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Crab Feed - Roland Mellor

Corned Beef and Cabbage

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Rotary Bike Ride - TBD

July Celebration - Board of
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Penngrove Social Firemen GAZETTE

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~ 2022 Events ~

CRAB FEED – January 15
Hopefully, this will be an in-house
event. Otherwise, it will be a drive-thru.

ITALIAN NIGHT – February 19

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

TRUCKER'S BALL – May 7



Please Help Local Guy, John Batemon



John Batemon, who was tragically struck by a car while walking on the side of 101 North in Petaluma on Saturday, November 20, 2021. He was in town for his godson's ceremony and celebration even though he had to drive fourteen hours straight from Sierra Vista, AZ to make it in time; that's just the kind of man John is. John's niece, Taylor Orr, wrote this about John.

Born and raised a fourth generation Petaluman, John grew up being known for his adventurous and dedicated spirit with a sense of humor that is second to none. Some of you might even remember his family's meat shop, Batemon Meats, or the family video store, Main Street Video.

Those closest to him know that if they need anything at all, they can always call on John to be there - he will give you even more than just the shirt off his back. In addition, he has always had a deep love and respect for our country and the men and women who serve, which lead John to dedicate seven years in the ARMY and serve two tours overseas. During this time, John also became a father to three children, and happily continues to raise them as a single father.

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PSF Monthly Meeting at the Clubhouse - Dec 1, 2021, at 6:30pm

Absent: Bob Moretti
Burr Wilson led us in the pledge

Awards: This year we wish to knowledge the following for all their time and effort put into helping our organization. It has been a trying time, but we did it.

Gold Key: Paul Gilcrest

Silver Spoon: Larry Wagner

President's Award: Craig Jacobson

Voting results: Joe, Kim, Melissa, and Arnie will return for 1 yr (remember they served 1 yr this past year), and Nick, Scott, Bob M., and Stanley were reelected for 2 yrs. All incumbents. We welcome Bob Palm who will also serve for two years on the board. Julie Hanson will be stepping down. She thanked everyone for her time as a board member and appreciated the support.

Good of the order: Birthday's Mabry Brayton, Bill Fishman, Greg Karraker, John Mahoney, Derek Payne, Richard Brindmore, Dustin Clark, Tony McGaughey

Old Business:

- Light Parade will be on Dec 19th on Main St. This is a magical event. See Kim Hanson for an application.
- Crab Feed on January 15th. Opening season to be determined on Dec 15, as it's dependent upon the whales, and sea turtles. This is a big fundraiser of ours which draws over a hundred people. If we don't have an in-house feed, we will have a drive-thru. Ticket price, pending the cost of crab.
- Italian Night Feb 19th

Thank you to Bob, Jim Davis, John McGinnis, and Clark Moretti for the repairs to the bar in the park. Another BIG thank you goes to Bev Palm, for the many hours she puts into handling our rentals of the park and clubhouse; to Jessica, who also puts in hours publishing our newsletter; Lyndi Brown, who handles all the media for our events; Jack Withington, for the historical reads each month, and to all the board members, who also put in many, many hours of their time to ensure our organization meets our financial needs, and the needs of the community.

Lee Brains made a toast to all the members, and board members. We all feasted on a delicious Prime Rib dinner made by the board members, and then some. Thank you, Margaret Shepherd, for such a variety of delicious cookies.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

PSF Board Meeting held at JavAmore Café - Wednesday, Dec 8, at 6:10pm

All present. Bob Palm sat in.

Discussion:

- Correction on the Swiss Club coming on January 12th, not December 12.
- Outdoorsmen wish to use the pantry. They will donate pots/pans. Scott will oversee this, as he is a member.
- Thank you for the \$542.00 received in donations at the last dinner. Again, a big thank you to Melissa and Aaron for their generosity in donating the prime rib.
- There is a possible leak to the tub on the left side of the clubhouse bar. Bob and Scott will look into this.
- The bar tops for the bar have arrived. This will be a wonderful addition to the already remodeled bar.

Motions:

Inquiry by someone who wishes to rent the park on March 19th for a public St. Patty's Day celebration. Due to the back of the park being a flood zone, and the unpredictability of this winter's rain, we all motioned 'no.'

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

John Batemon story continued below...

John is always heading from one event to the next - helping out his community, bringing his kids to their sporting games, running his shop, or heading to a friend's house to work on their projects. During the Sonoma County fires, John helped catalog and organize the rehoming of thousands of animals, and during the pandemic John helped small businesses by creating Cochise Strong - a movement that would broadcast cash mobs to local family-owned stores and restaurants to help them make ends meet. John organizes car shows for the local police, donates jumpy houses to community events, offers to be a D.J., helps out other veterans, and owns West End Pawn Shop - a pawn shop that truly puts others' needs above his own. John is just, "that guy" - the one whose always there, through thick and thin. Now it is our turn to show him how much we appreciate all he has given over the course of his life.

We are asking for donations to help with medical expenses, bills, Christmas gifts for his children, and anything else his family needs to get by. My mom, Jackie Nappi, and his two sisters, Joy Powell and Jennifer Batemon, will be helping manage his medical, financial, and family needs. His condition is very critical, and he will need multiple surgeries over the next few months. Our hearts are breaking as the person we have always leaned on for everything is now needing help from us.

We all thank you in advance for your prayers, for your love, for your support, and for sharing his story with others. there, through thick and thin. Now it is our turn to show him how much we appreciate all he has given over the course of his life.

John's GoFundMe page, 'Help Fund John's Recovery,' can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3H2EhAB>



Looking Back - PHS Graduates **By Jack Withington**

At a recent meeting of the Penngrove Social Firemen, two Petaluma High School graduates sat down at a dinner table and struck up a conversation. The two men, new member Larry Dinelli, a graduate of the class of 1958, and longtime member Allan Wade, PHS class of 1957, had not seen each other since 1957.

As their conversation went on, it was brought up that they were both members of the Penngrove-based Old Adobe 4H club in 1949. They both lived in the area and were retired. Allan retired after a career in the dairy business, while Larry retired after many years as a printer for several local newspapers, including the Santa Rosa Press Democrat.

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