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July Celebration - Board of

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Penngrove Social Firemen GAZETTE

FEBRUARY 2020

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Calling all volunteers! 2020 Events

As you can see, someone just doesn't wave a magic wand, and everything is in place. It takes a small, sometimes large, village to make these events happen. These events are the backbone of what keeps our clubhouse and park open for the community (and beyond) to enjoy. Some of these volunteers have been helping for 40 years! We ask the membership to give just 8 hours of their time over a one-year period. This time does not have to be all at once. If you can give two hours here and there, it won't seem so overwhelming. Below all our events are listed with the number people needed in each position. A separate signup sheet will be passed around at the meetings. We look forward to seeing your name on one or two!

January 11th- Sat Italian Night

Cooks (4), setup (2), servers (4), bartenders (4), drink & food tickets (4), raffle tickets (2), cleanup (2), dishwasher (2)

February 1st- Sat Swiss Club

Cooks (4), bartenders (3), drink ticket sale (1) dishwasher (2), **clean up?????**

Unknown; who does this?

February 15th- Sat Crab Feed

Cooks (8), setup (3), servers (8), bartenders (3), drink & food tickets (4), raffle (2) cleanup (3), dishwasher (2)

March 14th- Sat St. Patrick's Dinner

Cooks (8), setup (3), bartenders (3), drink & food tickets (4), servers/food runners (8), cleanup (3), dishwasher (2)

May 2nd- Sat Trucker's Ball

Cooks (8), setup (2), bartenders (3), drink & food tickets (4), raffle tickets (2), cleanup (2), dishwasher (2)

May?? Rotary Bike Rally

Cooks (10), servers-4H kids

July 4th and 5th- Sat and Sun July Celebration

- **Sat:** Set up, wrap meat, decorations, dig fire pit (10)
- **Sun:** Ticket booths (18), wrist band table (6), bartenders (9), beer tender (14), margarita booth (4) food servers (15?), oysters (2), bean guy/gal (2), judges (3/filled), announcer (2/filled), parking control (3), entry check-in table (2), gambling tables (14), runners (2), tear down and clean up(10), dishwasher (2-3)

Sept 11th and 12th - Friday night and Sat Luau

- **Fri-** Decorations, tablecloths (4)
- **Sat-** Cooks (4), servers (10, 4-H helps out), bartenders (3), food & drink tickets (4), wrist band table (2) cleanup (4)

Oct?? - Sat Polenta Feed

Cooks (4), set up (2), bartenders (3), drink & food tickets (4), raffle (2), servers, clean up (2), dishwashers (2)

PSF Monthly Meeting Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 6:35pm

President Joe Pedrani opened the January Membership meeting at 6:35 pm
Absent Directors: Scott Finley & Kim Hanson
Chuck Lucas led the pledge to the flag.

Happy Birthday to: Kathryn Wickstrom, Don Barella, Gina Campigli, Vern Chang, Ed DeCarli, Ron Goodlund, John Kaupp, Sandy Spring, John Mazzella, and anyone we may have missed.

Last month's minutes approved.

Julie read the Treasurers Report

General Checking Account	\$17554.12
Petty Cash	\$450.00
Poppy Savings (1st Comm)	\$4,558.95
CD @ Poppy Bank	\$61,492.09
TOTAL	\$84,055.16

Next Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 11
at 6:30pm
at JavAmore Café

Julie announced that the ballpark fund account has been closed out and the balance transferred to the general checking account.

Good to the Order: Ed De Carli is recovering for a double bypass surgery. We are wishing him a quick recovery. Margaret Sheppard had a valve replaced and is doing wonderfully. All our best to both.

New members: Chuck Lucas brought in many new guests to start off 2020. Members, who joined tonight: James Lowy, Kathryn Peyton, Chris Arras, Stephanie Stenmark, Dustin Clark, Anne Menendez, and Lew Baer. We are happy to have you as part of our membership.

Old Business: Holiday Parade of Lights was as huge of a success as it has been the past. There were 55 entries and probably 3000 people lining the street. It appears more than the July Parade. Kim Hanson does an amazing job of organizing and seeing it through to conclusion. It looked like we had many more spectators; everyone enjoying the lighted cars, trucks and tractors gave it a wonderful, festive feel. Kim was able to get Smart Train to waive having flaggers for this event, saving us about \$1000.00. Thank you, Kim, for all of the events you are involved with and for putting more than 100% of yourself into them.

The stump in front of the clubhouse has been removed.

