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PRHA ANNUAL MEETING

AND

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MAY 15, 2005

2:00 TO 4:00 PM

AT

THE POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY
CENTER

137 WASHINGTON AVENUE
POINT RICHMOND

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE THE
DEDICATION OF OUR THIRD AND
FOURTH HISTORICAL PLAQUES.

AND

A WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN
POINT RICHMOND.

ALL INVITED

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mid Dornan

With the City of Richmond celebrating its Centennial this year, it is not too early to mark your calendars for events.

The Annual Meeting of the Point Richmond History Association is Sunday, May 15th, 2 - 4pm at the Community center, next door to our History Museum in the triangle area of historic downtown Point Richmond. We will be dedicating the third and fourth historic plaques and will have special guests. There will be a Walking Tour of the historic downtown area of the Point.

A Walking Tour of Historic Point Richmond brochure is being prepared by volunteer staff member Bonnie Jo Cullison and the Richmond Visitors and Convention Bureau is funding this project.

Tom Butt of Interactive Resources has our Kiosk in progress and we are grateful to Andrew Butt for donating a number of line drawings for our plaques. A big thank you to Mark Howe and Marcia Vallier and associates for funding the plaques for the old Bank Building and first City Hall.

Activities scheduled for the Centennial: On Saturday, August 6, events are planned at Marina Bay with fireworks.

Sunday, August 7, the official city charter day, the Point Richmond History Association along with the Point Business Association, Neighborhood Council and PRAM are inviting everyone to an Old Fashioned Parade and Picnic-in-the-Park with old fashioned games. (Miller-Knox Shoreline Park on Dornan Drive) The City will climax the day with a Gala at the Richmond Auditorium and Convention Center around 5 o'clock.

Are you 85 or older? Have you lived in Richmond over 70 years? Are you an member of a family that pioneered the Point? We want to recognize you on May 15. Give me a call, 510-234-5334 or drop a note to the Newsletter office.

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*Thank you members for your membership
renewal:*

Madeline Albright
Linda Andrew-Marshall
Jan Burdick
Tony P. Bernabich
John A. Bailo
Pat Carrington & Bob Lee Family
Muriel Clausen
Bonnie Jo Cullison
Janice Cook & Jeff Lee*
Hannah Edwards
Lloyd & Melba Farley Family
Al & Helene Frosini
Sandi Genser-Maack & Lynn Maack Family
Shoney Gustafson
Herbert Hunn Family
Mary Highfill
Velma Healy
Albert J. Kollar
Elizabeth M. McDonald*
Brenda McKinley
Mary Crosby & Tom Piazza Family
John Papadakis
Marcelina Smith
Roberta Jenkins Smith
John A. Thiella & Rosa T. Casazza*
Adele (Bruno) Waymire
Reva Ward
George L. Williams
Myrna Wishart

And a warm welcome to these new members:

Catherine Burchell*
Josiah Meyer
Marilyn Brite
Les Hathaway
Ann Hathaway
Maria Smith
Robert Schlegel
John Helfrich
Dr. Robert & Mrs. Kelly Pearce**
Casey Case**
Richard Mathew & Charlene Smith Family
*Special Supporter Membership
**Gift Membership from Bob and Marie Peckham

Thank You!
**Santa Fe Market
and
Point Richmond Market**

*For selling
“THIS POINT.....in time”
For us*

*Museum Hours:
Thursday 11:30 am to 2:00 pm
Saturday 11:30 am to 2:00 pm*

Thanks to the Volunteers who open and close
our history museum on Thursday and Saturday:

Betty Dornan (Director)
Bruce and Ann Bartram
Pat Pearson
Mid Dornan
Bonnie Jo Cullison
Dody Perry
Anita Christiansen
Sonja Darling
Margaret Morkowski
Alyce Williamson

Images added to our collection this period:

- *Pictures from Ila May (McGarvey) Dein*
- *Slides from R.M. Stone*
- *Pictures from Allan Smith*
- *Pictures from Reno Cairo*
- *Pictures from Richmond Museum of History*

See them at www.pointrichmondhistory.org

*Prior Page: A group of dignitaries in front of the
Old Firehouse—0398-00 (Photographer unknown; resto-
ration and crop by Thomas Mercer-Hursh)*

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Gary Shows (510-235-1336)

Here is your Spring issue. My usual thanks to all of the contributors, good and interesting material in this issue, we have a wonderful crew of writers. Keep it up! Kudos go to Thomas Mercer-Hursh for his excellent photo enhancement work, printing and general help with the production of the newsletter. Thomas has done wonders with "This Point.....in time", I appreciate it.

The PRHA Board of Directors has decided that we must raise the cover price to \$3.00 for future issues. It has been \$1.50 for thirteen years, in addition to our recent improvements, those thirteen years have seen an increase in the cost of paper and materials. At the same time the Board has decided to, at least for now, leave membership dues as they are. Membership dues have not changed for fourteen years. See you at the meeting.

The deadline for the June/July/August (Summer) issue will be May 27, 2005. I have moved it forward one week to give us time to report on the Annual Meeting.

The February/March issue assembly crew was:

Jerry Cerkanowicz
Gary Shows
Pam Wilson
Mid Dornan
Margaret Morkowski
Sonja Darling
Marcelina Smith
Pat Pearson
Bruce Bartram
Ann Bartram
Thomas Mercer-Hursh
Theresa de Valence

Thank You! Our Special Supporters!

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Catherine Burchell

The Cover

The Old Firehouse at 145 Park Place. Photo taken by Gary Shows, and enhanced by Thomas Mercer-Hursh. See page 12 for more photos and history.

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A-MID TRIVIA

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Question: In 1913 the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. published a Telephone Directory for all of Contra Costa County. How many telephone numbers were included in this 6 1/2" x 9" book? Answer at end of Trivia

PRAM (Parents, Recourses and More) honored babies born in 2004 at a party in their Field house in February. Compared to the energies of this dedicated group of young parents, the Energizer Bunny is just a wind-up-toy!

Chocolate: You may know chocolate contains caffeine-30mg. per ounce, about the same as in a cup of tea. But, an ounce also contains a whopping 167 mg. of Theobromine, a caffeine-free energizing compound also found in tea, which is also a significant source of vitamins A, B1, C, D and E and magnesium, nutrients our bodies need according to research. Melt the chocolate myth - grab some chocolate! More next month.

