



# GAZETTE



DECEMBER 2012

## Resource Guide

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## CALENDAR for 2013

### JANUARY

January - 2 Regular Meeting

January - 7 Directors Meeting

January - 12 Italian Night

### FEBRUARY

February - 6 Regular Meeting

February - 11 Directors Meeting

February - 16 Crab Feed

### MARCH

March - 3 Corned Beef

March - 6 Regular Meeting

March - 6 Director Meeting

## Crab Feed



SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 16, 2013

Doors Open at 5:45 p.m.

Dinner Served at 7:00 p.m.

\$ 35.00

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### December 5, 2012 Holiday Dinner

## Regular Meeting

December 5, 2012

Doors Open @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

\$ 10.00 per person

Dinner Year End Special

Beef and Chicken

Ravioli

Veggie and Salad

## Directors Meeting

December 10, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Ray Soper's

## A Taste of Italy

January 12, 2013

Cocktail Hour 6:00

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

### Little Hill Style Chicken

Ravioli

Salad, Antipasto Tray  
Veggie, French Bread, Des-  
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## Elections

Director's terms that end 01/01/2013:

Dean DeGraffenreid

Kim Hansen

Stan Pronzini

Ray Soper

## Nominations:

Dean DeGraffenreid

Kim Hansen

Stan Pronzini

Ray Soper

Joe Perry

Greg Karraker—Has decline due to work  
schedule

ELECTIONS DECEMBER 5, 2012

Ballots at Ballot Table

## The Penngrove Social Firemen

### Membership Meeting, November 7, 2012

President Ray Soper called meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Flag was carried by three Veterans from front of the Meeting Hall to the Podium, (Dean DeGraffenreid, Joe Turner and Ron Goodlund) and Ron Goodlund led the membership in the Salute to the Flag. The Flag then carried back to the Stage.

President Soper introduced our guests-"MOMS" group, which procure items for Soldiers in Afghanistan, that they are unable to get there.

Good of the Order: Alan Brody is recovering from Diverticulitis. President Soper asked if any corrections or additions to previous month's minutes, hearing none the minutes stand as approved as written.

President Soper asked Treasurers Report to be read:

General Checking: \$26,604.04

Petty Cash: 450.00

Savings: 39,319.89

Total: 66,373.93

Read by Treasurer-Scott Thurston, report was approved by the membership.

President Soper opened up Nominations from the Floor: Nominated at this meeting: Greg Karraker, Joe Perry, Dean DeGraffenreid and Kim Hanson. It was Moved, Seconded and Passed to close the nominations. Total people nominated to this date: Dean DeGraffenreid, Stan Pronzini, Ray Soper, Kim Hanson, Greg Karraker and Joe Perry.

President Soper brought up the repair work and painting that needs to be done in the Penngrove Park: Bell Tower needs repair, Gazebo stairs need handrail, and siding where old windows were on storage barn, and new siding on Ranger's house and new windows, all this will be done before other small repairs and painting are done. There was much discussion on this existing situation at the Park. Scott Thurston stated that he does not think members realize how many talented workers and contractors we have in the current membership. Scott went on to say, that we could save lots of money with using our own labor on "MINOR" construction and painting. Scott & Dean offered to go through the repairs that must be done and report back to the membership at the December 5, 2012 meeting. I hope that work on the repairs can start in March of 2013. President Soper stated that this inspection will happen and the reports will immanent at the December Meeting.

President Soper stated that the IRS has approved our 501C3 position but must pass a couple more hurdles before it is final. The California Franchise Board is next to check our 501C3 position. President Soper stated he would fight tooth and nail with the best of them to finalize our 501C3 status.

Barbara Perry talked on the Cotati-Rohnert Park Rotary which is working hard for gifts and money for needy families.

Patty Soper talked about needy Penngrove School Children.

President Soper read note from Mr. Braga, on "Thanking the Penngrove Social Firemen on our gift of \$200.00 for his "Xmas for Kids" program.

Montgomery Village Lions club is having a Polenta and stew fundraiser on November 9, 2012. Net proceeds from the Bar going to Social Firemen.

President Soper thanked tonight's cooks: Kim Hanson, Patty Soper and helpers.

President Soper said he, Rich Tucker and others will have a Christmas Dinner at the December 5, 2012 membership meeting.

"MOMS" members thanked Social Firemen for their support.

Moved, Seconded and Passed to adjourn meeting at 7:55 pm.

## Penngrove Social Firemen

### Directors Meeting November 12, 2012

President Soper called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Those present were: Scott Thurston, Dean DeGraffenreid, Ray Soper, Bill Park, Joe Turner, John Rossi, Speed Messenberg, Kim Hanson and Al Davidson [Park Ranger], absent was Stan Pronzini. President Soper stated that invitations will be mailed to all members for the Christmas Dinner and Celebration on December 5, 2012.

