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GREAT SAN PABLO DAM WILL BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR SAY COMPANY OFFICIALS

Trappers go back into the hills to trap big game and engineers go back into the hills to trap the waters that flow from the hillsides and impound it for the uses of dense communities of people.

The engineers of the East Bay Water Company went back into the hills on San Pablo creek some six miles from Richmond and built the great new San Pablo dam, one of the largest earthen dams in the world. Along came the recent rains and water which, but for the dam, would have run away to the bay, was impounded to form a great lake.

The dam holding back this great lake of water is, or will be when entirely finished 1300 feet long, 165 feet high and 50 feet wide at the top. When the lake is entirely filled, it will comprise 850 acres of water. The storage capacity will be more than twice that of Lake Chabot, which has supplied the water for Oakland, for the past quarter of a century.

The outlet of the San Pablo lake is a tunnel large enough for an

automobile to drive through and three miles long, with its outlet and filtration plant just south of Sunset View cemetery. The tunnel is nearing completion and the distributing system will be ready early this year.

One of the most interesting features of this \$3,000,000 project is the method by which the water of Wildcat creek is secured. The great dam impounds the water of San Pablo creek emptying into the bay. Wildcat creek runs parallel to San Pablo creek and the outlet tunnel from the San Pablo lake passes underneath Wildcat creek, several hundred feet below it. A hole was dug down through this several hundred feet of solid rock and the result of it is that the waters of Wildcat creek, so named because it is such a turbulent little stream when its water is up, instead of going down to the bay drop like a Niagara down through this shaft into the tunnel that will bring it into the mains of the East Bay Water Company for distribution among its thousands of patrons. 2-17-19

From the President

by Bonnie Jo Cullison

Our Wigwags are back! Thanks to Victor Morales and Dan Furtado for their unflagging efforts to get the Wigwags functional again. Victor has been persistent for years in his efforts to see that they would once again wig and wag. But it couldn't have happened without the expertise and willingness of Dan. Thank you both for ensuring that another slice of Point Richmond history will live on.

Through the efforts of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council led by Charmain Tyler with lots of support from Victor, Karen Buchanan, Sue Rosenoff, Tom Pizza and others a spirited event took place on the lawn of the Mechanics Bank on August 28 to celebrate the occasion. The highlight of the afternoon was when Dan engaged the power and the Wigwags went back and forth with their bells ringing. Later an actual train went across W. Richmond and Dan ran out and got the Wigwags going as the train made the crossing just like in the "old" days! The Women's Westside Improvement Club added to the festiveness by putting pots of red flowers in the Wigwag supports.

The Wigwags can only be operated manually and the plan is that Dan will operate them for us on future special occasions. The PRHA has agreed to keep an eye on them and let Dan know if any problems arise.

I would like to acknowledge Tony Ramirez Sr., a Richmond resident, who took the time to write down a few of his childhood memories and send them to us. Tony's parents were immigrants from Mexico. His father's name was Valentine Ramirez and he worked for the Santa Fe railroad for 48 years, beginning in the 1920's. He lived "on a hill" in Pt. Richmond when he first started working at the railroad. Thank you, Tony. We will happily accept more if you want to write them down. You will find Tony's complete contribution elsewhere in this newsletter and Gary will also scan it for our website.

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Old Firehouse/Jail
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Welcome to new members:

Victor J. Westman**

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*Gift Membership

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Thank You!

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Support our local retailers

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

Richmond photos.

Open Thursdays and Saturdays

*And the first and second Tuesday of
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11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Thanks to the Volunteers who open and
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Mid Dornan

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Editor's Notes

Gary Shows

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I am excited that I am presenting three community family/memory articles in this issue. They are the Giovanetti's family history, Victor Westman's memories of his father Ed, and Tony Ramirez's memories of his growing up on 4th Street. Thanks to the three of you for sharing and I hope this will encourage others to do the same.

If you 'do Facebook', check out or PRHA Facebook page, it has gathered interest and new members and discussions of early Point Richmond. To visit, point your computer to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/prhafan/>.

The deadline for our next TPIT November/December/January issue is Friday, October 25, 2019.

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

Mid Dornan
Gary Shows
Jerry Cerkowicz
Bonnie Jo Cullison
Kathe Kiehn
Heinz Lankford
Pam Wilson
Mary Crosby

Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"

Excellent proof reading job Mark, thanks!

Thank You to Our Special Supporters!

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A-Mid Trivia

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QUESTION:

What U.S. Constitution Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote was declared in effect and when?

ANSWER AT END OF TRIVIA

Tennis balls once were stuffed with human hairs.

The average age of a father of a new baby in the United States is?:

23.4

27.4

30.9

33.6

Answer * item below.

According to Stanford, there were 168,867,489 live births in 2018 with the oldest giving birth at age 86, youngest age 11 years.

Health is the absence of disease.

30 million people will take cruise ships this year worldwide.

With only 365 cruise ships to accommodate them, operators are calling turnarounds because 856 crew members had to clean 1,052 staterooms with less than 9 hours to transfer 8000 pieces of luggage and load 350 pallets of provisions.

14.1 BILLION was the amount spent on Super Bowl parties last year. 1.2 Billion on Beer, 1.1 Billion on other alcohols.

Spenopalatine Ganloinevralgi is medical ice cream.

An 8" square commercial sign posted near a small ceramic dog water bowl near a local garage reads:

*Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near.
So loved, so missed, so very dear.*

Air travelers left behind \$960,105. in unclaimed cash in bins at TSA checkpoints last year as they dashed to catch flights. The agency is planning to use the recovered money for "checkpoint training."

30.9 is the average age of a new father.

You should take a Richmond Ferry across the Bay, if only to relax and enjoy the ride each way.

28% of Americans live alone with retailers reacting by marketing 18-in wide dishwashers and 15 -inch stovetops.

Marcelina Smith was injured a short time ago near the local post office. After brief medical care she was unable to return to her Point Richmond home.

PRHA Board of Directors, Bonnie Jo Cullison, Heinz Lankford and Kathe Keihn visited her at the address below Marcelina has adjusted to her new location but misses the Point where she has lived most of her life. Many may remember when she taught Spanish at Washington School to 4th graders.

She is now residing at: Moraga Royale, 1600 Canyon Road, Moraga, CA, call ahead to 925-376-8900.

She is getting around on a walker and welcomes visitors.

Pat Dornan is joining the WCC Retired Teachers on a cruise to the Baltic in September.

Drain stopped? Before calling a plumber
use:

1/2 cup baking soda
1 cup vinegar
1 teapot of boiling water

Pack drain with baking soda
Then pour in vinegar. Keep drain covered
for 10 minutes. FLUSH with boiling water.

I didn't steal it. I just wanted it to come with
me.

A good speech should be like a woman's
skirt. Long enough to cover the subject and short
enough to create interest.

If at first you don't succeed, sky diving is
not for you.

For all those who came to celebrate my
98th birthday: Thank you for your friendship.

ANSWER: On August 26, 1920, the 19th
Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guaranteed
women the right to vote.

Mid Turns 98!

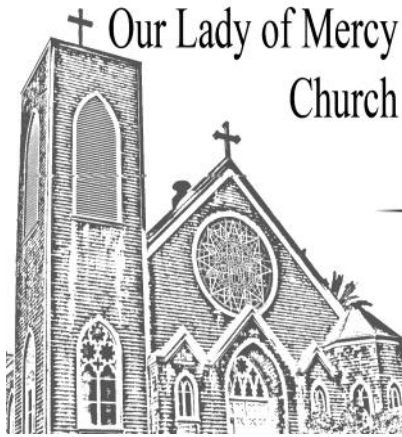


PRHA President Emeritus Mildred Dornan celebrated her 98th birthday at her home in Point Richmond on August 4th. Present at her party were dozens of happy relatives and friends who enjoyed Mid and the many delicious treats that were offered.

You are looking fantastic, Mid!



