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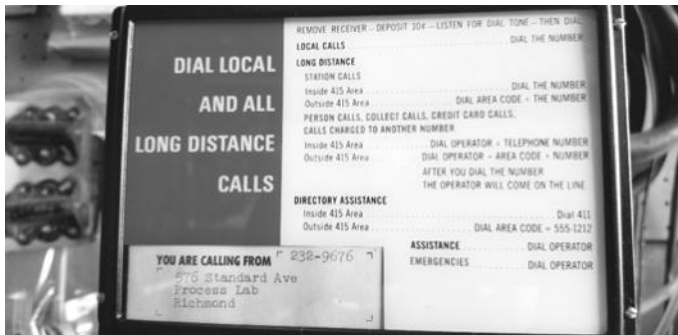
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This 1950's payphone was in a wooden booth in the Standard Avenue administration building on Standard Avenue. It was taken out of service around 1975 by Pacific Telephone employee Bob Sindicic, whose family was one of the first Yugoslavian families to settle in Richmond.

Note the "BEACON" phone number card.

--Courtesy of the Sindicic family.

--Information is from James Cheshareck

From the President

by Bonnie Jo Cullison

Hello Readers, In August the PRHA Board members finally met in person. It was the first time since the pandemic began that we felt comfortable enough to be in the same room together given that we are all vaccinated. The first item on our agenda was the PRHA annual meeting. As you know, we have had to postpone both the 2020 and the 2021 annual meetings. The question we considered was whether we could reliably schedule a meeting for this Fall. The unanimous answer was “no”. Given that the Covid climate is still very much in flux we decided instead to aim for the next available third Sunday in May. Which puts us into 2022. In the meantime, Kathe, Heinz, Pam, Gary, Caitlin and myself will continue to keep the PRHA chugging smoothly along. Thanks to Gary and numerous other newsletter contributors we will keep bringing you a history-packed Newsletter and Facebook page to keep us all connected. And, fingers crossed, our wonderful docents, Linda, Heinz, Lori, Gary and Karen will be able to keep the Museum open Thursdays and Saturdays without any further interruptions. Come in and say hi!

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367 Western Drive in 1928

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Thanks to the Volunteers who open and close
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The Cover:

***Nichol Knob taken from my desk window
August 22, 2021
Photo by Gary Shows***

Editor's Notes

Gary Shows

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Last issue I thought for sure that we would be looking back at our COVID pandemic by now. It just seems to go on and on.

My usual sincere appreciation goes out to our writers for their great work and for being timely with their materials allowing me to get this out on schedule. You guys are what make this little publication interesting. Please keep up your good work.

We are working on plans to produce a t-shirt for the PRHA that we will sell at the museum. We should have details on this fun project by the next issue, I think you will like it.

It is good, exciting news that the Baltic will

be reopening very soon as the *Baltic Spice House* serving Northern Indian cuisine. Good luck to owners Harjinder and Bhupinder Singh who also own the Point Richmond Market, I am looking forward to it. Now we need some good news to come from the closed Hotel Mac Restaurant. What's going on there?

The deadline for the next issue of "THIS POINT.....in time" will be Friday November 5, 2021 and will cover holiday activities.

So that we do the proper "social distancing" we paid the printer to fold and staple the last issue, work usually done by our group. Thanks for addressing and mailing go to:

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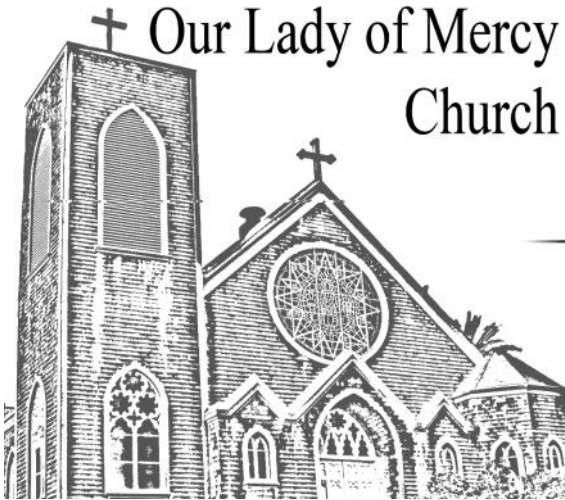
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Church News



By Dee Rosier

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Our summer hiatus is over, how quickly it passed, and now we are approaching the fall season. I hope that many were able to get away for a while over the summer. Due to the ongoing fire season, the weather has not been the best due to the smoke travelling into our direction. How devastating it must be to start over from the ground up. Our prayers for strength endurance are sent to victims. A friend's daughter lost everything in one of the fires and another friend was recently evacuated. We stand by them and offer our assistance.

The pandemic remains in our lives and we continue to follow the instructions of mandates as they are issued. Along with the State's mandates, we also follow those set by the Diocese. Masks are required indoors regardless of vaccination status, including children. With COVID and the Delta variant and the fact that most children are not vaccinated, we will refrain from asking the children to present the offertory gifts. For the

present time, the Ushers will present the gifts. We know having the children involved has always been such a joyful part of the services, which we all look forward to, but given the circumstances will safely abide by new instructions and we look forward to a future date when the children can again participate.

The Missionaries of Charity cook twice a week for those needing food in inner Richmond and Berkeley. Their residence is close to the Richmond Kaiser Hospital. Volunteers will deliver donated canned goods and used clothing to the Sisters.

It is time again for St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Mercy to participate in the annual "Friends of the Poor Walk". Parishioners Mike and Lori Summers and a number of Mike's students have previously walked with some of our neighboring parishes and SVdP conferences and will do it again this year.

The walk is scheduled for September 25, 2021, 9AM at St. Callistus. In person or in spirit, you too could walk on your own or with family and donate to Our Lady of Mercy. Links and additional information will forthcoming within the next few weeks. Consider sending your support directly to SVdP at Our Lady of Mercy. Your generosity enables us to care for those in need in our neighborhood and beyond. For questions, contact svdpatoim@gmail.com.

Our Mass schedule continues:
Saturday 1PM and Sunday 9:30 AM.

Please remember these members of our community who are sick and in need or our prayers and for all of those who care for them:

Jim Arkin
Thomas Brady
Linda Cheshareck
Diane Diani
Rosemary Giacomelli
Diane Marie
Michael Lambert
Margaret Morkowski
Edwina Murry

Fr. David
Marie Peckham
Emon Roongruangphol
Fred Sigmund

The visit by the Fire Marshall left us with many recommendations – some serious, some readily fixable.

A walk through of the ground, rectory, parish hall, church and choir loft were made. One of the recommendations was that we purchase a residential stove for the Parish Hall, the present stove was red flagged. Remember the excitement when the stove was purchased and installed. We received expert advice and volunteer help from Chevron and ICF Branch 154. This was the largest issue with many others which can be handled, i.e., proper fire extinguishers, smoke alarms. With the assistance of volunteers many of the easy fixes can be done quickly. There is always the need for \$'s with mayor issues. Upkeep will be ongoing.

The Catholic Voice is now in magazine form and so much easier to handle.

Happy 116th birthday to the City of Richmond (August 7, 1905)

Also a birthday greeting to Betty Reid Sorkin who celebrates her 100th year on September 22, 2021.

The Chevron Retirees Association hosted their first non-zoom Board meeting recently and how grand it was to see each other in person.

