

Resource Guide

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Corned Beef and Cabbage

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Penngrove Social Firemen GAZETTE OCTOBER 2018

P.O. Box 264, Penngrove, CA 94951

Looking back: Penngrove's Volunteer Fire Department in the 1950's By: Jack Withington

Fire fighting in Penngrove has changed over the years. In an earlier time, Penngrove's Fire Department volunteers answered the mournful wail of the siren calling the firemen to duty, the siren could be heard at least a mile away. As a volunteer department, all the volunteers held down other jobs. Some were farmers while others were local business men.

The first man to the station, after starting the fire truck, would pull the rig out of the firehouse located on Woodward Avenue, turn right and proceed to the corner and wait momentarily as the volunteers left their place of business and dashed to the waiting vintage fire truck. The truck had a cab big enough for only two men, without a jump seat, the rest of the crew would hop on the back of the truck and hang on to the safety bars for dear life, while attempting to don their turn out gear as the truck headed for the fire scene.

It was a sight to behold, as the volunteers streamed down the middle of the Petaluma Hill Road/Main Street. Business went on hold as the town's butcher (Pete), the mechanics (Paul and Harold), the barber (Herb), the bar owners (Vic and Kelly), the blacksmiths (Riebli Bros), along with many other tradesmen and farmers, all ran to catch the waiting fire truck!

The volunteers were often supplemented or aided by concerned locals, who raced to the site, armed with wet feed/gunny sacks. The locals were motivated by the fact that the fire could (and did) spread to neighboring properties.

Brooder house fires were common in the area, as the structures housed baby chicks that were kept warm by gas fired brooder stoves. The stoves were suspended and held in place by a combination chain and an adjustable rope that could be raised or lowered depending on the size of the growing birds. The baby chicks that perished in the fire could, at times, be counted in the thousands.

Grass fires were always a threat to the local residents and the fire scene was one to be observed as volunteers in trucks met with other volunteers loaded with brush pumps (a spray hose/water can combination). Also, on scene were the afore mentioned wet sack brigade, some armed with grubbing hoes.

Back at the firehouse, the women's auxiliary, took care of the telephones and the many other tasks involved in the fire department operations.



Penngrove Fire Department, Penngrove, California, 1958
- Sonoma County Library Photograph Collection

"Politics and PSF"

At our last meeting, a member voiced that the PSF does not get involved with political issues. I just wish to say one last time that the Board has always taken the stance to stay clear of discussing and/or contributing monies involving political concerns. There are many gray areas and we have been advised by our CPA to avoid such issues.

On another note, I hope all members feel free to announce future upcoming Town Hall gatherings for the benefit of our community.

Sincerely,
Joe Pedrani, President

Next Membership Meeting:

Wednesday, October 3 at 6:30 pm
Cooks: Kathryn Wickstrom, Chuck Lucas and Margaret Sheppard

PSF Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Meeting held at the Penngrove Community Clubhouse.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Absent: Stanley Pronzini

Pledge to the flag was led by Larry Wagner.

Good to the Order: Delmar Friedrichsen had a car accident and has been at Stanford Hospital. His recovery is going well and he should be home soon. Joanne Curtis fell and broke her leg. She is recovering in a rehab facility and should also be home soon. Best wishes to them both for a quick recovery.

Minutes approved for August.

Treasurer's Report

Julie provided us with the Treasure's report. She also announced that we will be deposit funds into a CD with Poppy Bank that pays 2.5%. The amount will be determined at the Board Meeting next week.

General Checking	\$94,587.35
Petty Cash	\$450.00
Poppy Savings	\$39,536.65
Total	\$134,574.00
Exchange Bank Ball Field Fund	\$1,425.98

Guests: Gail McGuffey and Allan Wade

New members: Kurt & Robin Kunde, and Allan Wade

Old Business:

- The new fence has been completed both in the front of the park and along the creek line. It is beautiful. Although we did sub out the work for \$14,884.00, we thank Dan Colville, Nick & Peter Bursio, Bob and Clark Moretti, Arnie Franklin, and Joe Pedrani for doing some of the prep work and overseeing the project.
- Thank you to John Rossi, Pedrani Transportation, and Ed Grossi for the materials needed for the new container.

New Business:

- Kim Hanson spoke about the upcoming Luau on Saturday, September 8th, in the park. There are plenty of tickets left.
- Scott advised that new tables should be installed at the park in October. A \$200.00 gift certificate was given to Steve Turner for his generous donation of the wood to make the tables.

Thank you to our cooks tonight: Larry Strain, Marv Augustine and crew. Cooks for October will be Kathryn Wickstrom, Chuck Lucas and Margaret Sheppard.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

PSF Board Meeting - Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Meeting held at Joe Pedrani's home.

Absent: John Rossi


Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

Next Directors Meeting: Tuesday, October 9 at 6:00 pm

Discussion:

- Ball field received a \$370.00 donation from Top Speed Baseball for the use of the ball field. They have been practicing on the field and will hold their first game later this month. Future discussion will determine how much we will charge for a team to use the field. There are added expenses such as water, field maintenance, and wear/tear on the grass.
- There is a considerable amount of wood rot on many of the structures at the park (gazebo, bar benches, and counters at the serving area). There is also rot in the roof overhang at the clubhouse. A checklist will be made, and a plan of attack will go into place.
- The parking lot at the clubhouse needs repairs. Stanley will set up a meeting with the garbage company to determine if the placement of the dumpster can be moved. The heavy trucks are breaking down the pavement.
- Julie talked about us staying on track with our donations to various organizations. This is noted in our By-Laws under Article 2 Purposes, Section 1. Objectives and Purposes. We have given to several organizations for years, and just got a little behind. We will bring them current, then continue as noted in the years to follow. See Motions made below.
- Joe Pedrani and Julie Hanson will be signers on Bev Palm's paychecks.
- New member, Robin Kunde, Bob Moretti's cousin, will donate all the wine for the PSF meetings. She is part of Kunde Winery. Thank you, Robin for your generosity.
- Membership table will be set up at all PSF events to promote new members. See Chuck Lucas if you know someone who wishes to join.

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- Kim gave a tentative report on the financials for the Luau held last weekend. Attendees: 132 Adults, 14 kids which netted an estimated \$4,500.00. A great time was had by all. A member, Steve Davidson, won the Hawaiian trip. I'm sure Glenna was happy to hear that. Kim announced that although this event is close to her heart, this would be her last year chairing the Luau. She has been doing this for the last 7 years and with her busy schedule, must step down. If anyone wishes to chair the event next year, please see Kim and she will walk you through all you need to know.

Motions:

- Julie 1st, Joe 2nd, all approved, to have the security deposits be the same for the park and clubhouse set at \$500.00.
- Kim 1st, Joe 2nd, all in favor, to deposit \$60,000.00 in a CD at Poppy Savings, at the Petaluma Branch. The signers on the account will be Joe Pedrani, Julie Hanson, and Kim Hanson.
- Kim 1st, Bob 2nd, all in favor, to donate monies to the following organizations. Please note that some have not received funds for a couple of years and amounts reflect this:
 1. Penngrove School \$2,000.00 for 2017/2018, \$1,000.00 thereafter.
 2. Penngrove 4H is on track but will receive an increase from \$250.00 to \$500.00 beginning this year, 2018
 3. Christmas for Kids will receive \$400.00 for 2017/2018, \$200.00 thereafter
 4. M.O.M.S. (Mothers of Military Service) will receive \$500.00 for current year
 5. Petaluma FFA Champion Team Fund will receive funds when needed
 6. Sonoma County Fair - purchase of market animal is current

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.