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Point Richmond History Hike

Led by Karen Buchanan

Sunday, February 26, 2017

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Start and end: Point Richmond History Museum, 139-1/2 Washington Avenue near West Richmond Avenue, nex to the Library and Community center.

Karen will lead a 2.5 mile hike through historic downtown Point Richmond, up to the top of Nicholl Nob, down to Keller Beach, then through the tunnel and back to downtown. Learn some local history, get some exercise (there's a fairly strenuous section going up to the top of the hill) and see some amazing panoramic views. There will be random trivia questions and the chance to win Fabulous Small Prizes! Hope you can join us!

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From the President

By Mid Dornan

Everyone in 2017 should take time to enjoy our unique Museum, become a part of our Point Richmond History, provide us stories and photos and let us know what we can do to make our newsletter better for you. Point Richmond History is non political .

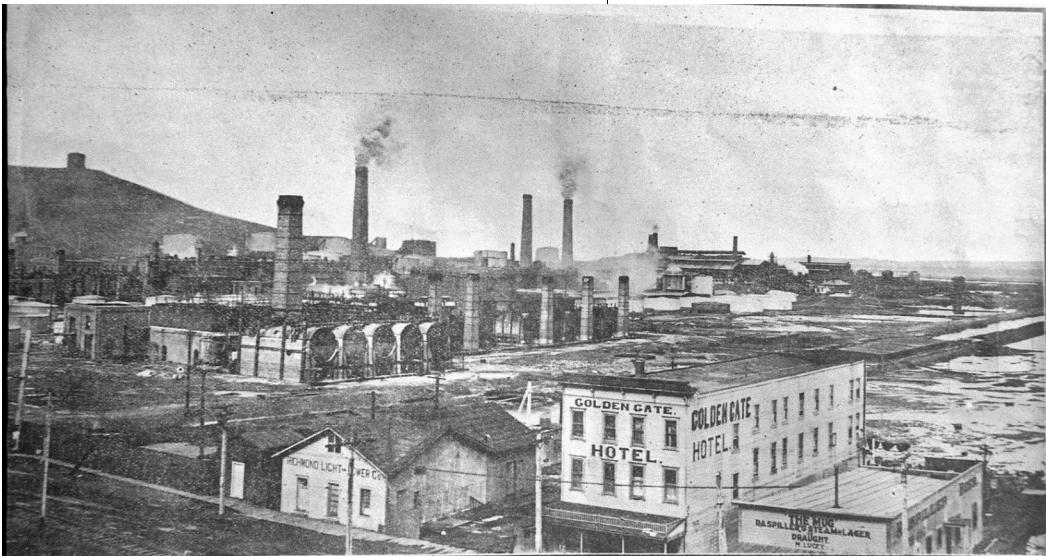
The Inauguration on January 20, 2017, of Donald John Trump, as the 45th President, saw winds of change for the World. We are part of that World. Which is political. This year will be recorded as a different time in history.

Let KINDNESS be a motto with a random act of kindness every day. Smile.



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Avenue and
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The Cover:

*Interior of our little museum on Washington
Avenue*

Photo by Gary Shows

Editor's Notes

Gary Shows

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Here is February/March issue. Showing off my new camera lens for the cover.

Rain just keeps on coming, besides a really healthy snow pack in the mountains (the water that really counts), the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District reports that we have had 25.31 inches of rain at the Richmond City Hall. That's 3.5 inches above the average for that station and it's still early February!

The deadline for items to be published in the February/March issue of TPIT is Friday, March 24, 2017.

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

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A-Mid Trivia

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QUESTION

Whose personal collection of 6,487 books was the foundation of today's Library of Congress?

Answer at end of Trivia

Do egotists talk about other people?

In the annual spirit of Maurice Doherty 20 neighborhood carolers, noting musical ability not required, told the Christmas story in song to other neighbors at Christmas.

A nextdoor neighbor reminded us it was 25 years ago when the late Bill Vallineras and Richard Giodano opened the Incredible Collector, 140 Washington Avenue in the Point.

You don't have to like everyone, you do need to tolerate everyone.

How old would you be if you didn't know how old you were?

AKY and Muhammond's house fire destroyed their home at the corner of Martina and Santa Fe while they were at work. Local businesses and friends immediately started raising funds to assist the family who run Aky's popular Cafe on Tewksbury. This is a community that cares. To donate: <https://www.gofundme.com/aky-mohammeds-fire-relief>

Tomatoes should not be kept in the refrigerator because they lose their flavor and... your cat or dog might eat them.

Chronic drinking, per American Health Senior Report, is 2 drinks per day for men and more than one drink per day for women. Percentage of adults 65+ who were rated as those drinking in California - 8.5% with

Washington D.C. the highest at 9.8%.

When you buy a cup at the Junktique sale, most likely it isn't because you need one but because you are attracted to it. Several years later a friend visits and says, "That was my mother's cup who lives in Oregon." Cup more interesting.

You know you are young when you ask, "What is Jello"?

If you were born before 1947, your mother didn't have the convenience nor the option of disposable diapers which was designed by a British officer's wife and marketed them as the Paddi. U.S. firms became competitors and Pampers began to erode the markets.

"A friend is someone who knows your song and sings it to you when you forget."

- unknown

The average amount people spend on Valentine's Day Gifts is \$147.

Are you eating your share of chocolate? 9.5 pounds of chocolate is the average in the U.S. but the Swiss manage to consume 19.8 pounds per person. To help your heart, make it at least 70% cacao.

How do you burn off, 430 calories, a serving of beef nachos?

You jog for 43 minutes.

If you have a driver's license you have to know the rules of the road. This sign is posted in San Pablo, what does it mean?

INTERGRATED

CORRIDOR

MOBILITY

ROUTE

Can't miss the Big Smile and Wave by the Washington School crossing guard

Still Smoking?

30% of cancer deaths in US can be traced back to one thing, SMOKING. 167,000 American adults over age 35 die from cancer linked to cigarettes each year. Three fourths are due to Lung Cancer.

A call from PHHA founder, Donna Roselius in Port Orford, Oregon, informs us her cancer isn't growing and is hopeful it might

shrink.

Ancient Egyptians shaved off their eyebrows to mourn the death of their cats.

Trivia answer: In 1815 Thomas Jefferson's personal library was required as the foundation for the Library of Congress. the largest library in the world. Its "collections are universal, not limited by subject, format, or national boundary, and include research materials from all parts of the world and in more than 450 languages. Two-thirds of the books it acquires each year are in languages other than English."[



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*Standard Hotel on Standard
Avenue (now the 580
Freeway)*

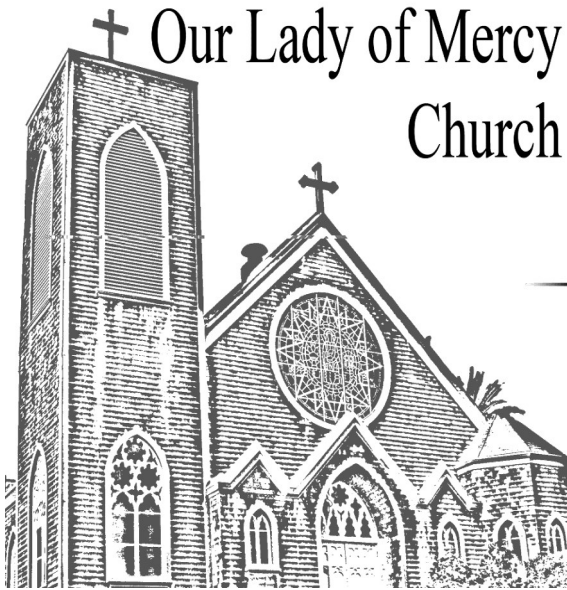
*"Point Richmond Officials
in 1919."*

Sonoma's Ravenswood Winery

Sonoma's Ravenswood Winery's Founder, 69 year old Joel Peterson, is celebrating 40 years as a winemaker. Peterson is known as the "godfather of zinfandel", although he makes other 'non-whimpy' wines as well. Joel is a former Ocean Avenue Point resident. A student at Washington and local schools. His parents were founding members of the Berkeley Wine and Food Society and wine was then just a hobby for him. After the death of his father in 1971, he focused on medical research and wine interest surfaced.