The Huggers could no longer endure the absence of their socialization. An afternoon lunch was hosted at the home of Anne Carroll with many of the ladies in attendance. We enjoyed good food, good weather and good company. Absent from our gathering was Michael Fitzgerald. Michael was our sole male member. When he first joined OLM, he chose to sit in pews close to us, consequently we became friends. He has now left us for a new adventure in his life. He and his wife have left Brickyard to live in a floating home and a lightly traveled MULTNOMAH channel near the Columbia River. The town is called: Scappoose, which is northwest of Portland, Oregon. Watch for his Sunday return to OLM, he has three children who reside in the Bay Area so will be

making return trips. Michael, you will be missed and how fortunate were we to have a Journalist among us.

Idaho Street became a party street to celebrate June High's birthday. She celebrated a memorable birthday during the serious time of the pandemic and we were all present to celebrate her day recently – a year later. Most Idaho Street residents as well as previous Idaho Street residents and many others were in attendance to enjoy an outstanding get together.

Maxine is back – the smiling/waving crossing guard has returned to endorse a happy smile from everyone early in the day.

Should you have any prayer petitions for the upcoming Order of Malta Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, please place your prayer request in the collection basket or email: svdpatoim@gmail.com by August 30.

Just a name and stated request – God knows the intentions of your heart, which will be taken to Lourdes and prayed for at the Grotto. Joining the pilgrimage this year will be John and Wendy Hallett.

Happy Birthday daughter Rene and son-in-law Kevin.

Condolences to our Kindergarten friend Peggy Pettit. Her husband Nathan recently died.

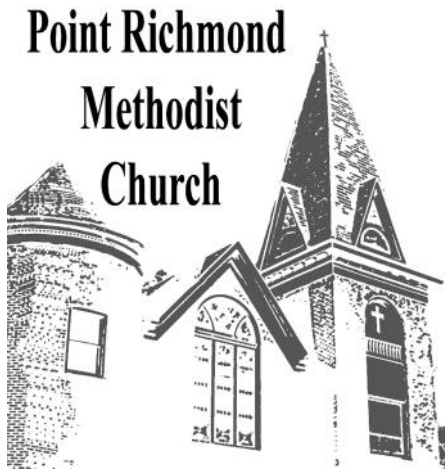
Our Kindergarten group now consists of widows only.

THE OLDEST COMPUTER CAN BE
TRACED BACK TO ADAM AND EVE
SURPRISE – SURPRISE
IT WAS AN APPLE
BOTH WITH EXTREMELY LIMITED
MEMORY
JUST 1 BYTE
THEN EVERYTHING CRASHED.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH



Dee Rosier



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We celebrated Pride Sunday on June 6. Our congregation is a member of Reconciling Ministries Network, and supports full human rights, within the church and in society, for people who identify as LGBTQ. Pat Dornan decorated the display window that faces West Richmond Ave and the sanctuary with rainbow colors, and worshipers could glimpse the joyful trappings via Zoom. We appreciate the societal acceptance already achieved by the LGBTQ community, and hope and work for a better future for all.

Rev. Cornel Barnett, retired Presbyterian pastor who resides in Point Richmond, was our guest preacher Sunday, June 20. Cornel presented perspectives on “moving forward” and left us uplifted and challenged. We are always pleased when he and Suellen Barnett join our worship.

The California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church ordained Rev. Jacey and Rev. Emily Pickens-Jones as elders on June 27. The ceremony took place at St. Mark’s UMC in Sacramento, the church where Rev. Emily’s dad, Rev. Alan Jones, is pastor. Rev. Jacey’s parents, Amy and Barry Johnson, who live in Pennsylvania, were able to attend in person. They brought two grandchildren along to witness the milestone event. Ordination was live-streamed, so we were all able to be there, too, without

driving to Sacramento. It replaced our usual Sunday morning worship service. Congratulations to Jacey and Emily! We are proud of our pastor!

A few select souls met at noon, July 14, for cleaning day at the church. We kept our regular housekeepers on payroll during the pandemic, so certain areas of the church were already clean. However, after a variety of painting, repair, and restoration projects, as well as wildfire smoke and windstorm dust, tables and surfaces were left with a layer of grit. Volunteers distributed our several songbooks, hymnals, and Bibles in the pews and racks and the kitchen got a good wipe-down. Alice Thompson played both well- and little-known hymns on the piano as a soothing soundtrack for our work. We organized the middle Sunday school room and set up furniture in Friendship Hall to prepare for Vacation Bible School. Fran Smith dropped in to donate towels and bestow and collect hugs. Thanks to Barbara Haley, Doreen Leighton, Rev. Jacey Pickens-Jones, Bill Thompson, and Alice Thompson for their efforts!

We met together at the church the week of July 26-30 for Vacation Bible School. Eight children celebrated “The Power of Story.” Rev. Jacey studied youth ministry, and knows all the best games to play. She is an awesome storyteller. Alice Thompson came to accompany our singing on her guitar every morning, the first time she has participated since she retired. We were thankful for her talent and sparkle! She was deemed “just like Johnny Cash” by one of the children. Bethany Hayter led spirited songs and taught us all the actions. We all discovered new muscle groups after singing with her. Bill Thompson shepherded the kids through the cycles of the day, from welcome, stickers on the roll sheet, nametags, singing rounds, art, games, and farewell. As always, Bill gets a gold star in kindness and as a corn “shushing” relay judge. Barbara Haley brought her granddaughter and kindly supplied birthday cake for snack to celebrate my day. Linda Andrew-Marshall brought farmers-market-fresh strawberries and animal crackers for snack. Debbie Benko came on her days off to help the kids with art, snacks, and camaraderie. Norm Reynolds single-handedly prepared lunch for families and staff on Friday; Janie Amdal brought homemade cookies. Art was all about the process: different-colored inks bled together on coffee

filters to make butterfly wings, tempera paint pressed between folded paper made mirror-image blobs, modeling clay and commercial stamps formed ink-stamp art, and heads colored in crayon sported watercolor hair blown in place through a straw. Our amazing children and their families made the week a success. No child cried. No child quarreled with another. People shared their feelings, felt heard, and worked through their emotions together. It was remarkable. It made my heart sing to be back with families in community.

Vacation Bible School was our first in-person event meeting inside the church since the pandemic started, and we thought it would be a precursor to in-person worship starting in September. Staff and children wore masks while inside the building. Many of us wore them outside, too, except during snack time and lunch on Friday. On the Wednesday after VBS ended, Rev. Jacey, although fully immunized, got a positive Covid test result, coupled with high fever and other symptoms. No other volunteers tested positive, but it was a sobering development. Rev. Jacey had to abort her plans to visit family in Pennsylvania: she and Emily deplaned, rented a car, and drove home from Phoenix after they received the positive result. With the easy transmission of the delta variant, we hesitate to resume worship in the sanctuary, and plan to worship some Sundays in September gathered outdoors in the labyrinth garden combined with online streaming. Discover the details on the church website as our plans solidify, or send me your email address to receive weekly emails with the latest news and events.

During Rev. Jacey's recovery from a breakthrough Covid infection, Jean Reynolds preached August 8 about the Filipino people and stories of their current struggle to have a government that recognizes their basic human rights. Thousands of Filipinos have been killed as a "solution" to illegal drug use, and human rights advocates have been red-tagged as communists or terrorists, including church leaders. Rev. Lindsey Bell-Kerr, pastor at Christ Church UMC in Santa Rosa and a campus minister, pre-recorded a sermon we heard August 15 on the gift and art of listening.

We continue to provide dinner monthly for guests at Greater Richmond Interfaith Program

(GRIP). In June, Linda Andrew-Marshall shopped and delivered the food; Debbie Benko provided food in July and August. At the end of June, families moved from Hilltop hotel lodging, where they had more personal space during the height of the pandemic, back to the family shelter on 22nd Street.

Pat Dornan and Barbara Haley collected donations of school supplies this spring and summer. Pat filled new backpacks with supplies and grade-level-appropriate calculators and delivered them to children who are guests at GRIP in time for their first day of school.