Gordon Miller at Brickyard should check his birth certificate again! At 97 I was sure the number had been reversed when reported!! Patent your secret. (We know Marge is many years younger.)

The children of Helen Valentine, David, Don, Dee and Dori, honored their mother on her 80th birthday with a party at the Veterans Club in El Sobrante. Her son Don came from Kentucky to help her greet her many friends. Helen's granddaughter, Kimberly Valentine, a graduate of Culinary School, baked the heart shaped cake. Helen is noted for her home baked pies at the Methodist Country Faire and some of those attending her party jokingly (?) complained there weren't pies available.

It is a girl, Sasha Patricia, for Anne and Ivar Elle on Golden Gate Avenue. Two-year old brother Quinn welcomes her too.

Avis Blanchette is finding it more difficult to get around -- and would appreciate visitors.

Sympathy is extended to Shirley Butt on the loss of her father.

Sonja Darling traveled to North Dakota to be with her mother after she was hospitalized.

Happy 25th Anniversary to Kathy (Dornan) and Richard Barnes who were wed in the Methodist Church on April 2, 1980. New carpets had been installed that day in the Sanctuary

Friendships remain strong with scouts in Troop 111, the first Boy Scout Troop in Richmond. In May, former Scouts and their wives taking a cruise out of San Francisco to Alaska are Ben/Shirley Woodson, El Sobrante; Duke/Maryann Nissen, Richmond; Bill/Ruth Jenkins, Napa; and Carl/Carolyn Jenkins, Arizona. As young scouts, they lived in the war housing units of Esmeralda Court, across from Washington School, and attended scout meetings at the Methodist Church. Ben Woodson earned an Eagle Scout award and later served as Assistant Scoutmaster and head Pancake maker of Troop 111. Carl Jenkins recently retired as Executive Director of the Tucson Arizona Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Amazing! You hang your clothes in the closet for a while and they shrivel 2 sizes.

Fortunately, it was a short 'visit' of a few days at Doctor's Hospital in San Pablo for Melba Farley who was able to return to her Ocean Avenue home to recuperate. However, a few days later, Lloyd found a reason to spend a few days in the hospital too. E-nuf now, okay!

Before you criticize anyone, you should walk a mile in his shoes. That way, if he gets mad, he'll be a mile away and barefoot!

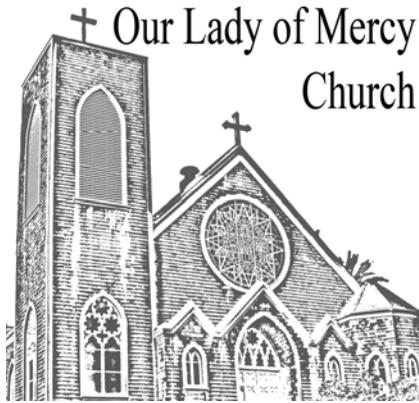
Fay Hawkins, Crest Avenue, spent several days at Kaiser Hospital in Richmond and San Leandro before returning home to await further surgery. He welcomes your calls and visits.

Former Point resident and history member, Edna Wickersheim Hathaway, traveled from Hanford to help Helen Valentine celebrate her 80th birthday in February.

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CHURCH NEWS



*By Dee Rosier
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The mock spring weather brought the neighbors out of hibernation and into their gardens. Time in my garden offers many rewards, along with disappointments. When not puttering around in mine, I am drafted by my daughter to assist in hers.

Father O'Rourke has a new computer and is being outsmarted by it. Those who have computers can easily relate. The dummy books may suffice for some, but a dumber than dummy book could open a whole new world of computer knowledge for the rest of us.

Someone asked Father O'Rourke what one has to do to become a parishioner. Officially, baptized Catholics are automatically members of a parish living within the established boundaries. Most pastors live happily with mobility. In effect, legal boundaries come into play only for the right to witness weddings and the priest needs the authorization of the pastor to witness weddings within the boundary of his parish. Registration is a convenience and useful means for parish personnel to know who their people are. Registration forms are available in the back of the church.

Parishioners recently met after Mass to hear the status of our soon-to-be roof. There are many preliminary studies that need to be done before the

roof becomes a reality, mainly what is supporting the structure. . To help guide us, we will have a small group of parishioners who are personally involved in building design, repair and maintenance. We are very fortunate to have some able, experienced and willing parishioners who have volunteered to assist in this major undertaking. An engineer has come up with a great plan to strengthen our historic monument without damaging its looks. One of our parishioners, who is an electrician, has been working on upgrading the electrical system.

The hood for the stove remains a work-in-progress. Believe at this point that it has been hood winked!

Father O'Rourke spent a few days in New Jersey visiting his 84-year old brother who took a fall. He also left sunny Pt. Richmond to spend a few days in Palm Springs. Time well spent before he enters busy Holy Week. Fr. Michael Galvan exchanged places with Fr. O'Rourke and introduced himself to the parishioners as Father Substitute.

We are coming into the 21st Century and now have our own web page. It lists our Mass times, directions on how to get here and a place for current and upcoming events. Visit us at Pointrichmondatholic.org.

Father O'Rourke will again demonstrate his culinary skills by providing the main course for a parish potluck on March 19. It's always a celebration to be able to sit and enjoy good food and company. These get togethers are becoming a regular practice and it is rewarding to see new faces join us.

Our last coffee and donuts honored Betty Conception, our organist. Betty has chosen to move to the Philippines in order to be closer to family. She has been a stalwart support to our worship for a long time. We wish her well in her native country. Many of our new parishioners also attended. Recent attendance figures reflect a 40% increase in parish population.

The Parish Council will soon welcome three new members. The present members recently

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revised and accepted changes to the by laws. Because of their human wisdom they will remain on the council.

A donation of \$600 was recently made to the Souper Kitchen. In February five parishioners worked at the kitchen and served 158.

Thank you Linda Lanning for the many donations made to Our Lady of Mercy. Linda recently sold the family home and will reside in Napa.

Don Woodrow's letter to the editor regarding Gust Allyn and Idaho Street (Allyn's Alley) brought to mind the changes in our neighborhood. There must be other neighborhoods in the Point who have experienced the same. Perhaps articles about them could become regular features in TPIT.

Mariachi's and delicious Mexican food honored Robert Drake at his recent retirement party. Guest Anna Schwartz told all that she had retired from Chevron after 30 years of service and is enjoying her 31st year of retirement. Robert, it's up to you to pass her up!

