

**Resource Guide  
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Ray Soper and Roland Mellor

**Crab Feed**

Roland Mellor

**Corned Beef and Cabbage**

Stan Pronzini

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Roland Mellor & Julie Hansen,

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Patty Soper

**July Celebration**

Board of Directors

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**Membership Meeting**

**January 4, 2017**

**Famous Fried Chicken**

**By PW Scoggins and Crew**

**Directors Meeting**

**January 9, 2017 6:00PM**

**7850 Davis Lane,  
Penngrove**

Penngrove Social Firemen



**GAZETTE**

**JANUARY 2017**

P.O. Box 264, Penngrove, CA 94951

**Presidents Message**

Another year has gone by and I would like to thank our members, directors and community for the support this past year. Financially speaking, we had a successful year and, although many projects were done, we have additional tasks at hand for 2017. It is a never-ending process of fund raising, meetings, accounting, rentals, and maintenance.

We always need help, and my goal is to recruit new faces for the future. We are an aging group with hope that a younger generation will step forward and take the reins in leadership on committees, projects, dinners, etc. I think a prime example is Jessica Koehnen taking on the monthly newsletter task. I hope everyone understands, the Penngrove Social Firemen are rich in talent and commitment, and we are doing our best to serve our community without politics, religion, or negativity to interfere with our goal.

Special thanks to **Tim and Stephanie Exline** for their years of service in maintaining our bar inventory and setting up for meetings. This is no small task and we all appreciate what you have done.

Penngrove Social Firemen are independent and require careful decisions throughout the year. Your input is always welcome. Feel free to contact any one of the directors, or me personally.

Respectfully,

Ray Soper, President

**❖ ❖ ❖ Upcoming Events ❖ ❖ ❖**

**January 21**

Taste Of Italy Dinner - Set up for this event will be on that morning at 8 a.m. Anyone available to help out? Your efforts are much appreciated.

Event details:

Cocktails 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Pork Scaloppini, Chicken Cacciatore, Ravioli, Salad

Adult \$20 - Tickets are limited

Call Ray or Patty Soper (707)795-3298



**February 11**

Crab Feed at the Clubhouse

Price will be \$45.

More information to come...





## PENNGROVE SOCIAL FIREMEN DIRECTORS MEETING

December 12, 2016

### RAY SOPER RESIDENCE

Present: President Ray Soper; Directors: Roland Mellor, Julie Hanson, Nick Bursio, Scott Finley, Don Barella, and Joe Pedrani. Also, guests Patty Soper and Tony McGaughey. Directors Joe Turner and Stan Prozini were absent.

Tony McGaughey manages a Girls Petaluma softball team of 12 year olds called Steel Breeze. He is asking permission for them to practice at the PSF ballfield 2 days a week. Their try-outs are on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Tony said he will help maintain and do projects, if needed, at the field. It was agreed. PSF will pay for supplies while, Tony and some helpers will install the All Thread needed at the dugouts.

The need for a treasurer was discussed in detail. Julie Hanson was asked to take this over and someone else will be secretary. She has agreed to "try" and see how much work it will entail. Roland Mellor agreed to assist her. Julie will still do the secretary's job of taking notes, for now.

Bev Palm, in addition to being the contact person for renting the clubhouse and park, will write up the rental contracts. There was discussion to collect ALL money up front for park and clubhouse rentals. This will be happening now and there will be a security deposit of \$500 required for the park. Roland Mellor made a motion to approve, Joe Pedrani seconded, and all in attendance approved!

At the February meeting, we would like to acknowledge the non-members that volunteer at PSF functions. For the Taste Of Italy dinner on January 21<sup>st</sup>, Don, Ray, Larry, and Ed will make sausage. Last year, Suzie Barella made the biscotti. This year, 92 year old Mrs. Testa and her daughter, Char from Testa Vineyards, are making 400 biscotti. Also, that night Steve Albini will play accordion for your listening pleasure. Set up for this event will be on that morning, on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 8AM. Anyone available to help out is appreciated. We need to have cleanup people to do dishes after the Wednesday night membership meetings. It was suggested that we pull a different members name from the hat to stay and help each month. If we don't have volunteers we will need to hire someone. Stephanie and Tim Exline will not be setting up tables on meeting nights or doing the liquor management anymore. Joe Pedrani will do the liquor management, and Don Barella will set up the PA system.

