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OCTOBER 2012

When the government fears the people we have liberty. When people fear the government we have tyranny. *Thomas Jefferson*

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A GLANCE AT 2013

➤ January T.B.A. Italian Night

A night of fine Italian food served in a tradition family style. Music, Raffle, Bar, Pedro Tournament earlier in the day. Ticket, confirmed date and additional information and tickets available November 1, 2012

➤ January - 2 Regular Meeting

➤ January - 7 Directors Meeting

➤ February T.B.A. Crab Feed

Our Crab Feed is normally a quick sell out the tickets will be available January 2013. The price is determined by market price of crab.

➤ February - 6 Regular Meeting

➤ February - 11 Directors Meeting

➤ March T.B.A. Corned Beef

Our Corned Beef and Cabbage is one of our long term events. It started in the 70's and is still going strong. This is on a Sunday and goes for four hours.

➤ March - 6 Regular Meeting

➤ March-11 Directors Meeting

➤ April - 3 Regular Meeting

➤ April - 8 Directors Meeting

➤ May T.B.A. Truckers Ball

Last year this was a total sell out. This event had seen a diminishing crowd, but was brought to life by members, Julie Hanson, Roland Mellor and a Host of others. The Big Buckle Raffle sponsored by Reliance Towing.

➤ May - 1 Regular Meeting

➤ May - 6 Directors Meeting

➤ June - 5 Regular Meeting

➤ June - 10 Directors Meeting

➤ July - 3 Regular Meeting

➤ July - 7 Penngrove Celebration

Our big event. A breakfast on July 6th at the Penngrove Fire Station hosted Rancho Adobe Fire Fighters Assoc. Kicks the weekend. July 7th The "Biggest Little Parade in No. Calif." Starts at 11:00 am followed by food, drinks and fun in the Park.

➤ July T.B.A. Car Show

This year will be our 3rd annual Hot Rods and Bar BQ. In 2012 we had over 200 cars on display, music by Charlie Baker, the best Bar BQ chicken by Stan Pronzini. Chairperson and Hot Rod enthusiast John Rossi and Crew do a great job.

➤ July - No Director Meeting

➤ August - 7 Regular Meeting

➤ August - 12 Directors Meeting

➤ August T.B.A. Luau

Last Year's Luau was down in attendance. This is a great event and Chairperson: Kim Hansen put a lot of effort in to making this work. A round trip ticket vacation for two to Hawaii is a big hit.

➤ September - 4 Regular Meeting

➤ September - 9 Directors Meeting

➤ October - 2 Regular Meeting

➤ October - 7 Directors Meeting

➤ November - 6 Regular Meeting

➤ November -11 Directors Meeting

➤ December - 4 Regular Meeting

➤ December - 9 Directors Meeting

Regular Meeting

October 3, 2012

Doors Open @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Rancho Adobe Fire Fighters Associations

Are hosting an October Fest thyme.

Traditional German Dinner

They are donating the food as well as preparing.

SPECIAL PRICE

\$ 5.00 per person

Rancho Adobe Fire Fighters Associations is doing the dinner to show their appreciation to the Penngrove Social Firemen for the support that we provide though out the year.

October Nominations for Directors Election in December

Nominations will be open for December election of

Directors for a two year term:

01/01/2013 to 01/01/2015.

Director's terms that end 01/01/2013:

Dean DeGraffenreid

Kim Hansen

Stan Pronzini

Ray Soper

Nominations will close following our

November 7, 2012 regular meeting

ELECTIONS DECEMBER 5, 2012

REGULAR MEETING

Directors Meeting

October 8, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Ray Soper's

P.S.F. Membership Meeting September 5, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. by Secretary Joe Turner, as President Ray Soper, stayed home with his wife Patty of whose Father is very ill, and Vice President Dean DeGraffenreid is on a vacation in Italy. Marvin Augustine led us in the Salute to the Flag. Boards of Directors present were: Joe Turner, Kim Hanson, Bill Park & Scott Thurston. Guests present were Bob & Molly Moretti. No new members.

Minutes of previous meeting & newsletter were approved as written in Gazette.

The Treasurer Report: Treasurer Scott Thurston read the Treasures Report.

General Checking:	\$38,571.51
Petty Cash:	450.00
Savings:	39,313.34
Total	\$78,334.85

Kim Hanson gave report on the Hawaiian Luau held on August 25, 2012. There were 127 there for the Luau dinner. Kim thanked everyone that attended to make it a success. Net profit was \$1659.90.

Penngrove Social Firemen donated \$500.00 to the Petaluma Little League.

Rich Mellor obtained a baseball with all the participants' signatures and a photo of the team.

Good of the Order: Patty Soper's father is in very poor health and need our prayers and blessings.

No other business old or new brought up. So the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm. with dinner to follow.

