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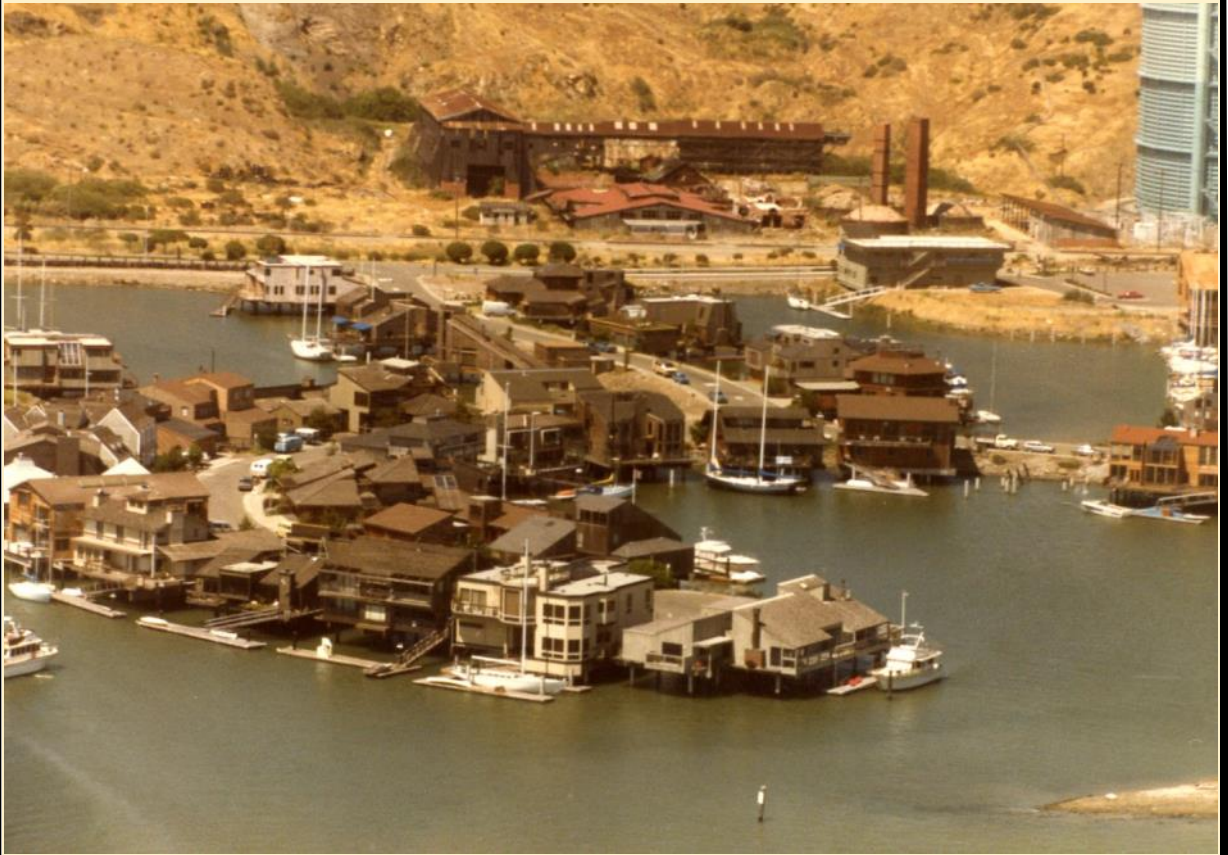
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Brickyard Landing

Circa 1980

The Annual Point Richmond History Association General Meeting and Election of Officers

For the past several decades this page in the April/May issue of the newsletter has been reserved for the announcement of the PRHA annual meeting and the election of officers, which historically takes place on the third Sunday of May.

This year, because of the health emergency that we are experiencing, we regret to announce that the annual meeting has been postponed.

We hope to be announcing a new Fall date in the September/October newsletter. We look forward to seeing you all then. Until that time all PRHA officers have agreed to extend their term of office.



1918 Washington School Class wearing masks to ward off the flu epidemic

PRHA photo #0500

From the President

by Bonnie Jo Cullison

Well, this is certainly not what I was expecting to write a couple of weeks ago. I am writing this on, March 20, following several days of rapid changes in all of our lifestyles. As you may or may not know, the History Museum is closed for the duration of the corona-virus related restrictions. We will reopen once the restrictions have been lifted and the environment is once again safe and conducive to socializing within less than 6 feet.

Our annual meeting, which had been scheduled for May 17, has been postponed but we are optimistic that it can be rescheduled for sometime in September or October. We will notify all members via a postcard once a date has been fixed. And you can always visit our website and Facebook site for the latest updates. In fact, if you haven't seen our Facebook discussion page you should have a look. Gary and other readers are continually updating it with new photos and information. It's fun.

Fortunately, we can continue to publish This Point In Time... so you will receive an issue in September. If you have stories and memories of Pt. Richmond you want to share or community announcements you would like printed in the newsletter please send them to Gary Shows.

We are looking for someone to write a column of local news and announcements. Someone with a pulse on the people, places and activities going on about town. (We will have activities going on about town again!) Don't hesitate to phone or email me if you are interested in learning more or have ideas of your own.

Thank you all for being loyal readers and caring about the history of this wonderful community. Be cautious, be patient, stay healthy.

Richmond Brick Company shortly before demolition.

PRHA photo archive #1009 from Charles Smith

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Welcome to new members:

**Nacho Romero & Emily Goldberg
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**Special Supporter, *Thank You!*



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Santa Fe Market

For distributing

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Support our local retailers

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

Richmond photos.

Open Thursdays and Saturdays

*And the first and second Tuesday of
each month*

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

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

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The Cover:

***Brickyard Cove circa 1980, the brickyard and the large PG&E tank were
still standing. Photo by Gary Shows***

Editor's Notes

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Here is our first issue with no "A-Mid Trivia" column. I would like to have a similar report for TPIT to replace Mid's. Ideally it would be about the things going on in Point Richmond both social and business, maybe with a little bit of trivia as well. If you think you might be up to that task, or if you know someone who is, please let me know.

Thanks to Theresa Daniel for donating files and pictures from the development of the Brickyard Cove complex. You will find some of those pictures and pages 22 and 23.

This virus emergency is a scary time for all of us, please stay safe and healthy. Hopefully things will be at least somewhat back to normal by the time the next issue is out.

The deadline for our next TPIT June/July/August issue is Friday, May 29, 2020.

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

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January 8, 1989 was a very sad day in Point Richmond

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES TO OUR BELOVED FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS - BOB YOUNG AND BRENT MORIWAKI - SANTA FE MARKET

SPIRITUAL SERVICE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 1989; 1:00 P.M. We will meet at the Indian Statue Park and walk through town to the Washington School Auditorium, gathering together for services. If it rains, we will meet directly at the school auditorium at 1:00 p.m. A potluck luncheon will follow in the auditorium. Please bring your food to the school auditorium Sunday morning between 10:00 a.m. and noon.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11; 6:00 P.M. A coming together of the community at the Indian Statue Park. Candles will be provided or you may bring your own.

