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Penngrove Social Firemen GAZETTE

MARCH 2018

P.O. Box 264, Penngrove, CA 94951

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Saturday, March 10, 2018

~ Served from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM ~



WIN A POT of GOLD

1st prize \$200.00 VISA Gift card
2nd \$100.00 VISA Gift card
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~Raffle Ticket \$ 1.00 Each~

Drawing on March 10, 2018
at 7:00 p.m.

Need Not Be Present to win
DINNER TICKETS SOLD AT THE
DOOR

Adults \$ 15.00
Children (Under 12) \$7.50

Help Needed on March 9-10! Contact Chairman Stan Pronzini
Set up ~ Raffle Ticket Sales ~ Serving ~ Clean up
CALL STAN AT (707)585-1401

2018 Truckers Ball ~ May 5, 2018

Penngrove Community Hall
Cocktails 5:30 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m.

MENU: TRI-TIP, CHICKEN, BEANS AND SALAD

Tickets: \$25.00

Featuring:

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Julie Hanson 707-546-6362 or JavAmore 707-794-1516

Next Directors Meeting:

Tuesday, March 13, at 6:00 PM
Bob Moretti's place in Penngrove

Next Membership Meeting:

Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 6:30 PM, PSF Clubhouse
DAN & TRACY COLVILLE - Salisbury Steak

PSF Monthly Meeting PSF Monthly Meeting Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm Adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Absent: John Rossi, Stanley Prozini

Audrey Muelrath led the Pledge.

Treasures Report read by Julie Hanson

General Checking:	\$68,259.08
Petty Cash	\$450.00
Poppy Savings, previously 1st Community Bank	\$39,526.90
Total	\$108,235.98
Exchange Bank Ball Field Fund	\$1,425.71

150 new dinner tickets have been printed. We currently have 130. Please return if you still have them.

Good to the Order: Joe Turner is in the hospital with an intestinal infection. He hopes to be home this week. All our best wishes go out to Joe for a quick recovery. We miss you.

Guests: Bob, retired auto mechanic for 35 yrs, friend of John Connelly. Dick and Janice Royce, Amy Amato with children Sal and Gianna, Mark Albelto of Cotati, and Gary. All friends, family of our cook tonight, Eddie Amato.

New Business: Scott enlightened us about progress with picnic tables for park. He is working with Van Bebber for the steel bases. Cost should be approx. \$1,050.00. Steve Turner will mill the wood of the tops. Peter Bursio, son of Nick, will do the welding. Nick will cover the cost of labor. A big thank you to all of them. It will be so nice not to have move these table each year.

No figures on Italian Night or Swiss Club dinner at this time.

Steel panels have been purchased to cover the much-damaged flooring in the chair/table room. John Antonio will be helping us repair the cracked sidewalk outside the front walkway with pavers.

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be on Saturday, March 10th from 4:00 pm -7:00 pm. Stanley still needs help with clean up.

Happy Birthday to Bobby Z and Joi Losse. Many more to follow.

Kathryn Wickstrom has asked for a donation of \$70.00 to sponsor a trophy for her organization, Golden Gate Arabian Horse Association that will be held at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds March 31- April 1. The Board will discuss this at their next meeting.

Thank you to our cooks tonight: Eddie Amato, Larry Wagner, Kevin Scarpete, Paul Gilcrest, Dave Jackson, Dan Colville, Bob Palm. Clap.clap,clap

Cooks for March will be Joe and Patsy Pedrani and Dan and Tracy Colville.

Post Office Ch-Ch-Changes

Well wishes to Sharon Lemos who retired from Penngrove post office after 23 years with the USPS. Postmaster Mary is not returning, and the temporary OIC (officer in charge) is now Astrid Shishkin Hill. Astrid has put her hat into the ring (bid) to run our PO. Brandie Wilson may not be there much longer. Therefore, different people will rotate through, on reduced hours. Staff won't know all our names and won't have time to research problem deliveries. Have your incoming packages addressed to your PO Box. If your vendor doesn't ship to POB's, use the PO's street address plus pound sign and the number of your PO Box. Example: 11041 Main St., # (your POB). Alternately, you can use your street address and pound sign (or PMB - your postal mail box) and your box number.

