

Resource Guide

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Corned Beef and Cabbage

Stan Pronzini

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Penngrove Social Firemen GAZETTE

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LOOKING BACK #28

By Jack Withington

ROLLA WAITE MEMORIAL

In the Penngrove Park, there was a bronze plaque honoring residents who have passed. At one time, there were many names on the plaque. When the plaque was taken down only five names remained and the rest were either removed by vandals or some other unexplained phenomena! The plaque is now locked away on the Penngrove Social Firemen property, and the stone base remains in the park.

The name Rolla Waite was among the names that survived and is still on that memoriam. He was born in the hamlet of Norfolk, New York in 1882 near the Saint Lawrence River. When he was ten years old the family traveled nearly 3,000 miles before relocating to California. Residing in the town of Orangevale near Sacramento, the family moved and on eventually settled in Petaluma. In 1912, Rolla H. Waite met and married Ruby C. Riewerts.

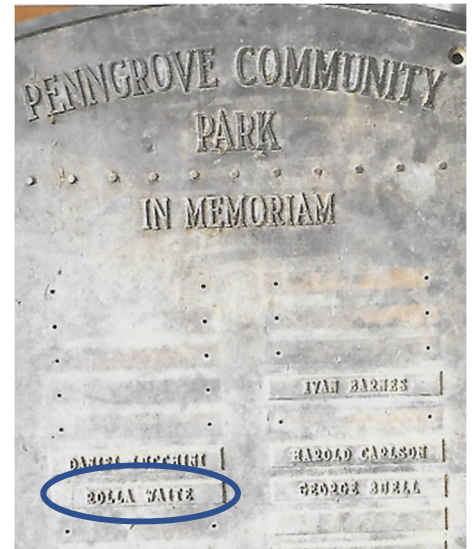
Rolla was a hard worker and held a variety of jobs before becoming a chicken rancher. Ruby and Rolla found a ranch on Goodwin Avenue in Penngrove and that property was to become their home for 50 years.

One of the first jobs for the industrious Rolla was as a rural, horse and buggy, mail delivery man. He also served as an appointed election judge for the Penngrove District. In 1919, Rolla won the contract to construct an 80x200 ft corrugated warehouse for Charles Ronsheimer, a Penngrove merchant and grain and feed dealer. A few years later, Rolla was on a local organizing committee for the introduction of the member owned (PHCC) Poultry Producers of Central California. The PHCC eventually took over the Ronsheimer warehouse for its Penngrove branch.

With all his business obligations, Rolla kept busy as a Penngrove School Trustee, a "Committeeman" with the Boy Scouts of America, Penngrove Troop 3. Rolla was also a 32-year member of the Petaluma Aerie #333 Fraternal Order of Eagles. Rolla and Ruby were charter members of the Penngrove Grange.

In 1951, Ruby and Rolla signed an Oil and Gas lease with the Texas Company (Texaco). The signing was an exercise in futility as no gas or oil was found on the Goodwin Avenue property.

In 1955, Rolla H. Waite passed away on his ranch at age 73.



PSF Monthly Meeting Wed., Nov 6, 2019 at 6:40pm

Absent: Stan Pronzini, Scott Finley, Nick Bursio, Bob Moretti
Pledge led by Vic Johnson

Good of the order: Happy Birthday to Paul Gilcrist, Rick Mellor, Gerry Merrill, Linda Moretti, Bill Park (who will turn 93), Lisa Pronzini, Michael Webb, (Arnie Franklin was mentioned, but he informed us his is in July. Happy Birthday anyway, as you were missed in that month of announcements.)

Minutes approved.

Polenta Feed had a profit of \$3,287.02 with 160 dinner served.
Way to go, Roland!!! Another successful event.
Thank you so much.

**Next Membership Meeting
– Prime Rib Dinner –
Wednesday, December 4
at 6pm, at the Clubhouse**

Treasurer's Report read by Julie:

General Checking	\$22,363.37
Petty cash	\$450.00
Poppy Savings	\$4,558.95
CD @ Poppy Bank	\$61,492.09
Total	\$88,864.41
Exchange Bank Ball Field Fund	\$307.20

**Next Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 10
at 6:30pm
at Joe Pedrani's home**

Guests: Kerry Atkinson (signed up as a member tonight), Jimmy Withington (Jack's brother), Wendy Christiansen, Tony Goodwin, Jamie Charles, and Michele Baker (48 yrs in Penngrove)

Nominations: The following director's terms are expiring at the end of 2019; Nick Buriso, Scott Finley, Bob Moretti, Julie Hanson, Stanley Pronzini. Julie Hanson was nominated, Lee Brians spoke up and nominated all five incumbents to add to ballot, Roland Mellor 2nd. There were no new nominates. Because 4 of 5 directors were absent, we will revisit this for the December meeting with the possibility of a "white ballot".

