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# RIVETING HISTORY

# HOW RICHMOND GOT ITS NAME

# CALL FOR ENTRIES

## 2014 WWII HOME FRONT QUILTS

### CHALLENGE

This quilt making challenge focuses on the years 1941 - 1945, a brief and influential period in American history that continues to impact life in the United States today. The WWII Home Front theme was chosen to celebrate one of our newest National Parks, the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park, located in Richmond, California. Quilts inspired by any aspect of civilian wartime life across the USA are welcomed.

- Open to anyone living in California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii.
- Format: Small quilts, measuring 80 inches around the perimeter, square or rectangular in shape.
- Traditional, contemporary and innovative techniques are encouraged.
- Entries accepted 12/1/2013 – 1/15/2014. Quilts selected by the jurors must arrive by 3/1/2014.
- Challenge guidelines:

**Visit website [www.wihomefrontquilts.com/2014-call-for-entries](http://www.wihomefrontquilts.com/2014-call-for-entries)**

The World War II Home Front Quilts Project will exhibit the best quilts entered in the challenge based on composition, concept, content and overall excellence, representing a range of styles and a diversity of home front subjects. Up to 80 quilts will be exhibited online beginning in March 2014, and at *Voices in Cloth on March 22 and 23, 2014. This major San Francisco Bay Area quilt event will be held on the Richmond waterfront at the Craneway Pavilion, adjacent to the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park Visitor Education Center.*

Other exhibit venues are pending, and quilts selected by the jury will be retained for exhibition through December 2014 and returned in January 2015.

The WWII Home Front Quilts Project is a collaboration of San Francisco Bay Area quilt enthusiasts, arts organizations, museums and historical associations, the Rosie the Riveter Trust, and National Park Service staff and volunteers.

For more information, visit the Project website: <http://www.wihomefrontquilts.com>, or contact us at: [2014challenge@wihomefrontquilts.com](mailto:2014challenge@wihomefrontquilts.com).



# From the President

By Mid Dornan

Why is Point Richmond a unique neighborhood? Why is it historically significant? Historic preservation recognizes architecture, history and people and the Point's colorful history can be found through names like Emily Tewksbury, a widow with influence in the 1900s who also donated land for the first churches. Names of Santa Fe, Golden Gate, Washington, and Crest are easy to understand the connection to the Point, but who were Castro, Dornan, Garrard, Nicholl, Stairley? What were their contributions that warranted a name in this small community on the National Register of Historic Places? In keeping with the guidelines of preservation, at a recent meeting of the Richmond City Council the Historic Preservation Committee will honor another name from our interesting past, Captain Stenmark. As you read of the Stenmark family in this issue, envision yourself during that time period. Maintaining the history of the Point is one reason the Point is unique. If you haven't visited our small museum, check us out. Wishing the Board, Staff and Members many blessings at Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays and a New Year of Joys.

*Point Richmond veterans will remember Betty Moore of Jumbo's  
Thanks to Georgia Breedlove Egger for sharing the photo.*



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**Norm and Jean Reynolds\*\***  
**Patrice Verhines Family**  
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**Donna Diaz**  
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A warm welcome to new member:

**Fernando and Becky Garcia\*\***  
**Margaret Jordan/Mike Parker Family**  
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**Santa Fe Market**  
and  
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*For selling*  
**“THIS POINT.....in time”**

*Please support our local*  
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***Museum Hours:***

***Open Thursdays and Saturdays***  
***11:30 am - 2:00 pm***

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

**Pat Pearson**

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***The Cover:***

***Graphics from our feature article reprinted from***  
***the Richmond Times Dispatch.***  
***See page 19 for the article.***

## *Editor's Notes*

*Gary Shows*

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This winter issue is quite full so I decided to postpone the promised Keller Beach photos until the next issue. East Bay Parks will be installing a new interpretive panel at Keller Beach which will be quite nice. That will be part of our coverage.

I am pleased to be museum docent on the second Saturday of each month. Drop by between 11:30 am and 2:00 pm and say hello. I remind you that I am still trying to grow our photo archives, so please think of the PRHA if you have any old photos that others might enjoy. You can send me (gary@alkos.com) a high definition scan or loan them to me for a day and I will scan them. I will see that your name stays attached to the photo and it will become part of our slide show at the museum.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

The deadline for articles and items for the next issue is January 24, 2014

Thanks to the volunteers at our last mailing party:

Mid Dornan  
Jerry Cerkanowicz  
Gary Shows  
Kathe Kiehn  
Heinz Lankford  
Pat Pearson  
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**I didn't like my beard at first, then it grew on me.**

*Thank You!*

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# A-Mid Trivia

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

QUESTION: What are the ridges on the ends of coins called? ANSWER: At the end of Trivia.

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Why is it that when you move you need to notify the Post Office of your address change but before you have a chance to finish the move, your junk mail has corrected the change and even new address labels arrive?

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The kids from Washington School entertained local residents on Halloween as they paraded around the downtown triangle as merchants added to their treat bags. The 'tunnel' at Up and Under slowed the process amid laughter, screams and treats as the local police happily directed traffic for their safety.

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Each day in November you or your family should take time to write or draw something you are thankful for then clip it to a board to remind yourself of your blessings.

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The Point Molate Beach opened in October. The Parks Department has restored this beautiful beach with picnic tables, BBQs, and a parking lot. A big thanks to Bruce Beyaert, for providing the Recreational History since 1930 of the park.

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Consider the postage stamp. It secures success through its ability to stick to one thing 'til it gets there.

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Mike and Marilyn Chartock just returned from Idaho and have already left for a safari trip in Africa. Maybe a little shopping too!

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Skunks, raccoons, wild turkeys, deer, squirrels and possums are invading the Point! Some are seen during the day, but where are the others undercover? Do moth balls keep some of the critters away?

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Even though the routine of your job is often monotonous, be thankful for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.

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Donna Roselius says she is feeling great and back to giving piano lessons and even held an Open House.

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Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 21, at the Community Center. Home Baked Christmas pies, cakes, cookies, (in gift wraps) crafts etc. by the United Methodist Women with proceeds to local charities.

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Thanks to Jim Wilson for sending a 1937 bill from the Richmond Supply Company, Phone: Richmond 31. (*our history museum*) sent to his father on Montana. At the bottom of the \$17.00 account it stated: ALL BILLS PAYABLE EACH PAYDAY. SACKS NOT RETURNED CHARGED FOR.

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The thing about retirement is as soon as you wake up in the morning you are already on the job.

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The Bishop Alley Ladies (The Alley Kats?) had their monthly luncheon at Aky's. The one thing they all agree on is their love of chocolate. Next month they will bring comparative samples of their very favorite chocolate.

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Drinking two cups of hot chocolate a day may keep our brain healthy and thinking sharp according to a Harvard study.

