Reynolds shared stories and tapped our toes to the live trumpet riffs wafting up from the bar below.

The United Methodist Women sponsored a "Spooky Tea" on October 26, complete with purple and orange scones, jack-o-lantern sandwiches, and spidery deviled eggs. Two seatings that day provided twice the chance to dress in costume and shiver at the spooky serving specters. I was seated with my daughter, Jack Pumpkinhead, a witch, and an Avocado.

On the Calendar:

Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner:

Thursday, November 28, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings. Interfaith Service of Thanks, 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. To help with dinner, call, text, or email Doreen, (510) 316-9238 or d3leighton@icloud.com

November 16, Saturday, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

An Impromptu Glorious Chorus™ with Elise Witt, Vocal Workshop/ Community Sing. Register in advance elisemwitt@gmail.com

Natural Rhythms in concert: 7:00 p.m., Elise Witt, Becky Reardon, and Terry Garthwaite present "spirited songs with melodic twists and impelling pulse" \$25 at the door or purchase in advance, www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4327963

Point Richmond Jazz Presents: Larry Vuckovich, Jackie Ryan, and Kit Eakle in concert: Saturday, December 14, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 at the door or \$18 through Brown Paper Tickets.

Holiday Bake Sale: Saturday, December 21, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (or until the goodies disappear.) Look for us at Interactive Resources, 117 Park Place, Point Richmond. Say yes to home-baked pies, plates of cookies, candy, fudge, muffins, cakes and more: elegantly wrapped for your holiday table or to give as a gift. Come early for the best selection.

Christmas Eve Jazz Service: December 24, 7:00 p.m. A Point Richmond holiday tradition for people of all ages, and Pastor Dan's last Christmas Eve here before he retires in June 2020: It is sure to fill the sanctuary and hearts to overflowing. Hear the Dan Damon Quartet and guest soloists perform songs of the season; sing along on familiar Christmas carols. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Arrive early for the best seating.

For updates, see the church website: pointrichmondmethodist.org



Jean Reynolds

WWIC Est. 1908

News from the Women's Westside Improvement Club by Carla Bowman

First of all, I want to thank Linda Newton for taking notes for me at the September meeting, which I was unable to attend. Thank you, Linda! Diane Diani welcomed us back from summer break, then thanked the officers for hosting the meeting. They are as follows: Diane Diani President, Marion Kent First VP, Fran Smith Second VP, Doreen Leighton Treasurer, Juleann Klotz and Ann Langille Secretaries, and Carla Bowman, TPIT. We welcomed our new member Anita Aaron.

September birthdays were Linda Newton, 9/17; Diane Marie 9/20; Diane Diani 9/21; Margaret Morkowski 9/25. We serenaded them with a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday." Altha Humphrey said that she was giving up the position of making a lap robe for 90-year-old

members' birthdays in December, when she will make one for Pat Pearson. Altha will pass on the pattern and 5-6 skeins of yarn to the next woman who takes on this position.

Margaret Jordan was in Africa and Suellen Barnett was in New Zealand and Australia. Diane D announced the agenda as being reports, sign-ups, holiday luncheon, and choosing speakers. Diane and Juleann passed out green volunteer sign-up cards. It's most important that we sign up to host!

Head luncheon chair Cathy O'Brien, Marion Kent, and Fran Smith hosted the Oct. 1 fundraiser luncheon. Karen Buchanan lead another Haunted History Hike on Sunday, Oct. 27 as another fundraiser. It started at the Richmond History Museum at 4:30, and end at Hotel Mac, with spooky drinks about 2 hours or so later. Last year's hike was a great success, thanks to Karen Buchanan and her unique take on The Point. Let me point out that all the monies we raise go directly back to the community. The strong sense of community that we have here is because of people sharing their "TNT," aka talents and time.

Juleann read a lovely thank-you letter from "Richmond Swims" for our donation of \$200. Our brilliant webmaster David Moore is retiring, and we will honor him with a gift at the October luncheon. Last, we voted on several speakers to narrow the number down to four. Thus we ended out September meeting.

A description of our October 1 meeting is next. After a delicious luncheon of scalloped potatoes with rosemary, meat balls, and desserts prepared by Head luncheon chair Cathy O'Brien, Marion Kent, and Fran Smith, President Diane Diani thanked them and Head hostess Margaret Jordan, and hostesses Jean Brady and Ruth Frassetto for the Fall-themed decorations, and called the meeting to order. Fran Smith's witches and pumpkins were a special standout among the decorations. Gail Sinclair was our guest. We must have been on our good behavior because she



Diane, Ruth and Marion



Five Westside Womens Club Gardeners as drawn by Dave Moore

joined WWIC after the meeting adjourned. Welcome, Gail!