3 Trust Funds Have Been Established:

° Brent Moriwaki Family Trust
Alvarado Bank
P.O. Box 351
San Pablo, CA 94806-0351
Contact: Andrea Atkins, 235-9292
Set up by Pam Imai

° Brent Moriwaki Family Trust
Mechanics Bank
3170 Hilltop Mall Rd.
Richmond, CA 94806

° Santa Fe Market Memorial Fund
Mechanics Bank
9th and Macdonald Avenue
Richmond, CA 94801

This fund will be used to help cover the medical expenses of Cleophus Clark, to help bring Mr. Clark's parents to Richmond and to establish a Bob Young Memorial. Any surplus funds will go to Brent's family.

Funeral Services for Bob Young
Monday, January 9, 1989; 1:00 p.m.
Halstead N. Gray-Carew & English, Inc.
1123 Sutter Street (at Larkin)
San Francisco
Visiting hours: Sunday, Jan. 8; 7-8:00 pm

Bob Young Memorial
We would like to establish a suitable memorial to our friend Bob Young. Do you have any suggestions? Please send your ideas to:

Point Richmond History Association
c/o Mid Dorman
225 Clarence St.
Pt. Richmond, CA 94801

or drop them off at the Point Richmond History Association Office, 124 Washington Avenue.



On Thursday, January 5th, 1989 an armed robber entered the Santa Fe Market. The robbery turned bad when store owner Bob Young and employee Brent Moriwaki were shot and killed. A short while later Richmond Police shot and killed the villain. It was a sad and memorable day in Point Richmond.

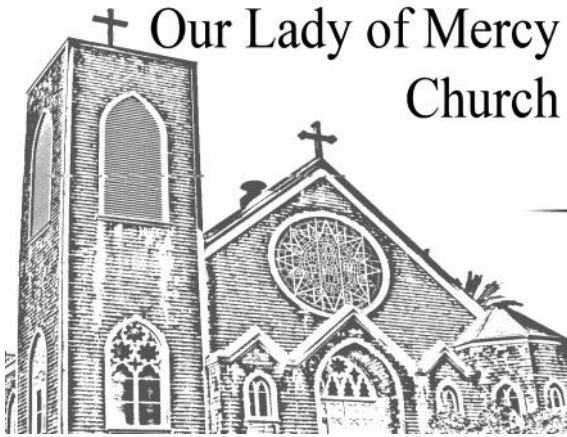


Left: A large flower memorial went up in front of the Santa Fe Market.

Below: Joe Hanzlik is with Jerry Cerkowicz installing a memorial plaque for Brent Moriwiki



Church News



By Dee Rosier
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Who would have predicted that 2020 would open its doors to a year of uncertainty. We are presently in a moment of time filled with anxiety prompted by the coronavirus; having to abide by social distancing and sheltering in place. Community and social get togethers have been canceled. Until further notice, there will be no parish dinners or pancake breakfasts. The Diocese of Oakland has posted that all Masses in the Diocese be suspended. Father O'Rourke has chosen to open the church on Saturday from 4:30-6:00PM and Sunday 9:00-11:00AM.

It was strange to walk the Point and find most businesses closed and few, if any walking. The upside is that parking is presently not a problem.

Standing in line at local grocery stores recalls World War II standing in lines with ration books to purchase needed items which were difficult to purchase. At that time, there were numerous saying associated with the time and the one leading the way at this time is: "We Are All In This Together." Hopefully the hoarders will abide.

Donation envelopes, which were late in

arrival this year are still available at the back of the church. It is assumed the remaining are addressed to people who no longer live within this parish.

Mass for the day of the Sick was recently held at the Cathedral in Oakland. Pictured on the front page of the recent Catholic Voice were our own Diane Marie and Bill Guitterez being anointed by the Bishop.

Father has met with the parents of children to discuss First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The parents are the principal educators and it is they who will decide the readiness. His role will be to support the religious practices and outlook established by their parents.

Our throats were blessed on the Feast of St. Blaise. Candles were also blessed at this time. St. Blaise was numbered among the 14 Holy Helpers, Saints renowned for protecting people from dangers, especially various illnesses. He is well known for being the patron Saint of throat illnesses. Thereafter came Ash Wednesday when we mark the start of the 40-day season of Lent. The Palms from last year were burned for use on Ash Wednesday. After marking foreheads with the ashes, the Priest squeezes lemon juice onto his fingers, with a bowl of soapy water and then dried with a towel.

The ongoing Pancake Breakfasts benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society who in turn helps those in need. At this perilous time we are presently living in, the need for assistance may increase. Assistance is given to many for helping to pay for utility services, rent and other various services. Food and clothing are also provided. A barrel is located in the entryway of the church where food donations are collected.

Since they ultimately have to be brought downstairs, it is anticipated they can be left behind the barrel on the right side of the church hall. Clothing donations can also be left in the same area. As we progress with the present uncertainties in our lives, notice of change in these arrangements, you will be notified through Nextdoor.

Father's latest endeavor is to set up a filming program in the church hall. There has always been a screen in the hall. Someone donated a projector, so this has become his present keep busy project. It can be placed on the back burner until we return to normal times, which will eventually exist. He has also been busy with the painting and rearranging of his office in the rectory, which have brighten up his living quarters.

We experienced a rare occurrence - Palindrome, which is a date that is read the same backward and forward, i.e., 02-02-2020. It is unique because it is 8 digits rather than the usual 7. The last occurred on 11-11-1111, the next will not occur until 03-03-3030.

A lovely memorial service was held at the Methodist Church for our neighbor Pepsi Bernes. Her close neighbors friends and family attended. The service was musically coordinated and the expression dedicated especially to her memory. She always wore a scarf and in leaving one was given to those present which will be a constant memory of her.

Remember in your prayers: Jim and Linda Chezareck, Fred Siegmund, Mike Lambert and Bill Guiterrez.

A plus of sheltering in place is that you can call someone and speak to them rather than leave a message.

Being a small parish, we know those that are regular attendees and when they are missing, we wonder about them. Margaret Doherty was the most recent. She was busy with a Confirmation, a retreat and assisting at Holy Spirit, Newman Hall. Margaret has her reserved seat in the same pew every Sunday, so when missing, it is indeed noticed.

Anne Carroll enjoyed a visit to Maui with her family. She was also able to play golf while there. In her absence, Diane Hirano stayed at Anne's home and enjoyed a return to Pt. Richmond. Diane presently resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Rita Dorsey returned from a month in New Orleans.

It was indeed a special occasion to welcome Diane and Fred Siegmund at coffee and donuts.

Nancy Noble returned from a trip to New Zealand where she had a wonderful time – ask her about it.

It was a pleasure to enjoy a visit from Ed and Delia Rosier, former Pt. Richmond residents who now reside in Kelseyville.

A WISH FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

May we face whatever comes with compassion and grace.

May we remember that what connects us is far stronger

Than what divides us.

May our hearts and coffee be strong, and may all of us

Remember that no matter what,

We determine how we will move through this

World together.