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Celebrating 65 years of friendship at a luncheon at Hotel Mac were four friends whose acquaintances began at the YoMar Club (Young Married) at the local YWCA in the 1940s. Attending were Virgie Honeycutt, Pinole; Adeline

Miller, Fairfield; Kay Tandy, Livermore and Mid Dornan, Point Richmond. After the luncheon they visited Mid's new home in the Point.

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THE 'Cs' OF SAFTY: Courtesy, Caution, Common Sense.

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Q: What three-syllable word starts with e and ends with e, but has only one letter in it? (Answer later in trivia).

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The World Series has seen lots of changes since the boomer generation.

	1946	2012
Series tickets:	\$1.20 - \$6.25	\$110 - \$1040
Hot Dog and a Beer:	50 cents	\$10.25
Programs:	25 cents	\$15.
Winning Players Bonus:	\$3,742	\$377,002
Ring:	\$100	\$10,000 (est)

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Iceland has the highest number of bookstores in the world.

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Richmond has received a \$30M Grant for a Watershed Project regarding Waste Matters. They will work with students to transfer existing waste management practices into zero waste by training K-through sixth-grade students in the 4Rs (reduce, recycle, reuse and rot). As part of the program students will take information learned home to initiate zero waste concepts at home and in their communities.

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Nobody likes to repeat gossip, but what else can you do with it?

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Gene Clements, now of Mission Viejo, is being honored by the Barbershop Society by naming a Convention in his honor in Riverside, CA. Gene attended Washington School while living in the Esmeralda Court war housing, was in the RUHS A Capella Choir, is now a 47-yr-member of the Barbershop Harmony Society, Masters of Harmony. He has 8 Gold International Choir Championship medals. Well done Gene.

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Thursday, November 21, is the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout. Use this day to create a stop-smoking strategy or even as a quit date. Put those smoke monies in a jar and next year at this time, treat yourself to something expensive.

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George Martin, Point Richmond resident since 1964, is proud of his Prairie Rose Band, a band he formed when he retired ten years ago from a long newspaper career with the Richmond Independent, Oakland Tribune, SF Examiner and Chronicle. In September, the Western garbed band played at the National Heirloom Expo in Santa Rosa. This is a big gathering of exotic vegetable and animal people. They were hired for three shows after their popularity last year. Prairie Rose plays mostly senior independent and assisted living places and have a children's show that they do in libraries from Merced to Los Gatos to Point Reyes Stations. They also play farmers markets around the Bay Area.

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Do you know where those cards are that you purchased at half price last year?

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January 2nd is when most people find that it is easier to break a resolution than a habit.

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Answer: Envelope

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A male goes thru three Santa Claus stages. First he believes in Santa. Then, he doesn't believe in Santa. Then, he is Santa.

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You can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

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THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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ANSWER: The ridges on the ends of coins are called reeding or milling.

# Church News



**By Dee Rosier**

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The colorful leaves that brighten walk ways are an indicator that fall is officially here. It also brings back the fond memory of enjoying the crunching sound of the leaves when you jumped on them.

The last pancake breakfast was held in October and will resume in early 2014. Our thanks to all the faithful volunteers. The proceeds are used for continuous upgrades and renovations.

Father continues to add to his frequent flyer miles with a trip to Venice. He travelled with his cousin who is an artist. His cousin did a sketch of Father and it was recently featured as the cover on our weekly bulletin. Word of his being in Italy reached our soprano, Elizabeth who paid him a surprise visit. He also made a trip to the Grand Tetons and is making trips to visit his family in Rhode Island to orchestrate an upcoming family wedding.

We continue to add to our Christian family as we welcome new members. It is always impressive to see the Jensen boys deliver the gifts. They look very saintly and take the honor seriously. After presenting the gifts, another family thanked us for the honor – how very impressive.

The shingles on the Santa Fe side of the rectory are close to completion with no dry rot or structural problems, and the original siding underneath the old

shingles still in good shape. The wrought iron fence adds to the craftsman style of the rectory and was done by Patino Iron Works, a local company.

The ultimate goal is the roof, which eventually will be completed, but for the present, smaller upkeep projects are necessary. We again thank the Gateway Foundation for their contributions to our ongoing rehabilitation of aged edifices. In preparation of the soon-to-be here cold weather, the next expense will be replacing the heating system in the church.

The Bible Study group continues to meet in the parish hall on the third Thursday of each month at 1PM.

All are welcome to attend. We continue to collect food and clothing for the poor. Clothing may be left by the parish hall door and there is a container inside of the church for food donations.

The Fire Department has become a frequent visitor due to the alarm system. On one of the visits, the Fireman went to the top of the tower and found it full of pigeons, which is considered an official health hazard. We will have to have the records of pigeon commerce removed and a new wire mesh placed around the louvers to keep them out.

How lucky are we to live in a community which delights us with children in costume walking from their school into the business district to receive Halloween treats. It brought back fond memories of growing up in Crockett and doing likewise. Had the delight of reminiscing with a childhood friend whose son resides in Pt. Richmond – Michael Heckmann. His dad and I grew up in Crockett. There are several; other former Crockett residents who reside in the Point. There is a likeness between the two towns – narrow, hilly streets and situated on the waterfront.

When our lives come to an end, we are given the last rites. In present day practice, a priest now administers the Sacrament of the sick. This ritual was recently performed after Mass and several

parishioners participated. The rite is a simple anointing with a few prayers for health and healing.

Children who participate in our sacramental preparation classes recently received First Communion. Father Kwame was the celebrant.

All Souls and All Saints days were recently celebrated. Envelopes with the names of deceased family, friends, etc., are placed on the altar and remembered in daily Masses during the month of November. The memory of their loss is always present and this is a gracious way for those we loved to be remembered.

Javier Lopez' brother, visiting from North Carolina presented a group of us with the opportunity to enjoy breakfast on the Red Oak on a beautiful summer Sunday. After breakfast, we enjoyed the museum and then made our way over to the Rosie the Riveter Museum, and were escorted by parishioner, Geri Veith, who is a docent at the museum.

Congratulations to Cynthia Quist and Michael Workman on their recent engagement. The congratulations are extended to Cynthia as she recently became grandmother to Brandon James Quist, first-born to her son, Jeffery. Great-grandparents to Brandon are Florence and Jim Wilson.

Congratulations are also in order for Anne Carroll who also became a grandmother to a baby boy.

Considering the time of the year, the turkeys have become very brazen and wander down Idaho Street as though they owned it. They seem to travel in packs and leave their droppings on the sidewalks and one has to wait as they slowly

maneuver across the street.

Drivers continue to drive at no-intention to stop, freeway speeds, threatening Maxine, the crossing guard.

How delightful to see Angie Kirkpatrick attend Mass accompanied by her daughters. On another occasion, her grandson, Eric was present with his young son, Eric. In his youth, Eric was an active member of our Christian community.

There are few countries that Stan and Nancy Toledo have not visited, their latest and becoming a favorite was Turkey. Judy Spencer returned from a trip to visit her sisters in Michigan and then set off on a cruise to Quebec.