Diane then introduced and gifted David Moore, our webmaster who's retiring. Please check out David Moore and Sincere Novelty cards. What a talent he has for humorous artwork! He gifted Diane with a terrific drawing of five WWIC gardeners. Please see the photo, which doesn't nearly do it justice because it's not in color. "Birthday girls" follow: Juels Klotz 10/4, Ann Langille 10/7, Lara Choe 10/15, Nancy Copeland 10/25, Evelyn Thill 10/27, and Kathleen Wimer 10/28. We sang "Happy Birthday" to them.

Old business followed with officers' reports. Marion Kent presented a new member Ruth Frassetto with the WWIC teacup and saucer. Cathy O'Brien informed us about the Holiday Luncheon, which will be the last one with Pastor Dan Damon accompanying us on the piano as we sing carols. Our entrees will be a choice of fish, vegan, and a chicken dish. We voted to have tiramisu for dessert. We will have J & R's catering again because of their stellar lunch and decorations last year. Cost will be \$25. It will be held Tuesday, December 3 at the Fellowship Hall of the First

Kelli Barram and her poster of "Plant to Plate"



Methodist Church, i.e. our normal "digs." Diane announced our speakers for 2019 – 2020:

Kelli Barram, Plant to Plate Internship Program Oct. 1,

Matt Holmes, Groundwork Richmond, an environmental organization for local youth, Nov. 5,

Diane Hedler, Rosie's Girls/ Every Kid in the Park, Feb. 4

Dr. Mi-Yung, Healthy QI (Chi) and You, acupuncture and Chinese medicine, April 7.

The Oct. speaker, Kelli Barram, leader of Plant to Plate, a Master Gardener and Garden Instructor, described a deeply needed and well-designed program incorporating organic garden gardening and culinary arts skills for underserved high school students at

Richmond, Kennedy, and De Anza. It emphasizes future employment, resume writing, and social skills. Did you know there's an organic café and caterer on Cutting Blvd, across from Burger King? It is Oren's Kitchen and Anaviv Catering and Events. Check it out!! Arnon Oren, Master Chef, is the co-leader with Kelli of Plant to Plate. He uses organic foods grown by the students. We were delighted to hear about this program. Thank you for coming, Kelli!

We ended our meeting on a high note with a joke from Diane Diani.



From Rita Gardner

Arts of Point Richmond is a community association established to enrich our community by providing support, appreciation, and exposure for the arts.

*For more information:
www.artsofpointrichmond.com*

Current and upcoming exhibitions and events sponsored by Arts of Point Richmond:

October 28 to January 27:

Art exhibition: “Critters”, a show of enchanting insects, goats, cows, and more, featuring the work of **Sharon Taylor-Ward** and **Jeanne Hendrickson**.

Location: El Sol Restaurant, 101 Park Place, Point Richmond.

November 11 to January 6:

Oil paintings by **Cherie Carter**.

Location: Post Office, 104 Washington Avenue, Point Richmond.

**December 14, 2019, 11:00a-4:30p:
Arts of Point Richmond Holiday
Faire.**

Location: Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Avenue. This popular event is the perfect place to find unique holiday gifts made by local artists, and a great way to support the community of Point Richmond. There will be a raffle, live music, a crafts table for kids to create art they can take home, and homemade cookies. Come join the fun!



*A **blond** man is in the bathroom and his wife shouts “Did you find the shampoo?” He answers “Yes but I’m not sure what to do...it’s for dry hair and I just wet mine.”*



Gary Shows
Admin · February 24

Screenshot of the old Jumbo's storefront on Washington Avenue.



Jerry Cerkawicz, Nancy Shows Eardley and 39 others · 15 Comments



Like



Comment



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Mary Comer Only the best fast food and lunch place in town and a great place to catch local gossip.

Like · Reply · 35w · Edited



Denny Amantite Enjoyed a meal there many times

Like · Reply · 35w



Georgia Egger

August 11

Joel Beck, selling his Farlene Duck posters, a random shot, and years later giving what he called his best 'Errol Flynn' pose.



You, Kathe Klehn, Pat Dornan and 48 others · 16 Comments · 5 Shares



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Point Richmond History Association Facebook Group

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

Membership in our Facebook Group has skyrocketed in recent weeks. Thanks to members for sharing the great old pictures, videos and fun memories.

Check it out!
It's fun!



Indra Coles

Visual Storyteller · August 28

Washington Elementary

1958-59

3rd grade.

(I can only name Scott Coles, third row, third from the right)



You, Georgia Egger, Dana Paquette and 11 others · 4 Comments · 2 Shares



Like



Comment



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View 2 more comments



Doug McKechnie I probably taught some of these kids to swim at the Plunge.

Like · Reply · 2w



Georgia Egger Rodney is the 3rd row up, first boy on the left...big smile, flattop. He was a War Hero.

Like · Reply · 2w

September 20, 2019

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Hello,

We hope the enclosed yearbooks from Richmond Union High School, 1937-1938 will be a good addition to your collection.