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Church News



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Time continues to move on and we now celebrate the Year of the Rooster – 2017. We enter this year with renewed hope for a better year to come for ourselves, our families and our country.

We plan for it all year and then Christmas sneaks up on us and catches us totally unprepared. As usual our church was decorated for the festivities and when they are all gone, it takes on an empty look.

Thanks is extended to Fred and Diane Siegmund who annually host the after-Midnight Mass social.

Introduced to us by Nancy and Stan Toledo we continue to display the Giving Tree. Paper stars are placed on the limbs for requested items. They are then donated to Children's Hospital. This year, the donations were plentiful. Thanks to all the giving participants. The families of hospitalized children benefit from the donations.

The services were outstanding and drew the

usual expected crowd. Years back, folding chairs were needed to seat everyone. It is always a gift to welcome back members who have moved from this area but never forget their previous parish – good to see Rick and Linda Duste visiting from Texas. It was also a time to show off your grandchildren.

With the start of a new year, new donation envelopes with your assigned number are available at the entrance to the church. At year end, a listing of your donations is sent to you for tax purposes. If you would like to start using the envelope system, please contact the Rectory for a box number and corresponding envelopes.

As part of the Year of Mercy, our parish hosted a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Christ the Light. Participants enjoyed a docent tour of the Cathedral, Sacrament of Reconciliation or personal prayer time and concluded with a Vigil Mass.

Bible Study continues to be held on alternate Wednesdays in the parish hall. All are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact Anne Brussok (510-517-9905). Still in the talking stage is the possibility of again offering bible study classes to our younger parishioners during Sunday Mass.

We continue to support the Souper Kitchen with donations as well as Meals on Wheels.

A new flag was blessed and raised on Veteran's Day. Some of our loyal veterans attended the brief ceremony. The church bells rang on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month – a very meaningful tradition.

If you have children who have not been baptized, please get in touch with Father. It is easy to work the initial welcoming stages of baptism into the Mass since they overlap. It is also a gift to the congregation to see new life. Then after the greater part of the congregation has left, the second half of the baptism is held with family and friends.

A speaker representing St. Vincent de Paul Society recently attended Mass and spoke on their work. The group collects goods for the poor and serves as a channel to help people locally.

Additional details to follow as group forms.

Father tells of his being seated in the church reviewing the envelopes completed by parishioners for deceased members during the month of November and a new mother entering the church with a newborn requesting information on baptism. To quote him: "Recalling the dead and preparing to welcome the newly born – a good day!"

Thanks is given to members of the parish who give of their limited time and energies not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. A parish, like a family, survives and prospers because of a few members who go out of their ways to see that the rest of the family has a place to gather and the kindness to welcome them through an open door which, of course is through the efforts of the same people. The human kindness that does keep some doors open – church, family, whatever, is becoming rare as we change into a society of commonly closed doors.

We continue to seek people willing to become Eucharistic Ministers. It is an honor to join Father on the altar as an acolyte, lector or minister of Communion. At one time the church has ushers assigned who were also greeters. Our Eucharistic Ministers are fulfilling that task. There is sometimes concern that no one volunteers to take up the collections. When the time for the collection occurs, take a look around and see if there is someone participating. Our children no longer have to be selected to take the offering. Sometimes some of the very younger members participate and it enlightens parishioners to see them in their holiness as they approach Father.

Classes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will commence in February. Confirmation classes start on Friday, February 3rd and First Holy Communion on Tuesday, February 7th.

Father bestowed Sacrament of the Sick to many after a Sunday Mass. On February 11th, the Ministry of the Oakland Diocese, supported by the Order of Malta will host World Day of the Sick, 2017 at 11AM in the Cathedral.

Get well wishes continue to be extended to: Dean Smith, Jim Chezareck, Dixie and Frankie Mello, Mike Lambert and Veronica Arkin

Condolences to the family of Kevin O'Connor. He was a member of the San Francisco Police Department since 1964 and rose to the rank

of Lieutenant over the course of his 28-year career. He was a quintessential Irish Catholic cop, who leaves a void on the righthand side of the church in the second-to-last pew.

What a treat it was to hear from Susan Brooks who has relocated to Texas. It was like old times conversing. She sends her regards to all.

Cynthia Young chalked up a lot of frequent flyer miles when she flew from here to Los Angeles to visit her daughter Dominique, then on to the Caribbean to visit daughter Christine. Thereafter she and Dominique enjoyed a 10-day tour of Eastern Europe.

A Sunday rain storm did not keep a group of us from trenching out to see the herring run. A site long to be remembered. We may have picked the worst of times for the site, but it was well worth it and we can now cross it off of our bucket list.

It was happy birthday time for Jim Wilson (92) and his grandson, Jeff Quist (43). A family celebration was held at the recently renovated home of Cynthia and Michael Workman.

It was also happy birthday time for my grandson, Griffin who is now 17. How I remember the days when I once held him in my arms.

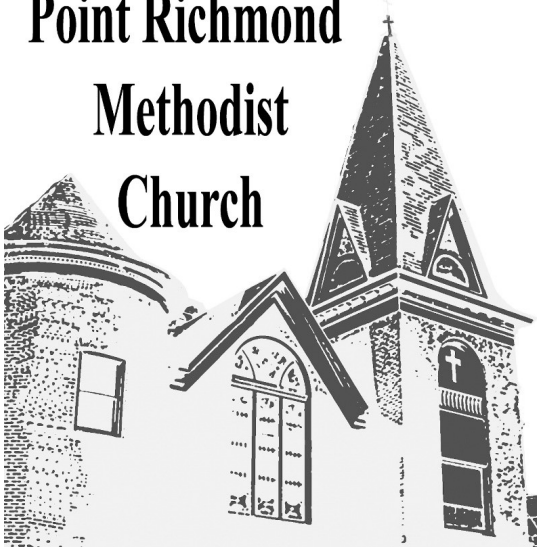
IT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO WALK
ALONE
THAN WITH A CROWD GOING IN THE
WRONG DIRECTION.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH



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Point Richmond Methodist Church



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In November we collected baskets full of new warm socks; Helen Wysham delivered them to the Bay Area Rescue Mission to help their clients during the cold months.

On November 6, Berkeley Chinese Community Church hosted “A Cry for Justice in Hymnody” to feature a sing-along of several of Pastor Dan’s social-justice-themed hymns. Pastor Dan co-taught a class in hymnody at the Graduate Theological Union last fall, and students from his class came to join voices with the rest of us. My faith has deepened from years singing core values of love for neighbors and quest for justice found at the center of Pastor Dan’s lyrics.