SOS Shower Power: We continue to wait to be looped in to launder towels for this local non-profit which has mobile shower trailers people who are houseless may use. We have "used" and "clean" bins set up for when our service is needed. We donated a huge pile of towels.

Jane and Mike Carnall recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. We rejoice when Jane is able to take nature walks in Miller-Knox Park, and pray for more of those days.

On the Calendar:

For calendar updates, links to our live events, or to play a recording of the weekly worship service, see the church website: <https://www.pointrichmondmethodist.org>



Jean Reynolds

WWIC Est. 1908

News from the Women's Westside Improvement Club by Mary Lee Cole



The Women's Westside Improvement Club met before summer break on June 8, 2021. Once again we joined on ZOOM with warm greetings. On this occasion there were lots of comments about amazing head gear worn in honor of our annual Hat Day. This is the meeting when we don hats and tell colorful stories about when and where we wore them; the stories are fiction, fantasy, and sometimes based on facts that are stranger than fiction. It's a fun way to wrap up the year.

But first President Diane Diani called final meeting of the 2020-2021 year to order. As always, she began with a welcome and announced birthdays for the summer. In June Mary Lee Cole and Barbara Mosera celebrated another year; in July Doris Mitchell and Frances Smith did so, and in August Marion Kent, Cathy O'Brien, Barbara Robertson and Jessie West had birthdays.

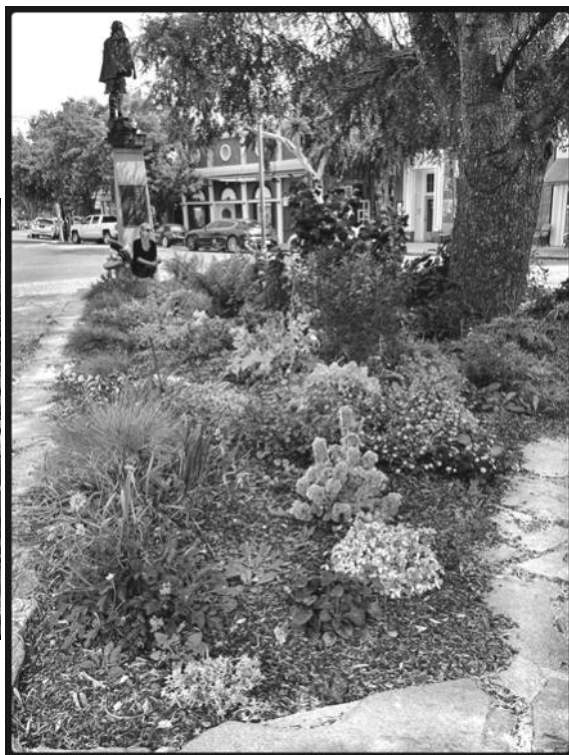
We reviewed and approved the minutes from the May meeting and current financials.

Diane announced club leadership for 2021-2022: She will continue as President, Ruth Frassetto will be first Vice-President, current office holders Leslie Hicks and Doreen Leighton will continue as Second Vice-President and Treasurer respectively, and Mary Lee Cole will stay on as TPIT correspondent. Many thanks to the women who are stepping up to lead this unique organization into its 114th year of supporting and enhancing the local Point Richmond community—since 1908 to be exact!.

Thanks to a donation from the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council, WWIC Garden Committee Chair Marlee Prutton spearheaded improvements to the three gardens that WWIC oversees: the Map Garden with its interpretive signage, and the Triangle Garden with its Rose and Indian Statue Gardens. Point Richmond Garden Club (PRGC) members, founded by Marlee and open to all, have been busy weeding and keeping the gardens looking lovely for everyone to enjoy. Special thanks to

Leslie Hicks, rose pruner extraordinaire. Stay tuned for the next PRGC event this fall.

And on that note, enjoy these images of the village center gardens. Or come to the downtown triangle to see them in living color.



From the Richmond Independent of February 25, 1916:

"The only way to save it was to drink it" said John Hanna of Stege in excusing himself for being intoxicated. He told such a good story that the judge let him off with a reprimand.

Here is his story:

"I was walking in from Albany when I came across a teamster who had lost a cask of wine from his wagon. The wagon being broken down, the teamster asked me to watch the wagon and cask while he went to Albany for another wagon. The barrel that had fallen from the wagon was leaking. In order to conserve the contents I secured a pitcher and

placed it beneath the leak. I found that I couldn't put it back in the barrel and saw no other way of disposing of it except to drink it."

"I had only one pitcher, and the wine flowed so rapidly from the leak that I had to fill the pitcher several times. I guess I drank all that leaked from the barrel."





*from
Patricia
Tostenson*

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*

Lara's Fine Dining Welcomes Point Richmond Artists

June 1st marked the opening of a new Membership Exhibition by sixteen artists from Arts of Point Richmond, filling the many rooms of Lara's are forty works of art by sixteen artists, ranging from abstract to calligraphy and still life to landscape.



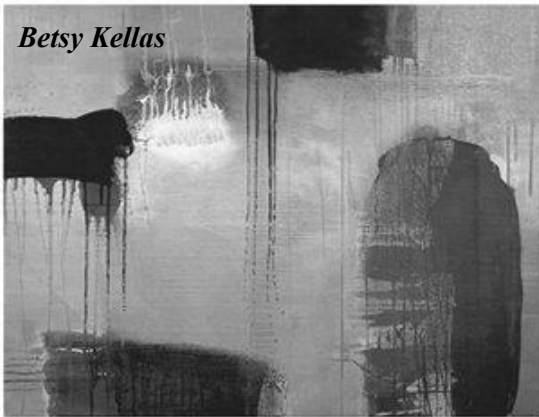
DJ Leland



Bette Tarr



Nora Lee



Betsy Kellas



Nancy Noble

Arts of Point Richmond is pleased to present a new art exhibit at **El Sol Restaurant**, 101 Park Place, Point Richmond.

Exhibit dates: July 14 – October 13, 2021. Theme: “Landscapes.”

Participating artists: Dee Bell, Andi Biren, Carol Engelbrecht, Rita Gardner, Caitlin Hibma, Irene Hightower, and Nancy Whitley. Show includes paintings, mixed media and digital photography. Come by to enjoy the delightful exhibit and have a tasty meal or refreshing beverage at El Sol!



Point Post Office Exhibit



July 7 through October 4, 2021.

104 Washington Avenue, Point Richmond.

Features artworks by fifteen member artists who participated in the newest ART TAG challenge, with the theme of INSIDE/OUT. Artists: Jeanne Hendrickson, Bob Colin, DJ Leland, Bonnie Leonard, Caitlin Hibma, Debi Cooper, George Tomberlin, Carole Englebrecht, Becca Riley, Emily Erickson, David Moore, Louise Williams, Marilyn Hertzberg, Anna Froker, and Cheri Carter. Art Tag is a creative challenge taken up by interested AOPR artists. For more information on Art Tag, please contact Bonnie Leonard at beleonard45@gmail.com.



Emily Erickson



***Kenoli Oleari &
Sharon Goode***

Taking it Outdoors

Outside, as part of AOPR's newest project, *Taking it Outdoors*, the creators of the concept, Kenoli Oleari and Sharon Goode hung seven new banners. They believe that Art should be outdoors as well as in. A master printer, Kenoli, created each of the large banners at his shop. To date there are 50 banners hanging all around downtown Point Richmond where they are enjoyed by all. The seven eye catching banners at Lara's exude joy and free spiritedness. Rosie the Riveter even makes an appearance.



