PENNGROVE SOCIAL FIREMEN

GAZETTE

DECEMBER 2013

Resource Guide

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Alan Davidson: Information: 707-795-5404

Clubhouse Rentals
Tobie Goldbeck: 707-795-7668

Holiday Meeting
December 4, 2013
Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Dinner Follows

Menu

Whole New York Strip
Carved in Front
Raviolis
Salad, Bread, Dessert

Directors Meeting (Directors Only)
JavAmore 7:00 p.m.
December 9, 2013

Election December 4 ,2013
Term 01/01/2014to 01/01/2016.
Director's terms that end 01/01/2014:
Joe Turner
Bill Park
Scott Thurston
Speed Meesenburg
John Rossi

Candidates
Joe Turner, Incumbent
Bill Park, Incumbent
John Rossi, Incumbent
Scott Thurston, Incumbent
Roland Mellor, Member
Nick Bursio, Member
Kathryn Wickstrom, Member
Joe Perry, Member

A Taste of Italy
January 18, 2014
Cocktail Hour 5:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Penngrove Community Club House
385 Woodward Ave,, Penngrove, CA
Little Hill Style Chicken
Ravioli
Salad, Antipasto Tray
Veggie, French Bread, Dessert
All Served in Buffet Style

Pedro Tournament
January 18, 2014
Starts Time
T.B.A.

Seating Limited to 175
Pre-Sale Tickets Available At:
Kim Hanson at JavAmore
Dean DeGraffenreid @ 595-2351
PSF Regular Meeting

PENNGROVE SOCIAL FIREMEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. by President Soper. Flag was carried into the stage by Joe Turner & Jim Orme. Ron Goodlund led us in the pledge to the flag.

President Soper asked a World War II Air Force vet to stand up, a pilot of a Corsair Fighter plane that flew in the European war. President Soper asked all the Veterans to stand up from the Korea, Vietnam, and Middle East wars. John Connelly sang "God Bless America".

Minutes of previous meeting approved as written in the Gazette. The Treasures report approved as read.

General Checking-	$18,497.76
Petty Cash-	450.00
1st. Community Savings-	39,359.18
Total-	$58,306.94
Exchange Bank Ball Field Fund	$9,001.94

President Soper introduced "Rosemary" Chairperson of "MOMS" Rosemary read a letter from a soldier, thanking the Penngrove Social Firemen for all the support given to them and for all the gifts that members have donated.

It was noted that Louise Reiter and Ed DeCarli would not be running as candidates for a Board Member spots. Bill Park & Kathryn Wickstrom nominated to Board of Director positions. It was moved by Lee Brians that nominations be closed, seconded by a member and passed by the membership attending meeting. Revised list of nominations are as follows: Joe Turner, John Rossi, Scott Thurston, Nick Bursio, Roland Mellor, Joe Perry, Bill Park and Kathryn Wickstrom.

The following people outside the membership were given awards: Ken Kelsen, Steve Turner, Mike Turner, Mike Gamba, Gunner Kissmen, Delmar Friedrichsen, Paul Azevedo, Dean Soiland, Ron Malnati, Exchange Bank Patsy Malnati, Dorothy Studevant , Stephanie Parson, George, Byron Nelson Jr. Debbie Strain, Mike (Park Ave Turf), Marilyn Herzog, Darrell from Frizell-Enos. All of these have helped the Social Firemen meet their goals with their hard work and their generosity.

President Soper received two applicants for membership: Don Wilson 242 Grove St. Windsor CA 95492, Nick Morelli 226 Grove St. Windsor CA 95492..

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. Dinner was enjoyed by all, prepared by Patty Soper, Larry Wagner, Jon Connelly, Darrell Turner, Ron Dell'Immagine.

PENNGROVE SOCIAL FIREMEN DIRECTORS MEETING NOVEMBER 11, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Soper at 7:00 pm. Those present were John Rossi, Scott Thurston, Kim Hanson, Bill Park, Ray Soper and Joe Turner. Also from membership was Kathryn Wickstrom, absent were Dean DeGraffenreid, Speed Meesenburg and Stan Pronzini.

President Soper said that new applicant Don Wilson opted out of signing up for membership of Social Firemen.

President Soper read letter from person doing the "Xmas for Kids" thanking Social Firemen for past support and asking the same for this year at Christmas time. Moved, seconded and passed to donate $200.00 for the "Xmas for Kids" program this year.

President Soper read other letters from anonymous people and the Penngrove School for help with several needy children. After discussion on these requests, it was MSP to help families with their Christmas request from the Penngrove area, limiting it to $100.00 per family.

President Soper received a letter from PG&E with a check included for help on our installing two poles to install our advertisement of our yearly parade and Bar-B-Q. The PG&E letter mentioned they like what we do for the community and hope we can continue.

The Penngrove Church sent the Social Firemen a $250.00 for their help with our mutual boundary fence. MSP to return the check to the church.

President Soper said he has received word from the contractor that installed our heating system; they will install what is needed for Air-conditioning in the Social Hall for $2500.00.

President Soper said Ed Grossi had some Social Firemen member's help on the Ball Field, Ira Barrass, Marv Augustine, Bill King, Rich Tucker, Dean DeGraffenreid and Alan Davidson pitched in and helped.

Ed Grossi the "Head Honcho" said we are going to have a problem with dogs at the Park; the directors kicked this subject around but did not come up with a solution. This was put off until January 2014.

