



JANUARY 2012

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December Dinner Honors Don Barella and Joe Reiter

The Social Firemen paid tribute to Retiring directors, Don Barella and Joe Reiter. Joe has served as president for six years and Don for 46 years.

Our dinner went outside our normal budget, Prime Rib for \$ 10.00 and enjoyed by all, it cost P.S.F. \$ 207.00 but was worth every penny.

Elections results: John Rossi, Scott Thurston, Speed Messenberg, Joe Turner and Bill Park.

Special Thanks:

Kitchen Crew: Dean DeGraffenreid, Stan Pronzini, Rich Tucker, Roland Mellor, Larry Wagner and Kevin Soper.

Serving: 2011 Board of Directors, Nikki Soper, Louise Reiter.

Set up: Shari De Graffenreid, Carol

Directors Meeting

Off to a little rough start in filling officer assignments and agreement on how to select.

Second meeting: resulted in a cooling off period. With pre mature individual decisions.

Third meeting: Issues pretty much resolved. We are moving forward with a good attitude and a positive intent.

(see minutes for more information)

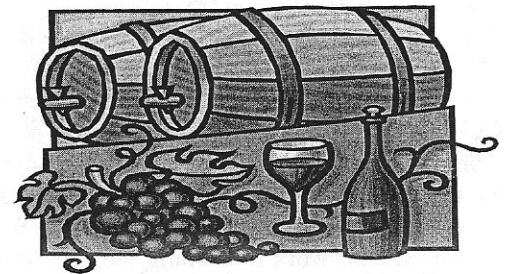
Directors Meeting

January 9, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
7850 Davis Lane, Penngrove

Penngrove Park FUNDRAISER

January 21, 2012

**Penngrove Club House
Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.**



Italian Night

Little Hill Style Chicken

Ravioli

Salad, Antipasto Tray

Veggie, French Bread

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Regular Meeting – Clubhouse -January 4, 2012

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

Dinner Following the Meeting

Jon Connelly and Darrell Turner, Cooks

Tri Tip and Side Dishes

Penngrove Social Firemen Membership Meeting December 7, 2011

Thanks Jon Connelly
for singing "God Bless
America"

President Joel Reiter opened the meeting at 7:10 PM with the Salute to the Flag by Barbara Perry leading the membership. John Connelly then led the membership singing "God Bless America".

A moment of silence was held for Jack Dennison and Judy Turner. Election Night prevailed as members were screened before they could vote. Nominations were Bill Park, Joe Turner (Incumbents), Barbara Perry, Patty Soper, Larry Strain, Scott Thurston, Marv Augustine and John Rossi. Those winning a 2 year term were incumbents, Joe Turner and Bill Park. Others were, Speed Meesenberg, John Rossi and Scott Thurston.

It was noted that it was Greg Karraker's birthday today.

New Members: Martin McCarville who lives in Penngrove. Martin's sponsors are Bill Park and Dean DeGraffenreid. Alan Brody who lives in Petaluma. His Sponsor's are Ed DeCarli and Ray Soper.

The yearly awards were made known and the awards and names are: Silver Spoon Award went to Kathryn Wickstrom for Kathryn's continued help in the many needs of the Social Firemen. Gold Key Award went to Scott Thurston for is great ability and workmanship in laying out and setting up the new playground equipment at the Penngrove Park. Presidents Award went to Alan Davidson, our Penngrove Park Ranger, he was awarded this for his continued hard work in keeping the Park in great shape, preparing the park after each event for the next renter of the park. Also for preparing the paper work involved and collecting the rental monies.

President Reiter thanked the set up and decoration people for tonight's Prime Rib Dinner of which was fabulous. The food was all good and the price of the whole thing unbelievable.

Ray Soper spoke of the memories that people and members must have through the years that had anything to do with the Social Firemen Hall, like weddings, memorials, dances and every kind of event there possibly could be. Ray stated that work comes natural with the Penngrove people, like Sue Barrass who prepares the minutes for Ray's computer then puts an address label and postage and mails them. Then there is Bill Fishman who grew up in this community. Bill takes care of our legal work. Then there is Speed Meesenberg who does a lot of things people never see but is important to this organization. Then there is Joe Turner who built the bathrooms at the Clubhouse and Park. There is Scott Thurston and Gary Jones who both worked every day until the Park Playground Equipment was finished. The Clubhouse has new heating, floors, paint, wiring and a new roof. Joe Reiter, our leader, took a lot of heat but carried on. Ray says he know that he left out some people he should of mentioned. Ray says Joe Reiter and wife will eat free at the meetings for 1 year. Joe Reiter told the membership he couldn't have done it without them. Joe Reiter was presented a Clock Plaque noting his Presidential time with the Social Firemen.