Soper stated "Ad spot" price will remain at \$50.00, for Gazette new letter.

President Soper had sample of Corn Beef & Cabbage tickets for directors to view and ad sheets for it. Ray stated Steve Balich and Son will play at the dinner March 3, 2013.

President Soper says Mike Thurmond and Rich Mellor will be sent "thank you" notes for Bar tending, for the Montgomery Village Lions Club dinner at the Hall on November 9, 2012. Proceeds from the Bar were \$385.00, which goes to Social Firemen Treasure.

President and Directors talked much on tree planting (Redwoods & Shade trees). Directors will receive E-mail from President Soper on tree prices.

Much was said of the upcoming of minor construction repairs and painting of the buildings at the Penngrove Park. We are leaning toward using our own volunteer labor because of the money that will be saved. However there is another way to go in getting this work paid for which will be presented to the Membership at the December 5, 2012 meeting.

Director John Rossi was given the "OK" to try something different from the regular 50/50 raffle. That also will be presented to the membership for consideration.

The election will take place also at the December meeting. Nominations were closed at the November 7, 2012 meeting. There are (4) Directors that have their two-year terms are up. The new nominee's members are Stan Pronzini, Ray Soper, Kim Hanson, Greg Karraker, Dean DeGraffenreid and Joe Perry.

President Soper will present the winners of the Gold Key, Silver Spoon and Presidential Award at the December 5, 2012 membership meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 pm.

### *The Sound and Picture*

By Lyndi Brown



Can you guess what shop started thirty years ago, selling VCRs and cassette decks from a Penngrove garage? You're right if you guessed California Audio & Video, owned by local resident Mark Schneider.

The downtown shop in The Grove boasts a home theater, designed and installed by sales manager Erik Boehm. You can sample four different systems in the room, or select from audio and video systems. The shop sells a lot of Blu-Ray, which will play all formats of DVD and CD.

Erik has many years of experience selling and installing TV and sound, having worked in the past for Good Guys and Magnolia. He can design your surround sound or steer you to the right accessory, HDMI cable, or universal remote. All in downtown Penngrove.

Pictured: Erik Boehm, sales manager for California Audio & Video

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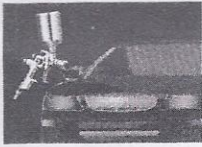
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**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

What is important to me? First over all being a member of the Penngrove Social Firemen an organization that is progressive and provides the best it can for the Penngrove Community, at the same making our monthly meetings productive and enjoyable, steering clear of local, state and national politics as well as avoiding a stand on religion. I hope we can always remain neutral on these issues. We are occasionally accused of supporting a political candidate, normally by a non-member, who truly has no idea of our foundation.

In my observation, we live and breath the American dream of being independent and supporting ourselves through our own contribution. When I step back and access our organization, I see a group of men and women who prefer to be free from government funding or assistance and would much rather be patient and earn our own money the old fashion way; through hard work and free will donations.

I know we are occasionally condemned internally but more common from non-members. My question to those who question our motives, you need to read the following: A woman sees again, school gets \$2000.00, 4-H has a place to meet for free and is supported by the purchase at the local fair livestock auction and earn money at our Penngrove Celebration in return they also help us. Petaluma FFA dairy judging team we helped send teams to national and world competition, Petaluma Little League we helped to send families to watch their kids play in the Little League World Series. \$ 2500.00 in one night to help with A.L.S. (Lou Garrick's Disease) research. Providing a Park with a modern playground that is packed with kids all year long. The Sonoma County

Board of Supervisors recognized our work and awarded us a proclamation and were stunned at how much we accomplish.

Believe me I get discouraged from time to time by some of the negativity launched in our direction but I have to learn and understand the *source* and I am ready to charge forward and to avoid those negative people. I do this by re-evaluating what we have done and will do in the future and assure myself we are in the right direction in fulfillment of our obligation of "Serving Our Community"

Thank you for letting me serve as your President. Have I done everything right? God no, however, I will not waiver from upholding this little piece of America (Penngrove) with the pride and spirit of our founding Fathers of this country, I (personally) believe Penngrove Social Firemen is a group that will uphold these principles of a free nation better than any place I know.

*Respectfully, as a Proud Member of the Penngrove Social Firemen*

Ray Soper, President

**Updated Information**

Ed Grossi

Update on the ball field. Tom LeBallister will donate seed necessary. Wyatt Irrigation giving us a deal at \$ 2500.00 to \$3000.00 for the irrigation system (all automatic). Craig Jacobsen is donating his land leveler. George Bernard of Ashlin-Pacific will supply a D4 Cat to rip the field and Dave Soiland is donating soil for the infield. Outfield redwood trees would be about \$ 15.00 each (6' tall). We need a trencher and trucks to haul the soil from the nursery. Back stop will need to be repaired.



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