Remember in your prayers: Al Frosini, John Gerk, Bill Smith, Frank and Dixie Mello, Jack Murray and

Juan Spampinato. Both Jack and Juan are in hospice care.

May you enter this holiday season with optimism and enthusiasm in the company of friends and family.

Will resume our dialog in 2014

EVER NOTICE THE OLDER WE GET THE MORE

WE ARE LIKE A COMPUTER.

WE START OUT WITH LOTS OF MEMORY

AND DRIVE, THEN WE BECOME OUTDATED

AND EVENTUALLY HAVE TO GET OUR PARTS REPLACED.

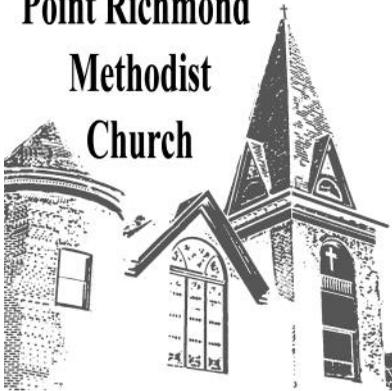
SEE YOU IN CHURCH



**I did a theatrical performance about puns.**

**It was a play on words.**

## Point Richmond Methodist Church



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Point Methodist News - - November 2013  
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On September 29 we held our All Church Conference presided over by the Rev. Gaye Benson from El Sobrante United Methodist Church. We acknowledged new leaders: Barbara Haley, Ad Board Secretary; Fran Smith, Lay Member to Annual Conference; and a variety of new committee members and chairpersons. We remembered all of the ways we worked together to support the wider community in the last year, the people who have come or gone, and we recommitted to future endeavors.

At the end of October, Donna Nelson moved to North Carolina to care for her mother. Before she moved, she lingered in Point Richmond just long enough to chair an important Staff- Parish Committee meeting. We already miss her voice and wit in the choir. We hope Donna visits often when video conferencing and telecommuting prove unsatisfactory for her work projects: her employer wisely kept her on staff.

The Jean Eakle Memorial Art Auction took place October 26 at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club (and Art Gallery!) Art enthusiasts could bid on over one hundred items, or just enjoy the balmy weather on the deck, sip a drink of choice, nibble

*hors d'oeuvre*, and listen to lively music of days gone by provided by Pastor Dan Damon on piano, Kit Eakle on fiddle, and vocals by Bethany Reynolds. It was especially fun to hear stories from bidders about why they felt compelled to bid on certain items. Deby McFadyen and Diane Frary organized the auction, and generous donors provided art, entertainment and refreshments. Richard Smith skillfully framed some pieces to enhance their salability. It was such fun! Proceeds will support our outreach in the community.

### On The Calendar:

Dinner Theater: **Dinner at Hotel Mac followed by the Masquers performance of the musical "A Year With Frog and Toad, " November 14, 2013.** Dinner starts between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Curtain at 8:00. **Tickets \$50** include dinner, tax, tip, and a full-length production of the show. Come celebrate friendship with Frog, Toad and their friends with a touching tale adapted from children's author Arnold Lobel. Call Jean Reynolds (510) 734-3942 or email [sweetheart05@mac.com](mailto:sweetheart05@mac.com) for tickets.

Kit Eakle and his fiddle graced our worship on October 20, the anniversary of his late mother, Jean's, birthday. Kit booked artists for a Jazz Concert series at the church: the most recent concert on October 25 was Hot Club of San Francisco, featuring violinist Evan Price and the music of Stuff Smith and "The Ivory Club Boys." More than forty people bought tickets before the day of the show, and many others paid at the door. The next concert is **Friday, November 22**, and features **Mads Tolling and his Quartet. Concerts begin at 7:30; Doors open at 7:00 p.m.** The sanctuary is noted for its fine acoustics.

**Free Thanksgiving Feast and Celebration of Thanks:** Plans are underway for the Free Thanksgiving Feast in Friendship Hall at the church, **201 Martina Street**, Point Richmond, on **Thanksgiving Day, November 28.** A sit-down feast with all the usual trimmings will be served from **noon to 2:00 p.m.** Diners will be seated as they arrive. The dinner is provided by local businesses and individual donors and prepared on

site by chefs Paul Garnett and Tinna Manansala. Before the feast, all are invited to share in a **simple non-denominational service of thanks at 11:30 a.m.** in the sanctuary. Bring your family and friends and dine with neighbors and friends from the community! If you'd like to help, contact Fran Smith: 510 685 2338 or junosmith@aol.com

The United Methodist Women hosted a home showing and discussion of the film "**Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequality**" by **Shaki Butler** on September 14. A dozen people participated and all appreciated the sensitive, non-threatening way the material was presented. To introduce the film to more people and include other voices in the discussion, another screening is scheduled for **Saturday, December 7, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m., in the sanctuary.** Shelli Fried from Writer Coach Connection will lead a discussion of the film after the viewing.

Claudia Russell and Bruce Kaplan planned another stunning season of **Point Richmond Acoustic** concerts for 2013-2014. The concert **December 13 features Teresa Tudury and Claudia Nygaard; On January 10, 2014, Glen Houston and Travis Jones will perform.** All concerts are at **8:00 p.m.** Tickets are **\$18 at the door.** After minimum expenses to produce the events, all proceeds go to the performers. Come early to guarantee a seat!

A **Bake Sale with Crafts and yummy holiday treats** is on the calendar. Meet at the **Point Richmond Community Center, 139 Washington Ave., on Saturday, December 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Come early for homemade pie: they sell out in minutes. Other coveted items include cookies, candies, and intricately decorated cakes, beautifully packaged by Pat Dornan. Non-caloric holiday gifts will also be for sale: votive candles, crocheted purses, greeting cards, and more.

Tammara Plankers has assembled a harmony of talent, drawing from the Masquers Theater, our congregation, and the wider Bay Area community for a **Christmas Pageant.** The richly costumed, musically satisfying production tells the story of the first Christmas and features a children's Angel Choir and several soloists. Choose from two performance times: **Sunday, December 22, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** The morning Pageant lasts about an hour, but the later one will include more music and last a bit longer.

**Christmas Eve Jazz service: December 24, 7:00 p.m.** Start a new tradition for Christmas Eve or re-experience a favorite holiday event with the Dan Damon Quartet and various musical guests on Christmas Eve. The sanctuary fills to capacity and latecomers find a place to sit further away in Friendship Hall: arrive early for the best seats.



*West Branch Kids*



## Christian Science Church News

### *A Short History*

*By Gordon Imrie*

In their 104<sup>th</sup> official year in Richmond, students of Christian Science (no relation to Scientology) are on-the-move again. Their lease at 112-114 Washington Street expires at year's end, and much of the group's outreach has gone virtual, offered 24/7. Services may continue at the street-level location indefinitely as the group seeks new, more easily-accessible quarters. There is some thought that they may "pop up" in various locations around Point Richmond before finding a more permanent home.