Don Barella was presented a plaque noting his 46 years of continuous service to the Social Firemen. Supervisor David Rabbit of the 2nd District spoke to the Social Firemen on the good things they are doing for the community. Mr. Rabbit presented a document with the signatures of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors to Don Barella. Mr. Rabbit complemented the time that Don puts in with the Social Firemen. Don thanked Mr. Rabbit for the signed document and the membership for their

Good of the Order

Social Firemen **John Shoemaker** has been ill; we all wish John a speedy recovery.

support of him but wished everybody would call him "Don" not Mr. Barella.

John Connelly and Darol Turner will cook for the January 4, 2012 Membership meeting.

It was Moved, Seconded and Passed to adjourn the meeting for a beautiful, tasty dinner. Ray Soper was the lead cook with Dean DeGraffenreid, Rich Tucker, Stan Pronzini and crew. A special thank you to Shari DeGraffenreid, Carol Damos and Stephanie Exline for the wonderful decorations and the crew of guys, Tim Callen, Darol Turner, John Connelly, Stan Pronzini, Larry Wagner, that came in and set up tables and chairs. Thank you to anyone else that we might have forgotten. President Joe Reiter acknowledged and the membership gave them a big ovation.

A raffle was had and there were several happy winners.

Penngrove Social Firemen Directors Meeting December 13, 2011

President Reiter opened meeting at 7:00 PM by thanking all the Directors for working with him for the last 4 years.

Present were: Joel Reiter, Joe Turner, Roland Mellor, John Rossi, Don Barella, Kim Hanson, Bill Park, Alan Davidson, Speed Meesenberg, Ray Soper, Patty Soper, Scott Thurston and Dean DeGraffenreid.

Scott Thurston gave some ideas for updating the kitchen in the park. To be discussed at a later time.

Ray Soper handed a sheet with guidelines for events chairpersons for the directors to review and will be discussed at next directors meeting.

Patty Soper reported she secured Liquor Licenses for events in January, February and March. Bill Park stated that damaged hand rail done by a runaway auto has been repaired by Mike Tomasek for \$200 and that Bill has given the neighbor whose auto did the damage the bill.

Patty Soper stated that Steve Turner told her he has enough Redwood logs to donate to the Social Firemen new fence board and posts to put up the new fence in the front area of the park and only asks for some help doing the milling of them. Steve recently had knee surgery. This also includes fencing at the clubhouse.

Montgomery Village Lions Club has a fancy Pancake machine that they have offered to bring to the clubhouse and volunteer their time and cook a breakfast that all proceeds will then go to Penngrove School. At this time date is not set but trying to set it up sometime in April.

Patty Soper checked with Exchange Bank on moving our \$28,000 loan from Wells Fargo with interest at 7.9% to Exchange Bank but it is not to our advantage at this time. Patty Soper also thanked every person that brought Christmas gifts for the families we adopted from Penngrove School and Penngrove Community Church.

John Rossi, Chairperson of our upcoming Car Show, July 28, 2012, has chosen a "Gray" color for the T-Shirts that will be sold. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept this color.

Crab Feed Ticket for February 25, 2012 will be \$35.00 per person. Ceiling over new storage cabinet on stage at Clubhouse will be secured by heavy duty galvanized wire or wood of some type.

Garage door at Clubhouse need adjusting. The door lock is hard to operate. Also need to cut door off at bottom of stage cabinet.

Patty says she has two bids for refinishing hardwood floors in Clubhouse. Scott Thurston was appointed Chairperson of the floor refinishing and Joe Turner assistant.

There was much talk on a new electrical service box for the clubhouse so we could have a large enough panel to install air conditioning in the clubhouse. It is being looked into and discussed at later date.

Directors have chosen Ray Soper, President, Dean DeGraffenreid, Vice President and Joe Turner, Secretary with Kim Hanson helping Joe. Treasure position to be determined at later date.

Question on whether we leave Bell on small replica of church at Park because of items like that are being stolen at various places. Some Directors said that the bell is so heavy it will be impossible for people to steal it without special equipment.

