

THIS POINT....in time

NEWSLETTER

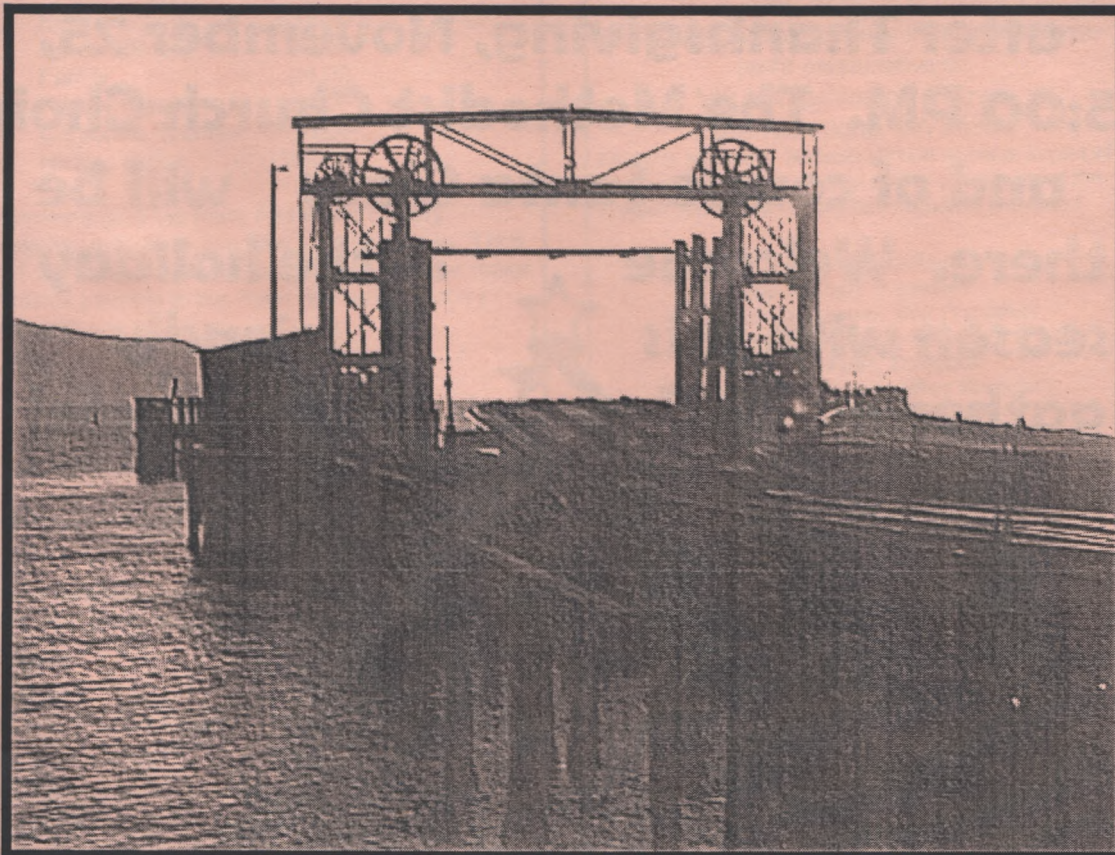
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Ferry Point

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting (new lights this year!), will happen at Indian Statue Park, at dusk, Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 25, 5:00 PM. The Methodist Church Choir and of course Santa Claus will be there. Welcome in the holiday season with this friendly gathering at the triangle!



PSST!...IF THIS ISN'T YOUR COPY YOU ARE READING WHY NOT USE THE HANDY SUBSCRIPTION BLANK AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER TO RECEIVE YOUR OWN!

From The President

Mid Dornan

With summer over are you looking for a little excitement in your life? A few hours a week at the History Museum can fill that void. Stop in and buy one of those handy bookmarks that Dennis and Ellen Schaefer have created and donated for our history association. Looking for something different for a gift? We still have our History Building ornaments that most people keep out all year after they remove it from the tree.

Since a new guest book for the Museum is needed, it means people are availing themselves of our resources. It is important new residents become a part of the community. They will bond faster with a "This Point.... in time" membership too.

Make Thanksgiving Day special for someone else.

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Thank you to the following members
who have renewed their memberships:

Rena Gonsalves
Tom & Shirley Butt Family
Toni Cannizzaro
Jerry & Theresa Daniel Fmly
Bernard Bernes
Fred Beesley
Alyce K. Williamson
Anne Hanzlik
John A. Bailo
John Healy
Lucretia Edwards
Velma Healy
Gary Shows
Thomas Mercer-Hursh
Don Amantite
Beatrice Beesley Casey
Viola Kennedy
Grace Howe
Spiro Cakos
Abigail Rivera
Sonja Darling
Kathe Kiehn
Barbara & Jeff Ward Family
Nellie Bisio Pasquini
Julio P. Carrera
Evelyn MacDonald
Marion Voigt
Jim & Florence Wilson
Patricia Dovan
Hazel Tawney
Robert & Joan Moe Family

And a warm welcome to the following
new members:

Russell Church
Stewart E. Saunders
LaVerne Rentfro Woolman

Museum Staff Coordinator
Betty Dornan thanks the
volunteers who staffed the
History Building

Thank You!

Santa Fe Market
and
Point Richmond
Market

for their donated distribution of
"THIS POINT.....in time

Thank You To
Spiro Cakos!

If you can help staff our History Building
(2½ hours per month) call museum Staff
Coordinator Betty Dornan at 232-4317.