***Judy
Rattner***



Ellen Pechman

Jens Hansen: Architect of Brickyard Cove & Richmond Yacht Club

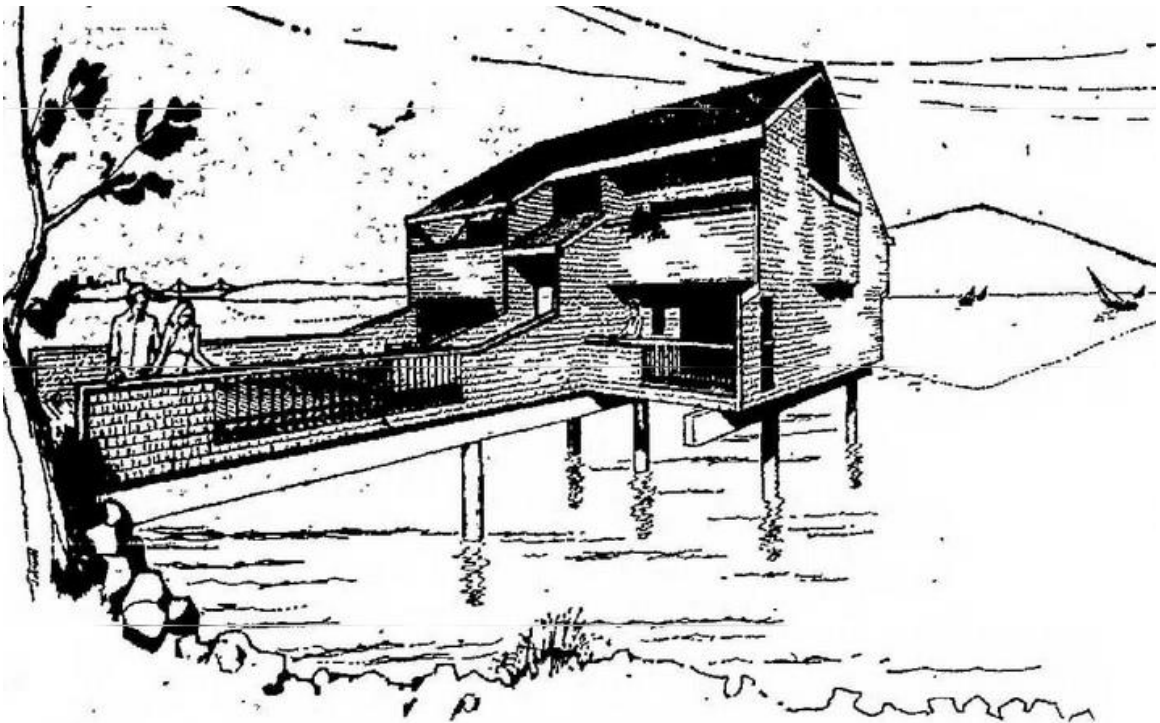
By Caitlin Hibma

I recently performed a historical evaluation for a 3-building science and tech laboratory complex on the shore of Berkeley's Aquatic Park. It was designed in 1971-73 by architect Jens Hansen, who, I was pleased to discover, had strong Point Richmond ties.

Jens Hansen's 2012 obituary states that he was a "longtime Bay Area architect," who earned his degree from U.C. Berkeley in 1949 and opened his own practice in Oakland in 1954. This practice was a partnership with Robert L. Goetz, known as Goetz & Hansen. It went on to become Goetz, Hansen & Johnson until 1964, when Robert Goetz left the firm and it was renamed Jens Hansen Associates AIA. Hansen's firm was based

in Oakland and he served on the Oakland Planning Commission, as member and chairman, in the early 1970s, until a conflict of interest with one of his own projects caused him to resign. In 1978, Hansen partnered with architects Michael Murakami and Takane Eshima forming the firm of Hansen/Murakami/Eshima (now Murakami/Nelson). He retired in 1998, but continued to be involved in architectural practice until his death in 2012.

According to Hansen's obituary, the Murakami/Nelson company website, newspaper articles, and other scholarship, Jens Hansen's portfolio included primarily office buildings and condominium complex projects throughout the East Bay. He also designed the campus of the California Col-



RENDERING SHOWS THE JENS HANSEN-DESIGNED ALVIN HAMRE RESIDENCE

lege of Podiatric Medicine in San Francisco (ca.1974-75), renovated of a number of buildings on the U.C. Berkeley campus, and planned the Emeryville Marina (ca. 1976).

Hansen may have begun his familiarity with Point Richmond around 1965, when he designed the 20-unit apartment building at 420 Golden Gate Avenue. The paired tall narrow windows of the building echo those on the tech laboratory complex in Berkeley and seem to be a signature of Hansen's work. From Golden Gate Avenue, he went on to design the Richmond Yacht Club clubhouse, harbor, and small boat facility, completed in 1966, and then master-planned the Brickyard Cove development on the remaining yacht club acreage. In addition to conceiving of the unique waterfront neighborhood, he was commissioned for the custom design of a number of the houses there. Newspaper real estate sections feature at least three, with the most prominent being the home of yacht club founders, Bert and Muriel Claussen, at 1292 Sanderling Island. In newspapers it was described as a "modern Victorian," with balconies, alcoves, fireplaces, and ample windows. One of the first houses at Brickyard Cove, it was somewhat revolutionary for being two-stories and resting on a series of poles over the water, although most eventually would. Another illustrated mention was the Alvin Hamre Residence (1972), as well as Hansen's own house, which was described as being "like a glass bottom boat, [the] floors dotted with illuminated "portholes," so they can watch the fish swimming at night."

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Oakland Tribune, via Newspaper Archive.

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RICHMOND DAILY INDEPENDENT

A Message from the Chief, taken from the Richmond Independent of March 1, 1913.

Skating in the Point Streets Must Stop Says the Chief

"Since the new asphalt paving has been installed on the West Side streets, children have been using the streets for a skating rink and a roadway for racing their bicycles."

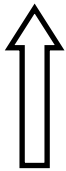
"If the practice is not stopped we will have a terrible accident, says the Chief. If the parents will not cooperate with me, I will have to ask the Council to pass an ordinance which will keep them off the streets. Thursday evening a little girl broke her arm and a boy was narrowly missed by a machine. The escape from a fatal accident was miraculous and too close to be comfortable. It is too serious a matter to be treated lightly and I want the parents to cooperate with me."



Late Mid Dornan and Patricia Pearson

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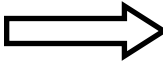
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paving of E.
Richmond Avenue
Circa 1914
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*Richmond-San Rafael
Ferry Landing at Point
Richmond in 1945*

#1243 from Al Schwoerer





I think this is the Water Street Hill, the key building in the upper left is 221 Piedmont Avenue, I think.

Must be very early probably before 1910. Wouldn't mind some help to verify this one.

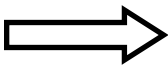
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*Railroad Avenue and
East Richmond
Avenues upper left,
John Nichol's Oil
Well and site of the
future Richmond
Natatorium mid right*

Circa 1926



Baltic Spice House

New Northern Indian Restaurant

by Karen Buchanan

The Baltic is back! The historic Baltic building at 135-137 Park Place will soon have a new restaurant on the ground floor: the **Baltic Spice House**, serving authentic Northern Indian cuisine. New owners Harjinder and Bhupinder Singh are in it for the long haul, having just signed a 20-year lease with landlord Daniel Butt. Harjinder is well known to the Point Richmond Community as the gracious owner of the Point Richmond Market and Deli at 160 Washington Avenue, which he has owned for over 10 years. He has provided some stability at that corner, site of the old Critchett Hotel, after multiple changes in ownership. He promises to bring the same stability to the Baltic Spice House. More importantly, the new owners promise to bring back live music to the Baltic along with delicious food. There will be live music on Friday and Saturday nights, and they promise to restore the Tuesday night Blues Jam. They are currently working on getting a full liquor license from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), which can take up to 60 days. In



*Pre-Baltic, Eagle's Nest Saloon, 1907
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the meantime, while the liquor license is pending, they are hoping to have a soft opening for food only sometime in September.