Speed Meesenberg asked to establish a charge account at Orchard Supply and Hardware because of the electrical and carpenter parts that are needed at various times.

Penngrove Social Firemen Special Directors Meeting December 19, 2011

Those present at JavAmore were Ray Soper, Bill Park, Joe Turner, Kim Hanson, John Rossi, Dean DeGraffenreid, Scott Thurston and Jill Martin who is our Accountant. Meeting started at 7:00 PM

Jill Martin informed the group that we should work together in making this 501-C3 work. Kim Hanson said she know she used the wrong word and apologizes to everyone including Patty Soper for doing so. But Kim said she wanted some type of check on the books before she accepted the Treasure position of the Social Firemen including an assistant. Kim stated that she is not taking the job unless she gets help. Kim further stated that in observing dinners at the clubhouse there seems to be no analyzing of food to be purchased for a certain number of people because there seems to be so much waste. Kim stated this waste would really add up over the years. Kim wants a disinterested person to look at this problem and the books.

Ray Soper said the board will have to find her an assistant because he will not be on the board anymore.

Scott Thurston said that we need a "Calm down Period"

Ray went on to say there is much Social Firemen work to be done at this time. All this works takes time and is taking away time he needs for this business. He does the drafting of minutes of all meetings, billing and collecting dues & ads, the newsletter and designing and printing most of the posters and tickets for our fundraisers. Ray still wants to be a Social Firemen member and stay on the "Car Show Committee".

Dean DeGraffenreid said we all should call Patty Soper and asks her to come back – Ray says he doesn't think it will work Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Penngrove Social Firemen Special Directors Meeting December 28, 2011

(In brief minutes were not available at press time.)

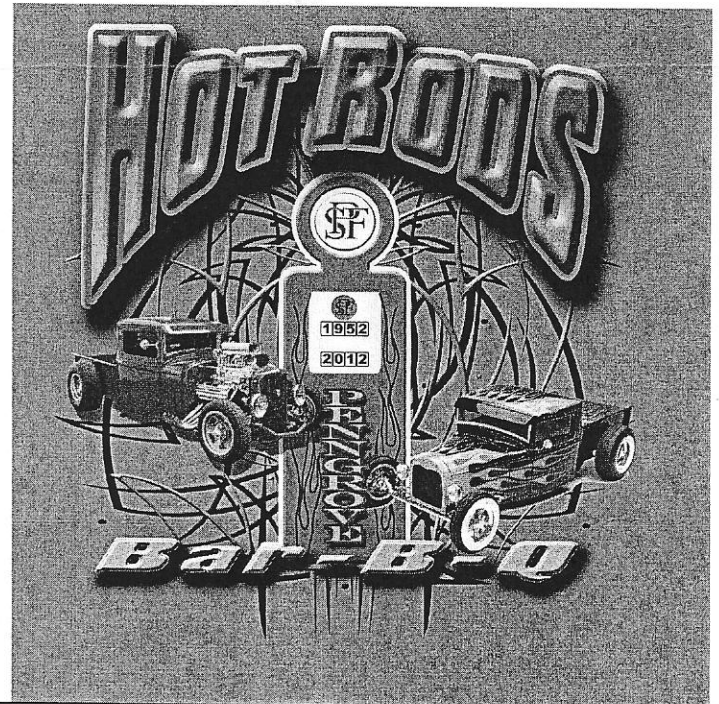
Issues from previous meeting were resolved. Ray Soper will stay as president, Scott Thurston will be treasurer and Patty Soper will stay as bookkeeper under the direction of Treasurer Scott Thurston.

A financial oversight committee is being developed. The first committee will be five non-board members that will review our books every quarter and will have available resources such as our C.P.A. Jill Martin, Scott Thurston – Treasurer, accounting records and bank statements or any other resource required by the committee.

Discussion of cleaning up and upgrades our park kitchen allowing us to better serve ourselves and tenants that require kitchen facilities. Italian Night was discussed and tickets will be available at the January 4th meeting.

John Rossi gave a detail report on the progress of our car show in July.