Museum Hours:

Thursday	11:30am - 2:00pm
Saturday	11:30 - 2:00pm

Gary's Column

Gary Shows

Here is your November, 2000 issue of TPIT. I had a few problems with this one mainly because I decided to reformat my computer's hard drive and install a new operating system. Getting this all up and running with all of the stuff restored that is necessary to produce this newsletter took longer than I planned, so it's a week late.

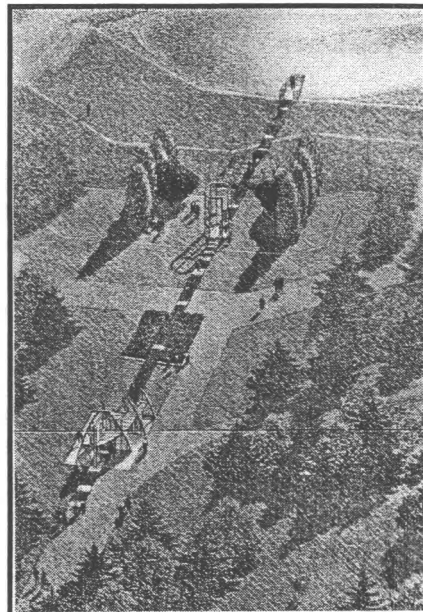
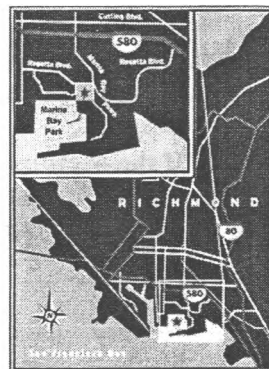
Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue. I hope you all enjoy it. Happy Thanksgiving!

The deadline for the December/January issue will now be Friday, November 24, 2000.

Thanks to the September/October issue assembly crew:

Pam Wilson
Mid Dornan
Jerry Cerkowicz
Gary Shows
Betty Dornan
Liz McDonald
Sonja Darling
Mary Highfill

*Rosie the
Riveter
Monument
is now
open to
the public.*



The Cover:

The long-closed Ferry Point Pier at Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline in Richmond is being restored and opened to the public thanks in part to nearly \$500,000 from the state Coastal Conservancy. The award, approved recently by the conservancy board, will help restore about 250 feet of the pier. Constructed in 1899 for freight and passenger service across the San Francisco Bay, the mostly wooden structure has a rich history as the western land terminus of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. Commercial use of the pier ended in 1975. Public access was ended in 1984 after a fire burned the deck and piles.

A-Mid TRIVIA

-Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Question: If the Methodist religion was the first religion in Richmond, when did the others begin in the Point? Answer at end of Trivia.

Because delivery of this newspaper varies as to the locale or postal discretion, for many the elections will be over. If you didn't vote, you haven't a voice in the results.

The Point Molate Focus in issue 9 honored Lucretia Edwards in recognition of the untold and untiring efforts this last half century for her skills in community activism as she continues to give back to her community.

When an official has no opposition, the people will soon have no choice.

Local 49'er Fans might recognize one of the 49'er Cheerleaders as perky Brianna Smyk,



daughter of Kathleen and Jim Smyk in the Point.

Former Point resident Stewart Saunders visited the History Museum in August and was astounded at the changes in the Point. Stewart attended Washington School and he and his wife now live in Benicia.

Diana Corbin decided that two years in Boston was enough. She began working for the law firm of Gray-Carey in San Francisco in September. Her specialty is venture capital.

Speaking before the Women's Westside Improvement Club, Elana Dolberg proved to be a terrific PR person for PRAM, Point Richmond Area Moms.

Most educators are applauding the recent law that changed the cut-off age for new Kindergartners who will have to be 5 by September 1 instead of the current December 2 deadline. The bill creates a 10-year voluntary pilot program that includes extra funding for school districts that take part in the program and requires those districts to offer pre-kindergarten instruction. It will begin with the 2001-02 school year.

(From Richmond Daily News, June 16, 1921) It may be none of our business, but just the same we are never going to do otherwise than fight the idea of women wearing pantaloons. A woman in trousers looks like hell. No, kind reader, we do not say this to be profane, or anything of that kind, but just because there is no other word to express the fact. A woman sticks out too much both fore and aft to look good in pants, and besides that she is bowlegged. Now, just listen to a lot of

'em snort!

Can anyone remember the location of the Harley Building which was located in the Point?

A person who never makes mistakes does not usually make anything.

A reader asks, "Does anyone remember when gasoline tank trucks used to drag chains behind them to divert static electricity to the ground"?

In 1914 it cost \$1.30 a day for patients at the county hospital which averaged 77 patients a day.

Why is it that if someone tells you there are a billion stars in the universe, you will believe it, but if someone tells you a wall has wet paint, you have to touch it to be sure?

Two young people, 'Dolores and Anthony', were in the History Museum recently inquiring about information regarding their houses. Anthony lives at 138 Santa Fe, Dolores at 124 Richmond Court. If anyone has any historical information, who might have lived here previously, when they were built, by whom? etc. drop us a line.

Hi to Russian River readers Teresa Lewis, Judy Mathia and Faye Proveda!