An old banner was found in the PSF basement that is probably from the 1920's when the clubhouse was built. It names businesses in Penngrove that supported the project at that time. It's as wide as the back wall of the stage and we are working on getting it hung on that wall, with backing and plastic to preserve it.

We have the dumpsters back at the clubhouse, as the cans don't hold enough garbage for events held during the winter. When springtime comes, we will transfer back to the cans, which are less expensive, then switch back again in winter.

Upcoming events: The Taste of Italy dinner is in a few days and tickets are almost sold out. The Crab feed will be February 15th and tickets are sure to go quickly.

Thank you to our cooks tonight for a great ham dinner and fixings:
Larry, Bob, and Stan. Pat Pedrani served ice cream for dessert.
Cooks for February will be Lolli, Pat, and Melissa.

Next Membership Meeting
Wednesday, February 5
at 6pm, at the Clubhouse

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

LOOKING BACK: HISTORIC BANNER (1923) FOUND IN PENNGROVE

By: Jack Withington

Members of the Penngrove Social Firemen discovered a historic link to Penngrove's past, while working in the basement of the Penngrove Club House. The basement has served the community of Penngrove in many ways, including a firehouse.

The group found a banner, nearly 100 years old, in pristine condition. It last used in 1923 to honor the joint opening of the Central Commercial and Savings Bank's newest branch in Penngrove, and completion of the Ladies' Social Welfare Clubhouse in the spring of 1923.

Over 1,000 people visited the clubhouse and bank's open house. The bank is a branch of the Vallejo-based Central Commercial and Savings Bank. The other branches are located in Vallejo, Santa Rosa, Benicia, and Sonoma.

The Penngrove location boasted a two-story building with the banking facility on the bottom floor and on the second story were apartments for the manager and the cashier. The bank's name, Central Commercial and Savings Bank, is still emblazoned near the top of building. The bank building stands next the two-story Evert Building, with Evert Hall on the top story and commercial spaces on the ground floor. The commercial spaces included a butcher shop and office space for Evert's Mercantile and feed mill operations, which were located between the railroad tracks and the Evert offices.

Nearly two years later, the Penngrove branch of the Central Commercial and Savings Bank's doors were shuttered forever. The whole chain had been sold and merged into the growing Bank of Italy (to become the Bank of America) in a \$5,000,000 deal.

The Santa Rosa branch stayed open with the name changing to the Bank of Italy. The Penngrove location was merged into the Bank of Italy in Petaluma. The branches in Benicia, Sonoma and Vallejo were merged into the Liberty Bank, a subsidiary of the A.P. Giannini's Bank of Italy.

Although the bank was gone, the building became a grocery store with a series of operators too numerous to name. Later, it became a silk-screening operation. Now, it is utilized as a private residence. The Ladies Social Welfare Clubhouse is still operational and, now called the Penngrove Community Clubhouse, under the ownership of Penngrove Social Firemen!

The daughter of A.P. Giannini, the owner of the Bank of America, is Claire Giannini, a Stanford graduate who married All American Football player and Stanford graduate Clifford "Biff" Hoffman (voted the Most Valuable Player in the 1928 Rose Bowl). Clifford "Biff" Hoffman was a graduate of Petaluma High School.

PSF Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 6:00pm

Meeting held at JavAmore Café

Absent: Dan Colville

Discussion:

- Italian night was a big success. Primary income, not including costs, bar \$1900.00, raffle \$705.00, food \$5500?? It was agreed that for future events the cost of drinks will increase to \$5.00, from \$4.00. Or 5 tickets for \$20.00. All drinks for Wednesday night membership meetings will remain at \$3.00. Corkage fee will be \$15.00 per bottle.
- New Year, new events. We need volunteers. Kim will create a list of all events for the year, and how many volunteers are needed for each event. See event calendar within this newsletter. A sign-up sheet will be at each meeting.
- Scott still working on securing a projector for the clubhouse.
- The cost of renting the clubhouse and park will be a permanent post in the newsletter.
- Bob provided information on a solar light to be used on our sign on Main St.

Motions:

Stanley 1st, Arnie 2nd, all in favor to raise the drinks to \$5/each, or 5 tickets for \$20 at all our events.
Joe 1st, Stanley 2nd, all in favor to purchase solar lighting for sign board on Main St.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm



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Basic rental fee	\$700	Up to 99 people	\$650
Early access fee	\$350	100 to 199 people	\$750
Late access fee	\$150	200 to 399 people	\$1,100
Security deposit	\$450*	400 or more people	\$1,350
Cleaning fee	\$150**	Kitchen rental	\$100
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