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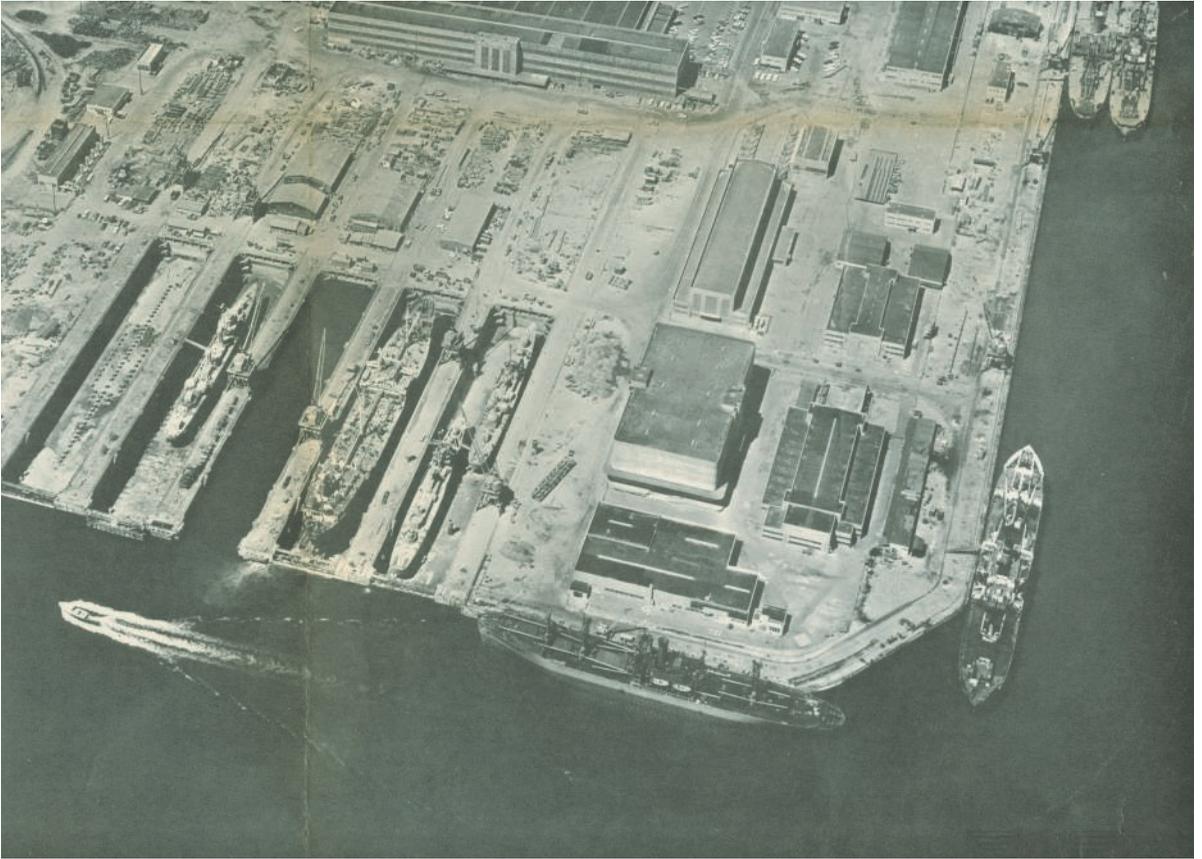
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**THE LAST OF 519 LIBERTY SHIPS FROM THE
PERMANENTE METALS CORPORATION JOINS THE FLEET
Keel laid June 13, 1944 and launched July 1, 1944**



PRHA photo #0869 shows a 1940's aerial view of Shipyard #3, the *SS Benjamin Warner* was built at Shipyard #2 across the channel while our *SS Red Oak Victory* was built at Shipyard #1

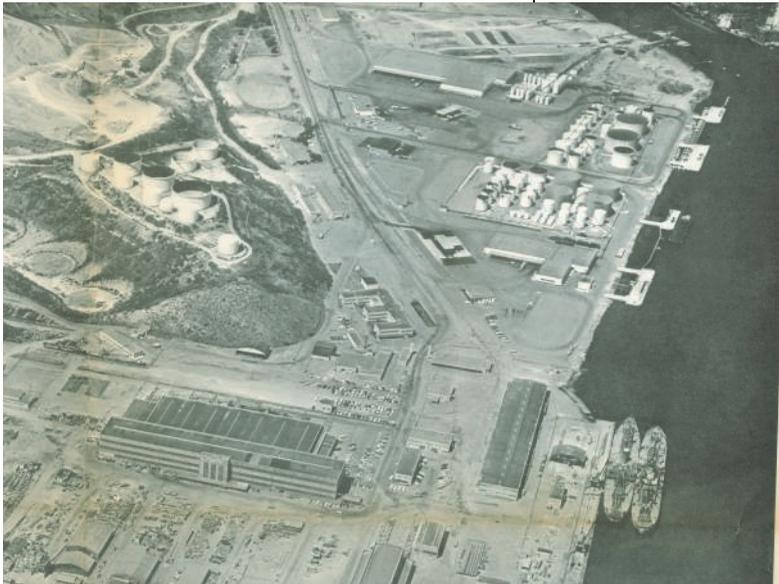
From the President

By Mid Dornan

Is it climate change that makes Summers seem shorter? Remember when August was ‘vacation’ month? Remember when school began after Labor Day? Or Admission Day? Not August. When you were five years old you began kindergarten to begin your learning. Today kindergarten students are expected to know much more before entering school, including: their alphabet as well as large or small letters; identify punctuations; count to 100; add together two basic numbers; know rhymes; take oral directions; know over/under etc.

Washington School is also an immersion school which means students learn Spanish along with English. Now, eleven states no longer teach cursive. It is more than climate change in our world. Welcome to Fall.

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Richmond Harbor PRHA archive #0870 from Laverne Rentfro was taken from a 1940's aerial photo produced by the Richmond Chamber of Commerce

Thank you members for your renewal:

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Frank Kenny
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A warm welcome to new member:

Bill Eger*
David and Ruth Janes**

*Gift Membership

**Special Supporter, *Thank You!*



**Reopening of the tunnel is scheduled
for the week of September 9th!**

Thank You!

Santa Fe Market
and
Point Richmond Market

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

Summer Museum Hours:

Open Thursdays

11:30 am-2:00 pm and

4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

*After the Farmer's Market stops for the winter,
Thursday evening will change to
Saturday 11:30 am to 2:00 pm*

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

Pat Pearson

Mid Dornan

Bonnie Jo Cullison

Heinz Lankford

The Cover:

SS Benjamin Warner was launched on July 1, 1944. This was the last of 519 Liberty ships built at the Kaiser Richmond Shipyard. This ship came from Shipyard #2. 747 liberty and victory ships were built at Richmond Kaiser shipyards during World War II. Our SS Red Oak Victory is a Victory ship. The photo was donated by LaVerne Rentfro and is autographed on the back by the workers who built it.

Editor's Notes

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This end of summer issue always comes around much too quickly.

Thanks to everybody for being so good about getting your articles to me on time and easy to insert.

I hope those locals have had a chance to visit our museum and look at our new electronic slide show of historic Point Richmond pictures. I am working on tweaking the images to crop unsightly captions and enhance them. Once I get that done we hope to produce an album CD of medium resolution pictures to sell.

The deadline for articles and items for the next issue is November 1, 2013.

Volunteers at our last mailing party:

Mid Dornan
Jerry Cerkanowicz
Gary Shows
Kathe Kiehn
Heinz Lankford
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A-Mid Trivia

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

QUESTION: What does the U.S. Postal ‘ZIP ‘ code stand for? ANSWER: At the end of Trivia.

Our prayers are with the Founder of the Point Richmond History Association, Donna Roselius, Port Orford, Oregon, as she battles her cancer.