Proud mother, Sonja Darling, traveled to Carlsbad, California, to see her daughter, Kelly von York, graduate from Gemological Institute of America. Kelly completed a five-course program in Diamonds, Diamond Grading, Colored

Stones, Gem Identification and Colored Stone Grading. The Graduate Gemologist Diploma represents the highest level of professional training in the jewelry industry. Established in 1931, the Institute has campuses on three continents in eight countries.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Answer: In October 1900 Rev. Younglove became the first pastor. By November 1901, the First Baptist Church was organized at the residence of C. W. Brown with eight charter members and soon built their church on Washington Avenue. In 1902, Father Martin P. Scanlon came to the Westside of Town and started Roman Catholic services. By 1903, the Trinity Episcopal Church, under the leadership of Rev. Linsley, was built; four churches clustered within two blocks within three years.



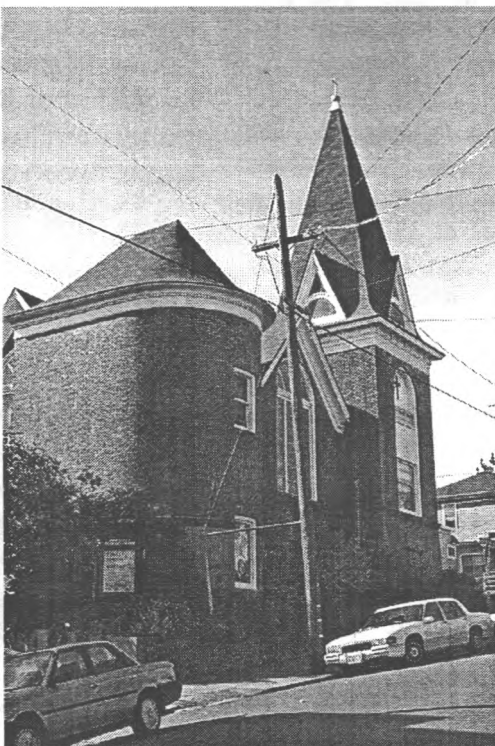
FIRST CHURCH IN RICHMOND CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

100 years on October 9, 2000! A milestone for the Methodist Church in the Point, the first organized religion in Richmond. In 1900, five years before Richmond was to become a city, with about 100 people living in tents, the first organized religion was founded in the then unfinished Critchett Hotel on the corner of Washington and Richmond Avenues, a site now occupied by the Richmond Market. Members Celebrated the 100 years of continued service to the community, on Sunday, October 15, 2000. with former pastors, members and friends attending to honor the history of this church during worship services. The turn-of-the-century mood was established as greeters and members dressed in period costumes. Oh those hats and hoop skirts!

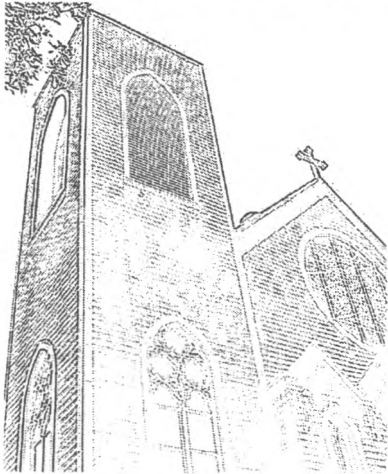
Former pastors attending were Harry Shaner, 1946-48, Darrell Thomas, 1952-1955, Wally Riches, 1964-1966 and Richard W. Smith, 1968 - 1975. 93-year-old Ruth Weston Mullen Rossmore, who joined the

church in 1920, came with her son, Bob Woods. Coming the farthest from Southern California were Jim Perkins and his mother, Virginia, whose husband was Sunday School Superintendent in the 1940's. Former pastor, Darrell Thomas, President of the California Conference Historical Society, presented a centennial proclamation in recognition of the church work in the Historic Point District and former District Superintendent and Point resident, Hamilton Boswell represented the

California-Nevada Conference Archives and History Commission. Guests were given souvenir buttons commemorating the event. District Superintendent Bruce McFadden was guest speaker and the Angel and Joyful Noise choirs added to the festive day. A sumptuous catered lunch by Chuck Wise from the Baltic followed services. The group picture by Don Gosney will memorialize the day. Dan Damon is the present pastor.



Church News



Our Lady of Mercy

Dee Rosier
232-1387

There's a nip in the air, the days are getting shorter—all signs that fall is in the air. The trees are shedding their brilliantly colored leaves so the avid gardener now has an endless job of gathering them. As a child I always enjoyed walking on them and listening while they crushed. I have renewed this childhood sensation as my Grandson and I roll over them while in his stroller. Oh the joy of grandchildren who allow you to recall the simple pleasures of life which were filed away.

The Annual BBQ was a grand success. Everyone enjoyed a delicious steak dinner and the opportunity to spend time with friends not seen on a regular basis. The

weather cooperated as the church hall and patio area abounded with chatter. Did anyone hear the DJ? A round of applause for the committee who worked outstandingly in a team effort to make this one of the most successful BBQ's. We achieved our goal and have a new stove. The old one, which served us well for so many years and then aged, has been removed and now resides in stove heaven. Hear tell that Alan Smith wants to be the first to test his talents on it. Enough thanks cannot be expressed to the local merchants who were so generous in their contributions. It went so well—we'll do it again.

Our next social event, "Raise the Roof", is being sponsored by a group of Brickyard residents. The Wine and Cheese Plus social will be held on Friday, November 10 at the Brickyard Clubhouse from 6: PM—8:00 PM. The ticket cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. It will be an evening of wine/cheese/finger food and a special wine tasting. The door prize will be a charcoal drawing of Our Lady of Mercy. Proceeds will go to roof fund. Reservations can be made by calling Margie Cellucci (237-0101) or Betty Lambert (620-0124). Please join us. Tickets will also be available after Mass.