Harjinder and Bhupinder have a deep respect for the historic look of the restaurant's interior, and have repainted the lower walls to match the previously dark wood-stained paneling. Contrary to popular belief, that paneling was not original – it dates to the 1950s when the two storefronts of the bar and the retail space next door were combined into one space. The upper walls and ceiling have been painted a warm goldenrod yellow, to brighten the dining room and to match the colors of the spices in Indian cuisine. The modern light fixtures will be replaced with chandeliers to create a more authentic look. The kitchen will have all new appliances, and there will be two chefs, each with extensive experience in the restaurant industry, one of whom, Deepak Bhardwaj, previously worked at an Indian Restaurant in Marin County.

The Baltic Building has an interesting history, replete with urban legends. The building was built in 1904, before Point Richmond's streets were paved and when the sidewalks were wooden



*Pre-Baltic, Enterprise Steam
PRHA photo archive #0514 - Dennison*

boardwalks. It was one of the first saloons in Point Richmond, originally called the Eagle's Nest. According to the historic plaque in the bar, the backbar and mirror were brought over from San Francisco prior to the 1906 Earthquake and Fire, and thus were saved from destruction. Over the years, the Baltic Building has served variously as a saloon, residence, funeral parlor, speakeasy, a house of ill repute, and several restaurants. One of the urban legends claims that there was once a tunnel that went from the basement of the Baltic, under Park Place and Washington Avenue, over to the Critchett Hotel, to provide an escape route for drunken bar patrons. However, an underground tunnel in that location would have been impossible, given that the nearby marshes would have kept the tunnel filled with water. Another urban legend states that the building once served as Richmond's City Hall, but that distinction belongs to the old Critchett Hotel (1905-1909) and the brick building at 210 Washington Avenue (1909-1915). The fact that the building once housed a funeral parlor may have given rise to yet another urban legend, the idea that the place was haunted.

In the first decade of the 20th Century, Point Richmond was a wild and woolly town, full of young men who worked at either Santa Fe Railway or the Standard Oil Refinery (now Chevron). The 1910 Census shows that the upper floors of the Baltic Building housed 25 men between the ages of 19 to 23. It would have been



Funeral Parlor, coffins were often taken to the cemetery on a decorated street car whose tracks were on Park Place in front of the building.

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like one big Spring Break party. At one point, there were 41 active saloons in town, so at closing time, the local constabulary would have had their hands full rounding up inebriated individuals to throw in the Drunk Tank in the back of the old brick Firehouse and Jail at 145 Park Place. The Womens Westside Improvement Club, formed in Point Richmond in 1908, also would have had their hands full trying to bring some civility to the town.

After decades of several restaurants of varying cuisines occupying the Baltic Building, soon the intoxicating aroma of Indian spices will be emanating from the kitchen of Baltic Spice House, a welcome addition to the Point Richmond restaurant scene.



Strike up the Band! The funeral of Jimmy Burris, December 9, 1909.

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Hotel D'Italia

by James Cheshareck

In the first decade of the 1900's a surge of hotels established by Italian immigrants encompassed most of Standard Avenue. Of these hotels, not a single building survived demolition after the California Division of Highways invoked eminent domain to acquire property to realign Standard Avenue for the future Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Both land with dwellings and vacant lots alike were seized for what would first become part of State Highway 17, then Interstate 580. One of these many hotels was the Hotel D'Italia at 200 Standard Avenue, established by Guido and Laura Pacini.

Guido Amerido Giovanni Pacini was born 10/26/1875 in Pistoia, Toscana near the Emilia-Romagna border. His wife, Laudemia "Laura" Baldacci Pacini was born 1/4/1876 in Lucca, Toscana. The couple immigrated to the U.S. from Tuscany along with their two sons, Erasmo "Jack" (10/26/1898-5/16/1982), and Vernardo

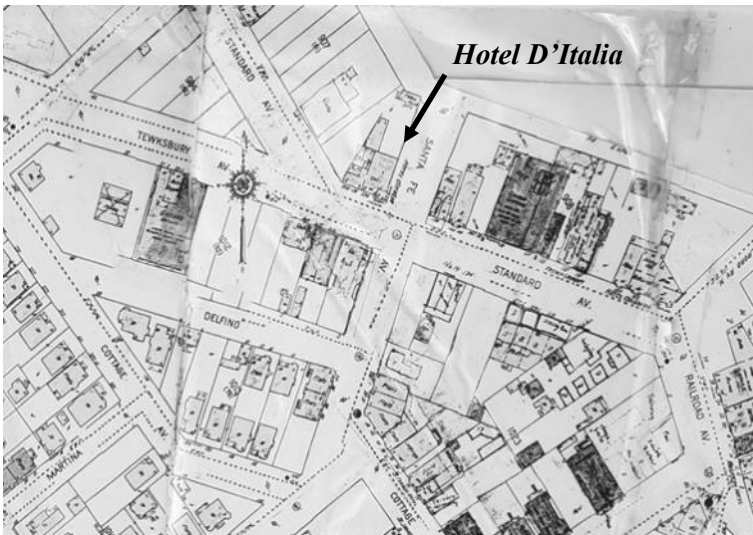
William "Bill" (5/4/1900-5/17/1995) about a month after Bill's birth. The family were settled in California when their third son, Carlo "Charlie" was born on 7/4/1903. The Pacini's resided in Point Richmond by the time their first daughter Annie was born November 24, 1904.

Like the Brignone family who owned the Colombo, the Pacini's also opened their hotel in 1907. It was on the northwest corner of Standard and North Santa Fe Avenues. The D'Italia housed a bar and restaurant like most of the others. Many of the hotels were in close proximity to one another, but there were plenty of laborers in need of lodging. It would be a fair assessment to state that Standard Avenue was "Little Italy", not just of Point Richmond, but the entire city. That being said, there were many non-Italian laborers that found roofs over their heads on Standard Avenue too.

The Pacini family had an additional 4 children for a total of 8: Georgio "Joseph" (11/4/1906-5/21/1992), Alice Pacini Ragusa (2/8/1908-1/21/2004), Lena Pacini Maher (8/7/1912-12/7/2000), and Laura Pacini McJunkin (8/7/1917-5/6/1971). In 1914, after less than a decade in business, the Pacini family relocated to central Contra Costa County. Guido found work as a drayman, and many of the Pacini siblings would start families and spend the rest of their lives in the Bay Point/Pittsburg/Port Chicago area.

Although the family had moved and Guido was now delivering goods, they kept the hotel while others managed it.

The first new managers for the Pacini's hotel were Ricardo Molinari and his wife, Gertrude "Tula". Ricardo was born 9/13/1870 in Ancona, Marche, and immigrated in 1902 and settled in San Francisco. Gertrude "Tula" Arenales Botti Molinari was born 10/25/1880 in Guatemala. She immigrated to the U.S. in 1891 and settled in San Francisco as well. She and her first husband, Silvio Dotti, were opera singers at the Tivoli Grand Opera House in San Francisco, which perished in



flames during the 1906 earthquake. Her 1901 marriage to Dotti was short lived.