Kim Hanson is working with a designer on fixing the Bar area in the Clubhouse. More on this later.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Bill King helps install electrical and water lines

Marv Augustine running a Ditch Witch for irrigation lines

Bill King, Rich Tucker, Dean De Graffenreid measure new lines

Ira Barrass spent his day trenching

Ed Grossi and Dean unload new irrigation piie

Boy's break for lunch

Special Note:
Five of the guys working are former FFA members, says something about the FFA program.

Ball Field Comes Together

By Ray Soper

On November 8, 2013 Ed Grossi, Rich Tucker, Dean DeGraffenreid, Bill King, Ira Barrass, Marv Augustine and Alan Davidson spent a day of back breaking work, trenching and laying at water lines and running electrical wires for the ball field. Prior to this work day Ed Grossi and crew used a bull dozer to clean the entire Ball field area. Craig Jacobsen came in with laser land planner and leveled the whole area. Ed Grossi's goal is to have the field open in early spring 2014.

60 Plus Club

The guys that worked all day on the field were all over 60 years of age (Alan Davidson the exception). It amazes me but really shouldn't because people like Bill Park and Joe Turner are in their 80's and are still contributing and have been for some time. My biggest fear is will younger members come forward to fill these spots? I am sure they will and John Rossi is a prime example.

Penngrove Social Firemen
Supporting Our Community

Every year at this time we help kids and families enjoy the holiday season with dignity by providing gifts for families that are less fortunate than many of us. We remain anonymous to those receiving gifts. An example is one family (single Mom) whose suffers from Huntington's disease. This program has been successful in the past, thanks to our members.

Christmas List 2013

1. Boy, 9 yrs old, Size 10 clothing and he likes Pokémon
2. Boy, 7 yrs old, Size 8 clothing and he likes Super Hero Toys
3. Girl, 1 yr old, Size 2T clothing and any baby toys
4. Girl, 12 yrs old, Size 14-16 clothing and Arts and Crafts
5. Girl, 9 yrs old, Size 8-10 clothing and likes Barbie & Dolls
6. Boy, 6 yrs old, Size 6-8 clothing, likes Cars & Trucks
7. Girl, 8 yrs old, Size 10 clothing, sweaters, tops, likes Arts & Crafts
8. Boy, 5 yrs old, Size 8, sweaters, shirts, likes Cars & Trucks
9. Boy, 8 yrs old, Size 8-10 clothing, SF Giants Hat & Super Mario Brothers #2 game for Nintendo DS
10. Girl, 4 yrs old, Size 5 clothing, Barbie Dolls or Lala Loopsey Dolls
11. Girl, 12 yrs old, Size 7 shoe, Black or Brown Boots or gift card for clothing
12. Boy, 6 yrs old, any clothing size 7/8 or any toys that a 6 yr old would like
13. Boy, 10 yrs old, any clothing size 12, Lego's, movies or gift cards
14. Boy, 10 yrs old, any clothing size 12, Lego's, movies or gift cards

Other suggestions are gift cards to Safeway. This type of donation will help these families with food for the holidays. Other gift card such as Kohl's, Best Buy, Sports authority and like.

You can bring these gifts to the December 4th meeting.

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Dogs in the Park

At the Board of Directors meeting on November 11, 2013 we discussed dogs in the park. The park has become a dog run.. The problem is that people refuse to pick up after there animals leaving the chore to our Park Ranger. Alan tells us that every week he is picking up dog feces in all areas of the park.

Includes dogs that run free are a problem in the playground area, scaring kids and posing a potential dog mauling which we could be sued if that occurred.

With the new base ball field in process (should be open for use in early spring) we are concerned that dogs will be a problem.
In conclusion the Board is tabling the matter until February, but is leaning towards banning dogs all together from the park.

The options are narrow in light of the mess left behind and the exposure to a potential dog bite. The sad part is that 75% of the people who take their dogs to the park are responsible but so often the case the 25% that refuse to take responsibility and let their dogs run free and won't pick up after them causes 75% to lose accessibility.

Presidents Message

The dog topic is open for discussion at our regular meetings or feel free to come to a board meeting with your concerns.
I am impressed to the point of being emotional by the overwhelming support of our members at the November meeting. You bring to light the true meaning of "Supporting our Community". We are part of unselfish support for our country without a political agenda. We are non-partisan, take no stand on religious issues, we stay focus on the goal of community support.
At our November meeting the patriotism by our members supporting our men and women who have served and are currently serving in the military. Service men and women are not the ones that decide where the United States of America deems it necessary to use military force they may not even agree but are sworn to up hold our government. Korean vets fought in unforgiving condition. Korean War is almost the forgotten war. World War II was a fight to save our land, to eliminate any emery from genocide. Viet Nam vets served in a political war but they served regardless. So many of these Veterans are in the final years of their lives, but will be remembered with gratitude in our hearts forever.
What a difference 96 people made in our little community of Penngrove on November 6, 2013. Members showed up with hands and arms full of gifts for our veterans serving around the globe. M.O.M.S. organization was in attendance to accept these gifts and see to it that these gifts are properly distributed. There will be a military person somewhere that will receive your unselfish gift with overwhelming gratitude. Good job you should be proud.
Everything we do is to make our community a better place to live. OH! I forgot to mention we do all of this "The Old Fashion Way" through our own contribution of labor and money. Yes, your right and should be very proud that for 63 years we have done everything on our own NO TAX DOLLARS NEEDED what an amazing concept brought on by a hand full of people that wanted to build a ball field and provide a park in 1950.

Respectfully, Ray Soper, President

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