As a result of the BBQ we were able to gain a more accurate estimate of registered parishioners—307 names are parish-registered. Having this count also allowed us to update the church directory. We have patiently awaited completion of the directory and can now go to press. This is also a step in the right direction for the church census.

There was sparse Mass attendance recently as Msgr. Ted and several parishioners attended a retreat at the San Damiano Retreat Center. Father Devine filled in for Msgr. Ted. His homily was very

impressive as he spoke of family love and said that a husband should continue to court his wife as though he were still trying to win her, such good advise! He also spoke of the wife's role, but can't recall what that was because I was so taken with the husband's role.

Summer is gone, but many of the parishioners are still enjoying travel. The name a few: Amelia Drake spent time in Hawaii; Angie Kirkpatrick attended a family reunion in San Antonio, Texas; Judy Spencer is off on another cruise; Chano Forner went to Italy; Margo and Jim Santos spent a month going across the United States on motorcycles. Talk about world travelers!

Continue to remember in your prayers all the sick. My sister, Elaine, who has cancer is now in remission, but will endure chemo treatments through the end of the year. Her straight hair is returning curly. In any illness don't lose sight of the pluses.

The Social Planning committee will meet at the end of the month to get into motion events for the upcoming holiday season, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas.

On Saturday, November 11, 2000, the Oakland Coliseum becomes a Catholic gathering as we celebrate the Diocesan Jubilee. Each parish will have their own identifying banner. A group chaired by Marie Peckham are busy working on ours. There are only a limited amount of tickets and none are available at the door. A meeting will be held after Mass on November 5 to discuss the best means of transportation for those who plan to attend.

Confirmation classes have begun, interested? Call Msgr. Ted.

Scripture classes continue on Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 AM and 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

We approach the busiest season of the year. Take some time for yourself.

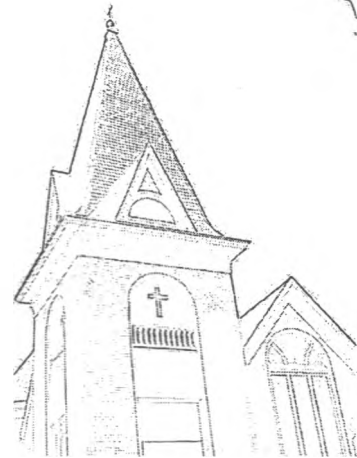
A race horse is an animal that can take several thousand people for a ride at the same time.

See you in church.

Point Richmond Methodist

Jean Reynolds

235-2988



The Centennial Tea, organized by the United Methodist Women, was held on September 23. Eighty people were served tea and dainty refreshments in Friendship Hall (forty at noon, forty at two o'clock), with "A Parade of Memories" fashion show at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Some handmade items, tea pots and mugs, prints of a water color painting by Jean Eakle, and pies and other baked goods were sold, too. It was a change from the usual holiday bazaar, and much enjoyed by those who attended.

We celebrated 100 years as a congregation in Richmond on October 15. The Sunday worship was attended by several of the pastors who have served our congregation over the years. Pastors Harry Shaner, (1946-1948),

Darrell D. Thomas, (1952-1955), Wally Riches, (1964-1966), Richard Winton Smith, (1968-1975), and Charles "Chet" Sheffer (summer 1983) were all there to celebrate how we have endured since the time they served here. Darrell Thomas made a presentation on behalf of the Conference Historical Society, and The Rev. Hamilton Boswell, who served as our District Superintendent, also made a presentation. Our current District Superintendent, Bruce McSpadden, preached the sermon, both choirs sang, and the congregation sang one of Pastor Dan's new hymns: *Make of Us a Healing Garden*. Many in the congregation wore period clothing, and there were special banners representing the ten decades during which our congregation served this community. After worship, a group photo was taken on Martina Street, and we enjoyed a lavish luncheon catered by Chuck Wise and his crew from the Baltic. It was a day to remember!

Hope Publishing Company asked Pastor Dan for a collection of his new hymns. It will be the third collection of his hymns they have published. It is gratifying to see Dan achieve widespread recognition for his talents that we so appreciate, and we look forward to another addition to our hymn racks!

Update on bricks for the Memorial Garden. Last issue, the cost of the stamped bricks for the garden was listed at fifty dollars. The administrative board decided to change the price to twenty-five dollars. Twice as many memories for the same price! You are invited to add your family's name or remember a loved one by purchasing a brick to be installed in the plaza next to the church

on West Richmond Ave. There is room on each brick for three lines with up to fourteen characters per line. Bricks may be purchased through Claudia LeGué (215-1813) or at the church.

Community Thanksgiving Feast and Interfaith Worship: November 23, 11:00 a. m. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings served from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. Bring your family, come with a neighbor or a friend, or come alone to share a delicious meal at the church. Anyone who can help set up, serve, clean up, or who would like to help in some other way, please call Claudia LeGué (215-1813.)

Our annual Masquers'/Hotel Mac dinner theater will be on November 30. The play (a musical this time!) is *The Secret Garden*. Tickets are \$26 each for dinner and the show. Proceeds go into our camp fund and are used to help send kids to summer camp. Call Jean Reynolds for tickets (235-2988.)

During the Advent season, prior to Christmas, we will have the following special programs:

Sunday, December 3, 5:00 p.m.: **An evening of Lessons and Carols** with Dan Damon at the piano.

