



Pinole**Historical**Society

E-News

PHS WILL PUBLISH NEW BOOK IN FALL 2015

The Pinole Historical Society will see its second book on the history of Pinole published in the fall of 2015.

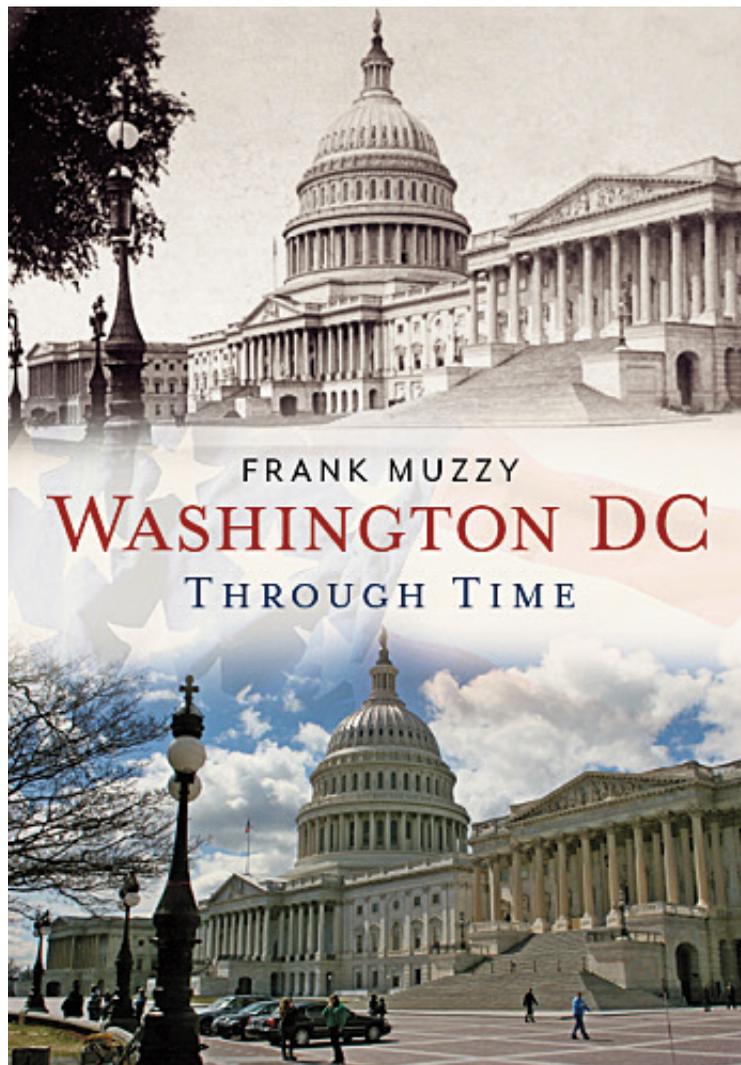
The society has signed a contract with Fonthill Media (www.fonthillmedia.com/), a specialist book-publishing company in the areas of general history, local and regional history, military history, transport history, and biography.

The society will be producing *Pinole Through Time*, a title in Fonthill's *America Through Time* series. The book will feature photos of old Pinole buildings and landmarks and current photos of what exists on those sites today. In several cases it will be the same building, some restored and others nearly identical.

Visit the Pinole Library for our exhibit "Pinole...Then and Now" to get an idea of the content of the book. The book's cover will be similar to the Washington D.C. book on this page.

Fonthill Media publishes in the USA, UK, France, and Spain. Its titles are published simultaneously as printed books and e-books and supplied to the general book trade. Most titles are aimed at general readership level, but with a more specialist, or in-depth focus on the subject matter in hand.

The PHS would love to see old photos that residents might have of their homes, their family's homes, and buildings that once existed or currently exist in Pinole, for possible inclusion in the book. Please contact us at (510) 724-9507 or via e-mail at info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org.



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.

DON CASTRO CELEBRATED AT PINOLE YOUTH CENTER EVENT

The life of Don Castro was celebrated July 28 during a short ceremony and the unveiling of a plaque in his honor at the Pinole Youth Center, 635 Tennent Avenue. The plaque is on the wall at the entrance to the building.

Don was a Pinole native, community activist, and local businessman. He died August 29, 2013. He was 76.

Don was a graduate of Richmond Union High School, served in the U.S. Navy, and was energetic in promoting Pinole as a great place to live and dine. In 1968, he and a partner opened the popular C&C Continental Deli on San Pablo Avenue. For 35 years Don, his wife Ida, and family treated Pinoleans to their specialties of family style meals seasoned with Don's humor and Ida's cheerful smiles.

Don's continual pride in Pinole was reflected in his tireless charitable and civic-minded works in such



organizations as the Pinole Youth Foundation, Pinole Jaycees, and Rotary, Lions, and Exchange clubs, among others.