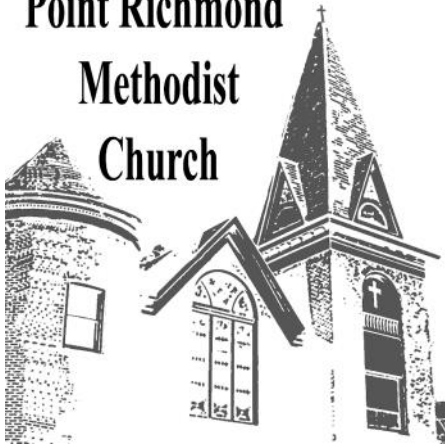
Let it be with kindness.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH
(HOPEFULLY SOON)



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With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, our church community has been pushed to extend our outreach methods. We plan to start with an online worship via Zoom, and to expand the ways we love and care for people during this time of social distancing. Our committee meetings and other gatherings will convene on Zoom for now. Be a witness to how we evolve our ministry by checking our website often: <https://www.pointrichmondmethodist.org> or our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/pg/First-United-Methodist-Church-Point-Richmond-CA-276311252491824/> Special kudos to Laurence Tietz who graciously and expertly adds useful content, updates, and style to our website. I salute Barbara Haley who sends our weekly email newsletter, and Linda Andrew Marshall who employs her lengthy email list to send out select news and updates. Very special thanks to all "This Point In Time" readers and to editor Gary Shows who continues to keep us connected through this publication. I appreciate you all so much!

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee met our new pastor, the Rev. Jacey Pickens-Jones, on March 12. Pastor Jacey loves to preach, excels as an organizer, and specializes in youth ministry. She shared that her ideal job would be to drink coffee while she talks with people about Jesus.

Her spouse, Emily Pickens-Jones, will be the new pastor at El Sobrante UMC. Pastor Jacey currently serves Sonoma United Methodist Church, and will start at Richmond First UMC on July 1, after Pastor Dan retires. You might meet her on the trail walking our church's new "first dog," Radar. We look forward to our partnership with her, and know her ministry here will be a blessing to the community.

Church Trustees Betty Graham, Bill Thompson and Jonathan Swett teamed up to transform, remodel, and modernize the parsonage before our new pastor moves in. The so-called "Three Musketeers" are construction experts in their own right, and have been dedicated to this Herculean task since the beginning of the year. With help from licensed contractors, the building now has safe electrical wiring, better plumbing, a fresh (one-ton measure) of plaster on walls and ceilings, and new paint. Doreen Leighton contributed her expertise on color and materials for the décor. Funding for the work has come from many generous donors, some who donated in memory of Mid Dornan.

Pastor Dan attended the Gathering of Orders and met with other circuit leaders in the California-Nevada Annual Conference January 27-30. He heard inspirational preaching and shared stories from those events with us later through his sermons. Pastor Dan and Eileen Johnson led music for the Los Rios District Revival on February 1 at Davis United Methodist Church.

The choir sang two pieces by George Peter Tingley. On January 26, "After Darkness, Light" and on February 23, "Come Teach Us, Spirit of Our God". We debuted several new compositions of Pastor Dan: "Seeking Jesus in the Darkness," "A Eunuch Worships God," and "Arise, My Love and Come Away," We have been fortunate to witness the birth of new music at our little church!

We came together at Richmond First UMC with people from the six churches and their pastors for Ash Wednesday service on February 26. The offering went to I M HOPE, the non-profit housed at El Sobrante UMC and supported by our circuit, California-Nevada Annual Conference, and the Sikh Temple. I M HOPE has benefited from advice from various agencies who assist immigrants. The anticipated launch of citizenship classes at El Sobrante UMC is stalled until the

West Contra Costa Unified School District resumes normal service.

United Methodist Women from Easter Hill, Open Door, and Richmond First UMC's gathered February 27 for a "Call to Prayer" soup supper hosted by the women of Easter Hill. The women of Open Door led the program. We were urged to rise up to transform our communities to be places where all people - especially women, youth, and children on the margins - are valued and are able to have their life-needs met. It was a powerful reminder in our particular time as we respond to an inadequate healthcare system and growing economic uncertainty.

Pastor Dan celebrated Ruth Duck's lifetime of hymnwriting on February 28, with her home community at Pilgrim Place in Claremont, California. Ruth writes hymn texts, and is a retired professor from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Ruth's expressive adjectives paint unexpected images for God and help people deepen their faith and understanding of the divine. Pastor Dan and George Peter Tingley have both collaborated with Ruth to compose tunes, and Dan helped edit a collection of her hymns. Many of her hymns are published in hymnals of various Christian denominations.

Heather Damon and Brett Wagner exchanged wedding vows on March 7. Special music included Alice Thompson, piano; Rose Ayers, guitar; Jennifer Metz Foster, cello; Laurence Tietz, mandolin; Matthew Foster, guitar. Eileen Johnson joined the Joyful Noise Choir to sing Dan Damon's "Arise, My Love and Come Away." Heather, aglow in bridely radiance, entered the sanctuary singing "At Your Altars." Later in the ceremony, we all sang "Many Waters Cannot Quench Love." After the reception, Heather told how their plans for the wedding came together in haste, and she had few expectations for the details. When she arrived at the church, and saw someone brought flowers, she was delighted. Guests provided a bountiful potluck feast for the reception. Heather raved to discover an actual wedding cake: it was a miracle. The celebration was centered on Brett and Heather - their commitment to serve God, cherish each other, and affirm their place in loving community. Heather was eight when Dan Damon started as our pastor. We treasure Brett though we

have known him for less time. We rejoice in their happiness.

Cornel Barnett preached on March 8, reminding all of us to be good stewards of our natural world, especially our sacred oceans and seas. We sang 'Dan Damon hymns' that fit with the theme: "Ocean is a Call to Worship," "Pray for the Wilderness," and "Guide My Canoe, Spirit Wind." Newly-weds Brett and Heather Wagner expressed their joy and thanks to all for the love they felt from the congregation at their wedding ceremony the previous day.

On Sunday, March 15, we cancelled worship and Sunday school. The sanctuary was open from 10:00 to noon for people to use for prayer and meditation. Jennifer Metz Foster and Matthew Foster helped Pastor Dan open the building and sanitize surfaces in and around the church. Dan sent out a transcript of his sermon on Sunday morning so we could read his words of hope, and feel a little less apart.

Volunteers bought food and served dinner for clients at the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP) Family Shelter in February. In March, we delivered the groceries, but let the staff cook and serve it as we adhered to the County Health Department's safety guidelines. GRIP continues to be an oasis in the storm: they serve lunch to anyone daily, with the help of member congregations and other volunteers.

Point Richmond Jazz sponsored two concerts in February and March. Howard Alden, guitar, and Kit Eakle, violin, played February 7. As their music blended, the mood was unstoppable. On March 6, Gypsy jazz geniuses Tim Kliphuis, violin, and Jimmy Grant, guitar, wowed the savvy audience with their acoustic musical magic. One more PR Jazz concert is pending, Kit Eakle and his All-Star Quartet, on April 24. Check prjazz.org for the latest updates or to sign up for email alerts.

On the Calendar:

Note: In-person events hinge on whether or not "shelter in place" is still in effect.

Saturday, May 16, 2:30 p.m., Dennis Johnson, classical pianist extraordinaire, plans a piano recital to benefit "Spirit In Action."

Saturday, May 23, Dan Damon - A

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WWIC Est. 1908

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

In February, President Diane Diani welcomed us to our first meeting of 2020. We had two guests Barbara Mosera and Shoshana Lingo. Head hostess Mary Lee Cole and co-hostesses Diane Hedler and Karen Buchanan provided the beautiful Valentine's Day decorations and luscious desserts. Birthday girls were Anne Brussok-Roth on February 2, and Gail Eierweiss, Feb. 18. Karen Buchanan noted that Feb. 2 is a numerical palindrome 02022020!

Officers' reports followed. Fran Smith announced the hostesses for March 4. Marion Kent stated that those nearing their 90th birthdays should email her with their favorite colors so that Marion and volunteers Linda Newton and Mary Lee Cole could knit them a lap robe.

