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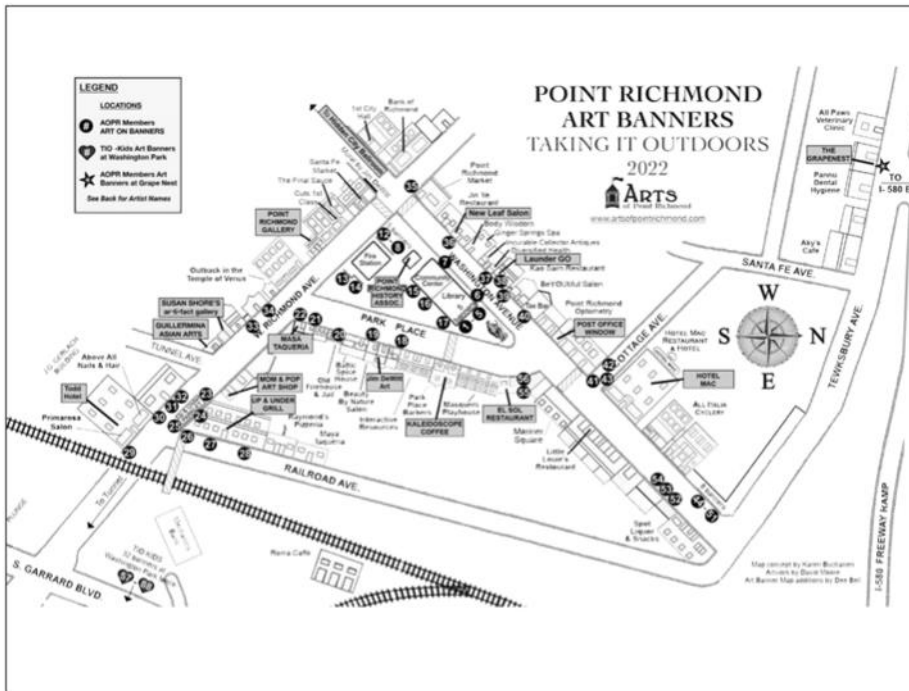
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*Center-Left is Corner of Washington Court
and Bishop Avenue.*

*Future Miller/Knox Park, Ferry Point and
San Francisco in the background.*

Taken July 15, 1952 by late Royce Y. Ong



Artist Names by Banner Locations

Taking it Outdoors Banners

- 1 Dee Bell
- 2 Steve Hurst
- 3 MaryLee Cole
- 4 Anna Gledhill
- 5 Gabriela Nunez
- 6 Diana Paul
- 7 Pat Tostenson
- 8 Louise Williams
- 9 Susan Shore
- 10 Anna Froker
- 11 Cherie Carter
- 12 Rebecca Riley
- 13 Brian McGilloway
- 14 Virginia Rigney
- 15 Bob Colin
- 16 Gayle-Asali Dickson
- 17 Nora Lee
- 18 Jean Brady
- 19 Bette Tarr
- 20 Jan Chleboun
- 21 Carol Lettko
- 22 Siobhan Siegel
- 23 Brittany Worlinsky
- 24 Betsy Kellas
- 25 Marilyn Hertzberg

- 26 Jim DeWitt
- 27 Nancy Foss
- 28 Nancy Noble
- 29 Elsa Marley
- 30 Carol Gray
- 31 Jean Brady
- 32 Bonnie Leonard
- 33 K Olival
- 34 Jeanne Hendrickson
- 35 Judy Rattner
- 36 Sharon Taylor-Ward
- 37 Nancy Whitley
- 38 DJ Leland
- 39 Sharon Goods
- 40 Judy Cress
- 41 David Moore
- 42 Carol Engelbrecht
- 43 George Tomberlin
- 44 Bob Colin
- 45 Andi Biren
- 46 Bill Voigt
- 47 Stella Hill
- 48 Gretchen Blais
- 49 Jackie Mucha
- 50 Debi Cooper

- 51 Bill Johnston
- 52 Doug Smith
- 53 Ellen Pechman
- 54 Rita Gardner
- 55 Steve DeMello
- 56 Emily Erickson

TIO-KIDS Banners

32 banners displaying art by 57 Washington School students, preschool through grade 6 on the theme "Cultural Diversity and Diversity in Nature". TIO-KIDS is supported by a COVID Relief Mini Grant from the City of Richmond Arts and Culture Commission/ Public Art Advisory Committee 2022.

★ Additional Banners at The Grape Nest

Debbie Cooper
Louise Williams
Brian McGilloway
Bill Johnston
Anna Froker
DJ Leland
Siobhan Siegel

Taking it Outdoors Members Art Banner Exhibition is Supported by a Grant from the Gateway Foundation



From the President

by Bonnie Jo Cullison

I am never disappointed when I visit the PRHA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/prhafan/> There is always something new to learn. People are continually contributing old and new photographs, recalling their time spent living in or visiting the Point and exchanging information about people, places and events. Though the information contributed to the Facebook page may not be as comprehensive as, say, James Chesharek’s articles on Standard Avenue in the Newsletter, they can sometimes lead one in unexpected directions. For example, I had noticed that there have been many contributions by Roxy Miravalle. I was curious about who she is and why she does so much research about the history of Point Richmond. When I learned from her Facebook profile that she is the Director of Historical Research at the San Pablo Historical and Museum Society it led me to their website <https://sites.google.com/sanpablohistoricalsociety.com/museums>.

I am chagrined to say that my perspective on the history of this corner of the East Bay has been for the most part rather myopic, being focused primarily on Point Richmond and Richmond to the exclusion of any on the adjacent communities. I was a little startled to learn that the San Pablo Historical Society manages two historic homes, one of them being a re-creation of the 1840 adobe house that was the home of a governor of California, Juan Bautista Alvarado. And that 3 additional buildings dating to the late 19th and early 20th centuries have been moved to be included in the Alvarado Square Historic Park in downtown San Pablo. For a community that is so geographically close to us the history of the San Pablo area has significantly different stories to tell. Which I guess is my long-winded way of saying that the PRHA Facebook page can be a jumping off point for some surprising revelations.

Be safe. Be kind.

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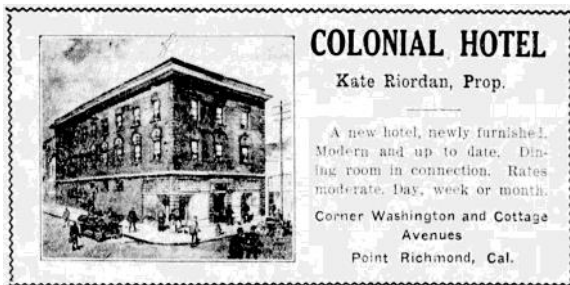
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Evelyn Thill

Welcome to new members:

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And the first and second Tuesday of each month

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

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

Linda Andrew-Marshall
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Bonnie Jo Cullison
Karen Buchanan

The Cover:

Baren 1952 Point Richmond hillside. The intersection is Bishop Avenue and Washington Court. Image is from (late) Royce Ong.

Editor's Notes

Gary Shows

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As usual, summer just passes by too quickly. This summer, I enjoyed a visit from my sister Nancy and husband Robert from San Antonio. I put them up in the Hotel Mac Bellows Suite, they really enjoyed the accommodations and the week-long visit. Took them on a ferry ride to the Ferry Building in SF, the local sites, Rosie Visitor Center, fairy houses on Washington and of course, the Point Richmond History Museum.

So nice to see Point Richmond coming back to life. Now, waiting to see what fine dining restaurant will be opening at the Hotel Mac. Things are looking good all around town!

I added a new feature to our website, www.pointrichmondhistory.org. Click on the **CLICK HERE** to see our **PHOTO ARCHIVES** and you will be able to see thumbnails or scroll through all of our historical photos.