Get well wishes to loyal readers, Frank Mello and Teresa Meneghelli.

Vince Kafka's daughter Sue has been seriously ill. Please remember them in your prayers.

Condolences to the family of Emma Reed.

Condolences to the family of William Harrison. Mr. Harrison had cleaned our church during the past few months.

It was difficult not to notice the subscriptions that Bob and Marie Peckham had gifted their family and friends. Hopefully Darian received his in time to see his name in print. Bob and Marie knit scarves and readily give them away. Florence Wilson and I do the same. Before long Pt. Richmonders will be recognized by their scarves.

Our Lady of Mercy will again participate in the annual Pt. Richmond Stroll to be held on May 19.

The Pt. Richmond Walkers have welcomed Dr. Bernard Dietz on many of our morning walks. Going back many years, my good friend and neighbor, Florence Wilson and I were employed by Dr. Dietz. Bud Berner and Joe Montana Sr. were recently honored by the Salesian Boys and Girls Club. No, Joe Montana Jr. was not present.

Happy Easter to all.

Having some place to go is home.

Having someone to love is family.

Having both is a blessing.

See you in church.



Christian Science Reading Room

By Jo Bycraft

When we opened our Church and Reading Room here in Point Richmond, we tried to set the Reading Room hours so that almost anyone of our new friends and neighbors here would be able to visit us. If you have been unable to visit because our "open" hours don't coincide with your schedule, you can log on to the Christian Science website - www.spirituality.com. This is a Web community designed to help anyone, no matter what his or her religious beliefs, to learn more about God and our unbreakable relation to Him/Her. Sponsored by the Christian Science Publishing Society, this site provides a place for you to interact with a community of spiritual seekers and to benefit from the spiritual insights found in its content. You can also read the Bible and the writings of Mary Baker Eddy, including her major work, Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures.

Content from the Publishing Society includes the Christian Science Sentinel, a weekly magazine,

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the monthly Christian Science Journal, and our daily newspaper, the Christian Science Monitor. (All of these can also be read or purchased in the Reading Room.) For inspiration and healing, please explore these magazines and visit the Monitor's site for experienced journalistic insight.

There are several discussion forums to participate in, as well as scheduled chats on timely topics.

Watch for flyers in our window announcing the date of our next Discussion Group at the Reading Room!

CHURCH SERVICES:

Sunday: 10:00 am

Sunday School: 10:00 am

Wednesday Testimony Meeting: 7:30 pm

READING ROOM HOURS:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 11: am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday: 3:00 pm - 6 pm

Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

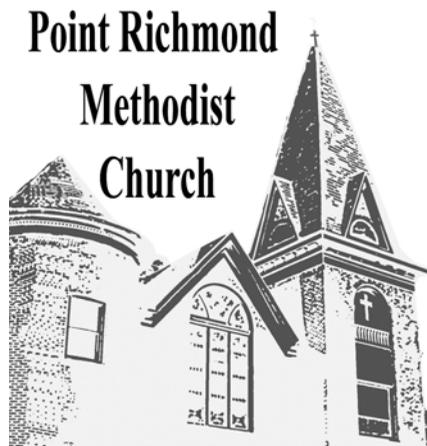
MORE A-MID TRIVIA

Have you noticed the new U.S. nickel in circulation? Dominated for years by Thomas Jefferson's face, the U.S. Mint has released 97 million nickels with the Indian head that graced the celebrated coins in 1913-1938.

A celebration of the life of Nancy Mootz, who died of a brain tumor on December 11, was held by her friends at Hotel Rex in San Francisco on March 19. Nancy was a consultant and restaurateur who opened stylish restaurants - Vertigo in San Francisco and the Frog and the Peach in Marin. She was a member of Mid Dornan's Camp Fire and Horizon Group.

April in Paris? Pat Pearson and Mid intend to verify the authenticity of the song.

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By Jean Reynolds

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I was the lucky honoree for our eighth Annual **Sweetheart Dinner** on February 10 at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club. If we continue this tradition, you, too, will be the sweetheart one day, yes? Fran Smith, 2004**Sweetheart, oversaw the details of the event, so we knew from the outset it would be special. Mid Dornan, Sweetheart of 1999 and church and community historian, remembered things I did in a previous decade (or life?) Tom Butt shared insights only a neighbor could know, but should he have? Now everyone knows who to blame when the dogs start barking at 5:30 a.m. Art Hatchett spoke as GRIP director and fellow fair housing advocate. Liam and Sarah Thompson spoke about how much they enjoy Vacation Bible School: it is fun because Liam and Sarah are there! Liam Thompson, David Reynolds, Aaron Marshall and Michael Marshall presented roses and a "Best Sunday School Teacher" award. (That means the most!) Bethany Reynolds shared some of her favorite memories of home life, and a few bars of "The Tennessee Stud". Audrey Muhammad and Faye Carr expressed love and regard from the West Contra Costa County chapter of Church Women United. Many-talented First-Sweetheart Bob Peckham and Marie Peckham knit, sang, presented random awards, and told tales. Pastor Dan Damon

wrote and recited a “Mean Jean” poem in honor of the celebration. Claudia LeGué, my reliable (early) morning walking partner and friend for almost twenty years, reminisced about miles walked and words talked. The Rev. Lee Williamson, Methodist Federation for Social Action membership secretary and National MFSA Representative, emceed the program with wit and alacrity, and used no notes (except maybe some of Tom Butt’s) Fay Hawkins, Sweetheart of 2003, was conspicuously absent, doing hard time in the hospital. Many of my favorite people *were* able to attend, including my Sweetheart of the Quarter-Century, Norm! Ah, but the evening ended too early. Members of the Joyful Noise Choir sang the closing: “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”.

The Bobby Hall and Friends Gospel Concert on February 27 was hosted here for the fifth consecutive year. It was the most special ever for us since the Joyful Noise Choir was part of the program, too. This was a traditional gospel praise concert: it included a spoken message and plenty of congregational participation. I did not go home with cold hands! One of the pieces we all sang was in memory of Linda Brooks. Linda served a meal for some of the concert participants in past years and supported Pamella and Bobby in this and other endeavors. Dorothy Morrison and the Combs Family let us all sing back-up on “O Happy Day.” We are thankful Pamella Hall is a member of our church! She and Bobby take their musical ministry where they feel called, and the annual concert is her way to submit a “GRADE A” progress report. Pamella was our own Cinderella that night, leaving one lovely white shoe at the curb as she and Bobby exited in their carriage.