Our Cortese family settled in Richmond/Point Richmond in the early 1920's. Joe's father Nick was born in 1919, along with his 7 other siblings. The men, 5 brothers established Cortese Brothers car dealerships. At one point the dealerships numbered 12.

In addition, their eldest sister, Madeline Cortese was founding member that established the Richmond Art Center. There is a long history of the Cortese family in the area. Joe, my husband and his sister Claudia attended Grant Elementary School. I am including a long rolled photo of Claudia's graduating class of 1957 of Longfellow Jr. High School (she is seated in the second row, far right). Claudia also attended Harry Ells High School. Their mother, Eva (Toia) Cortese was born in 1920 and was raised in Point Richmond. Her mother, Mrs. Toia had a 'Mom & Pop' grocery store that she ran, as a woman by



herself from the mid 1920's until the 1960's. It was located on Cutting Boulevard. We have pictures at our home in B.C., we could share copies if you are interested.

We are settling Claudia (Cortese) Davis estate and wishing to share this small amount of the collection from the family of Nick (Nicolaus) Cortese, Eva (Toia) Cortese and Claudia (Cortese) Davis. We hope you will be able to include it in your collection for historical purposes.

Sincerely Deborah & Joe

Enclosed

Picture of 1957 Longfellow Jr. High School Class

Picture of 1951 Grant School Class

1938 Richmond Union High School "The Shield" Directory

June 1936 Richmond Union High School "The Shield" Yearbook

January 1937 Richmond Union High School "The Shield" Yearbook

June 1937 Richmond Union High School "The Shield" Yearbook

January 1938 Richmond Union High School "The Shield" Yearbook

December 1938 Richmond Union High School "The Shield" Yearbook

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***Thanks for thinking of us! Your items under your name have been added to our collection.***





## Early Minutes of the Women's Westside Improvement Club

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

*-Linda Newton, Past President*

Point Richmond Dec. 7, 1909

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

Meeting called to order by Vice President Mrs. Marston.

Roll call of officers resulted in 4 being present and 9 being absent.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Communications: A letter from Superintendent of Streets Mr. Hudson in regard to planting trees and kinds recommended and especially the Black Acacia.

Mrs. Garrard was present and explained in regard to the trees and have Mr. Windrew draw up an application to Street Superintendent stating where we want to plant trees and the kind.

Mr. Garrard was thanked for his kindness in coming and explaining.

Moved by Mrs. Adams seconded by Mrs. Maynard we have City Attorney draw up application to Street Superintendent to plant Black Acacia and state the street Washington Ave. from Richmond Ave. not to exceed \$200.00. carried

Bills presented: Mrs. Lucas floral piece 7.50, Richmond Supply Co. by order librarian coal & kindling 2.75, McWhorter shovel & matches .15 cts. Total 10.40.

Moved by Mrs. Dimick seconded Mrs. Roth warrants be drawn to pay bills. carried.

Donation for floral piece: Mrs. Marston .50, Mrs. Adams .25, Mrs. Grover .25, Mrs. Roth .25. Total

\$1.25.

Moved by Mrs. Roth seconded by Mrs. Adams we write a letter of condolence to Mrs. Curry. carried. Mrs. Adams had two letters she forgot to bring to club one from the parties in Oakland in regard to the play, it was left in the hands of executive board to arrange play or whatever they decided on. Mrs. Adams has to let them know what contents of letter was.

Dues paid: Mrs. Roth .75, Mrs. Waynard 1.50, Mrs. Bonner int fee 1.00. Total 3.25.

No further business to come before the club the meeting closed.

Mrs. Marsten, Pres Pro tem  
Ella Dimick, Secty

Point Richmond Dec. 21, 1909

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

Meeting called to order by Vice President Mrs. Marsten.

Roll call of officers resulted in 6 being present and 7 being absent.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Communications: A letter from Mrs. Fisher R. Clarke Chairman of Club Extension of Alameda District for California Federation of Womans Clubs. A card of thanks from Mrs. Curry.

The Federation of Womans Clubs were discussed in regard to the club joining it.

Moved by Mrs. Adams sec by Mrs. Coleman we take it up later and write and inform Mrs. Clarke of same.

The letter was read that was written to City Council for application to plant trees.

Bills presented W.R. Paasch repairing surry 4.50, Richmond Light & Power Co. for lights \$1.00, Richmond Supply Co. for coal & kindling \$3.85, Hattie Casselman for services as Librarian \$20.00.

Auditing com appointed Mrs. Grover, Mrs Troutvetter & Mrs. Maynard.

Auditing committee reported favorable on bills.

Moved by Mrs. Dimick sec by Mrs; Trautvetter warrants be drawn to pay bills. carried.

Auditing Committee reported favorable on bills.

Moved by Mrs. Dimick sec by Mrs. Trautvetter warrants be drawn to pay bills. carried.

