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Corned Beef and Cabbage
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Penngrove Social Firemen GAZETTE

JANUARY 2021

P.O. Box 264, Penngrove, CA 94951

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner Drive-Thru at the Park

Saturday, March 13th from 3-6pm

\$20 per ticket. PRE-SALE ONLY.

Deadline is March 10th

Don't forget to pick up your \$1 dessert sold by 4-H.



Menu includes:

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes & Carrots

Details:

Deadline to purchase tickets is March 10th.

Purchase tickets at JavAmore Café, (cash or check only) –
JavAmore closes at 2pm, every day.

Or purchase tickets through Eventbrite starting February 17th
<https://cornedbeefandcabbagepenngrove.eventbrite.com>

Treasurer's Report - As of January 13, 2021

General Checking	\$19,040.39
Petty Cash	\$450.00
Poppy Savings	\$4,560.65
CD @ Poppy Bank	\$62,851.79
Total	\$86,902.83



Penngrove Social Firemen Board Meeting Minutes, January 13, 2021

Held at the Clubhouse at 5:00pm

Absent: Dan Colville

Discussion:

We have a new bookkeeper. She has a bookkeeping background working at Recology. Julie will inquire if she has QuickBooks experience. This knowledge will be extremely helpful to all of us.

Advertisements in the Newsletter will remain the same. However, should your business be experiencing a hardship during these times please contact Julie Hanson at 707-546-6362.

Julie will check with PGE regarding a significant increase in the January bill. This may be caused from us turning on the heater during the cold months. The heat is necessary to maintain the wood floors. Too much cold will cause warpage, which can cause a large expense for repairs.

Bob will contact Debbie, our Webmaster, to update our site. Thank you, Debbie, for all the work you have done to maintain our website!

Get ready for another Drive-thru at the park. Corned Beef and Cabbage is just around the corner. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 13th from 3-6pm. PRE-SALE ONLY.** The deadline to purchase tickets is March 10th. Purchase tickets at JavAmore Café, cash or check only, (note that JavAmore Café closes at 2:00pm every day) or via Eventbrite starting February 17th: <https://cornedbeefandcabbagepenngrove.eventbrite.com>
Don't forget to pick up your dessert with the 4-H who will be selling them for \$1 each.

Motion:

After much discussion, motion was made by Stanley, 2nd by Joe, agreed by all, that the annual dues will increase from \$50.00 to \$100.00. An increase has been discussed for several years, but with expenses continuing to rise over the years, we must take this position. We have a beautiful facility, which is almost 100 years old. We must maintain this part of history.

Rip City Riders is having a drive-thru Crab Feed in the park. We have reduced their rental fee to ½ price. Motion made by Nick, 2nd by Joe, all in favor.

Dan Colville and his wife Tracy have moved to Montana. This left his Director position open. As we ponder over several candidates, we have chosen Melissa Sykes as his replacement. She will serve on the board through 2021. Melissa brings her experience as a business owner, one she and husband, Aaron share. She has been a member since 2018 and helps with any of our functions. We feel she will be an asset to the organization. Welcome, Melissa. We also wish to extend a big thank you to Dan for his dedication while on the board, and to Tracy for all the hours she worked at events and in the kitchen. We wish you both well in your new hometown—don't forget Penngrove!

We also wish to thank you all for the donations we received during these trying times. We are looking forward to seeing everyone as soon as we can. In the meantime, we wish you all good health.

Adjourned at 6:15pm

Looking Back – Officer Vilho O. Ahola

By: Jack Withington

When traveling north or south on Petaluma Boulevard one comes to the overcrossing over Highway 101. The overcrossing is dedicated to former Penngrove resident, the late Police Officer Vilho O. Ahola.

A native of Massachusetts, Ahola was the son of Finnish immigrants. He served with the Scituate, Massachusetts Police Department before joining the Petaluma Police Department.

Ahola was instrumental in organizing the local Police Athletic League. He coached the PAL rifle team for many years and taught Petaluma police officers to be proficient with a rifle. Some of the youngsters he trained went on to find success as United States military marksmen. Ahola held the title of NRA (National Rifle Association) Life Master. He also qualified for the United States Olympic weapons teams.

On November 7, 1969, Officer Ahola was responding to a domestic violence call—the type of call that is responsible for 40% of police officer deaths. He was helping a woman remove personal items from her Petaluma home when her enraged husband pulled out a .25 caliber pistol. The gallant police officer attempted to disarm the assailant but in the ensuing struggle the gun went off and Ahola sustained a gunshot wound to the neck damaging his spinal column and leaving him paralyzed. The gunman who shot Ahola served prison time and was eventually paroled.

After his injury, the officer spent a year in physical therapy and returned to the Petaluma Police Department where he worked part-time assuming clerical duties. He worked until 1989 then retired when he became physically unable to continue working.

When Ahola died, on Sunday February 1, 1998, the coroner's office ruled the officer's death a homicide, but the gunman was not charged for the homicide.

Born: June 11, 1927

End of Watch: February 1, 1998



Police Officer Vilho O. Ahola



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