DIETERS. Have you heard about the Quantum Scales? It shows pounds LOST instead of current weight, a positive reinforcement.

Applying for a job? A growing number of companies will not hire smokers, saying they raise health insurance costs and they miss work more often than nonsmokers. Smoking rate is about 20% for all adults except those adults 65 and older who are half as likely to light up.

“Showrooming” is the practice of looking at merchandise in brick-and-mortar stores and then buying it online for less. It has become a significant trend. A speciality store in Australia is charging \$5 to browse but will deduct from your total if you make a purchase.

20% of American meals are consumed in a car.

The most common surnames in the U.S. are Smith, Johnson, Williams, and Brown.

A belated Happy Birthday to Joan Glover Carter, Idaho, whose name was inadvertently left off in the July birthdays.

Terry Wynne is enjoying the rewards of working. It is called Retirement! She didn’t have any problems adjusting as she was in Grandma status the first week when her young, only grandson arrived from Florida. Her many friends celebrated the occasion with a party at Hotel Mac and, soon she will be spending time in France.

Congratulations!

A skunk’s smell can be detected by a human a mile away!

Donna Nelson timed her knee surgery so she could be on her deck enjoying the remarkable Point views and weather during her therapy and recovery.

Reba and son, Colin Downs, from Colorado Springs, Colorado, visited her brother Larry Slagle and family and took time to tour the Point to check out childhood haunts and improvements.

Roberta, Richard, and Robert Palfini, Irvine, California, visited her mother, Mid Dornan, after their Wieting family reunion in LaConnor, Washington in July and again in August after daughter, Rachel, returned from Cambodia. She spent six weeks working with Burmese Refugee Women in Thailand. Rachel is a Junior at Whitman College and Robert, enters UC Santa Barbara in the fall. Mid will attend his Eagle Scout ceremony in August.

Richmond is the first city in Contra Costa County to ban plastic bags in grocery and retail stores. Such bans have been sweeping the nation and neighboring cities are considering similar ordinances. The city hopes to distribute 12,000 reusable bags, funded by grants, in the coming months. The City has already distributed 5,000 reusable bags in recent years to ease the transition as stores will impose a 5-cent paper bag fee. The Ordinance begins January 1, 2014, as does the 5-cent fee.

Borrow from pessimists -- they don’t expect to get it back.

Richmond made world-wide headlines with its

attempt to be the first city in the the nation to tax sugary drinks. While the ordinance failed beverage industries spent millions on its defeat. Was this ordinance their ‘wake-up-call’ that people are starting to focus on obesity and sodas? Why are new beverage TV commercials now filmed within the produce department with backgrounds of apples, oranges, vegetables, etc. and the shopper saying she didn’t need laws to tell her what to buy! Yes, Councilman Ritterman, you started something to watch these next few years.

1968 Kennedy High School graduates, Kathy Dornan Barnes, Oxford, Mississippi; Reba Slagle Downs, Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Claudell Stephens, M.D., Richmond, met for lunch in June. Claudell was Senior Class President and Kathy was Vice President. Reba and Kathy attended Washington School.

If you could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?

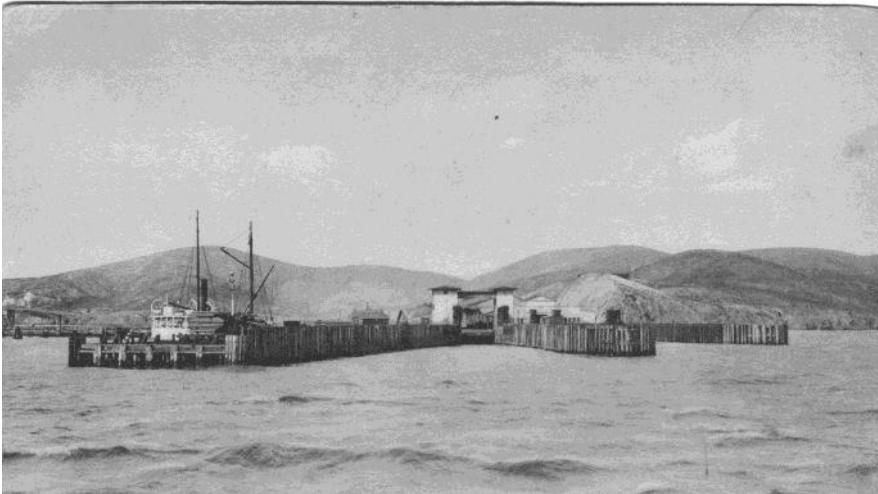
ANSWER: Z-oning, I-mprovement, P-lan.

See page 17 to learn more about ZIP codes.

The 10 Biggest U.S. Charities

- United Way
- Salvation Army
- Catholic Charities USA
- Feeding America
- American Red Cross
- Food for the Poor
- American Cancer Society
- World Vision
- YMCA
- Goodwill Industries.

Donna Roselius, one of the founders of the Point Richmond History Association, underwent major surgery in August. She is recovering at her home in Port Orford, You can contact her by writing to P.O. Box 47, Port Orford, OR 97465.



Ferry Point

Photo Archive #0858 from Mary Calfee

Church News



By Dee Rosier
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While out of town visitors scamper to purchase warmer outdoor wear, we natives are acclimated to the typical summer weather of early morning fog with sunshine arriving later in the day. How fortunate are we to have our natural air conditioning.

Father celebrated two memorable anniversaries during June/July. In June he celebrated his 51st year as a priest. Reflecting on those years he quotes that his life as a priest has been a rich adventure. It began in his first parish ministry in an Eskimo village on the Bering Sea to his most recent major project, producing a documentary in the former Soviet Union. He has ended up with people and in situations never imagined in his younger years. He states that it has been a life of compelling adventures. The second celebration was a memorable birthday ending with an “0” – like in “80”. After a Sunday Mass in July, the Parish Council sponsored a coffee/cake get together in the parish hall. It was just one of his many birthday celebrations.

The aging rectory is facing the reality of electronic equipment, which it was not designed for. An electrician was hired to increase the supply to meet the hi-tech computer and other appliance needs. A new church heating system is also in the works. The rectory shingle replacement will begin shortly, as well as the construction of the new fence.

It seems repairs/upgrades never cease and one day we may even see a new roof. The Station of the Cross which fell, has been painted and repaired and will be replaced after those still in place are examined to make sure they are safely attached. The plastic doors to the church hall storage room will be replaced with wooden doors.

Our support of the Richmond Souper Kitchen is ongoing. It provides meals 365 days a year for more than 200 people daily. Our Lady of Mercy parishioners volunteer to serve meals on the 4th Monday of the month. Should you desire to volunteer, call Edwina Murray at 233-7529.

The daytime Bible Study Group continues to meet on the third Thursday of the month in the church hall at 1PM. For further information, call Edwina Murray at 233-7529.

Pancake breakfasts continue to be held on the third Sunday of each month. The last one will be held in October. If you haven't made it to any yet, better give it some thought. You cannot beat the price of \$8.00 for the amount of food served. We again give thanks to the parishioner who donates the bacon and sausage.

For those who would like to meet with Father, please schedule an appointment by phone or email briefly explaining the purpose. It can then be placed on Father's calendar so that he can respond.

Father doesn't miss a holiday opportunity to excel in his culinary attributes. The last holiday get together drew 40 plus people. What a great way to meet and spend time with fellow parishioners. Instead of writing documentaries, perhaps Father should consider a cookbook!

Parents of children who have completed the course we sponsor in preparation for First Communion should ask for a certificate of completion. The certificate should be good for use in other parishes. We are able to welcome local children who cannot fit into the schedules of their own parish. The actual Sacraments are parish based but may require a certificate to prove completion of

sacramental instruction. Parents who wish to have their children baptized should also notify Father well in advance.