New business: Moved by Mrs. Adams sec by Mrs. Coleman we write a letter of thanks to Mr. Paasch for reducing his bill on surry.

Mrs. Adams Mrs. Coleman appointed to see about getting coal.

Receipts: Library money 10.25, dues .75, miscellaneous 1.25. Total 12.25.

No further business appearing before the club the meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. Marsten Pres. Pro tem  
Ella Dimick Secty

After the meeting the Secty was instructed to write at letter to the Trustees of the Carnagie Library offering to present the reading room contents to the Trustees if they would establish a branch library on this side.

Point Richmond Jan 4, 1910

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

The meeting called to order by Vice President Mrs. Marsten.

Roll call of officers resulted in 5 being present and 8 being absent.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bills presented: Bill of Richmond Light & Power Co. for lights \$1.30, Finance Committee appointed Mrs. Coleman Mrs. Asher. The committee reported favorable on bill. Moved by Mrs. Dimick seconded by Mrs. Trautvetter warrant be drawn to pay bill. carried.

The discussion in regard to joining the Federation of Womans Clubs. Moved by Mrs. Roth sec by Mrs. Asher we invite Mrs. Schram over and give a talk on the subject of the Federation. carried.

Moved by Mrs. Coleman sec by Mrs. Whitecomb we have a social on Wednesday afternoon Jan 26. carried.

The proposition of giving a dance was discussed. Moved by Mrs. Walker sec by Mrs. Nichol we give a dance and committee be appointed to see when we could get a hall and music try and have it about the 25 of Jan. carried. Committee appointed Mrs. Whitecomb and Mrs. Eaton to het hall, music and tickets.

Tree committee reported that a man would plant the trees for 50 cents a piece, the trees cost 25. planted 25 total 50. Tree Committee authorized to take charge of the work.

Moved by Mrs. Coleman sec by Mrs. Whitecomb Mrs. Adams act to get Bill of Sale of Library as the Library Board of Trustees accepted the proposition we offered them.

Receipts: Mrs. Mary Nichols 1.00, Mrs. J.B. McCabe 1.50, Mrs. Asher 1.50, Mrs. Fremmer 1.50, Mrs. Benner .50, Mrs. Hopkins .50, donation .50. Total 6.00.

No further business appearing before the club the meeting closed.

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

# We Have Standards!

## Episode 4: Significant Alterations

by Caitlin Hibma

*After a brief summer hiatus, we are back... and we still have Standards! This episode we talk about significant alterations, or changes made to a building since its construction that are important or character-defining in their own right.*

But wait! Aren't alterations bad? Don't they destroy a building's physical integrity and its ability to convey its history? Not always, and occasionally they even enhance it.

The Secretary of the Interior explains Standard 4 as follows: "Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved."

Many buildings have suffered haphazard or convenience-driven additions and alterations; ones that detract from, or worse, destroy historic fabric and features. Many more have alterations that, while not detrimental and maybe even sensitive, are simply done for the sake of modernization or maintenance. However, in some special cases, an alteration helps tell the story of a property's history. It may relate to its significant use, like an industrial building undergoing alterations to accommodate manufacturing an important new product; or have direct associations to an important person, like a house with an addition that contained the office of a famous individual who did their important work there; or perhaps it reflects important events, like a building re-clad in fireproof materials in reaction to a major fire that destroyed the surrounding neighborhood. If so, then it is an alteration that has significance in its own right. And those changes, although not original and possibly even out of keeping with the building's original appearance or function, should be preserved.

Truth be told, this is not a Standard that is invoked often. As stated, most properties change over time; however, for a change to be significant in its own right, there has to be some strong justification. So, it's somewhat rare to run across buildings with significant alterations and I am still trying to think of local examples in Point Richmond. Know any?

Standard 4 does make me think of a house museum I worked at while in grad school, though. The Shelton McMurphey Johnson House in Eugene, Oregon is an ornate 1888 Queen Anne Victorian, rife with gingerbread ornament, stained glass, bay windows, and a hexagonal tower with a conical roof. Around back there is a clean-lined, rectilinear, broad-eaved Craftsman style sleeping porch that contrasts dramatically with the house's original aesthetic. I had a professor (a strict restoration-ist) who always argued that the sleeping porch should be torn off, since it was completely out of keeping with the house's original design. Meanwhile, others (myself included) argued that the sleeping porch, built in 1912 and well-used (even in winter) by the McMurphey family, was a significant alteration. Yes, it was added later, but it spoke distinctly of its architectural influences and its age. It was built at a time when Victorian appreciation of ornate ornament, profuse knick-knacks, and the resulting dust and gloom had given way to an early 20<sup>th</sup> century preference for simplicity, well-lit spaces, clean lines, and flat uncluttered surfaces. This correlated with scientific advancements and growing public interest in cleanliness, sanitation, and personal health. The wide-open, fresh air sleeping porch of the SMJ House was a nod to a progressive cultural shift toward getting one's family out of the confined germ-ridden Victorian



*Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, the sleeping room is on the back side of the house*

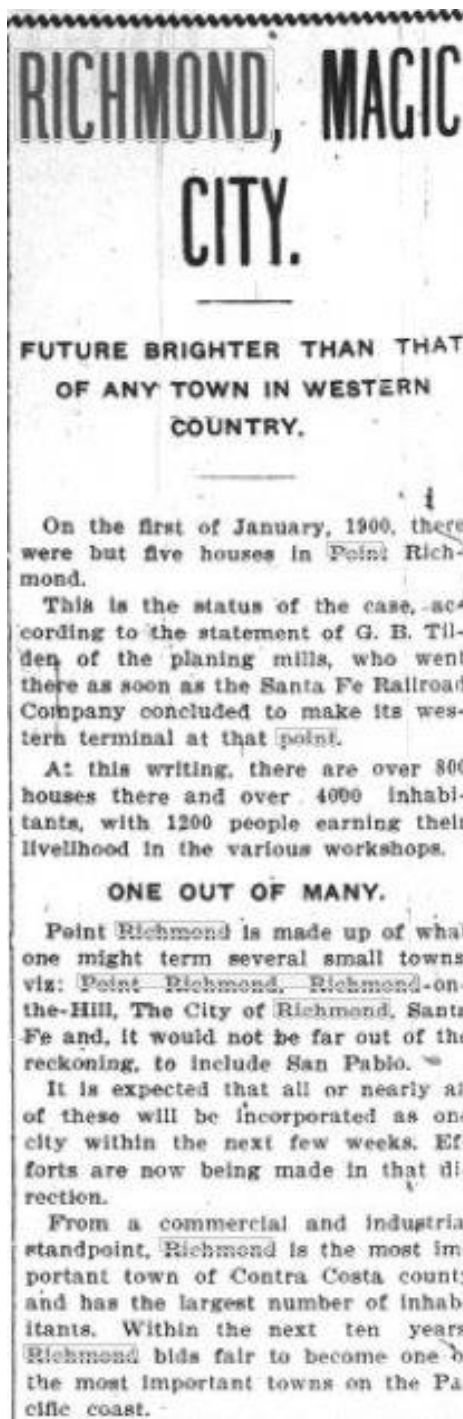
parlor and onto a bright, breezy, bracing sleeping porch (just don't forget the hot water bottles!). Although it was an alteration, it had gained significance in its own right by conveying evolving cultural attitudes and design trends important to history.

So, although you might consider demolishing a later addition to your building or removing altered materials or features because they are not original or out of keeping with overarching style, consider first why they were added or altered. Was the reason historically important; strongly associated with an event, a person, a use, or a social or cultural shift? Then maybe they should be preserved, too, for their special role in telling the whole story of a historic property's significance.

*Next Time: Keep your Standards high by preserving distinctive features, finishes, and craftsmanship.*



*Clip from the Oakland Tribune  
Wednesday, November 4, 1913*



***Tony Ramirez grew up in the neighborhood that includes 4th Street and Nevin. His father was a Mexican immigrant and an original Santa Fe Railroad line worker. Enjoy reading in Tony's own words about what it was like growing up in the FDR Richmond of the 1940's.***

***By Tony Ramirez***

*Thank you to Mr. Gary Shows for printing my memories about my childhood days in Richmond during the World War Two era. I was delighted when my Meals on Wheels volunteer surprised me with "THIS POINT.....in time" newsletter edition for September and October. His wife had encouraged me to share my story with the older people of Richmond. There is an almighty power in my writing pen when its in my hands. My childhood stories come alive and god never erased those memories he created in my mind, heart and soul. I would like to share more of those early memories.*

I can remember the first day I went to kindergarten at Peres School in the 1944. Our teacher told us our first homework would be to draw a picture of anything we wanted to draw. I think the teacher was Mrs. Westingberg, I can remember seeing my name on a showcard that read my name spelled "Anthony". I remember a nice big sheet of drawing paper and a huge blue leaded pencil, a huge red leaded pencil and heavy-duty crayons of eight colors. When I saw all those pencils and crayons, I thought I was rich, I can remember when I instead used popsicle sticks to wet the ground and draw faces into the mud. That



Is how poor this kid Ramirez was. Well, getting back to when our teacher tells us to start drawing on the huge white heavy paper. I began to draw and draw and draw, until the rest of the kids in the class started to gather around me to look at what I was drawing. Then the teacher yelled out "what is going on there", and when she saw what I had drawn she said, "did you draw this Anthony?" I said yes and nodded my head and oh my god, I thought I had done something wrong! "I can't believe you drew this" she said, so I explained to her I drew her father's and mother's picture that was hanging on the school room wall. It was Abraham Lincoln and George Washington



who I thought were her father and mother, she then broke down laughing. I told her that the name my mother called me was Tonito, not Anthony which again made her laugh out loud. That was my first day in kindergarten, I was 5½ years old. And from that day on I was always drawing Abraham Lincoln's and George Washington's pictures for the rest of the kids. The principal even came to see my drawing. I took my first homework home with me and some people didn't believe me when I told them the story. I was thrilled when the teacher gave me the red and

blue pencils, the heavy-duty crayons and the drawing paper to take home.