Last **The deadline for the next issue of "THIS POINT.....in time" will be Friday October 23, 2022 and will cover November, December and January.**

Thanks for addressing and mailing the last issue go to:

Gary Shows

Jerry Cerkonowicz

Bonnie Jo Cullison

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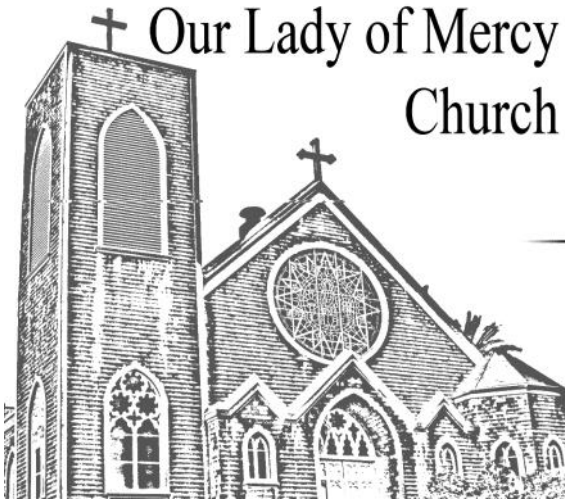
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Church News



By Dee Rosier

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Our summer hiatus is over, but what kind of tricks was Mother Nature playing on us – where was the sunshine and hot weather? Perhaps that is why we have summer, to travel to places that provide summer weather. Was dismayed that my bountiful harvest was not as plentiful. Summer now has until September 22 to prove itself in order to spend some lazy days of summer.

School is back in session and we welcome our smiling Crossing Guard Maxine at her corner bench to provide us with our first of the morning smile. It is lonely when she is not in her space.

June and July were celebrating months for Father – A special coffee/donuts was held to celebrate his 60th Ordination Anniversary, and on July 16, he welcomed his 89th birthday. A parish dinner was held which gave everyone a chance to wish him well and thank him for his twenty some years here at OLM.

Supply chain issues (parts shortage) and labor supply hold up the scheduling, start date for installation, of our new Sentry wireless fire alarm

monitoring system. Again, for the record, a contract was signed with a down payment. There is a financial urgency to begin installation and discontinue the prohibitively expensive land lines (old system) as soon as possible.

Second collections are up to date with payments made to various entities (Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland, Catholic Charities, Souper Kitchen, etc.) Almost \$2,000.00 has been donated directly to Nova Ukraine, which is a parish agreed upon as a non-profit for direct humanitarian support to the urgent crisis in the Ukraine.

The upcoming 3-year cycle parish audit/review will be scheduled in September/October per Diocesan requirements. The day-long audit will be with Armanino and Associates, a previously used and Diocesan approved accounting firm.

On Memorial Day, the children present at Mass lit candles for the children killed in Uvalde.

The first coffee/donuts was held in May after the pandemic hiatus was well attended and continues to raise modest funds for Ukraine relief. Many new volunteers are helping pre, during and post coffee/donuts. After chairing coffee/donuts for 20 years and now retired, did find myself behind the counter serving – like old times!

There are a couple of fruit trees in the rectory's back yard. Someone took the liberty of stripping the trees of its bearings!!!!

Speaking of trees – the tree along the side of the parking lot (on Santa Fe Ave.) fell into the lot. Fortunately, there was no damage other than to our pocket book to pay for its removal.

Council meetings will resume in September after being on summer hiatus for the past two months.

The “Huggers” are a group of women who met in church and became friends. You will recognize them in church when it is time for the “sign of peace as they join in a group hug. There were originally eight members, with a lot of associates. They recently met at the home of

Anne Carroll and enjoyed their annual paella luncheon. It was a beautiful afternoon in the patio. The paella as outstanding and prepared by Isabelle Murphy. It is the second year for the paella event.

We welcome new cantor: Kris Sanchez.

We also welcomed OUR soprano, Elizabeth Hertzberg who was visiting from Italy and entertained us with her lovely voice at a recent Sunday Mass – she was accompanied by Cesar Canceno on piano. We look forward to her visits.

In keeping with soon-to-be requirements, Wendy and John Hallett are sporting a red Tesla and saving on gas.

August seems to be a birthday month for many: Renee and Kevin Knee, the City of Richmond celebrated their 119th and the Golden Gate Bridge its 85th. My hometown of Crockett has always enjoyed the historical fact that local resident, Al Zampa was an ironworker on the bridge. Another memorable birthday in May was enjoyed by Judy Spencer who welcomed her five sister's from Michigan.

Summer travelers to Ireland were Ann Carroll and her daughter. Ann spent a month visiting her family.

Enjoying a trip there was Nancy Noble who also took in Iceland, which she said was dynamic. Tom Boone visited his sister in North Carolina and also enjoyed a visit with one of our former, favorite parishioners, Javier Lopez.

A Celebration of Life was held on August 13 for Sue Mulvihill.

It was a sad day on Idaho Street when Liz Egan died unexpectedly on August 4. She had been a long time resident. She was a music teacher and leaves her husband, Mark, sons Max and Maple, and her mother. Services are pending.

Mary Jo Giacomelli, the matriarch of the family recently died. She was a well-known Pt. Richmond

Resident. She was the mother of 7 children, all Pt. Richmond natives. Mary was a delightful person and always looked forward to seeing her in a chance encounter. My children attended school with several of her children.

In June several parishioners attended the final resting place for Captain Rod Phillips at the Central California Coast Veterans Cemetery,

Seaside, CA.

TIME PASSES, MEMORIES REMAIN

Cynthia Young had a hip replaced and is nearly fully recovered.

One never knows when an accident will occur. I took a fall and fractured my kneecap. The fall occurred between Mom/Pop and Up/Under. Was blessed to have a mother and daughter assist (Guardian Angels) as well as the staff from Up/Under. Am in recovery, but it is a slow process. Have been blessed to have many visitors and get well wishes. Looking forward to a full recovery. Received a call from Kathe Kiehn who also took a fall and suffered a broken limb along with the usual cuts/bruises. Her cast was recently removed so she is a step ahead. Wishing her standing on her feet and no unexpected falls.

Please remember those who are in need of our continued prayers for health and healing and for those who care for them:

Jim Arkin
Carol Bowen
Dayna Bradford
Linda Cheshareck
Rosemary Giacomelli
Laura Holmes-Murphy
Michael Lambert
Raphael Lopez
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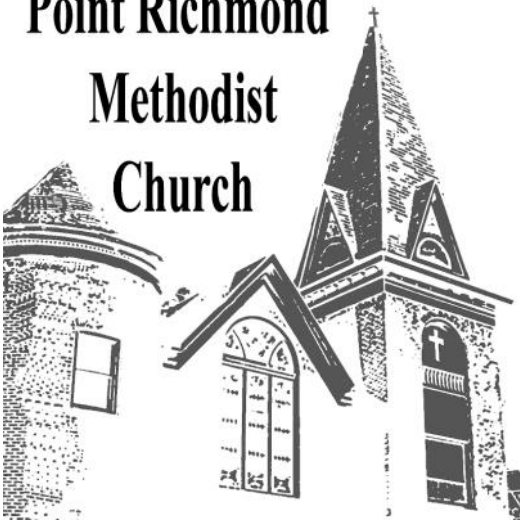
I GREW UP WITH BOB HOPE, STEVE JOBS AND JOHNNY CASH

NOW THERE ARE NO JOBS, NO CASH AND NO HOPE

PLEASE DON'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO KEVIN BACON

SEE YOU IN CHURCH

Point Richmond Methodist Church



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Rev. Jacey and Jean Reynolds represented the church at Annual Conference in Sacramento, June 10-13. Jean attended as a substitute lay-member, even though we reported the change too late for her to participate in the online legislative section meeting in May. The Ordination Service was live-steamed on Sunday morning, so it substituted for our regular Sunday worship that week. Since July 1, Pastor Jacey serves us in a half-time appointment and works half-time as the interim Associate Director of Youth and Young People's Ministries for the CA-NV Conference. Rev. Jacey has a passion for youth ministry, and we know she is a blessing to the young people who are part of our Annual Conference. She does church business on Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and travels to Sacramento or works remotely on Mondays and Tuesdays for the Annual Conference. Although she is half-time, she preaches almost every Sunday.