Father has also run off the parish's practices for funerals which are now on our webpage. They are also available in the entryway of the church.

Aside from all that he accomplishes around the rectory/parish, Father was able to find time to spend a few days vacationing in Oregon. As he added another year to his age, he is also adjusting to his first hearing aid.

Our soprano deva, Elizabeth continues her studies in Italy and has gone from her session being coached by Renata Scotto to another session with a great star, Raina Kabaivanska.

Pt. Richmond was featured on Channel 4 news showing a sector on People Behaving Badly, which showed motorists making u-turns in the fire station driveway. The other sector was a plus giving the new restaurant in Craneway of plus review.

Brenda McKinley spent several days attending a YLI convention in Seattle.

The family tradition of summer camp continues in the Rosier family. In his youth, my husband attended YMCA Camp Ravencliff in Garberville. Later our daughters attended Camp Fire Camp Seabow in Mendocino County. The present generation, being my grandson, attended Coppercreek Camp in Greenville. He returns to school wearing braces.

Remember in your prayers: Al Frosini, John Gerk, Bill Smith, Frank and Dixie Mello. Valerie Frosini sends word that her dad is doing well.

It was a delight to see Cynthia Young along with her daughters attend Mass in honor of her husband, Bruce Young.

Condolences to the family of Steve Shaffer. Steve was a former parishioner who moved to Sacramento and was an active member of the parish while here.

Condolences to the family of Betty Sindicich. Betty celebrated her 90th birthday the day before having knee surgery. Betty was a charming woman who was verbally active and one of the

original St. Cornelius Mother's Club member. She leaves a void in our parish community and an empty space next to her son, Tom and Susie.

Condolences are also extended to the family of Barney Dietz. Barney was a very special person. He had a dental practice at 2500 Bissell years ago and specialized in children's dentistry. I was employed at the dental office and Barney danced at my wedding. Florence Wilson was also an employee and thus the beginning of our friendship as well as my move to Pt. Richmond.

Condolences to the Drake family in the recent death of Linda Drake. Linda was a unique personality with a gifted talent in art. Our bulletin displays an artistic rendition painted by Linda of the church and rectory. She lost her battle with breast cancer, but left us with vivid memories. I was blessed to have spent a few moments with her prior to her death.

It was a birthday celebration at the Hotel Mac to honor Bill Gutterez. Friends and family gathered in his honor.

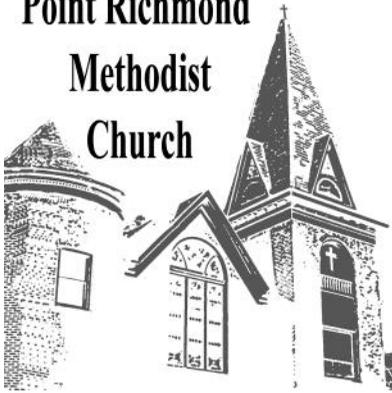
A recent baby shower honoring Christina and Jeffery Quist brought together some previous neighbors, i.e., Donna Powers and Linda Marshall. The highlight of the get together was the presence of Keith Young. For those of you not familiar with Pt. Richmond in years past, the Santa Fe Market was owned by Bob Young. Both of his children, Robin and Keith worked at the store. Keith remembered all the familiar Pt. Richmond faces and our favorite buys at the store. He continues to live in San Francisco.

The first six months of this year presented me with some serious health issues. Thanks to family and friends for their constant care, concern and especially prayers. The upcoming months will be spent healing and giving thanks for a second chance.

LIVE LIFE ONE DAY AT A TIME
AND MAKE IT A MASTERPIECE

SEE YOU IN CHURCH

Point Richmond Methodist Church



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Events: For **Fathers' Day Jazz**, the service featured vocals in a variety of styles by some of our talented members and friends. Heather Damon, Linda Andrew-Marshall, Bethany Reynolds, Gill Stanfield, Marla Harvey, and Sheilani Alix sang accompanied by the Band. A men's sextet – Jonathan Swett, Gill Stanfield, Robbie Lee, Richard Smith, Norm Reynolds, and Tom Baynes – sang a cappella. "The Band" was Kurt Ribak (bass), Randy Odell (drums), Lincoln Adler (sax), and Dan Damon (piano). Kurt Ribak voiced his appreciation for the support he felt from our congregation, friends, and family during the past year: he endured several surgeries on his wrist and hand after an accident and faced uncertainty about whether he would heal enough to play his bass again. He faces more surgery in October.

Maybe the date June 8 was not the best choice for our **Victorian Tea**: we had some vacant seats at both seating times. In many ways, though, it was a hit! Some new treats on the trays were especially good: tasty basil and tomato open-faced sandwiches, spicy homemade hot pepper jelly, and luscious lemon curd. Jonathan Swett brewed fine tea. Mid Dornan chatted from table to table at both seatings, and Steve Shank, Mary Lee Cole, and others who had come to serve or work in the kitchen had time to sit, share tea, and converse. The tea

aficionados at one table relaxed so completely, they continued to visit, unconcerned, as we dismantled the décor around them. Isn't that a sign of success?

The **Vacation Bible School**, *Castaways: Point Richmond* "Making the Most With What You've Got" happened the first week in August. In preparation, Terri Pittman made a gallon of the most delicious homemade paste (oh, wait, we don't eat it, do we?) for a hat-making project. Ten students made sun prints, modeling clay prints, creative collages, and unique paper hats. Bethany Reynolds led favorite games from previous years and introduced new versions of tag. Working as a team, we got everyone across the yard in spite of the lava monster lurking there. We followed a partner who could see and led one who couldn't. The corn we husked in the relay on Friday was all eaten for lunch. Bethany Reynolds, Sarah Thompson, and Pastor Dan led some fun-to-thoughtful camp songs, and we did some dancing. Super staff for the week included Bill Thompson, Sarah Thompson, Bethany Reynolds, Terri Pittman, Shirley Butt, Pastor Dan Damon, Helen Wysham, and Jean Reynolds. Ventriloquist Robbie Lee and his sidekick Leroy came several days to tell the Bible story. Mary Lee Cole took photos. Jane Carnall, Linda Andrew Marshall, Helen Wysham, Barbara Haley, Matt Foster, and Jennifer Metz Foster brought snacks. Norm and David Reynolds prepared lunch on Friday. What will happen next year and who will come? I can't wait to find out!

Jean Reynolds preached June 2; Pastor Dan taught hymnody at Garret Evangelical Seminary and celebrated Ruth Duck's retirement as worship professor. Linda Andrew-Marshall preached July 14 while Pastor Dan and Eileen Johnson attended the Hymn Society meeting. United Church of Christ pastor Carol J. Manahan taught the adult Sunday school class and preached August 25. Carol teaches environmental studies at California College of the Arts, and is a member of the Richmond Garden Club.

People: Jean Womack's family and friends gathered to remember her on June 18 at a reception in Friendship Hall, surrounded by a retrospective of her art. Jean had many gifts of observation and

avenues of expression: she experienced an event physically, through photography, by interviews, through artistic interpretation, and by her own well-written words. She loved to do art with children. The art projects she brought to Vacation Bible School set a standard hard to maintain. She painted faces at the farmers' market and provided materials for children's art projects at Point Richmond Music events. She never stopped creating art and was a lifelong student.

We celebrated the life of **Pat Nelson** at a memorial service on August 10, 2013. Pat's family, neighbors, fellow Masquers, and others who loved her filled the hall. A classic photo from Pat's diva days gazed down from her chair in the choir loft, and slides projected on the wall recalled various times of her life and the people with whom she shared it. Some of Pat's cousins, scattered in various parts of the country, were unable to attend but sent remembrances to be read aloud. Julio Reyes played his guitar as a tribute. Joan Nelson sang *Ave Maria*: Pat sang it often in her lyric soprano days. People told how Pat befriended them and instilled in them a sense of belonging, and of her integrity in all of her endeavors.