Our free Thanksgiving Feast was a pleasure to share. People gathered to enjoy the delicious food and each other. Sunny skies beckoned some to dine al fresco on the rose garden patio, away from the bustling crowd inside. Pastor Dan Damon, Eileen Johnson, Tom Belton and Kit Eakle played jazz in the sanctuary. People gathered there for an intimate concert while they waited for a seat, take-out, or to digest. Generous contributors Raj Singh at Spot Liquor, Lara Choe

at Hotel Mac, Yvonne and Chi Nair at Saffron Strand, Awe of Awe’s Flowers, Esther and Gabriel Saldana at Santa Fe Market, Starbucks, Mike and Susi Weissmann at Little Louie’s Café and Restaurant, Harjinder Singh at Point Richmond Market, Daniel Webster and Rose Testa at Cuts 1st Class, Jacinto Castillo and Kelly Nicolaisen at Mom and Pop Art Shop, Karen Kittle at Point Realty, Wyvonne Brown and Annie at Beauty by Nature, and other individuals donated the dinner ingredients: 16 turkeys, 100 pounds russet potatoes; 50 pounds yams; 50 pounds green beans; fresh green salad; onions, eggs, red peppers, garlic, drinks, and more. Tinna Manansala and Paul Garnett expertly and enthusiastically shepherded the kitchen staff. The new range in the church kitchen is officially christened and dinner was the tastiest ever. More than fifty people lent their hands to advertise, decorate, get food and prepare the dinner, bake or buy pies, serve, and/or clean up. Over one hundred people had dinner on site, and others took their dinners home. How fortunate we are to be part of such a community. We are thankful for our Point Richmond neighbors and those who live beyond.

On December 17, the church and the United Methodist Women held a Bake Sale at the Point Richmond Community Center. Bakers brought buckets of holiday cookies to mix and match and sell on trays by the dozens. Our shoppers bought cakes, breads, fudge, candy and pies for their holiday guests or to take to parties. Staff took time for a lunch break and to share cake in honor of Pat Pearson’s birthday. The United Methodist Women sold crafts as a counter to calories: fun things to buy without spoiling your diet.

This year, the Christmas Pageant was our one chance to mingle with Masquers since the theater has been closed for repairs. Tammara Plankers cast Masquers and Joyful Noise Choir members in the title roles, and the Angel Choir sparkled as they sang their two carols. Angels Cecilia Butt, Harlan Butt, Ethan Cheng, Owen Cheng, Penelope Cheng, Sadie Cosby, Alice Cropsey, Aubrey Herrera, and Lucas Kirk practiced on Sunday mornings for ten weeks prior to the Pageant and learned about the people and other elements of the Christmas story. They planted paper whites and saw them grow and bloom. The day of the pageant, the Joyful Noise

choir sang some Christmas carols for gathering music. Robert Love narrated: He was the man with a script lest anyone drop a line or two. Bridget O'Keefe played Mary, Peter Budinger was Joseph, Coley Grundman portrayed Gabriel, angels Alice Cropsey and Cecilia Butt delivered messages from on high. Debra Harvey, D.C. Scarpelli, and Gill Stanfield regally played the Wise Men. Dan Damon, Norm Reynolds, and Jean Reynolds were shepherds, and Dan was the music director. David Cheng's deft hands on the violin added sweetness to the music. Jonathan Swett, Bill Thompson, Norm Reynolds, George Tingley, Jean Reynolds, Alice Thompson, Linda Andrew-Marshall, Rachel Herrin, and Doreen Leighton sang in the Joyful Noise Choir. Gill Stanfield was too grand a Wise Man to sing with the choir: he was sequestered until the Kings made their impressive entrance.

The Christmas Eve Jazz service gave us an opportunity to sing and listen to a variety of music and stories of the season. The Band was Dan Damon, piano; Kurt Ribak, bass; Rob Hart, drums; Lincoln Adler, sax. Vocalists Dave Tattershall, Paula Helene, Sheilani Alix, Heather Damon, Bethany Reynolds and Gill Stanfield sang solos with The Band. Jean Reynolds read Pearl S. Buck's *On Christmas Day in the Morning*. Sadie Cosby read Luke 2:1-20, the Christmas story. Linda Andrew-Marshall sang the first verse of Silent Night, then we all joined voices to finish that signature carol together.

On December 3, we had our annual Church Conference at El Sobrante UMC with three other congregations in our local circuit: Easter Hill UMC, Open Door UMC and El Sobrante UMC. We set our pastor's salary, elected officers and committee members, and formally established a new church endowment fund.

The United Methodist Women celebrated Christmas ala Russian Orthodox with a party January 7 at Fran Smith's home in Fairfield. We collected disposable diapers and wipes for families served by the Richmond Early Childhood Mental Health Center.

January 22, District Superintendent Schuyler Rhodes preached. He encouraged us to be a place where people feel lifted up and urged us to support each other through kindness. We stayed to share a potluck for lunch. Afterward, DS Schuyler listened as we shared what we value in a pastor, what kinds of things are important to our ministry here, and what we envision for the church in the next five years, including after Pastor Dan retires. Rarely does a DS take time to dream with a congregation: it was a magical day.

On the Calendar:

April 8, 2:00 p.m. Dennis Johnson, classical pianist, in recital to benefit "Spirit in Action International" a non-profit that provides micro-grants and business skills training for women and families in Africa. Suggested donation: \$15. To learn more go to <http://spiritinaction.org>

Visit the church website for additions and updates: pointrichmondmethodist.org



Jean Reynolds

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Paraprodsokians from Dave

WWIC Est. 1908

News from the Womens Westside Improvement Club by Margaret Jordan

We ended 2016 with two wonderful meetings. To begin the November meeting, our president, Linda Newton, gave thanks to hostesses Barbara Robertson, Altha Humphrey, Norma Wallace and Toulia Siacotos who provided lovely treats. We celebrated November birthdays—Margaret Jordan (18), Toulia Siacotos (22), Leslie Hicks (23) and Janice Cook (28). We were happy to welcome our guest 20 year Point Richmond resident, Pam Hyland.

During Officer and Project Reports, President Linda Newton gave us the sad news that Joan Gatten, a longtime Point Resident, community activist, and former member of the WWIC had died. Among other contributions, Joan worked tirelessly on Emergency Preparedness in Point Richmond. Linda also welcomed all members to join us for clean-up at the Map Garden and Rose Garden on October 15. With the guidance of Maureen Decombe we will be filling in holes with new plants on November 12. We are all so proud to be part of the beautification of Point Richmond! Linda also distributed Centennial Tea Cups to new members and old members who hadn't received them. Norma Wallace, Chair of the Welcome Wagon Committee, reported that she and committee members Diane Hirano and Diane Diani are working with the Point Richmond Business Association and Point Richmond Neighborhood Council to develop materials to welcome new neighbors into Point Richmond and will present a plan in February. Karen Buchanan invited members to a guided tour that she would be leading in November of a special art installation at Fort Scott near the Golden Gate Bridge.

Doria Robinson, Richmond native and Executive Director of Urban Tilth gave a wonderful presentation about the mission and activities of Urban Tilth. The core of Urban Tilth's program is urban farming. Using this activity, Urban Tilth provides employment to unemployed Richmond residents, teaches our youth life skills, healthy eating and living, farming and business skills. Urban Tilth has a weekly farm stand at Catahoula Coffee on San Pablo as well as a CSA program to distribute healthy produce throughout Richmond. The organization recently acquired a 30 year lease to farm 3 acres in North Richmond. In addition to expanding the CSA, they are planning to open a café, sell produce and eggs and open a Community Kitchen for other non-profits to use.



*Saffron Strand Caterers with WWIC President, Linda Newton
Starting at top right: Byron Baptiste, Kim Russell, Yvonne Nair,
WWIC President, Linda Newton, Lenora Brown
Lower left: Chy Nair, Calvin Williams*



WWIC member Anne Buchanan.

