



Pinole **Historical** Society

E-News

‘PRESIDENTIAL ROSIES’ AT NEXT PHS MEETING

Six women who distinguished themselves as Rosie the Riveters at the Kaiser Shipyards during World War II — building the ships that helped win the war — had a delightful breakfast visit with Vice President Joe Biden in Washington, D.C., on April 1.

They included several from West Contra Costa County — Pinole’s Priscilla Elder among them.

They dined with the vice president and received an unanticipated visit and kiss on the cheek from President Barack Obama.



President Obama greets Pinole Rosie Priscilla Elder at The White House. Vice President Biden is at the right.

The Rosies will recount their week-long visit to Washington — and their lives as World War II heroines — at the Pinole Historical Society’s quarterly meeting on Friday, September 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Medical Office Building in Pinole.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information about this event and

Pinole’s history, visit www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org or call (510) 724-9507.

PHS PROGRAMS ADDED TO CITY’S WEBSITE

Five PHS programs have been added to the city’s website: www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html

- 2012 Veterans Day Memorial/Flag Retirement
- 2013 Veterans Day Memorial/Flag Retirement
- Japanese American Internment (2012)
- Old School bell dedication (2013)

- February 7, 2014, program: Bars, Barbers and Characters of Early Pinole.

We thank Bob Kopp, who recorded all of these events for the society.

Scroll down to PINOLE HISTORY on the city’s website to find all the Pinole history programs

Upcoming events

FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1:30 P.M.
Oakland ZooMobile

The Friends of the Pinole Library will sponsor an interesting and exciting program at the Pinole Library on Wednesday, August 6, at 1:30 p.m. It is the Oakland ZooMobile — the zoo that brings the wonders of the world's wildlife to you.

The Oakland ZooMobile animal ambassadors will bring small animals and animal artifacts to thrill all children and adults who attend.

Participants will have an opportunity to see the animals up-close and to touch most of the animals presented.

Don't miss this amazing event!



'The Bookworm'

The Pinole Library
2935 Pinole Valley Road
(510) 758-2741



PHS AT PINOLE FARMERS' MARKET

The Pinole Historical Society is at the Pinole Farmers' Market for a seventh consecutive year.

We will be there two Saturdays in August, on the 9th and 23rd.

We'll be selling our books, postcards, greeting cards, magnets, and American flags every other Saturday through the end of the year.

Please stop by and say hello — and take home a free newsletter.

Pinole featured on KGO Radio

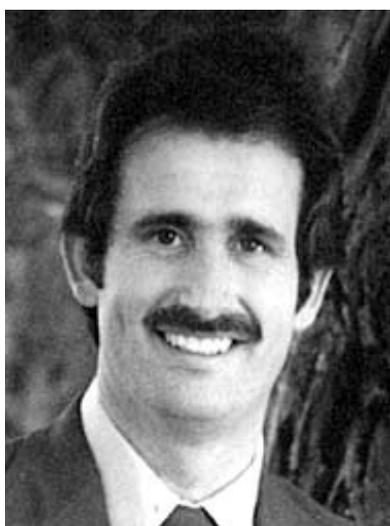
KGO radio reporter Jennifer Jones Lee interviewed PHS Vice President Jeff Rubin to discover the origin of the word “Pinole.”

Listen to the segment here:
<http://www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/KGOPinoleorigin.mp3>



In memoriam

THOMAS FRANCIS GOZZANO: MARCH 10, 1946 — JULY 24, 2014



Tom, 68, passed away at home with his family by his side after a brief battle with cancer.

Tom spent his entire life in Pinole, where he was born, raised, and was a business owner for 36 years. He graduated from Richmond High School and St. Mary's College, and then served in

the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

As a teenager, Tom worked for the Pinole Food Center. He began a career in real estate in 1973. He and his wife, Connie, opened Old Time Realtors® in 1978, and later Venice Mortgage Company.

Tom was a community leader, serving throughout his life. He served on the Pinole City Council from 1976-80 and was mayor in 1978-79. Most recently he was a Pinole Youth Commission member and President of the Pinole Area Senior Foundation Board of Directors. He was a lifetime member of the Pinole Historical Society

“Tom grew up here with a lot of people who still live here,” says longtime Pinole City Councilman

Pete Murray. “He had lifelong friendships; he was an easy person to know. I liked him a lot. I was on his joke list. Whenever there were things he wanted to discuss, we talked. He was a lot of fun to have a discussion with; he was animated, he was funny, and eventually we got to a meeting of the minds.