Ricardo and Tula married around 1906 and had three children, George (1907-1998), Emma Molinari Alviso (1910-2002), and Elsie Molinari Pucci (1912-2007). Ricardo had a background managing restaurants and hotels in the San Francisco area, qualities suited for D'Italia. The family moved to Point Richmond, and Ricardo primarily managed the bar and restaurant while Tula ran the hotel. After a few years they returned to San Francisco to manage the Hotel Gorizia in 1917. The couple would manage several restaurants and hotels until their retirement. They last resided in South San Francisco where Ricardo died 7/17/1944 at age 73. Tula died 6/3/1967 at age 86.

Yugoslavian immigrant Charles Senjo, (born 4/24/1886) was the next manager of the D'Italia. He immigrated in 1904 and had operated hotels and restaurants in the Oakland area prior to moving to the D'Italia. He ran it for about 5 years before returning to Alameda County around 1922, where he resumed managing hotels and restaurants. After marrying his wife Gussie (1891-1988), he returned to Point Richmond in the late twenties where he was a general laborer for a time. He and Gussie would ultimately settle in San Leandro and had a son, Robert. In his later years, Charles retired from managing hotels and restaurants, to become a liquor dealer. While a spectator at a professional boxing match in San Francisco, he died of a heart attack on 12/12/1951 at age 65. Their son, Robert, died on his 71st birthday in 2003.

After Charles Senjo's departure, the building was demolished, leaving only the foundation intact.

The Pacini's retained ownership of the land, which was vacant from thereon. In the 1930's Guido and Laura left Contra Costa County for Oakland, residing there for many years before moving to Santa Cruz in 1940. Guido died 9/14/1948 at age 72 while in Pittsburg. At the time of his death the family still owned the parcel of land at 200 Standard Avenue that had been a vacant lot for more than a quarter century. Less than two years later, the State of California came calling for the piece of real estate referred to as parcel 8671 of Osborn's Addition on the assessor's map.

Unlike the Colombo and other hotels on Standard Avenue, D'Italia wasn't around long enough to be affected by eminent domain. No livelihood was lost, and no people were displaced from their homes. When negotiations were finished between Jack Pacini and the California Division of Highways in 1950, the Pacini family settled for \$965.10 for the 3,217 square foot parcel, equivalent to \$9,919.00 today. Though somewhat small, a piece of commercial real estate for less than \$10,000 cannot be had today. This rampant example of inequity is what would-be homeowners and small businesses must face today. One may solely cite inflation, but the coinage of 1950 was 90% silver, while today's coins have the intrinsic value of gaming tokens.

Laudemia "Laura" Pacini died in Santa Cruz 5/9/1958 at age 82, and Annie Pacini Mellor died in 1991 at age 86. The Pacini's first American born child, Charlie died 2/18/1982 at age 78. His wife, Aline, outlived her husband and both of their sons. She died in 2015 at age 103. The D'Italia existed less than 20 years, but is another piece of the Point's past. As I read names from the State right of way files preserved by the Hibma's, I see plenty more stories of Standard Avenue to be told. When I pull my old directories off my bookcases, I see the same names. Little Italy is long gone, but not forgotten.

*Location of the Hotel
D'Italia as it is today.
Photo by James
Cheshareck*



Bay Trail Tails and Neighborly Dogs

by Oliver B. Pollak ©

Fifteen or so years ago flying United Airlines from San Francisco to Denver my wife got into a conversation with a young man, an entrepreneur, a venture capitalist. He explained how his little endless packet of serrated green plastic bags would revolutionize picking up dog poop. Toilet paper and paper towels were handy, but bags facilitated touchless picking up and disposing. He gave us the business card of his Hayward enterprise. My 50-year accumulation of business cards housed in repurposed Dom Perignon champagne boxes had a Pets category. Veterinarians cared for our two Maltese, Isis and Tasha, and two cats, Mindon and Ketzela. We have been petless for over a decade and enjoy other people's dogs. We have nostalgic pet photographs and a red pencil from our Omaha groomer Mark at The Dog House. The business file included the poop bag entrepreneur's business card.



We are a dog friendly, orderly and sanitary society. Trails and sidewalks have signs for sharing the path, leashing rules and supplies for cleaning up. Dog parks are standard urban amenities and provide socialization and exercise for humans and beasts. In May 2020 a leash law breakdown in New York's Central Park went viral as a woman exercised white entitlement against a black birdwatcher.

The 307-acre Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline Park in Richmond dedicated in 1972 honors two liberal Democrats. State Senator George Miller, Jr., (1914-1969) and John T. Knox, (1924-2017), a Point Richmond resident and State

Assemblyman for West Contra Costa County, 1960-80, instrumental in the 1965 San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the 1970 California Environmental Quality Act.



Dog Signage at Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline Park

Sylvia Schild an animal advocate responding to the banning of off leash activity created PIDO, Point Isabel Dog Owners, in 1985 as a nonprofit corporation advocating an off leash recreation area. Off leash privileges were restored in 1987 when the U.S. Postal Service leased 23-acres at Richmond's southern end, to the East Bay Regional Parks, Point Isabel Dog Park.

Sylvia's gravestone at Tel Shalom cemetery in Rolling Hills Memorial Park proclaims her love of dogs and animal activism.



Above, Grave Stone

Left, Sign on Bay Trail

Sixty-seven per cent of American households are pet owners. Eighty-five million

households own a dog, cat, bird, fish or horse. If statistics are to be believed Wyoming has the highest percentage of households with a dog, 72%, Rhode Island the lowest at 45%. As a region, New England, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and Connecticut have more cats than dogs. Forty per cent of California households have dogs. In my sixteen household neighborhood centered on a courtyard, 5 homes have seven dogs, Skyler, Savannah, Mickey, King, Sullie, Ace and Gabriel, the last two being pandemic additions. Muggins died of old age. My neighborhood with 37.5 percent of dog ownership is typical California.



Community Dog Park

Our environment, natural resources, human and canine interaction are precious and best guided by social consciousness and mutual respect. The pound, SPCA, and animal shelter have been joined by the terms rescue and adoption. I recycle the plastic bags from the morning newspaper and leave a weekly bundle at a neighbors door.



Cut bags service small dogs, full bags are for bigger dogs or two dogs.

Pets are vital to human wellbeing. In honor of National Pet Day, instituted in 2005, the New York Times Book Review on April 11, 2021 featured photographs of prominent writers, five women and two men, with their pets, four dogs, two cats and George Orwell's goat Muriel, not quite Animal Farm.

On the Bay Trail we saw a dog jump four feet vertically. The owner said he was a mix of Australian sheep dog and a Catahoula Leopard dog named after Catahoula Parish, Louisiana. I called Point Richmond's Catahoula Coffee Co., the owner had owned two Catahoula dogs.

Thank you to Brenda Montano of East Bay Regional Parks and my neighbors for assistance.



PRHA photo archive #0241 from Don Church

I have been asked quite a few times in the last several years to pinpoint the exact location of the famous Point Richmond 1910 Lightweight World Championship fight that was attended by 15,000 in spite of bad rainy weather. I was never able to tell this with certainty until I posted it on the PRHA Facebook website. Thanks to the keen eye of Daniel Butt for finding it on the previously posted below panorama photo from Royce Ong. Teamwork!

Gary Shows



PRHA photo archive #1161 from Royce Ong



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

-Linda Newton, Past President

Pt. Richmond Oct 30, 1911

Meeting of Woman's West Side Improvement Club in Fire Hall called to order by President Mrs. Cramer. Absent VP Mrs. Coleman, Tres Mrs. Riggs. Minutes of previous meeting was read and accepted.

Bills – none

Communications – a letter from Mrs. Cora E. Jones asking our club to join the General Federation of Woman's Clubs in order that we may send delegates to the Biannual Convention, the dues to be 10 cents per capita, moved by Mrs. Marston, sec by Mrs. McHenry we join, carried.

