Penngrove Social Firemen

GAZETTE

FEBRUARY 2016

P.O. Box 264, Penngrove, CA 94951

Resource Guide

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Italian Night
Ray Soper and Roland Mellor

Crab Feed
Roland Mellor

Corned Beef and Cabbage
Stan Pronzini

Truckers Ball
Roland Mellor & Julie Hansen,

Rotary Bike Ride
Patty Soper

July Celebration
Board of Directors

Hot Rods and Bar BQ
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Hawaiian Luau
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Member Meeting
February 3, 2016
Ed Amato, & Larry Wagner
Homemade Italian Sausage and Ravioli.
Directors Meeting
Feb. 8, 2016 6:00 p.m.
7850 Davis Lane, Penngrove

Happenings 2016

March 12, 2016 Corned Beef/ Cabbage
May 14, 2016 Truckers Ball
May 22, 2016 Rotary Bike Ride
July 3, 2016 Penngrove Celebration and Parade
July 23, 2016 Car Show
September 10, 2016 Luau

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE

SATURDAY

MARCH 12, 2016

SERVED FROM
4:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

RAFFLE
1st Prize $ 200.00 VISA Gift Card
2nd Prize $ 100.00 VISA Gift Card
3rd Prize $ 50.00 VISA Gift Card
Drawing March 12, 2016 7:00 pm
(Need Not To Be Present To Win)
Tickets are $ 1.00 each
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385 WOODWARD AVE.
PENNGROVE, CA

ADULTS $ 15.00 UNDER 12 $ 7.50

Crab Feed Cancelled

Our Annual Crab Feed, which is normally a sell out is cancelled..

Dues are Due

We have received 60% of members dues, which is good for the first 30 days. If you have not paid please make an effort.

Taste Of Italy

A fun time enjoyed by 200 attendees . Of course these events are a lot of work, a special thanks to the following:
Kitchen: Roland Mellor, Stan Pronzini, Joe Pedrani, Ron Goodlund and Tobie Goldbeck. **Serving:** Tony Rossi, Cheyenne Williamson, Pam Rossi, Christina Velez, Jenna Herlihy, Patty Soper, Dennis Carrera, Tobie Goldbeck.
Setup: Tobie Goldbeck, Patty Soper and Henry.
Tickets: Julie Hanson and Jeanette Orme.
Decorating: Julie Hanson and Bev Mellor
Raffle: Pam Rossi and Debbie Passanisi.
Bar: Rick Mellor, Mike Thurman, Scott Finley, Jerry Merrill and Stephanie Exline for bar restock.
Note: *Assigned seating was a test run to see if we could keep parties together. We did receive 4 complaints. The committee apologies to anyone who was upset about this attempt. The likely hood of doing this again is doubtful. We would like to hear your complaints as well as any positive feed back*

Huge Effect On Parade in July

At our last meeting Chuck Lucas, passed around a petition for a safe barrier at the railroad crossing in Penngrove. SMART train authorities, obviously have little regard for the Penngrove Community. The previous curbs at both ends of the track were a danger to traffic and movement of agriculture equipment.
We need to keep in mind that our July Celebration which includes our annual parade (40 Years) may have a problem with SMART. We are self supporting through fruits of our labor and provide a park and clubhouse for the community. Our Penngrove Celebrations generates $ 10,000 to cover part of our overhead.

Thank You Joe Turner

Joe decided that because of his hearing he would like someone to take over as secretary. The Board unanimously appointed director Julie Hanson.
We all owe a generous thank you to Joe Turner for his years as the Social Firemen's secretary. Julie accepted the appointment and has been helping Joe for several months with membership meetings and board meetings. Please welcome Julie with her new assignment.

Penngrove Social Firemen
January 6, 2016
Membership Meeting

President Ray Soper called the meeting to order at 6:42PM. Salute to the flag was led by Dennis Carrea. It was acknowledged that Steve Lakatos has passed away. He is the nephew of Earl and Marvin Wacker. Pres Soper asked if there were any discrepancies with last month's meeting minutes, hearing none they were approved as written.

Treasurer Joe Pedrani presented the Treasurer's Report:

General Checking	$ 27,147.74
Petty Cash	450.00
First Community Savings	39,437.99
Total	$67,035.73
Exchange Bank Ball Park Fund has	$925.72