“He was unrealistically generous, particularly with people who needed help, and I don't think the community knows about a lot of what he did. To me that was his greatest quality; he had a large heart.

“He made a difference. When people come to Pinole they see the environment for families and children that exists here. That's because of people like him. I moved to Pinole because I knew this community was all about families and children. He was one of the people who made it that way.”

Tom's life passion was to help others, and he touched many lives through his generosity. He loved to conduct business, hunt with his buddies, and entertain everyone with jokes and stories. Making us laugh 'till the very end, he will be forever loved and missed by his family and multitude of friends.

Tom was affectionately referred to as “Faf” by his grandchildren Kyle and Kayla Marshall, and Logan and Houston Bradeson.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Connie “Peanut” Gozzano, devoted daughters Kelly Marshall and Colleen Bradeson, son-in-law Rick Bradeson, brother Jim Gozzano, sister-in-law Teresa, and nephews Chris and Tim. Tom was preceded in death by his parents Louis and Clara Gozzano.

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WELLS FARGO PINOLE MURAL VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE

Click this link: www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/PinoleMural.mov

In memoriam

THOMAS CUTINO SR.: FEBRUARY 17, 1927 — JULY 14, 2014



Tom was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran, longtime Pinole businessman, and former mayor. He was 87.

Tom was a Pinole councilman from 1978 to 1982 — mayor in 1979-80 — with a unique, entertaining sense of humor.

Tom was a member of the Pinole Historical Society and the VFW Post 2798, served 10 years on the board of directors of the Pinole Chamber of Commerce (president and Businessman of the Year in 1969), was fire commissioner of the Pinole Fire Protection District for eight years, and chairman of the Pinole Bicentennial Commission.

Tom managed The Cutino Company, a manufacturers' agency specializing in the design, application, and contract negotiation for custom-built heat-

recovery equipment for oil refineries, and chemical, electric, and food-processing plants.

Knowing the value of heat energy, how to manage it, getting the most value from it — that was his business, his profession, and his avocation, even in public life. Thus, Tom devoted his public energies to the betterment of this community.

The Fitzgerald Drive shopping centers in Pinole might have been annexed by Richmond, as an extension of its adjacent residential developments, were it not for Tom's rallying, defensive energies.

His oft-told stories, embellished with inherited gesticulation, gained "catalog numbers" assigned by his loving wife, Rose Marie. Most painfully difficult was his year-and-a-half term on the Contra Costa County Grand Jury, because of the strict requirement of jurors' permanent silence. Others who have served — and who knew Tom — will understand, but still miss those untold stories.

Tom is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rose Marie; children Judith, Camille, Philip (Elizabeth), Tom Jr. (Dana), Jeanine (Alex) and Maria; and grandchildren Amy, Anna, James, Sami, Gabriel, Giancarlo, and Joseph.

We are so fortunate to have known him.

— Jack Meehan

In memoriam

JERRY CATES SR.: AUGUST 13, 1942 — MAY 21, 2014



Jerry Cates Sr., 71, brought together hundreds of community groups, businesses, and individuals to raise funds and build Amber Swartz Park on Savage Avenue.

It was a project born and catalyzed by local service clubs (Rotary, especially) and

vested in Jerry.

The park is a permanent reminder of the death of Pinole Police Officer Floyd Bernie Swartz in 1980

and the tragedy of the kidnapping of his and his wife Kim's daughter, Amber in 1988 — who to this day is missing.

Jerry was deeply involved in the Pinole community: Jaycees, Roosters, director of Doctors Hospital, Rejects, P.I.G.S., and Rotary Club. He was a life-time member of the Pinole Historical Society.

Jerry died at home following a long illness. Born in Carter County, Missouri, Jerry's parents, Henry and Henrietta Cates, preceded him in death. Jerry arrived in California before his second birthday. He graduated from Richmond High School in 1960.

Jerry was a Farmers Insurance agent in Pinole for more than 40 years.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Judy, and his children, Jerry Jr. (Darla) Cates, James Cates, Kristy (Patrick) Cates-Frankfort, and two step-daughters, Michelle Mendes and Cindy Dzierman. A daughter, Tammy Fleharty, preceded him in death. He is also survived by two brothers and two sisters.