Moving on to old business, Lynn Clifford of the Welcome Committee announced that responses from new residents to gift baskets has been underwhelming. Nonetheless, we welcomed a guest Shoshana Lingo, who attended because of receiving one! In fact, both she and Barbara Mosera joined our group, welcome ladies. In other old business, Anne Langille volunteered to become the Sunshine person in place of Mid and Karen B is the new PR person. To commemorate Margaret Jordan, we voted to give \$100 to Doctors without Borders.

Diane Hedler, President of Rosie the Riveter Trust introduced the dynamic National Park Ranger Kelli English, Chief of Interpretation and Education at Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park. We learned so much from these two women! The trust provides the program "Rosie's Girls" for underserved middle-schoolers, aptly enough begun by Rosemary Corbin former WWIC member and Mayor of Richmond, in which they learn many life and technological skills. I have had several graduates of the program tell me how much they learned from it and stay on as mentors. "EKO", Every Kid Outdoors, is for fourth-graders in schools without money for fieldtrips. There is also

a Junior Ranger program at the center.

Diane stated that this is the 20th anniversary of the Rosie the Riveter National Park. Kelli stated that this national park still has many of the WWII resources, such as the museum building itself, which used to be the storage place for fuel for the boiler room, which fueled the entire plant to build USS Liberty and Victory ships.

In the Craneway Ford Pavilion, Kaiser built 27% of the ships for the USA, plus tanks and artillery. The boiler room here at our Rosie museum is now the restaurant "Assemble." 2020 is the 75th anniversary of Kaiser shipyards, and his system of daycare for children of working mothers, his healthcare system* – quite a useful feat! August 15 is the 75th anniversary of Victory in Japan. Don your Rosie apparel and come celebrate



*Diane Hedler and Kelli English
Photo by Carla Bowman*

at a rally at the museum.

When I wrote the above report, COVID-19 was just becoming known. Now, in mid-March, I wonder what will become of the students and parents strongly affected by closed schools and of the now-closed museum. "This too shall pass" is my fervent desire.

March 3 found us in a beautifully decorated hall with a St. Patrick's Day theme. Diane Diani thanked Head hostess Cathy O'Brien and co-hostesses Leslie Hicks and Lynn Clifford for the décor and desserts. Barbara Mosara told us that she has plenty of time to devote to WWIC activities. Thank you, Barbara! Our guest was Marlee Prutton. Marlee, we are so glad that you joined us as a member.

Under old business, Marion Kent asked us to pick up new hot-off-the press rosters and to sign for them at meeting's end. Fran Smith announced hostesses for our April 7 meeting. Now, in light of "sheltering in place," this meeting has been postponed. When it takes place, Jean Brady will be head hostess and co-hostesses, Altha Humphrey, Barbara Robertson, and Ruth Frassetto.

New business follows. The nominating committee will be Doreen Leighton, board member, and two at-large members Barbara Mosara and Doris Mitchell. Thank you for volunteering! Then open offices are president, 2nd VP, and TPIT reporter. We nominated 8 charities

to which to donate: Marion, Groundwork Richmond; Carla, Richmond Swims; Fran, The Masquers; Anne B-R, St. Vincent DePaul; Linda, WWIC garden, which may need a gardener; Diane M (for Doreen), First United Methodist Church; Diane H, EKO and Rosie's Girls. Since we had \$1,000, we divided it by 8, thus giving each group \$125. Linda gave a garden committee report. Jessie West found a gardener who could work 4 hours a month. As you can see, volunteers are needed. Please stop by the triangular garden to help! You don't have to be a WWIC member.

Diane D ended our meeting with food for thought, "When you see something beautiful in someone, tell them. It may take a second to say, but for them it could last a lifetime."

Many thanks to Fran Smith, Diane Hedler, Linda Newton, and Diane Diani for suggestions help in editing!

*So much grew from Henry J. Kaiser's fertile mind and robust endeavors. According to Fran Smith, a woman observed physical therapists working with people wounded in the war and thought their methods could help children with Cerebral Palsy. Children with CP improved with the treatments, and thus was born the Christine B. Cameron School of CP, which is still in existence.



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Point Richmond Methodist Church News

Retrospective: Forty-Five Years of Hymnwriting features Dan Damon at the piano and some of his finest hymns 4:00 p.m., Free-will offering.

The dinner to celebrate Pastor Dan, previously scheduled for March 20 at Lara's Fine Dining, has been postponed until June 6, provided we are able to gather by then.

Looking Ahead:

Junktique, our basement/yard sale extravaganza that usually happens in May, has been put off until at least July.

Vacation Bible School: The week of July 27-

31, especially for children age three through sixth grade. Join us for stories, art, games, snacks, and singing, from 9:00 am to 11:45 am, with lunch for participating families on Friday. Mark your calendars now for this week of fun!

For current calendar updates, see the church website: pointrichmondmethodist.org



Jean Reynolds



From Rita Gardner

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

Through April 26 at Post Office, 104 Washington Avenue, Point Richmond. Drawings and illustrations by Caitlin Hibma.



Through April 30 at Kaleidoscope Coffee, 109 Park Place, Point Richmond.

Art exhibition featuring the paintings of distinguished artist Jim DeWitt.



Through April 30: Lara's Fine Dining Restaurant (formerly Salute) 1900 Esplanade Drive, Richmond (Marina Bay). Inaugural exhibition features artists Caitlin Hibma, Mary Lee Cole, Rita Gardner, Bonnie Leonard, Virginia Rigney, Betsy Kellas, George Tomberlin, Marilyn Hertzberg, Louise Williams, Jean Brady, Jan Chleboun, Nancy Whitley, Nancy Noble, Dee Bell, Bob Colin, and Jim DeWitt.

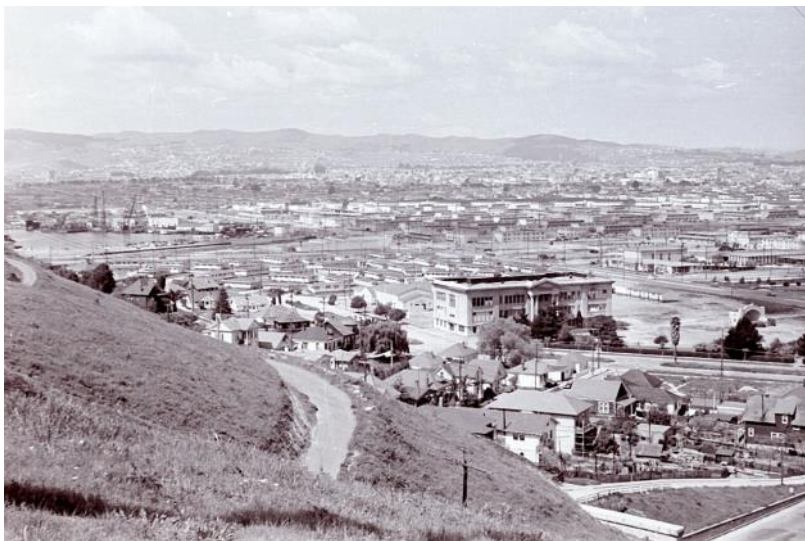


March 23-June 22: Art exhibition at El Sol Restaurant, 101 Park Place, Point Richmond, featuring art by members of Arts of Point Richmond, with the theme "Landscapes." Participating artists: Dee Bell, Andi Biren, Mary Lee Cole, Carol Engelbrecht, Rita Gardner, Caitlin Hibma, Irene Hightower, Chandra Walker, and Nancy Whitley.