Church News



By Dee Rosier
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Summer is gone and we welcome Autumn, which may happen sooner than later from the dry leaves seen already bunched. Summer was windy and foggy. The weather generally improves when school starts. The other plus is that Maxine the Crossing Guard has returned to offer her smiles, hugs and waves, in order to start your day.

Father was pleased to engage a handyman to replace needed items in the rectory kitchen, as well as exterior lighting. Bids are being considered for painting the woodwork on the upper half of the tower. A very kind man installed new fixtures and spotlights for lighting up the flag and outdoor church sign. Thank you for your kindness.

With the start of school also comes the start of First Holy Communion instruction. It will continue as last year with the parents involved. It was impressive to see the children seated with their parents and then as a family receive Holy Communion. Classes will begin after Christmas. We seek a teacher with religious education experience.

Coffee and donuts do indeed bring people together. During one, we met a lovely lady from South Africa, who was visiting with her son, a Pt.

Richmond resident. The following month, we engaged with new Point Richmond residents. Join us on the first Sunday of the month – meet visitors and new neighbors.

Through mutual agreement, Father and the Parish Council have agreed that they will be responsible for handling ongoing as well as new repair and maintenance tasks.

The Sacrament for the sick was recently administered after several Masses. It consists of a simple prayer for health and anointing. Several parishioners partook.

After Mass on Memorial Day, parishioners gathered at the flag pole while Wendy and John Hallet raised the flag in honor of their son, Captain John Hallet, who was killed in Afghanistan. The flag had previously flown there. It was a bittersweet, proud moment.

Father's 86th birthday was celebrated with a parish dinner. He also celebrated 56 years of ordination –

Congratulations.

Friendships develop in our small community Masses; consequently we became friends with Ann and Gil Chavez, who travel from Pinole to be with us. Their daughter Conde died and a group of us attended her services in Pinole. She was just beginning her steps in life.

After an accident, Marcellina Smith is now in residence at an assisted living facility in Moraga. She is adjusting to her new surroundings, which are lovely. Margaret Doherty, Frank Smith and I visited with her. It was difficult to decide who was happier to see each other. We will miss her, and wish her well.

Remember in your prayers: Mike Lambert, Jim Chezareck, Fred Siegmund, Bill Guterrez and Marcellina Smith

If you collect travel items or have travel size samples, place them in a separate bag and deposit them into the food barrel in the church entryway.

A neighbor recently made a trip to Mexico and on her return wanted to show some of the cooking skills she acquired while there. Several of us lucky neighbors were recipients of her new

found skills which were very learned, since she is a school teacher. We enjoyed the food along with the delicious sangria.

Michael Fitzgerald has added a new pup to his family – Biscuit. He is a New York native and in the process of training Michael and his wife.

Diane and Fred Siegmund enjoyed a cruise to Alaska. Anne Carroll enjoyed three weeks in Ireland with her family. My dear friend, Janie Smith, visiting from Colorado was recently here visiting friends. She is a Richmond native and active in Richmond High School reunions and history. Joanne Magda, who moved to Colorado, returned to attend Mass with us.

The Wig Wags are back and it was an enjoyable Sunday afternoon finally seeing them work. Parishioner, Victor Morales played a major role in their revival. Spoke with Betty Tare during the ceremony and reminded her that we needed her dad, Dr. Barney Dietz, to return and plant flowers in the wig wag wells, which was one of his choice projects.

The Memorial Day weekend yard sales brought back many familiar faces to visit us. They were all former neighbors and what a treat to see them once again.

Cynthia Young is chalking up frequent flying miles between here and Los Angeles. Her daughter, Dominique married Sean Trimborn in Dana Point on June 2. Her grandson, Sean, graduated from UCLA on June 14th. Sean has accepted employment in Southern California.

Happy Birthday Daughter Renee and son-in-law Kevin.

**TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE
EVER BEEN**

**YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER
BE**

**SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT
LASTS.**

SEE YOU IN CHURCH



Dee Rosier

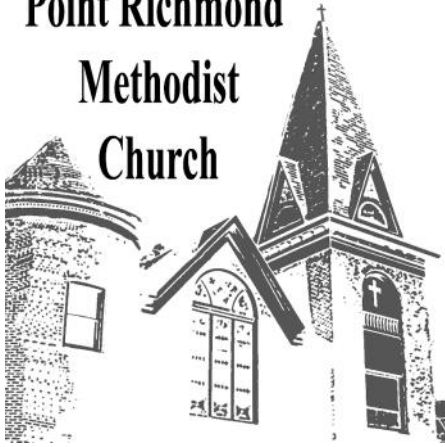


Albina and Resolo Giovannetti in the early 1900's. PRHA photo #1137 from Chris Ramos



PRHA Photo #1117-Al Bruzzone

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Junktique II On Memorial Day, the pancake griddle had achieved its optimal temperature for properly browned cakes by our 8:00 opening time. Debbie Benko served and bussed tables in Friendship Hall. Barbara Haley, Matthew Foster, Norm Reynolds, and Jean Reynolds, made and sold real buttermilk pancakes ala "Boy Scout Breakfast recipe" from the old days of Point Richmond Boy Scout Troop 111. [Old-timers may remember the boys selling tickets door-to-door prior to their annual camp fundraiser. Breakfast included juice and coffee, two eggs cooked to order, a slice of Cure 81® ham, and a stack of cakes with homemade maple-flavored syrup. No one wanted to miss it.] On the Junktique side, Kristi Johnson and Christina Stanfield sold paintings, prints, and other art. Fran Smith, Roberta Dornan, and Amy Mefford sold jewelry - set up before the sale by Pat Dornan. Jordan Mefford, now five years old and already a veteran worker at the sale, opened paper bags for the shoppers. Ron Wheatley and Scott McLean worked in the back room in the basement. Book Lady Alice Thompson helped shoppers with books, lamps, toys, furniture and more. Gill Stanfield marketed electronics. Betty Graham pitched in where needed. Bill Thompson, Jonathan Swett, Robert Brausch, and Sean Mefford helped

with furniture purchases, loading and delivery. Russ Johnson, Sandra Simmer, and Debbie Benko all worked as cashiers. We again used Pay-Pal as a payment option. Fran Smith coordinated volunteers, Mid Dornan welcomed shoppers in Friendship Hall, and Pastor Dan occasionally provided a piano soundtrack to our sale. Many people stayed for cleanup: it was complete in an hour. We were pleased to donate 10% of our sales to the Masquers Theater for their retrofit/renovation project, and eagerly await their return to the local arts scene. See <https://www.masquers.org> to learn more about the campaign.

Dennis Johnson, pianist from Placerville, gave a classical piano recital on June 1 to raise funds for Spirit in Action. Dennis played pieces by Beethoven, Debussy, Granados, Handel, Liszt and Schumann. The concert netted over \$1300 for business grants for people, families, and communities through Spirit in Action. Dennis hosts recitals in his home and collected additional funds from guests who attended there. See reports of Spirit in Action recipients' progress <https://spiritinaction.org>

Our West County Circuit celebrated Pentecost, called by some the "birthday of the Christian church" on Sunday, June 9, at Easter Hill United Methodist Church. Easter Hill provided a bounce house, games, art projects, line dancing, hamburgers, hotdogs, and ice cream; members from other churches in the circuit brought salads, side dishes, and desserts to share. Pastor Dan Damon and others brought guitars and other instruments for a sing-along in the adjacent park under the trees. Temperatures soared, perhaps so we could imagine the first Pentecost when believers experienced "tongues of fire" that inspired them to preach a message of love.

Over the summer, we benefitted from the messages of several guest preachers: On June 23, Nikki Salde-Azzam preached on the work the Philippine Solidarity Task Force is doing to support justice-seekers in the Philippines, and about the war the Philippine government under President Duterte wages on poor and indigenous communities there. On July 7, Debbie Benko shared the highlights of the California-Nevada Annual Conference she attended with Pastor Dan and Eileen Johnson in Modesto, June 19-22.