On June 18, twenty-six people heard Dennis Johnson's classical piano recital to benefit Spirit in Action. We had a reception afterward outside under the palm tree. Dennis had two house concerts prior to the recital at our church, and collected a total of \$2,195 for Spirit in Action

grants. <https://www.spiritinaction.org>

June 19, Fathers' Day, Rev. Dan Damon was our musical guest. He played "Zuni Sunrise" on Native American flute, played several of his own hymns for us to sing, and played and sang "In the Thin Places" for the anthem. Rev. Jacey preached. We welcomed the chance to hear Dan play in our sanctuary again!

We celebrated Pride Sunday on June 26. Rev. Jacey encouraged us to bring all of ourselves to the places life takes us.

High rates of easily transmitted Covid in our community in July caused us to cancel our week of Vacation Bible School. We could not guarantee our staff would be able to participate the whole week. We plan a day for kids in November or December, hopefully in person. We suspended in-person worship on July 10 and 17 and everyone attended via Zoom.

Pat Dornan collected school supplies and backpacks for thirty school children housed at the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program's family shelter. In addition to the required paper, calculators, pens, and notebooks, Pat always adds some personal touches, like gift cards for Starbucks for the older kids. GRIP families can experience back-to-school as an exciting time, and not worry about the cost of supplies.

Rev. Jacey vacationed with Rev. Emily and family in Great Britain in August, so we invited three guests to fill the pulpit:

The Rev. Cornel Barnett preached on August 7. An avid surfer who once competed on the South African national team, Cornel used his passion for the art of surfing as a metaphor to explain his faith. We hope he writes the book version! He described dreams as "a way to listen to God."

Belinda Robinson, member of Temple UMC in San Francisco, preached August 14. Belinda told the history of social justice advocacy in the Methodist Church, and gave examples of "safe and soft" ways we can all "work, march, and pray for racial justice, environmental care, and fair treatment for everyone."

Deacon Mike Friedrich, member at Twin Towers UMC, preached August 21. He challenged us to consider some of the "difficult words of Jesus," examine our privilege, and to be agents of change for the rights of others. Does that mean giving up our own advantages? It's easy to

identify with the sincere wealthy man who wouldn't sacrifice his status.

Special music during the summer included vocals by Laila Millar, Linda Andrew-Marshall, Alice and Bill Thompson, Gill Stanfield, Jonathan Swett, Jennifer Metz Foster, Laurence Tietz, and Rose Ayers. Matthew Foster played piano; Alice and Jennifer Metz Foster added duets or solos on piano and 'cello for the introit and postlude.

Missions:

Daniel Barth of Safe Organized Spaces Richmond (SOS!) is looking for volunteer fundraiser people with experience: Safe Organized Spaces Richmond just received its 501c3 nonprofit status. "We need motivated fundraising volunteers to help with FUND DEVELOPMENT. If you can throw your expertise our way on a pro-bono basis, we may deliver funding to staff a Fund Developer on our team. Please reach out to me, 510-990-2686 with your ideas and talent!"

Thank you to everyone who donated towels for SOS! Shower Power. They always need more towels. Gently-used or new, it doesn't matter. SOS! provides showers for people who are unhoused in Richmond. We continue to wash towels for them, about twice a week. It is one of those "safe and soft" ways we can make our community a better place. Contact Barbara Haley bahcats@comcast.net to donate towels or to be added to the volunteer list to wash them. Our

intrepid washing team is Shirley Butt, Deirdre Cerkanowicz, Barbara Haley, Rev. Jacey Pickens-Jones, Mark Ellis, Doreen Leighton, and Jean Reynolds.

We still deliver the food for dinner once a month at the GRIP family shelter. Linda Andrew-Marshall shops and delivers whenever she is in town. Debbie Benko fills in when Linda is gone.

On the Calendar:

Rev. Jacey holds "Coffee Hours" on Wednesdays, 1:00 – 4:00 pm at Kaleidoscope Coffee. Contact her via email jc.jpj@calnevumc.org

Bible study/book group meets Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am, via zoom We had a break during most of August, and are still reading *Personal Nonviolence, A Practical Spirituality for Peacemakers* by Gerard A. Vanderhaar.



Jean Reynolds



Dee Rosier

Even though she is recuperating from a serious fall, Dee came through with her Catholic News column.

I appreciate all of our regular correspondents, especially our two reliable Church News reporters! They are both a day late now and then, but I always forgive them because of the high quality of their work. Wouldn't be "TPIT" without them.

Think about Dee and send your healing wishes.

-Gary

WWIC Est. 1908

News from the Women's Westside Improvement Club by Karen Buchanan

The Women's Westside Improvement Club held their final fundraising luncheon/meeting of the year, the annual Hat Day, on June 7, 2022, in the lovely garden of the First United Methodist Church. Hat Day is a beloved WWIC tradition in which members are encouraged to wear a Hat that comes with a Story. The Story can either be true or totally made up, the more fanciful the better, and members try to determine if the story is factual or not.

WWIC President Diane Diani welcomed members to the meeting, which started off with a delicious potluck lunch of wonderful salads and desserts provided by the members. Leslie Hicks provided beautiful table decorations of fresh flowers and ivy. After enjoying lunch and conversations, it was time to hear the Hat Stories. Linda Newton told a factual story about a straw hat she had bought in the late 90s/early 2000s for her first trip to Hawaii to visit a retired fellow teacher. Karen Buchanan told a fanciful story about a 1920s cloche hat that she claimed to have worn one fine day in 1927 at the Algonquin Hotel in New York City, where she met Dorothy Parker. Diane Diani told a fabricated story about a pink cowboy hat that she had won as a successful Mary Kay beauty consultant. Diana Stork told a true story about her lovely handmade reddish-orange "clipper hat" created by local Hatmaker Jacqueline Ryan, who has a hat shop in San Francisco.

After enjoying the Hat Stories, the WWIC ladies then transitioned inside the church's Fellowship Hall for the business meeting. Diane D. thanked everyone for setting up tables, decorating, contributing the delicious food, and participating in the fundraising event. Birthday girls were honored for the month of June: Mary Lee Cole on 6/2 and Lois Hardt on 6/6; for the month of July: Suellen Barnett on 7/1, Saru Cownan on 7/15, Doris Mitchell on 7/20, Martha Bielawski on 7/23, and Fran Smith on 7/21; for the month of August: Cathy O'Brien on 8/15, Barbara Robertson on 8/18, Jean Brady on 8/18, Jessie West on 8/23, and Marion Kent on 8/31. A lively

birthday song was sung for all.

Leslie Hicks made the motion to pass the Minutes of April 5 and May 3 and was seconded by Fran Smith; motion carried. In Treasurer Doreen Leighton's absence, Diane Diani read the budget report. She reported that \$290 was raised from the BUNCO fundraiser. Everyone seems to enjoy that activity, and hopefully, more members will be able to attend next year's event. Due to having more available charitable funds to distribute, Rosie the Riveter Trust was added to the following chosen charities: Saint Vincent de Paul, Richmond Emergency Food Pantry, and Multicultural Music Fellowship. Each charity will receive \$500.00.

Installation of officers was held by Past Second Vice President Marion Kent. Diane Diani, Temporary President, Saru Cownan Auxiliary President, Leslie Hicks, Second Vice President, and Karen Buchanan, "This Point in time" Correspondent. Each officer accepted their duties, and flowers were presented to them. Ruth Frassetto presented the newest club member, Lois Hardt, with a membership packet and Indian Statue teacup and saucer. Leslie Hicks said she would deliver the same items to new member Jeannette Giannetta, who was not present at the Hat Day meeting.