Lenten Services to date: This year, Ash Wednesday was a local event, celebrated after choir practice on February 9. The United Methodist Women celebrated a Call to Prayer service at Church of the Good Shepherd UMC in Richmond Heights with women from Easter Hill UMC. Church Women United celebrated World Day of Prayer service on March 4, at El Sobrante UMC, followed by a soup luncheon.

On the Calendar:

Joe Ridout concert April 3, 5:00 p.m. Joe is a singer/songwriter and acoustic guitarist. He performed previously in the band “Quick Draw!” in Austin, Texas. Check out their CD, “Two Dollar Buffet.” Joe and wife Christina deLeon live in Point Richmond.

May 7, **Annual Junktique Sale:** Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Find that perfect item at the right price! Have lunch while you shop! During April, call Juanita Hoffman (234-8052) to arrange pick-up of good usable items for sale.

Monday, May 30, Masquers Community Yard Sale **Pancake Breakfast.** Plan to eat at the church the day of the community-wide yard sale.

Point Methodist Church History

Mid Dornan

Church history is rich with contributions of women. One church group in the 1920’s was the SOCIAL LEAGUE of the First Methodist Episcopal Church whose history is reflected in their minutes printed below and taken from the canvas covered, red leather cornered notebook which cost \$1.15. The minutes are printed as written. This is the 69th installment.

Sept.20, 1927

The Social League met in the church parlors with Mrs. Schmidt presiding in the absence of the president. Mrs. R.D.Jones and Mrs. Robbins were hostesses for the afternoon.

After repeating the Lord’s Prayer 16 members responded to the roll call.

Report from the Auditing Committee that the books were found in very good condition.

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Redman be exempted from entertaining for the coming term because she has served three times during the last three months. Mrs. Ford to take her place and

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serving with Mrs. Scofield.

Sec't (sic) authorized to purchase necessary supplies (post cards and receipt book for the treasurer).

Moved and seconded that the Sec't send a note to Mrs. Adams. Mrs. Gladys Baker was back and with a new member.

Recess for dues.

Mrs. A. D Jones

Mrs. C.L. Adams

Mrs Ida Jones

Mrs. Vloebergh

Mrs. Gladys Baker

\$36.60 - balance

3.00 - dues

1.65 - plate offering

\$41.25 - total

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Vereuita Damier, Sec't

(Ed: Because the handwriting is difficult to read, can anyone verify the correct spelling of the name of the secretary?)

WWIC ACTIVITIES

Alyce Williamson

The Women's Westside Improvement Club Meets at the Point Richmond Methodist Church.

February 1, 2005 Meeting

There were 19 members and one guest present. Hostesses Mid Dornan, Dody Perry and Pat Pearson had the room and tables beautifully decorated in Valentine's Day theme. This was bring your own lunch day and we enjoyed about an hour visiting about our past holiday events.

Margaret introduced Altha Humphrey's guest, Shirley Kisman. Our speaker to be from Heifer International was unable to be with us. The meeting was called to order at 12:15 PM by President, Margaret Morkowski. She reminded us that the next meeting will be a "Fund Raiser" Luncheon. Altha and Margaret will Co-Chair. Quiche, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee & tea will be served. The annual distribution of funds was discussed, and it was decided that we would donate \$250 to Many Hands at Washington School, \$100 to the Pt. Richmond History Association, and \$100 to the Pt. Richmond Map Project. We will reserve \$100 for WWIC Centennial Celebration in 2008. The WWIC put the original Pt. Richmond Street Map next to the firehouse many years ago. It has become faded and is need of repair/replacement. Altha Humphrey presented the idea to make the replacement of the map the WWIC's project for the City of Richmond's Centennial. Altha will take the lead on this project.

Margaret, Pat and Mid are attending various

meetings involving the city Centennial. They are the Point's representative on the Chamber of Commerce City-Wide planning committee. *They* are planning and organizing the August 7th "Old Fashion Parade and Picnic" which will be held in Pt. Richmond.

The Treasurer reported that we have 43 members. Way to go!! Keep bringing in new members, let's make Women's Westside Improvement Club a thriving active club. Announcements:

March 20th will be 12th annual Pt. Richmond Easter Egg Hunt at the Indian Statue.

April 24th Masquer's will have 50th Anniversary Gala.

May 19th will be 16th annual Pt. Richmond Stroll. We plan to have a table and will need volunteers.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Virginia Cherniak, who was a Past President of WWIC. Even though Virginia has been away from the Pt. for sometime she will be missed.

The meeting was adjourned with Inspirational thought by Anita Christiansen.

Next meeting March 1, 2005, "Fund Raiser Quiche Luncheon". See you there. Bring a friend and or a new member.

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March 1, 2005 Meeting

There were 32 members and guests present. Tables were adorned with a plants (Daffodils, Primroses, Tulips, & Hyacinths) that were donated by Claire Crowson as a gift to each member. They made delightful table decorations. This was our "Fund Raiser" luncheon and we were individually served by hostesses Altha Humphrey, Margaret Morkowski, Claire Crowson, Muriel Bluhon, Lynn Clifford and Bernie Moore. Thank you ladies for all your effort. A special thank you to Altha Humphrey for organizing and preparing the delicious luncheon and making this a very successful fund raiser. A report will be given as to total raised at the next meeting.

Speakers for the day were Mim Drake & Kate Gephart from Barkstix. For those not familiar with Barkstix it is a company that makes healthy gourmet dog treats. The treats are hand crafted of the finest human-grade ingredients and baked from a recipe by Chef Mim Drake. Mim & Kate started the business at home and are now located in their new building on Canal Blvd. They make several different treats such as Lucy's Short Stix, Missie's Wheat Free munchies and more. At the end of their presentation they left bags with a large Barkstix for members who have dogs. Thank you Mim and Kate for a very interesting presentation.

Margaret then introduced guests Andrea Miller, Joyce Watson, Brenda McKinley, Peggy Fowler and Joan Gattan. Joan is the Chair of the Pt. Richmond Safety Committee and has become a member.

Margaret reported that she had talked with Andrew Butt about creating the computerized map for Jim DeWitt to begin work on replacing the Pt. Richmond Street Map. It seems this is still in the planning stage and will be awhile before brought to fruition. Altha will be the lead in the Map Project.