Debbie was our voting lay member and in her first time at conference served on a legislative committee to write a recommendation to respond to the vote of the special general conference held in February 2019. Jennifer Metz-Foster preached on July 14. She shared her research on LGBTQ inclusivity in our West County United Methodist Circuit, and described how she works with University staff to support non-heterosexual students and the Gay-Straight Alliance at Cal Maritime Academy where she teaches.

Three teams provided food and helped prepare and serve dinners at the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP) family shelter on June 20, July 18, and August 22. Linda Andrew-Marshall and Debbie Benko coordinate this outreach to families who are guests of GRIP.

Pastor Dan and Eileen Johnson attended the Hymn Society meeting July 12-18 in Dallas, Texas, and Dan accompanied singing at the Pacific Redwoods JFO Camp July 22-26, in Aptos, California.

Fathers Day Jazz, June 16: The Dan Damon Quartet featured Kurt Ribak, bass; Randy Odell, drums; Lincoln Adler, sax; Dan Damon, piano. Vocalists included Gill Stanfield, Heather Damon, Sheilani Alix, Dan Damon, and Bethany Hayter. The jazz service is a special treat for dads and everyone. We appreciate the band members and vocalists whose talents excel, and Pastor Dan whose musical expertise ties all together.

Other Music: On May 26, Will Meyer, tenor, sang George Peter Tingley's pieces "Trust In the Lord" and "The Twenty-Third Psalm". George presented Mid Dornan with a signed copy of the latter one. The music itself confirmed the insightful observation of George's fortune cookie "Beauty surrounds you because you create it." On June 23, George enlisted Eliza O'Malley, soprano, to sing his arrangements of Psalm 13: "Lord, How Long Will You Forget Me" and "The Beatitudes." On June 9, the strings team Matt Foster, Rose Ayers, Jennifer Metz Foster, and Laurence Tietz accompanied congregational singing in worship. In August, the strings Sunday featured Laurence's mandolin on microphone so it was more audible. On August 18, Gill Stanfield sang the first stanza of "His Eye is on the Sparrow."

Our Vacation Bible School theme was "Let

Your Light Shine." Thirteen children attended and filled the block with merriment August 5-9. It was a treat to have a cadre of three and four year olds, and a tightly knit group of friends eight to ten years old. Bill Thompson, game guru; Yulia Solovieva, art maven; Debbie Benko, common sense specialist; Pastor Dan, versatile accompanist; and Jean Reynolds led singing, told stories, provided art projects, moderated games and served snacks. Lauren English Clarke provided moral support for students and staff, Russ and Kristi Johnson brought cookies and stayed for the fun on Tuesday. Linda Andrew-Marshall brought the best produce of the Farmers Market and treats from other shops for refreshments on Wednesday. To celebrate our week together, families shared lunch on August 10, prepared by Nick Hayter and Norm Reynolds. Nikki Villa brought corn for the husking relay (subsequently boiled and gobbled up at lunch) and Mona Reilly made caramel pecans. Jennifer Metz Foster made tender, star-studded cupcakes in two flavors of icing to fit with our theme. We have a stellar community of light- shining families and church members who help make our Vacation Bible School a success.

We launched a campaign in August to raise funds to refurbish and upgrade our church parsonage. Some work has been done already: new windows, foundation, and basement improvements. The next goal is to modernize the kitchen, laundry room, and upstairs bathroom. We have an opportune window of time to do the work this winter and spring before a new pastor is assigned to start July 1, 2020. Pastor Dan will serve here through the end of June; then he expects to retire.

People:

Heather Damon invited church members to celebrate her new home in Sacramento the weekend of July 27-28. She took the edge off the scorching Sacramento summer weather with her shady backyard, two wading/soaking pools, and an overhead mist hose. Heather was eight years old when Pastor Dan started his appointment at our church, so it is especially heartwarming to see her now with a career in social work and living in her own home.

Mid Dornan celebrated her ninety-eighth

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WWIC Est. 1908

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

Les Chapeaux, Très Beaux

The last meeting of WWIC occurred June 4, 2019, at The First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Point Richmond. President Diane Diani welcomed us and thanked officers Marion Kent, Margaret Jordan, and Carla Bowman for hosting and Jules Klotz for setting up the tables

and the décor. Diane then announced birthdays: in June, Mary Lee Cole, the second; in July, Suellen Barnett the first; Doris Mitchell, the 20th, Fran Smith, the 21st, and Martha Bielawski, the 23rd; in August, Mid Dornan, the fifth, Cathy O'Brien, the 15th, Barbara Robertson and Jean Brady, the 18th, Jessie West, the 23rd, and Marion Kent, the 31st. We then warbled "Happy Birthday." Diane welcomed Jules' guest Jane Lincoln from Crescent City.



It's hat day at the Women's Westside Improvement Club!

Margaret Jordan read the minutes from the last meeting, which were approved as read. Marion Kent gave the treasurer's report: we netted \$360, from Bunco. Carla Bowman presided over the outgoing officers' presentation and installation of new[CB1] officers as follows: 1st VP – Kathleen Wimer to Marion Kent; Treasurer – Marion Kent to Doreen Leighton; Secretaries – Gail Eierweiss and Margaret Jordan to Jules Klotz and Ann Langille. Officers that will serve again next year are Diane Diani, President; Fran Smith, 2nd VP, and Carla Bowman, TPIT correspondent. There were too many club and community announcements to enumerate. Mid Dornan invited us all to her 98th birthday parties – one at 11 AM, August 4 at FUMC, and the second at Mid's home August 4, from 1 – 3 PM. What a celebration it was! Bowers of flowers, many celebrants, and terrific food and drink. Our next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 10. Come join us! Our next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 10. Come join us!

Ooo la la! Les chapeaux! Please see the photo to identify Suellen in her black Chicago Mafia hat, Beverly in her "Panama" from New Orleans, Jules in her Mad Hatter, Fran Smith, in the same white garden hat that she wore when asked by QE II to help her understand Americans, and thus, Meghan Markle, and Mid in her very petite ETSY hat, and Ann in her hat for which she won the grand prize in an Easter parade. "I could write a sonnet about your Easter bonnet and all the frills upon it in the Easter Parade." Most touchingly, Marion wore the late Alyce Williamson's hat in memory of Alyce, a long-time member of WWIC.

When visiting with my ten-year-old granddaughter Zoe in Missouri, she asked about the clubs of which I'm a member. I told her that WWIC gives money to various community groups, and that I propose Richmond Swims every year and that our donation almost covers one scholarship. That night, when I went to bed, I found an envelope with \$20 inside for Richmond Swims, "to give someone a better future." Thus, WWIC's influence extends beyond our borders and through generations.

Thank you, my sweet Zoe.

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Point Richmond Methodist Church News

birthday on August 4, Sunday. A bouquet of "Happy Birthday" balloons graced the sanctuary, and numerous special guests attended to help begin the festivities. The party continued at Mid's home in the afternoon. A parade of family members, and her long-time and newer friends arrived to honor her and pay tribute to her accomplished life.

Nick and Bethany Hayter (formerly Bethany Reynolds) married on June 5 at City Hall in Oakland. They invited church members, family, and friends to a picnic at Knox-Miller Park on August 10 to share their joy. Nick is a student in chemical engineering at UC Berkeley, and Bethany works at the United States Department of Agriculture labs in Albany. They recently moved to University Village in Albany.

On the Calendar:

Choir practice resumes Wednesday, September 4. Rehearsal is every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00. Do you like to sing? Contact Pastor Dan, (510) 236-0527, if you would like to be part of the choir. The choir sings as part of worship every Sunday.