Yanni's Moves On

Yanni's Sausage Grill will close on March 1 to concentrate on their retail distribution to stores. Luckily, the little Penngrove shop will have a new owner, Tom Adams, who will offer Yanni's sausage on the menu. Look for Yanni's great sausage products in retail stores. <http://www.yannissausages.com>

Board meeting, Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Held at Bob Moretti's house. Meeting opened at 6:30 pm. Absent: Nick Bursio, Stanley Pronzini

Joe passed out a handout received from Ray Soper, Executive Committee Member. Ray has recommended a change in the handling of new members. Listed in #2 in the hand out, "A prospective member needs to attend three meetings before their application is considered for membership". Listed in #3, membership capped at 150 members.

Motion made and second not to follow this request. We do not feel this will be a benefit to the organization. Membership applications will remain as is, under the current procedure.

Motion made and second to approve capping at 150. It is agreed that it will impose a greater burden on cooks, bartenders, and set/clean up. However, this does not mean should we reach our cap, that we will not review for future consideration.

Agreed to allow Burning Ham who rents the park each year for their event to have early access, fee charged, to bring in 5 motorhomes. This will allow them to cook the night before.

Agreed to allow the Boy Scouts to have early access on Sunday, the day before their week-long event in park. No charge for early access, however, we will charge them \$150.00 for garbage.

Kate Conwell has requested the allowance of a book cart to be placed in the park. This will be accessible to others to take a book, leave a book. We do not feel this would be the best place for this sort of thing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Penngrove Social Firemen Past..... *A Brief History, by Ray Soper*

In 1951, the Penngrove Social Firemen was organized as a non-profit organization. A man named Clyde Watts authored the articles of corporation and the by-laws. Clyde was a leader along with other fellow PSF members. Mr. Watts moved to Hawaii in 1960 and we lost track of him.

PSF bought the back part of the park property from the Andresen Family on October 13, 1951. The front area was purchase from Poultry Producers of Central California on November 20, 1959. They had two fundraisers per year: a March Dance and a July BBQ. They did not own the Penngrove Women's Clubhouse at that time but had meetings there as well as the March Dance.

The March Dance was held on the first Saturday in March and featured a band called the Tune Toppers that played music from the 40's. During the 50's and 60's, a good percentage of our members were WWII Veterans and loved 40's swing music. They didn't sell alcohol at the dance in the beginning. John Kelly was a board member and owned Kelly's Bar on Main Street (now Mack's) and in respect to his business people had to walk down the street to get a drink. Of course, many did not want to walk down so tailgating was born in Penngrove.

In 1958, PSF had 69 members (all men). In comparison to today (135 members), which now includes women, there really isn't much difference. The most notable difference is the percentage of working members. In 1958, everyone had a job either working events or working on the park. At the time, the clubhouse was still owned by the Penngrove Women's Club. Back then, PSF had two fundraisers per year, compared to the nine annual fundraisers we have today (Taste of Italy in January, Swiss Club Dinner and Crab Feed all in February, Corned Beef and Cabbage in March, Truckers Ball in May, Fourth of July Celebration and Car Show in July, Hawaiian Luau in September, and Parade of Lights in December. Plus, monthly dinners, except in July.

Dues in 1958 were 60 cents per month or \$7.80 per year and rarely did they have dinners. Minimum wage at that time was \$1.00 per hour in comparison would be \$8.08 in 2013. Today's dues are \$ 50.00 per year which is more than fair and cheap compared to inflation since 1958.

Fun Fact: The two longest term (living) members in the Penngrove Social Firemen are Joe Turner who joined in 1960 (58 years), and Don Barella who joined in 1962 (56 years).

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