Unfinished business – The Final arrangements for the joint meeting to be held in the Small Fraternal Hall Nov. 7th was made.

New Business – A resolution was made and read for the first time. Resolved, that officers who are absent three consecutive meetings, their chair will be declared vacant by the president, successor be elected to fill the chair for the next regular meeting.

Dues - \$2.00

There being no further business to come before the club, we adjourned.

Nellie Adams, Sec'y

Nov. 7th 1911

A joint meeting of the Richmond Improvement Club, Club Mendocino and West Side Improvement Club was called to order by President Mrs. T.T. Cramer who introduced our Dis't President Mrs. Annie Little Barry she told about the Biennial Convention to be held in San Francisco next summer and urged all clubs to join and then about our district convention to be held in Richmond

in Feb.

The election of Chairman & Vice Chairman Sec'y and three on financial was called for by President Cramer and the following was chosen: President Mrs. Smith, Vice Pres. Mrs. E.H. Harlow, Sec. Mrs. R.L. Adams. Fin Com: Mrs. U.P. McHenry, Mrs. Geo. W. Topping, Mrs. W. Felch.

The Clubs were entertained by a vocal solos by Mrs. Shaw, and Mrs. Whitcomb accompanied by Mrs. J.O. Ford and Mrs. Thompson and was very much enjoyed by the members after which we all partook of social tea.

N.A.

Pt. Richmond, Nov. 14th 1911

Women's West Side Improvement Club met in Fire Hall and Mrs. Grover was appointed to act as president.

Mrs. Grover called the meeting to order. Roll call of officers found Pres. Mrs. Cramer, V.P. Mrs. Coleman absent.

Communications – none

Bills – Hall rent John Murray 2.00
Cakes and Lemons, McWhorter .55
Cakes and Sugar, Stevatar .75 \$3.30
The bills were ordered paid.

New Business – none

Good of the Club. Suggested to Tres. that she make a monthly report the first meeting in the month.

Dues – Mrs. Wm. Bonner 1.50
Mrs. J. Moyle 1.00
Mrs. Wm. Curtain 1.00 3.50

Move that we adjourn, carried

Nellie Adams, Secy

Pt. Richmond Dec 12th 1911

Women's West Side Improvement Club met in Fire Hall and was called to order by Pres. Mrs. T.T. Cramer.

Roll call of Officers the Vice Pres. and minutes of previous meeting was read and approved.

Communications from Mrs. E.M. Arthur, 1205 E. Park St. Stockton in regard to Civil Service Reform Sec'y was instructed to get what information she could from Miss Arthur, Mrs. L.D. Jack stated if the club or members wished calendars at 75¢ each she would gladly send the same. Herman Kinney sent a letter in regard to maintaining a large electric sign on Nichol Knob, club did not approve of the sign at a cost to the city of \$150.00 per month.

The Bill for Mr. Cato was discussed and was layed over until next meeting.

The convention was discussed, and the tax was talked about at last it was decided that the club give a dance on or about Jan. 20th carried also that the club begin to study parliamentary laws as we will soon be voting and should make ourselves acquainted with all the laws of state and county and all laws in general and appointed Mrs. McHenry, Mrs. Willis and Mrs. Adams. President Mrs. Cramer suggested that the sec'y write the Library Trustees asking if the exchange of books with the West Side Branch could be made more often.

Receipts – Mrs. C.L. Abbott 1.50, Mrs. R.M. Willis admission 1.00, \$2.50. previous meeting for cakes .50, \$3.00

Club adjourned for one week.

Nellie Adams, Sec.

Pt. Richmond Cal Fire Hall Jan. 9, 1912

The Woman's W.S. Imp. Club was called to order by Mrs. T.T. Cramer.

Roll call of Officers result in all being present except V.P. Mrs. Coluran, and Tres. Mrs. Riggs.

Reading minutes of previous meeting read and approved as read. The name of Mrs. Nettie M.

White was presented by Mrs. Willis for Membership Committee of investigation. Mrs. Adams, Hopkins, Murray.

A letter from Mrs. Katie Francisco of L.A. asking a list of our members names be sent to N.Y. at once, the list was ordered sent. Mrs. Whitcomb was appointed in place of Mrs. R. Speirsch on Publicity Committee for dance. Dodgers was ordered printed for dance to cost 4.00 per 1000 our club to pay 1/3 of expences of the Federation. Mrs. Whitcomb to see if the music had been secured. Mrs. Runyon was to be on floor committee.

There being no farther business a motion was made that we adjourne for one week, carried.

Nellie Adams, Sec.

Pt. Richmond, Jan 23, 1912

Woman's West Side Improvement Club meet in Fireman Hall. Meeting called to order by Mrs. C.D. Whitcomb acting Pres.

Roll call of Officers found Pres. Mrs. Carian, V.P. Mrs. Coleman, Tres. Mrs. Riggs absent.

Bills – Music for dance at SR Park & Pavillion on Jan 19th (17.60 & 5.00). 22.60 Dodgers and Programs 400 each 8.00. District Dues of 2 cents per member. Mrs. A B. Barry .85.

Delegate credentials from Mrs. Barry one from Mrs. Wm. Fairchild asking for the yearly dues of 10¢ per capita for the current Federation year and a receipt from Mrs. Emily Hopping with a receipt for the tax of 52 cts per member for the business in San Francisco 1912 (\$21.85). The first two letters was layed over until the next meeting.

Mrs. Whitcomb suggested that the Pres. of each club take charge of the banquet tickets.

Application of Mrs. Kali Reidron was presented, and the following committee was appointed. Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Meise, Mrs. Spiersch reported that the restrooms need attention. Mrs. Adams was appointed to look after the same.

Receipts from the dance \$75.00, Mrs. Reirden application 1.00.

Motion we ajorune until next Tuesday at 2 o'clock, carried.

Nellie Adams, Sec

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 interesting historical items left for us by Allan Smith.

Items of Interest Point Richmond, early 1900's

The Record, The Leader and The Independent

01-04-1919	Martinez has another Flu panic.
01-06-1919	Theodore Roosevelt died today.
01-07-1919	Dances stopped due to flu. Now called Grippe. However, schools in Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda have been closed due to the Flu. Richmond orders Flu masks again for both teachers and pupils.
01-08-1919	66 new cases, 2 deaths. Dr. Blake admits it is the Flu again.
01-10-1919	Red Cross getting organized to handle Flu.
01-13-1919	3 million gallons of whiskey will either drank or stored between now and July 1st when nation goes dry.
01-14-1919	4 extra policew to help enforce Flu mask law. \$10 fine for violation.
01-17-1919	El Cerrito demands wearing of masks again.
01-18-1919	Urcella Olds McDonald dies in Portland. Bro. Chas. is very low also. Gerald Hurley, 12 bro. of Eleanor Hurley and James, dies of Flu at Point. 19 new, 2 dead.
01-25-1919	3 more arrest for mask violations.
02-11-1919	City plans street improvements to give jobs to returning soldiers. Hereafter, boys of under 18 will be arrested if tobacco is found in their possession.
02-17-1919	Santa Fe must stop draining waste oil onto swamp lands of Mintzers.
02-20-1919	Wild horses damage gardens in East Richmond Heights. Wild horses captured.
02-25-1919	Total US losses in War, 107,444. Overseas, 73000; 21,000 disease; 48,700 battle and 3,354 other causes.
02-27-1919	Horses again loose.
03-03-1919	SOCco gets back the only non-sinkable ships in the war: Tkrs Santa Anta and Tamaha. (Both of the Indian Head line) filled with MT barrels.
03-05-1919	SOCco will pay largest tax of any corp or individual in the State, almost 20 million.
03-06-1919	Pathe News took 380 feet of film of the S.P. Dam to show throughout the nation in its 10,000 theaters. The Dam is declared to be one of most remarkable engineering feats ever accomplished.

EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

Martha Bielawski - 100
Muriel Clausen - 96
Mary Bianchini Highfill - 97
Victor Morales - 92
Billie Bonham Shaw - 98
June Beesley Sosabal - 96
Morris Simpson - 99
Marcelina Smith - 96
Jean Knox - 94
Hector Lizarraga - 97
Donna Wilson - 90
Florence Wilson - 91
Loretta Stevens Johromi - 95
Alphonso Diaz - 95
Christopher Wilson - 97

Cards, Letters & E-Mails

Hi Pam,

I thought I'd drop you a quick note to let you know that Marcelina is here in Moraga doing well at the assisted living home. From a physical health perspective, she is doing fine but is now dealing with some declining memory and other effects of dementia that were accelerated by a traffic accident she had in Pt. Richmond 2 years ago. She misses the Point and her friends and church very much and often talks with hope about visiting someday soon. She just had her 96th birthday in June and we are happy and thankful that She was not affected by COVID-19.

Enclosed is her membership and a donation as I know she and my dad loved helping out on This Point in time. It was called Point Counterpoint when I was a kid. I used to deliver it on my paper route for Donna Roselius - 10 cents a copy if I remember correctly.

Best Regards,
Allan Smith, Jr.
Moraga

Thank you Allan, sending our love and best wishes to Marcelina! We miss her too! Gary

Memories of Santa Fe's Indian Village and My Family

by Tony Ramirez, Sr.

Thinking about the ordeals of American Indians makes me want to cry like a little boy in the wilderness of the world's poverty. I know what poverty is, I have been there. I grew up as an FDR Kid amidst World War Two, in a little white house on 4th Street in Richmond, CA, a city that built 747 victory ships in its Kaiser Shipyards between 1942 and 1945. I remember that I would tell all the kids at school that I was born in the White House but corrected that I was born in a white house. I had an older brother who fought in Italy and was awarded the Purple Heart. I also had a brother who fought in the Philippine Islands, they both came back alive.

A lot of my school friends were Indians whose fathers worked for the Santa Fe Railroad and lived on the Santa Fe's Indian Village. Their company supplied housing was pitiful and tiny, described by some as hovels. When I was five years old, during the war years I would attend their pow wows. My dad was Valentine Ramirez who worked for Santa Fe for 48 years and was told to retire at the age of 72. While working for the Santa Fe Railroad, he had many Indian worker friends. I knew many of these Indian kids as well. My dad knew how to live off the land as he planted crops of Indian corn and tomatoes and traded eggs, vegetables and walnuts for bay caught bass. At one time, he had as many as 30 hens and had barrels so he could make his own wine.

**I NEVER DRINK WATER
BECAUSE OF THE DISGUSTING
THINGS THAT FISH DO IN IT.**

W.C. Fields

Birthdays

September

Pam Durrow Horn
Carol Kiehn
Marie Peckham
Ivar Elle
Daniel Butt
Emileigh Barnes
Greg Brougham
Frank Christopher
Linda Newton
Roberta Wilson
Bonnie Jo Cullison

Ingvar Elle
Simeon J. Burtner
Gayle Kaufman
John Hadreas
David Reynolds
Jerry Cerkowicz
Kenneth Dolan
Theresa Daniel
Jan Feagley
Lorin Buhler
Maria Shaw

Audrey Lee Rentfro
Stephen Kowalski
Stephenie Kowalski
Gene Smith
Diane Frosini Diani
Margaret Morkowski
Sonja Gandola
John Bailo
Alice Jordan
Elisa Delatorre
Nancy Shows Eardley

Jackie Lizarraga
Craig Healy
Bobbie Swerdfeger
Lizarraga
Ken Comer
Michael (Mike) Pippin
Frank Lazaro
Betty Menzie

October

Terry Wynne
Isobel Shaw
Ingrid Lindemann
Kate Lord
Florence Wilson
Timothy Doherty
Don S. Crowe
David Vincent

Jan Burdick
Jody Bagley
Jeff Ward
McKinley Bradshaw
Tim Montgomery
Brian Tedrick
Rich Weirick
Marc Bisio

Chris Ward
Tony Peter Bernabic
Chad Feagley
Isabel 'Boo' Shaw
Jerry Daniel
Otto Barni
Maria Inchauspe Smith
Abigal Munoz Rivera

Toni Cannizzaro
Frank Craig
Carolyn Dutrow
Peter D. Stark
Sharon K. Halpern
Valerie Frosini-
Gutierrez

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

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



*Left, Late Betty Dornan
and Late Liz McDonald*

*Right, Late Allan Smith,
Sr.*

*June 20, 2006 Newsletter
assembly party*



America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real, but the moon landing was faked.

-David Letterman

Memorials.....

It is with greatest sorrow, we announce the death of **John Trowbridge**. Early on Friday July 30th John lost his battle with Liver Cirrhosis peacefully in his home surrounded by loved ones. John was a loving father, grandfather, brother, nephew and friend. He served our country in both the Marines and National Guard. He was also a devoted Raider fan and regular season ticket holder. John lived on Western Drive.



*Late Claudia Beall at the new Indian Statue
Photo thanks to David Vincent*

Thank you to
Marcelina Smith
for a generous donation to the PRHA



RICHARD "DICK" MANN

AKA: "BUGS"

1934 - 2021

MEMORIAL SERVICES & CELEBRATION OF LIFE

JULY 24, 2021 | POINT RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA

On Saturday, July 24, 2021 more than 500 motorcycle fans gathered to celebrate the life of Richard "Dick" Mann. The celebration took place at the Richmond Ramblers clubhouse on Dornan Drive, on an especially beautiful summer day. The organizers of the memorial service should be proud of their efforts. Colorful bikes and colorful attendees were treated to free t-shirts with Mr. Mann's image, a delicious BBQ lunch, free bandanas and refreshments. It was quite a "send off"! Rest in peace Richard Mann.

To see pictures and learn more about this event see our Facebook page at:

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

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM

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900-A Dornan Drive. 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>

PARENTS, RESOURCES AND MORE (PRAM)

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

PARENT, TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Joanna Mina, Contact, 510-235-0157

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Contact: Andrew Butt, 510-236-7445

POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER

Info: 510-620-6905

POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Museum is at 139½ Washington Avenue, and open Thursday's 11:30 to 2:00 and Saturday 11:30 to 2:00. See the Editors Notes on page 3 for next TPIT deadline. For information call President Bonnie Jo Cullison at 510-412-2202.

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

Contact: Peter Thelin at 510-326-8108

POINT RICHMOND/WEST SIDE BRANCH LIBRARY

Information call 510-620-6567

RED OAK VICTORY SHIP

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

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

For more information call the ship at 510-237-2933 or visit www.richmondmuseum.org

RICHMOND MUSEUM OF HISTORY

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

RICHMOND SWIMS

The Children and teens "Sail Fish" and Masters swim teams at the Richmond Plunge. Contact: Coach John Schonder, 510-504-0330 - More info at <http://www.richmondswims.org/> or call 415-892-0771

ROSIE THE RIVETER NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK VISITOR CENTER

1414 Harbour Way South, Oil House next to Ford Craneway. For more information call 510-232-5050 or visit www.nps.gov/rori. GREAT movies all day

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Washington School at 565 Wine Street offers traditional and Spanish dual immersion curriculum, K - 6th grade.

Contact principal Lisa Levi at 231-1417 for more information.

WOMEN'S WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB (established 1908)

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

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