



Penngrove Social Firemen GAZETTE

OCTOBER 2011

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Proud to be a Social Firemen *by Ray Soper*

It all began with a park. Penngrove had a baseball team that played other teams from surrounding communities in Sonoma County. Following the end of World War II American service people returned home after serving on the battle fields of Europe and the Pacific. Most wanted to make up for lost time away from families and friends, Penngrove was no different. So many had given so much during those war years they were programmed to keep giving. Giving they did. The Penngrove Eagles Baseball team had once played at Penngrove Elementary School but the field was so shallow home runs were the deciding factor in all the games they played. The boys decided they needed a bigger field. The team approached Mr. Prarington who owned four acres that is now Penngrove Park about buying the land for a ball field. The group struck a deal and the community went to work. They had a BBQ (now known as Penngrove Celebration) farmers and ranchers from the area donated no longer needed farm equipment to auction off for money and people loaned money at no interest to pay for the property. Manual Augustine (Marv's Dad) was the first to hit the new park; he used his bull dozer (free of charge) and spent hours grading the road into the park, the ball field and the picnic area. It can be said after the land purchase Manual graded the way. The ball field was ready to play on (guess) in 1949. The fire chief, Sinclair was the manager of the team. The team did well with Penngrove legends like George Donovan (pitcher) and his brother Chet Donovan, Cliff Paris was catcher, the Riebli brothers (Carl and Art), Walt Goldbeck and others that I can't remember. As the story goes the boys had a ball field but wanted more for the community like a playground and BBQ facilities. This takes us to the next level; they needed money. Chief Sinclair was against involving the firemen in fund raising for anything other than the fire department. Penngrove Fire Department support was totally by volunteer assessments (not taxes) so who could blame him. With these aggressive young men they swallowed and understood the Chiefs reasoning, so they formed the Penngrove Social Firemen (hence the name).

A man named Clyde Watts put all the paper work together for the by-laws and a non-profit charter and succeeded. Officers were elected and members from outside the fire department joined. They had dances every March. A special note of interest big named bands but no bar ????. The newly formed Social Firemen did not want to take business away from (then) Kelly's Bar owned by John Kelly who had been active in building Penngrove Park. If you can imagine a steady stream of traffic up and down Woodard Ave. from the clubhouse to Kelly's. Some used the trunk of their car for refreshments but was frond on.

This is a brief story about Penngrove Park and the Social Firemen. There are lots of stories surrounding what the founding families accomplished. Most of people are gone but I am sure they would be proud that their dedication is being carried forward. From the bottom of my heart I would like to thank every member and this community for keeping the torch burning. We are one of a kind and should be very proud of what we have accomplished as an organization and a community.

Note: There is a picture of the Penngrove Baseball team in the Penngrove Fire Station may be they would loan it to us for a reproduction and hang it in the clubhouse. If you agree bring it up at the meeting.

Sonoma County Board of Supervisors were so impressed with Penngrove Social Firemen's accomplishments in the community we were awarded a Gold Proclamation, one the most prestigious award the county gives - Good job members.

Cotati and the Missing Flag

Long time Social Firemen member Leland Fishman settles what seemed to be a major issue for the City of Cotati. In the town square someone took the American flag months ago and it seemed like a big problem to decide what to do. Leland of Fishman Supply and former Board Member of the Rancho Adobe Fire District stepped up and gave the city a new flag. I can tell you from personal experience the Fishman clan is no stranger when it comes to supporting communities. Their generosity and dedication date back to Leland's parents, since passed away, Sol (member of the Social Firemen and joke teller) and Rose Fishman as well as his brother Bill Fishman who has, for some time, given his legal expertise to the Social Firemen. Way to go Leland ---- Penngrove style "Get it Done".

Regular Meeting October 5, 2011

Head Chef

Pat Mottard "Does a great job"
"Baked Ham and scalloped potatoes"
Meeting 7:00 p.m. Dinner follows

Director's Meeting October 10, 2011 Location: T.B.A.