Attendees (today ranging from 8 weeks to 80+ years in age) have been meeting weekly for services since 1904, and as they always have, need space for two services: Sunday (10 a.m.) presents a Bible Lesson Sermon emphasizing salvation and healing in the same manner practiced by Christ Jesus, the "science" discovered and shared by Mary Baker Eddy through her book, *Science and Health*, first published in 1875; with Wednesday (7 p.m.) services offering a locally-originated lesson based on Bible passages and selections from *Science and Health*, followed by testimonies of healing that participants volunteer as lessons they have learned through the application of church teachings as laid out by Mary Baker Eddy in the 1800s.

Eddy was described by Mark Twain as "in several ways...the most interesting woman that ever lived, and the most extraordinary." Establishing a gender-balanced church, referring to God as "Father-Mother God", and establishing a worldwide newspaper which collected seven Pulitzers – Eddy was uppity for her time, when women could only dream of voting. Her dream was

that the world would embrace Christian Science and that people would come to recognize that "One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfills the Scripture, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself;' ...equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed." Her dream was that all people would find the lost element of Christianity—that of healing.

The larger church she left to followers is headquartered in Boston, with many of its local branch churches re-configuring with emphasis on electronic means to explain and evangelize (e.g.



*The photo above depicts one of the Richmond branch church's phases in the 1930's, located at Nevin and Twelfth Streets unless an alert reader can report otherwise.*

christianscience.com). However, the denomination has never been known for door-to-door or other "in-yer-face" promotion, and most of its adherents are simply attracted by prayer-based healing of conditions not amenable to even modern medicine. Prayer's efficacy has been much more widely acknowledged in recent decades, as reported in a study by the American Psychological Association, with a dramatic increase among American adults



*This photo is from the 1960's, it is of the Richmond branch church's home at that time. This is across the street from the Richmond Civic Center.*

over the past three decades, rising 36 percent between 1999 and 2007.

The sailboat graphic is from the cover of its bylaws published in 1914 and suggests an early Richmond self-image of marina-based culture. Whether that was accurate or not, the congregation today welcomes all neighbors and travelers, and supports gentle spiritual outreach in nearby prisons and institutions. Its address may change, but its healing emphasis remains, via the Bible, Eddy's interpretative writings, and its members' Christian service.



*As you can see in this picture, the Fourth of July was a great celebration in Point Richmond. I think was taken in about 1970. Someone left this postcard in our museum so I decided it should be part of our photo archives.. If the donor will let me know I will attach his/her name to the photo. PRHA archive photo #0889*



**I'm reading a book about anti-gravity.  
I can't put it down.**

# WWIC Est. 1908

*News from the Womens Westside Improvement Club*

*by Kathleen Wimer*

## **WOMEN'S WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB SEEKS OTHERS**

“The women delight to see you, whoever you are. You don’t have to do anything special, except pay your dues and take a turn providing hospitality at the monthly lunches. And, almost any project you think to initiate – or none; no one objects, no one expects, either way; your efforts or your presence are applauded. If you do initiate a project, chances are some others may join you! But if nothing strikes you, just come for the camaraderie. So very welcoming. Who wouldn’t want to join?” This assessment, from new member Gail Eierweiss, about sums up the Women’s Westside Improvement Club.

There has to be some secret to our longevity. President Norma Wallace kicked off our 105th year in September. We remain the oldest continuously operating women’s service club west of the Mississippi. This year Treasurer Diane Hirano put together handouts that make it easy to participate - the year’s meeting schedule and a New Members’ Packet. The packet has a newspaper article published June 8, 1910; forms so members can participate in SASE (pronounced “sassy”) – our Sharing Activities Service Exchange; a description of our ongoing projects, for those who might want to join in; instructions for hosting when our turn rolls around, and a member roster which Diane will update in January to include any corrections and all new members. Each new member receives a lovely matching tea cup and saucer commemorating our centennial.

You can join WWIC at this year’s holiday luncheon December 3 at our usual meeting place, the Fellowship Room of the Methodist Church, 201 Martina at West Richmond Avenue, at 11:30 am. Wear something in keeping with the season. Bring \$15 for lunch; another \$15 for dues, if you decide to join. Simple. Or, for more information or to make

a reservation, call Norma Wallace, 236-6968. We look forward to getting to know you. Our treasury supports the Point Richmond community improvement projects to which we choose to make small grants each February.

## **ANTICIPATION OVER UNVEILING OF NEW POINT DIRECTORY MOUNTS**

Past President Margaret Morkowski reports installation of the new Point directory, that will replace the one outside the fire house at the corner of Park and Richmond, awaits design and installation of a path and landscaping which she, Gordon Hirano from Shigoto Ya, and Frank Gonzalez from the City will develop. And then it’s party time! When Gordon, who’s building the frame for it, and the city get the directory installed, we will invite everyone to an unveiling and reception at the Community Center. Norma will preside as master of ceremonies, in the tradition established in 1908 when another president unveiled the first Indian statue which WWIC contributed back then. Altha Humphrey and Marion Kent agreed to co-chair the unveiling committee, which Diane Hirano, Susan Hesse, and Norma volunteered to join.

## **ON-GOING PROJECTS UNFOLD**

You might like to join in our effort to clean up and enhance the walk way down from Dornan Drive into the lagoon area at Miller-Knox Park in cooperation with the staff and Scott Possin, Supervisor at Miller Knox Regional Shoreline, East Bay Regional Park District. We made good progress at our first community work day in August cleaning out undergrowth and brambles. On November 23 from 8 am to noon, we expect to install replacement plants that we’re hoping will establish during the rainy season. Look for details on [pointrichmond.com](http://pointrichmond.com), or [pointrichmond.nextdoor.com](http://pointrichmond.nextdoor.com), or call Kathleen



*Linda Newton, Kim Hampton, and Richard Katz at Miller Knox Community Work Day (Sharon Ward photo)*

Wimer at 510-230-4600 for info. It will be fun.

Marion, Linda Newton, and Norma continue to assemble the WWIC cook book from materials Margaret forwarded from the time of her presidency. Linda and Mid Dornan have undertaken to archive all past WWIC meeting minutes for posterity, in cooperation with the Point Richmond Historical Association, as our heritage dates back over a century. Both these projects welcome volunteers, too.

#### **MEMBERS STAY IN THE KNOW**

If WWIC members don't know about it, it's just not happening. I'm telling you. Here's a sampling of subjects about which members give timely updates and information:

- Altha tells us about Knit and Such. It meets at the Community Center the first Wednesday of the month from 1 – 3 pm. Altha lets us in on Arts of Point Richmond news, too.
- Margaret keeps us up to speed on what the Many Hands Project to Support Washington School and the Point Richmond Business Association do. The latter had that wonderful Picnic in the Park September 28 – a fundraiser for the Washington School PTA.
- Kathe Kiehn shares info on the latest at

The Masquers Playhouse. We understand that “A Year with Frog and Toad,” which plays through December 7, is bound to be delightful.

- Mid Dornan invites everyone to the Point Richmond Historical Society to see the digital picture frame recently installed there which holds many interesting photographs from about town through the ages.