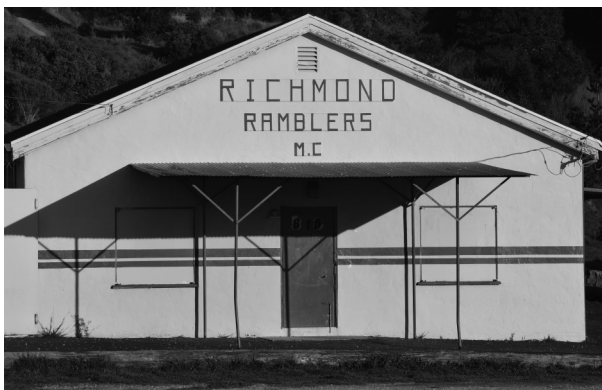
Anyone interested in receiving produce through the CSA can sign up on the Urban Tilth website.

It was clear during the final announcements following her presentation that Doria's talk inspired members to relate their personal relationship to gardening. Norma's wonderful dessert was made with apples from her garden. Alyce Williamson

commented that Doria brought back memories of her childhood in Nebraska with communal home gardens that made food available for hungry neighbors. Altha Humphrey told us of her family's garden during the depression—complete with chickens! Marion Kent remembered her father's Victory Garden. And Peggy Thow said that she found Doria's talk an inspiration as she starts the Contra Costa County Master Gardening Program! Altha announced the last (ever!) Knit 'N Such would take place on November 12. Although Knit N Such can never be replaced, a knitting group will be held in the library.

In December we held our annual Holiday Luncheon! The hall sparkled with holiday decorations provided by members of the First Methodist Church. President Linda Newton thanked Marion Kent for providing our song sheets. We welcomed guests Brenda Saunders and Kathryn Dienst. We celebrated December birthdays—Diane Hirano (4). Pat Pearson (17), Annie Engelbrecht (19), Karen Buchanan (22) Gay Timmons (24) as well as January birthdays – Mary Highfill (5, Altha Humphrey (9) and Anne Buchanan (30). As is traditional, Pastor Dan took our requests and led us in singing Christmas Carols, ending with Silent Night [(sung in German!) are you sure?] in memory of Anna Schwartz.

After caroling we enjoyed a delicious meal prepared and served by the members of Saffron Strand (see the photo). We started with a wonderful, festive Kale Salad, enjoyed tilapia with mango salsa or coconut rice as entrees, and ended with delicious seasonal fruit crisp. After this wonderful meal we adjourned, looking forward to seeing each other again in February 2017!



*Old Richmond Ramblers Clubhouse
on Dornan Drive.*



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

-Linda Newton, President

Pt. Richmond, September 8, 1908

The Woman's West Side Improvement Club of Richmond met at Curry's Hall.

The meeting was called to order by The Sec'y Mrs. Topping, who called for the election of a temporary president. Mrs. Marston was elected temporary president and presided during the meeting. The roll call of officers resulted in all being present except the president Mrs. Adams, vice president, Mrs. Curry, treasurer Mrs. Lucas, finance com. Mrs. Garrard, Mrs. Jones & Mrs. Land & executive com. Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Winduer, Mrs. Neidecker, Mrs. Arnold.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Little reported that she had seen the board of trustees of the Baptist Church and they were willing that the wall adjoining the little park at the corner should be taken down and sloped toward the park making a suitable wall to plant vines or flowers upon.

Mrs. Trautvetter reported that the committee had looked at all the vacant stores to let that were suitably located for a reading room and gave price of each, the matter was laid over until next meeting.

The Sec'y read the section to be inserted in the bylaws for the second time.

Letters from the Peoples Water Co. & B. Katchinski were read and laid over to be read at next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the club, the meeting adjourned to meet at Curry's Hall Sept. 22nd, 1908.

Receipts \$1.00

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The petition for membership of Mrs. A. M. Irwin was read and Mrs. Marston, Mrs. Weise & Mrs. Grover were appointed on the investigation committee.

Communications from the Peoples's Water Co., B. Katchuicki and Mrs. Weise were read.

It was moved and carried that the Sec'y communicate with the Water Co. and explain our situation more fully.

The other communications were placed on file.

Bills were presented by Mrs. Topping and Mrs. Adams for prizes \$1.30, Mrs. Peard .70, Mrs. Lamore \$2.00.

Mrs. Curry reported that the petition had been placed before the Board of Trustees to have them place sidewalks around the park near the Baptist Church and put a water hydrant therein and to allow the Woman's West Side Improvement Club to improve the park and name it. Also that she had received the Catalogue of Fountains and price list. The subject of the fountains was laid over to allow Mrs. Curry to

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On January 16th, 2017, Aky, Mohammad and their family were victims of a devastating house fire. Aky & Mohammad are the owners of the beloved Akys Café in downtown Point Richmond, CA.

Thankfully, the family is safe and uninjured, but they lost nearly everything in the fire, including beloved pets. Many items cannot be replaced and they are literally starting from scratch with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

We are proud of the support our community has given to them. A successful Go Fund Me account has been set up by Nicole Villa Trivers of Up and Under.

<https://www.gofundme.com/aky-mohammeds-fire-relief>

Point Richmond Neighbors,

Aky is with tears of gratitude and Mohammad has been so moved with the way you all have responded with loving support!

There was a short in the electrical wiring of the old house and they lost practically everything... except by a miracle, their papers that were in the one and only room that did not have severe damage and while they lost most of their pets, their dog was spared when the son happened to come home during the fire and was able to let her out.

The whole town has rallied around them. First they were given a place to stay for 2 days...and then another place to go to for the next couple weeks right next to the cafe! Neighbors have shown up with clothing and toiletries. During the fire, at least 20 neighbors came by to offer support. Nicole Villa of the Up and Under pub, thoughtfully put up a Gofundme campaign to raise money for their moving.

Mohammad says that they are so moved by the loving support of so many. He says no

where on earth could you find such a thing ... Especially now with an attempt by dark forces to divide peoples ... here is an American town supporting this Persian family.

It is truly beautiful to behold.

We ask if any of you know of a place to rent in Point Richmond for a family of 4, please let them know.

510-778-1196

The family does not use the computer so I have downloaded all of the well wishes on the gofundme campaign and printed them out to give them.

Thank you again for your loving kindness,

Love is everything.

Kynthea Art,
Friend of Aky, Mohammad and family.

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write the firm for further particulars. Mrs. Peard reported that she had talked to Mr. Trull and that he could do nothing about stopping No. 8 train at Richmond Ave.

The section reading "non residents may visit the club at any time" was read for the third time. Moved and carried that the section be adopted and inserted in our bylaws.

The finance committee reported favorably on the bills and it was moved and carried that a

warrant be drawn on the treasury on that amount.

Mrs. Marston suggested that the Roll Call be answered by quotations. Moved and carried that Mrs. Peard be given a vote of thanks for the use of her hall for the Whist party.

There being no further business to come before the club the meeting was adjourned to meet Tues. Sept. 29, 1908.

Receipts 3.00

Ella Dimick, Sec'y Pro Tem.

SS Red Oak Victory Volunteers Wanted

- * Join a dedicated and talented group of men and women working to restore a World War II Victory ship for future generations.
- * Become a part of this historic national treasure and help make it come alive and sail again!
- * Select your areas of interest from the Volunteer application on the next page and get in touch with us!