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

Old Washington School

*PRHA photo archive #1144
From Pat Corben*



Some of the best words literally ever:

Bamboozled	Flabbergasted
Discombobulated	Shenanigans
Cattywampus	Lollygag
Malarkey	Kerfuffle
Brouhaha	Nincompoop
Skedaddle	Pumpernickel
Dooickey	Thingamajig
Persnickety	Whatsit
Whatnot	Whatchamacallit
Gobsmacked	Flummoxed
Flibbertigibbet	Dingleberry
Tenterhooks	Gobbledygook
Poppycock	Canoodle
Whippersnapper	Codswallop

**I challenge you to use
at least 2-3 in a sentence.**

EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

Martha Bielawski - 95	Billie Bonham Shaw - 97
Muriel Clausen - 94	June Beesley Sosabal - 95
Mary Bianchini	Morris Simpson - 96
Highfill - 95	Victor Morales - 90
Tom Kenny - 94	Alphonso Diaz - 95
Loretta Stevens	
Johromi - 93	

*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*

*I wish the buck stopped here, I could
use a few.*

Recent Additions to our Photo Archives



Engine Company #1 on February 26, 1948, PRHA photo archive #1159 from Christian W. Wimmer



*PRHA photo archive #1150 from
Christian W. Wimmer*

*Some of the original Richmond
Volunteer Firemen with their origi-
nal chemical apparatus the volun-
teers purchased in 1902. Photo
taken at the 1936 Fourth of July
Parade in Point Richmond*



above: Engine Company #1, April 1945, PRHA photo archive #1152 from Christian W. Wimmer
below: PRHA photo archive #1151 from Christian W. Wimmer





Early Minutes of the Women's Westside Improvement Club

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

-Linda Newton, Past President

Point Richmond California Mar 15, 1910

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

Meeting called to order by President Mrs. Curry.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and with correction approved.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorothy were present and wished us to put on a three act comedy entitled "Fartherest North" written by Mr. Dorothy. He read the synopsis of the play, and asked us to let him know if we would take it up.

Communications: A letter from John Nichols Co. stating they would be willing to sell a site consisting of lots 1 to 7 inclusive of the Fern Park Tract of the sum of \$1000.00 payable in three equal payments yearly without interest. This option hold good for 10 days from date and the property mentioned must be used as a children's playground and for no other purpose. Also a suitable allowance shall have to be made by the City of Richmond for the maintaining of the playground.

A letter from the Secretary of Library Board asking if we might wish to donate toward bunds to buy books. Also a letter from Miss Nason in regard to having a reading in Mar. or Ap.

A card from Cora E. Jones asking for a brief review of the work don by the club during the past year.

Also blanks from the Federation of Womans Clubs a notice of Delegates to be elected for the Convention at Santa Barbara April 8th.

Bills presented: Mystal Allison for services 1.00, E. Gill Nursery Co. trees 33.50, Mrs. Curry car fare .60.

Moved and seconded warrants be drawn to pay bills. carried.

New Business: Discussion in regard to buying Playground. Members thought we should buy land while we have the chance.

Moved by Mrs. Adams sec by Mrs. McRacken we accept Mr. Nichols proposition providing the City will make allowance for maintenance of it. carried.

Mrs. Curry suggested naming the small park by Baptist Church Genese Park. Moved by Mrs. Younglove sec by Mrs. Roth the park be named Genese Park. carried

The letter in regard to books for library it was suggested we give some entertainment and give proceeds for books.

Mrs. Nasons letter laid over until we see whether we accept Mr. Dorothy's play.

Mr. Arnold proposed to let the club have the proceeds of the Nelson, Walgast fight and Vaudeville on Mar 22.

Moved by Mrs. Topping sec by Mrs. Roth we accept the offer of Mr. Arnolds. carried.

Members thought to have Mr. Dorothy meet at Mrs. Currys and read the play before they accept it. Mrs. Topping, Mrs. McRacken, Mrs. Roth, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Trautvetter, Mrs. Dimick to judge the play. Moved by Mrs. Warsten sec by Mrs. Walker net proceeds to go to Library for books if we have the play. carried.

Tree planting: Moved my Topping sec by Mrs. Walker we have a written contract with the party that plants the trees. carried.

Mrs. Younglove stated that we should meet with the City Council in regard to the Play Ground and see if they would make some allowance. Committee to meet with Council Mrs. Topping, Mrs. Roth, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Trautvetter, Mrs. Walker, Mrs.

McRacken, Mrs. Younglove, Mrs. Marsten, Mrs. Dimick.

Mrs. Younglove was making her report in regard to the benefit of Childrens playground when visitors were announced. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Gagen who came over to talk in regard to playgrounds. Mrs. Smith suggested circulating petitions to bond the city to buy parks would be the only way we would ever get them.

Mrs. Topping stated we were talking of having Mr. Devlin and other good speakers and invite the citiaens out to get the people interested.

Moved by Mrs. Topping sec by Mrs. Marsten we have a meeting and have a program and invite the other club and have speakers to talk on public parks and playgrounds. carried.

Receipts Mrs. Moyle 1.00 dues, aperalta 10.50. Total 11.50.

Meeting adjourned

Mrs. Curry, Pres Ella Dimick, Secty

Point Richmond California Mar 24, 1910

Special meeting was called by President Mrs. Curry of the Womans West Side Imp Club to meet at Mrs. Currys for the purpose of accepting Mr. Nichols proposition.

As a number of the members met Monday evening at the City Hall and the proposition was placed before the City Council which was accepted by them and they will make an allowance to maintain the land as a Childrens Playground. Moved by Mrs. Dimick sec by Mrs. Topping we accept Mr. Nichols proposition and buy the land. carried.

Moved by Mrs. Dimick sec by Mrs. Topping a warrant of 10.00 be drawn to pay deposit on land. carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Ella Dimick, Secty

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Point Richmond California April 5, 1910

The Womans West Side Improvement Club met at the Reading Room

Meeting called to order by Vice President Mrs. Marsten.

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

Reading of the Regular and Special meetings were read and approved.

The President Mrs. Curry came and taken her chair.

Bills: Bill of Mr. Fritz for planting trees 16.00.

Communications: The letter from the Executive Board of California Federation of Clubs in regard to election of delegate to Santa Barbara was read.

A letter from the Womans Improvement Club accepting the invitation to join us in a meeting to "boost" for parks and playgrounds.

A letter from Mrs. Butterfield tendering her resignation as a member.

Moved by Mrs. Dimick sec by Mrs. Adams we accept the resignation of Mrs. Butterfield. carried.

Mrs. Younglove stated she had received a letter from Dr. Develin wishing the club to interest themselves in the State Playground Convention. The Secretary to write to Dr. Develin inviting him to come over to see playground and speak.

Mrs. Curry suggested giving a dance at Stege.

Committee appointed to see about getting the Park, Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. McRacken.

Moved by Mrs. Adams sec by Mrs. Roth we pay Erfurth 7.50 our part of bill.

For the Play, Mrs. Eaton to take charge of the tickets. Her keepers Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Spiersch.

Auditors reported favorable on bills. carried. Moved by Mrs. Roth sec by Mrs. Spiersch warrants be drawn to pay the bills. carried.