Good News: Did you see the scaffolding at the church in August? The brick façade of the building finally got re-pointed in the places most needed. Workers scraped away crumbling mortar and applied fresh formula-appropriate mortar to make repairs. The process included turning the power off for a few days for the safety of the workers aloft. Initial efforts by the late Spencer Compton, and later follow-up by Tom Butt, Shirley Butt, Bill Thompson and the church Trustees finally led to action. Jonathan Swett found an experienced brick contractor and workers, and had the pure will to see the project completed. In the past few years, the Gateway Foundation gave us a grant, the Women's Westside Improvement Club donated funds, generous individuals contributed cash, and someone provided a matching gift opportunity to fund more than half of the first phase of the project, which ended up costing \$16,000. We are still accepting donations to cover the as-yet unfunded part of the project.

In June, our Administrative Board agreed to send

a letter to the local Boy Scout Council to express our support for the new national BSA policy to allow gay boys to be Boy Scouts. In August, we approved a new Welcome Statement to better express our intention to show hospitality to all.

Doreen Leighton organized dinner for guests at the GRIP family shelter on August 14 while some of the usual team were out of town or unavailable. I trust she found a buddy to help!

Outreach: Our missions committee and the United Methodist Women have begun a partnership with Contra Costa County's Early Childhood Mental Health Clinic on MacDonald Ave. in Richmond. Karen Bianchini visited us in June and told us about the role of the clinic and the needs of families served there. In addition to mental health guidance, qualifying families with children up to age seven benefit if the clinic can give them a few new or gently-used items of clothing for their children; disposable diapers; winter coats, rainwear, and boots; toys; and/or public transportation vouchers. We plan to support the clinic and its clients in one or more of those ways.

I traveled to the Philippines in July for an International Solidarity Mission to speak with indigenous Filipino people in Mindanao. The Philippine National Army oppresses them and their communities; the army is trained by U.S. troops and financed by U.S. aid. I attended an International Conference for Human Rights in Manila. Lawyers, labor organizers, journalists, scholars, faith leaders and other advocates for justice from around the world told about human rights problems their people face. The places varied, but the stories were similar.

Camp Ashraf- The Iraqi Government has ordered that no electricity, water or food be supplied to Camp Ashraf: a threat to the lives of the one hundred people who still reside there. These few remained in Ashraf to safeguard belongings of the 3000 people who were convinced to go to "Camp Liberty" to begin a process to be allowed to leave Iraq. The process to immigrate has never materialized and now those left behind are threatened. Our congregation supports the safe relocation of the people in Ashraf and Camp Liberty to other countries willing to offer them safety.

Methodist Church News continued.....

Calendar:

Sunday school for children and youth starts **September 8, at 10:00 a.m.** **Adult Bible study** meets Sundays at 10:00 a.m. year-round.

Joyful Noise Choir resumes on Wednesday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m. All singers are welcome! The choir sings almost every Sunday except during the summer.

Saturday, September 14, 1-3pm, A film: "Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequality" by Shaki Butler. The United Methodist Women offer a preview and discussion at Jennifer Metz Foster's home in Rodeo. RSVP to Jennifer: (510) 245-2651 jmmetz1@gmail.com or contact Barbara to carpool: (510) 232-5358 bahcats@sbcglobal.net.

Saturday, **October 26, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.: 5th Annual Jean Eakle Silent Art Auction** at Point San Pablo Yacht Club, 700 W. Cutting Blvd. near Canal Street in Point Richmond. As befits its namesake, the Art Auction is an experience filled with visual pleasures in a wonderful setting on the Bay. Original art, prints, a variety of crafts and jewelry will be available for bidding. Pastor Dan Damon will show his jazz piano chops as a sublime background for browsing. No host bar at the club and complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Admission is \$10 and all proceeds benefit the church. If you have art work you no longer use, or if you knit, crochet, weave, make ceramics or jewelry, paint or sculpt and would like to donate to the auction, contact Deby McFadyen: (510) 235-0165 dsmcfadyen@hotmail.com or Diane Frary (510) 236-0152 dianefrary@comcast.net.

Annual Harmony Walk to End Hunger and **5K Run to End Homelessness** to raise funds for Greater Richmond Interfaith Program's vital work in the community is **October 26, at 8:00 a.m.** at the Richmond Civic Center Plaza. Contact Kia Croom at the GRIP office to donate, register to walk or run, or if your business wants to sponsor a booth at the Community Fair: 510-233-2141 EX 304 or kcroom@gripcommunity.org

WWIC

Est. 1908

by *Linda Newton*

News from the Womens Westside Improvement Club

The Westside Women's Improvement Club held the last meeting of the 2012-2013 year on June 4. The next meeting will be September 10. The last meeting is always special as we wear hats in honor of our tradition. This writer will attend more to that later. We also had a potluck salad luncheon with some hearty fare of macaroni, tuna, and salmon salads along with three bean salad and tossed greens. The new and old boards were the hostesses. **Diane Hirano, Marion Kent, and Linda Newton** provided homemade desserts. The tables were decorated in green tablecloths with deep pink roses. Quite lovely.

There was a short business meeting brought to order by President **Norma Wallace** during which we acknowledged the June birthdays of **Mary Lee Cole, Jane Diokas, Lori Endres** and her son Sammy; the July birthdays of **Martha Bielawski, Doris Mitchell, Grethe Tedrick, and Alyce Williamson**; and the August birthdays of **Mid Dornan, Marjorie Harmon, Marion Kent, and Helen Wysham**.

The announcements made at the meeting show the active nature of the WWIC. **Kim Hampton** brought to the group's attention a change in the storytelling time at the Westside Branch Library from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. when the library is opened to the public. The biggest concern was combining the activities of the toddlers with the adult visitors and the general unpleasantness that would result. Apparently the

9:30 a.m. storytelling time is very popular and well attended. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously for a letter to be sent on behalf of the WWIC opposing the change in time. **Norma** appointed **Kim** to communicate this. The membership was also encouraged to write individual letters. Perhaps due to all of our letters, the library storytelling time was kept in the 9:30 slot.

Among other announcements **Mid Dornan** told that the Methodist Church was having a tea party fundraiser on June 8, **Kathy Kiehn** said the Masquers Playhouse had a new musical, *Closer than Ever*, in production, **Lori Endres** informed us that the 10th anniversary party for Nova Studio would be happening on August 31 and that Nova Studio was now an LLC partnership, and **Altha Humphrey** mentioned the Arts of Point Richmond was participating in the summer Art Walks on the third Thursdays, June 20, July 18, and August 15. They always have items of quality at reasonable prices. During officers' reports, Treasurer **Diane Hirano** stated that all the checks had been sent out to the groups that we voted to donate money to: Sailfish \$250; United Methodist Church fund to repair the bricks \$250; Point Richmond summer music series \$100; Masquers Playhouse ad \$200; Our Lady of Mercy fence fund \$200. Also, she will be preparing new member packets for our fall membership drive. Finally, the WWIC organized work party with the EBRPD will be on Saturday, Aug. 24. See more about that below.

Then we got down to the business of telling about our hats. There were stories about getting a hat just because, and bringing one because it was convenient, or for soap makers and travel, for honoring mothers or daughters, for pinning Elks Club emblems on, for wearing on hot days, and there were hats given out at work, and no hat at all for hat challenged people. The hat requirement inspired **Carla Bowman** as she waxed poetic:

"I have a tale to tell
About the start of House of Chanel
In gay Paris

There was a jeune fille,
Who could skillfully sew Chapeaux
Such as this
Bringing Mesdames much bliss
What, I say,
Is the milliner's soubriquet?
Eh bien,
It is Coco!"