Art and Jewelry Sale September 28, 2019. 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Hotel Mac. Everyone is invited! Contact Debbie Benko if you have items to donate: Redfredd@aol.com

For updates, see the church website: pointrichmondmethodist.org



Jean Reynolds



From Rita Gardner

Arts of Point Richmond is a community association established to enrich our community by providing support, appreciation, and exposure for the arts. For more information, visit www.artsofpointrichmond.com

Through September 9, 2019: Exhibit of photographs by Richard Ward. Location: Post Office, 104 Washington Ave., Point Richmond. This exhibit includes examples of Richard's fine art photography in color and black and white, as well as images from his most recent work – a

portfolio of “small people”, an entertaining study of miniaturized figures in incongruous environments. Richard Ward studied photography at Layton School of Art in Milwaukee and got his BA and MFA at Indiana University where he studied with Henry Holmes Smith, whose students included Jerry Uelsman and Jack Welpot. His career took him into sales with the Du Pont Corp, Olympus Camera, and Konica Camera before he arrived at Ifshin Violins where he sells, appraises, writes about, and photographs violins. Along the way he's never lost his passion for photography. He won an “honorable mention” award at the Marin County fair this year for one of his pieces. Contact: rich.sharon@sbcglobal.net.

September 1 – October 31, 2019: Arts of Point Richmond's Fall 2019 Members' Exhibition. September 7, 4:00pm - 6:00pm Artists' Reception. Location: Kaleidoscope Coffee, 109 Park Place, Point Richmond, Participating artists: Dee Bell, Gretchen Blais, Peter Carleton, Bob Colin, Debi Cooper, Mallory Cremin, Sharon Goods, Marilyn Hertzberg, Caitlin Hibma, Irene Hightower, Steve Hurst, Bill Johnston, Betsy Kellas, Celia Lang, Elsa Marley, Gail Morrison, Jackie Mucha, Nancy Noble, Kenoli Oleari, Virginia Rigney, Sharon Taylor-Ward, George Tomberlin, Denise Vejby, Richard Ward, John Warhus, Nancy Whitley, John Woodworth.



Through September 30: Mixed Media art show at El Sol Restaurant, 101 Park Place, Point Richmond. Exhibit features work by six artist members from the Arts of Point Richmond Exhibition Committee. Bob Colin (photography), Rita Gardner (digital images), Virginia Rigney (oil painting), Sharon Taylor - Ward (photography), George Tomberlin (iPhoneography), and John Warhus (Conte crayon and pastel).



RAMIREZ

Tony Ramirez grew up in the neighborhood that includes 4th Street and Nevin. His father was a Mexican immigrant and an original Santa Fe Railroad line worker. Enjoy reading in Tony's own words about what it was like growing up in Richmond in the 1920's, 30's and 40's. By Tony Ramirez

I was a World War II, FDR little rascal kid living in Richmond, California during that war. I can remember sitting on the gutters on 5th Street and McDonald Avenue in front of the State Theatre in the year 1945, I must have been 5½ years old and they were showing the "Wizard of Oz" that Saturday at the theatre. I can remember one of my fathers' workers from the Santa Fe Railroad named Antoligno Ortiz asked me what I was doing sitting there in the gutter. I told him I didn't have enough money to see the movie so he gave me a quarter so that I could see the movie of "The Wizard of Oz" as it costs 25¢ to see the movie and I only had 15¢ in my pocket coveralls I was wearing that day. Mr. Ortiz told me that I could get into the movies every Saturday if I would save a Coca Cola cap. I loved to see any movie, they had to show.

I remember seeing sailors, marines and army soldiers sleeping in the movie theatre as that is where they slept, as did also some of the shipyard workers. I can remember the Crest Theatre on 8th Street and McDonald Avenue and the Studio Theatre on 16th Street and McDonald Avenue. I remember that they would show 3 movies and 3 cartoons, and the "3 Stooges movies, and even the "Little Rascals". Movies and a Coke cost 5¢ and popcorn costed 10¢ a bag. I can remember the root beer barrels were 5 for a penny and Junior Mints were 5 for a penny. Hershey bars cost 10¢ each. I can remember there was a lady who would make peanut butter and Jelly sandwiches for 10¢. Coffee was 5¢ in paper cups, oatmeal cookies with raisins were 5¢. I can remember Casper's Hot Dogs on 25th Street and McDonald Avenue in the year 1945. As a matter of fact, the Uptown Theatre was right in front of Casper's Hot Dogs. I can also remember the Big Richmond parades during World War II and both before and after the war. I can remember that we had a Greyhound Depot on 23rd Street, where Garibaldi's

Restaurant is today, I can remember Doggie Diners Eatery and 23rd Street and McDonald Avenue, they were a famous eatery place during the 40's and 50's. I remember the Old Key System Bus that used tokens to ride, I used to ride those buses at the age of 6 years old. I would round up beer bottles and Coca Cola bottles by the sack, used to be a hustler for those beer bottle and Coke bottles to go to the movies to see "Shirley Temple", "The Little Rascals", western movie cowboy stars like Johnny McBrown, Whip Wilson, the Congar Brothers, Homer & Alibis and Jim Terhune who created Homer & Alibi. Dummies Jim Terhine made western movies with the Congar Brothers. I can remember Bob Steele, the Durango Kid, Drek Foan & Noe Beeny. Little Beaver & Bill Hickok, The Durango Kid with Smiley Burnette, I remember Buck Jones, Tim McCoy, Gabby Hayes and Fuzzy Knight and all those Western Sidekicks, Hop-a-long Cassidy & Side Kicks California, Poncho & the Cisco Kid, I remember Hoot Gibson & young John Wayne's first western movies. I remember Roy Rogers and Dale Evans and Gene Autry and the Western Side Kick by the name of Raymond Hatton, Roy Rogers Side Kick (Jingles) and just think I was born 1 block away from the Rio Theatre and the State Theatre in my early childhood, I used to tell some of my school friends that I was born in the White House. They would laugh at me, but I was telling the truth. I was born in a little white house with the house number of 440 4th Street in Richmond CA and I was born one block away from the old City of Richmond's library on 4th Street and Nevin Avenue. I spent many a day at that library reading books, I can remember my oldest sister Gloria Ramirez took me to the library on 4th and Nevin to get me my first library card. The first book I ever read was the "Mr. Little, He Had a Little House, a Little Car", it was a very simple book to read, there was an old man who

used to be at the library. He lived next door to us, he would show me how to read a newspaper when I was 6 years old. He showed me the sports page and told me all about the baseball games. He taught me what a homerun was, what a hit was, what a double was, what a triple was, what a grand slam was, what a balk was, what a run was and what a stolen base was. He taught me about who Babe Ruth was, who Lou Gehrig was, who Ty Cobb was and who Joe DiMaggio was and about the greatest athlete there ever was, Jim Thorpe, an American Indian who won the decathlon and pentathlon in the year 1912. He showed me that Babe Ruth was a pitcher that won 94 games and lost 46 games and Babe Ruth hit 714 lifetime home runs and hit 60-59-54-54-49 in one season after another. Babe Ruth still holds the record for most runs in a season, 177 runs that stands today.

I am very proud that this old man whose Name was Otto Bachman who lived at 436 4th Street in 1946 in Richmond. He did not care if my skin was brown, he was a very, very good man. He lived alone and he was Jewish. This old man always at the 4th Street library, reading many newspapers and books. My next-door neighbors were his landlords, their names were Madge & Frank Rossman who lived at 438 4th Street. During the war years Mr. Rossman worked at UC Berkeley as a carpenter there. They owned an old 1930 Packard and had a little boxer terrier dog that would wait for Mr. Rossman to come home from work, the little dog would take his lunch pail in its mouth and take it to Mr. Rossman's front door. The Rossman's never had any children, Mrs. Rossman couldn't have children, that was sad for me to see, the Rossman's were very quiet people and every Christmas they would give me Xmas canes and cookies, also apples and oranges and gingerbread cookies. They also used to give me pencils and crayons for Xmas and a Xmas card, I was a very lucky six-year-old to have such kind neighbors. My father's name was Valentine Ramirez, he came from Zacatecas, Mexico. My mother's name was Damiana Herrera Ramirez, she didn't speak English, she only spoke Spanish but could not write Spanish at all. My father worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for 48 years and bought a house from Clara Harris who was the

mother of Richmond's Police Chief in the 1920's. Home to my father during the Depression Years was 440 4th Street, I was born in the front bedroom of this home in 1939 on the 4th day of June. My father lived in that house until 1993.

