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Corned Beef and Cabbage

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Penngrove Social Firemen GAZETTE

MARCH 2022

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St. Patty's Corned Beef and Cabbage Feed March 12th from 3-6pm,
INSIDE the clubhouse.



- Dine in or take-out
- Meals are \$20.00 adults, \$10.00 kids; 4-H will be selling their delicious desserts
- Tickets are sold at the door or on Eventbrite:

<https://penngrove-corned-beef-feed.eventbrite.com>

Lyndi's Corner - It must be Spring!

February 26 - JavAmoré Café Mardi Gras Party! With Jambalaya, Gumbo, Red Beans and Rice and live music by One Man Swamp Band. \$25 – by presale only by **Friday, Feb. 25**, 2022. Tickets at the Café.

March 12 - Penngrove Pickers welcome all to help with the trash pick-up, 8:30 - 10 am. Reserve your spot in advance. All equipment is provided. Contact Molly Mazella at bikegem@gmail.com or (707) 867-8200.

March 12 - Penngrove Social Firemen (PSF) present their **Corned Beef & Cabbage Feed**. Corned beef, beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots, with a no-host bar for in-house diners. Dine in or take it to-go, 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Bring cash for the Penngrove 4-H dessert table. \$20; \$10 children under 12. Tickets at the door or Eventbrite.com: <https://penngrove-corned-beef-feed.eventbrite.com>

Wilco Center News. Watch out, waistline! **Angela's Ice Cream** opened a shop and production facility in the Wilco Center. This is where all the frozen goodness is made for their Lala's Ice Cream (downtown Petaluma). **Magdalena's Savories and Sweets** is a family-run business offering locally-sourced vegan and vegetarian eats: hand crafted Cinnamon Rolls, focaccia, pizza and grab-and-go, delectable eats.

Did you notice that the crosswalks have been restriped near the school? Can't miss that bright yellow paint!

Supervisor Rabbitt held a Town Hall meeting (Dec. 9) to discuss traffic in and around Penngrove. Since then, a group of us have been meeting to learn more about Penngrove Area Plan and what's spelled out for Penngrove in Sonoma County's General Plan (GP). Rohnert Park is updating its GP so it's a good time to tune into their process to learn what may be coming our way! Some of us have been meeting to discuss traffic issues, so get in touch if you want to be on our general e-list. Contact: Lyndibrown@sonic.net.

***** No notes from the February Monthly Meeting, as it was cancelled. *****

PSF Board Meeting held at JavAmore Café – February 9, 2022

Absent: Nick Bursio, Scott Finley

Discussion:

- Repairs to start on the Gazebo; joists, flooring, and some rails will be replaced due to rot. Kerry Atkinson, Derek Palmer, and Steve Davidson will be the carpenters. Thank you so much for stepping up.
- St. Patty's Corned Beef and Cabbage will be held on March 12th from 3-6pm, **INSIDE** the clubhouse. You have the option to dine in or take out. Tickets are sold at the door or on Eventbrite. Meals are \$20.00 adults, \$10.00 kids. 4-H will be selling their delicious desserts.
- Bob is currently installing the A/C unit. With our early warm weather, we may be using it before summer. While installing the unit, Bob has found dirt under the house from years of soil settlement pushed up against the wooden foundation. He is looking for help digging this out and away from the wall to avoid rot. If you're interested in helping, please contact Bob Moretti.
- Catering: Busy, busy
- We have been contracted by Casa Grande High School to host the bar for the reunion on July 17th.
- We will be catering/bar for Robin Kunde's high school reunion on April 23rd.
- Also, we are the bartenders for the up-and-coming A-Z Foundation Fundraiser on Feb 24th
- Crab Feed held on Sat Feb 5th was a success. There were 73 tickets sold. Our net was \$2,290.00. Thank you, Joe, Bob, Arnie, Stanley, Melissa, Julie, Kim, Cliff, and Lyndi for helping out with this event.

Next membership meeting will be held on March 2nd at the clubhouse. We will be so happy to see everyone.

Looking Back - Day of Remembrance

By Jack Withington

What was Executive Order 9066 and why was it created? Issued by President Franklin Roosevelt on February 19, 1942, this order authorized the evacuation of all Japanese persons deemed a danger to national security! In the following 6 months, over 120,000 men, women, and children of Japanese ancestry were moved to assembly centers off the west coast. Not one Japanese internee was ever convicted of treason or acts of spying.

Sonoma County residents of Japanese heritage were sent to the Tanforan Racetrack south of San Francisco for processing. They were forced to sleep in horse stalls. They were then loaded into train cars for a trip to Camp Amache, or the Granada War Relocation Center in Colorado. Albeit the Manzanar Relocation Camp located in the Owens Valley in eastern California was considerably closer.

Most Manzanar internees were from Southern California including Karl and Elaine Yoneda and their son, Tommy. After the end of World War II, the Yoneda family would settle into the community of Pengrove, buy a ranch on the Petaluma Hill Road and engage in poultry farming while son Tom attended Pengrove Elementary School, Petaluma Junior High, and then Petaluma High School, where he was elected to the student body cabinet and excelled in football and basketball.

Camp Amache was one of ten such relocation camps in the United States and it reached a peak population of 7,318 persons. The camp was run by the War Relocation Authority and charged with the administration of the incarceration program. The camp was named after a Cheyenne chief's daughter. The camp was surrounded by barbed wire fencing with eight-gun towers.

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Looking Back, continued.

The internees were allowed to take day trips to the town of Granada which was located within walking distance. Some shop keepers were hostile to their "Jap" neighbors, they mellowed and soon became friendlier. Adults had numerous job opportunities including being camp policeman, members of the camp fire department, school teaching, working at the camp hospital, and the many agriculture endeavors at the camp.

Many of the camps young men joined the fabled 442nd Regimental Combat Team or the MIS, Military Intelligence Service. The 442nd garnered more than a few war time medals including:

- 5,000 Purple Hearts
- 33 Distinguished Service Crosses
- 560 Silver Stars
- 4,000 Bronze Stars
- 22 Legion of Merit Awards