- Mid also encourages everyone to attend events that support the First United Methodist Church like the October 25 Hot Club of San Francisco tribute to Stuff Smith and The Onyx Club Boys and the October 26 5th Annual/Jean Eakle Silent Art Auction at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club.

- Susan Brooks says the all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts at Our Lady of Mercy Roman Catholic Church, 301 W. Richmond, happen every third Sunday of the month from March through October and, for \$8, are one of the best deals around.

- Helen Wysham and Carla Bowman both appreciate the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park. They tell us there's a nice exhibit of WWII-era toys called "Kids in WWII: Imagination & Reality," which will run in the Visitor Center from November 2013-March 2014. We can also celebrate Veteran's Day at the SS Red Oak Victory Ship Monday November 11 at 10 am. Have some coffee and watch the ribbon cutting ceremony for the renovated Riggers Loft at 10:30. A Veteran's Day celebration program will follow. Ranger tours of Shipyard no. 3 and live music will wrap up the event. The ship is located at 1337 Canal Blvd., Berth 6A, Richmond, CA. Call 510-237-2933 for directions.

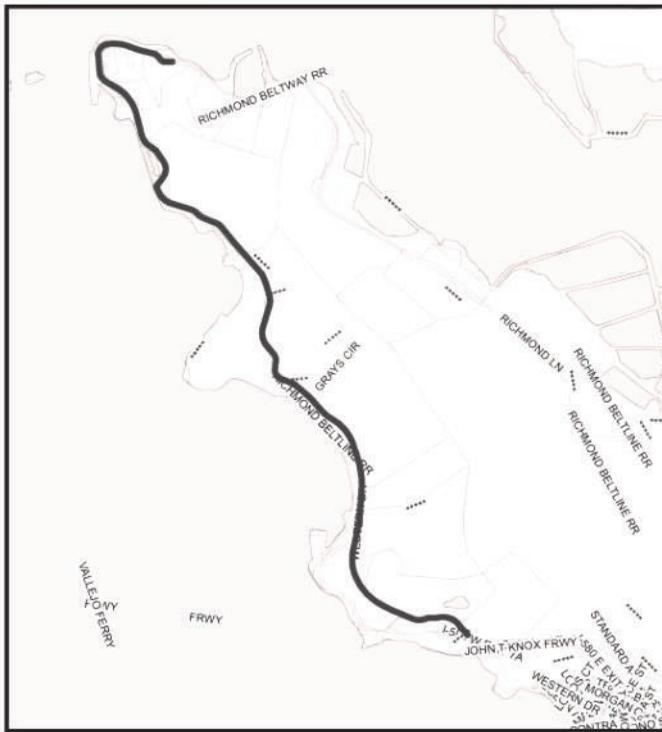
- Carla and Kathleen tell us about the WWIC Book Group. It meets next on November 25 when we are free to read any one of Alice Munro's books for discussion. (Munro just won the Noble Prize for Literature.) The book group also welcomes new members.

- Linda recommends movies at The Majick Lantern, 125 Park Place behind Starbucks. We

# Richmond Gets a New Street Name Stenmark Drive

*Reprint from TOM BUTT E-FORUM*

Location Map  
Source: Richmond Planning Division



by real estate speculators selling waterfront lots and looking for a more evocative address. Later, Chevron cut Western Drive in two where it once passed unbroken under what is now the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Now in two halves, Western Drive has caused great confusion. People unfamiliar with the territory looking for the remnant of Western Drive that runs along the Point Richmond waterfront have found themselves lost on the lonely road that runs through Point Molate out to Point San Pablo and the Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor. Conversely, 18-wheelers looking for some destination on the northern segment of Western Drive have found themselves lost and jackknifed on a tight corner in Point Richmond.

Clearly, the two segments of Western Drive needed to be differentiated. The City Council's action preserved the Point Richmond portion of the street as Western Drive while renaming the northern segment Stenmark Drive.

Above, Stenmark Drive (formerly Western Drive) winds through the former Point Molate Naval Fuel Depot

Who was Stenmark, and why name a Richmond street after him?

Captain J.O. Stenmark of the U.S. Lighthouse Service was keeper of East Brother Light Station from 1894 to 1914, longer than any other keeper in the 140-year history of the lighthouse, which is the oldest structure in the City of Richmond. He predated most of the early Richmond pioneers with streets named after them, such as Augustin

The Richmond City Council reached way back into Richmond history to select a new name, Stenmark Drive, for the portion of Western Drive that extends north of I-580 and the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge along the shoreline.

Originally known as County Road 27, Western Drive was renamed at the turn of the 20th Century



*John and Greta Stenmark*

Macdonald. Who “discovered” Richmond in 1895. Stenmark’s appointment as keeper of East Brother Light Station spanned the time from the final partition of Point San Pablo in 1894 through the incorporation of the City of Richmond in 1905 until Richmond was an established industrial city. During this time, the population of what is now Richmond grew from less than 100 to more than 20,000.

Stenmark was born in 1865 and emigrated to the United States at age twenty. In 1888 he joined the U.S. Lighthouse Service. His first job was working as a crewman aboard the lighthouse tender *Madroño*. At that time equipment and supplies for most lighthouses were delivered by ship. The 180-foot-long *Madroño* had a crew of nineteen and steamed about 10,000 miles each year servicing lighthouses and buoys throughout California. The

lighthouse inspector was usually on board to deliver the keepers' pay and to inspect the station. It was while Stenmark was helping unload supplies for the Point Conception lighthouse that he saved the life of Inspector Thomas Perry.

Point Conception stands out as the most pronounced point along the California coast. Consequently, seas there can be particularly rough. Captain Stenmark and some of his fellow crew members were trying to get a small boatload of supplies to shore from the tender. Suddenly, a rough wave capsized the boat, dumping the men and supplies into the water. Perry was carried helplessly away by the heavy seas and was soon in serious trouble. The other crew members clung fearfully to the capsized boat as young Stenmark, bleeding from a cut on his head caused by a breaking oar, swam towards the inspector. Just as the inspector was about to go under, Stenmark reached him and struggled unsuccessfully to swim to shore, holding the officer's head above water. Both men nearly drowned before finally being rescued by the tender.

Captain Stenmark was highly commended for his bravery. As a reward, on August 1, 1890, he was appointed assistant keeper at Año Nuevo Island fog signal station. Located forty-five miles south of San Francisco, the island supported a twelve-inch steam fog whistle and a small lens-lantern for a light. Although an improvement over life on the lighthouse tender, conditions on the tiny island were far from ideal. Stenmark and his wife, Breta, shared with the principal keeper a tiny cottage that had been partitioned into two living areas. The island residents could only get to and from the island by rowboat. Navigating through the surf, while trying to avoid the rocks around Año Nuevo Point, always made crossing the half-mile channel dangerous. In 1883 four men, including the keeper and assistant, drowned while trying to make the crossing.