After the installation of officers, there was a brief discussion about whether to change the start time of WWIC meetings to 1:00 p.m. and forego lunch, since wearing masks is still required inside the church Fellowship Hall. Then it was time for announcements from members. Lois Hardt talked about her daughter Suzie Hardt's dance classes at the Hidden City Ballroom, which may start offering other classes, such as crochet and knitting. Karen Buchanan advertised the Masquers play she is performing in, "What Women Want," with workshop performances on June 18th and 19th. Fran Smith reported that WWIC member Pat Pearson was now living in Pinole, where Fran occasionally visits and takes her to lunch.

Fran would like to bring Pat to a WWIC

WWIC (Continued from page 8)

meeting when meetings start up again in the fall. Fran also provided an update of the renovations to the church's kitchen, which included a new stove and countertops. The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m. and members pitched in to clean up. Members were encouraged to keep in touch over the summer break. The first WWIC meeting of the 2022-2023 year will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.



This is the first Indian Statue. It was donated to the community by the WWIC and was a East Coast mail order statue with drinking fountains for humans, horses and dogs. The story is that it was knocked over by a drunk in his pickup, then taken away as scrap for the war effort.

Join Friends of WWIC

A new membership association for local residents who share WWIC's vision and desire to enhance the local quality of life (without attending meetings). Friends of WWIC will be invited to WWIC garden activities and other events; they will be acknowledged in WWIC literature and media presentations, and their help and suggestions will be valued and appreciated. For more information, please contact President Diane Diani at italiandiane@gmail.com.

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RICHMOND FRENCH LAUNDRY

THE BERNES FAMILY OF STANDARD AVENUE

By James Cheshareck

The Richmond French Laundry at 120 Standard Avenue opened around 1906. The building was located on the north side of Standard Avenue next to Ben Brignone's Colombo Hotel, which stood on the corner of Standard and North Railroad Avenues. Like so many others, this dwelling was reduced to smithereens less than fifty years later for the future Interstate 580 freeway. However, during the course of the business, two chapters of Point Richmond history emanated: one French, and the other Italian. The original proprietors of Richmond French Laundry were Bertrand Bernet and Andre Bellegarde. Both Bernet's family and Bellegarde also resided in the new building on a street that was rapidly developing into a vast business district.

Bertrand Bernet was born 11/13/1877 in Pyrenees-Atlantiques, Acquitane, France. His

wife, Marguerite Lassalle Bernet, was born 3/16/1880 in Pyrenees-Atlantiques, Acquitaine, France as well. She immigrated to San Francisco in 1902, and he in 1904, both settling in San Francisco. Andre Bellegarde was born 10/30/1877 in Pyrenees-Atlantique, Acquitaine, France. He immigrated to San Francisco in 1900 and soon found work as an ironer at a laundry on Union Street. Besides all being from the same region of Southwestern France, they all resided in the same building at 614 Broadway, near San Francisco's French Quarters, and likely where they crossed paths that led to their business partnership.

The trio moved to Point Richmond, where Bertrand and Marguerite married in 1906 and soon had two daughters: Marie Bernet Bergez, born 6/29/1907, and Catherine Bernet Oron, born 9/30/1908. The partnership lasted around six



Cheshareck, 3/21/1911



Cheshareck, 8/24/1912

years, up until the Bernets decided to return to France and take their two American-born children with them. Bertrand and Marguerite Bernet, and oldest daughter Marie remained in France for the rest of their lives, Bertrand passing in 1940, and Marguerite in 1973. Their youngest daughter, Catherine, returned to the U.S. in 1925. She settled in Santa Rosa where along with her husband owned a laundry. She died 6/16/1999 at age 90, her sister Marie having died prior in France.

After the business was sold around May 1912, Bellegarde remained in Richmond and married his wife, Marie Lacabanne Bellegarde around the same time. She was born 2/23/1877 in Pyrenees-Atlantiques, Aquitaine, France. The couple established the Bellegarde French Laundry at 264-266 4th Street and resided in the building. The couple had three children, Jeanne Victorine "Jane" Bellegarde Hurley (2/15/1915-3/27/1997), Anna Marie Bellegarde Freese (8/13/1916-1/18/1997), and Andre Edward Bellegarde (12/22/1919-4/28/1973). The family business had a good 40 year run before Andre Bellegarde Sr. died on 2/18/1944 at age 66. Shortly after his death, the building was sold and later housed Mayer's Laundry before it was torn down by the early 1950's. Marie Bellegarde's final home was a house on Murdock Street, close to the Richmond Civic Center. She died on 1/5/1961 at age 83.

The next owner of Richmond French Laundry was Louis Jean Bernes, born in Morlaas, Pyrenees-Atlantiques, Aquitaine, France on 2/6/1879. He immigrated in 1903 to San Francisco. His wife, Marie Plechot Bernes was born in Bager D'Oloron-Sainte Marie, Pyrenees-Atlantiques, Aquitaine, France on 12/11/1881, immigrating in 1901 to San Francisco. The couple married in 1907 and remained in San Francisco. Beginning as laundry workers, they established their own laundry in San Francisco by 1910. While living in San Francisco they had two sons, August Louis "Al" Bernes born 9/25/1907, and Bernard "Bernie" Joseph Bernes born 11/7/1908. Upon taking over proprietorship of Richmond French Laundry, the Bernes family took up residency in the building just as the previous owners did. A third son, Frank, tragically died in infancy on 9/30/1913 at 21 days old. In June, 1914 Bernes erected a second story for more spacious living quarters to the building, costing about \$400.

The Bernes children attended Washington School and graduated from Richmond Union High School while working in the family business. Both Al and Bernie worked as ticket sellers at Southern Pacific Golden Gate Ferries in San Francisco after graduating. However, their parents ensured that laundry and tickets weren't long in their sons' futures. The French immigrants' exertion and labor provided Al and Bernie tertiary education, something they weren't privileged to. Around 1935 Louis and Marie Bernes retired and sold their business to Leo Candelo, who had worked for them since 1928. They bought a house at 54 Idaho Street and remained in Point Richmond for life. Louis Bernes died on 10/4/1955 at age 76, and Marie subsequently on 7/27/1956 at age 75.

Al Bernes evolved into a notable Richmond citizen who accomplished more in his life span than could three combined. After studying at San Francisco State, St. Mary's College, and U.C. Berkeley, he earned his bachelor's degree on 12/19/1931, graduating from University of Nevada class of 1932. He also continued post graduate work at U.C. Berkeley. Ironically, he also studied French. His long career in education began as a student-teacher at McKinley Park School in Reno. He was well-liked by his students, who gifted him a green and gray fountain pen. On 5/29/1932 Professor A.L. Bernes was elected principal at Hawthorne Grammar School in Hawthorne, Nevada. He was also instructor of 7th and 8th grades and the school track coach. He married El Cerrito native Winifred "Jean" MacKinnon on July 8, 1933. She was of Scottish-Canadian descent and born 9/8/1907. Her father, Alexander H. MacKinnon (1880-1939), was a Contra Costa County Justice of the Peace. The couple had two sons and were active in civic affairs, volunteering their time to charities such as the Red Cross. In early August 1940 Al resigned as principal at Hawthorne Grammar to accept a Dean of Boys/Vice-Principal position at Roosevelt Junior High School in Richmond.

Around December 15, 1940 he returned to Richmond along with his family and settled into a home on 39th Street. He evolved onward into a resolute educator in what would become the Richmond Unified School District. He was soon promoted to Assistant Superintendent and Personnel Director for R.U.S.D. When Uncle Sam called him

for duty In September 1942, he was uprooted from Richmond and shipped to Miami for basic training in the U.S. Air Force as a bomber. In March 1943 he was sent to the bombardment squadron in the Caribbean Defense Command. He rose through the ranks, and was promoted from Second to First Lieutenant on Feb. 19, 1944, and in due course ranked as Lieutenant Colonel. He was hospitalized overseas with malaria in May 1945, and honorably discharged at the end of the same year. He remained in the Air Force in inactive status until his retirement in 1970.