It was announced that Miss Marsten would demonstrate the Pittsburgh Aluminum Cooking Utensils and talk on physical culture.

Receipts Dues: Mrs. Butterfield 1.00, Mrs. McHenry 1.50, Mrs. Ellis 1.00, Mrs. Curry 1.00, Mrs. J.F. Eaton .75, Mrs. T. Marsten 1.00, Mrs. Luce .50, Mrs. Chas Adams 1.00. Dues 7.75, from Mrs. Curtain 4.50, check deposit \$75.00 donation for trees. Total receipts \$87.25.

No further business before the club the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Curry, Pres.

Ella Dimick, Secty

We Have Standards!

Episode 6: Repair, or If You Must, Replace In-Kind

by Caitlin Hibma

Historic buildings sometimes are pristine and well-kept. Sometimes they are falling apart at the seams, moldy, rotten wrecks. I've spelunked in a few. In technical terms, we say they are deteriorated. Hovels such as this – and sometimes just those with a little deferred maintenance – are addressed by the Secretary of the Interior's Standard number 6, which recommends that “Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture and, where possible, materials...”

The building feature where I see this applied most frequently (as well as most frequently done wrong) is windows. Windows are an excellent example of a component that often experiences severe deterioration and needs repair or replacement. They have movable parts with mechanisms and fairly delicate structural systems. They are also features that have been “improved” upon in modern times and offer a cheap easy-way-out fix. Subsequently, many building owners feel the best thing to do to remedy those drafty, weathered, dry-rotted wooden windows with weak joinery, broken sash cords, and busted latches is to replace them with modern, energy efficient, sparkly white vinyl windows. Wrong! I won't even get into the environmental issues with vinyl windows, or the fact that historic windows in good repair are actually both energy efficient and more physically compatible with the existing materials of an old building. At their most basic, historic windows are a critical element of a building's character. If eyes are the windows to the soul, windows are the soul of a building. Often, the inappropriate replacement of windows alone can destroy a building's integrity to such an extent that

it no longer can be recognized as a historic resource.

So, what's the best course when faced with deteriorated historic windows (or other parts)? Well, if you can, repair those windows. Even decrepit old windows are surprisingly easy to fix. Joinery can be tightened and secured with wood glue or discrete metal L-brackets, glazing can be replaced and re-puttied, sash cords and weights can be restrung, and hinges and latches are easily replaced. Ultimately, preserving as much historic fabric as you can will retain the most historic character in your building. Sometimes windows are just too far gone though; unsalvageable. In that case, replacement in-kind is the next best strategy. That means replacing the entire window unit, but replacing it exactly as it was. Replace wood with wood, metal with metal, replicate details like the number of lites, the operation type (double-hung, casement, etc.), and any other details like muntin profiles and sash lugs. While the literal fabric will be new, the character of the window will be preserved and will stand the building in good stead by maintaining its historic appearance, if not its actual fabric.

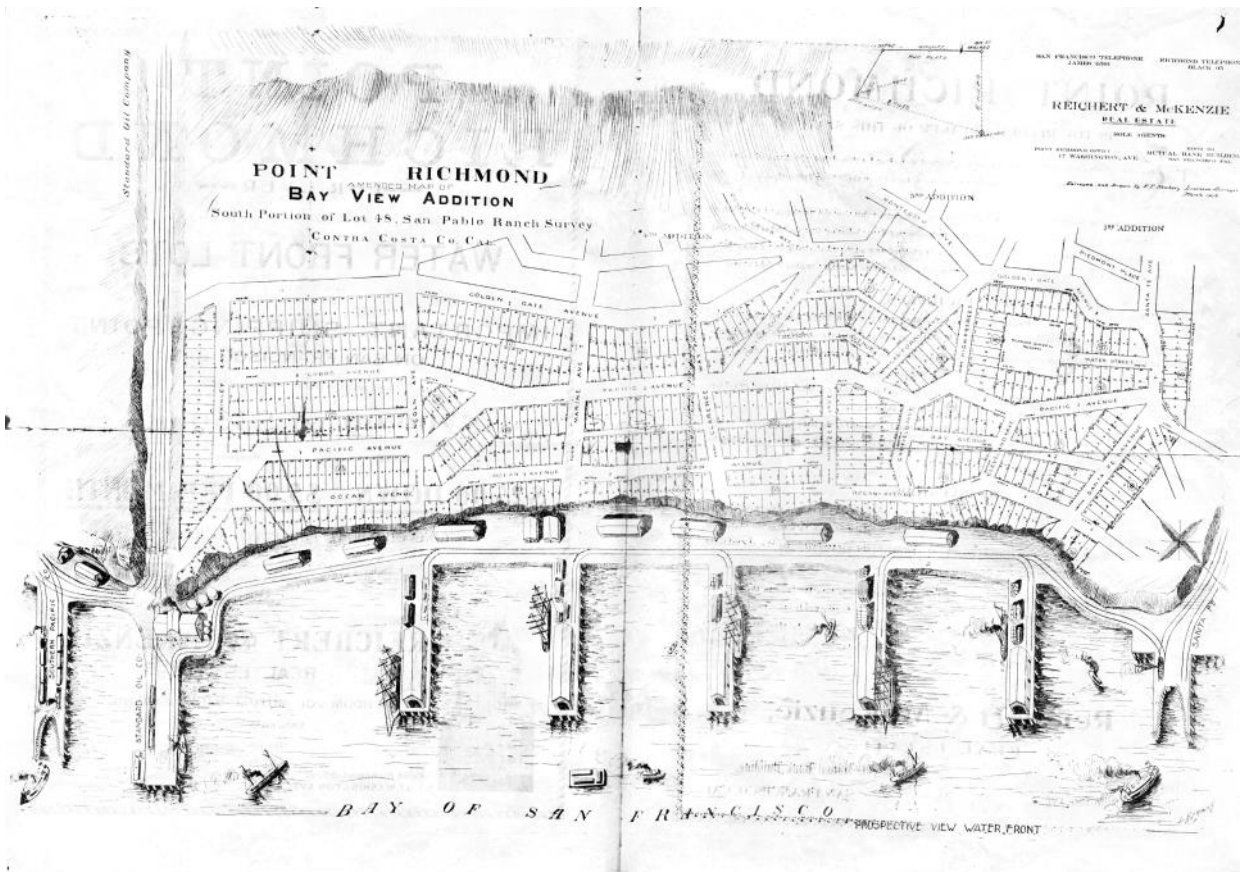
Unfortunately, you can walk around Point Richmond (a National Register Historic District!) and see plenty of examples of inappropriate window replacement. Can you see how those white plastic windows detract from the historic character of the buildings they are found on? How a little bit of the building's soul is missing? Luckily, there are some really good modern wood window makers out there these days. Maybe someday (when they inevitably fail) those vinyl windows can be replaced with more authentic wooden or wood-clad (a good compromise) sashes that will restore the character of the building.

An example of positive replacement-in-kind

in the Point is the new roof on our own Point Richmond History Association museum. Now, a roof is something that usually gets replaced during the life of a building, so replacement in-kind is not as critical for a somewhat disposable element. But, considering that there was a distinctive and historically appropriate wood shingle roof on the museum that gave the building a certain historic authenticity, the fact that the roof was recently replaced with cedar shingles was a good preservation move! Cheap modern composition shingles would have done, but the building might

have lost some of its rustic early 20th century charm. Standing-seam metal (to match the library) might have been low-maintenance for years to come, but would not have fit the age or style of the building, thus confusing its character. Cedar shingle was the way to go. So, if you have a historic building, be kind and replace in-kind (if you can't repair what's there)!