Of all this good humored comraderie two stories stood out. **Mid Dornan** wore a little girl bonnet that had been made for a friend's baby back when little girls wore bonnets regularly. However, the baby turned out to be a boy. So when Mid had her first daughter, the friend gave Mid back the hat where it has resided ever since. **Marion Kent** started collecting iridescent turkey feathers which she sewed on the plain hat that she had worn last year to hat day. Marion had so gotten into this turkey feather thing that she lassoed a live turkey, plucked it, roasted it, and served it to her family. And if you believe that, I've a new span of a bridge to sell you.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10—one of a few exceptions to our "first Tuesday of every month" rule. See you in September.*

As mentioned above, the WWIC hosted a work party in Miller-Knox Regional Park to improve the sloped entrance into the park down to the pond. The idea had been conceived by **Kathleen Wimer** who had noted the overgrowth that had occurred over the years. Scott Possin of East Bay Regional Park District agreed with her and supported our work party. Thanks to him and his crew, the morning of August 24 went extremely well, and we accomplished a great deal. One of his crew, Gary, drove off seven dump truck loads that some WWIC members and other volunteers gathered together. Photos were taken by **Kim Hampton** and **Sharon Ward**, Kathleen's neighbor. Join us in October when we dig out some roots and plant California native plants appropriate for the site. We'll announce it at PRNC meetings, on Point Richmond. Com and Nextdoor Point Richmond among other places. Come see our handiwork soon.

Have you noticed that the street map of the Point is missing?

The Womens Westside Improvement Club (WWIC) has been working on a major project to replace it with a new and updated version. The current map was installed by the WWIC in the 1980s shortly after the US Highway 580 was opened.. Ann Hanzlick and her husband Joe (both are deceased) were instrumental in the project.

The City has removed the current structure to make way for a new structure and map. The replacement map will be located in the same place with an "update" to the surrounding landscaping too. Completion of the entire project will take at least two months.

The WWIC hopes to have a "Grand Party for an unveiling event that will be fun for the entire community.

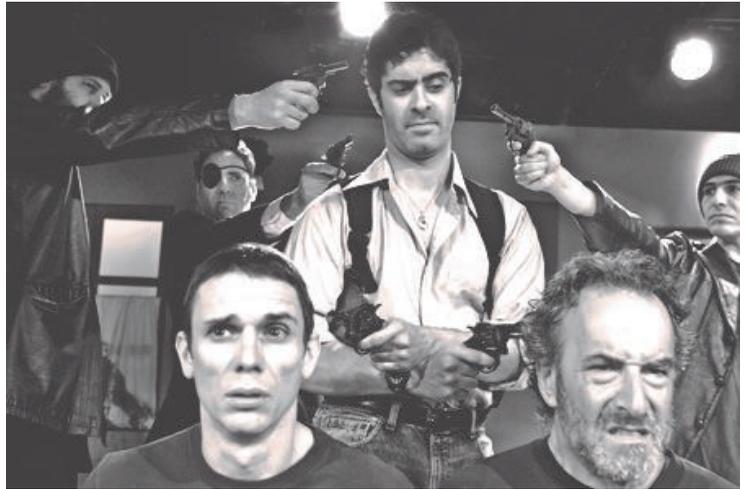
Missing!



at the Masquers

The Lieutenant of Inishmore

The Lieutenant of Inishmore, the hit play by the “bad boy” of Irish playwriting, Martin McDonagh, opens August 23 at Masquers Playhouse in Point Richmond. An Irish revolutionary’s fuse is lit by the sudden death of his beloved pet. This brutal and bloody, shocking and horrifying, and ultimately hysterical comedy by McDonagh — perhaps today’s most exciting writer — is a commentary on the violence of our world. You’ll hate it. Until you love it! **THIS PLAY IS NOT SUITABLE FOR FAMILY AUDIENCES.**



The cast includes Alan Coyne, Cherie Girard-Brodigan, Avi Jacobson, Dan Kurtz, Jesse MacKinnon, Damien Seperi and David Stein. Directed by John Maio.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm with Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm on September 8, 15 and 22. The show plays through September 28. Tickets are \$22 and all seats are general admission. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.masquers.org> or by calling (510) 232-4031.

The playhouse is located off of Highway 580 (Richmond Parkway exit) at 105 Park Place, Point Richmond, across from the Hotel Mac.



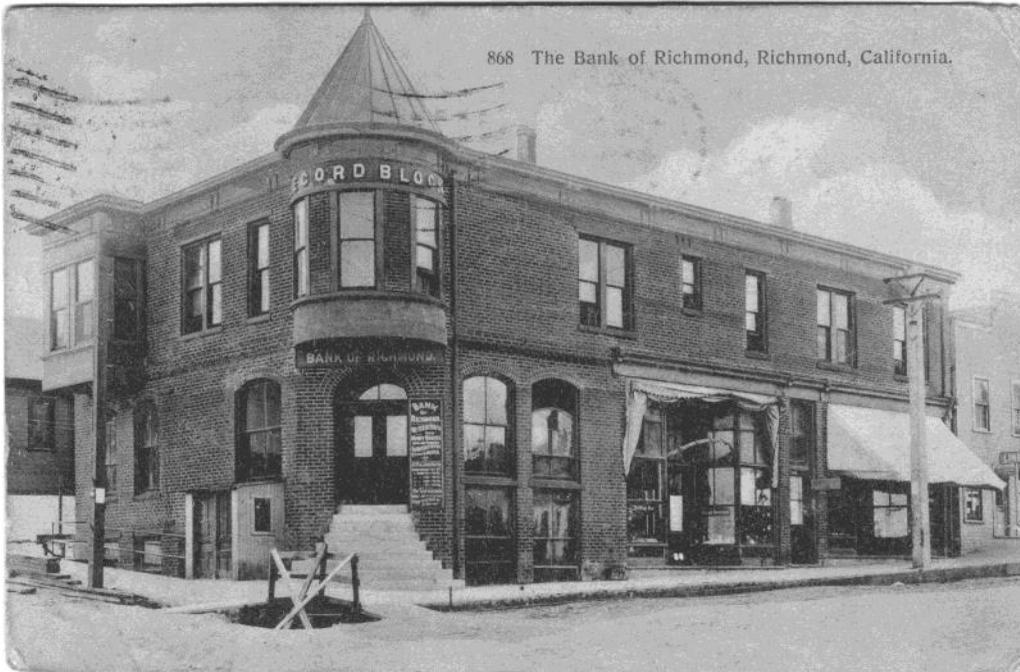
New Pictures for our Photo Archives

*These will be added to
our collection on the
digital display in our
little museum, come by
and see them..*



*Original Indian
Statue, circa 1915*

*#0852 from
Kathryn Alves*



*Post card from
old bank
building*

*#0860 from
Mary Calfee*



*This and several
early school photos*

*#0849 from
Kathryn Alves*



*Gathering in front
of long gone New
Roma Hotel that
was on Standard
Avenue.*

*#0864 from
Julius Mattuecci*



*West Richmond Avenue, must be about 1912
#0846 from Kathryn Alves*



*#0863 from Mary Calfee, Mary did not
indicate who this gentleman is, do you know?*



#0865_Jean_Knox,

*Jean gave us a photo
study on the 1968
improvement project at
Keller Beach. They are
very interesting, I am still
scanning them, will be
featured in depth in a
future issue.*

Thank you Jean Knox!

ZIP!

It was fifty years ago that the Post Office Department was overwhelmed by the increase in business mail. In 1963, the agency rolled out the Zoning Improvement Plan, a five-digit code meant to help sort mail for delivery to specific locations. Every location in the United States has a nine-digit code - but what does it all mean?