Steve Davidson stated that the Rancho Adobe Firemen will cook for us at the October meeting.

There was a 50/50 Raffle with three lucky winners; one winner gave money back to the club.

Good of the Order


Patty Soper's Father, John Ruckrigl, passed away September 6, 2012. Penngrove Social Firemen offer their condolences.

Message from Penngrove Social Firemen, **Jimmy Ferina**: "Just touching base with you letting you know my last chemo will be the end of October (this one is kicking my ass). But I am going to beat it!"

YES on Measure Z!

- ✓ The Fire District has cut expenses by 25%.
- ✓ Would not approve any salary increases in four of the past five years.
- ✓ Kept salaries 22% lower than neighboring districts.
- ✓ The Rancho Adobe Fire District does not have any unfunded pension liability for firefighters.
- ✓ There has not been a Fire District tax increase in 19 years, but your firefighters need your help now.
- ✓ Measure Z proposes an additional parcel tax of \$60.00 per year (or an additional 16 cents per day) for just eight years.
- ✓ **Without additional tax revenue, the Fire District will have to brown out one station per day and reduce staff by 25%.** This will greatly increase the current three minute response time.
- ✓ By keeping three fire stations open:
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Park

Ed Grossi Has been working on calculating water irrigation needs for the Park couple with using our own well system couple with storage. We are getting a jump on Spring 2013.

Social Firemen Help Little League

The Social Firemen had sent \$ 500.00 to help defer cost for families to attend their sons playing in the Little League World Series in Williamsport In return we were give a base ball signed by the entire team. It will be on display in our show case in the bar area of the clubhouse.

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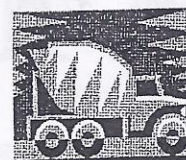
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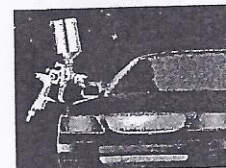
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Painting the Park Open for Discussion

We all know our Penngrove Park is due for a paint job. This is no small undertaking; the problem is we are 3 to 4 years overdue. The cost for this can range from \$ 16,000 to \$ 19,000. There is a huge amount of prep work involved. If we decide it may be able to be done before winter sets in on us. Couple with painting siding needs to be replaced on the Rangers house due to dry rot.

This will be a major topic for discussion at our October regular meeting. This must be a membership decision based on the capitol layout.

Our goal is to preserve what we have. Our Park is a popular place for local citizens to visit, walk their dogs and children to play. It is also a source of revenue virtue of rental receipts. Please put some thought to the table so we can all move forward on this issue.

Our Park this last year has looked the best in sometime so let's see if can keep it moving forward.

Remember our motto "Serving our Community"

Presidents Message

It's almost hard to believe that we are into the last quarter of 2012. In review of this year our events, Italian Night, Crab Feed, Corned Beef and Cabbage, Truckers Ball, Penngrove Celebration, Hot Rods and Bar BQ we all sell out events. Our Luau fell a little short mostly because a lot of other events in the South Sonoma County area and the weather (it was cold) hurt us. Believe me it wasn't for the lack of work by our members involved. Good news is we still made \$ 1600.00 so that's better than a sharp stick in the eye. The people who worked on this did a great job.

We repaired our kitchen to be once again functional, repairs lead by Scott Thurston.

I want to personally thank Mike Thurman for his fence work. This guy is a perfectionist; every board cut to fit and he prefers to work alone. Mike, you did a great job and something we can all be proud of for years to come.

My unsung heroes of the Penngrove Social Firemen Are:

Stephanie Exline. Stephanie takes care of our bar inventory for EVERY MEETING and EVERY EVENT believe no small task. She inventories, orders and picks up the product, reviews with chair people for input on numbers. I'm willing to bet very few members know what she does, basically a thankless job.

Bill Park, who takes care of all the rentals of the Clubhouse. As this is a major source of income, how many people know the number of hours Bill puts in (It far exceeds the 8 hour requirement) Thank you Bill.

Alan Davidson, Penngrove Park Ranger. He of course is provided with housing and utilities for taking care of the park and keeping things secure. Did you know he also does all the bookings for rentals in the park that means sending our contracts collecting money and making sure the tenants leave everything clean.

All Chair People for committees and events. Not enough consideration is given to these hard working people that make things happen and the ones I know do not what to be recognized, don't want anything for free and participate in all other events buy purchasing tickets to the event.

Members, who come every month and enjoy our hospitality, buy tickets to a lot of events and participate to their abilities in helping throughout the year. In my own observation 99% of our members are willing to help, participate and pay their way without a complaint. We do have that 1% that don't seem to have that same commitment, but that's okay too.

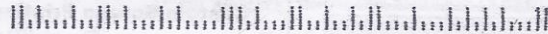


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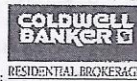
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