

Resource Guide

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Italian Night - Joe Pedrani

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Corned Beef and Cabbage

Stan Pronzini

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Rotary Bike Ride - Dan Colville

July Celebration - Board of Directors

Hawaiian Luau - Kim Hanson

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Penngrove Social Firemen GAZETTE JANUARY 2019

P.O. Box 264, Penngrove, CA 94951

Looking back #7

The Resilient Japanese among us!

By: Jack Withington

Nearly 120, 000 Japanese were forced from their homes and farms under the provisions of the 1942 Executive Order 9066 and sent to the many internment camps that had been hastily constructed and resembled the chicken houses that dotted the local landscape in Penngrove and Sonoma County. Of the 120,000 Japanese-American internees, not one was ever convicted of espionage or war time atrocities.

Citizens of Penngrove and Sonoma County went against the national norm by standing with and alongside their Japanese friends and neighbors during their unjust incarceration during World War II.

Most Japanese came to the United States to work, they initially were recruited to harvest the agricultural crops that were an important factor in the California economy.

The arrival of the Chinese and Japanese workers was looked upon by the Caucasian workforce as a threat to their financial well-being.

The Caucasian work force formed alliances to counteract what they construed as the "Yellow Peril" and lobbied congress to pass laws to limit the number of Orientals that were allowed into the United States. They also extended their racial limiting to Jews, Southern Europeans and Eastern Europeans.

The first of many acts that was passed was the "Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882," that was followed by the "Immigration Act of 1924" that set quotas on the number of immigrants allowed into the country.

One of the provisions that played a role in Penngrove and Sonoma County was that foreign-born individuals could not own land. That resulted in the property ending up in the name of their first born in America.

Headlines in the Petaluma Morning Courier, 5 December 1926, "Grand Jury Will Investigate.... at the request of the Petaluma Anti-Jap Committee"

Headlines in the Healdsburg Tribune Number 26, 1 December 1926 read "Japanese Are Buying Land near Petaluma". It went on to say "White People Complain of influx of Oriental Neighbors".

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Upcoming events:

Italian Night - Saturday, Jan. 19th, 2019
Swiss Club event – Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 2019
(Two cooks needed!)
Additional details to come...

Next Board Meeting:
Tuesday, January 8 at
6:00pm
at Joe Pedrani's home

Next Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, January 2 at
6:30pm at the PSF
Clubhouse

PSF Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, December 4, 2018

The pledge was led by PW Scoggins.

Good to the Order: Bobby Z passed away. A moment of silence.

Patsy Pedrani celebrated her birthday tonight. We all sang Happy Birthday to her.

Minutes were approved.

Treasures Report read by Julie

General Checking	\$49,573.65
Petty Cash	\$450.00
Poppy Savings	\$4,556.00
CD @ Poppy Bank	\$60,000.00
Total	\$114,579.65
Exchange Bank Ball Field Fund	\$1,426.16

- A big thank you to Jack Withington who has been writing articles in the newsletter about the history of Penngrove.
- Old Business: Scott, Paul, and Arnie came last Saturday and installed the metal floor in the table/chair storage room. They also winterized the park to minimize damage, should it get flooded again. Let's keep our fingers crossed this doesn't happen. Installation of new picnic tables at park will be postponed until spring due to weather.
- Light Parade is on for Sunday, Dec 16th, rain or shine.
- A meeting will take place on Monday with the garbage company to address the dumpster area.
- Guests: Jean Wasp from Cotati (Lyndi Brown's friend); Cathy Steimeyer's daughter, Jessica with her son, Ron Low, President of the Rip City Riders; Andrea, daughter of Audrey Muelrath.
- Italian Night is January 19th. Come join the fun.

Annual Awards:

Silver Spoon- Bob Palm, thank you for all time spent in the kitchen.

Gold Key- Burr Wilson, thank you the time you put in set up the sound system and assisting with set up.

President- Paul Gilcrest, thank you for EVERYTHING you do.

Thank you to the cooks- Roland, Dan, and Bob Palm for an outstanding meal. Also, thank you to Patsy for the delicious dessert. Cooks for January—TBD

Election winners: Joe Pedrani, Kim Hanson, Dan Colville, all incumbents, and welcome to Arnie Franklin.

Meeting adjourned 6:48pm.





Looking back #7 (continued)

After the war, many Japanese-Americans returned to find that their homes and farms had been misappropriated and owned by others. This did not happen in Penngrove or Sonoma County. Not one person who had been interned lost their farms or homes.

Karl Yoneda, a Penngrove chicken farmer, served behind enemy lines with the (MIS) Military Intelligence Service.

During the war, many incarcerated men volunteered to serve their county and joined the segregated all-Japanese 100th Battalion/ 442 Regimental Combat Team. The units garnered 21 Medals of Honor, 588 Silver stars and 4,000 Bronze Stars.

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PSF Board Meeting at Joe Pedrani's home on Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Meeting opened at 6:10pm.

Absent: John Rossi

Discussion:

- Paving the driveway completely at the clubhouse instead of patching it.
- Someone will come out to clubhouse on Dec 12 to inspect roof, as it's leaking into the chair/table storage room.
- Sent Jessica a thank you note and gift card from the board members for all the effort and time she puts into making such a wonderful newsletter
- Italian night on Jan. 19th and Swiss Club on Feb. 2. Will need cooks for Swiss Club event.

Motions:

- \$250.00 flat fee for party of 40 or less to rent the park. Use of kitchen and BBQ racks are extra. 1st Dan, 2nd Nick, all in favor.
- Ok to purchase 3 traffic signs for use in the July Parade and Light Parade. Scott 1st, Dan 2nd, all in favor.

Adjourned at 7:20pm.