SS Red Oak Victory
1337 Canal Blvd., Berth 5
Richmond, CA 94804
510-237-2933
Marjorie@redoakvictory.us



Volunteer Initial Application for SS Red Oak Victory

Name _____ Date _____

City _____ Email _____

Phone (H) _____ (C) _____ Best time to call _____

Please indicate your areas of interest:

Air Conditioning / HVAC	Fund Raising	Plumbing ? Pipe Fitting
Archives	Gallery	Procurement
Boiler—Steam Engineering	General Labor	Radio Club
Carpentry	Greeter	Recruiting
Community Outreach	Living History	Rigging
Computers / Networks	Machine Shop	Security
Clerical	Marketing / Public Relations	Ship Fitting
Custodial	Medical	Ship's Store / Merchandise
Docent	Museum	Shipboard Events Prep / Help
Documentation	Newsletter	Signage
Electrical / Mechanical	Overnight Programs	Website
Environmental Health & Safety	Painting	Welding / Cutting / Fabricating

Other (Please indicate: _____)

How did you learn about our volunteer opportunities? _____

If you heard about the *Red Oak* from a volunteer, please provide his/her name: _____

[] Please check this box if you would prefer NOT to receive emails from the *Red Oak Victory*.

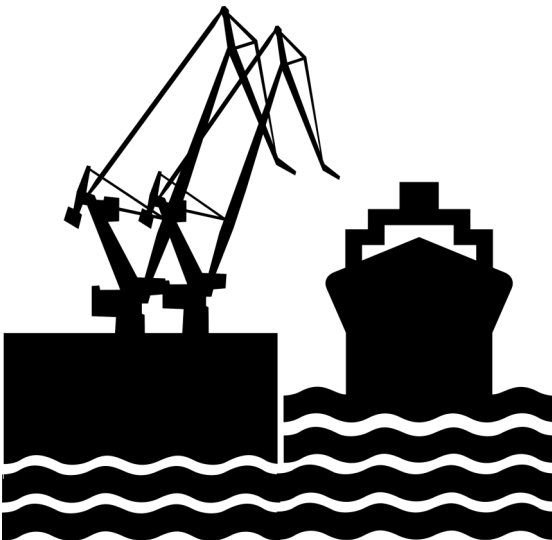
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Paar Terminal Fifty Years of Industry on the Richmond Waterfront : Oral History Transcript

Mid Dornan is submitting this series of oral history transcripts by Judith Dunning, Interviewer, here is her 1986 interview of John Paar Cox. We think it will be an interesting read for those who enjoy Richmond history.

Paar Terminal Company was the single most important developer of the Port of Richmond, California. With the signing of the Paar lease in 1926, the company began a lucrative and sometimes stormy fifty-year partnership with the City of Richmond.

Groomed for the family business, Mr. John Paar Cox recalled, "On my thirteenth birthday my uncle took me to one side and said, "from now on you carry your own weight. We'll pay you a man's wages to do a man's work."



Beginning in the 1930s and continuing through the 1980s, Mr. Cox's jobs at Paar Terminal ranged from watchman to company president. He operated fork lifts, caterpillar tractors, steam locomotives. In his own words, "There's no job on the waterfront that I cannot do, and I've never owned a piece of equipment that I couldn't run."

Before devoting his career to the Richmond waterfront Mr. Cox, attended the University of the Pacific, studying a diverse range of subjects from astronomy to Japanese history and poetry.

Fred D. Paar, John Paar Cox's uncle, was an outstanding figure in the shipping industry who promoted Richmond as an industrial center. He was responsible for bringing Ford Motor Company, the Felice and Perrell Canning Company, and more than one hundred Industries to the waterfront. Fred Paar played a key role in having the Kaiser industry locate their massive shipbuilding operations in Richmond during World War II.

The City of Richmond wanted to stop running a municipal pier. They had Terminal No. 1 at the outer harbor and were just losing money hand and fist, so they wanted a private operator. So the Richmond people came over to our office in San Francisco and solicited my uncle to take a look at Richmond.

Terminal 1 accommodated only one ship and was split in half by depressed railroad tracts. Santa Fe Railroad had built a large transfer terminal to put railroad cars on car floats and owned a lot of that property. After Terminal one was built by the city, the city decided to charge the Santa Fe Railroad ten cents for every ton that went over the railroad and waterfront - as they were entitled to do, because they did use some city-owned, public land out in front. But to the horror of the city of Richmond, they found out that when they added on this new back to the terminal, they had built on Santa Fe land. There was a tremendous fuss, which was eventually settled by the Santa Fe agreeing to exchange the right (of the city) to collect tolls forever from the Santa Fe, for the Santa Fe's giving them free title to the property.

to be continued

New Exhibit, LGBTQ Histories from the WWII Home Front Preserving the Hidden History of WWII American Home Front

On Saturday, December 3rd, at 11:00 AM, the National Park Service, in collaboration with the Rosie the Riveter Trust, unveiled a traveling exhibit entitled, “LGBTQ Histories from the WWII Home Front”. This exhibit will be on display for six months in the park’s main Visitor Center in the historic Ford Assembly Plant complex.

The mission of Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park includes the preservation of the many diverse stories and artifacts associated with civilian American life during the war. Since the park’s opening in 2000, the National Park Service has documented many aspects of the diverse experiences on the WWII home front. However, there are still dimensions that need more research and attention, including the contributions and daily lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender people during the war years, when being “out” could draw severe repercussions.


Two years ago, the National Park Service began an outreach effort to collect stories from people who identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual transgender or queer during the World War II era. During the course of the project, many people gave suggestions on places or people that might have information, but only three people from World War II, who were still living, were able to share their stories with the park. They all attended an event at the Visitor Center in 2014, but only one of the three will be able to attend the event this Saturday.

Donna Graves, a public historian, served as project director of the Rosie the Riveter Memorial, and has been an important partner in establishing and developing Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park. Graves curated the “LGBTQ Histories from the WWII Home Front” traveling exhibit, working closely with lead ranger Elizabeth Tucker. The exhibit is a traveling exhibit, and is relatively small since it will continue to grow as more information is collected.

The event will also include speakers who contributed to the National Park Service’s recently completed Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Heritage Initiative. This two year project culminated in a multi-chapter theme study of the national LGBTQ experience, the first federal government account of this community. This theme study aspires to tell enough of the story of the LGBTQ experience in the United States to be an accurate and useful framework for assessing the significance of historic sites in that experience. The Theme


Rosie the Riveter/ WWII Home Front
National Historical Park

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



The National Park Service is

Seeking
LGBT
Stories
of **WWII**



Submitting a story, photo
or artifact to the park's
museum collection is a
way to honor their hidden
history and contributions.

Please call this number if you have any information about Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual
or Transgender civilian life in the 1940s, on the American WWII Home Front.

A confidential phone line has been set-up: (510) 232-5050 x 6631.
Rosie the Riveter/ WWII Home Front National Historical Park

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Study speakers include, Ms. Shayne Watson, Architectural Historian, Mill Valley, California; Dr. Drew Bourn, Historian and Archivist, Stanford University, Stanford, California; Ms. Donna Graves, Public Historian, Berkeley, California; Dr. Amy Sueyoshi, Associate Dean, College of Ethnic Studies; Professor, Race and Resistance Studies; Professor, Sexuality Studies, San Francisco State University; and Elaine Jackson-Retondo, Ph.D., History Program Manager, Pacific West Region, National Park Service. A confidential phone line was set-up for the outreach effort which continues today. Please continue to call this number if you have any contact information for LGBTQ persons who have memories of 1940's civilian life (510) 232-5050 x6631. Please also call if you have any

stories or artifacts of people who have already passed away. We can still honor their history and contributions.