Penngrove Social Firemen
Income /Expenses
 January 1, 2011 to October 1, 2011

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4th of July Income	
BBQ Beef Sandwich	1,140.00
Beef Dinners	1,500.00
Chicken Dinners	2,580.00
Chicken Sale	56.00
Combo Dinners	2,316.00
Crafter Booths	350.00
Extra Hot Doge	20.00
Extra Oysters	97.00
Hot Dogs	1,000.00
July 4th Bar	2,376.00
July 4th Beer	4,616.00
July 4th Margarita	1,552.00
July 4th Misc Income	732.98
July 4th Oysters	1,328.00
July 4th Salami	1,340.00
July 4th T-Shirts	210.00
July 4th Wheel	661.00
Public Donation	497.35
Slide	100.00
Total 4th of July Income	22,472.33
Club House Rentals	
Clubhouse Cleaning Deposit	3,925.00
Club House Rentals - Other	12,975.00
Total Club House Rentals	16,900.00
Clubhouse Cleaning Fee	125.00
Crab Feed Dinner	
50/50 Raffle	250.00
Bar Income	1,831.00
Dinner	5,477.50
Extra Crab Sales	61.00
Raffle	420.00
Wheel	81.00
Total Crab Feed Dinner	8,120.50
Direct Public Support	
Donations	1,252.00
Total Direct Public Support	1,252.00
First Community Bank	
Interest Savings	169.48
Total First Community Bank	169.48
Graffiti Party Income	
50/50 Raffle	179.00
Bar	3,101.00
Dinner Sales	4,195.00
Raffle	336.00
Salame Table	337.00
Wheel	112.00
Total Graffiti Party Income	8,260.00
Irene Myers Party Income	1,500.00
Luau Income	
Bar	1,859.00
Dinner Tickets Adlut	6,075.00
Hawaiian Raffle Tickets	6,405.00
Luau Dinner Tickets Child	130.00
Public Donation	1,000.00
Total Luau Income	15,469.00
Membership Clothing Income	1,045.00
Membership Income	
50/50 Raffle	1,063.00
Bar Receipts	3,374.00
Dinner Receipts	5,405.00

Donations	445.00
Gazette Advertiser Fees	235.00
Membership Dues	5,595.00
Total Membership Income	16,117.00
Parade Fund	
50/50 Raffle	320.00
Bar	992.00
Dinner Tickets	3,167.00
Donations	240.00
Pedro	39.00
Trophy Donation	420.00
Total Parade Fund	5,178.00
Park Rentals	
Park Cleaning Deposit	2,300.00
Park Rentals - Other	8,300.00
Total Park Rentals	10,600.00
Playground Equipment	
Public Donation	1,650.00
Total Playground Equipment	1,650.00
Poker Tourn	
Bar Sales	219.00
Donation	500.00
Food Sales	12.00
PSF Poker Income	678.00
Total Poker Tourn	1,409.00
Rummage Sale Income	1,287.00
St. Patricks Day	
50/50 Raffle	352.00
Bar Income	881.00
Dinner	3,101.50
Left Over Meat Sales	202.00
Public Donation	92.00
Wheel	130.00
Total St. Patricks Day	4,758.50
Trucker's Ball	
50/50 Raffle	210.00
Bar	1,094.00
Dinner Sales	1,452.00
Extra Food Sales	105.00
Public Donation	200.00
Total Trucker's Ball	3,061.00
Total Income	119,373.81
Expense	
4th of July Expenses	
4th of July Bar	725.81
4th of July Repairs & Main	181.95
Advertising	396.02
Apple Pie Awards	110.00
Band	400.00
Bar Supplies	93.60
Bartenders	630.00
Clean-Up	158.00
Food Expense	2,662.28
Gifts	207.90
July 4th Beer	1,305.00
Liquor License	25.00
Margarita Expense	521.00
Oysters	939.17
Portable Toilets	636.30
Prizes & Decorations	64.71
Salame Expense	565.14
Security	145.75
Serving Labor	682.00
Start up Bank	0.00
Supplies	21.46
Truck Rental	366.16
4th of July Expenses - Other	1,051.13
Total 4th of July Expenses	11,888.38
Beel's Soper Dinner	
Bar Expense	177.64
Food Expense	1,582.47
Total Beel's Soper Dinner	1,760.11
Clubhouse Cleaning	185.00
Clubhouse Expenses	
Bank Charges	146.98
Clubhouse Security	306.12
Garbage	2,718.43
Interest on Wells Fargo	1,712.20

Loan	
Kitchen Equipment	606.10
License Fee	20.00
Office Supplies	231.74
Property Insurance	2,001.50
Property Taxes	1,020.00
Real Estate Fees	900.00
Repairs and Maintenance	8,664.80
Telephone	317.82
Utilities (PG&E)	3,686.41
Water Bill	667.40
Total Clubhouse Expenses	22,999.50
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	1,000.00
Total Contract Services	1,000.00
Crab Feed	
Bar Expense	407.60
Dinner Expense	3,938.82
Dry Goods	125.00
Liquor License	25.00
Total Crab Feed	4,496.42
DeCaril Dinner	
Bar Expense	500.00
Dry Goods	260.00
Food Expense	1,226.58
Linen	256.17
Total DeCaril Dinner	2,242.75
Donations	
Christmas For Kids	250.00
Sonoma County Fair	467.61
Donations - Other	255.00
Total Donations	972.61
Franchise Tax Board	10.00
Graffiti Party	
Advertising	428.14
Band	400.00
Bar Expense	815.94
Bartenders	195.00
Dry Goods	150.00
Food Expense	1,697.10
Liquor License	25.00
Raffle Prize	450.00
Salame	182.44
Start up Bank	0.00
Total Graffiti Party	4,343.62
Irene Myers Party Expenses	523.22
Luau	
Advertising	1,051.71
Band	400.00
Bar	957.26
Dinner Expense	2,381.62
Equipment Rental	496.05
Hawaiian Dancers	400.00
Hawaiian Raffle Prize	3,646.00
Liquor License	25.00
Start up Bank	0.00
Total Luau	9,357.64
Membership Clothing Expense	1,478.25
Membership Expenses	
Articles Of Incorporation	0.00
Bar Expenses	2,499.50
Dinner Expenses	3,216.09
Directors and Officers Ins.	915.00
Dry Goods	517.00
Gazette Printing and Copying	372.11
Gazette Supplies	75.77
Gazette/Postage, Mailing Service	492.50
Misc.	39.62
Office Expense	120.29
Office Supplies	230.20
Payout on 50/50 raffle	44.00
Plaques	348.26
Total Membership Expenses	8,870.34
Parade	
Parade Permit	272.00
Signage	16.34
Traffic Control	630.32