Peres School was a beautiful school during those FDR days. I can remember during the Christmas holidays we would receive a Christmas sock filled with hard candies, nuts and small boxes of raisins/apples/oranges and a Hershey bar. I was a poor wartime kid, I wore coveralls to school and a World War II cap that my oldest brother bought from the Army. My oldest brother Lupe Ramirez worked as a pipefitter at the Chevron Standard Oil Refinery for 44 years. I was in the first grade when he was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded in Italy. I was very proud of my oldest brother because he was a hero and came back home alive, that is something you can't take away from the Ramirez family who lived at 440 4<sup>th</sup> Street in a little white house one block away from the Richmond Main Library.

In August of 1945 I can remember when I would see soldiers sleeping in theater shows all night. My oldest sister took me to the movies on McDonald Avenue. I remember the State Theater, the Rio Theater, the Fox Theater, the Costa Theater, the Uptown Theater, the Liberty Theater, The Crest, The Studio and The Grand. My sister admired Shirley Temple movies and I remember western movie stars like Tom Mix, Johnny McBrown, Whip Wilson, the Durana Kid,

Raymond Hatten, Gabby Hayes, Corrigan Bros., Ventrillguist, the Cisco Kid, the Lone Ranger, Hopalong Cassidy, Roy Rogers, Gene Autry. There was Noah Beery Sr. and Noah Beery, Jr. and Bob Steele, Little Beaver and Red Ryder and Smiley Burnette. I can remember it costing a dime to see 3 movies, 3 cartoons and The Three Stooges. A Coke cost 5¢, a Hershey bar was a nickel and a bag of popcorn was 10¢ and Root Beer Barrel's were 5 for a penny. You could get into the movies for a Coca Cola cap very week on Saturdays and matinees.

My mind is moving faster than my hand can write and my hand is beginning to tire a little, so I hope you enjoy what my childhood days were about during World War II in Richmond, CA where 747

Victory Ships were built at the Kaiser Shipyards between 1942 and 1945. I hope to write more of my memories later.



*Engine Company No.  
1. April 1945.*

*PRHA Archive Photo  
#1152-Christian W.  
Wimmer*



Excerpt from San Francisco Chronicle  
Point Richmond, August 8, 1910

*Her mind deranged and fired by the story of Mrs. Joseph Mello, who a week ago drowned her four children in a ranch house near Brentwood, Mrs. John Westman drowned her year-old baby girl and her eight-year-old son in a both tub today. Then she severed an artery in her wrist and when death proved too long in coming, hanged herself from a rafter in her home at 101 Montecito street, this city.*

*The bodies of Hilma, the baby, and Claude, the boy, were found by their brother Fred, aged 14 years. That of the mother was discovered by John Westman, her husband, who had been summoned from his work at the Standard Oil Company's plant by the boy.*

*Mrs. Westman apparently planned the murder of the children and her own destruction deliberately. Shortly after noon, the boy says, she sent him to a neighbor's house to bring home Claude. When the boys returned she sent Fred into the yard and, taking Claude, who was demented and who was to have been taken to the Home of the Feeble-Minded at Glen Ellen tomorrow, and his baby sister to the bathroom, she filled the tub with water and drowned*

*them.*

*"I guess it was two hours later when I went into the house," said Fred. "I called my mother, and when she did not answer I went to the bathroom, where she said she was going to bathe the children. When I opened the door, I saw them lying on the floor under a sheet, and I knew something was wrong. I was afraid to move them. Then I remembered that I was the only one home, and I drew the sheet away and found Hilma and Claude dead on the floor. I didn't tell anyone until I went to my father. When I told him, we ran all the way back from the oil plant, and father called for mother, but she did not answer. A little while later we found her hanging to the rafters in the attic. Father took her down and notified the Coroner."*

*An examination of the attic showed that the woman had seated herself upon a box where she cut her wrist with a fruit knife. Apparently, she had allowed her hand to hang by her side, for the blood had dripped upon the floor. A handprint marked in blood showed where she had moved to box a few feet beneath a rafter. There was blood on the rafter, over which she strung a rope which she tied about her throat, before she kicked the box away.*

*These mute witnesses to her and were found by the Coroner and will be produced at the inquest.*

*John Westman says his wife was discharged a month ago from the State Hospital for the Insane at Napa as restored in mind. She had given no hint as to her mental condition, for had she discussed, except briefly, the Mello tragedy.*

*Westman says she was cheerful when he left the house for his work this morning, and he believes that the slender thread of her reason suddenly snapped, driving her to her terrible deed.*