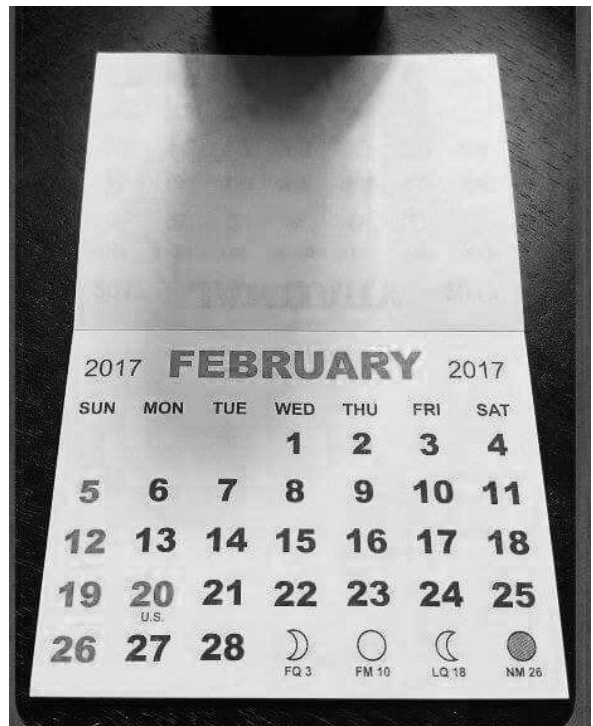
The Rosie the Riveter Visitor Education Center is open seven days a week from 10 AM to 5 PM and is located at 1414 Harbour Way South, suite 3000, Richmond, CA 94804. For more information and directions to the Visitor Education Center, please call (510) 232-5050 extension "0" or visit <http://www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm>. Admission to the Visitor Center and all park sites and programs is free.

If you would like to receive information about upcoming park events, visit www.rosietheriveter.org and sign up for the email newsletter. The Rosie the Riveter Trust is the nonprofit association that is building a community of support for this national park.



***According to feng shui
master in Hong Kong:
This February will not come
in our lifetime again,
because this February has 4
Sundays, 4 Mondays, 4
Tuesdays, 4 Wednesdays, 4
Thursdays, 4 Fridays and 4
Saturdays. This happens
once every 823 years.***

Thanks to Dee Rosier



TPIT Reprint

Beginning in the summer of 1992 Muriel C. Clausen wrote an excellent series of articles about the old houses in Point Richmond. In the last twenty-two years we have many new owners of old houses that we treasure here in Point Richmond. For that reason we thought it would be appropriate to reprint her report. Thank you Muriel!

This Old House

By Muriel C. Clausen

As you read this, keep in mind that it was originally written in 1992.

Conclusion

From time to time in your reading room we have been visiting on the subject of the early houses in Point Richmond. We have been most concerned with the houses built from 1900 to the 1930's. They represent our present visage while we walk or drive through Point Richmond. We have also been discussing the subject of restoration in a very oblique way; hoping, with this discourse, to encourage the saving of the original unity and charm of the old houses gathered together in this picturesque community is a pleasure to behold and so it can be hoped that we will retain Point Richmond as our Historic Place.

The railroad and oil companies focused their interest in our area at the turn of the century and created our town through their need for workers. As a result Point Richmond started as a workingman's town. The kinds of houses that were built early were those workingmen's houses; the simple hip roof cottage, the bungalow and the West Coast version of the "styles". There is a homogeneous quality in the directness and simplicity of their structure giving them charm and unity; for the workingmen's homes were very

basic and very quickly built.

Point Richmond began as a melting pot of people from far away lands as well as from the East Coast of the United States coming quickly to fill the jobs that were offered. With the dedicated purpose of getting their jobs done these people of Point Richmond worked well together and, in so doing, created that very melting pot. Today's children are a remarkable blend of the early heritage of the workingman's ethic. It is a proud heritage and one that the young people of today could learn, keep close and respect; and it could help them to retain their self esteem. Such a heritage can also help them to forge ahead in their own new world, carrying with them a history of their past.

We have had an interesting description of the tent as a shelter and about the Miwok Indians who lived in tents on this coast for many, many longer years than we have as yet occupied this space. The Miwoks were comfortable in this small tent space but had a different approach to living than that of the early white settlers on the coast. They lived to roam and hunt and grow food where available and so wanted their homes to be portable. Our early settlers started out, through necessity, living in tents but could hardly wait to have a house instead, desiring to be settled and secure in one place where their jobs were located.

The houses that were built were simple houses but suited them, providing shelter for a very different kind of life from that of the Miwok Indians. The charm of these first houses was their simplicity; built for the purpose of shelter without outside influences, built of local materials and accommodating the local terrain, weather and needs.

Another concept has become an historical influence in our area mirroring that same urge to build quickly and simply. This was the Gold Rush in 1849 which preceded the start of Point Richmond but helped set the pace that a house could be built quickly to serve as the most simple shelter. New West Coast arrivals always seemed to be in a hurry for its first shelters in those early days; for the work for which they came was far more impelling. The Gold Rush "house" out on the claim was more of a shanty; erected with the most available materials and covering only the most necessary needs; but a shelter just the same. The idea that is was a permanent structure was not foremost in their minds. For that reason

some miners existed in tents. When necessity arose miners gathered together to bring in their finds and to obtain supplies. Small towns grew up with supply house, eating places and lodgings for this gathering place. This town was strung out along a "main street" with quickly built facilities teetering along its edges. Main street U.S.A was born of these quick meeting places where people came to bring in their product and take back supplies whether it was in the California mines of out in the prairies of America. The buildings along main street reflect the type of housing that is built surrounding it. Main street is an American idea born out of the haste to gather, get things done, and get back to work. Our miners in the hills of California

created their quickly built houses and their main street much as we see it in Point Richmond today; though here we were not in such a hurry that we could not establish a more permanent environment.

Following these simplest of simple houses; the hip roof cottage and the shelters that evolved during the Gold Rush era, some outside influences began to creep in and to create minor changes. Southern California bungalows, house styles originally reflecting Southern California materials, climate, terrain and needs soon became a strong influence in our area. However, out of

economic necessity and for speed of building, the bungalow as it was built in Point Richmond was built of local materials and built to respect our local climate and terrain with only vague reflections of the source of inspiration and migration. The bungalow was such a satisfactory house of basic living that it became the dominantly produced house in the whole West Coast during the 20's and 30's. Even today with our more complicated way of living the bungalow performs perfectly for many people.

It is a house that is more than a basic shelter. The bungalow has space for more comfort and for more variety of functions within its shell.

Outside influences on our home designs here in Point Richmond were also felt. These were the European influences from Italy and Victorian England. Even so these influences were modified and turned and tried as they made their way from Europe to our East Coast, across our country and to our West Coast. The Italianate, the Princess Anne and other "styles" that we have here in Point Richmond are as charming an interpretation of the original as one could want because they meet in the simplest manner possible the basic needs of this community and its workers. They were built



quickly and directly with local materials to suit our climate and our terrain, and so became unique in themselves. If any pretention exists it is only in their original concept source which gives to the structure a distinct 'look'. Here in Point Richmond these structures retain the scale, the texture and the quality of our community. It is simplicity and directness that melds these and other "styles" into the community to make the community whole.

It is to be hoped that Point Richmond can retain this basic charm as the years go by. Certainly with the town being of Historic Registry there is a chance that this can happen. Our little town of Point Richmond is a jewel that can be preserved while still not stopping in its footsteps and ignoring progress. We hop to retain this

feeling of nity and preservation as we continue to move on into the new cyberspace. We all still need a basic shelter that works for us, one that functions for us and one that is a comfortable one. While we may expand our space to meet growing household functions and the needs of our new world we hope that these expansions can be carried out with simplicity and directness; leaving pretention out and retaining the scale and texture of our little town. These "old houses" make up our community as we know it, our historic place.

This concludes Muriel C. Clausen's "This Old House". We are grateful to you, Muriel for giving us this wonderful essay. I hope you all enjoyed it, Gary

Congratulations to Caitlin!

from Mid Dornan

When a bling flashed across the table as the PRHA board was collating the newsletter last November, the bling was found on a finger of Caitlin Harvey. With a big smile she revealed this story.