12345-6789

The first three numbers-General region/city

The next two numbers-Delivery area/P.O. or neighborhood

The next two numbers- Sector or several blocks

Last two numbers-segment or one side of the street.

There are a total of 41,810 U.S.ZIP codes, including 538 Military ZIP codes. The average population per ZIP code is 7,348 and California has the most codes, 2,602 which is 3 more than Texas and Rhode Island has 90 (89 more than American Samoa). Most Populous (estimate) is 79936, El Paso, TX - 116,860. The Oldest (median age) - 17606, Lancaster, PA - 87. The Youngest (median age) - 56593, Wolf Lake, MN 11. Most ethnically Diverse (neighborhood/metro area) - 75038, Irving/Dallas, TX. Priciest (Median home list price, summer 2012)- 10065, Upper East Side, NYC - \$6,534,430.

Mid



I know a guy who is addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.

AN OLD LAND LINE NUMBER

-Mid Dornan

In February, when the phone service at 220 Bishop Alley was closed the operator was amazed as she noted the number had been at that address since before they started keeping records in the 1940s. She said it was sad to lose a number that had been attached to a name for so long. It was then explained that the next person to be living there would be moving with the same last name and the phone number had also existed for 60 plus years, The operator said--'Wow your family doesn't change numbers often". She was amazed that people kept their numbers.

Can you remember when your number began with BEACON?



Brooks Island “The People”

by George Coles

Anthropologist George Coles is known for his extensive study of Brooks Island. George now spends a great deal of his time working to restore the Richmond Museum of History's ship, Red Oak Victory. We appreciate his observations on this Brooks Island work.

Gary



As I guide visitors on the Red Oak Victory, I usually comment on the nearby Brooks Island. We need to be reminded that more than 95% of the human occupation of our area was pre European.

The people themselves, those on hand in contact times, were slightly shorter than we are, but so were our rather recent ancestors. This seems true through the full occupation times as indicated by the skeletal remains of those buried in the sites. (Actually Californians ranged from the Mojave who were among the tallest people to the Yuki who were considerably shorter than our Brooks Island people.)

Burial practices and other practices associated with disposal of the deceased are very constant through time.

Brooks Island people favored flexed burials for most people, as did most Californians. This was burial with the deceased placed on either side with knees drawn up in a fetal position. To me, that seems more relaxed than stretched out on back. A small percentage were cremated, but the cremation was complete enough that we could not distinguish features unique to those cremated.



George on a recent outing to the island

That is we could not see if very old, very young, ill, outsiders, enemies, friends, loved, wounded, or any other factors determined their being cremated rather than buried.

Most adult burials did not include offerings. In some other groups offerings are elaborate. Adult males were sometimes accompanied by obsidian blades, and one older woman had a pestle. She also had our sympathy for her badly infected teeth, the only case of tooth decay in the sites on

Brooks. Her teeth showed wear consistent with stone ground food which wears off the cusps; so she was not an outsider. Much is often made about the things with burials, often with little evidence. There are those who suggest possibly correctly, they are for the use of the deceased in afterlife. Some suggest that they are put with the burial to get rid of pollution. Deceased communicate nothing about this so an answer is not probable from archaeology. They could even have been used to bring about the demise. The most logical thing is to find descendants, even current relatives of quite old populations remember a lot. The best we can do is use ethnographic analogy; that is, what did these things mean to people in societies we have known as living people? Children's burials provide a more complex picture. Infants seem to lack associated materials and to be in random positions. This may just be because their bones are not as tightly linked so we see them only after the bones have separated a bit.

Children between the age of 5 and 12 seem to have the most attention. All are accompanied by shell beads and are very carefully interred. Could it be that at a young age they had not had the

pleasures of life and the adults thought to provide them through material award? Any interpretation must be simple and carry the awareness of the parent's grief. Most groups had very significant initiations into adulthood. The care in burial may be a substitute for this.

Then what about the infants? There is some ethnographic evidence from other people living in a similar way that children were not named early in life – maybe until age 5 or so, an age at which their spirit could find and lead them. Could this have been the case? About 40% to 50% of babies died by age 5. (This is not rare for the time – check the infant mortality rate in London in the 1600's.) That they were not named may have eased the grief at the loss since a family may lose several children.

It is not too difficult to see a cultural change by the artifactual changes which occur through time, but to gain the real meaning requires knowing of living people. Even then things may also be none of our business.

Burials provide interesting mystery but we can talk about food with considerable certainty. In the middle of one of the richest natural food resource anywhere, the Brooks Island people (Huchion,

Cuchillones) naturally did not farm. Farming is hard work done by people in an environment unable to provide adequate support. Brooks Island provided lavish support.

Food we know. Much of it leaves evidence to be readily interpreted. The durability of shells distorts the picture a bit. About 10,000 cubic yards of what appears primarily ash and shell suggests shellfish dominated the diet. Actually though much shellfish was eaten, they probably ate a greater volume of acorns, buckeye, and other seeds, we don't see seeds unless they are a bit burned and thereby preserved.

Shellfish were important. We find about 20 varieties of shells which were probably eaten and at least



George Coles in the 1960's with his students on Brooks Island



George Coles in the 1960's and his students on Brooks Island

two, *Olivella biplicata*, *Halicotis rufescens*, which were probably food but also used for what we would consider jewelry (beads) or trading material.

Most common dietary shellfish were the *Mytilus edulis* (mussel), *Macoma nasuta* (clams) and *Ostrea lurida* (oysters); these were readily available. The mussels were the easiest to hunt. Just send the kids out to pick them off the rocks. The clams required a beach and a bit more effort as did the oysters. Archaeology does not provide the recipe for cooking shellfish. We must go to ethnographic analogy to find they probably cooked them by putting them in a basket with water and acorn meal, and heating by putting in hot clean rocks. The mussel shells dominate the debris, but as one gets to the later years of occupation the shells are smaller than at earlier times. This suggests that they may have been exhausting the resource or it may be just a preference for the smaller.

So many other resources were available. Islands in the bay provided eggs, breeding birds and sea mammals. The Bay itself was teeming with fish and aquatic birds. The marshes provided more birds along with plant resources. The grasslands, back from the shore, provided not only

vegetables but elk and deer were common. Small streams provided trout and salmon. Rabbits and squirrels, though small, provided another resource along with small birds and mammals. Bears were also common but not daily prey.

The vegetal resources were also great. Acorns, properly leached were probably the basis of most meals. Buckeye, which can be poisonous, if not properly leached, provided part of the fall food supply.

Many materials were used to fill the needs of the people beyond just food products. Various animal skins provided clothing and blankets though these are not usually found archaeologically. Numerous plants

were used for rope, fishing lines, and baskets. Very little clay was used. (Pots are too heavy for people who move over a large area in getting their food). Tule was used for making boats.

Various kinds of stone were used, particularly to provide cutting tools for butchering, cutting fiber and to some extent as points for projectiles. The sharp edges of conchoidally, fractured edges of obsidian, herts and some basalt rocks were particularly applicable. Some soapstone was used for smoking pipes and decorative objects. Other stones were used for net sinkers, pestles, mortars; hammerstones were part of everyday activity. Bone was used for awls and various other kinds of tools; splitting wedges from large elk or whale bone were sometimes used.

Beads and pendants were most often made from shells though occasional incised bones were sometimes considered by us to be beads. Wood was used but does not usually endure to be found in archaeological sites.

Most of the materials used were local, but some required trade with others. The soapstone appears to have been traded from Southern California. Obsidian came from quarries primarily in Sonoma counties.

There were probably many soft preservable materials traded also. Beautiful baskets were often overlaid with feathers. These might need trading partners to obtain the right color. Surrounding peoples used panther robes as one of the gifts to girls being initiated into maturity. In some areas it was probably necessary to trade for them; assuming this was practiced here.