*Mrs. Westman was a native of Sweden and was 33 years old. She came to this place four years ago with her husband. The children she killed were born here. The surviving children, Carl, who is employed with his father; Hjalmer and Fred, were born in Boston.*

Submitted by Victor J. Westman



*Richmond  
Fire Engine  
Company  
No. 1. 1916.  
This was  
their first  
motorized  
apparatus.*

*PRHA  
Photo  
#1151-  
Christian  
W. Wimmer*



*November 1, 2019  
Heinz and Manfred replacing the roof of our little museum.  
Photo by Kathe Kiehn*

*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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|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09-01-1916 | Two S.F. labor unions lower bars and admit 1 Jap and 1 Chinese.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 09-06-1916 | Rev. Aubry Wilson leaves ministry to enter undertaking business.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 09-11-1916 | A record day on San Rafael ferry. 556 cars, 2624 persons, 62 motorcycles and 22 tri-cars. It took 7 extra trips. As many as 200 cars were lined and waiting.<br>Lew Chamberlain, clad in bathing suit, surfboards behind the Van Damme from San Quentin to Richmond to attack local liquor law which prevents women from being hired in saloons. |
| 09-12-1916 | City Council buys 2 lots 500 feet east of Pullman on Cutting for new firehouse. Cost \$1150.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 09-13-1916 | Rights of women to enter bars upheld.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 09-16-1916 | Water Co. to spend 2 million for dam and tunnel in San Pablo Canyon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 09-18-1916 | New reservoir water to be filtered. Dam holds 12 billion gallons, will take 2½ years to build.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10-18-1916 | Hong Tie, restaurant man hacked to pieces in room at 1120 McD. was cook on battleship in Battle of Manila Bay.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10-23-1916 | Commodore Turner, who shot Sgt. Jennings, guilty.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 10-26-1916 | Turner gets 14 yrs. at Folsom.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10-31-1916 | Otto Ludwig resigns from Council. Growth of business too great.<br>To pave 14' wide section in center of Washington Ave. from Richmond to Crest.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 11-10-1916 | Hercules Powder earns 239% dividends, gains 455%.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11-15-1916 | Winehaven has shipped over 1 million gallons of wine during past 30 days.<br>SOCo goes on 8 hour day on Jan 1st, no cut in wages.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11-24-1916 | J. H. Misner, Harbormaster drives to LA in 19 hours in Ford. Also gets ride in aeroplane and goes 1000 feet (what next in this world?).                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 11-25-1916 | The Roadhouses along San Pablo Ave. must go says the League.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 11-29-1916 | Grand Canyon Street car held up, robber got 25¢.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 12-06-1916 | Richmond almost isolated by storm and poor road conditions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 12-08-1916 | Think convict escaped from SQ on Van Damme.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

# *Memorials.....*

**Bob Armstrong**, former Point Richmond resident, passed away in mid-September, 2019, at age 79 after a battle with cancer. Bob lived in Berry Creek, CA, was a United States Air Force Veteran, and a member of the Point Richmond History Association.

**George Otis Hall, III** (5/4/1946 - 10/2019), a former resident of Point Richmond who attended Washington Elementary & graduated from Harry Ells High School in 1964, was found dead in his home in mid-October, 2019. George served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Coral Sea aircraft carrier during the Vietnam War. He most recently lived in Kelseyville & had lived in Lake County for many years. George was a long-time friend of Point Richmond natives Chuck Dutrow & Les Crim.



*Point Richmond  
Aerial Photo taken  
in circa 1913*

*Courtesy of the  
Richmond Museum  
of History Collection*

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

## **CENTURY CLUB**

**Madeline Bellando Albright - 102**

**Delphina Franco Tawney - 101**

# *Birthdays*

## November

LaVerne Rentfro  
Woolman  
Amanda Kinley  
Bethany Reynolds  
Heinz Lankford  
Lynn Rendle  
Robert Larsen  
Chuck Dutrow  
Mary Ann Gaspard

Shirley Butt  
Chris Bradshaw  
David T. McCarthy  
Clare Doherty  
K. Patrick O'Higgins  
Jason D. Crowson Dee  
Rosier  
Xavier Delatorre  
Joe Savile

Shane Thomas  
Jay Fenton  
Joann Bill-Cannon  
Linda Feyder  
George Tumberlin  
Nicole Vargo  
Kathryn Pinkerton  
James Cheshareck, Sr.  
James Cheshareck, Jr.