Stenmark must have been an able assistant, for in 1892, when keeper Henry Hall was transferred, Stenmark was appointed keeper at Año Nuevo. He continued helping others, several times rescuing

fishermen whose boats capsized near the island. In 1894 the Stenmarks' first daughter, Annie, was born at Año Nuevo. Three months later John Stenmark was transferred to East Brother and the young family set up housekeeping on San Francisco Bay. The island was smaller, but the house was bigger, and bay waters usually calmer. The Stenmarks quickly grew to like their new home and stayed almost twenty years.

Captain Stenmark and Breta made the most of the small piece of land. They bought soil from the mainland and grew vegetables in a tiny garden in front of the lighthouse. In pens they raised goats, pigs, rabbits, and chickens. During his first few years as keeper, Stenmark, like his predecessors, rowed the two miles to Point San Quentin to do shopping and get mail. Prior to the birth of each of his two sons he rowed all the way to San Quentin and back to fetch the doctor.

The Stenmarks had four children: Annie, Ruby, Phillip, and Folke. For several years when the children were young the government paid for a



*Stenmark's Entertaining*

teacher to live at East Brother part of each year and tutor the children. Later, when a road was built from Point San Pablo to the town of Point Richmond, the children attended school there. By that time, mail and provisions were picked up at Point Richmond instead of Point San Quentin.

Daughter Annie lived for the first twenty years of her life on the island until she met and married Charles Morisette. Morisette worked a short distance from the lighthouse at the Standard Oil refinery. "My hubby, Charlie, used to come courting to the island," she recalled fondly in later years. "He couldn't row very good at first, but we soon taught him." When the couple got married in June, 1914, the newspaper announced "Cupid Ends Lighthouse Romance:"

A romance that had its beginning beneath the tall, gray tower of the Brothers Lighthouse, located [off] Point Orient, culminated in a happy marriage at Oakland yesterday



*Breta Stenmark and the fog bell*

when Charles Morisette, a foreman at the Standard Oil wharf, claimed Miss Annie E. Stenmark as his bride.

Miss Stenmark is the daughter of John O. Stenmark, lighthouse keeper [off] that point, and it was while assisting her father about his duties of caring for the great white light that flashes across the treacherous waters of the upper San Pablo bay that she became acquainted with Morisette.

Despite living on an island, the Stenmarks had many friends in the surrounding bay area. They sometimes entertained as many as fifty friends and relatives at the lighthouse. On the occasion of their nineteenth wedding anniversary, the local newspaper described the gathering:

The guests were carried across to the light house from Bailey's wharf in row boats, and as the bay was calm everyone enjoyed the trip immensely.

The rooms were very prettily decorated for the occasion and the evening was spent with music and dancing. Dainty refreshments were served at the proper time, after which hearty congratulations and best wishes were extended to the host and hostess.

Stenmark retired as keeper of East Brother in July, 1914. The family moved to Richmond, where they owned and operated the Stenmark Hotel on Fifteenth Street. Stenmark died only a year later in 1915 while on board the steamer, City of Topeka,

traveling up the coast from San Francisco.

East Brother Light Station benefited from numerous improvements during the two decades the Stenmarks served as keepers. The lighthouse and fog signal gained renewed importance following construction of the Standard Oil refinery in Richmond in 1901. Docks for tankers were built along the San Pablo shoreline only a few hundred yards from the station. In 1909 the California Wine Association also established Winehaven, its huge aging and bottling plant just south of Point San Pablo. The plant had a storage capacity of 12 million gallons and a 1,800-foot wharf where grapes were unloaded and barrels of wine shipped out. With these and other developments, the town of Richmond ballooned in population from 200 in 1901 to 23,000 by 1917.

Because of Captain J.O. Stenmark's illustrious life and recognition of the colorful contribution to the early history of Richmond by him and his family, Western Drive north of I-580 was renamed "Stenmark Drive." A detailed account of the Stenmark years at East Brother may be found at <http://www.ebls.org/stenmark.html>.

*Reprint from TOM BUTT E-FORUM, thanks Tom.*

## **KNIT and SUCH**

*By Altha Humphrey*

Are you looking for something fun to do. Would you like to be more involved in your community and meet new crafty people? Knit and Such' has been meeting for over twenty years on the first Wednesday of the month (except December). Currently we meet from 1 to 3 PM at the Point Community Center. It is open to anyone, you do not need to be a resident of Richmond. We share and support all craft ideas from knitting to crocheting, jewelry, beading, and quilting. It is free. No membership dues. Our October meeting was an exchange of supplies and we thank Susan Druding of the Crystal Palace for her generous donation of two boxes of yarn. As this was more than our needs, we donated the extra yarn to NIAD (National Institute for Adults with Disabilities) of Richmond for their Arts Program. For more information contact Terri Phillips (510) 237-6865.

*Here is a reprint from a very nice article published in the  
Richmond, (Virginia) Times-Dispatch.*

*We are often asked how our city got its name, so here is the answer!*

## **“Calif. city is home to park that honors those who labored on the homefront during WWII”**

*by Kathleen Calos*



Valley Railroad. By 1899, the name appeared on railway maps.

Now Point Richmond is a National Historic District. Quaint shops, friendly people and 34 miles of the San Francisco Bay Trail make it a nice spot to spend an afternoon.

San Francisco people cautioned us about getting lost in Richmond, though, because the Richmond that Johnston visited on the eastern side of Interstate 580 remains a high-crime area. The only time we actually did get lost, we got stuck in a dead-end alley overlooking the waterfront, where a good-natured homeowner helped us turn around.

"Happens all the time," he said.

RICHMOND, Calif. When Debbie Johnston went coast to coast from Richmond to Richmond for "Secret Millionaire," the city she saw was boarded up and had bars on the windows.

"It's got danger written all over it," she said after the show, which aired Aug. 18 on ABC and revealed the charities she had chosen for donations.

When I went coast to coast between Richmonds, the California city I saw had gorgeous waterfront views and a new Rosie the Riveter national park that honors those who labored on the homefront during World War II.

My destination was Point Richmond, the place that ties together the East and West coast cities by virtue of the man who named it.

Edmund Randolph, a native of Virginia's Richmond, represented the San Francisco area at the first meeting of the state legislature in 1849. Randolph gets credit for deciding that the West Coast needed a Richmond, too, when a federal surveying party was mapping the San Francisco Bay. Point Richmond became a name on the 1854 geodetic coast map used in selecting the endpoint of the San Joaquin



*A street guide map stands on a prominent corner in Point Richmond, Calif*





*Rosie is the nickname for women who worked in factories to take the place of men who went to fight WWII.*

Museum of History and the Rosie the Riveter Memorial Park begun as a public art project by the city.

The Memorial consists of a metal outline suggesting three sections of a ship's hull and panels with photos and information about the workers. Memorable quotes are etched into the walkway and

on a balcony-sized metal platform that extends over the seawall.

"You must tell your children," says the final quote above the water, "putting modesty aside, that without us, without women, there would have been no spring in 1945."