A HUGE "THANK YOU" goes to Ed Grossi, PSF member, and his partner Joe from Sweet Lane Nursery for the beautiful trees we purchased and planted in the park on Nov 2nd. We now have 4 large, well established Redpointe (Acer), October Glory (Acer) and Village Green (Zelkova) trees that will not only beautify the park but provide much need shade in years to come. Ed gave us a very generous discount, and we can't thank him enough. HUGE "THANK YOU's" to Nick Buriso and his son Peter for use of the backhoe, and to Scott Finley and Cliff Hanson for planting the trees.

Another "thank you" to Byron and Paul for power-washing and sealing the picnic tables at the park.

Upcoming events: Light Parade will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15 on Main St at 6:00pm; Italian Night on Saturday, Jan. 11th; Crab Feed on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Be there or be square!

At a date to be determined after the holidays, there will be an Appreciation Dinner for the Rancho Adobe Firefighters and their families, hosted by us to show our appreciation for their efforts in the Kincade Fire. We have received \$100.00 donations from the following: Kathryn Wickstrom and Greg Karracker, Bill and Maggie Fishman, JavAmore Café, John McGinnis, Rich Tucker, Kerry Atkinson, and Elsie Stuehmeyer.

The Membership Meeting in January will be held on Wednesday, January 8th instead of January 1st, New Year's Day. The Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14th. Location TBD.

Thank you to Kim and Cliff Hanson, and Jim Davis for our dinner, and to Margaret Shephard for her fabulous desserts. Next month is the big Director's dinner; they're serving Prime Rib and fixings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Mark your calendar...

Wednesday, December 4, 2019: Next Membership Meeting – Prime Rib Dinner – at 6pm, at the Clubhouse

Sunday, December 15, 2019: Light Parade will be held on Main St., at 6pm

Sunday, December 15, 2019 & Sunday, December 22, 2019: Make a Holiday Table Centerpiece, at Artful Arrangements. These classes fill up quickly; call Diane at 707-664-8656 to register (see full class description on last page).

Wednesday, January 8, 2020: The first Membership Meeting in 2020 will be held on this date, instead of January 1st, New Year's Day.

Saturday, January 11, 2020: Italian Night

Tuesday, January 14, 2020: The first Board Meeting in 2020. Location TBD.

Saturday, February 15, 2020: Crab feed

Julie Hanson states: In place of our Secret Santa project this year, we are asking all members that wish to do so, to bring a new unwrapped gift to the December Membership meeting.



Julie will deliver to the Cotati Fire Department for distribution to needy children. This applies to children up to 10 years old. If you wish to donate cash for this, contact Julie at 707- 546-6362 and she will collect your money and buy the gifts for you.



Remember that December 4th will be the deadline to have gift purchased and turned in.

PSF Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:10pm

Meeting held at JavAmore Café

Absent: Bob Moretti

Guest: Roland Mellor

Discussion:

- Roland provided a company for us to use for pest control. Julie advised that we have been using Sonoma Valley Pest Control. We have been having problems with little mice in the pantry. Julie will call them to assist.
- Trees in park. Thank you to Nick, his son Peter, and Scott for helping plant the new trees in the back park.
- Scott will contact Mark from GIANT Tree Service to grind the stump at the clubhouse
- Stoves in clubhouse have been repaired.

No motions made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm



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Make a Holiday Table Centerpiece - Class dates: December 15th & 22nd

Artful Arrangements is offering two December classes on making a Holiday Table Centerpiece, December 15th & 22nd, from 10am to noon. Using a crafty "waterfrog" to hold the freshly cut foliage, the centerpiece hugs the table surface AND stays fresh for weeks!

All tools needed, materials and refreshments are included in the thrifty price of \$10 each, or two for \$15 (two friends, or a parent or grandparent and an older child)! Bringing outdoor fragrances indoors speaks of love, home, family, and holiday traditions.

The Artful Arrangements Crafting Center is at 205 Orchard Lane, Penngrove 94951.
Call Diane at 707-664-8656 to register, because this class fills up quickly.

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