Fish bones, mammal bones, bird bones, and any other food wastes are examined and measured. Variations are analyzed as possible indications of culture change.

It can be assumed that the people of Brooks

would come to my house to sort shells. I found this boring, but some students claimed to enjoy it.

How does one decide how long it took for these people to leave 10,000 cubic yards of debris and what objects are older than others?

Superposition is the clue to sequence in time. Generally, the older materials are deeper in the site though sometimes excavation for a house pit, a burial or an animal roast changes that.

We also have a few C-14 dates showing at the levels from which the samples were taken ages up to 1700 years though proper samples of dateable materials were not available from the deepest and

probably oldest parts of the site. I would guess 2,500 years.

Another dating technique which involves changes in the surface of the obsidian called Obsidian Hydration was used. I must have done it poorly for I could obtain no consistent results.

One also compares artifacts with other sites of clear known dates and assumes certain periods of antiquity are shared with the known site.

Pages of tables showing details of analysis of food waste seem a bit much for a paper, but they will be available in the exhibit to be prepared as a part of the permanent Native American

Section of the RICHMOND MUSEUM OF HISTORY. This will include up to 1,000 artifacts from Brooks Island and eventually about 3,000 more from other local sites. I am now suggesting that the next step is for you to watch the news from our Point Richmond Museum and from the Richmond Museum for the date of the opening. Richmond Museum 510-235-7387, Point Richmond Museum 510-234-1045.

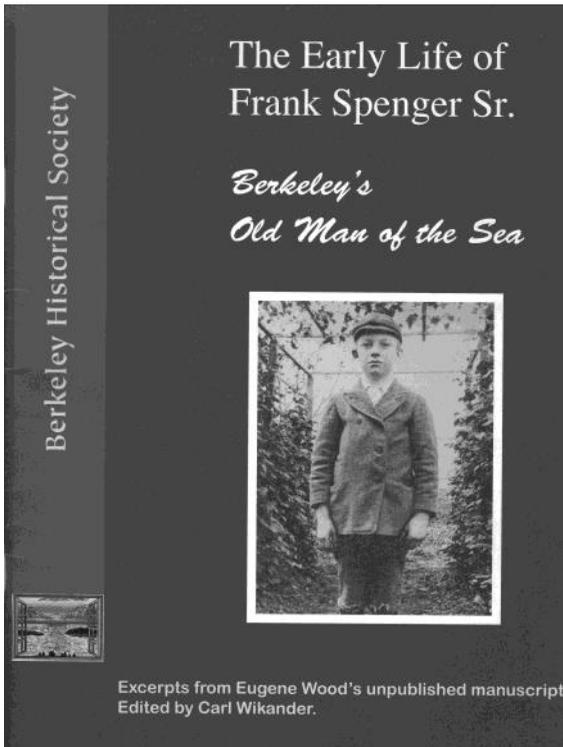


Brooks Island From the air

Island had what they perceived as everything they needed. Remember, these were people at least as smart as we are. If they saw a need they could do what was necessary to satisfy it.

More tables showing flaking waste, pollens, and anything else which can be collected and measured are recorded. Many long hours are spent sorting and identifying shell fragments and small bones or other food waste. Often on days too inclement for getting to the island, the whole crew

Thanks to PRHA member Burl Willes for a copy of the Berkeley Historical Society's publication about the early life of Frank Spenger Sr., of the legendary Spenger's Grotto restaurant. I thought our readers might enjoy this. This chapter takes up when very young Frank runs away from his Berkeley home to his aunt in Point Richmond. When he finds that the aunt has moved away he befriends locals that include a blacksmith and a "cathouse madam."



"Oh, it's you Frankie. Yes. Go on up to the livery stable and get Fred and the buggy. Tell them to hurry."

She slipped Frank a quarter and he took off. In fifteen minutes he rode back in the rig with old Fred, and Carmen was waiting at the alley gate, with a large picture hat on and a suitcase. She was still sputtering. She slipped the suitcase under the seat and, putting one of her high-heel button boots on the hub, vaulted into the buggy. She grabbed the reins from Fred and, whipping the surprised mare, took off down the alley with the mare at a fast trot and her two companions hanging on silently. She barely negotiated the turn into

Tewksbury Avenue, rounding it as she did on two wheels. She then managed to get the mare into a full gallop, and quite a sight they made as they crossed the train tracks under the arc light, headed east. Finally, the old horse had to slow down. She wasn't good for such a burst of speed for more than a couple of minutes.

They pulled up in front of a little cheap hotel a block away from the saloon where old Fred generally dumped the Duke after one of his sessions. She pulled her long skirt up over one well-padded knee and, slipping a roll out from under her red garter, peeled off a five for Fred and gave Frank a dollar. She really has a good-hearted old gal. Her life-long trouble stemmed from too much joie de vivre and a hair-trigger temper.

As Frank recalls, an interesting closing note to this episode occurred two days later, when a small boy came by the livery stable and said that somebody over a the jail wanted to hire a horse and buggy. Fred hitched up the mare again and went over to find out who his customer might be. It was none other, of course, than redoubtable Carmen. It seems she hadn't quite made it out of town the night she left Sally's. In the Duke's favorite saloon where she was dropped, she had entered by the family entrance and, much against the custom of the day, had lingered by herself, telling the bartender that she expected to be picked up there later by her friends. Every so often she would take another drink and buy one for the bartender.

Later on, it seems, two women and a man came in, slightly in their cups, and singing patriotic 4th of July songs. Carmen told them to "Pipe down," but one of the women made the mistake of saying "Sez who?" or something similar, causing Carmen to go into action. And magnificent it was. She soon had both women on the floor with their hats knocked off and hair streaming down their

faces, and, when their male escort remonstrated with Carmen for such unladylike goings on, he found himself on the floor in a groggy condition wearing a brass spittoon. At that point, the police were called, and they put her in the cooler for two days.

It was a dozen or so years later, after Frank was married and running a wholesale fish business, that he heard the final chapter on Carmen. Apparently, she had finally died with her boots on, playing the part of a Mexican Joan of Arc. She had drifted down to the border in the El Paso-Juarez area, where she became a revolutionary *soldada*, leading a platoon of Panch Villa's famous Mexican women soldiers, the *dorados*, or gold ones. It seems that a rival for the attentions of Pancho slipped a knife between her ribs, thus ending a very turbulent career.

The days of June gave way to July, and the big July 4th celebration went off very well and was enjoyed by all, especially Frank. By this time he was helping some commercial fishermen who plied the waters off Red Rock and north to Pinole Point. Between his own catches and what they gave him, Frank was selling lots of fish. He was living high on the hog, you might say; at least he was eating well and saving money.

A couple of weeks after the big 4th of July doings, Frank had quite a surprise waiting for him at Jim's when he came back, with some fish. His father was there. "Well young man, here they told me I would find you, and I have found you", said

his father. Frank was very embarrassed and flustered by the unexpected encounter. "So long you were away, Frank. Why did you do it, worrying us like that?" "I just couldn't stand any more school, Papa. I wanted to be a fisherman like you, so I came out here to be with Tante Annie, but she has moved away."

She is now in Oakland. So here in a barn you stay yet. They tell me you have become a fisherman and sell fish to people here in Point Richmond."

"Yes, Papa, I do."

"Well, if a fisherman you are going to be, better you be one at home with the family. You have grown big since you ran away. Let us walk up to the depot and get the train back to Berkeley, boy.

And that was it. Little was said on the return trip, but Frank was really glad to be back with his father and very happy that his school days were over and that he would soon be a fisherman with the men.

Enjoy this little story?

Call the Berkeley Historical Society at 510-848-0181 to get a copy of this book.

Visit berkeleyhistoricalsociety.org for more information on the Berkeley Historical Society.

This is the conclusion of this chapter.