Next Time: Keep your Standards high by treating historic buildings gently!



See page 24 for credits

Tony Remembers

by Tony Ramirez

Sometimes and some days I must dig deeper for my childhood memories, I must go searching for those memories deep in my heart and soul. Sometimes it is like remembering a movie, oh how I wish I was 5½ years old again in Richmond California! I remember the Laperla Mexican Grocery store owned by Helandero Ponce and Maria Ponce that was at 334 Nevin Avenue across the street from the 4th Street Library. They opened the store in 1948 and were in business for 66 years. They sold all kinds of Mexican groceries and later became a Mexican deli that, among other things, had fantastic Mexican bread. I shopped at Laperla every day, I would buy Mexican bread (4 for a dollar), corn tortillas, fruits and groceries. I remember buying a Mexican cookie called Cochinos, it was gingerbread in the shape of a pig. During the Christmas Holidays they would make lots of tamales even sweet ones. Mr. Ponce gladly gave credit to Hispanic people; he gave my father credit all year long. My father, Valentine Ramirez worked for the Santa Fe Railroad in Richmond in the 1920's until the 1970's. He paid Mr. Ponce off each month. Laperla really became very popular when it became a Mexican deli in the 1960's, 70's and 80's, they sold the deli in 2014.

We played football almost every day at the 4th Street Library's Park on 4th and Nevin, we also played baseball there. It had an oval track where we bike raced and foot raced regularly. We ran around the oval track 20 or 30 times and even tore up the grass on the football field. Paul Ponce was the only kid that owned a Schwinn bike, the Black Phantom and he was a pretty popular guy back

then. We built our own scooters using skates and an apple crate box with wooden handles and a rope to steer our sit-down carts and used them to race one another. I remember playing football with the sons of the popular bakery owner. Mr. Hoetters Bakery was on 4th Street and Macdonald Avenue and was forced out of business by Richmond Redevelopment in the 1970's and later reopened a bakery in Pinole as The Bear Claw. Paul Ponce worked for the Unified School District at 11th and Nevin and then became a barber and owned his own shop on 10th Street near St. Mark's Catholic Church and Bank of America. Junior Ponce worked at the Family Deli on 10th Street, until they sold the business and property in 2014. Along with him Delores Ponce, Phyllis Ponce and her daughter Christina also worked there for many years.

I grew up close to Laperla and lived there until I got married in 1969. That is when I heard that they sold the property, it broke my heart because all I have left is four pockets in my pants filled with so many unforgettable memories. I am proud to be born in Richmond California. Proud to be born in a city that rolled up its sleeves and built 747 Victory Ships during WWII to defeat the Nazi's and the Japanese Empire in 1945. I have wanted to write this ever since I was a 5-year-old kid walking down Macdonald Avenue. I am proud to have grown up in Richmond California in a little white house at 440 4th Street, one block away from where the Richmond Museum of History sits today.

Blonde Man Joke

A blonde man shouts frantically into the phone "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only 2 minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" asks the doctor. "No!" he shouts, "this is her husband!"

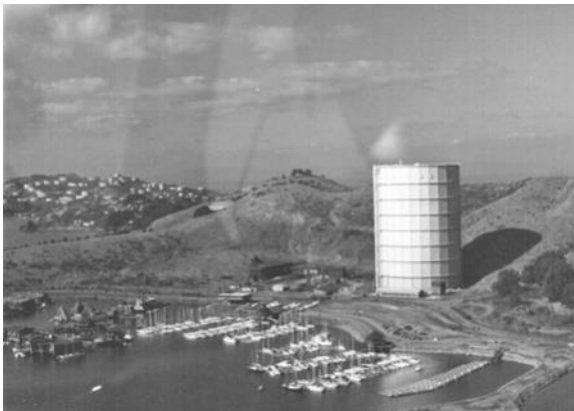
This is from a "fact diary", a book of headlines and interesting events in Early Point Richmond. It was compiled by Don Church from the "Richmond Independent", "Point Richmond News", "The Leader" and "Richmond Herald Record". It is one of many historical items left for us by Allan Smith.

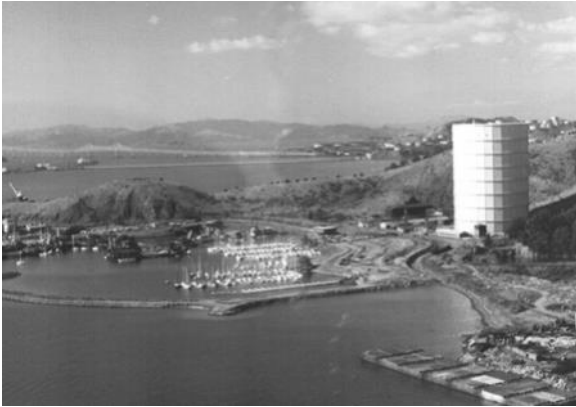
Items of Interest Point Richmond, early 1900's

The Record and The Leader

05-04-1916	John Q. Black, early merchant and now of Brentwood, in town for visit.
05-11-1916	Paul Rates pleads guilty to arson charge. He was member of the Burright gang. Authorities still looking for gang of gypsies with blonde boy.
05-16-1916	Sites for Pullman firehouse vary from 99 cents to \$1600.
05-18-1916	The gypsies are being pursued thru Oregon and were caught near Walla Walla, Washington. (<i>ed., what about the blonde boy?</i>)
05-29-1916	Winehaven to get a new school house.
12-13-1916	John Silva arrested for delivering milk after 8pm. (city ordinance)
12-27-1916	Businessmen get into battle to have City Hall built at 9th and Nevin.
12-30-1916	Mechanics Bank assets pass 1 million this year.
01-09-1917	Wall still trying to get City to stay in his City Hall.
01-16-1917	All saloons in City must have clear glass fronts within 60 days.
01-23-1917	Peoples Water Co. transferred to East Bay Mud. Old 10th Street School house bell sold to San Rafael Ferry and installed as fog bell on the San Quentin Wharf.
01-27-1917	Ladies of the First M.E. Church to build lunch counter at the cor. of Prospect and Standard Ave. (later known as the Beanery)
01-29-1917	Hawaiian Sugar Refy to spend 2½ million to make Crockett worlds largest refinery.
01-30-1917	W.A. Bissell asst traffic Mgr. Santa Fe dies (Bissell Ave named for him.
02-02-1917	Red Light violators to get jail not fines in future.
02-05-1917	300 autos drive to new San Pablo Dam construction.
02-06-1917	Women should be allowed in saloons since they can vote says Picton. Engineer plans Richmond-San Rafael Bridge to cost 2 million.
02-14-1917	Amendment to keep women out of saloons. San Pablo hills abound in coyotes.
02-16-1917	San Francisco Tenderloin closed yesterday, girls expected to scatter to Bay Area cities.

Brickyard Cove Condos Under Construction
Photos Courtesy of Theresa Daniel





Three brick companies were located in the Point. The red clay soil in parts of the Point made bricks called "the famous Richmond Reds". Largest, and latest to shut down, was the Los Angeles Pressed Brick Company (later called the Richmond Pressed Brick Company). Advertising the "finest fancy facing bricks anywhere", they provided the original paving material for the Bay bridges as well as many buildings in the area including the old Palace Hotel in San Francisco. The company operated until the late '60s, and bricks produced there can be seen on many Point buildings.