Sunday, December 17, 4:00 p.m.: **Handel's Messiah.** Selected choruses and solos by the Joyful Noise Choir, directed by Virginia Cherniak.

Sunday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.: with **Jazz Christmas Eve the Dan Damon Trio**, stories and carols.

Point Methodist Church History

-Mid Dornan

Church history is rich with contributions of women. One church group in the 1920's was the SOCIAL LEAGUE of the first Methodist Episcopal Church whose history is reflected in their minutes printed below and taken from the canvas covered, red leather cornered notebook which cost \$1.15. The minutes are printed as written. This is the 46th installment.

May 16, 1946

Social League met in the church with Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Harris as hostesses, 28 members were present. It was moved, seconded and carried that Mrs. Holbrook be paid \$1.00 for three bureau scarfs purchased for the bazaar. Thanks for flowers were received from Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Jones. Discussion was held regarding a trip to

Mrs. Fords summer home in Calistoga for our next meeting. No definite decision was made.

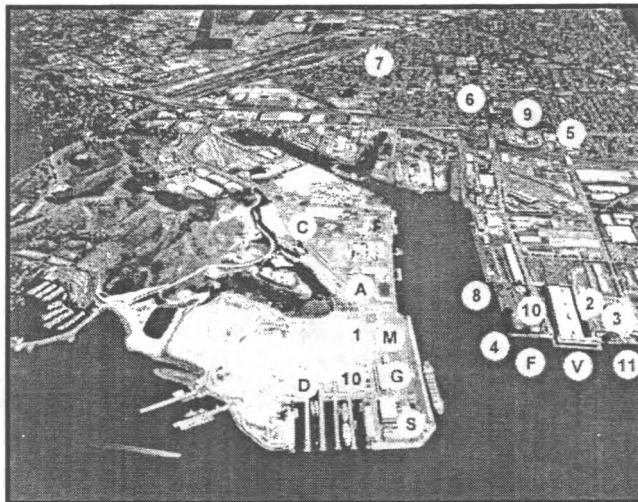
Meeting was adjourned after the 'stunts' had been preformed.

Dues Mrs. Saunders	.60
" Danner	60
" Robbins .	60
" Schmidt .	60
" Parker .	60
" Glennie	.60
" Jones, I.	.60
" Jones, B	.60
" Holbrook	.60
" Macphai .	60
Plate collection	2.30
Dues	6.00
Previous balance	36.30
	44.60
Less florist bill	3.50
deduct Mrs Holbrook	1.00
new balance	40.10



*Drawing of Keller's
Beach by the late Joel
Beck.*

Rosie the Riveter / World War II Home Front- National Historical Park Features



- 1 - Richmond Kaiser Shipyard #3
- 2 - Ford Assembly Building/Visitor Center
- 3 - Oil House
- 4 - Sheridan Observation Point
- 5 - Kaiser Permanente Field Hospital
- 6 - Child Development Center
- 7 - Atchison Village House
- 8 - S.S.Red Oak Victory Ship (Proposed Mooring)
- 9 - Richmond Fire Station No. 67A
- 10 - Whitney Crane Sites - (Proposed)

- 11 - Lucretia M. Edwards Park
- A - Rosie the Riveter Memorial
- C - Cafeteria
- D - Dry/Graving Docks
- F - Ferry Terminal
- G - General Warehouse
- M - Machine Shop
- S - Sheet Metal Shop
- V - Crane Way/WWII Home Front Visitor Center

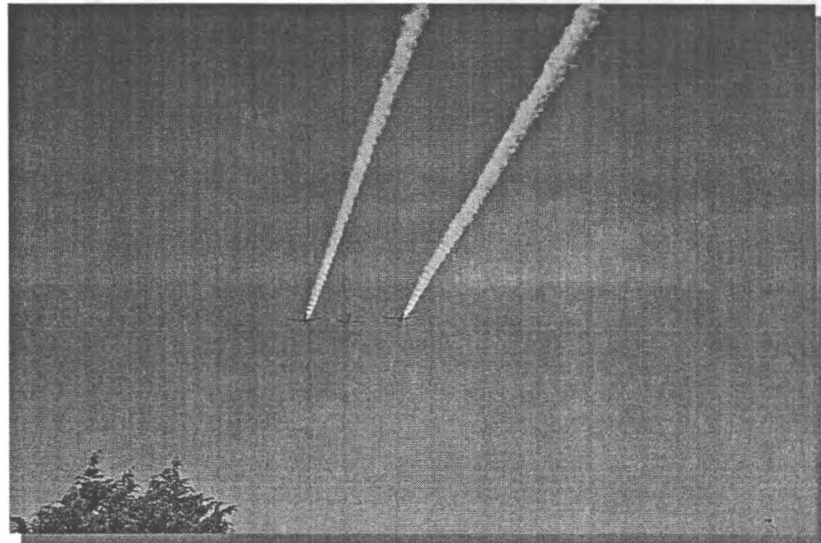
To learn more about this project visit on the web, <http://www.rosietheriveter.org/>

Request from the Editor

Point Richmond must have been an especially interesting place during World War Two, with the refinery being a potential target for the enemy, the ship building, the great influx of workers. With the focus on the new national park that will be celebrating home front contributions to the war effort, I would love for someone write an article describing what the Point was like during this time.

Gary Shows, contact info on inside back cover.