He dedicated himself to giving the young people of Pinole a voice and place in their community. His efforts on the Pinole Youth Foundation resulted in the city saving the old downtown Bank of Pinole building as the Pinole Youth Center, before the current youth center was built.

If a person's life can be measured by the many who loved and befriended him along the way, Don certainly met and exceeded the test. His standing-room-only memorial service was testimony to the fact that he personally knew everybody in town and out.

Don was a rare individual who could always count the number of his friends by the population figures on the city's "Welcome to Pinole" signs.

— *By George R. Vincent*

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WELLS FARGO PINOLE MURAL VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE

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

Essay-contest winners shine in school competition

More than 150 students in five Pinole schools participated in the Fifth Annual Pinole Historical Society Essay Contest this year.

Students were asked to write an essay of no more than 250 words answering this question: "What would you like Pinole to be like 25 years from now?" Students at Collins, Ellerhorst, and Shannon elementary schools, St. Joseph School, and Pinole Valley High School participated.

The PHS received some very interesting responses, everything from flying robots and flying cars, to requests for more parks, more police, more restaurants, more things for kids to do, and requests from several young students for people to become more involved in the community.

Shannon Elementary School fourth-grader Isaac Castaneda won the contest for the third time. He previously won as a first- and third-grader.

On June 2, Pinole Mayor Tim Banuelos presented certificates of achievement and 10 grand prizes (Target gift certificates), to students who wrote the best essays at each of the elementary schools and St. Joseph School. PVHS students had previously received certificates.

The complete list of winners may be found on the PHS website: www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org.



Mayor Tim Banuelos and the essay-contest winners from St. Joseph School.

Mayor Tim Banuelos with Ellerhorst principal Ruby Gonzalez and Grand Prize winner Preston Phan.



Upcoming events

FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY

The Pinole Farmers' Market continues to bring the Friends of the Pinole Library to the community.

The Friends's display will be open at the market on July 12 and 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The market is located in the parking lot behind the Bank of the West on Pear Street in Old Town Pinole.

The Friends have several hardbacks and paperbacks from popular authors, children's books, art books, coffee-table books, and various accessories for sale at each farmers' market display.



Memberships, requests for post-card reminders of the Friends's bi-annual sales, and other information about the Friends of the Pinole library are also available.

The Friends of the Pinole Library is thankful for the many donations of books, games, CDs, DVDs, and other items. These are necessary for the upcoming fall book

sale and for the farmers' market booth.

The Friends of the Pinole Library gratefully appreciates the community's help and support.



FIND THE PHS AT THE 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 July, on the 12th and 26th. 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>





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!

Pinole **Historical** Society

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/sccpioneers).

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 JULY 9 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 July 9.

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



Join us for an
Independence Day

Celebration!

\$25
Per Person

**BOARDING {6PM} * BBQ {7PM} * KARAOKE {JOIN IN}
CLASSIC MOVIE {7:30PM} * FIREWORKS {9PM}**

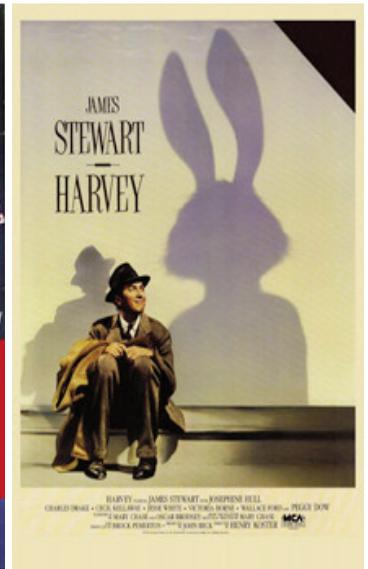
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FOR TICKET INFORMATION**

Visit: www.ssredoakvictory.com - www.richmondmuseumofhistory.org

Call: (510) 237-2933 (ROV) (510) 235-7387 (RMH)

Upcoming events



6th annual Home Front Film Festival summer schedule

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, July 10:** *Casablanca* (1942), starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. A Home Front Film Festival tradition. Come dressed as your favorite character from the movie!

- **Thursday, July 24:** *Across the Pacific* (1942), starring Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor. Is Bogey a traitor, or the only chance to save the world's most important waterway from the treachery of the Japanese?

- **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.

Upcoming events

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF PORT CHICAGO DISASTER

The National Park Service and the Friends of Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial will present two events on July 17 and 19 highlighting the tragic disaster 70 years ago in Concord during World War II that helped promote the desegregation of the United States military.

In July 1944, the largest U.S. mainland explosion of World War II destroyed the Navy's Port Chicago Magazine (now called the Military Ocean Terminal Concord), instantly killing 202 African American sailors working in a segregated munitions loading crew. An additional 118 merchant marines, other military personnel, and civilians also died. Hundreds more were wounded.