My father told me many stories. He told me that his first job with Santa Fe was water boy for the gang workers in the 1920's. His first job was laying down track from Barstow to Oakland and his second job at the Richmond Santa Fe Depot Roundhouse was laying down track. My father lived in Point Richmond close to the Santa Fe. He lived on a hill in Point Richmond but first lived in a railroad tent for a short time before he found that house on the Point Richmond hill. My father came by himself to Richmond, CA and the USA at the age of 22 or 23. He lived a few weeks in a tent that is when he met Mr. Granzella who was collecting garbage in a wagon with a horse of horses. My dad was approached by Mr. Granzella and he asked my dad if he had any garbage. My dad told him that he had a box of garbage. Mr. Granzella & his six year old daughter names Pita who did the paperwork for dad because Mr. Granzella could not write English yet. Daughter ran her father's customer list. Mr. Granzella asked my father that he should take his garbage to dumps in North Richmond. My father said that he did not have any money, but he gave Mr. Granzella a bottle of wine. Mr. Granzella drank the wine & didn't charge my dad for his garbage. Mr. Granzella told my dad you don't owe me any money, you just gave me some drink. That's an old story from wayback in the 1920's about Mr. Granzella who's family became the Richmond Sanitary Company of Richmond, CA.



PRHA photo archive #0724 from Sonny Jackson



Early Minutes of the Women's Westside Improvement Club

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

-Linda Newton, Past President

Point Richmond California Oct. 5, 1909

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

Meeting called to order by President Mrs. Curry. Roll call of officers resulted in all being present except Vice Pres., Rec Secty, Executive Board, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Dimm, Finance Committee Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. McRacken.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bills presented: Bill of Richmond Light & Power Co. Moved and carried bill be laid over until next meeting.

Communications: A letter from Keys and Martin regarding bill of J.V. Lamore. Moved and carried the matter be placed in hads of Mr. Windrem.

Mrs. Curry reported that Mrs. D.E. Martinia has offered to put on a play of Berkeley Local Talent free of charge. Our only expenses would be hall rent and advertising.

Mrs. Coleman reported that she had met with splendid success in soliciting for candy.

Mrs. Adams was appointed as floor director for ball in case Mrs. Whitcomb was not able to be act.

There must be a letter written to the Pythian Sisters for money they gave the club from their 4th of July Celebration.

Moved and carried that Mr. Windrem be asked to place a communication before the Council asking them to attend to the matter of planting trees. The Ladies to accompany him next Monday evening if

necessary.

A progressive dinner in the near future was suggested by Mrs. Topping.

No further business club adjourned.

Receipts: Mrs. Brooks 1.00, Mrs. Eaton .75, Mrs. Coleman .75. Total 2.50.

Mrs. Curry President
Mrs. Topping Secty Pro tem

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Point Richmond Oct. 16, 1909

A Special meeting of the Womans West Side Improvement Club was called by President Mrs. Curry for setting up the dance, also ordering bills paid as there would be no meeting Oct. 19 on account of Portola.

Warrants were ordered drawn for Mr. Logan for music for dance \$10.00, Mrs. Kinney hall rent for dance 5.00, Daily Leader for 500 tickets 2.00, Hattie Casselman librarian 20.00. Total \$37.00. The bill of Light & Power Co. that was laid over was donated to the club. Also bill of Daily Leader for advertising 1.85. Receipts of dance 50.10, after expenses paid \$33.10. All tickets and money not yet turned in from dance.

Mr. Boldman was present and presented a proposition to the Ladies in regard to having office in library and all business in real estate dealings the club could have half of the profits as not many were out the proposition would come up for discussion



next meeting.

Application for membership of Mrs. William  
Benner fee of 1.00 accomp. application.

Meeting adjourned

Mrs. Curry Pres.

Ella Dimick Secty



Point Richmond Nov. 2, 1909

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

Meeting called to order by President Mrs. Curry.  
Roll call of officers resulted in 4 being present  
and 1 being absent.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and  
approved.

Application for membership: Application of Mrs.  
William Bernes.

Investigating committee: Mrs. Grover, Mrs.  
Riggs, Mrs. Luce.

Bills presented: Frank Critchett rent 15.00,  
Richmond Light and Power globes 3.20, Peoples  
Water Co. for water (1.50 not paid), J.L. Mott  
Iron Works balance on fountain 13.27. Bills were  
ordered paid but the Water Co. until they saw Mr.  
Critchett.

Communications in letter from J.M. Kelly  
inviting the club to take part in the  
festival. A letter from Bindery Department  
Commercial Painting house in regard to a new  
book binding, also a blank from California State  
Library to be filled out. The Article of  
Agreement of Mr. Baldwin was read and accepted  
by membership.

Moved by Mrs. Younglove seconded by Mrs.  
Adams the secretary write to Mr. Kelly and see  
what we could do in regard to the festival.  
carried.

Mrs. Curry reported she had found one of the

parties in regard to the play but would see them  
again.

Secretarys report: 3.00 dues

Report from Dance and Library money 76.25.

No further business appearing before the meeting  
the club adjourned to meet Nov. 13, 1909.

Mrs. Curry Pres

Ella Dimick Secty



Point Richmond Nov. 16, 1909

Womans West Side Improvement met at the  
Reading Room.

Meeting call to order by Vice President Mrs.  
Marsten.

Roll call officers resulted in 3 being present and  
10 being absent.

Reading of the minutes of previous meeting were  
read and approved.

Communications: An invitation from Mrs. Shram  
inviting members to her residence during  
Carnival. Invitation was accepted and all  
members requested to call.

Bills: Hattie Castleman for services 20.00,  
audited and ordered paid.

Mrs. Barnes was elected to membership.

Librarian report was read and approved. carried

A motion was made and carried we have our  
attorney prepare a paper in regard to the library.

The members will try and take part in the parade  
on Nov. 18 in some manner.

Mrs. Marstrom & Mrs. Walker com. to see in  
regard to conveyance.

Receipts: Mrs. Lang 50 cts donation to floral  
piece.

No further business appearing before the meeting  
closed.

Nellie Adams,  
Secty Pro tem

## WESTMAN

My father Ed Westman was born in 1913 at Lobos Avenue in Point Richmond. I was born in 1937 and lived at 719 Golden Gate Avenue until late 1949.

Ed placed a double-ended rowboat about 1929 or 30 on the beach and started to build a beach stack thereon. The rowboat was used for fishing off the beach and around the "Long Wharf". The rowboat also was used to row young ladies on the bay until my mother "arrived" in 1934-35.

When the Brown and Lawrence families had houses built above Cap's Beach in the 1930's they gave Ed permission to keep the boat and stack on the beach probably until about 1949. The picture below the wall behind



Ed Westman, 1935 (#1118)



Marie Chatteleton, 1935 (#1119)



Marie is part of the "stack".

Bert Brown and my sister and

## Cap's Beach in the 1940's

by Victor J. Westman



At the base of the "Long Wharf", 1921 (PRHA#1122)

her friend in the Summer of 1948.

(#1121)

Note in the above photo the remains of a pier shown down the beach. I have no information as to how and what the pier was used before 1921. Also no the part of the building shown above the boys heads . I think Ed told me at one time that was the "Sea Captain's" house. Some time after 1921, the house burned to the ground. According to Ed the Sea Captain and his wife were not there but at their second home in San Francisco.



Bass fishing in the 1930's off Cap's Beach and around the Long Wharf was just fantastic. The picture to the left shows a catch my mother (Marie) and father (Ed) made from the rowboat in 1935.

The next picture on the next page is a catch made from Ed's rowboat in 1939. Ed is to the right, Bill



*A catch made from E's rowboat in 1939 (PRHA#1125)*

Lawrence is in the middle and I don't know the third man.