The Treasurer's Report stands approved. The Italian Night dinner will be held on Saturday night, January 9, 2016. It is sold out. This is the first time this event has sold out completely. The membership is happy that there will be so many there to enjoy it. The crab feed is cancelled as the local crab is still tainted. We are disappointed this has happened, but a parasite is making it unavailable. Larry Wagner suggested that another event be held in place of the Crab Feed. This will be discussed at the next Directors meeting on Jan 11th. Kim Hanson also suggested a steak BBQ at the park sometime as a fundraiser. Guests: Joe Pedrani introduced his guest Arnold Franklin. He lives in Santa Rosa and was raised in Arkansas. He hunted razor back hogs and knows people that make whiskey there! Arnold is a retired truck driver. Kim Hanson's guest is Jim Davis from Penngrove and lives on Woodward Avenue. Michael Gadoua has become a new member of Penngrove Social Firemen. We are glad to have him join the organization. Old Business: Chuck Lucas & Kim Hanson are involved with the barriers at intersection for the Smart Train. The barrier hinders Ag equipment and fire services. Chuck Lucas are on the committee and have petitions to protest these barriers at the railroad crossing, which are not safe for some services or for people on bikes. Those that supported this signed the petition. Discussion was had about our garbage service. It has gone up about $30 a month at the clubhouse. Roland Mellor called Ratto Company and they will not do staggered pickups. Scott Finley hung the mirrors behind the bar at clubhouse & they look great. The awesome Lasagna dinner tonight was prepared by Kathryn Wickstrom. It was very good & we appreciate her being our cook tonight... For February's meeting night dinner, Roland Mellor and Ray Soper will prepare homemade Italian pork & beef sausage and ravioli's. Tonight's meeting was adjourned by President Soper at 7:20PM. Following dinner our raffle was held, which is successful due to Pam Rossi's efforts to buy the raffle items and sell tickets each month at the member meeting. She has been doing this now for a couple of years.

Penngrove Social Firemen
Directors Meeting
January 11, 2016

Ray Soper's Residence Meeting called to order at 6:00PM by President Soper. The Directors present were: Don Barella, Roland Mellor, Nick Bursio, Ray Soper, Joe Turner, Joe Pedrani & Scott Finley and Julie Hanson. Inventory of left over's from the Italian Dinner by Eddie Amato, Larry Wagner & Don Barella. There is enough to make the sausage for our February membership meeting dinner. March meeting will be pork scaloppini, pasta and salad. Scott's daughter Katie worked very hard at the Italian Dinner and it was decided by the Directors to make Katie an honorary member of the Penngrove Social Firemen. All of the young volunteers worked very hard helping with the kitchen services and they did a great job. The suggestion by Larry Wagner to hold a NY strip and scampi dinner as a fundraiser was discussed with enthusiasm, but agreed by Directors that this should be an event held in October of this year. More info to follow at a later date. Joe Turner wishes to remain on the board of directors, but has asked Julie Hanson to step in as the Secretary and continue taking the minute notes at the membership & directors meetings each month. Julie accepted this position & it was approved by the Directors. Joe has done this for a long time and we thank him for his commitment to getting the word out each month to the members of this group. Scott Finley has accepted and been approved to be on the Park Committee along with Don Barella. There was discussion about having a clock in the main hall at the clubhouse. Julie Hanson was put in charge of doing this. We will put a PENNGROVE SOCIAL FIREMEN logo above the mirror in the bar area at clubhouse. Nick Bursio and Scott Finley are in charge of this being done. Corned Beef & Cabbage feed will be on March 12th and Stan Pronzini is the cook for this annual event. Ray Soper did an amazing job of designating where people sat at the Italian dinner. She put lots of time & effort into this. It was decided that those that have large groups attending events at the clubhouse can go in earlier that day to mark sections for seating, but otherwise people will sit where they desire when they arrive. This has always worked out in the past. It was agreed that having numbers on the tables was a very good idea, and they will be used to call people to the food buffet table. That way we don't have people winding all through the dining hall at one time. President Ray Soper adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm

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Security Deposit	*$ 450.00
Cleaning Fee	**$ 150.00
For casual use, meeting, lectures no kitchen, food or bar	$ 30 to $ 50
	Per Hour
Member Rates Basic	$ 300.00
Security deposit	* $ 450.00
Cleaning Fee	**$ 150.00

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Requirements: Liability Insurance $ 1,000,000
Copy of Liquor License (if selling alcohol)

PARK RENTAL FEES

Up to 199 people	$ 600.00
200 to 500 people	$ 1,000.00
Over 500	$ 1,250.00
Kitchen Rental	$ 100.00
Umbrellas	$ 5.00 each
Late Access Fee	$ 150.00
Chicken Rack Deposit	*$ 100.00
Security Deposit	*$ 250.00

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Farm Philosophy

- The only people who never fail are those who never try.
- A good cure for a critical spirit is a good look at ourselves.
- Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.
- An obstacle is what you see when you take your mind off the goal.
- You can't build a reputation on what you're going to do.
- Two kinds of people fail – those who listen to nobody and those who listen to everybody.
- Experience is the answer to yesterday's problems.
- There must be some reason man's ears were designed to stay open, and his mouth made to shut.
- Greet the dawn with enthusiasm and you may expect satisfaction at sunset
- Nothing is harder than gracefully getting down from your high horse
- Don't let so much reality into life that there's no room left for dreaming.

Famous Presidential Quotes

Harry Truman, 33 rd President 1945 to 1953

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets it done"

Condolences

Member Steve Lakatos passed away last month. Our condolences to the family.

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