Audrey Edwards  
Bobbies Boziki  
Linda Cheshareck  
Katrina MacDiarmid  
Albert Kollar  
David Dolberg  
Charlotte Birsinger  
Gary Shows

## December

Hazel Paasch  
Les Crim  
Alexis Lane Jensen  
Donald Smith  
Debbie Seaburg  
Fred Frye  
Christine Hayes  
Lydia Jahromi

Jeff Corbin  
Heidi Framericce  
Mike Turner  
Lauren Nason  
Marilyn Darling  
Linda Mertle  
Michael Cheshareck  
Eric Turner

Seth Fenton  
Vince Smith  
Jennifer Rosier  
Christina Nagatani  
Donald Smith  
Thomas Mercer- Hursh  
Jerry Feagley  
Ilana Dolberg

Kayla Dolberg  
Bob Burdick  
Pat Pearson  
Tony Lizarraga  
Fernando Garcia  
Becky Garcia  
Kenny Paasch  
Gary Massey

## January

Hazel Paasch  
Les Crim  
Alexis Lane Jensen  
Donald Smith  
Debbie Seaburg  
Fred Frye  
Christine Hayes  
Lydia Jahromi  
Jeff Corbin

Heidi Framericce  
Mike Turner  
Lauren Nason  
Marilyn Darling  
Linda Mertle  
Michael Cheshareck  
Eric Turner  
Seth Fenton  
Vince Smith

Jennifer Rosier  
Christina Nagatani  
Donald Smith  
Thomas Mercer- Hursh  
Jerry Feagley  
Ilana Dolberg  
Kayla Dolberg  
Bob Burdick  
Pat Pearson

Tony Lizarraga  
Fernando Garcia  
Becky Garcia  
Kenny Paasch  
Gary Massey  
Christopher W. Wilson

## EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

**Martha Bielawski - 95**

**Muriel Clausen - 94**

**Mary Bianchini Highfill - 95**

**Tom Kenny - 94**

**Loretta Stevens Johromi - 93**

**Billie Bonham Shaw - 97**

**June Beesley Sosabal - 95**

**Mid Dornan - 98**

**Morris Simpson - 96**

**Brenda McKinley - 92**

**Victor Morales - 91**

**Alphonso Diaz - 95**

**Christopher W. Wilson - 95**

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

# Cards, Letters & E-Mails

Hi Everyone -

I've just got to pass along to you that so many, many people were thrilled to come in & enjoy our little Museum tonight. 21 people signed the guest book & probably another 10 slipped out without signing. Here are some of the many comments:

We love this place. Thanks so much for opening it tonight.

I've lived here 6 years & never seen it open.

I've lived here 10 years & never seen it open.

I've walked by here so many times & never been inside.

I handed out lots of free brochures & old copies of the TPIT - no sales tonite but much interest. Many will further search the website.

Many youngsters came inside to get a closer look at Effie & were reassured that she didn't scare them.

It was very hot inside so I took a chair outside to get some air & hear the music, & I enjoyed speaking with many passersby too.

Thanks for this opportunity & I hope you will consider having evening hours again. I realize there won't be as many people if there isn't an outdoor concert, but I believe there is much interest in evening hours. I would be willing to work one evening a month.

Thanks,

Linda Andrew-Marshall

Docent



*In 1898 Bayer begins mass production of heroin as a remedy for coughs and colds.*

Many thanks to Heinz, who so warmly welcomed me in and shared riveting stories about the area with me! I told him I'd visit the S.S. Red Oak Victory and I did! I also dropped by the Rosie the Riveter War Memorial. Next I reckon I'll drive to Point Molate. I wasn't necessarily planning on making a day out of Richmond sightseeing but by am I glad I did! I also found out the Betty Reid Soskin, of the Rosie the Riveter Visitor Center is back at home and now recovering. Pass on the news!

I hope to drop by the kiosk again.....happy to have found my way to it and to my destinations around. Heinz was right.....I didn't end up lost on this trip. Thanks for the great directions(. P.S. Heinz said that he might have a list of places to visit in Richmond, I shall hold him to that.

Sincerely, Sarah Belle Lin

Museum Visitor

| 1938 COST OF LIVING           |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| LIVING                        |                     |
| New House                     | \$3,900.00          |
| Average Income                | \$1,731.00 per year |
| New Car                       | \$860.00            |
| Average Rent                  | \$27.00 per month   |
| Tuition to Harvard University | \$420.00 per year   |
| Movie Ticket                  | 25¢ each            |
| Gasoline                      | 10¢ per gallon      |
| United States Postage Stamp   | 3¢ each             |
| FOOD                          |                     |
| Granulated Sugar              | 59¢ for 10 pounds   |
| Vitamin D Milk                | 50¢ per gallon      |
| Ground Coffee                 | 39¢ per pound       |
| Bacon                         | 32¢ per pound       |
| Eggs                          | 18¢ per dozen       |

# *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.gsrm.org](http://www.gsrm.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 Bonnie Jo Cullison at 510-412-2202.

### POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

Contact: Peter Thelin at 510-326-8108

### 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 visit [www.richmondmuseum.org](http://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](http://www.nps.gov/rori).

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### 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: Diane Diani, President. Email: [italiandiane@gmail.com](mailto:italiandiane@gmail.com)

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