On February 19th Margaret was invited to PRAM's open house and celebration of their 1st year as a non-profit organization serving all of Richmond and independently operating the Field House.

We plan to participate in the May 19th Point Richmond Stroll and will discuss details next two meetings. Election of officers will be at the May meeting so we need non-officers to chair the

Election Committee and a slate of nominees to serve as officers for the next year. Please consider this and consider volunteering.

Announcements:

March 26th PRBA & Masquers 13th annual Pt. Richmond Easter Egg Coloring & Hunt 12 noon to 4PM.

May 19th Pt. Richmond Stroll.

Due to scheduling problem Masquers 50th Anniversary Gala at the Hotel Mac has been changed to September 24th.

Our May meeting will be "share activity". Plan to present a hobby or any activity that you are engaged in.

June will be "Hat Day". Since it is Richmond's Centennial year try to dig up a vintage hat. Claire Crowson invited each member to take one of the plants. Mary Highfill took the extra plants and planted them in front of the Pt. Richmond History Association building.

Margaret will no be able to attend April meeting. Vice President, Anita Christiansen will conduct the meeting. Guest speaker will be Lauren McLeod, Guild Certified Feldendrais Practitioner.

The meeting was adjourned with Inspirational thought by Anita Christiansen.

Next meeting April 5, 2003. See you there. Bring a guest and or a new member.

MORE A-MID TRIVIA

Point resident, Greg Alter, aided a hit-and-run dog victim, a Jack Russell breed, in February and is paying the more than \$3000 in Veterinary bills. Donations are welcome.(alter@altermedx.com)

Army Specialist Isaiic Healy is home from Camp Danger, Tikrit, having served in the 1st Infantry Division supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. While he doesn't feel he is a Hero, his many friends and family honored him at a 'Welcome Home' party on March 5th at the St. Cornelius School Cafeteria on Macdonald Avenue. Isaiic attended St. Cornelius school and his 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th grade teachers were also in attendance.

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PEOPLE IN THE POINT

Among the people who work on This Point ... in time there has lately been a certain amount of discussion about collecting more oral histories and featuring people and their stories in this newsletter. We know that many of you would be shy about actually writing an article yourself, but we are hoping that we can find people who will just write down stories and then later we can "pretty then up" before publishing. If there is anyone who would be willing to volunteer to tell stories or write them down, please contact Gary Shows. To launch this feature we are including a brief interview, not with an "old-timer", but with the person who has helped to change the look of TPit in recent months.

An Interview with Thomas Mercer-Hursh

TPit: "What caused you to volunteer to restore photographs and print This Point ... in time?"

Thomas: "I had been looking at a couple of copies including the December one with its traditional red cover and I couldn't help but think that the photographs didn't come across as well as they might. That got me to wondering how it was that TPit was printed. I e-mailed Gary Shows about the printing and asked about the volume and costs. At that point they were using a commercial bulk Xerox and had been having some recent problems with consistency. The cost seemed like it was comparable with the cost that I estimated using my laser printer, but with a color cover, so I wondered whether it might be sensible to print it that way."

TPit: "So, then you volunteered?"

Thomas: "Not quite that quickly! Gary gave me a copy of the prior issue on a CD so that I could try it out. It seemed to work fine, but I still thought the pictures could have more impact than they did."

TPit: "And you fixed them?"

Thomas: "Not so quickly, again! I had used Photoshop a little over the years, but never felt very competent with it. I did manage some improvement in the pictures in that issue, but it wasn't very exciting. But, it was good enough that I agreed to do one issue and Gary and I decided on the theme of the Indian statue. Meanwhile, Gary gave me a DVD of all of the images he had digitized that far and I

started playing ... and asking a lot of questions of people I knew that were a lot more expert than I in Photoshop. I started off with the idea that I would learn some tricks and teach them to Gary, but before long it became clear that there was no magic formula ... it took having a bag of techniques and sometimes a lot of careful work. I am still just beginning to learn about all the things I can do, but I am having a lot of fun doing what I can."

TPit: "Other than the hours of unpaid time it takes to do all this, has your expectation about the cost held up?"

Thomas: "Unfortunately not. It turned out that we not only wanted to use color in more places than just the cover, but we significantly increased the amount of space devoted to pictures. So, it has turned out to be more expensive, thus the need to raise the cover price ... but I hope everyone thinks it is worth it ... I sure do!"

MORE A-MID TRIVIA

Like Bargains? Good Soup? Home made pie? Don't miss the ANNUAL JUNKTIQUE SALE at the Methodist Church Saturday May 7.

The beautiful snowfall in Cheyenne, Wyoming was a treat in March, but how welcome was the warm, although wet, weather on return.

Have you marked MAY 15TH on your calendar to attend our Annual Meeting?

ANSWER: The directory included 2,616 telephone numbers for the county which covered Richmond, Antioch, Byron, Bradford Island, Brentwood, Concord, Crockett, Danville, Franks, Knightsen, Martinez, Oakley, Pinole, Pittsburg and San Ramon (1 number)). Listed as Toll Stations were: Brown's, Byron Hot Springs, Clifton Court, Cowell, Dos Rios, Fish Ranch, Hyde, Jersey, LaFayette, Oleum, Pinole No. 1, Point of Timber Landing, Port Costa, Rodeo, San Pablo, Stones Ranch, Tormey, Union Island and Walnut Creek.

ARCHIVE PHOTO GALLERY

Historical Photo Restorations by Thomas Mercer-Hursh, Ph.D.



