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Italian Night - Joe Pedrani

Crab Feed - Roland Mellor

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Stan Pronzini
Truckers Ball - Roland Mellor &
Julie Hanson

Rotary Bike Ride - TBD

July Celebration - Board of
Directors

Hawaiian Luau - Kim Hanson

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Penngrove Social Firemen GAZETTE

MAY 2022

P.O. Box 264, Penngrove, CA 94951
www.penngrovesocialfiremen.org

Truckers Ball – Saturday, May 14, 2022

Cocktails 5:30 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Menu: Tri-tip, chicken, pasta & salad

Tickets: \$30.00

Tickets available (cash or check only) at JavAmore Café, 10101 Main Street,
Kim Hanson, 707-794-1516 or mrsjava@hotmail.com
or <https://truckersball.eventbrite.com> (Sales end May 12, at 2 p.m.)

Featuring:

“The Big Buckle Raffle” donated by Reliance Towing & Live Music

Sponsored By:

Penngrove Social Firemen, a community 501 (c) (3) for the benefit of the
community. Benefits Penngrove Park and Community Clubhouse
improvements.

**Penngrove Community Clubhouse,
385 Woodward Avenue, Penngrove**

Lyndi's Corner, by Lyndi Brown

Penngrove Cares – The group launched a new website
www.penngrovecares.org for residents concerned about the traffic, water
and other impacts on Penngrove caused by continued development in
neighboring towns and cities. We're working with Supervisor Rabbitt's office
to form a Penngrove Area Municipal Advisory Council (MAC). Ideal
candidates would reside in (or own a business in) Penngrove and have an
interest in, and time and energy for, representing the concerns of the
Penngrove community to the 2nd District Supervisor. If you have knowledge
or expertise in areas such as traffic, water, county services, open space
preservation, etc. that would be a plus. The MAC is a 5-member committee
plus two alternates. To learn more, please drop us a line
at info@PenngroveCares.org.

Sundays in May - Penngrove Market brings back their popular Summer Live
Music every Sunday from 4-6pm. The concerts are free and family friendly.
Check out their Facebook and Instagram pages for a list of local musicians.
May 1 - Hannah Jern-Miller. May 8 - Jacob Philip Benning. May 15 - The
Beguilers. May 22 – Sage. May 29 - The Up Set.

Lyndi's Corner, continued

May 7 - **Aebleskiver Breakfast** - Traditional Danish Aebleskiver (light, fluffy, pancake-like popovers) sprinkled with powdered sugar, syrup, jam, applesauce, sausage, orange juice and coffee will be served by Penngrove Community Church at Penngrove Park. Dine at the park or take it to-go. Donations are accepted. Call (707) 795-5919 or email pccoffice@penngrovechurch.org

July 3 - **Penngrove Parade** is back, July 3. Dozens of volunteers are needed. See Kim at JavAmore Café or send an email via <https://www.penngrovesocialfiremen.org/>

PSF Monthly Meeting at the Clubhouse - Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 6:30pm

Pledge was led by Craig Jacobson

Good of the Order: Happy Birthday

Greg Parnow, Melissa Sykes, Pat Tracy, Darrell Turner, Burr Wilson

Guests: Mike and Justine-welcome and thank you for helping serve dinner!

Old Business:

- Corned Beef had a net of \$4,500.00. Outstanding, thank you to all.
- The inside of the bar area in the clubhouse was painted, and the hall benches were stained.
- At the park, the gazebo was painted by Pete Bursio, and Byron Nelson, Jr. Looks wonderful, thank you!

New Business:

- Working on installing a BBQ pit behind the clubhouse. More to follow.
- The Park Clean-up Day was a success. 1000 applauses to: Nick, Donnie, Bob, Clark, Stanley, Scott, Cliff, Kim, Kerry, Tom, Cathy, Jim, Derek, Arnie, Lee, and Vern. Hopefully, we didn't leave anyone out. Not intentional.
- Bill Fishman talked about the Penngrove Cares group. This is an organized group of concerned residents, and business owners who are forming the MAC, Municipal Advisory Council, with our Board of Supervisor, David Rabbitt. The purpose of the council is to address traffic issues in our boundaries, which we all know have become very congested due to the development north of us. Please visit penngrovecares.org for more information. Should you wish to be part of this group, please sign up on the website.
- The clubhouse will be used as a polling place in June and November.
- No Trucker's Ball this year (however, this has been reinstated, see Board minutes)
- Thank you tonight to our cooks: Steve and Glenna Davidson, Wendy Christensen, Derek Parner, Sandy Spring, and Kerry Atkinson. Everything was delicious.
- Cooks for May will be Audrey and Craig, and Lisa Jacobson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

The next Member Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30pm – See you there!

LOOKING BACK
by Jack Withington

Joyce Brians /Maria Gitin

In the summer of 1965, a nineteen-year-old Penngrove resident and San Francisco State College student Joyce Brians, now called Maria Gitin, heeded the call of the late Dr. Martin Luther King after Bloody Sunday. Risking life, limb, and jail she journeyed to Wilcox County, Alabama, to take part in a contentious summer voter registration drive. This intrepid Penngrove traveler was in harm's way for much of her stay in the south. Between 1963 and 1964, seven voter registration volunteers were killed, and in 1965 another seven more volunteers died.

Existing federal civil rights laws were not totally enforced in the south. Jim Crow laws prevailed, and legalized racial segregation on state and local levels. Voting officials conspired with white supremacists to deny voting rights to black citizens. In Wilcox County, more than 78% were African American, and very few if any of the black population could vote.

After her experience in the south, Maria settled in the Monterey Bay area eventually becoming a community activist. She founded a shelter for survivors of domestic abuse, launched a public library foundation, and consulted with nonprofit organizations to achieve sustainability.

As a youth, Maria attended Penngrove Elementary School and lived in a modest home on the corner of Railroad Avenue and Petaluma Hill Road. While a student at Penngrove Elementary, Maria became aware of racial injustice as her classmates related their family's horror stories of the holocaust and incarceration in wartime relocation camps. She worshiped at the Penngrove Community Church and graduated from Petaluma High School. Maria, the daughter of Albert and Pearl Brians, was one of five children.

Maria wrote a very interesting and insightful book, "This BRIGHT LIGHT of OURS: Stories from the Voting Rights Fight." This book is filled with real experiences that many will never encounter. The book can be purchased at Copperfield's or from Amazon. It is also available through the Sonoma County Library system.

PSF Board Meeting at JavAmore Café on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:00pm

Absent: Joe Pedrani

Motions:

- Scott 1st, Arnie 2nd to pay Dave Tarca \$2,500.00 per year for the use of the back field for parking.
- Kim 1st, Bob 2nd, all in favor to bring on a new caretaker. They will have a 90-day trial, and 1 yr lease.
- Bob 1st, Nick 2nd not to bring in an outside interested party to install a volleyball court. 7 nay, 2 yea
- All in favor to have the Trucker's Ball on May 14th

Discussion:

- Both lawn mowers will be repaired.
- Much discussion on what needs to be repaired/upgraded to the caretaker house. Field trip taken to house.
 - o Carlene will come in and do a deep clean.
 - o Carpeting area to be professional cleaned.
 - o New floors installed in the kitchen, wall, bath, and laundry room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.



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John McGinnis hard at work
containing a swarm of bees at
Penngrove Park at the Workday
event, held at the park on
Saturday, April 2, 2022.