Upon returning home from World War 2, he was immediately reinstated at Roosevelt Jr. High as Vice-Principal. Shortly thereafter in 1946, Al was promoted to Principal of the Evening High School. His devotion to educating Richmond's children earned him high regard and distinction in the Richmond Unified School District. On 12/24/1949 he was promoted to Director of Personnel and Special Services. Around 1957 Al returned to Point Richmond when he and Jean bought a home at 117 Bishop Avenue. By the finale of his 30-year career in Richmond education, he was the Assistant Superintendent of Richmond Unified School District. He remained active in retirement and was President of the Retired Teachers Association, West Contra Costa Division. August "Al" Bernes remained in Richmond for life and died 2/26/1977 at age 69. Jean died on 5/13/1986 at age 78.



Bernard Bernes Visiting Point Richmond in 2000

Younger brother Bernie majored in electrical engineering at U.C. Berkeley, and went on to be an Aeronautical Engineer. He was the engineer of two Bay Area radio stations before joining his brother in

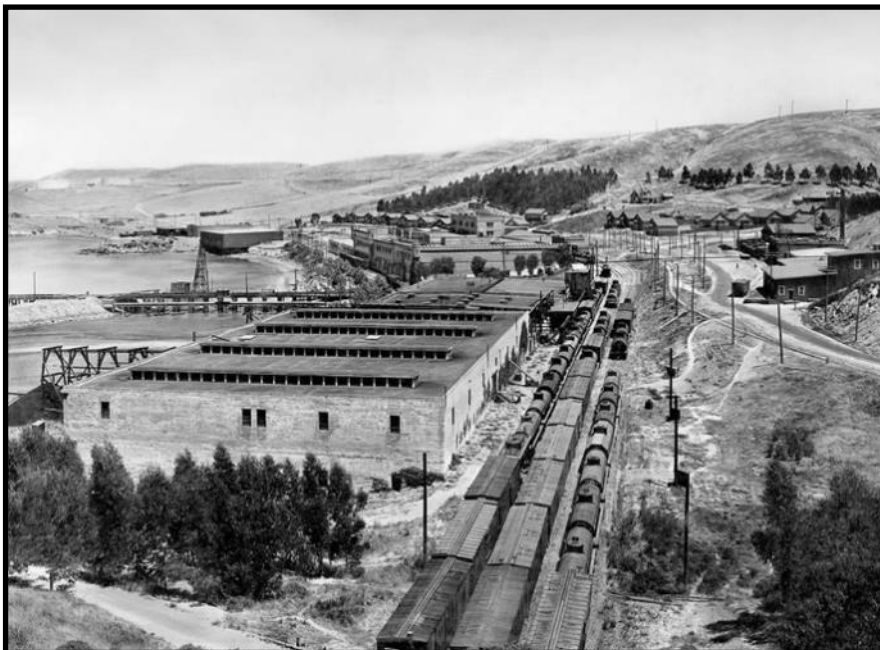
Reno and briefly working at a radio station there. On 11/8/1933, he married fellow U.C Berkeley student Margaret Anderson in Carson City. She was born 5/18/1911 in Minnesota and was of Swedish descent. The couple settled in the San Diego area in 1934 where Bernie was employed as a stress analyst for Ryan Aeronautical Company. The couple had three daughters and later opened a furniture store in San Diego. In 1945 they opened the successful Bernes Furniture & Appliance store in Chula Vista. Both he and his wife were active in the community. Bernie was Director of Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce, and on the Chula Vista Beautification Committee, and they both volunteered their time to numerous charities.

After retiring in 1963, Bernie became further involved in charities and the Chula Vista Elementary School Board. Long before the internet and social media, Bernie befriended many, communicating with his ham radio. In the mid-1970's when the City of Chula Vista considered an ordinance that would eliminate rooftop antennas as "visual clutter", he stood defiantly against it and questioned Cable TV's clandestine role behind the measure. Elimination of antennas would have not only halted Bernie's ham radio, but also prevent San Diego residents from receiving Los Angeles T.V. reception. Margaret Bernes died on 6/20/1977 at age 66. Even though his wife's passing took a toll on him, he remained active in his community helping others. When he was well into his 80's he volunteered his computer skills, which enabled the orally handicapped such as stroke victims to communicate. Bernard "Bernie" Bernes died 10/16/2004 at age 95.

Louis and Marie Bernes made sure that their children were far removed from the family laundry business they ran for more than a quarter century. The Bernes brothers' exceptional transfigurations began in both Washington School and on Point Richmond's lost Standard Avenue. The story of Richmond French Laundry doesn't end with the Bernes Family, though. The next owner, Leo Candelo, was an immigrant laundry worker who also advanced afar from laundry. He is chapter two of Richmond French Laundry, next issue's subject matter.

*Point Molate/
Winehaven
1918*

*PRHA photo archive
#1317*



Washington Heights

At the head of Washington Avenue, overlooking the bay and San Francisco, and directly upon one of the best improved streets in Richmond.

Washington Court Will be Constructed leading to the interior of the tract direct from Washington avenue, with inside court, park and attractive features, surrounded by the handsomest home sites in the city.

Lots Sold With Building Restriction of \$2500....No. cheap. residences will be allowed on the tract.
GOOD SIZED LOTS—SUITABLE FOR FINE RESIDENCES.

John Nicholl Co.
Room 207, City Hall Bldg. Pt. Richmond, Cal.

In 1911 John Nicholl put out this ad for "Washington Heights" on Washington Court, marketing upscale lots for sale for "fine residences".

However, the first house on Washington CT. wasn't constructed until 1948.

Sorry Mr. Nicholl, nobody fell for your gimmickry!

James Cheshareck



Those were the days!



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Taking It Outdoors

On the inside cover of this issue



Fourteen spectacular banners now hang in downtown Point Richmond along Washington Avenue and Park Place. Each banner represents the exciting work being done by a member of Arts of Point Richmond.



Taking it Outdoors is fully installed, with 57 banners hung in downtown Point Richmond and 32 banners from our TIO-Kids project hung at the Washington Park (aka the dog park). Take a leisurely stroll through this quaint artistic community, discovering the art displayed along Washington, Park Place and adjoining streets. See the inside cover to see a walking map that will lead you to all the banners.



Look! Fairy Houses are springing up on Golden Gate Avenue!



Another "Taking it Outdoors" installation on the Richmond Firehouse #1 fence.

Richmond Museum of History & Culture

from Desiree Heveroh, Executive Director

Changing of the Guard:

RMA President Lynn Maack said it best- "Desiree walked into a monumental task & with prodigious effort, came out on top!" As I was preparing for my exit, I knew that my replacement couldn't be just anyone. It had to be someone who loved this place. Back when I was a Board member, I brought Evelyn Santos to the Museum where she was hired as a Museum Technician. I recall telling Evelyn early in to just hang on for a few years & that the position would be hers someday. Time & circumstance caused Evelyn to have to leave the position she greatly enjoyed. It was my instinct that though her time with management was very much over, her time at the Museum was not. I brought her back under the guise of Volunteering but I was really feeling her out to see if she was available to fill the spot that I predicted would be hers all those years ago. I am happy to introduce you all to the new Executive Director of the Richmond Museum of History & Culture- Evelyn Santos. I know the museum will be loved & I have high hopes for the future of the Museum. Long may she reign!



A National Memorial Ship
Richmond Museum of History
Richmond, California, U.S.A.