The Point Richmond Volunteer Fire Department ready for a parade 4 July 1907. Picture taken in front of the original firehouse on Park Place. Previously it had been on Martina Avenue and was later moved to Railroad Avenue—0244-DC (From the collection of Don Church; restored by Thomas Mercer-Hursh)

A more “modern” firetruck with its full-time paid crew in front of the “new” firehouse—0190-DC (From the collection of Don Church; restored by Thomas Mercer-Hursh)



This Point.....in time



Both firetrucks and what is probably the sheriffs car—0191-DC (From the collection of Don Church; restored by Thomas Mercer-Hursh)

Coiling up the hoses after Shads Hall burned. The two story flats located where the present new firehouse is also burned that day, 25 October 1905—0029-DC (From the collection of Don Church; restored by Thomas Mercer-Hursh)



This Point.....in time

The Old Firehouse

Reprinted from "This Point in time"

by Donna Roselius, Teresa Albro, Michelle Brown and Rosemary Corbin

145 Park Place was built in 1910 for Richmond's first firehouse and jail. A volunteer crew and a night watchman served until two devastating fires in 1901 pointed out the need for full time service. A meeting was held at the Critchett Hotel to appoint a committee to organize a fire department. Lyman Naugle, publisher of the local newspaper, was elected chairman. Fundraisers were held, and contributions came from as far away as Oakland and San Francisco. John Murray became chief, and he was followed in that position by George Hinds, William Ellis, Oliver Wylie, R.L. Adams, Dick Spiersch and R.F. Paasch (who became the first paid Captain in 1915). A used chemical engine was purchased for \$500 from Mill Valley. On September 1, 1915, the Fire Department was put on a fully paid basis, and the first chief was Roy

Lemoin. Police protection was scarce, because the constable was in San Pablo, so we received an official night watchman, Harry Stevens, in 1902. He was succeeded by A.B. Crump. In 1905, H.W. Livingstone was appointed Marshall, Superintendent of Streets, Tax Collector and Pound Master, In 1909 the Police Department really got going; just in time to move into its new building. It originally had a bell tower for sounding alarms. The Police Department headquarters were there, plus four cells with double-decker bunks, a toilet and a washbasin in each. There was also a "drunk tank" which sometimes housed as many as 60 or 70 drunks trying to sober up. As the Police Department grew, it spread into the adjoining buildings. In 1949 the Police and Fire Departments relocated to the Civic Center, and we now have a fire station in the

triangle across the street. The Old Firehouse now houses offices, and although its bell tower is gone, the handsome brickwork and the rear jail doors remain.

*Fire at the
Standard Oil
Refinery—0422-
StanOil (Photograph
from Standard Oil;
restoration by Thomas
Mercer-Hursh)*



This Point....in time

PROOF

AT THE MASQUERS

By Theresa de Valence

David Coury, as Robert (Dad), is lithe, trim and fit. His performance is filled with a delicate attention to detail. He convincingly dribbles into madness, has outbursts of anger and passion, and yet, in spite of this excellent performance, Robert is not the most fascinating character of the show. Why? Because “Dad” is over 30.

Is that bad, being over 30? I hadn’t thought so, before now, but you know, I’d forgotten what it was like being twenty-odd: newly adult with an unknown future, filled with conviction and, oh, so much melodrama.

And yet, that wasn’t the part, I’d forgotten. Strength and vitality are just words and don’t convey the power of those days. Back then we were physically invincible, effortlessly beautiful, where a mere rippling muscle would send shivers of anticipation into most others, where sexual tension underscored every move, even our own self-absorptive anxiety.

Almost all written descriptions of passion fall far short of the reality, so let me just say this: go and see this play. We, the audience, have an experience that the actors cannot: we are no longer in our first youth. At the end of the play I could see it in their eyes, their lack of comprehension, and yet when I looked at John McMullen, the Director, I knew that he knew that this was so: they had just taken me on a journey revisiting the wonder of those days. It is either a byproduct or the point of the whole production. And worth every single moment.

The plot has gaps where people do things for unexplained reasons but, by and large, it has a storytelling feel to it. And, of course, whether the good guys win in the end, doesn’t matter either.

Lily Cedar-Kraft could win most beauty pageants, though her character as Claire, the New York daughter, is not intended to win much sympathy. Claire’s loveliness is brittle, fascinating and entirely predictable. Her character feels sadly

familiar (just like someone I know?).

Before the play began, Georg Herzog (who plays Hal), was just another guy in the room. But, oh my, put that man on the stage and his metamorphosis into a dramatic thundering presence is quite breathtaking. Hal successfully becomes younger in the flash-back scene, proving that he can act, though he engages in (but doesn’t actually need) several Arnold-isms. They don’t detract from his performance, merely underscore his youth.

Catherine (played by Carolyn Zola) is a dark horse, perhaps in reality as well as the play. Catherine starts as a bumbling ugly-duckling younger sister given to excesses of alcohol and temper, as we observe her from our position in the audience. By the time that she molts (in the vicinity of the black dress), we are tantalized into becoming immersed in the melodrama of her character, a moving transformation indeed.

Wonderfully entertaining; aah, those were the days!

The MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE
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This Point....in time

William L. Thompson, M.D.

Memories of Pioneer Point Richmond Residents



Dr. Thompson was born in Point Richmond on February 17, 1909. He grew up in the Point, attended Washington Elementary School and graduated from Richmond High School in 1926, attended U.C. Berkeley and in 1929 at the age of 20 was admitted to the UCSF Medical School. He completed his medical school in 1933 and interned at Highland Hospital before joining the Civilian Conservation Corp. as a contract surgeon for the Army. Dr. Thompson practiced medicine for 39 years in Richmond, we are lucky to be the recipient of his written memories of his life in Point Richmond. This is a reprint of his gift to all of us. We will reprint his entire series. Thank you Dr. Thompson! Enjoy!

Part Four

I recall two early druggists in the Point, Lang and Nidecker. Lang was located on the east side of Washington Avenue not far from Standard Avenue and Nidecker was on the west side a few doors up from Cottage Avenue. I know more about Nidecker because my father knew him in Eldorado County before coming to Richmond. Later he sold out this store to Palmateer and moved to Oakland over near Lake Merritt. Palmateer continued, later as the only druggist in town, until his death. Near here Fenner had a hardware store. I suspect that there was someone there in the business before him but I am not sure. Fenner became a member of the Richmond City Council. He sold his store eventually to Gordon Perault.

The Kenny families had saloons on Washington Avenue. I recall the Kenny boys, John and Jim. We played sandlot baseball on the old dirt lots near the railroad tracks. I was in school with John who became a member of the Richmond City Council. Just before the war my brother and I went swimming with him at the

old quarry beach. He joined the Air Corps but never returned. His plane was shot down somewhere in the South Pacific.

Roy Lemoine was an early Fire Chief in Richmond and Point Richmond. Later when I was interning in Fairmont Hospital and Highland Hospital, I met him as an old man at Fairmont. He was living there and had charge of the fire protection for the hospital.

