



APRIL 2012

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Trucker's ball
May 21, 2012
Music By
Charlie Baker

APRIL 21, 2012
BREAKFAST
CANCELLED



Presidents
MESSAGE

Our Corned Beef and Cabbage went well. We served 302 dinners. Our net profit was \$ 2600.00 less the reusable advertising banners of \$ 380.00. The banners can be used in future years with only the date being change at a cost of \$ 50.00. Stan Pronzini was chairperson of this event along with his crew that did an excellent job in ordering, cooking and serving.

Moving forward, the Board of Directors decided that non-members with questions or issues can be scheduled on the Board of Directors meeting which is always the first Monday following our regular meeting (unless rescheduled). Following the regular meeting there will be directors available that will be happy to meet with non-members and members alike. If the concerns are lengthy then we will schedule a time for your concerns at the following directors meeting. An agenda will be scheduled and members and non-members will be first. After all concerns are addressed the board will go into an executive session (Board Members Only). Of course all verbal or written transactions will be in the minutes and published in the following Gazette.

The Board had unanimously voted in 2011 to reduce some of the events during the year that deemed to be below our reasonable profit level as well as reduce the number of events requiring volunteer time. We felt we were asking people to participate in 9 to 10 events a year was excessive and especially when the same people that help are there for every event. We had also decided to focus more energy on those events that generate at minimum of \$ 2500.00 and more.

To offset some of the work load the Board unanimously voted to cancel the April breakfast and donate \$ 2000.00 to the school as we had in past years keeping us compliant with our non-profit status.

Everyone should be proud of the accomplishments we have made over the past several years, park playground, sound system in the clubhouse, painting of the clubhouse, new roof on our dwelling in the park are just a few of the projects

Ray Soper, President

Regular Meeting

April 4, 2012
Doors Open 6:00 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 p.m. Dinner following
Penngrove Clubhouse

Tired of winter weather?

Our April 4th meeting will bring you a flavor of Hawaii. Kathryn Wickstrom (last year's Silver Spoon award recipient) will be the head chef.



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Thanks to Mark for donating a truck load of rock for our Park repairs and maintenance.

Directors Meeting
April 9, 2012 • 7:00 p.m. Rancho Adobe
Fire Station Meeting Room
Penngrove Station

Lois Gilchrist



Lois was a long time resident of Penngrove and active in the Penngrove Social Firemen. Lois and her husband Dan had moved to Orland to enjoy retirement. Lois was an active member of the Penngrove Fire Department as a radio dispatcher. Lois was a woman that took advantage of doing

what she wanted such as duck hunting with her father she rode a Harley Davidson motorcycle. Her independence was her trade mark. She is survived by sons Paul and Danny.

(Reprint from Paul Gilchrist)

To: Penngrove Social Firemen

On behalf of the family of Lois Gilchrist I would like to thank you for the use of the hall for the reception following her funeral.

I would also like to single out a few members who stepped up and made this time so much easier for us, they are Ray Soper, Stan Pronzini, Nick Bursio, Pat Tracy, Alan Mahoney, Loren Stammer, Bill Parks, Darrell Turner and the pall bearers, Lee Brians and Don Barella.

All the members of this organization should follow the examples of these members who give so much of their time so often with little or no appreciation or support the majority of the time of the membership.

Sincerely,

Paul Gilchrist

Note: Paul and his brother Danny made a \$ 1000.00 donation to the Penngrove Social Firemen from Lois's trust.

Penngrove Social Firemen Membership Meeting March 7, 2012

President Ray Soper called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roland Mellor led us in the salute to the Flag.

Good of the Order: President Ray mentioned the death of Mrs. Patricia Groverman and how she had supported the 4H youths for years. A moment of silence in honor of Patricia Groverman. Received a "Thank you" card from family of Harold Fish. Thank you from Deb & Randy Cheda for their trip to Hawaii. Also a "Thank you" from the Jimmy Ferina family for the donation to the fund raiser golf tournament.

Minutes of the previous month's newsletter were approved as written in the Gazette. Treasurer Scott Thurston reported on the Social Firemen accounts: Checking \$13,078.72, Petty cash \$450.00, Savings \$39,293.80 for a total of \$52,822.52. Treasurer's report was approved. Question from the floor "can we afford the July Parade"? Answer -No problem. Another question from the floor "will there be a financial report" answer from President Ray - Yes at the end of the year.

Guest: May Andrioli, Marie Stefenoni, Jim Schoenthal (potential new member of Social Firemen) worked for SSU Rohnert Park 28 years and Johnny DeBernardi "Mayor of Penngrove"

Old Business: President Ray stated the Social Firemen netted \$4100 to \$4200 on the Crab Feed. John Connelly stated his friend said "this was the best Crab Feed that he ever attended"

President Ray says "Thanks" to Joe & Barbara Perry and Mike Thurman for bar tending at Crab Feed.