This is from a "fact diary", a book of headlines and interesting events in 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*

- 02-18-1920 Business activity at the Point. There is a big stir of activity at the Point and a number of business places that have been vacant for some time are being opened. One of the largest places is the Liberty Market at No. 6 Washington Ave. of which A. Mazza is the head. It carries a complete line of fruits, vegetables and groceries.
- 03-14-1921 Movie men take steps to cut out objectionable material from films.
- 03-25-1920 Federal agents with aid of local police raid 2 places. One at 53 Vine Street at the Point found a completely equipped still for making liquor, with a regular worm in it. The bottom of the copper tank was wet, and it is the opinion of the officer that the mash was dumped while they were searching in another room. 500 gallons of wine was also destroyed.
- 12-10-1920 The Murphy Gang members [ed note: this was the notorious San Francisco Howard Street Gang] were lynched at Santa Rosa.
- 06-01-1921 100 dead, 13,000 homeless in Tulsa Oklahoma race riots.
- 06-09-1921 Mrs. John Nicholl seeks reconciliation with husband. He has sued for divorce after 20 years separation. Married in 1890; separated in 1901. Three children Mazie, John and Mrs. Lulu Bacon.
- 07-06-1921 V.A. Floyd bound and gagged; robbed of \$100 at his home on Tewksbury Avenue.
- 10-24-1921 The Great San Pablo Dam is nearly finished. Holds 14 billion gallons of water. Has been under construction since 1916. 900 acres, 6 miles long.
- 05-29-1922 Kozy Kove Resort raided yesterday by dry agents but no liquor was found.

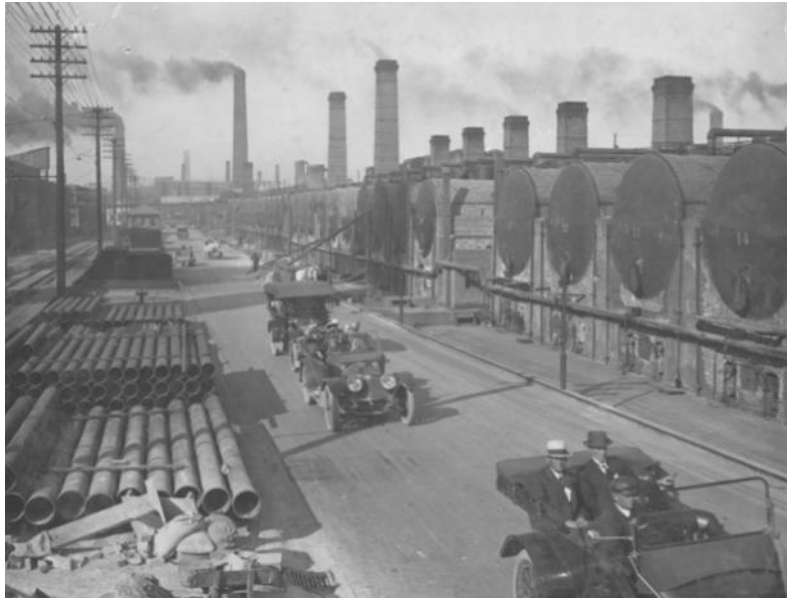


The Golden Gate Bridge was barely 10 weeks old the first time that someone used it as a launch pad for suicide. Harold Wobbler, a World War I veteran took the 220 foot leap to his death on August 7, 1937 by crashing into the frigid water at about 75 miles per hour.

Royce Y. Ong

*Inside the Standard Oil
Refinery in 1920*

*PRHA photo archive #1315
from Roxy Miravalle*



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These two photos show the interior of Al's Original Fountain and Lunch at 571 Standard Avenue. It was later torn down.

See "Al's Fountain and Lunch" by James Cheshareck in the last TPIT issue for more information on Al Frosini and his diner.



PRHA photo archives #'s 1291 and 1292

*Great view of our old
Standard Avenue, circa
1920*

*PRHA photo #1316 from
Roxy Miravàlle*



Origin of Point Richmond Street Names

Garrard Boulevard was named for E.J. Garrard, who was a member of the first Board of Trustees. He called the first meeting to order. Elected as Councilman in 1909, he served as mayor from 1914 to 1917 and again from 1920 to 1923. He continued to serve as Councilman until his death.

Tewksbury Avenue was named for Dr. Jacob M. Tewksbury, who owned 2,200 acres of land in Richmond that was originally part of Rancho San Pablo. When the great land case was settled Dr. Tewksbury was awarded 1,200 additional acres. His widow, Emily, sold 118 acres to Pacific Coast Oil (Standard Oil, now Chevron) for their new refinery. Dr. Tewksbury was responsible for building two dikes and the first road between what is now Point Richmond and the mainland.

Castro Street was named for Francisco Castro, who was the first white man to settle in Contra Costa County. Castro was awarded 18,000 acres from the Spanish Government for loyal service. The Rancho San Pablo extended from the present Contra Costa-Alameda County line to Pinole.

Martina Street was named for the eldest daughter of Francisco Castro, who married Juan Bautista Alvarado in 1839.

Cutting Boulevard was named for Henry Coleman Cutting, early land promoter.

Delfino Street was named for the first child of Governor Alvarado.

Hoffman Boulevard was named for Edward Hoffman, city engineer and Superintendent of Streets.

Park Place was named for Park Jacobs, City Clerk.

Rheem Driving Force Behind Refinery

*Reprint from Nilda Rego's
"Days Gone By" History Series*

It was on a fine Sunday in April in 1919 that William S. Rheem decided to motor with his family from his home in Oakland to Santa Cruz, perhaps to take a look at the ocean.

While most people still traveled by horse and buggy at the time, it was logical that Rheem would make the trip in a motorcar. After all, he was the president of Standard Oil of California. And he had built the Richmond refinery, which at the time was one of the biggest refineries in the world.

Rheem never made it back home. Before heading back to Oakland, the family stopped at a café for supper.

"Rheem had seated himself when he gave a short gasp and fell from the chair, dead. Heart disease was given as the cause of his death. Medical aid was called immediately by his son William S. Rheem, Jr., but to no avail," the Oakland Tribune reported in a front-page story on Monday, April 7.

Rheem might have been only 57 at the time of his death, but he had accomplished much in the oil industry.

He was born in Minnesota, and grew up in Pennsylvania, where his father practiced law. Oil was big news in that state when Rheem was a boy. Oil well after oil well was being drilled and refineries were being built.

When Rheem was 23 he got a job as a chemist at the Standard Oil refinery in Franklin, Pa. Five years later he was sent to Whiting, Ind., where he was in charge of constructing a new refinery for the company.

In 1900 Standard Oil acquired the Pacific Coast Oil Co. and let the company keep its name, which it did until 1911 when it became known as the Standard Oil Co. of California.

Rheem was sent to Alameda to look over the PCO's refinery, which when it was built, was the largest refinery west of Cleveland.

It was situated on 8 acres, way too small to accommodate Standard's growing fuel oil business in California.

There was another problem with the Alameda refinery. The water was too shallow for big oceangoing vessels.

So Rheem looked around. He needed something rather flat and big next to deep water. And it would be extra nice if the location included a railroad terminal.

He found it along a country road that ended at the terminus of the Santa Fe railroad.

EAST YARDS

"On Monday morning, October 28, 1901, three Standard Oil men stepped down from a



Southern Pacific train at Barrett, a flag stop in Contra Costa County. They were the company's chief engineer, J.C. Black, the mason foreman, Ed Garrard and William S. Rheem.

"The party climbed into a three-seated surrey which was waiting for them, and they drove along a dusty country road toward a tiny railroad settlement called East Yards (Point Richmond)At a tract of land just north of the village, Rheem drew rein. Before him stretched 600 acres of rolling, stubble-covered land which his company, then called the Pacific Coast Oil Company, had purchased a few months before. This property, known as the Peters and Silva Farms was to be the site of a new oil refinery," was the way "The Standard Oiler" told the story of the beginnings of the Richmond refinery in its October 1951 issue celebrating the refinery's 50th anniversary. All the issues of this company publication are at the Chevron Corporate Archive in Concord.