"Michael and I vacationed in Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons last September. We took 10 days to drive around both parks and enjoy the amazing and surreal scenery. On day two we visited the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Unbeknownst to me, Michael had been hunting for a dramatic place to propose, but had been thwarted a couple of times by certain areas and overlooks being closed at the end of the tourist season. We eventually ended up hiking the South Rim Trail to Artist Point, from which I wanted to sketch the canyon and Yellowstone Falls. The overlook was inundated by buses full of tourists though, so

neither of us wanted to stay long. On our hike back, I found a small secluded overlook from which to sketch and when my drawing was finished, I turned around and Michael was down on one knee with a ring. I said "yes," of course, and although we assumed we were alone, an entire youth group had come up the trail just then and began to applaud and cheer. It could not have been better planned!"

"The diamond in my ring belonged to my great-grandmother, who was married out in the Mojave Desert in 1911. After her death, my grandmother wore the diamond in a pendant and my mom also wore it for a while after my grandma passed, so I am the 4th generation of women in my family to wear the diamond. Michael was very crafty in getting it from my parents and having it re-set in a ring for me, but left my family wondering for months when he was going to pop the question. We will be getting married this September at the Old Whaling Station in Monterey (a historic adobe house and whaling company headquarters built in 1847."

Warehouse by the Wayside

By Caitlin Harvey



***Warehouse A, ca. 1944, shortly after construction, looking northeast
Richmond Public Library, RPL A602-4***

A piece of local history is soon to see the wrecking ball. Like so much in our area, it was an important element of World War II history. Located on South Marina Way, and just visible from the 580 Freeway, old Warehouse A is a long, low industrial building that has seen better days. It is clad in horizontal wood siding with loading docks along each side and a monitor roof that once had ribbons of two-lite wood-sash windows running its length. Those windows have been removed, as demolition commences, along with various alterations made to the front facade over the years. I encourage you to drive by for a look, because in its current partially-deconstructed state, Warehouse A has more historic character than it has had in the last 67 years of being shrouded in stucco. Today, its facade has been peeled back to the original wood siding, an altered entrance vestibule has been torn away, numerous infilled window openings have been exposed, but perhaps most exciting, large painted letters reading “International Harvester Company” are now clearly legible across the top of the facade.

The old warehouse has had interesting life.

Prior to its construction, the area was mostly vacant, with only a few small cottages on a grid of standard city blocks and lots. In 1941, as World War II escalated, the cottages were cleared and a 5-million dollar construction program was undertaken that created Kaiser Shipyard No. 2. This was the yard responsible for turning out 747 Liberty and Victory ships over the duration of the war and was the yard where the record for fastest ship assembly was set when the S.S. Robert E. Peary was built in only eight days in 1942. The efficiency of Shipyard No. 2 was due to its assembly line organization, within which Warehouse A played a critical role.

Shipyard No. 2 had five large warehouses, all told. Warehouse A was the last to be built, relatively late in May 1944, but served as command central for Shipyard No. 2. A 1945 issue of the Kaiser shipyard newsletter *Fore 'N'* Aft related that the 225,000 square foot warehouse was “used for storing all types of fittings, electrical equipment, welding rod and allowance material. A truck loading platform extends the entire length of the building on one



Newspaper photograph of International Harvester parts department, ca. 1949. (Richmond Museum of History, "International Harvester Company glad to have plant in Richmond," article)

side, and truck scales with a capacity of 80,000 pounds are provided. The other side is a railroad unloading platform." Warehouse A handled cargo and materials brought in by approximately 1,200 rail cars each month. The cargo was offloaded at the warehouse and held either inside the building or in an adjacent storage yard for subsequent redistribution to other warehouses within Shipyard No. 2. In addition to warehousing activities, Warehouse A housed administrative functions for the yard, such as the materials accounting department and invoice audit department. Paperwork for the receipt, inspection, and distribution as well as invoicing and requisition of approximately 14,000 tons of cargo per month was processed at Warehouse A by a staff of 124 people.

At the end of the war, Richmond's shipyards were closed and the parcel on which Warehouse A sits was returned to the Parr Richmond Terminal Corporation, from which it had been leased by



Warehouse A, January 2017 (Caitlin Harvey)

Kaiser. Parr Richmond subsequently marketed its Parr Richmond Manufacturing District – including Shipyard No. 1 and a portion of Shipyard No. 2 that included Warehouse A – as an ideal location for new private industry to be established. By 1947,

Warehouse A was occupied by the International Harvester Company, which used the building as a parts depot.

The International Harvester Company had been founded in Chicago in 1902 as a manufacturer of trucks, agricultural machinery, and construction equipment. The company was the leading manufacturer of tractors and farm machinery through the 1940s and 1950s and played its own role in the war effort by supplying trucks and cargo vehicles for military use and even producing military rifles for a time. During the war, the company ranked 33rd among American corporations in the value of its government production contracts. In 1947, when International Harvester came to occupy Warehouse A, the company contributed over \$40,000 to the city's payrolls in the first few years it was present.

Warehouse A continued to be occupied by International Harvester until the early 1990s. As the shipyards around it were dismantled, and tilt-up industrial buildings, office parks, and residential complexes were constructed, it became one of the last remaining vestiges of Shipyard No. 2. In light of its imminent demolition, we will have to rely on the arguably more impressive General Warehouse in preserved Shipyard No. 3 (part of the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Park) to represent the war-era warehouses that kept the Richmond shipyards humming.

Sources:

Fore 'N' Aft (magazine); May 1943, April 1944, April 1945.

"International Harvester Company glad to have plant in Richmond," uncited newspaper article; Richmond Museum of History.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps.

Wikipedia, "International Harvester," http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Harvester

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

Items of Interest Point Richmond, early 1900's

The Record and The Leader ***Point Richmond was called Eastyard***

THE RECORD

- 07-13-1909 F.M. Neville has purchased Allison home at cor Richmond and Martina Sts. Will add 3 rooms to building.
Abbott to add 3rd story to hospital (14 more rooms).
- 11-26-1909 French nobleman shot at Pt. Orient. He later was found to be a fake.
- 12-15-1909 Richmond will celebrate coming of Pullman Car Shops (no work done yet).
- 12-18-1909 7 & 8 grade pupils of Std. Ave. School present Helms and Miss Wilson with cut glass items in appreciation of their excellent teaching.
- 11-22-1911 B. Katchiniske owner of the bldg. at cor of Park Place and Washington (Futters and the library) undergoing repairs and will be made stories.