The Stairley family was one of the more distinguished families of early Point Richmond. They had a large frame home on the east side of lower Montana Street. Mr. Stairley was Point Richmond's first post master and later headed the Bank of Richmond at Washington and Richmond Avenues. It was the only bank in the Richmond area at one time and on Standard Oil payday it was swamped with customers. I recall Waverly Stairley as a distinguished appearing old gentleman walking up Richmond Avenue with white hair and a white beard. He always wore a long black coat and a broad brimmed black hat with a well trained little white dog on a leash. Mrs. Stairley

was an equally distinguished appearing southern lady said to have been related to Robert E. Lee. She seemed always to be clad in purple dresses. There was one daughter, Mrs. George Lee, and son, Duke. Duke worked on boats in the harbor. He knew but disliked Jack London. He lived at home and took care of his mother until her death at nearly 102.

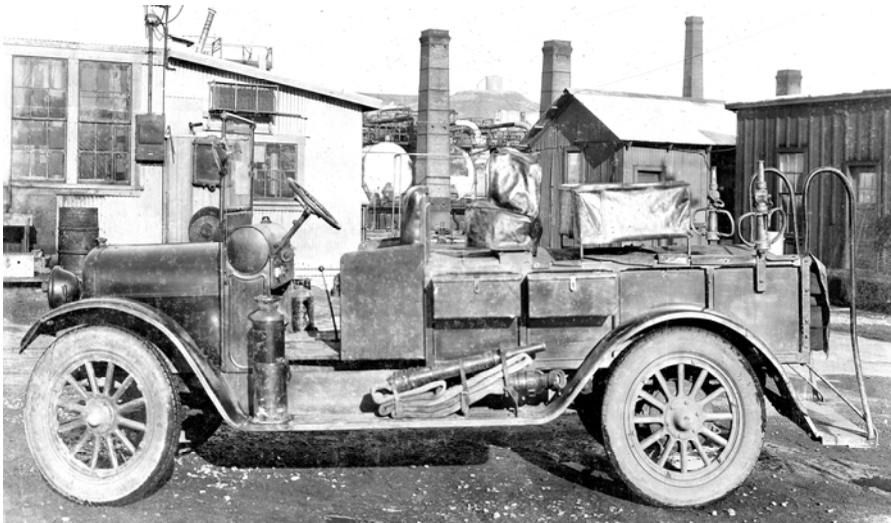
On old Oregon Avenue, much abbreviated by construction of the tunnel, lived Captain Rumsey, a captain and administrator of the Standard Oil Company tanker fleet. This large house was later taken over by the Stark family who had several children, some of whom I think still live there. Nearly next door was the Smith family. I knew the old couple quite well. One of the sons, Allan, is still quite active in the Point.

I recall Mr. R. Tcheirasy who ran the Old Point Theater. I remember going to my first movie there before I was old enough to go to school. I recall him a large, heavy man walking back and forth from his home on Idaho Street

to the theater. He wasn't very friendly with young people probably due to their activities in his theater.

Beyond the tunnel was the Keller family who owned Keller's Beach. In the old days people built small bath houses for dressing there. It was quite popular. However, the beach was badly damaged by the Santa Fe. The space between the tracks and the hills was at one time a lake into which bay water poured in and drained out with the tides. When Santa Fe decided to dredge out the Ferry Point area they pumped the mud and water into this pond at the further end and excess water came out through the opening near Kellers. The result was a lot of mud where there was once a nice sand beach. However, the beach is still attractive. The Keller's son, Danny, was in school with me. The father was killed by a Santa Fe train in the tunnel while he was walking through one night not long before the road tunnel was opened to traffic.

Dr. Thompson's Son in law Gab Togner wrote a touching eulogy to Dr. Thompson at his memorial in 1998, you can read it at <http://www.alkos.com/prha/thompson.html>.



A Standard Oil fire and emergency vehicle—0403-StanOil (Photograph from Standard Oil; restoration by Thomas Mercer-Hursh)

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This fact diary is, a book of headlines and interesting events in Early Point Richmond was compiled by Don Church and is one of the items left for us by Allan Smith.

Items of Interest Point Richmond, 1911

- 4-1 Idora Park, the Coney Island of the west opens today for the summer.
- 4-2 New laws regarding the pay of teachers.
- 4-4 Dr. H.N Barney appointed Supt. of county hospital in Martinez.
Local water checked two times weekly, very muddy.
Street cars are disinfected every day by germ killing fluid.
- 4-6 Acacia trees being planted on Washington and Nicholl Avenues. Janice park also being improved. Acacia trees pushed up sidewalks and had to be removed.
- 4-8 Al G. Barnes Circus in town today. Street parade.
- 4-13 City businessmen hold meeting on S.P.-Cutting crossing and speed of trains thru the city. Votes for women gaining ground.
- 4-14 N.Y. Office of S.O.Co. allots \$750,000 for local Refinery improvements this year.
- 4-16 Dr. Barney resigns as Supt. Of new County Hospital and returns to Richmond.
Janice Park work continuing.
- 5-9 Garard, Penry and Ludwig win election for council.
Bonds for tunnel and parks pass 2 to 1.
- 5-10 Dr. Deininger (Keiser) and mother arrive home after 1 year in Europe.
Richmond Boy Scouts will host San Francisco, Berkeley and Alameda Saturday.
Oliver Wylie purchases Eagle Nest saloon from Jack Feudner.
- 5-12 The J.O. Ford home on Montana and the Arnold Block nearing completion.
Votes for women stirs state.
- 5-14 New 60 room Germania Hotel to be built on 2nd Street.
Visiting scouts entertained in splendid style.
- 5-16 Santa Fe has not started work in Ashland. Why asks Ed Garrard?
Ferry San Pedro christened.
- 5-21 Gas, oil and artesian water located on Nicholls Point. (What a line).
Willie Hoskings who has been driving the transfer wagon for Pillow Bros. leaves for visit in south for 3 weeks.
Street car line double tracking from University Avenue to Refinery.
- 5-23 Lee Windrem resigns as City Atty on July 1st.
- 5-28 James Cruickshanks to build the Colonial Hotel. George Galbraith excavates.
- 5-31 Considerable pressure to get City Council to slow S.P. trains in town.
Sam Wright appointed to the police department.
Point Post Office moved Tuesday to new Arnold Bldg.

Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder (AAADD)

By 93 year old Ruth Mallett who has it.