Trophies	504.25
Total Parade	1,422.91
Parade Fundraiser	
Bar Expense	344.00
Dry Goods	150.00
Food Expense	302.13
Liquor License	25.00
Total Parade Fundraiser	821.13
Park Expenses	
Garbage	1,543.62
Office Supplies	8.80
PG&E Park Home	415.39
Property Insurance	2,000.00
Property Taxes	1,441.58
Repairs and Maintenance	6,583.04
Signs	408.75
Utilities (PG&E)	793.58
Water	613.94
Park Expenses - Other	303.90
Total Park Expenses	14,112.60
Park Playground Equipment	
Bar Supplies	93.60
Equipment Rental	200.00
Meals	647.05
Park Maintenance	4,321.75
Pea Gravel	2,104.96
Signage	3,240.00
Supplies	249.57
Park Playground Equipment - Other	41,545.29
Total Park Playground Equipment	52,402.22
Poker Tournament	
Bar Expense	115.20
Food Expense	402.68
Total Poker Tournament	517.88
Rummage Sale	
Rummage Sale Expenses	50.75
Total Rummage Sale	50.75
St. Patricks Day Expenses	
Dry Goods	120.00
Liquor License	25.00
Meat Cost	1,237.40
Misc. Food Cost	629.94
Total St. Patricks Day Expenses	2,012.34
Taxes	
Attorney General	50.00
Total Taxes	50.00
Truckers Ball	
Band	400.00
Bar Expense	400.00
Belt Buckle	208.10
Dry Goods	195.00
Food Expense	785.09
Liquor License	25.00
Total Truckers Ball	2,013.19
Workers Comp Insurance	297.06
Total Expense	143,827.92
Net Ordinary Income	-24,454.11
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Deposit Refund	
Clubhouse Deposit Refund	3,637.50
Park Deposit Refund	2,225.00
Total Deposit Refund	5,862.50
Total Other Expense	5,862.50
Net Other Income	-5,862.50
Net Income	-30,316.61

Social Firemen Meeting

September 7, 2011

Vice President Dean DeGraffenreid filled in for vacationing President Joel Reiter. The salute to the Flag was held.

Vice President Dean asked for guests. There was one, Ben----, he was given an application.

Minutes were approved as entered in the Gazette.

Patty Soper stated that the Social Firemen realized a profit of \$6157.00 from the August 27th Luau.

Vice President Dean stated that nominations will be in order at the October 5, 2011 meeting.

Vice president Dean read a letter from Kevin Diguileo, thanking the Social Firemen for buying his Fair Show hog.

Show hog.

Kevin plans to use the money for his Fire Academy schooling and for paying vet bills for his puppies. Kevin also plans to join the Marine Corp reserve this summer.

Vice President Dean, read off the list of volunteers that helped build the Children's Play equipment: Scott Thurston, Speed Messenberg, Nick Bursio, Mark Thurston,

Alan Davidson, Darrel Turner, Gary Jones, Steve Davidson, Darrel Brant, Peter Bursio, Bill King, Joe Reiter, Joe Pedrani, John Rossi and son, John Connelly, Dean DeGraffenreid, Mark Fala, Pete Albin, Joe & Chris Foss.

Kathryn Wickstrom and helpers were given a hand for the dinner preparation.

Pat Mottard volunteered for doing dinner at the October 5, 2011 meeting.

Raffle was held, made two happy members richer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Social Firemen Directors Meeting

Penngrove Social Firemen Directors meeting held after membership meeting. There was a quorum at this meeting. Those present: Kim Hanson, Dean DeGraffenreid, Joe Turner, Don Barella, Bill Park and Roland Mellor.


The Directors decided to give the same amount of money to Mr. Braga for "Christmas for Kids" program. The amount was \$250.00.

We received a bid of \$3178.00 to remove old roof, fix loose boards, repair or replace sheeting needed, install new gutters and rug roofing. Using 15 lb. felt under shingles. The Directors decided to accept this bid.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.


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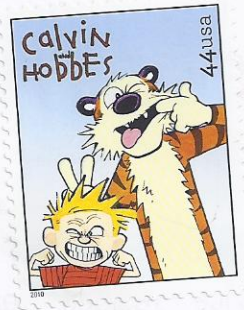
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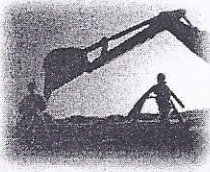


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