"Rheem and his companions had a job to do and they were impatient to begin. Before sundown, a man had been hired and set to work cleaning up the abandoned farm house which, Rheem decided, would serve as the main construction headquarters; other men with teams of horses had started grading," continued the story.

FIRST CRUDE OIL IN 1902

The Richmond refinery received its first crude oil via railway tank cars in 1902 and started operation even though many of its employees still lived in tents.

During its first year the refinery processed more than 3 million barrels of crude oil with its original staff of 80 employees.

By 1914 it was producing 65-000 barrels of refined products a day -- more than 23 million barrels a year -- and had 1,615 employees.

Rheem managed the refinery during its early years and in 1906 was given charge of manufacturing and and marine department of the corporation. In 1911 Rheem became one of the company's vice presidents and in 1914 was given the title of first vice president.

In 1917 when D.G. Scofield, president of Standard Oil of California committed suicide, Rheem was elected to take his place.

From the Richmond Independent of August 12, 1910

LAMORE CASE SETTLED.

The case of J. V. Lamore against the West Side Woman's Improvement Club, growing out of a difference as to the amount due for grading work on Janice Park on Washington avenue, was threshed out in Judge Roth's court yesterday, and a settlement was reached.

Mr. Lamore was represented by Attorney Keyes of the firm of Keyes & Martin of Berkeley, and Attorneys Windrem and Johnston appeared for the Club.

The court found that the claim of Mr. Lamore was unwarranted and he was awarded a somewhat less amount than formerly tendered him by the ladies of the club.

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RICHMOND DAILY INDEPENDENT

from James Cheshareck



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 Sept 10th 1912

Woman's West Side Improvement Club meet in Fire Hall after a summer vacation. The new officers taking their chairs for the year.

Roll call of officers result present Pres Mrs. J.F. Eaton, Vice Pres Mrs. U.P. McHenry, Rec Sec Mrs. P. Dunlop. Absent Fin Sec. Mrs. John Gerlach and Tres Mrs. Chas Cowan.

Reading of the minutes of previous meeting was read and corrected.

Bills - Mrs. Eaton for stamps

Mr. Wurters for flowers	1.60
Western States Gas & Elec. Co.	1.00 -
	\$3.00

Communications from May. L. Cheney of Berkeley on educating topics. Also one from Book Supply Co. of Chicago to be taken up next meeting.

New business – The Red Path Concert Co. series was again talked of and Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Lee Adams and Mrs. Cramer was appointed to get out the tickets, Mr. Soree's play "Jane" was talked over and would put it on Oct 10th and 11th. He also asked the committee to meet him at Opera House Wednesday eve. The Red Light communication was layed over until next meeting.

Mrs Cowan stated that she could not attend regularly so verbally resigned her office of Tres. and the President appointed Mrs. D. Hopkins to fill her office.

Meeting adjourned
Nellie Adams, Sec. Pro Tem.

Pt. Richmond Sept 16th 1912

Woman's West Side Improvement Club Meet in Fire Hall and was called to order by President Mrs.

Eaton.

Roll Call of officers result in all be present except V. Pres Mrs. McHenry Fin Sec Mrs. Gerlach, Rec Sec Mrs. Dunlap.

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved.

Communications- Mrs. Whitbeck will put in the library any books that members of the club ask for to assist them in their work. They should notify Mrs. Casselman of their wants.

The club voted to indorse the proposition to secure a park side in the McChua (sp) Tract proposed to the president by Mrs. Knoles.

New Business- The executive board was elected by ballot – the following members was elected, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Marston, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Cramer. The concert and tickets were ordered printed and the play "Jane" added in coupon four and sold with the season tickets.

Reported that there is to be a lecture in the Baptist Church in the evening on White Slavery.

Fin Sec- Mrs. Troutvetter for Dues \$1.50

Mrs. C.E. Adams for Dues 2.25

Mrs. T. Coner for Dues 1.50
\$5.25

The President announced that we adjourn for one week

Nellie Adams, Sec Pro Tem

Pt. Richmond Sept 24th 1912

Woman's West Side Improvement Club met in Fire Hall and was called to order by President Mrs. Eaton.

Roll call of officers resulted in all being present except V.P. Mrs. McHenry, Rec Sec Mrs. Dunlap.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved as read.

No Bills

Communications- A letter from Mrs.

Coleman thanking the club for the flowers sent in sympathy for her mother. Mrs. Knee contracted with the club for the play "Jane" was read and the committee took charge of it. Also a letter from a literary club of S.F. asking if we wanted more attractions this season. The members thought we had enough on hand. Mrs. Gerlach reported in part about Mrs. Downer..

Mrs. Rose Willis gave some information she had learned in regard to the red light dist. She also reported that the Mothers Club would meet at the school house Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 2 for a half hour meeting.

The President distributed the concert tickets among to members and would send by mail to the ones not present.

Fin Report-

Mrs. Eaton Dues	.75
Mrs. Wm. Curtain Dues	1.00
Mrs. G.B. Jones Dues	1.50
Mrs. C.D. Whitcomb Dues	1.00
" " " Tickets	.75
	\$5.00

The President ordered the club adjourned for one week.

Nellie Adams, Sec Pro Tem

Point Richmond, Calif., October 1, 1912

Womans West Side Improvement Club met in regular session at Fireman's Hall. The president Mrs. J.F. Eaton called the meeting to order.

Roll Call resulted in six officers being present.

Minutes of the meeting Sept. 24th were read and approved.

Bills- Bill for stamps from Mrs. J.F. Eaton amounting to 25 cents was read and ordered paid. Bill from Mrs. H. Kohlhoff for material used in configuring "Jane" amounting to \$1.40 read and ordered paid.

Communications- Communication from a resort on RR Avenue read and ordered to be laid on the table. A communication from Dr. Minora Kibbe asking the club to interest members in the Civil Service Reform. Secty ordered to send to Dr. Kibbe for literature. The president appointed the following Com. Mrs. Wm McHenry and Mrs. R.L. Adams to arrange program. Mrs. D. Hopkins received a check from Mrs. W. Felch for \$3.00 from sale of Independents at Federation of receipt for same to be sent to Mrs. Felch. A contract from Mrs. Knee for the production of "Jane" was read and ordered signed. Mrs. Hopkins turned in \$13.00 from Lycum Friends.

Motion made and carried that a warrant of \$20.00 be drawn from treasury to pay for Opera House.

Motion made and carried that a vote of thanks be extended to Hazel Kohlohoff for her kindness in donating her work of copying "Jane".

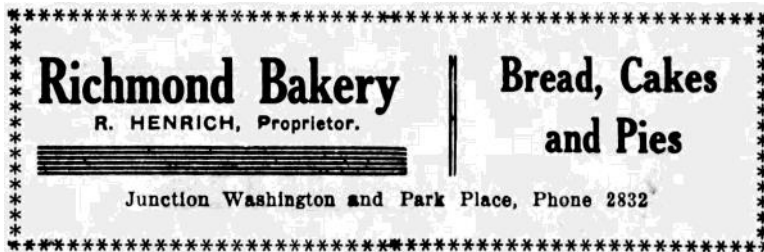
Mrs. McHenry made a motion that in the future Secty should call the roll of members as well as officers present. Motion carried.

Fin-

Mrs. Hopkins L Fund	\$13.00
" " Independents	3.00
	16.00

Motion made and carried to adjourn

Mrs. Dunlap, Secty



*If you think fishermen are the biggest liars in the world, ask a jogger
how far he runs every morning.*

Cards, Letters & E-Mails

I saw the picture of Betty Moore in the April/May issue of "THIS POINT.....in time". The photo of Betty from Jumbo's Burgers brought back an old memory.