*PRHA #1124*

The photo below shows the Lawrence's brick barbecue pit on the beach. In the '40's I remember many an enjoyable afternoon and



*Ed Westman in front of the Lawrence's brick pit, 1939 (PRHA #1126)*

evening parties with the Browns and the Lawrences. But it is interesting to me that I don't remember ever having barbecued bass at the pit.

***Editor's note: It seems that Cap's Beach has also been known as Cappy's Beach. It was an important spot for many of the children who grew up in the Point in the 1920's and 1930's. I am grateful to Victor Westman for this wonderful contribution to the PRHA. I encourage all of you to do the same. All of these***

***family pictures were returned to the Westman Family after I scanned them for our museum's historic photo collection.***

**Gary**



Dear Pam:

Noting the cover on the September/October issue of "This Point", it is indicated that it was taken "with Cappy's beach in the background".

Although I left the Point when I was five years old I have some vivid memories of some of my adventures while we lived at 809 Ocean Avenue. The term "Cappy" brings one of them to mind.

Cap Austen had a boat house located on the beach at short distance from the Salt Water Station, it stood at the shore end of the Long Wharf. He also had a wharf, of sorts, that extended out into the water, for what seemed like a considerable distance. The young people had great fun swimming off the end of his wharf, whenever the tide was right. On one occasion, when I was about three years old I accompanied my brother to Cap's Wharf. The year would be 1918. While he and the group were swimming, I walked out on the two planks that constituted the structure and threw a rock into the water. The problem was that I forgot to let go of the rock. As I was headed for the water I heard the watchman at the Salt Water Station yell, "look out for the baby!" I was soon out of the water and on the beach saying "I want to go home". Stanley Lindahl carried me home.

Enclosed are my dues for another year of interesting information.

Take care,  
Robert T. Barnes  
Bowie, MD



***The above letter is more about Cap's Beach from a nostalgic PRHA member in the November, 1995 TPIT Newsletter.***

## GIOVANNETTI

*Last June, Christine Ramos and her husband Larry stopped by my home, laden with family photo albums and memorabilia. We all sat around the PRHA scanner and I was allowed to document with the scanner items for our photo archives. I am including many of the photos here, the rest will be available in the PRHA Photo Archives. We are grateful to Christine and Larry for sharing their family history information.*

*Gary*

### History of the Regolo Angelo Giovannetti Family of Point Richmond, California

*by Christine Agostini Ramos*

Regolo Giovannetti was born on June 6, 1879 and died on July 7, 1967. He came to this country from Sant' Andreade Compito, Lucca Italy. Regolo departed from Genoa, Italy around 1902 and set out for Point Richmond, CA. When

he got there he signed on to work on the original construction of the Standard Oil Refinery.

He later established himself as a Merchant/Grocer late 1903 or early 1904. He opened his store and named it: R. Giovannetti "Dealer in Choice Groceries" at 325 Golden Gate (Golden Gate and Summit Place). The store was at street level with his home on the second floor. His property included three lots that are now 425-460 Golden Gate Avenue.

Regolo later sent for Albina Fagnini who was still in Italy. Albina and Regolo were married around 1904 or 1905.

My grandmother Genie Giovannetti - Martinetti was born in 1906. She married Luigi B. Martinetti. Next in 1907 was born her sister Mary who was to marry Roy Brown, Americo "Micky" Giovannetti 1908, Rose Giovannetti-Mazzon 1910, and Charles Carl Giovannetti 1916. There was also another daughter born around 1912 who died around 1914 in a fire at the home.

Regolo operated the store until around 1932. By then the City of Richmond was established and he retired. The store was closed with all non-perishables left on the shelves. Most of the sundries were still on the shelves when the property was sold and demolished in 1989.

The Giovannetti's lived at 325 Golden Gate from as early as 1902-1989. The home had buildings piggy-backing on top of each other going up the back of the hill. There was no access within the home to the store. Some parts of the piggy-back additions were unsafe & I was never allowed in them as a child. Regolo's wife Albina died in 1936. In the early 1940's, he married his brother Narciso's widow Christina Giovannetti-Giovannetti (her maiden name was also Giovannetti). So Christina became a triple Giovannetti.

At the time her home was at 418 Pacific in Point Richmond where she raised her sons, Charles G. &



*Family about 1920, Albina sitting & Regolo with hat. PRHA #1141*



Leo N. Giovannetti.

The obituaries from the Richmond Independent called both Regolo & Albina "Point Richmond Pioneers".

Regolo was also involved in the early years of the "Richmond Galileo Italian Club" I remember the accounts of bootleg liquor & poker games upstairs in the dance hall area during prohibition time. There was also talk of strippers at the monthly meeting. His son, my great uncle "Micky" was also involved in the Galileo Club as was my father Elvo Agostini.

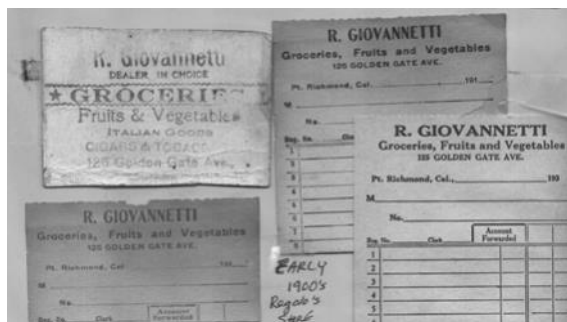
### Some other family facts:

Narciso Leo & Christina Giovannetti's son Leo, married Sprama Simi and Charles married Mary Rose Chiozza. Both of these ladies also lived in the Richmond area.

At one point, relatives from Italy showed on census reports as living with Regolo & Albina around 1915. They were Bruno & Aladinio Bianchini. Their father Eugenio came at a later date. Aladinio is listed as living at Winehaven in 1914. They later moved in with the widowed, Christina around 1920-1936. Eugenio Bianchini is the husband of an un-known sister of Christina or Regolo. She would have died in Italy. Her maiden name was also Giovannetti. More research needs to be done on this connection to find out whose sibling she was. It is documented that both Regolo &

Eugenio had returned to Italy to take care of family business. Aladinio "Al" became a liquor store owner around 1937 at 351 San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito.

My great aunt Rose Giovannetti married Tony Mazzon in 1942 and around 1946 they became partners in the Richmond Ravioli Factory & Deli on McDonald Avenue. My father Elvo Agostini, worked for them around 1946 after he came home from occupied Japan. He met my mother, Stella Martinetti while she was visiting her aunt Rose at the "Factory" (she most likely was picking up ravioli for her mother Genie). They married in 1949.



*Receipts from the old grocery store.*



*The left picture is of the interior of "R. Giovannetti, Dealer in Choice Groceries" at 325 Golden Gate Avenue about 1903. PRHA photo archive #1135*

*On the right is the exterior of the store at 325 Golden Gate (now 425-460) The grocery store was at street level with the residence on the second floor. The dark colored garages housed a winery.*





# GIOVANNETTI FAMILY

*Family From: Sant' Andreade Compito, Lucca, Toscana, Italy*

Gervazo Giovannetti

Olivia ?