*Rosie The Riveter
Memorial
Dedication
October 14, 2000*



*Donna Powers, Mayor Rosemary Corbin,
The Richmond City Council, Congress-
man George Miller, Members of the U.S.
National Park Service joined 125
"Rosie's" on a beautiful sunny day to
honor American Women's Labor During
WWII.*





S.S. RED OAK VICTORY

Report

The RED OAK VICTORY ship will be the site of the Veterans Day Event on Saturday, November 11, 5-7 P.M. in Point Richmond (1500 Dornan Drive, through the tunnel to the end of the road). The Richmond Museum of History is holding a memorial service aboard the ship to honor the Veterans and workers of the wars of the 20th century. Following the Service, a USO Dance (7-10 PM) will follow in the historical warehouse adjacent to the ship.

Price for the dance and hor d'oeuvres is \$8.00 advance (\$10.00 at the door). The Hornet Museum Dance Band, the LMP Trio and "The Andrews Sisters" will perform. For more information: call 510-222-9200. Mail you check payable to the Richmond Museum, 710 35th Street, Richmond CA 94805. Come, honor and celebrate Veterans Day in the place which promoted victory!

CREST-BELVEDERE BLOCK PARTY

By Sandra Beyaert

On a warm and sunny September 9, gracious hosts Kate Harps and Dale Roberts opened their home (aka the Hoiland House) to 53 neighbors for the Third annual Crest-Belvedere Neighborhood get together. New Neighbor Bill Bailey was welcomed; long time residents Charlotte Woods and Doc Edmond, though not in attendance, were there in spirit. It was fun to have second generation kids participate, Diana Corbin, Steven Christiansen, Nina Williamson, Joan Strauss, and the Squires twins Dianne and Sue, who shared reminiscences of growing up in the neighborhood.

SHHH!

Westside Branch Library News

By Biblio Tek

Autumn is here, and everything is falling into place at the Westside Branch. We have brand new computer desks for the Internet stations, and the new periodical shelves that were donated by Friends of the Library are filled and orderly.

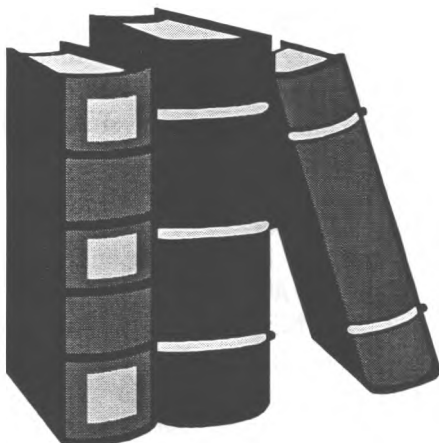
Library Aide Roseanne Ryken and Library Assistant Jose Dominguez have demonstrated some of their talents with splendid Bulletin Board Displays and Library decorating, much to everyone's enjoyment. Come see!

By the time you see this, we will have hosted Halloween Night at Westside Branch

with free books as treats, thanks to the generosity of Friends of the Library. Election night will have come and gone again. It's hard to tell which event is scarier. We are hoping everyone who enjoys the Library votes.

Books, books; we've got new books. Favorite authors who are gracing our shelves with treats of their own, include Barbera Kingsolver, Anne Perry, Patricia Cornwell, Thomas Keneally, Dave Barry, David Baldacci, and Dick Francis. Enjoy!

Happy Holidays!



Allan Smith's Point

In early 1930 did you ever go to an Oakland "beer joint" called "Hinky Dinks"? The owner was Vic Bergeron who was also a great friend of San Francisco's Joe DiMaggio, one of baseball's greatest players. Vic created a popular drink call the *mai tai*, which was a colorful fruit cocktail. Vic Bergeron became Trader Vic and Hinky Dink became the first "Trader Vics", renowned restaurant and bar. It was first located on San Pablo Avenue in Oakland. Some of its "remains" can still be seen there.

AP Smith

I wrote about the 'rock' with the John Kenny Park plaque that once was at the Kenny Park location on Castro and Tewksbury Avenues and had to be removed in favor of the Richmond Parkway. It was placed at Washington Park and has since been removed. It was in 'limbo' at the Richmond Park Department warehouse and grounds. I investigated as to why it was removed and the answer was that someone in Point Richmond objected to its being there at the newly named Judge Carroll Park and wanted it removed immediately. That stone was placed to honor a native Richmonder who lost his life in World War II while serving in the U.S. Air Force in the South Pacific. I think something should be done immediately to restore this memorial. New memorials are wonderful but I am steadfast against name changes for existing memorials. Mayor Rosemary Corbin

has helped recover the memorial stone and we are now looking into where its new home should be, current thinking is somewhere around the Plunge, do you have an opinion or idea?

AP Smith

There was a beautiful bronze plaque located at the lobby entrance to the Richmond Main Library and it is missing. This tablet honored the over 100 young men who were killed in action during World War Two. Their individual names were engraved on the plaque. Where did this item go? These soldiers, sailors, ang guardsmen were all from the City of Richmond.

AP Smith

The popular television program, the *Antiques Road Show*, is very educational and interesting. I recently 'revisited' our attic and discovered an Edison Cylinder Phonograph that I used to use during summer vacations at Grandma Smith's house in Niles, where my parents were raised. Niles CA was where the movie industry was born. The phonograph is still intact with about 50 cylinders still in storage. In New Jersey during the year 1877, the phonograph was invented when Thomas A. Edison shouted into the recording tube "Mary had a little lamb".