— *Jack Meehan*

NORMAN DOIDGE: JULY 23, 1949 — MAY 8, 2014

Norman Joseph Doidge, 64, long-time resident of Pinole and a member of an early Pinole family. Norman was preceded in his passing by parents, Allan K. Doidge and Alice Mae Doidge, and brother, James A. Doidge.

Norman's father was a former mayor of Pinole and Doidge Avenue in Pinole Valley bears his name. Norman's mother, Mae, was a long-time teacher in the old Pinole-Hercules District, teaching many years at the Old Pinole Hill School and at Ellerhorst School in the valley.

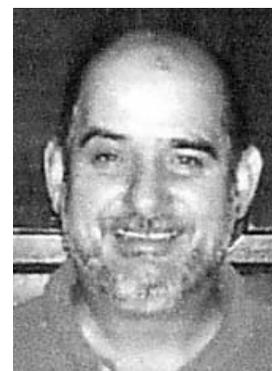
Norman lived in the old-town area of Summit Drive and was a familiar figure on the streets of Pinole and Hercules.

He hailed from the old Pinole neighborhoods and knew everyone in town. He walked daily, greeting

all in his travels with a pleasant smile and handshake.

No one who met Norm will forget his kind nature and willingness to go out of his way to help. He made instant and lasting friendships and will be missed as a young old-timer who loved Pinole and its history.

Norm is survived by his children, Sean Doidge, Leah Perez (Vincent), Kelly Doidge, and Taryn Doidge. He is also survived by grandchildren Lillian Perez, Sean and Sierra Doidge, and Jayden and Ralvyn Getts.



— *George Vincent*

The Pinole Historical Society promotes awareness and appreciation of history through preservation and education, and chronicles the city's heritage for current and future generations.



SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHS BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2014

For only \$30, you can help the PHS accomplish its mission of bringing the history of Pinole to our residents through exhibits at the Pinole Library, Pinole history programs in schools, Pinole Community TV programs, Walking tours of downtown Pinole, the Veterans' Day event in Fernandez Park — and you'll have the satisfaction of helping promote and preserve Pinole's history for future generations.

**JOIN THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP)
AND HELP PROMOTE AND PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF OUR CITY.**

Please mail the membership application today!

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2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(PINOLE RESIDENCY NOT REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP)

**PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, AND SEND CASH OR YOUR CHECK,
TO PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 285, PINOLE, CA 94564**

MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR THE 2014 CALENDAR YEAR (EXCEPT LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS)

NAME (each member): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL (please!): _____

CIRCLE ONE: Annual-new (\$30) Annual-renewal (\$30) Business (\$50) Life (\$150)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: [] Cash \$ _____ [] Check # _____ \$ _____

DATE PAID: _____

PHS VIDEOS ON CITY OF PINOLE WEBSITE

Miss one of our history programs on Pinole Community TV? Don't despair. The city's website has a dedicated section devoted to PINOLE HISTORY on its "Videos Online" page.

You can view the numerous PHS programs right on your computer. Go to the city's

website www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html and scroll down to PINOLE HISTORY.

You'll find our interviews, Veterans Day programs, George Vincent's two walking tours of historic downtown Pinole, and the very fine PCTV-produced, 12-part series based on the Historic Walking Tour brochure. It's great TV!

PHS SEEKING FAMILY FILMS FOR HISTORICAL ARCHIVE

Got film? The Pinole Historical Society is embarking on a major project to archive the city's history. We want to establish a permanent, digitized collection of Pinole's history.

Do you have film of past Holy Ghost parades, Pinole Valley High School Homecoming parades, Memorial Day or July 4 parades?

How about important athletic events, such as a high-school football, basketball, baseball, softball, or volleyball games?

Perhaps you have film of an important event that took place in Fernandez Park, or a ribbon cutting or an event that has a place in Pinole's history — such as the 1958 flood?

We're looking for any video or film you have — VHS, Beta, camcorder, DV tape, 8mm, Super 8mm,



16mm, 35mm, motion picture.

Nearly everyone has taken home movies. That makes everyone who has taken film a historian.