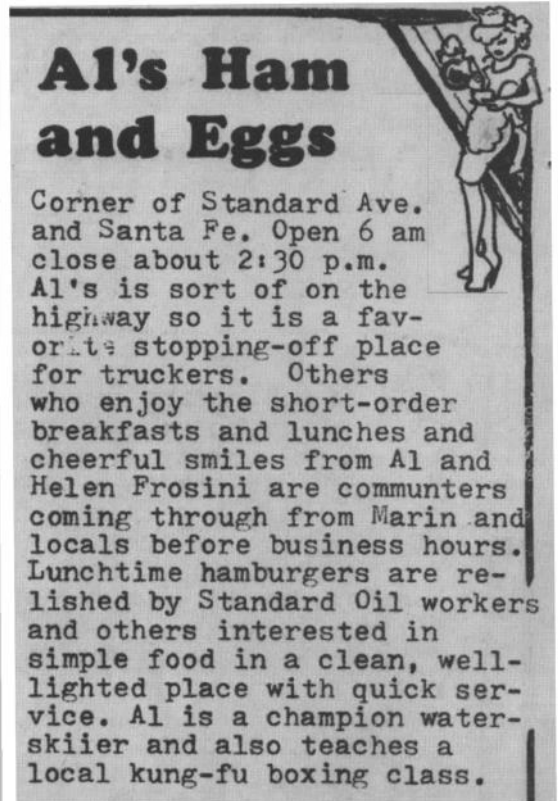
When Betty and Bill Moore opened Jumbo's I was a regular visitor. My connection was through Larry Slagle, one of the 60's kids in the Point. Betty was Larry's aunt, hence we were at the restaurant often.

In 1963 I became the first employee hired by Bill Moore. I recall working at Jumbo's was filled with laughs; but I also learned some short order cooking skills. I worked at the restaurant until I graduated from high school (1963) and found a full time job.

I continued visiting Betty at Jumbo's until I left Richmond in 1966. The memory of those times almost 60 years ago still surface occasionally and like the photo of Betty, the thoughts give me cause to smile.

Growing up in Point Richmond during the 1960's was filled with great experiences.

Tony Lizarraga
Truckee, CA



***Kill one man and you are a murderer, kill a million
and you are a conqueror.***

Jean Rostand

EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

Martha Bielawski - 102
Mary Bianchini Highfill - 98
Victor Morales - 94
Billie Bonham Shaw - 100
June Beesley Sosabal - 99
Marcelina Smith - 97

Donna Wilson - 92
Florence Wilson - 92
Alphonso Diaz - 95
Christopher Wilson - 99
Patricia Jackson Kierce 90

*For additions or corrections to our "Exclusive Over 90 Club
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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 Cerkanowicz
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
Steve Lizarraga

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
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!

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Potrero is a Spanish word meaning "grazing land". The Potrero included Point Richmond.

REASONS WHY RICHMOND IS RECOGNIZED INDUSTRIAL CITY

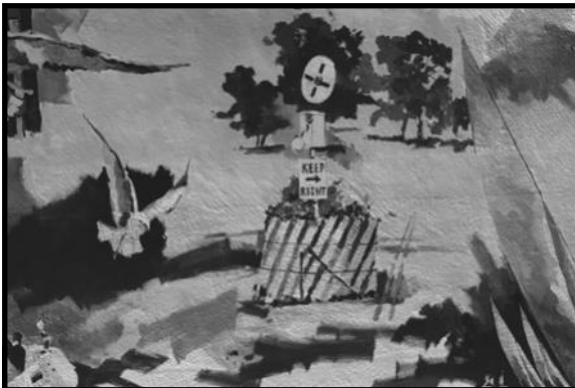


Above is a photograph of the Post Office at the west end of Richmond.


Building a Better Richmond

August 18, 1920

The Chamber of Commerce called for the construction of a new Post Office building, which would be leased and eventually sold to the federal government. It also emphasized the need for at least 200 new houses to be rented to Richmond employees. In a speech by Chamber President Wallace, the following statement was included: "Richmond, just in the swaddling age, today, is for sale. That new phrase in the booster language, 'selling' Richmond to the people of Richmond. Accomplishing this, the market is the entire country."




Bottom shows the day of installation and top shows wig wag detail. This Jim DeWitt mural is on the side of the Santa Fe Market, and is part of "Taking it Outdoors".



Jumbo's

110 Washington Ave. 233-3188.
Open 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day. No reservations.
Betty Moore has been running your basic hamburger hang-out since 1963. Besides preparing short-order breakfasts (eggs with potatoes and toast \$.90), and a cheeseburger-with-everything that melts down your fingers, Betty commiserates stoically with local businesspersons breakfasting before their stores open. Betty also gives out sympathy to the love-lorn and the unemployed. This is the place to read the daily newspaper over a cup of coffee and catch up on the latest gossip. "I can prepare anything to go," says Betty. "Food, the customers, the counter..."



Memorials.....

Mary Fuller McChesney was teaching adult education art classes in Point Richmond when she was forced to make a choice. It was 1951, the height of the Red Scare, and the state had ordered all public employees to sign an oath disavowing radical beliefs, in particular Communism. She refused and was fired. Mrs. McChesney, and her husband Robert McChesney both left-wing artists who had been at the center of the Bay Area's art scene in the 1940's soon joined many intellectuals fearing what they believed was a wave of authoritarianism crashing over the West Coast. They bought a Model A mail truck, converted into a camper and drove to Guadalajara, Mexico.

When she returned to the Bay Area a year later, she developed a technique in which she blended cement and vermiculite, a mineral that slows the drying process. Mrs. McChesney carved bears, owls, alligators, cats and a menagerie of fantastic beasts and totemic goddesses. With the world in WW2 turmoil she decided to help. She left collage for three years to take a job as welder at the sprawling Kaiser Shipyards in Richmond.

Born Mary Ellen Fuller on Oct. 20, 1922, in Wichita, KS. When she was two the family moved to Stockton, CA. She died at the age of 99 on May 4th at an assisted living center in Petaluma.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of **Mohammad Asif Abbasi**, who passed away on May 9, 2022, at the age of 86, leaving to mourn family and friends. You can send your sympathy in the guestbook provided and share it with the family. You may also light a candle in honor of Mohammad. If you would like to send a card, kindly send to:

Akram Soltani
c/o Kynthea
411 Kains Ave
Albany, CA 94706

Donations to help support the family during the time of crisis are deeply appreciated.
https://fundrazr.com/01uHzd?ref=ab_2AmKl0_ab_bAl1G4
Palms Together, Kynthea

Hector Lizarraga was a resident of Point Richmond from August 1958 until his passing on May 23, 2022 at the age of 98 years, 10 months.

He was employed by Chevron for 39 years. He began his career with CR&D (later called CRC and Chevron) in 1954. He retired in 1993.

Hector spent many of his retirement years enjoying the game of golf. He could be found 4 to 5 days a week at the Richmond Country Club.

Hector is survived by his three sons: Tony (Bobbie) of Truckee, CA, Steve (Dian) of Hilmer, CA and John (Tery) of Point Richmond. He also leaves behind seven granddaughters and seven great grandchildren. Hector was predeceased by his wife, Evelyn (2006) and son Michael (1969).

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ARTS OF POINT RICHMOND

*Art is for everyone, the artist, the viewer, the Point is art. Contact: Pat Tostenson, jptostenson@gmail.com
More info: <http://www.artsofpointrichmond.com>*

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM

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

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY

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

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE

105 Park Place. Newly renovated and open for the 2022 Season. 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

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Contact: Andrew Butt, 510-236-7445

POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER

Info: 510-620-6905

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POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

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

RICHMOND TENNIS ASSOCIATION (RTA)

Adult/Youth Lessons and USTA League Play, Hurlbut Tennis and Garden Park (Plunge)
Contact: Garry and Maryn Hurlbut, WWW.RTA-CA.ORG, 510-547-8111

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