## Next Generation

### Children of Gervazo & Oliva Giovannetti

| Regolo Angelo Giovannetti<br>6/6/1878- 7/7/1967                                                         |                                                                                                 | Narciso Leo Giovannetti<br>1880-11/19/1918                                                                                                                                                                                 | Unknown Sister                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Married: Around 1904-1905<br><b>Albina Fagnini</b><br>10/8/1876 - 5/22/1936<br>6 Children               | Married: Around 1940<br><b>Christina Giovannetti</b><br>2/5/1880 - 4/10/1958<br>2 Step-Children | Married: Around 1907 in Italy<br><b>Christina Giovannetti</b><br>2/5/1880 - 4/10/1958<br>2 Children                                                                                                                        | Married:<br><b>Eugenio Bianchini</b><br>12/8/1864 4/19/1948<br>2/3 Children? |
| <b>Alessandro Giovannetti</b><br>2/24/1872-1/9/1965<br>Married:<br>Brother/Cousin?<br>Unknown-in Italy? |                                                                                                 | <i>Regolo lived at 325 Golden Gate Ave. Point Richmond</i><br><i>Narciso/Christina lived at 418 Pacific Ave. Point Richmond</i><br><i>After Narciso died Christina moved to 426 Rafael Street then to 325 Golden Gate.</i> |                                                                              |

## Next Generation

### Children of Regolo & Albina Giovannetti

| Genie Quintilia Giovannetti<br>5/21/1906 - 5/10/1978<br>Married: 5/18/1927<br><b>Luigi B. Martinetti</b><br>2/11/1896 - 11/16/1967<br>2 Children | Mary Olivia Giovannetti<br>6/14/1907 - 3/24/1998<br>Married: 3/3/1945<br><b>Roy Brown (Divorced)</b><br>No Children | Charles Carl Giovannetti<br>4/27/1916 - 5/16/1980<br>Married: 5/5/1940<br>Assunta (Sue) Catherine Guastavino<br>6/30/1916 - 10/23/1965<br>2 Children | Rose Angelina Giovannetti<br>2/8/1910 - 12/19/1993<br>Married: 7/26/1942<br><b>Antonio Luigi Mazzon</b><br>11/3/1913 - 12/19/1997<br>No Children |
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| Americo (Micky) Giovannetti<br>9/7/1908 - 3/4/1980                             |                                                           | Girl Child Name Unknown<br>? - Died After 1912<br>Died very young in a fire<br>No Children |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Married: 10/2/1949<br><b>Sara A. Bruno</b><br>1/9/1919-4/4/1982<br>No Children | Married:<br><b>Mary E. ?</b><br>1913 -1976<br>No Children |                                                                                            |

### Children of Narciso & Christina Giovannetti

| Leo Narciso Giovannetti<br>6/25/1915-7/14/1976<br>Married: 9/27/1936<br><b>Sprama Mary Simi</b><br>10/12/1915-4/5/2000<br>No Children | Charles G. Giovannetti<br>9/12/1912-9/25/1971<br>Married: By/before 1940<br><b>Mary Rose Chiozza</b><br>12/19/1915 -12/5/1994<br>1 Child | <i>Notes: Albina came from Fagan, Italy &amp; had 2 brothers.</i><br><i>Christina's Maiden name was Giovannetti, father: Mafeno.</i><br><i>She married Regolo after her husband Narciso (Regolo's brother) died. Christina came from: Capannori, Italy</i><br><i>Mary Chiozza's brother is Frank Chiozza 12/12/1914-1/8/1978</i><br><i>His wife is Sparta Mary Pallazzari 1/25/1922-1/29/2008.</i><br><i>Her brother is Fabio Palazzari. Most of these people were also friends of the Agostini's while growing up in Richmond.</i> |
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### Children of: Eugenio & ? Giovannetti Bianchini

| Aladinio "Al" Bianchini<br>6/16/1894-9/12/1942<br>Married:<br><br>Lived in El Cerrito CA<br>Children | Bruno Bianchini<br>6/19/1899-3/25/1954<br>Married:<br><br>Died in Sonoma CA<br>Children | Giulio Bianchini<br>1/18/1902-8/24/1976<br>Married:<br><br>Brother/Cousin? | <i>Aladino came to the USA &amp; lived with Regolo in 1915. Him &amp; Bruno later lived with the widow Christina in 1932 before she married Regolo.</i> |
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*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*

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| 07-05-1916 | All horses leftg standing in street must be hitched.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 07-06-1916 | Ed Garrard again Mayor of city.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 07-15-1916 | 10% raise for all on City payroll who make less than \$2000 annually.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 07-21-1916 | A.C. Lang will open new drug store in new Abbott building at 9th and Macdonald.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 07-22-1916 | Ferry Van Damme starts new run tomorrow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 07-24-1916 | Ed. Preston of Richmond injured in the Preparedness Parade in SF explosion. Many killed. <i>(ed: The Preparedness Day Bombing was a bombing in San Francisco on July 22, 1916, when the city held a parade in honor of Preparedness Day, in anticipation of the United States' imminent entry into World War I. During the parade a suitcase bomb was detonated, killing ten and wounding 40 in the worst attack in San Francisco's history.)</i> |
| 7-25-1916  | A.S. Whitesides sells his interest in Richmond Supply Hardware to Bob Dornan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 07-27-1916 | Dick Fer strikes Ralph Lee. (He should have broken his neck)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 07-28-1916 | Mrs. Cora Miller of 118 Contra Costa Ave. (in the Point) given 6 months if she takes her 14 yr. old daughter to another road house.<br>Independent forced to raise price from 30¢ to 35¢ per month.<br>John Moyle has opened a 1st class shoe repair shop at the Point (Park Place).                                                                                                                                                              |
| 08-02-1916 | 11 counties get together to build a TB Sanitarium. (later Weimar)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 08-10-1916 | Dick Fer fined \$10 for hitting Ralph Lee.<br>Officer Paul Gambs arrests Henry Gallo for speeding on Cutting Blvd.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 08-11-1916 | Dick Fer goes to jail for 10 days rather than pay fine.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 08-14-1916 | Point merchants go to the aid of Dick Fer and he is given 6 months suspended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 08-18-1916 | M.E. Church asks \$500 for damages done by 2 police officers in searching church.<br>Jas. P. Arnold has encounter with rattlesnake near Portola.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 08-28-1916 | Lightening hits plant at Hercules: causes explosion and \$10,000 damage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

# *Memorials.....*

**Dustin Robert Verhines**, age 37, of Rockledge, FL, passed away on Sunday, July 21, 2019. Dustin was born in Stockton, CA. He is survived by his loving wife, Althea Verhines; sons, TJ and Richard; parents, Robert and Patrice Verhines; sister, Summer Verhines; brother, Andrew (Amanda) Verhines; grandmother, Donna Wilson; aunts, Pam Wilson and Paula (Moshe) Israeli; many nieces, nephews, and a large extended family. Dustin was a Technical Sergeant in the United States Air Force at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. His last commendation listed many of his accomplishments, one of them being, "Sergeant Verhines expertly led a 20-person global nuclear treaty monitoring team to their best mission performance in 60 years by accomplishing a remarkable 99 percent data availability rate while simultaneously reducing processing errors by 50 percent." Dustin loved his family, serving his country, and he loved Point Richmond.

**Erica Goode, M.P.H., M.D.**, March 25, 1940 - June 15, 2019 in Point Richmond.

Erica discovered early in life that she was happiest helping others, which is how she spent her vibrant, optimistic, exceptionally well-lived life. So she was beloved by family, friends, colleagues and devoted patients, who now mourn her passing.

She was born March 25, 1940 to Ed and Mary Lou Sweeting and proved to be a perfect blend of her father's focused intelligence and iron will and her mother's sweet, gentle manner. Her parents named her Judith Raymond Erica Sweeting, but her father called her "Ockie" for reasons known best to him. When she entered school, she rejected most of that and chose to use the name Erica, which is how we all knew her. It was an early demonstration of her gentle decisiveness.

At the age of eight, while playing by Strawberry Creek, she decided she wanted to go to UC Berkeley, and, characteristically, that is exactly what she did, receiving three degrees from that University: an undergraduate degree in nutrition (1962), a Masters of Public Health (1967), and a medical degree (1977).

While an undergraduate, she married (Bruce Tucker). That marriage did not last, and by the late 1960's she moved to Washington, DC where she worked as a nutritionist in a public health clinic on the grounds of a public housing project. While there, her life took two major turns. First, her younger sister, Shari, died of a brain tumor at the age of 29. That led Erica to decide to become a physician. Second, she met Barry. She later said, "the universe took Shari and gave me Barry."

In 1974 they married and for forty-five years relished life together. After the wedding, she again had to choose her name, for she was then potentially "Judith Raymond Erica Sweeting Tucker Goode" which she simply shortened to "Erica T. Goode," liking the sound of "Dr. Goode." Erica and Barry were delighted with the arrival of two sons: Nate (1981) and Aaron (1982). Erica's love and devotion to them was unabated for the rest of her life. So too, was her warm relationship with her late parents and stepmother, and with Barry's parents, Charlotte and Hy Goode (Florida). All warmly enriched one another's lives.