Visit the Santa Fe Market's butcher shop and see all the paintings on the back wall of different Point Richmond scenes. Very interesting.

AP Smith

Did you see the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels when they were here in the Bay Area for Fleet Week? One of the pilots was born in Point Richmond and is related to Marie Peckham of the Point. The pilot buzzed the Santa Fe Market which his Aunt Marie owns.

AP Smith

During World War Two, Ted Beck of Point Richmond, was a pilot of an Army Bomber and we once said 'hello' to his parents who lived on Buena Vista Avenue. I missed that "buzzing".

*Intersection of
Washington and
West Richmond
Avenues*



JEFFRY CORBIN MARRIES

Congratulations to Jeffry Corbin of the Point and Janetta Schue of New York State on their marriage August 26, 2000 at old St. Hillary's church in Tiberon.. Liz McDonald played the roll of Grandma since that is what she has been to the Corbin children. George Martin's band played 'blue grass' for the reception. Ushers were Matt Cone, Terence Doherty, and Charles Hayes. Jeff and Janette honeymooned in Oregon where they visited Rosy and Donna Roselius. Jeff is doing research on California Native Grasses at U. C. Berkeley and Janetta is an environmental Lawyer in San Francisco.

Sports Memories

by Allan Smith

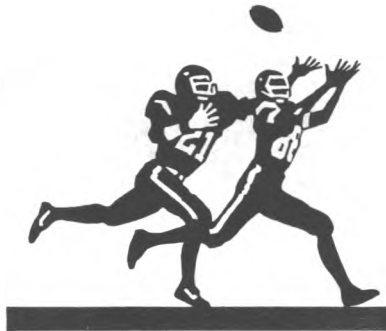
I finally got to see "The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg". Greenberg was among the best hitters in baseball history. The Detroit Tiger challenged Babe Ruth's single season home run record of 60 in 1938 when he hit 58. He led the American League in home runs four times and was the Most Valuable Player twice. Hank Greenberg was Jewish and he was baseball's first Jewish superstar. The movie examines the anti-Semitism of the day. He suffered ethnic slurs from competing team players and local hecklers in the Tiger Stadium bleachers. Greenberg's last season was in 1947 and that was the year Jackie Robinson, the first Negro to play in the big leagues, and reach the big leagues. The abuse Robinson took was worse than what Greenberg took, Hank Greenberg played eleven years in the big leagues and was inducted into Baseball's Hall of Fame in 1956.

World Series time always brings back memories of the only baseball player from Point Richmond to play in a World Series and he was the late Russ Christopher. Russ played

for the Cleveland Indians in 1948 when Cleveland beat the Boston Braves four games to two. I have yet to see Russ's World Series Ring. One of his relatives must have it and should bring it down one day to our Point Richmond Museum.

Richmond's Willie McGee played in three World Series that I know of. He could wear baseball rings on all of his fingers. Speaking of World Series rings, go down to the Point Richmond Market and ask the owner Mo Warith to show you his Little World Series ring.

The late Point Richmonder, Rudy Stark, who passed away in August of this year, was a great baseball and basketball player for the Richmond Union High School and was offered an Oregon State basketball scholarship. While at Richmond High, Rudy received the coveted Oiler Blanket for his outstanding basketball ability. Incidentally, his brother Pete, also received an award for his baseball talent during the same time.



CARDS & LETTERS

Dear Mr. Shows:

Spiro Cakos contributing the RUHS "Shields" to the Point Richmond History Association inspired me to offer my 1944 "Shield". The graduation program for the class of February 1, 1946 is enclosed. On that list of graduates, I am Lillian LaVerne Rentfro.

The September 1941 issue of RUHS "Announcement of Courses" is enclosed. My counselor, Mrs. Cottle, gave it to me in early 1943. I telephoned the History Association's office to ask about the interest in these items. I have a few more items that I will look through soon and ask if you interested in any of them.

Thanks to all who have contributed time and effort to the work of the Association.

LaVerne Rentfro Woolman
Rescue, CA

*Thank you LaVerne, I will see that the
items will remain available for all to enjoy,
Gary*

Dear Pam:

Here is my check to renew my membership. I really enjoy all the issues. Its great to read of the past. It brings back so many happy memories. I'm 90 years young and now I can enter the over 90 club. I never say old.

Wishing you all the very best,
nee Rena Cairo
Manteca, CA



Dear Pam:

Enjoy reading "This Point.....in time" from cover to cover. Stirrs up old memories from the younger days.

Fred Beesley
Richmond



*Point Richmond
hillside, 1903*

Deaths....

Margaret L. Garrison passed away peacefully at her home September 11. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, Joel L. Garrison. Survived by her loyal brothers Avis Veal and wife Peggy of Point Richmond and Bob Veal and wife Francis of Alabama. Loving sister to Eulene Pestana and husband Clarence of Castro Valley. Beloved aunt of Trude and Pamela Pestana, Steven Veal and Becky Olson. She will be missed greatly. One of the first women real estate brokers in West County, Margaret was a long time partner of Locators Real Estate in El Cerrito. She enjoyed life and will be remembered for her spunk and spirit.