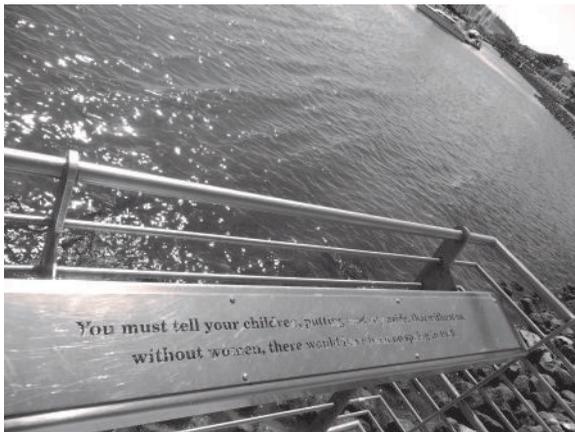
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If you go, Point Richmond is a historic area on the San Francisco Bay within the city of Richmond, Calif. For the visitors bureau, visit [www.rcvb-ca.com](http://www.rcvb-ca.com) or call (510) 237-1403; for neighborhood information, visit [www.pointrichmond.com](http://www.pointrichmond.com).

Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park: [www.nps.gov/rori](http://www.nps.gov/rori) or (510) 232-5050.

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*Quotes from the Rosies are sprinkled throughout the Rosie the Riveter Memorial on sidewalks and signage*

**Richmond  
Times-Dispatch**



# George Coles Takes a Dive Point Richmond Responds

By George Coles

Last week my ophthalmologist, Dr. Pae, had me in for a bit of cataract surgery on my right eye, not uncommon for my age which is 91. This limits my driving to being chauffeured about by my favorite person, Pat Pearson.. So, on Tuesday October 15 around noon Pat dropped me off at West Richmond and Garrard, the corner by the Plunge so I could cross the street and go to the Mechanics Bank. She was to go home unload the groceries and return to pick me up.

Reveling in the brightness of my new condition, in the noonday sun, I skipped across the street. I reached in my shirt pocket where my ATM card was lurking along with numerous other cards and money. Klutz that I am, I tripped on the curb and fell completely flat on my face, glasses shattered, cards scattered along with my money with blood flowing from a gouge by my left eye.

On my knees, blood inundating my cards and money before me on the concrete, I cursed my

clumsiness. Just then I felt hands helping me. It was a great couple helping me up and offering me a ride home. They had just made the right turn off Garrard onto West Richmond by the bank and saw me fall. I looked at their beautiful car and I thought of the damage my bleeding would do to the interior so I thanked them and refused their offer. They stayed by me anyway.

We saw another vehicle stop and park in the middle of the street; it was Richmond Fire Department Battalion Chief Merlin Turner to the rescue. I knew him from meetings on the Red Oak Victory. He suggested the hospital, but I wanted no more than aid; so he called for it. And did we get aid !!!! A huge fire engine with at least five medically trained people arrived.

Deborah Wilkinson, a woman I had just met the Sunday before at the pancake breakfast on the Red Oak Victory, came running over to provide more aid. She sat with me on a park bench while we waited for Pat to arrive. About this time Pat returned; she wondered why Deborah was helping me walk to the car. I just climbed into the car and we drove off.

This whole incident took less than ten minutes, but it says something about Point Richmond. When you need help it comes in a hurry. We take care of each other. Thanks to everyone for the rescue.



*WWIC News (continued from page 13)*

have to support our own home town movie theatre to keep it operating! That's for sure, and we understand it's touch and go right now.

### WHERE EVERYONE KNOWS YOUR NAME (IF NOT YOUR AGE)

Hint. Hint. Where ever you jot down

birthdays so you can remember to share best wishes, you might want to make note of these: Sheila Fostiak, September 14; Linda Newton, September 17; Joan Gattton, September 18; Diane Marie, September 20; Susan Hesse, September 22, and Margaret Morkowski, September 25. In October, Terry Wynne the 16<sup>th</sup>, Rebecca Beal the 25<sup>th</sup>, Evelyn Thill, October 27, and Kathleen Wimer, October 28.

## **To the delight of all Richmonders Point Molate Beach Park has reopened, here is Bruce Beyaert's History of Point Molate Beach Park**

### **1930 to WWII**

*(Josephine Maslov Bastin)*

Although undeveloped and private ownership, Point Molate Beach was a favored recreation site for Richmond residents.

### **WWII to 1953**

*(Art Edwards, son of Navy Base Superintendent)*

There was no developed beach park or picnic area. "The problem with a beach area anywhere on the base was the continual existence of an oil slick on top of the water all along the shore. No one would have thought of getting into the water during the war. It was too icky and the shore smelled bad."

### **Circa 1965 to 1968**

*(Dwight Bohm, Navy Base Director 1976-1978, Willie Haywood, retired Richmond Public Works Director and others)*

Beach park was developed and maintained by the U.S. Navy for the benefit of Navy families living at Point Molate, as well as the public, without any fencing between the park and Western Drive.

### **Circa 1968 to 1975**

*(Dwight Bohm, Navy Base Director 1976-1978, Willie Haywood, retired Richmond Public Works Director )*

The City of Richmond leased the park property from the Navy at \$1/year and took over maintenance at some point during this period.

### **1969 to 1985**

*(Pacific Locomotive Association)*

Pacific Locomotive Association operated historic trains with public rides over the historic tracks of Castro Point Railway between the park and Western Drive.

### **Circa 1978**

*(Dwight Bohm, Navy Base Director 1976-1978)*

A security fence was installed along Western Drive, but public access to the park was maintained so that citizens of Richmond could enter and depart the park without passing through the Navy security gate.

### **2001**

City of Richmond closed the beach due to severe budgetary constraints.

### **2003**

City of Richmond takes title to most of the Naval Fuel Depot, including the beach park, with a payment of \$1 to the Navy.

### **2013**

Richmond City Council approves plan for phased reopening of beach park with expectation of opening in summer, 2013 (and it did).

***The People of Richmond have Another New Park!***

***After being fenced off for more than a decade, Point Molate Beach Park opened to the public in October. The park has been cleaned up beautifully, it has brand new picnic tables and BBQ pits. The trees are groomed and the beach is clean and pristine. Thank you City of Richmond Public Works Department for a job well done! The city council allocated a portion of the settlement received from the 2007 Cosco Busan oil spill to fund the park improvements. Council members approved the park's reopening earlier this year.***



*November, 2013 image of spiffy new Point Molate Beach Park. Photo by Gary Shows.*



*Circa 1975, Castro Point Railway #2 leaving the Rod & Gun Club, going by Point Molate Beach Park. Photo by Tom Mougovan .*

*Art Edwards grew up at Point Molate during WWII, here are some of his memories of the base.*

“I always enjoy talking about Point Molate, the base I grew up on during the war. My dad was superintendent of the base from 1943 to 1953. I do not remember a beach park anywhere on the base at that time. If there was one, it would have been just to the left after you drive through the main (south) gate. The families did picnic on the hillside on the right side of the road after coming through the gate. There was absolutely no beach or picnic area beyond the top of the hill heading toward the north gate. The problem with a beach area anywhere on the base was the continual existence of an oil slick on top of the water all along the shore. No one would have thought of getting into the water during the war. It was too icky and the shore smelled bad. No one was concerned about environmental damage in those days.”