Thanks to Pat Pearson for keeping the local markets stocked with TPIT and thank you Santa Fe and Point Richmond Markets for the support!



I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger, then it hit me!

From the Richmond Museum of History
On Monday November 11th, Veterans Day
CELEBRATE THE FIRST SAIL OF THE SS RED OAK VICTORY SHIP SINCE 1968
AND DEDICATION OF RIGGERS LOFT

The ship will "sail" with a tug escort in celebration of our veterans, home front workers, and the restoration progress of the ship.

THE WORKING SCHEDULE OF THE DAY IS:

10am: Boarding of the ship begins

11am: The Air Force Band will play and the Red Oak JACS will sing the official launch song from the Kaiser Richmond shipyards and the mooring lines released. During the cruise will be music, food stations and entertainment

2pm: The ship returns to the dock to enjoy a BBQ on the dock with lots of activity including the ribbon cutting ceremony of the newly restored Riggers Loft in cooperation with the National Park Service, the Rosie the Riveter Trust, the Port of Richmond and the City of Richmond.

The price is \$150.

You can call either the Museum (510) 235-7387 or the Ship (510) 237-2933 to purchase sailing certificates...

Come and join us for this historic day in Richmond!!

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*Age is not a number, it is
an attitude.*

**Please send corrections and additions to
"Over 90 Club" to midornan@sbcglobal.net
or call 510-234-5334. Thank you to those who
update these numbers.**

Thanks to Kathe Kiehn and Heinz Lankford for mailing the Summer
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Birthdays

September

Donna Roselius	Al Frosini	Kenneth Dolan	Margaret Morkowski
Joan Gatten	Frank Christopher	Theresa Daniel	Gene Smith
Carol Keihn	Linda Newton	Jan Feagley	John Bailo
Susan Armstrong	Roberta Wilson	Lorin Buhler	Alice Jordan
Marie Peckham	Simeon J. Burtner	Isobel Shaw	Michael Heckmann
Ivar Elle	Gayle Kaufman	Audrey Lee Rentfro	Elisa DeLaTorre
Daniel Butt	John Hadreas	Stephen Kowalski	Jackie Lizarraga
Don Diani	David Reynolds	Stephenie Kowalski	Don Diani
Emileigh Barnes	John T. Knox	Gene Smith	Sonja Gandola
Williams	Jerry Cerkanowicz, Jr	Diane Frosini Diani	

October

Terry Wynne	Jan Burdick	Chris Ward	Maria Inchauspe Smith
Ingrid Lindemann	Jody Bagley	Helen Frosini	Abigal Munoz Rivera
Kate Lord	Jeff Ward	Tony Peter Bernabic	Toni Cannizzaro
Florence Wilson	McKinley Bradshaw	Chad Feagley	Leo Matteucci
Maria Shaw	Tim Montgomery	Isabel 'Boo' Shaw	Ray Smith
Marguerite Clutts	Brian Tedrick	Jerry Daniel	Tim Montgomery
Linda Pereira	Dean Smith	Grace Cerkanowicz	
Timothy Doherty	Rich Weirick	Otto Barni	
David Vincent	Marc Bisio	Betty Glass Marshall	



“And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count.

It's the life in your years.”

Abraham Lincoln

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" and "Richmond Herald Record". It is one of the items left for us by Allan Smith.

Items of Interest Point Richmond, 1902

From the Point Richmond Record and Leader

- 3-17-02 Waverly Stairly and W. S. Stoddard, the new bankers, will move their safe and furniture over this weekend. The words Harley Block have been mounted on front of the new building on Richmond Ave.
- 5-06-02 Standard Oil Company pays off employees in gold and silver instead of checks.
- 5-17-02 Otto Ludewig will open his meat market this morning at corner of Potrero and Santa Fe..(Potrero was later Cottage Avenue).
- 5-17-02 Powder Works to be built between Richmond and Pinole. (Giant)
- 7-17-02 The jail is now assured for Point.
- 7-19-02 Church meeting places; Presbyterians, Santa Fe school house, Baptists; Fraternal Hall; Catholics, Currys Hall (later Downers Hall).
- 11-07-02 Santa Fe starts their new depot at the Point.
Frank Pursell will pay his dept (election) by rolling a peanut down Washington Avenue, then Richmond to the R.R. tracks.
- 11-15-02 Church services, Catholics now in Downers Hall
- 11-24-02 Gabe Roth moves to the Point from Tulare.
Good fist fight at Ferry Point.
All who attend Wunderlich's dance (masquerade) must remove masks at the door for identification. Too much undesirable element in town.
Big purchase of crude oil by SOCo.
- 12-9-02 Standard pipe line nearly finished, coming from Bakersfield to Richmond.
The school board will build new school on same location. This was the new 2 story, 6 room building, Standard Avenue School.
Better load up your shotguns, town full of bad characters!
- 12-15-02 There is a brick building boom on at the Point.
Wild Cat Creek yields much gold.
- 12-20-02 Catholics will begin new church next week.
Poodle Dog restaurant opened by De Maria and Brignone.



Jokes about German Sausage are the worst

Deaths.....

Jean Eger Womack passed away at Richmond Kaiser Hospital on June 11, 2013 at the age of 70. Jean is survived by her loving husband Howard of 12 years and her sister Betty Raikes. She is lovingly remembered by her son Bill Eger of Washington DC and grand-daughters Karissa and Rae. Jean was a lifetime journalist. One of her greatest prides was publishing a local newspaper called the Point Counterpoint in the 1970's and 1980's. She continued her education earning her masters degree and teaching credentials. She then embarked on a journey as an Educator working with children of all ages in the Bay Area. Jean constantly practiced and excelled in many forms of art, including painting, sketching, sculpture and metallurgy. Wood cuts and printmaking were long time favorites and she shared these and many other crafts with children and adults at every opportunity.

Patricia "Pat" Nelson passed away peacefully in her home on Saturday, August 3, 2013. Pat was a resident of Richmond, CA, was born in Spokane, WA in 1936 to Velma McNall-Carlos and Clarence Berg, and raised in Tacoma by her loving grandparents, Julia and Ehrman "Mac" McNall. In 1976 Pat came to the Bay Area with three kids, two dogs, one cat, a travel trailer and a U-Haul. The moment they arrived, Pat knew she was "home". She is survived by her three children, Julie Nelson, Pinole; Debbie Benko, Crockett, and Mike Nelson, Elverson, PA; and her grandchildren, Julia and Alexander "Sasha" Kwasniza and Andrew Nelson. Service was held at First Methodist Church in Point Richmond.



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ARTS OF POINT RICHMOND

Meets third Tuesday of each month 7-9 at the Pt. Community Center, Contact: Linda Drake, 510672-0793

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Contact: Andrew Butt, 510-236-7445

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Info: 233-6881

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Museum is at 139½ Washington Avenue, and open Winter, Thursday's 11:30 to 2:00 and Saturday 11:30 to 2:00 and Summer, Wednesday 4:30 to 7:00 and Thursday's 11:30 to 2:00. The deadline for the next issue of TPIT is Friday November 1, 2013. Info call President Mildred Dornan at 510-234-5334.

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Meets last Wednesday each month, Point Richmond Community Center; 7:30 P.M Contact: Sue Rosenof at 599-1197

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RICHMOND SWIMS

The Children and teens "Sail Fish" and Masters swim teams at the Richmond Plunge.

Contact: Coach John Schonder, 510-504-0330

September 25, 2011 open water bay swim raises money for coaching, equipment, pool fees and swimming scholarships for inner-city youth throughout Richmond. More info at <http://www.richmondswims.org/> or call (415) 892-0771

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Washington School at 565 Wine Street offers traditional and Spanish dual immersion curriculum, K - 6th grade. Contact principal Lisa Levi at 231-1417 for more information.

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