The subsequent refusal of 50 of the surviving sailors to resume loading munitions until their safety could be assured resulted in the most significant mutiny trial in our history. Their cause, supported by Eleanor Roosevelt and Thurgood Marshall, contributed to the desegregation of

the Navy and later the entire military.

Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial was created by Congress in 1994 by legislation authored by Congressman George Miller (D-Martinez) and signed by President Bill Clinton. On October 28, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law a bill authored by Congressman Miller that made the memorial a full and permanent unit of the National Park System.

EVENTS COMMEMORATE 70TH ANNIVERSARY

The National Park Service and the Friends of Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial invite the public to participate in two events commemorating the historical significance of the Port Chicago disaster and its impact on African American history and the United States armed services.

THE PORT CHICAGO DISASTER AT 70: A SYMPOSIUM ON RACE AND THE MILITARY DURING WORLD WAR II THURSDAY, JULY 17 – 8:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

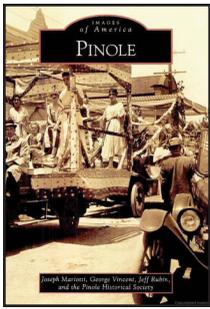
DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE, 321 GOLF CLUB ROAD, PLEASANT HILL

Presenters at the event will include: Leon Litwack, Professor Emeritus of History, University of California at Berkeley; Maggi Morehouse, Associate Professor of History, Coastal Carolina University; Carolyn Johnston, Professor of History and American Studies, Eckerd College; J. Vern Cromartie, Professor of Sociology, Contra Costa College; and Steve Sheinkin. All are authors of books about the disaster. The symposium is free, but registration is required by signing up online at <http://portchicagomemorial.org>, or by calling 925-695-PORT (7678).

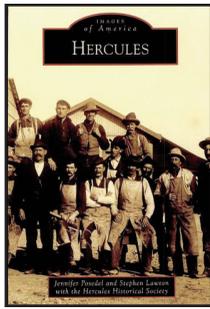
PUBLIC COMMEMORATION EVENT AND TOURS OF S.S. RED OAK VICTORY

A public commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Port Chicago disaster is scheduled for Saturday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Shipyard #3 of the historic Kaiser Shipyards, where the S.S. Red Oak Victory is permanently moored. The Red Oak Victory is of the same class of ship lost in the Port Chicago explosion in 1944.

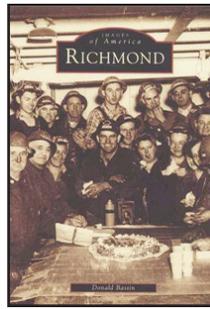
In addition to ship tours, this event will feature Port Chicago films and presentations in commemoration of the disaster and its aftermath. The commemoration is free and open to the public. Visitors will be able to board and tour the Red Oak Victory, but the ship is not accessible to people with mobility limitations.



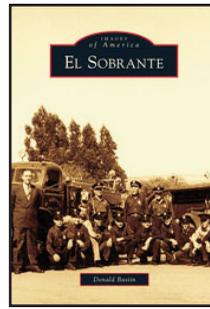
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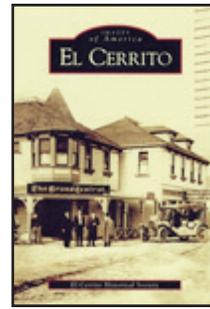
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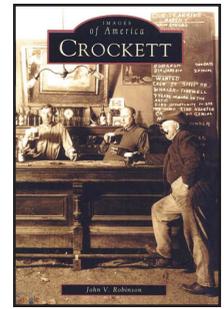
Richmond



El Sobrante



El Cerrito



Crockett

LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

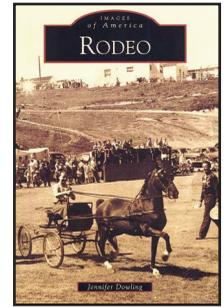
The Pinole Historical Society has Arcadia Publishing books about Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, and Maritime Contra Costa County. And, of course, we have plenty of Pinole books in stock.

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.

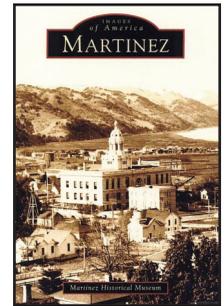
The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, and Maritime Contra Costa County

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

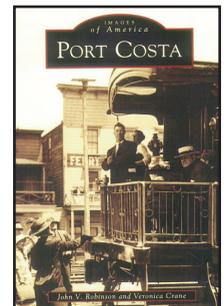
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564**.



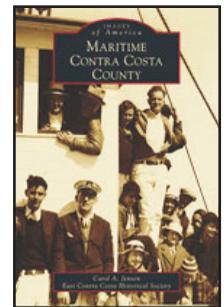
Rodeo



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