President Ray stated that the fencing project was started by Nick Bursio at the Park.

John Rossi gave an over-view of the up-coming Car show at the Park on July 28, 2012.

President Ray stated that the 501C3 status is currently with the IRS. Patty Soper explained that the IRS is just now reviewing applications that were filed in July 2011, Social Firemen filed in October 2011.

Roland Mellor said the lack of member participation domed our Truckers Ball. Roland said we must have more members to participate in our events. May Andrioli and Mary Stefenoni want to know why the Pedro tournament was terminated? President Ray gave simple answer Pedro tournament wasn't making enough money to keep having this event, same with the Truckers Ball.

Dean DeGraffenreid made motion to reinstate the Pedro tournament seconded from Larry Strain. This also means reinstalling the Truckers Ball with Roland Mellor as chairman. The motion was approved by the members present.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM to a delicious Chinese dinner by Larry Wagner and company.

50/50 raffle was held with a couple of happy winners.

New member: Donna Dator 2665 Old Adobe Rd. Sponsors: Patty & Ray Soper and Jackie & Rich Tucker

Penngrove Social Firemen Directors Meeting March 12, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ray. Those present: Kim Hanson, Scott Thurston, Al Davidson, Ray Soper, Dean DeGraffenreid, Bill Park, Roland Mellor, Ed Grossi and Joe Turner. Directors absent: John Rossi & Stan Pronzini.

President Ray asked Ed Grossi to tell about making sound better in large meeting hall at PSF Club House. Ed's source of information comes from "sound expert" friend. Walls could be furred out w/2"x2" lumber for insulation fill and existing benches on either side of hall, backs and seats lined with some type of soft material, for insulation value and comfort. Ceiling is fine as is with "pop-corn" finish and floors can remain as is. Ed Grossi will get more information and costs at later date. It was estimated to do the above work would cost approximately \$2000.00 to \$5000.00. Truckers Ball regenerated tonight. President Ray gave a brief history on how and when Truckers Ball started- all the people have passed on that started the program. The program was restored in the 1970's. There will be a Truckers Ball on May 12, 2012. Roland Mellor is leading the program, Roland asked Kim to procure liquor license. Roland has some people already lined up to help, but he needs more to help make this a success.

It was decided by the Directors to speed up the membership meeting so to have dinners earlier. This allowing more member and non-member visiting, and should a member or non-member bring up items of interest that are not on the President's agenda, these items will be referred to the Directors.

The April 21, 2012 Breakfast was cancelled a fund raiser for Penngrove School but the Social Firemen will donate \$2000.00 to the school which will be split three ways- \$1000.00 for interior school ways & means, \$500.00 for picnic table shade covers, and \$500.00 for PTA Garden Project. This was put in to a motion, seconded and passed by the Directors.

Park Ranger Al Davidson brought up problem with Park renters leaving BBQ racks dirty. It was moved, seconded and passed to charge renters for using BBQ racks \$100.00.

It was moved, seconded and passed to finance at least one 4H member for start up- the cost of feed and other costs until animal is ready for showing at the Fairs.

The Directors have picked a Parade Marshall for the July Event. The name will be revealed at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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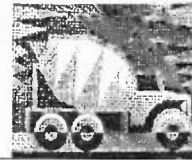
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**PENNGROVE
CELEBRATION**

Fire Department Breakfast June 30, 2012

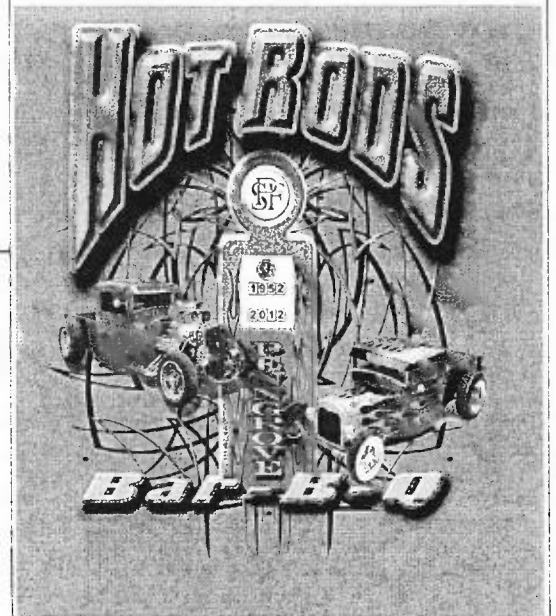
**Parade July 1, 2012 at
11:00 a.m.**

(application @ Javamore' in Penngrove plaza)

Followed by Bar BQ and Celebration in the Park

Old Fashion American Apple Pie Contest

1st Place \$ 50.00 and a Blue Ribbon - 2nd \$ 25.00 and a Red Ribbon - 3rd \$
25.00 and a Yellow Ribbon



**Penngrove Hot Rods
and Bar BQ
July 28, 2012
John Rossi, Chairperson**



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