We want to collect, digitize, catalog, and preserve old movies on DVD (and whatever formats are to come) to exhibit, educate, and entertain.

The PHS will share these videos on a film archive that we will establish, similar to the The Pioneers Film Archive on YouTube created by the California Pioneers of Santa Clara

(www.youtube.com/scppioneers).

Film connects with the past in a unique way. It's immersive, educational, and entertaining. It's a way to get young people interested in history.

Got film? Please contact us at info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org. We'll return your film; we just want to borrow and digitize it.

PHS BOARD MEETS AUGUST 13 AT SENIOR CENTER

In addition to our quarterly general membership meetings, the Pinole Historical Society Board of Directors meets monthly on the second Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Pinole Senior Center.

Our members, and the public, are invited to attend these board meetings and speak on any item that is discussed.

Our next meeting is August 13.

2014 quarterly meetings at Kaiser continue on Friday evenings

The 2014 quarterly membership meetings of the Pinole Historical Society will be held Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in conference rooms

2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road.

As always, we will have an interesting program for you at each meeting.

The remaining 2014 meeting schedule is: September 5 • November 7

Upcoming events

Two August movies remain in 6th Annual Home Front Film Festival

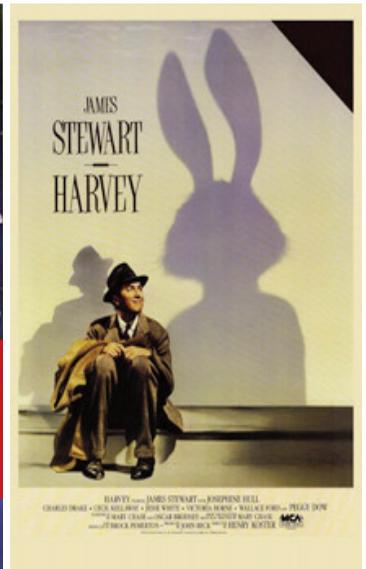
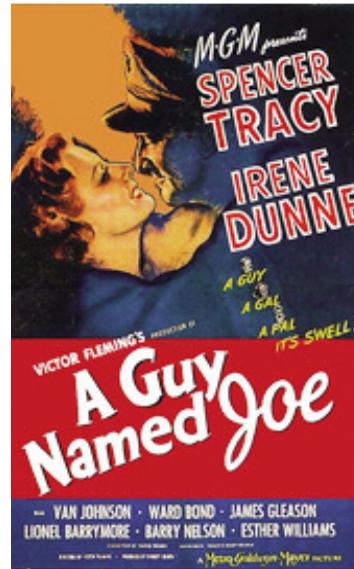
Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park and the Richmond Museum of History Association continues its 6th Annual WWII Home Front Film Festival on Thursdays in July and August.

The film festival features popular, full-length movies that were shown on the Home Front during the WWII period.

The movies will be screened aboard the S.S. Red Oak Victory, a beautifully restored ship built in Richmond during World War II. The ship is located in historic Shipyard #3 (1337 Canal Blvd., Berth 6A, Richmond), where thousands of Americans labored to build 747 ships over the course of the war. For directions to the shipyard, call (510) 237-2933 or visit www.ssredoakvictory.com/contact.htm.

National Park Service Ranger Craig Riordan, who picks the movies and introduces them, tells stories about the stars or about the times and circumstances of the making of each movie, adding to the pleasure of seeing them.

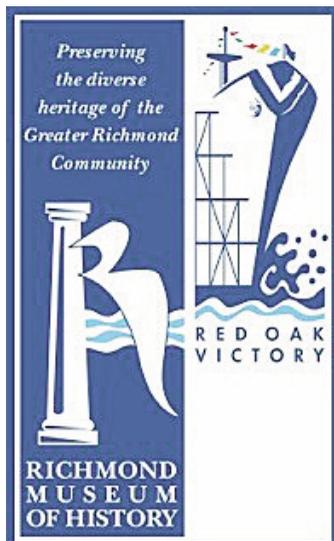
Boarding is at 6:30 p.m. and the films begin at 7. There is a requested donation to board the ship and enjoy ship exhibits prior to the film. Please note: the ship is not ADA accessible. Visitors must be able to climb a gangplank (40 feet of stairs with railings) and steep steps once aboard ship.