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POINT RICHMOND

IS THE RECORD BREAKER OF THIS STATE

THERE has never been a town in the history of California that ever showed such a phenomenal growth and enhancement of values. Lots that sold two years ago for \$200.00 are selling to-day for from \$1000.00 to \$4000.00, and the end is not yet in sight.

From this time forth the growth will be even greater than ever, from the fact that now it is starting in on a permanent and substantial basis. Up to a month ago the unrest among the people was great, believing that the Santa Fe terminal would be moved to Oakland. The building of the branch line now in progress, with all the other arrangements being made by the Santa Fe R. R. Co, for the enlargement of their works is positive proof that the Railroad Company is there to stay.

MANUFACTURERS.

The most important ones now at **Point Richmond** are the Santa Fe Co's R. R. Shops, Round Houses, etc.; the Belt Line R. R.; Standard Oil Co's Refinery, connected with 300 miles of pipe line from the oil fields to the works; the Richmond Foundry and Manufacturing Co.; and Bay Counties Electric and Power Co.; and prospectively the Southern Pacific Freight terminal and Railroad shops, including several other smaller establishments.

We have in prospect a number of manufacturing enterprises to be located along the line of the Standard Oil switch giving them tracks fronting their works to connect with all railroads and deep water shipping.

We call manufacturers' attention to locate at **Point Richmond** on account of the many advantages we can offer in cheap factory sites, cheap fuel or electric current for power. Any substantial and legitimate manufacturing enterprise can be financed. We will be pleased to negotiate with you.

TO INVESTORS.

We will either sell you lots that will double in value in the next year, or we will sell you stock in these manufacturing enterprises that we know from our rigid probing to be a first-class investment. Take stock with us now in our Warehouse and Wharf Co. This stock has an absolute guarantee of ten per cent per annum, and it is needless to say that the enhanced value of this stock will be doubled many times in the next few years.

To secure lots in the Bay View Addition you have no time to lose, as over 200 lots have been sold in the past three weeks up to May 1st. Bear in mind every lot in the tract is a desirable one from a business standpoint. Second sales are already being made by the early purchasers at an advance of from \$200 to \$250 per lot. We will be open Saturday nights from eight to ten o'clock until the tract is sold out. Bear in mind that there will not be a lot left unsold in the whole tract in the next sixty days.

Call at once on

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Birthdays

April

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Kathy Dornan Barnes
Billie Bonham Shaw
Erin Frame
Roberta Dornan Palfini
Charlene Smith
Ruth Wilson
Paula Israeli

Pam Wilson
Don Amantite
Joel Peterson
Lori Meister
Charlotte Knox
Monica Doherty
Eric Hoiland
Rosemary Corbin

Alison Lord
John Maxwell
Sherri Mertle
Carol MacDiarmid
Gloria Smith
Robert J. Palfini
Terry Downey
Sharon Mertle

Charline Barni
Louis Stockdale
Joni Loux Emerson
Donna Diaz
David Roth
Royce Ong

May

Patricia Beth Dornan
Diana Corbin
Richard Mattuecci
Jon Doellstedt
Sara Eeles
Rena Gonsalves

Sandra Loux Fuller
Muriel Clausen
Sophia Dolberg
Julina Smith
Anne-Catherine
Hadreas

Roger Glafke
Henry Marchitiello
Shoney Gustafson
Winifred Boziki
Norm Reynolds
Patrice Verhines

Mark Healy
Karen Brougham
Hilda Gozzi-Reed
Annabella Feese
Lorenzo Feese

You share your birthday with about 9 million other people in the world!



Cards, Letters & E-Mails

Mr. Shows,

I want to thank you for choosing to print my short stories. I am 78 years old and there are times when I get the urge to write down and try to catch the invisible words that run through my mind, spirit and heart. It's hard to catch the right words sometimes it takes days to write what I can't see or remember. Huge memories come to me late at night and early in the mornings and sometimes it takes weeks to focus on what words I want to use. When I have the writing pen in my hand all I want to do is paint a big smile on this cold blooded world.

*Tony Rameriz
Richmond*

Dear Gary and all,

We are so sorry to have lost Mid. She was at the heart of so much 'Point Richmond'. I loved her little notes written in my TPIT. As much as we adore Oregon, there are so many things that we miss about the Point. Be it known we think of you all often and with love!

Ellen Schaefer
Eugene, OR

*We miss you too Ellen, I walked by your old house yesterday and thought about you.
Gary*

16 March 2020

Dear Friends,

In the wake of the global health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have closely followed state, federal, and episcopal guidelines that limit gathering in crowds and encourage social distancing. Today, six bay area health departments issued sweeping shelter in place orders for the next three weeks. In response, Pastor Dan and the officers of the Administrative Board would like to let our church family and friends know where things stand at Richmond First.

In accordance with county health guidelines, First UMC has cancelled all Worship and small group activities until County Health Officers deem it safe.

At the time of this letter, we are not aware of anyone in our parish (members or friends) diagnosed with or who present symptoms of COVID-19. Should this change, we will comply and support county and state health officials to notify any other affected persons. This past Sunday, Jennifer, Matthew, and Dan disinfected and cleaned common areas in and around the church. We will continue to pursue this protocol further in coming days.

The Administrative Board will meet via Zoom until it is safe to meet in person. We want to be able to live-stream Worship and offer online adult Bible Study, and will let you know when it is available.

People have asked how they can give their offering during this time of “shelter in place.” Our expenses remain nearly the same even when we are not able to worship together. We will continue to serve the congregation and the community at large, but we do ask for ongoing support from those who are able.

Here are ways you may choose to contribute:

- ◆ Mail your regular offering to the church or drop it through the mail slot in the “study” up the brick steps on Martina Street.
- ◆ Add the church to your bank’s online bill pay system or establish an electronic funds transfer to the church. Please contact Matthew Foster if you need help. Matthew can be reached at 510-734-1941 or at mcfoster91@gmail.com
- ◆ Our website has a “Donate Now” button through PayPal and we can accept your donation at any time on the web. PayPal charges us roughly 3%, so you may wish to cover the processing fee if you are able to do so.
- ◆ If you prefer to place your offering in the plate, you can “catch up” when we return to regular services.

We miss each other when we can’t meet. We miss singing the hymns together. We miss the touch of holy communion. We will share in all the ways possible during this trying time. We are looking forward to meeting again face to face when it is safe to do so. In spite of our physical distance, let us hold one another in our prayers, trust God in all things, and do all the good we can. Blessings for good health,

Rev. Dan Damon
Pastor

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

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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.gsmrm.org

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE

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

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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

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

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WOMEN'S WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB (established 1908)

Richmond's longest standing women's club. Contact: Diane Diani, President. Email: italiandiane@gmail.com

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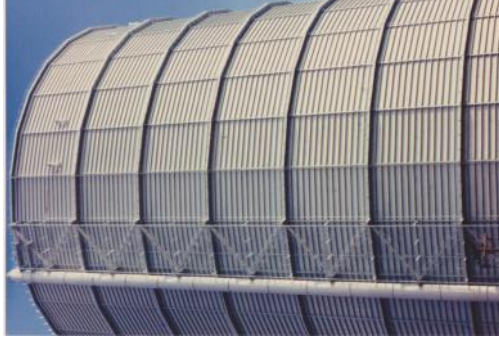
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