Dues for the 2017 year will be left at \$50.

February 11, 2017 is the Crab Feed at the clubhouse and the price will be \$45. More will follow regarding the event as time draws nearer.

Julie Hanson will contact electrician Rodney Pierce about the lights outside clubhouse bar and also at front of building. Regulate to stay on longer or replace with dusk to dawn feature.

We have helped out Penngrove School in the past, but have not been asked for assistance in a while. They are requesting donation toward the outdoor education program that takes place on April 29<sup>th</sup>. We have agreed to donate \$1,000 for this purpose.

We will put a culvert over the ditch near big container location to help with flooding. Each month a director will collect dinner tickets at meal time on Wednesday Meeting night. Meeting wrapped up at 7:45 pm.

## PENNGROVE SOCIAL FIREMEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING December 7, 2016

President Ray Soper called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm. Salute to the flag was led by Dan Colville. We were reminded that today stood for the Day of Infamy, the day Pearl Harbor was bombed in Oahu, Hawaii in 1941.

Good of the Order: Patty Soper, whom Ray referred to as "The Warden" recently had surgery on her Achilles tendon and is doing great. Ray asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Sylvia Lichau. Noting no changes to the minutes in the December Newsletter, they stand approved.

Treasurer Joe Pedrani read the treasurer's report:

General Checking:	\$ 51,498.50
Petty Cash:	\$ 450.00
First Community Savings:	39,477.46
Total:	\$ 91,425.96
Exchange Bank Ball Park Fund	\$1175.53

The Treasurer's report stands approved. The current property tax is due and will be paid in full on the Clubhouse and First installment on the Park.

President Soper recognized all that are helped in the Penngrove community through the efforts of PSF. No other organization compares to what we do, all should be very proud of this.

Guests tonight: John Rossi introduced Jim & Tammy Atwood. Jim is a driver for Toby's Trucking, and Tammy is General Manager at Sonoma Pharmaceuticals. Darrin Schleth brought his grandson Cody, who goes to school and rides dirt bikes. Yvonne brought Rick M and he is at Benson Chevrolet. Ed Grossi brought his General Manager Joe Hadley, who is here from Florida.



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**Membership meeting notes, continued...**

New member Joy brought a board with pictures from a past meeting. Everyone was welcome to take their picture with them. Thanks Joy for capturing the night in photos.

Thank you for ALL of the Christmas gifts for the secret Santa project and the very many gift cards. Your generosity will make a Merry Christmas for some families and their kids.

Thanks go out to Katie, Carline and Scott Finley for putting the Christmas tree on the stage. It looks perfect.

Jessica Scoggins is now the person taking care of the Penngrove Gazette newsletter. We are happy to have her help.

Dave Tarca bought the back field that we use occasionally for overflow parking. Dave is easy to work with and we see no problems in the future.

The Gold Key award is for someone that silently works in the background, someone who does lots but is not noticed as the one who does it. This award went to Carline Finley. Carline puts upcoming notices in the billboard on the corner of town, all year long. We appreciate it a lot!

The Silver Spoon Award is going to someone who does much for dinners and fundraisers. This year it is Vernon Chang. He has been a great help with cooking and the beer products, and beer truck at our park events.

The Presidents' Choice Award, started by Chuck Harmon, went to a Penngrove native who was born to be a helper: Scott Finley! Scott is on the Board of Directors and helps Don Barella in keeping the park in tune.

Voting took place tonight for the 4 new Board of Directors for the next 2 years. Winners tonight in the election for Jan 1, 2017 to Dec 31, 2018 are: Joe Pedrani, Ray Soper, Kim Hanson & John Rossi. All have served as directors at one time. We are happy to have you onboard.

Kim Hanson brought up that she wants to organize a light parade in downtown Penngrove for December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. This is very short notice but PSF agreed to donate \$200 to her for Smart Train regulators, after John Rossi made to motion to approve, Julie Hanson seconded it and it was approved by all, with 1 person dissenting. We wish her success on this event.

Larry Wagner asked for indulgence for the unfortunate people who perished in the recent warehouse fire in Oakland.

Cooks for the January meeting are P.W. Scoggins and his helpers. He will fix fried chicken.

Meeting was dismissed at 7:35 PM.

We had a great raffle with lots of items to pick from. Special thanks to you Pam Rossi for selling the tickets and also to Jan Johnson for purchasing the raffle items.





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