This is how it manifests:

I decided to wash my car. As I started toward the garage, I spotted the mail on the hall table. I should go through the mail before I wash the car so I lay the car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the trash can under the table, and notice that the trash can is full. So I put the bills back on the table and take out the trash first. Since I am going to be near the mailbox when I take out the trash anyway, I might as well pay the bills first. I see my checkbook on the table, but there is only one check left so I go to my desk where I find the bottle of juice that I had been drinking. First I need to push the juice aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over while looking for checks. But the juice is getting warm, and should be put in the refrigerator, heading toward the kitchen with the juice, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye. They need water. I set the juice down on the counter and find my reading glasses, for which I have been looking for all morning, I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill the container with water, and suddenly spot the TV remote that someone had left it on the kitchen table. Tonight when we sit down to watch TV, nobody will remember that it is on the table so I will put it back in the den where it belongs but first I'll water the flowers. I splash some water on the flowers, but most of it spills on the floor. So, I put the remote back down on the table, get some towels to wipe up the spill. Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:

- The car isn't washed
- The bills aren't paid
- There is a warm bottle of juice sitting on the counter
- The flowers aren't watered
- I can't find the remote
- I can't find my glasses
- And I don't remember what I did with the car keys

I'm, trying to figure out why nothing got done today; it's quite baffling because I know I was busy all day long, and I'm really tired.



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Take Me Back

By Les Hathaway

We are pleased to print this little article from new member Les Hathaway about his experiences growing up in the Point in the 1950's. We are presenting it in two parts. this is the first part, thanks Les.

I will never forget my childhood, because I spent it growing up in Point Richmond. My parents, Milton and Edna (Frances Wickersheim) were kind enough to locate there when I was about five. That would have been about 1949. We lived on the “bad” side of the hill on Morgan Avenue facing the Standard Oil refinery. I remember it smelled pretty bad on occasion, but it didn’t matter to me because I had plenty of other things to do. The hills were all open and I was left to go explore. If all else failed I could go down to the bay and look for seashells or throw rocks or watch the tankers and tug boats at the Standard Oil wharf. When I was older, my dad & I (actually just my Dad) made a 10 ft. kayak, now I could really explore. I wanted to take it to Red Rock Island, but I was told “don’t even think about it any more!” I thought about it plenty, but eventually outgrew the thought.

I had a childhood buddy by the name of Johnny Blankenship. We were in the same grade and he lived just down the hill. We did everything together, and when he didn’t want to play, his younger sisters, Bonnie or Connie would. We rode the school bus to Washington Elementary School at first, and later started walking. It was about a mile and a half, but I didn’t have any choice, getting a ride to school was a real luxury. We then joined the Boy Scouts, and that’s when I met

my “other dad”, Bob Dornan. He was the Scoutmaster of Troop #111, and was a legend in his own time. All the scouts feared, admired and respected him, those who didn’t, would not stay, but those were few. Most boys wanted to be in Bob’s troop and some came from downtown to do it. We all learned many things to use in life from Bob, and they were all good.

I started selling seeds because of an ad I saw in the scout magazine, *Boy’s Life*. Selling flower and vegetable seeds, door to door every spring probably bored all the people in the neighborhood to tears. I earned all kinds of neat things, like a bow & arrow, B-B gun, slingshots, all things that the neighbors probably cringed at when they saw me with them, but, they kept buying my seeds! But I also needed money so, I got a paper route delivering the *Richmond Independent*. What an experience that was! All I can say is that I must have wanted money pretty bad back then. Rain or shine, I had paper bags stuffed full, going up and down the hills, getting dog bites when I tried to go collect. But I had some really good customers, and some even tipped me! *Shocks Hardware* store made a lot of money off of me, they had the best candy department, and they had comic books!



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Crest Ave./Vine Mini Park Update

The Crest Ave./Vine Mini Park is now 90% completed. Just a few this and that's left to complete. Thanks to the abundance of rain this winter the plants are flourishing and everything is lush and green. It is so nice to have this little oasis where there once was just weeds. Heartfelt thanks to all the residents on Crest Ave., Vine and Belvedere for their contributions of money, time, materials and plants. You all know who you are. As you walk by stop a moment to enjoy and if you happen to see a weed or too bend down and pluck them. This way will help to keep the area maintained and weed free without a great deal of effort. Enjoy!!

Mary Highfill

Right: The newest RFD Station No 1. (Photograph by Gary Shows; enhancement by Thomas Mercer-Hursh)



Opposite: Library next to the Old Firehouse, 1954—0471-RMH (A gift from the Richmond Museum of History; restored by Thomas Mercer-Hursh)

THANK YOU'S

Thanks to Henry Marchitello has donated to the Point Richmond History Museum his copy of EAST SHORE & SUBURBAN RAILWAY by Erle C. Hanson 1972 edition. Included is a picture of the Santa Fe depot at the western end of Macdonald Avenue about 1908.

Thanks to the Richmond Museum of History for giving us sixteen circa 1950's scanned images relative to Point Richmond from their collection.

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CARDS, LETTERS & E-MAIL

Dear Pam,

At last I'm a member of the PRHA! Even though I've been enjoying "This Point....in time" for many years.

I still cherish fond memories of being your Roosevelt teacher and hope you are fine!

Sincerely,
Catherine Burchell
Point Richmond



Dear Pam,

I am mailing you my check to renew my membership and subscribe to "This Point....in time" Newsletter for one year.

My daughter in law Maria would like to subscribe also. She will be delighted to read the newsletter for she is familiar with it and likes the historical part of Point Richmond. Her father in law, Allan Sr. grew up in Point Richmond and wrote articles about sports and the history of Point Richmond. Maria helped him to type some of the articles on the computer.

Thank you very much,
Marcelina B. Smith
Point Richmond

Even though we will miss Allan's enthusiasm for TPIT for a long time, he continues to contribute because I continue to catalog the pictures that he donated to us. You will see his name in the "contributors" section of the newsletter for quite some time.
Gary



DEATHS.....

Teresa Covell Lewis died at her home in Sebastopol on Saturday, March 12, 2005. Age 84. Teresa was a member of St. Cornelius church and was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, and son Larry. She is survived by daughters, Judie Mathia, Guerneville and Jerry Buckley, Sebastopol; 8 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Edna Gheri Lewis and Mary Ellen Covell. Services were held in Sebastopol on Thursday, March 17, 2005.

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