

## Resource Guide

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**Corned Beef and Cabbage**

Stan Pronzini

**Truckers Ball** - Roland Mellor &

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**Hawaiian Luau** - Kim Hanson

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# Penngrove Social Firemen GAZETTE NOVEMBER 2018

P.O. Box 264, Penngrove, CA 94951

## Looking back: Finding Ray Mathews

By: Jack Withington

There was plenty to do for those of us who lived on the farms and ranches in and around the village of Penngrove in the 1950's... The chores and ranch duties took up most of our non-school activities. Organized sports were few and far between.

When we did have free time, we jumped on our bicycles and headed for downtown Penngrove. One of our favorite pastimes was to stop at Vic's Place located where the Penngrove Pub now stands. Vic's offered a pool table, candy and scoops of all flavors of ice cream. On the back bar sat many bowling trophies

Being an inquisitive 11 year old, I asked Vic Mathews the proprietor who operated the bar/poolroom with his wife Helen, "Vic are those you're bowling trophies?" He answered, "No, they are my son Ray's." "Vic, I didn't know you had a son." "Yes, he has made a career with the U S Navy."

Soon it was time for junior high and high school. There was only two options for Penngrove students, Petaluma High or St Vincent's. Rancho Cotati High school did not exist at the time.

After high school, I decided that I wanted to see the world, I signed up for a four-year hitch in the Marine Corps.

### Boot Camp:

Before leaving my home, I did something that was rare, I kissed my dad good bye. I was on way to boot camp. I caught the southbound Greyhound to San Francisco. Then on to San Diego to the Marine Corps Recruit Training. Base. Three days after arriving in boot camp, I was called in to the Quonset hut duty office and was told my dad had died. Back home to Penngrove for 10 days burial leave.

After boot camp, I was assigned to duty as a Grunt. My job was to carry a Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR). After a year of training at Camp Pendleton in southern California I was then shipped to Okinawa where we were called to many "hot spots". Our transportation was usually a WWII vintage APA (Attack transport).

After one such mission our ship visited the port of Subic Bay in the Philippine Islands. In 1898, the Philippines was ceded to the US by Spain at the conclusion of the Spanish- American War. The weather in Subic Bay was hot and muggy.

One day I got off the ship and took a walk around the large naval station. As I was thirsty, I went into the nearest building which turned out to be the base bowling alley. I bought a soft drink, and to pass the time, I watched the men bowling. The Naval personnel had their names stenciled on their trousers. I spied the name Mathews on one of the bowlers. I walked over to the Sailor and asked, "Are you Vic Mathews' son from Penngrove?" He said, "Yes."

I found Ray Mathews, nearly 7,000 miles from Penngrove!

It's that time of year again...

Check out the last page for details on our Secret Santa program!

### Next Membership Meeting:

Wednesday, November 7 at 6:30pm  
at the PSF Clubhouse

### Next Board Meeting:

Tuesday, November 13 at 6:00pm  
at Joe Pedrani's home

## PSF Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Absent: John Rossi, Nick Bursio, Dan Colville, Stanley Pronzini, Scott Finely  
The pledge was led by Marv Augustine.

Good to the Order: Bobby Z is in the hospital recovering from a perforated ulcer at UCSF. He has had two surgeries and may need more. Our best wishes for a quick recovery.

Treasurers Report was read by Julie Hanson

General Checking	\$74,693.28
Petty Cash	450.00
Poppy Savings	4,556.00
CD @ Poppy Bank	<u>60,000.00</u>
Total	\$139,699.28
Exchange Bank Ball Field Fund	\$1,425.98

We have donated \$2,000.00 to Penngrove School, and \$400.00 to Christmas for Kids. Julie has been unable to contact M.O.M.S. (Mothers of Military Service members). Should anyone have a contact, please provide this to Julie.

No new guests and members this evening.

Kudos to Jessica for all her time and effort with the newsletter, and to Bev Pam for the hours of work in renting the park and clubhouse.

A work party is needed at the park to install the new tables. Please see Scott Finley.

New Business: Parking lot at clubhouse is in much need of repair. The garbage trucks do not help with damaging the driveway. Directors are working with the company and putting together ideas for possible replacement of the dumpster.

Cooks tonight were Kathryn Wickstrom, Margaret Shepard, Chuck Lucas, and Jim Davis.

A HUGE thank you goes to Kathryn Wickstrom and her husband Greg Karraker for the years of service they have put into PSF; all of Kathryn's delicious cooking and Greg's assistance with all our events. They are moving to Palm Desert at the end of October and they will be truly missed.

Nominations are here. Terms will expire for Joe Pedrani, Kim Hanson, Dan Colville, and John Rossi at the end of 2018. Please make your nominations tonight or at the November meeting. Voting will take place in December.

Donny Barella reminded members to save the handicap spot near the bar door. Signage will be installed.

Craig Jacobson remind us the Lakeville Fire Dept will have a pancake breakfast at the ELKS this Saturday from 8am -11am.

Cooks for next month: Joe & Patricia Pedrani and Dan & Tracey Colville

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

### PSF Board Meeting at Joe Pedrani home Tuesday, October 10, 2018

Meeting opened at 6:10pm.

Absent: John Rossi, Nick Bursio, Julie Hanson

**Guest:** David Adams, owner of Quality Printing in Petaluma and member of the Salvation Army Petaluma/Penngrove/Cotati.

- David made a presentation for the Salvation Army to be partners with the PSF for next year's car show. David has much experience, as he has been the Chair for the car show held at Casa Grande High School for the Salvation Army. He believes that if we team up together we will both be successful. The board will discuss further and come together with David at a later time.

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PSF Board Meeting notes (continued from previous page)

**Discussions:**

- Club house dumpster issue.  
Options: Go to cans vs. dumpster, change position of dumpster, elevate pad. More brainstorming is needed to resolve this issue.
- Annual awards for Silver Spoon, Gold Key, and Presidents Award. Come to the December meeting and see if you are a winner!
- Charging for use of ballfield for outside leagues. As the season has ended, the directors will determine how much to charge next year. A contract will be drawn for the renters.
- The Holiday Parade of Lights will be sponsored by PSF again this year. However, we will ask the merchants to help with donations to offset the expense.

**No motions were made.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.



# IT'S SECRET SANTA TIME!



All gifts are made anonymously. The recipients are people from the Penngrove community. There are two families with teens, and a senior with needs.

## Teen girl items:

- Levi's 501 classic, size 30/30
- Hoodie sweatshirt, misses small
- Converse tennis shoes, size 8 ½
- Gift certificate – pottery studio, 632 fourth street, Santa Rosa, 576-7102

## Teen boy items:

- Two teen boys need drivers ed training. The cost for learning permit and 2 hours of permit driver training is \$164 per person at Miller Driving School. Donations have been received and we still need \$128 if you are interested in giving a monetary donation to go towards this amount.
- Hanes t-shirts, size large, color blue
- Hoodie jacket, size large, color red
- White socks, size 10
- Black jeans, size 30/32
- Pro-club t-shirts, size medium, color blue or black
- Levi's jeans, color dark blue, size 30/30
- Pro-club hoodie sweatshirt, size medium, color black
- Vans high-top shoes, size 10 ½, color black
- Gift certificate for each boy (2) – movie theater, Petaluma
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## Single male senior:

- Men's large robe
- New bed pillow, medium firmness
- Food gift card
- Gas gift card

We will also accept gift cards for Safeway and other local places. If you would like to donate, please contact Sandy or Julie. The donations will need to be returned to the November or December Membership meeting or arrangements can be made to have them picked up.

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