*Thanks to Burce Beyaert*

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# *Birthdays*

## *November*

LaVerne Rentfro  
Woolman  
Amanda Kinley  
Ann Greiner  
Heinz Lankford  
Lynn Rendle  
Robert Larsen  
Paul Cort  
Mary Ann Gaspard  
Shirley Butt  
Chris Bradshaw

David T. McCarthy  
Clare Doherty  
K.Patrick O'Higgins  
Jason D. Crowson  
Malia Dornan  
Dennis Dornan  
Kenny Paasch  
Xavier Delatorre  
Lance Rotting  
Jay Fenton  
Joe Savile

Shane Thomas  
Liam Thompson  
Linda Feyder  
Nicole Vargo  
Chris Bradshaw  
Bethany Reynolds  
Dee Rosier  
Kathryn Pinkerton  
James Cheshareck, Sr.  
Aubyn Eakles  
James Cheshareck, Jr.

Audrey Edwards  
Ida Giacomelli  
Bobbies Boziki  
Linda Chesareck  
Katrina MacDiarmid  
Albert Kollar  
Viola Lola Kennedy  
David Dolberg  
Mathew Berman  
Charlotte Birsinger  
Gary Shows

## *December*

Jean Allyn  
Alexis Lane Jensen  
Hazel Paasch  
Donald Smith  
Debbie Seaburg  
Fred Frye  
Christine Hayes

Lydia Jahromi  
Marian Hawkins  
Jeff Corbin  
Mike Turner  
Lauren Nason  
Marilyn Darling  
Linda Mertle

Michael Cheshareck  
Eric Turner  
Seth Fenton  
Vince Smith  
Christina Nagatani  
Thomas Mercer-Hursh  
Jerry Feagley

Ilana Dolberg  
Kayla Dolberg  
Bob Burdick  
Pat Pearson  
Chris Creed  
Ellen Schaefer  
Dennis Schaefer

## *January*

Don Lindemann  
Donna Buhler  
Cindy Rosier  
Tom Brennan  
Lynne Erskine  
Linda Andrew-Marshall  
Bryan Smith  
Doug Greiner

Jeff Quist  
Ed Paasch  
Jan Burdick  
Jim Wilson  
Robert McIntosh  
Mary Highfill  
Ann Bartram  
Alphonso Diaz

John Cutler  
Diana Kaffan  
Marilu Fox  
Elaine Harris  
Kristina Hollbrook  
Louis Cunan  
Les Hathaway  
Richard Palfini

Sena Bowles  
Mitchell Heckmann  
Diana Mertle McHenry  
Brad Feagley  
Marian Sauer  
Sparta Chiozza  
Frank Kenny





*Drop in at our little museum at 139 1/2 Washington Avenue on Thursday or Saturday between 11:30 and two and check out our slide show of more than 800 historic images of Point Richmond.*

*Thanks to the Gateway Foundation for the hardware.*

“And, please return this book. You may think this is a strange request, but I find that though many of my friends are poor arithmeticians, they are nearly all good bookkeepers.”

*Sir Walter Scott*

*Mid*

## EXCLUSIVE OVER 90 CLUB

Lupe Padilla Lopez - 99  
Delphina Franco Tawney - 95  
George Leroy Williams - 91  
Elfriede Morris - 94  
Billie Bonham Shaw - 91  
Shoney Gustafson - 97  
Jerry Cerkanowicz, Sr. - 93  
Grace Cerkanowicz - 90  
Steve Wyrick - 97  
George Coles - 91  
Madelilne Bellando Albright - 97  
Mid Dornan - 92  
Al Frosini - 95  
Charlotte Kermabon Birsinger - 97  
Viola Lala Kennedy - 95  
Gretchen Van Tassel Shaw - 95

Lee Christian - 93  
Eunice Ruth Hursh - 97  
Mark Gebhart - 98  
Jean Stark - 98

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

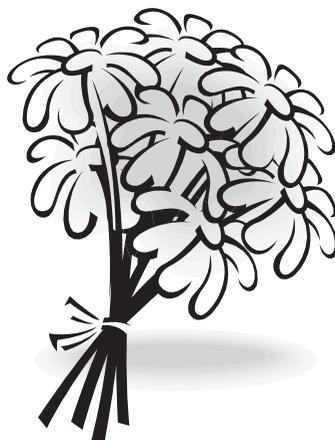
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***Thanks to Pat Pearson for keeping the local markets stocked with TPIT  
and thank you Santa Fe and Point Richmond Markets for the support!***

# *Memorials.....*

**Margaret “Marj” LaVerne Hausherr Osborne Bellati** died October 9, 2013 in her daughter’s house in Sparks, NV where she lived the last 11 years. Born November 17, 1926, she was the daughter of Maurice Ralph Hausherr Sr. and Ruth Ann Ballard. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ferdinando “Fred” Bellati of Pt. Richmond. Margaret loved to dance, travel and her cats. Margaret spent her last 13 years in a wheelchair. She traveled all over the world, went tent camping with her daughter and son-in-law in her later years. Margaret is survived by four daughters, five granddaughters, five grandsons, five great-granddaughters and one great-grandson.

**David DeForrest** passed away on Wednesday October 9th in Point Richmond. Dave was born November 25, 1940 in Duluth, MN to herb and Eunice (Sowl) Skoog. He graduated from Denfeld High School in Duluth and from the University of Minnesota after serving in the US Army in Germany. Dave moved to California in 1969 living much of his time in the Bay Area. Apart from the years he owned DeForrest’s Tavern in Sacramento, he enjoyed driving cab in San Francisco. For the past couple of decades, Dave has lived in and around Point Richmond, creating a great many friendships in the neighborhood. He will be missed. Dave is survived by his son Herb Skoog, wife Teri and granddaughters Audrey and Kimberly who live in Iwoa, Sister Kathleen Hass in Duluth, and daughter Maria Sol DeForrest.



# *CALENDAR/DIRECTORY*

## **ARTS OF POINT RICHMOND**

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

## **CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM**

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

## **GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY**

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

## **MANY HANDS PROJECT TO SUPPORT WASHINGTON SCHOOL**

Contact, Margaret Morkowski, 510-234-4219

## **MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE**

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Call 510-232-4031 for information or reservations.

## **PARENTS, RESOURCES AND MORE (PRAM)**

A volunteer, nonprofit organization serving families with children 5 or under. Playgroups, social events, educational opportunities, Information go to <http://www.PRAM.net> or call 510-215-1734.

## **PARENT, TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

Becky Jonas, Contact, 510-235-0157

## **POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

Contact: Andrew Butt, 510-236-7445

## **POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER**

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