Harold Shawl died in Visalia on August 26. Harold was born in San Francisco on August 4, 1909, grew up in Point Richmond and graduated from U.C. Berkeley in 1930 in Civil Engineering where he was a member of the Chi Epsilon honor fraternity. He arrived in Visalia on his 21st birthday to take a job with the Wutchumna Water Company as a junior engineer and was employed by them for some 62 years. In the early 1940's he acquired his first "hobby" farm in the Woodlake area which grew to over 800 acres of citrus, olives, stone fruit, and table grapes as Harold Shawl & Sons. One of his loves was developing and redeveloping farms and watching them grow. He was preceded in death by his first wife Deltha Beardsley and is survived by his wife, Martha, his three sons and their wives Stan and Billie of Visalia, Bob and Darleen of Woodlake, Jon & Linda of Paradise Valley, AZ, and six grandchildren: Scott Shawl of Austerlitz, The Netherlands Sara David and her husband, Aaron of Phoenix; Suzi Shawl of Chandler, AZ, and Eric and Kelly Shawl of Metamora, MI; Kathleen Shawl of Santa Barbara and Kristi Shawl of Woodlake. Harold also leaves three great grandchildren: Haley Reeves, Collin and Natalie Shawl.

Alexander McCook died on August 11, age 70. Born and raised in Point Richmond he attended Washington School, graduated from Richmond High and U.C. Berkeley. Served in the U. S. Navy in Norfolk, Virginia where he met and married the late Dorothy Lee Baker. Mr McCook owned and operated Artistic Interiors in Castro Valley. Beloved father of the late Alexander Jr. Survived by sons, David and Jeffrey (Castro Valley), daughter Deborah (Sacramento), three grandchildren, and a sister Claire Lucas.

Rudolph Peter Stark died on August 23, 2000 in a Las Vegas hospital. He was 78. A Point Richmond native, he lived here for 44 years before moving to Las Vegas. Survived by daughters, Paula Whitebird of Las Vegas and Renee Stark, Alameda; brothers, Peter Stark of Sonoma and William Stark of Petaluma; sisters, Johanne Lanning of Point Richmond and Kathryn Young of San Francisco; and one grandson. Services were at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in the Point.

Donald Joseph Spinola, 65, died on September 23, 2000 in San Ramon. Don was born Sept 7, 1935 in Point Richmond, served in the U.S. Navy and was a retired fireman for the city of Alameda. He is survived by his wife Diana (Dennis), daughters Stephanie and Stacie, all of El Cerrito, and a brother Joel Spinola of San Leandro. He was the son of the late Elsie and Joseph Spinola of the Point.

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Have we missed anyone?

Calendar of Events

Alphabetical by Group

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY

900 Dornan Drive, Miller/Knox Regional Park. Interested in Museum Membership? Business Meetings and Workshop on Friday's 7-10 PM. 510-234-4884. Museum Hours: May—October, Sundays 1-5 PM.

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE

November 3—December 16

"The Secret Garden", a musical; \$12, Friday—Saturday, 8 PM with some Sunday matinees at 2:30 PM. Reservations: 510-232-4031.

POINT RICHMOND ASSOCIATION OF MOTHERS (PRAM)

Mondays, at 7:00 PM; , November 13, December 11 on Mondays at 7 PM, Methodist Church, 201 Martina Street. Info: 273-9959.

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Meets 2nd Wednesday each month, Hotel Mac Banquet Room, 12-1:30, Lunch Reservations \$11, Contact: Paula Aasmus, O.D. 235-5228.

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting (new lights this year!), Indian Statue Park, Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 25, 5:00 PM, Methodist Church Choir and Santa Claus. There may be expanded late afternoon children's activities. Look for notices in November.

POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER/FIELD HOUSE & PLUNGE

Info: 233-6881

POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The deadline for the December/January issue of TPIT is Friday November 24, 2000.

The next General Meeting of the Point Richmond History Association will be in May. Check a future issue of TPIT for details.

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Meets last Wednesday each month, Pt Richmond Community Center; 7:30 P.M Contact: Rod Satre, President, 232 5059.

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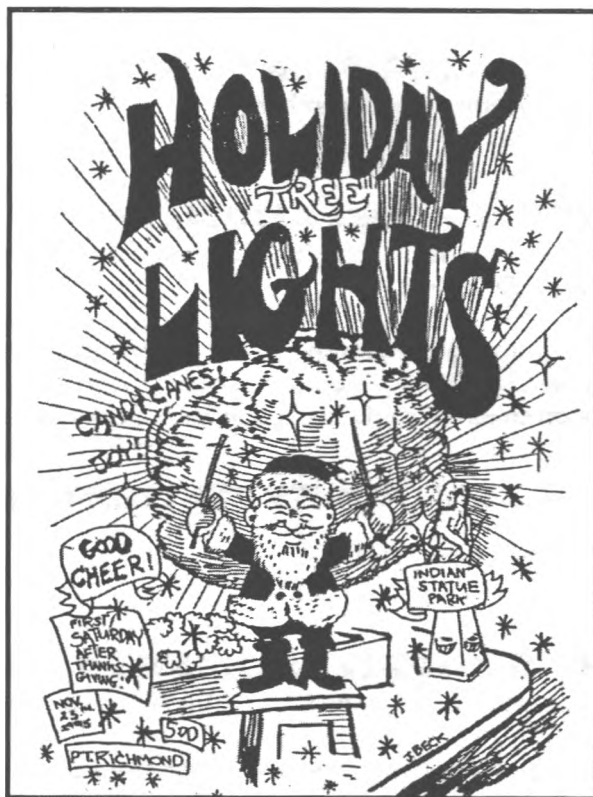
Contact: Miss Jones, Secretary 510-232-1436.

WOMEN'S WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Contact: Alyce Williamson, President at 234-6167

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