Financials will be read at the regular meetings for 2012



Penngrove Graffiti

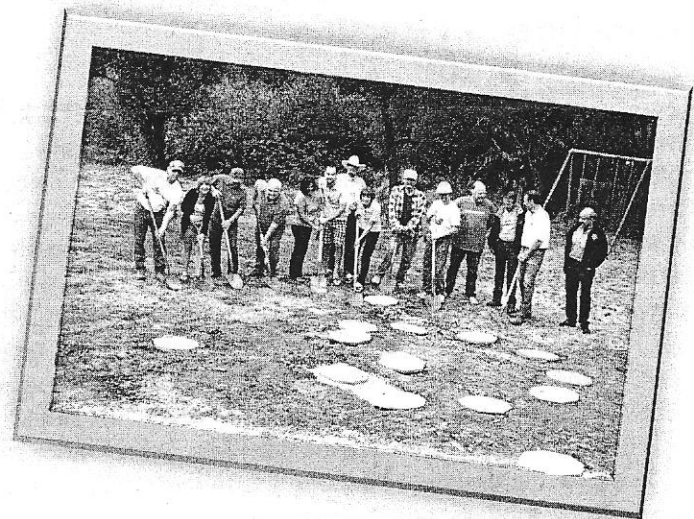
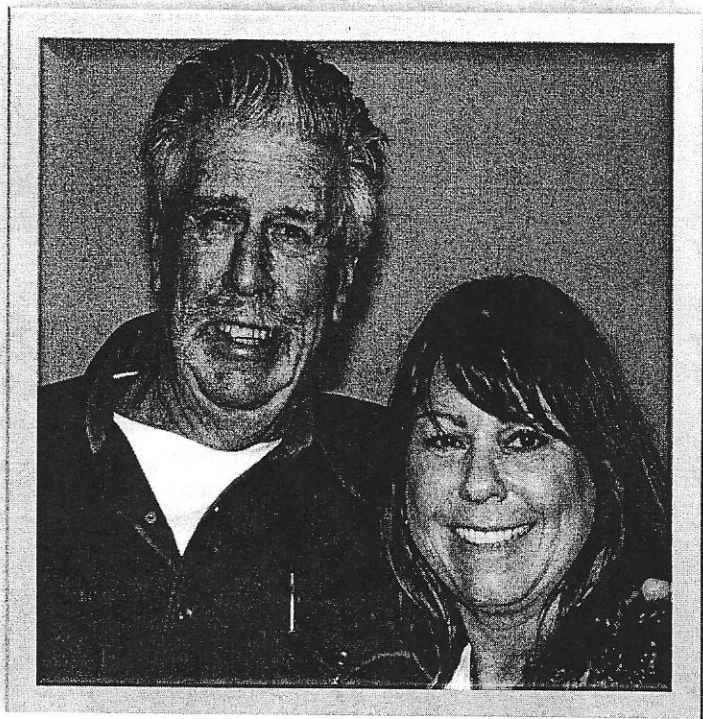
July 28, 2012

John Rossi, Chairperson

Celebrates Social Firemen 1952 to 2012

A commemorative 1952 gas pump will be raffled off,

This pump is custom designed by John Rossi




**Rolland Mellor
Retires From
Board of
Directors**

Rolland Mellor has served as a director, numerous committees chairs and exemplifies for true nature of "Serving the Community". Rolland will be missed on the Board, his wisdom and input was valuable. Rolland will be helping us out in the kitchen and fundraisers as needed. Rolland is a great man and the membership thanks him for his service.



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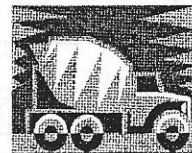
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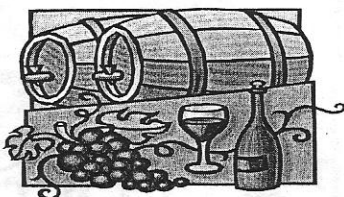
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4th --- Regular Meeting
9th --- Directors Meeting
21st - Italian Night

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February 2012

4th --- Regular Meeting
9th --- Directors Meeting
25th - Crab Feed

CRAB FEED



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FEBRUARY 25, 2011

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Meeting (1st Wed of the Month)

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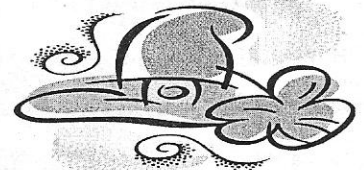
7th --- Regular Meeting
12th - Directors Meeting
4th --- Corned Beef and Cabbage

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SUNDAY MARCH 4, 2011

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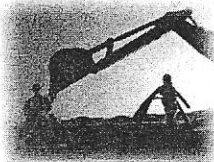
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