Professionally, she was the doctor every patient wanted. After finishing her internship and residency at Children's Hospital in San Francisco - where she was co-chief resident - she opened her own private

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practice, which was quickly filled; although she always found it all but impossible to turn away someone who needed her help. She cared for each patient and took the time necessary to listen to and heal them. Even after she retired, some patients said, "you are going to be my doctor until one of us dies." In 1999 she joined the Institute for Health and Healing at California Pacific Medical Center, where she was able to work with others to provide integrative care. Although Erica practiced traditional western medicine at the highest level, she was always open to learning about alternative treatments.

She was a mainstay of the medical community. Drawing on her deep knowledge of nutrition, she developed one of the first eating disorder programs in San Francisco. For 26 years she served as an associate clinical professor of medicine at UCSF, teaching the Introduction to Clinical Medicine program, to hundreds of medical students. During that same period, she gave a series of lectures on nutrition each year to the medical residents at Children's Hospital and California Pacific Medical Center. She developed comprehensive, collaborative protocols for nutritional, psychosocial, and medical management for bariatric patients at St. Mary's Hospital.

She served on the CPMC Ethics Committee continuously from 1984 to her retirement; grappling with difficult and sensitive issues. Erica also was an active member of the San Francisco Medical Society and worked on the editorial board of its monthly publication, writing many articles and guest editing a special edition on nutrition in medicine. She also wrote obituaries of Society members – delegating to her husband the job of scouring the back pages of the newspaper every day to make sure no one was missed.

Erica served (often as chair) her UCSF Medical School Class reunion (i.e. fundraising) committee every five years – but always insisted that the money raised be used for scholarships for needy students.

She had an undying, unlimited curiosity and was a voracious reader. She loved to travel both domestically and internationally. Her sense of adventure never left her. Just a few months before her death, she visited Bhutan where she hiked (uphill all the way) to the Tiger's Nest monastery. And just a few weeks ago she traveled to the Lava Beds National Monument and Surprise Valley. Still, she dearly loved simply being in her Point Richmond home with its views of the Bay, the birds at the feeder, and eating fresh food from a large vegetable garden.

Deeply interested in effecting change in health policy and community care issues, Erica served for several years on the California Commission on Aging and was a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging in 1996 and again in 2006. She joined the board of the Richmond Community Foundation in 2009. For more than a decade Erica also was part of the Prison Visitation and Support program, driving each month to Dublin, California to visit with two imprisoned women.

Of course, she had her share of accolades. For her practice she was routinely listed in "The Best Doctors in San Francisco," for her teaching and dedication to the art of healing she was made a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, and for her devotion to her patients she was given the Institute for Health and Healing's Compassionate Caregiver award. At her retirement party she was feted with speeches and given a bouquet of broccoli.

But her real joy was in the relationships she had with her husband, sons, extended family, friends, colleagues and patients. All knew her as a brilliant but modest, optimistic, good-humored, gentle woman who was an example of the best of what a human being could be.

Her family is grateful to all the medical personnel who took such good care of her in the last few years. A celebration of her life is being planned and will be announced here. In the meantime, if you wish to memorialize her you can make a contribution to the Richmond Community Foundation or to your favorite non-profit that serves people who need help.

# *Birthdays*

## September

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

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

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

Nancy Shows Eardley  
Jackie Lizarraga  
Craig Healy  
Bobbie Swerdfeger  
Lizarraga  
Ken Comer  
Michael (Mike) Pippin  
Frank Lazaro

## October

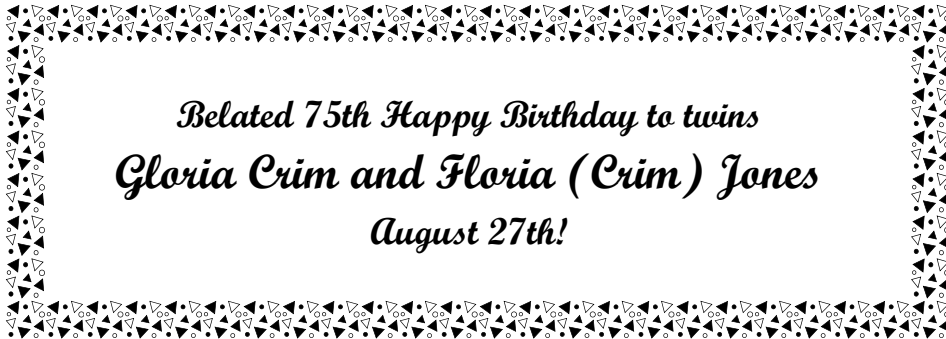
Terry Wynne  
Isobel Shaw  
Ingrid Lindemann  
Kate Lord  
Florence Wilson  
Timothy Doherty  
Don S. Crowe  
David Vincent

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

Chris Ward  
Helen Frosini  
Tony Peter Bernabic  
Chad Feagley  
Isabel 'Boo' Shaw  
Jerry Daniel  
Otto Barni  
Maria Inchauspe Smith

Abigal Munoz Rivera  
Toni Cannizzaro  
Frank Craig  
Leo Matteucci  
Carolyn Dutrow

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



*Age is merely the number of years the World has been able to enjoy time with you.*

## **CENTURY CLUB**

**Madeline Bellando Albright - 102  
Delphina Franco Tawney - 101**



# *Cards, Letters & E-Mails*

My name is Len Barton and I grew up in Richmond/Point Richmond in the 50's thru the late 60's. I went back to The Point in the early 80's and started a sign company named "Graphix Depot". Not sure it's still there. But did a lot of sign work in The Point

I found your website and was so surprised and happy to see that all this work is being done to preserve the history.

I believe that somewhere, stashed away in storage, I may have some photos to share. No guarantees but if I can find any, I'll forward them to you.

One question.. I didn't see much on Keller's Beach. My dad knew Keller and we used to frequently the pier and buy bait, etc

The story I recall is that he worked for the railroad and when he retired the pier and beach were given to him. He spent the remainder of his time on that pier. I recall he was quite a character.

I the 70's my mom had a small restaurant in town. I believe it was in the Old Firehouse.

Sometime in 68 to 70 I rented a building that I believe was an old auto repair. I had a wild 1932 Ford streetrod that had been in all the car magazines, so I put carpet on the floor of the garage, and setup living accommodations off to one side. I drove my "Little Deuce Coupe " in the door and parked it in what was now my living room. Of course I was part of the crowd that "Cruised The Main" (McDonald Ave) back then.

Oh and as a young boy my friends and I would ride our bikes out to Pt San Pablo and play on all the scuttled vessels.

Ok, enough. I'll try to find some stuff that might be of value to you . It will take some time.

Keep up the good work.

Len Barton

PS: after all my seafaring fantasies from the boats at Pt San Pablo, I have spent the last 40 odd years sailing my own vessels all over the world.

My current boat is a large sailing ketch named "Flying Cloud " .

Guess what her hailing port says on her transom?

"Point Richmond, CA" (see back cover)

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I would like to know whether you have any information on Italians who lived in Point Richmond circa 1911. My great-grandfather, Attilio Bonaguidi, was originally traveling to San Francisco but arrived at Ellis Island with a fellow traveler from the same village (Cintolese, in northwest Italy). His name was Pietro Bini, and he was going to join his daughter Italia at 13th 115 Richmond.

Thank you very much,

Christine Bonaguide
cbonaguide@gmail.com

EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

Martha Bielawski - 95

Muriel Clausen - 95

Mary Bianchini Highfill - 95

Tom Kenny - 95

Loretta Stevens Johromi - 94

Billie Bonham Shaw - 97

June Beesley Sosabal - 96

Mid Dornan - 98

Morris Simpson - 97

Brenda McKinley - 92

Victor Morales - 91

Alphonso Diaz - 95

Marcelina Smith - 94

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