Popcorn and refreshments will be available for purchase.

• **Thursday, August 7:** *A Guy Named Joe* (1943), starring Spencer Tracy and Van Johnson. Tracy is a reckless bomber pilot stationed in England who finds himself in the role of guardian angel to a new pilot, played by Van Johnson.

• **Thursday, August 21:** *Harvey* (1950), starring James Stewart and Josephine Hull. This film was based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning play written by Mary Chase. Ms. Chase wrote this play to lift the spirits of a neighbor who lost her son in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Come and get your spirits lifted, too.

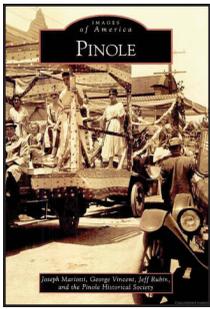


RICHMOND MUSEUM OF HISTORY EXHIBIT CELEBRATES FIRE DEPARTMENT

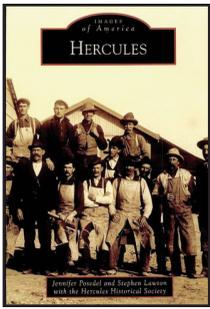
A new, temporary exhibit entitled "Fire in the City!" opens Saturday, August 9, in the Richmond Museum's Seaver Gallery.

The exhibit celebrates the history and heroism of the Richmond Fire Department. It features fire fighting-related artifacts from the museum's permanent collections, on loan from the local fire houses, and on loan from personal collections. It will be open until October 4.

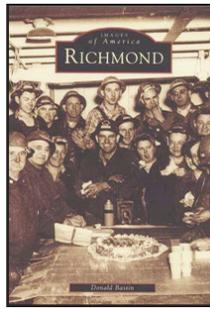
The public is invited to a free opening reception at the museum, 400 Nevin Avenue, Richmond, Saturday August 9, from 2-4 p.m. For more information about this exhibit and the museum, call Melinda or Evelyn at (510) 235-7387.



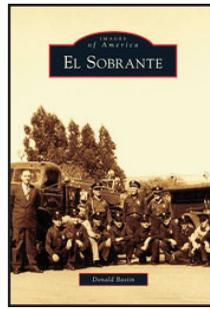
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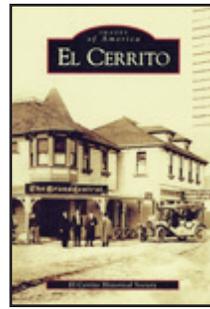
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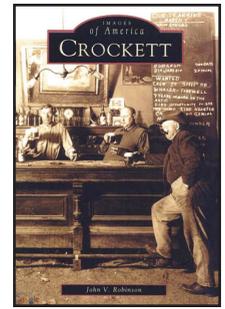
Richmond



El Sobrante



El Cerrito



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LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

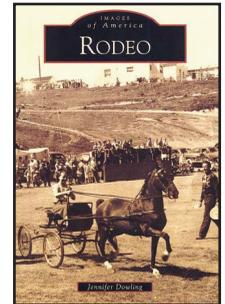
The Pinole Historical Society has Arcadia Publishing books about Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, and Maritime Contra Costa County. And, of course, we have plenty of Pinole books in stock.

You may purchase one or more of these books from us at the Pinole Farmers' Market—we'll be there every other Saturday through the end of December.

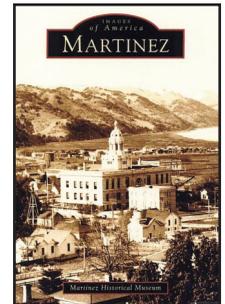
The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, and Maritime Contra Costa County

books retail for **\$24**, including 8.75% sales tax. The Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa books are **\$22**, including 8.75% sales tax.

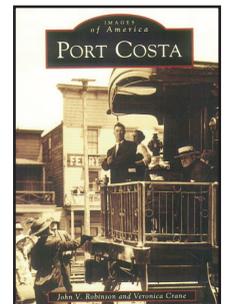
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564.**



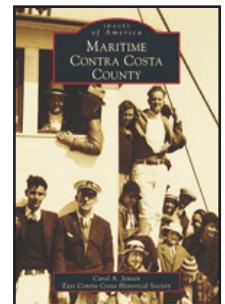
Rodeo



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