THE LEADER

- 02-02-1910 Bull Dog Joe Smith tells of work on Sheep Island. S.P. has bought the island. May be used as addition to San Quentin Prison.
- 01-28-1912 Elks incorporate to build \$75,000 hall.
- 01-30-1912 Capt. H.P. Lauritzen 11 yrs captain of S. F. Ferry San Pablo plans ferry service to SF from Richmond inner harbor.
SOCo starts work on 1/2 million asphalt plant.
Henry Cutting in fight on street car with 3 Japs.
- 01-02-1912 LA Brick using barges to move brick. The road out there is impassable due to heavy rains for past three weeks.
SOCo buying plant production for expansion. Refy being doubled, 170 bricklayers employed.
Survey being made to extend Belt Line Winehaven to SOCo plant on West Side.
- 02-03-1912 SOCo tanker Chesapeake explodes, crew in boats for 3 weeks at sea.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

Paraproisdokians from Dave

Birthdays

February

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Mark Gebhart
Sarah Wilson
Steven Mertle
Billy Bob Karl
Chris Rotting
Walter MacMillan
Connie Healy

Marcos Rotting
Jim Allgaier
Thomas R Williams
Landow Howe
Rowene MacMillan
Ethel MacMillan
Art Gagnier
Mitzi Kruse
Hilda Gozzi-Reed

Kim Ward
Velma Healy
Anne Brussok-Roth
Jared Bigard
Lupe Padilla Lopez
Allegra Fenton
Kay Mayfield Madison
Artrese Morrison
Anne Roth

Kiley Brougham
Gretchen Van Tassel
Shaw
Brenda McKinley
Frank Smith
Leonard Smith
Mark Mallagiatse
Anne Brussok-Roth

March

GIRL SCOUTS CAMP FIRE GIRLS

Rachel Palfini
Damon Kiehn
Kathe Kiehn
Dale Hawkins
Sophia Frame Rice
Isabella Frame Rice
Karolyn Macdiarmid
Carol Paasch

JoAnn Bray
Lucile Cottingham
Meyer
Carol Darling
Claire E. Crowson
Dolly Frosini
Ben Bray
Ken Madison
Janice Jones
Jean Knox

Lavinia Karl
Darlene A. Wright
Brian Richardson
Susan Berman
Mary Valenzano
Isobel Folson
Myron Pestana
Delphina Franco
Tawney
Mike Smith

Michael Lambton
Henry Marchitiello
Evan Jahromi
Kenneth Madison
Kara Piantidosi
Michael Smith
Tom Butt
Harlan Butt
Ryland Thomas Butt
Paul Ciabattari

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



*PRHA Photo Archive #0922 from
Allan Smith*

*Does anyone know where the Colombo
Hotel was located?*

Memorials.....

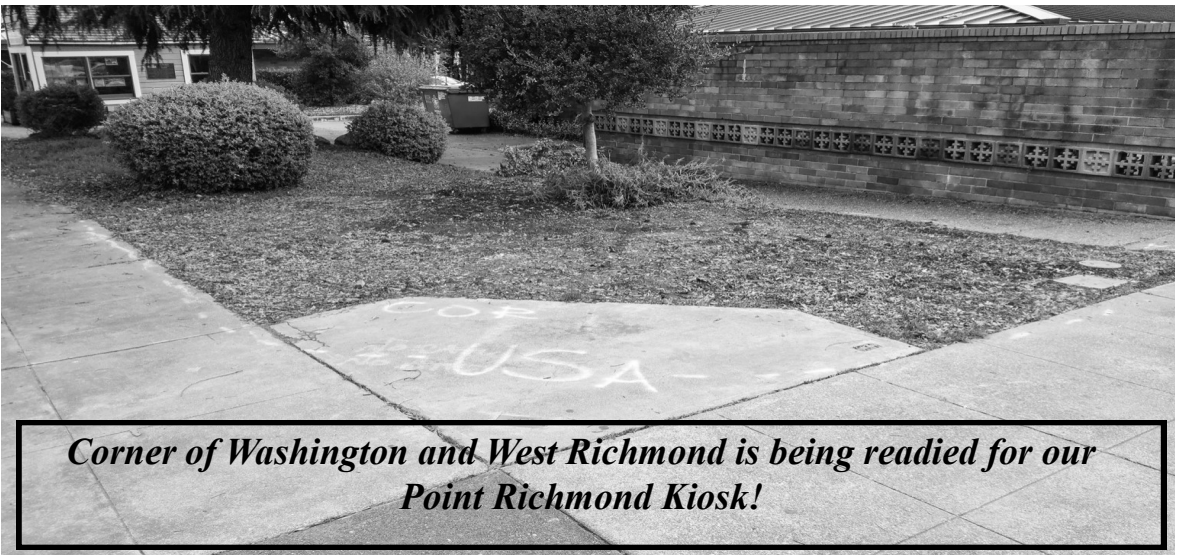
Dallas E. Wilcox died January 17, 2017, a few weeks before his 92nd birthday. Dallas is survived by his children Jean, Dallas, Jim, Terri and Zach, 7 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren.. On February 18th at 1:00 p.m. his ashes will be spread at sea. Family and close friends are welcome to join us. He was a member of the Point Richmond History Association and in our Over 90 Club.

Cards, Letters & E-Mails

Hi Pam,

It's hard to believe it's been over 25 years since I was active with the PRHA and at Gary and Jerry's house helping assemble newsletters as a teenager. I have collected plenty of Pt. Richmond artifacts during this time period which include old city directories and telephone books (Wilson, Crim and Dustin are listed), so I qualify as a "history preserver". I even have a receipt book from my grandfather's store "Shock's Variety" on 38 Washington Avenue from the 1950's, along with street signs, photo's, matchbooks, and other things I hope to share in the future. Enclosed is my check for membership.

James J. Cheshareck
Point Richmond



*Corner of Washington and West Richmond is being readied for our
Point Richmond Kiosk!*

EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

Martha Bielawski - 94
Grace Cerkowicz - 94
Muriel Clausen - 94
John Knox - 92
Mary Bianci Highfill - 93
Tom Kenny - 92
Loretta Johromi - 91 (month?)
Viola Lola Kennedy - 99 (anyone know her?)
Billie Bonham Shaw - 94
June Beesley Sosabal - 93
Delphina Franco Tawney - 98

Helen Wysham - 92
Jim Wilson - 91
Alice Williamson - 92
Madeline Bellando Albright - 99
Mid Dornan - 95
Dalles Wilcox - 90 (month?)

Please send corrections and additions
To Middornan@gmail.com or call
510.234-5334 and leave a message.

CENTURY CLUB

Lupe Padilla Lopez - 103
Shoney Gustafson - 100

(can anyone verify if these above are correct? If not, name will be deleted.)



January 1976 Local News
(Point Counterpoint)

Big doings at the Tedrick's household over the holidays. Karla Tedrick and Doug Peterson were married December 30 at 1 P.M. at the First Methodist Church in Point Richmond. A reception followed at 348 Western drive, the home of a Grethe Tedrick. Karla was given a bridal shower at Becky Horn's house the Monday before Christmas. Best Wishes Newly-wed

October 1975
(Point Counter Point)

13 boys from Troop 111 are working on the important Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. They are: Mike Lizarraga, Ingvar Elle, Jim Woodson, Brian Smith, Mike Price, Patrick Ferguson, Ken Woodson, Ivar Elle, Scott Warren, Dennis Price, Dale Darling, Charles Smith, and Robbie Robinson.
Judge Calfee is their counselor.

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GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY

900 Dornan Drive, Miller/Knox Regional Park. Sunday 12:00 to 5:00. Special openings on Saturdays and Holidays. 510-234-4884 for details.

MANY HANDS PROJECT TO SUPPORT WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Contact, Margaret Morkowski, 510-234-4219

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE

The 2016 season has been cancelled.

Masquers will return to full production in 2017

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: 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 issue deadline. For information call President Mildred Dornan at 510-234-5334.

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

Contact: Margaret Jordon at 510-412-3673

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 the Richmond Museum of History at 510-235-7387 or visit www.richmondsmuseum.org

RICHMOND MUSEUM OF HISTORY

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

RICHMOND SWIMS

The Children and teens "Sail Fish" and Masters swim teams at the Richmond Plunge. Contact: Coach John Schonder, 510-504-0330 - September 25, 2011 open water bay swim raises money for coaching, equipment, pool fees and swimming scholarships for inner-city youth throughout Richmond. More info at <http://www.richmondswims.org/> or call 415-892-0771

ROSIE THE RIVETER NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK VISITOR CENTER

1414 Harbour Way South, Oil House next to Ford Craneway.

For more information call 510-232-5050 or visit www.nps.gov/rori.

See page 22 for programs. 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)

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