

## Resource Guide

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### Clubhouse Committee: TBD

### Penngrove Clubhouse & Park

Rental: Bev Palm 707-782-1183  
(please call for rates)

### Park Committee:

Kim Hanson Scott Finley  
Don Barella - Maintenance Supvrs

### Membership Chairperson:

OPEN

### Media Contact: Lyndi Brown



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### Fundraising Committees:

**Italian Night** - Joe Pedrani

**Crab Feed** - Roland Mellor

### **Corned Beef and Cabbage**

Stan Pronzini  
Truckers Ball - Roland Mellor &  
Julie Hanson

**Rotary Bike Ride** - TBD

**July Celebration** - Board of  
Directors

**Hawaiian Luau** - Kim Hanson

### **Social Affairs Committee:**

John McGinnis & Bob Moretti, Bar  
Patsy Pedrani, Monthly Raffle

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Bill Fishman



# Penngrove Social Firemen GAZETTE FEBRUARY 2022

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Please Join Us!  
The next meeting will be held on  
Wednesday, February 2  
at the clubhouse.



## ~ 2022 PSF Events ~



**CRAB DRIVE THRU – February 5**, from 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM  
\$65/ticket; deadline to purchase Feb 1 at JavAmore or  
Eventbright: <https://bit.ly/3qxByJQ>

**ITALIAN NIGHT – February 19**  
(Moved to **October**, date TBD)



**CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER – March 12**

**TRUCKER'S BALL – Date TBD**



## **PSF Monthly Meeting at the Clubhouse - January 5, 2022, at 6:30pm**

All Directors present.

Bob Muelrath led us in the pledge.

Good to the Order: A moment of silence for the passing of Bev Mellor, Roland's wife. Bev was very active in our organization. She always helped with events and selling raffle tickets. Her sweet smile, and demeanor will be greatly missed by all. She was quite a lady. Our deepest condolences to you Roland, and your family.

Birthdays: Don Barella, Gina Campigli, Ed De Carli, Delmar Friedrichson, Ron Goodlund "Happy 97", John Kaupp, Robin Kunde, Sandy Spring, and Kathryn Wickstrom.

No Guests this evening.

New Member: Beverly Krause

The Holiday of Lights Parade was a big success. Thank you, Kim. We collected close to \$750.00 in donations.

Thank you, Burr Wilson, for the installation of the wonderful projector and sound system that Scott Finley scored for us. These improvements enhance our clubhouse.

New Business: Great news!!!! Exchange Bank has reimbursed our account for 100% of our losses. A huge thank you to Bill Fishman and Julie Hanson for fighting for what was right.

Our dues statement has been mailed out. Look for them in your mail.

The Crab Feed for January 15th has been put on hold (**UPDATE: this event will be held Feb 5, \$65.00/ticket**). Discussion at the board meeting will determine when/if it will take place.

Reminder Italian night is Saturday. February 19th. (**UPDATE: this event will be held in October, date TBD**).

Meeting closed at 6:40pm.

**Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the clubhouse.**

## **PSF Board Meeting held at JavAmore Café – Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 6:05pm**

Absent: Nick Bursio

### **Discussion:**

- We will hold a drive-thru Crab Feed at the Clubhouse on Saturday., Feb 5: from 4:30-7:00pm; cost is \$65 (deadline to purchase tickets is Tuesday, Feb 1).  
With the new COVID regulations in effect for gatherings inside are limited to 50 people, outside 100, we feel this is in everyone's best interest. Tickets can be purchased at JavAmore Café (cash or check only) call 707 794-1516, or purchase on Eventbrite. You will be able to pick up inside at the serving area. Kim Hanson is the Chairperson. She can be reached at the number listed above.
- Grand Marshal - to be announced soon.
- Repairs needed at the park—we are looking to the membership for volunteers to take on some maintenance issues. We'll make sure that you have all materials or tools needed to do the job, we just need help getting the work completed. See the list of what needs to be done, below. Please contact Bob Moretti @ 707 953-6749 if you can help out.
  - Gazebo needs new deck, new rails, and three post replaced
  - Front park needs all boards replaced on the tables and benches
  - Main park needs five boards on the tables and benches replaced
  - Park Kitchen BBQ needs to be shoveled out and welding repairs to be done
  - Play structure and BBQ building need to be pressure washed
  - Check sprinklers and repair as needed at the ball field

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**Motion:**

- Italian Night will be moved from February to October. Date to be announced. Bob 1<sup>st</sup>, Scott 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.
- Scott has contacted a painter to paint the bar area, hall, and some of the kitchen. They will also finish the benches in the hall. The estimate is \$2000+. Joe 1<sup>st</sup>, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

**Looking Back - Guglielmetti Telephone Co**

By Jack Withington

The Guglielmetti Telephone Company served rural Southern Sonoma County, including Penngrove and Cotati, from 1909-1949. While living on the family poultry ranch, we were customers. Our telephone number was 58F23. We were on a ten party line, we answered to 2 long rings and three short rings.

It would be difficult to imagine life without a telephone or the cell phone access we enjoy today! Southern Sonoma County pioneer farmers had to travel to Petaluma in order to make or receive telephone calls. Without a friend or relative owning a telephone, one would have to find a public telephone—they were located in cigar stores. Unlike modern telephones, cigar store phones operated on tokens which could be bought from the store clerk.

There were several competing telephone companies serving southern Sonoma County. At one time, the United States boasted 6,000 independently owned telephone companies.

Family owned and operated, the Guglielmetti Telephone Company served an area that included Penngrove, Cotati, Hessel Station, Spring Hill and portions of the Sonoma Mountain.

Descendants of Swiss immigrants, the Guglielmetti family owned and operated a 1,700-acre dairy farm west of Petaluma. Early in the 1900s, the family grew tired of traveling to Petaluma to make phone calls, so they decided to remedy the situation and traveled to the Petaluma Telephone office and see about obtaining service to their ranch.

They were told that the telephone service stopped at the city limits and if they wanted service, they would have to run the telephone wire to their ranch. Not to be deterred, the hard-working family loaded their equipment and traveled the seven miles into town. Soon, Spring Hill Road was lined with poles and telephone wire.

The Guglielmetti family had their telephone service, and before long, neighbors came one at a time and began requesting that they be able to hook up to the Guglielmetti's telephone wire. Within three years, they had ten neighbors hooked up.

The Guglielmetti Telephone Company was now in business, with William (Will) Guglielmetti serving as president and directed the firm for their forty-year existence.

Some of the frustration in the early days was due to the multiparty line. There was little or no privacy and noisy neighbors had to be contended with. At the conclusion of a call, one would hear ten clicks as the neighbors hung up their telephones.

In 1949, after forty-years in business and a customer base of 800 people, the Guglielmetti Telephone Company was sold to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph for \$50,632.00.

**Thanks to Alice Guglielmetti for information pertaining to this story.**



Actual Guglielmetti party-line telephone shows mouthpiece, hand crank, and bells. The receiver hangs on the left side. Photo courtesy of Alfred Guglielmetti.



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**Important Dates in February:**

- February 2 – Groundhog Day
- February 12 – Lincoln's Birthday
- February 14 – Valentine's Day
- February 21 – President's Day & Washington's Birthday

**Local Guy, John Batemon, Still Needs Your Help**



Read about John's story on his GoFundMe page, 'Help Fund John's Recovery,' which can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3H2EhAB>