

# Penngrove Social Firemen

# GAZETTE

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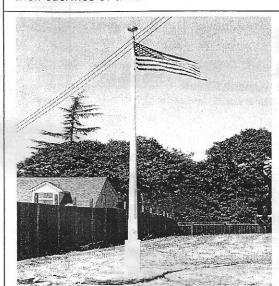
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## Penngrove Social Firemen dedicate the Bennie Pronzini Memorial Playground

The Social Firemen at our recent Luau on August 27, 2011 hosted 285 patrons to our (now) Annual Luau. The dedication went off well. A host of the Pronzini family members as well as Benny's wife, Mary and children Patti, Stan and Debbie unveiled the sign. Supervisor David Rabbit presented A Gold Proclamation honoring the Penngrove Social Firemen and Benny Pronzini. The proclamation was signed by all five members of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. It will be framed and hung in the Clubhouse.

All were entertained by a great group of traditional Hawaiian dancers along with the infamous Charley Baker and his group. We served an excellent Hawaiian dinner with the help of about 10 Social Firemen, if I start to mention names I will likely leave someone out. We all know who worked and we thank those members for their sacrifice of time.



### **Regular Meeting** Sept. 7, 2011

**Head Chef** 

Kathryn Wickstrom, Penngrove "Kathryn always does a great job" Ray Soper Meeting 7:00 p.m. Dinner follows



# **Playground Equipment**

The cost of erecting the newly purchased equipment was to be \$ 8000.00. Scott Thurston took the bull by the horns along with several volunteers and put it all together. This a list of those who gave their time: Scott Thurston, Mark Thurston, Speed Messenberg, Gary (Chancey) Jones, Nick and Peter Bursio, Joe Reiter, Joe Pedrani, Steve Davidson, Darrell Brant, Pete Albini, John Connelly, Darrell Turner, Bill King, Alan Davidson, John Rossi and Son, Mark Fala and Dean DeGraffenreid.

# Flag Pole

Take a look when you drive by the Clubhouse, there is a new flag pole, at least it looks new. Darrell Turner and John Connelly took the time to rebuild the flag pole. This was no small task, that flag pole has been there forever and the base had pretty much rotted away. These guys designed a new base and were able to salvage the flag pole by cleaning it and repainting. The top of the pole has a round copper ball that over many years had been a place for target practice for kids with BB guns. Darrell and Ray Soper figured out it was likely Dean when he was about 10 years old ?????????

**Director's Meeting September 12, 2011** Location: T.B.A.

### Penngrove Social Firemen Membership Meeting August 3, 2011

Meeting called to order by Joel Reiter, Ken Joseph led us in the salute to the Flag.

President Reiter asked if any new members or guests present. New member: James E. Mayo joined in June 2011 James address is PO BOX 272 Penngrove Ca. 94951 Phone # 623-5422. Sponsors were: Jeanette Orme & James Orme.

Mike Foretell from Petaluma informed the membership that he was holding a rally in downtown Petaluma on August 5, 2011 from 9 am -2 pm for raising funds to fight Muscular Dystrophy disease. Mike's phone # is 217-0978.

President Reiter asked for errors or omissions on the July minuets, hearing none they stand approved.

President Reiter related some news items regarding the July BBQ & Parade. It was a pretty hot day, which kept attendance down. There were 65 parade entrees. President Reiter thanked all the people that made the event happen. Said the Club made \$400.00 more than last year's event.

The first ever Car Show at the Penngrove Park was held on July 23, 2011 and it was a huge success. The event was chaired by Johnny Rossi and his wife Pam. A nice Chicken BBQ was offered and everything was sold out. There were 110 cars displayed. The event made more than \$4200.00

Deleting of three events is a possibility because of low attendance. This will be thoroughly discussed by the Directors at the August 8, 20011 meeting.

The Penngrove Park has a new gate thanks to George Beltremetti donating the gate and to Speed Messenberg for installing it.

The fence next to the existing playground equipment at the entrance to the Park is in terrible shape and will be removed and a new fence will be built.

Scott Thurston is the "Ram Rod" of the new playground equipment and has started installing material along with Nick Bursio for the equipment. Holes were drilled and some of the steel poles inserted in concrete. Scott needs more help for the next couple of weeks for installing all the equipment.

Ray Soper read a card from the Baldwin Family thanking the Penngrove Social Firemen for use of the Park free for the funeral of their 32 year old son.

Dean DeGraffenreid mentioned Club purchased a 4H pig at this year's fair.

Kim Hanson and helpers were thanked for tonight's dinner. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

### **Penngrove Social Firemen Directors** Meeting August 8, 2011

President Reiter opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Those present were: Kim Hanson, Al Davidson, Roland Mellor, Joel Reiter, Joe Turner, Patty & Ray Soper, Speed Messenberg, Dean DeGraffenreid, Don Borella and Scott Thurston.

Speed Messenberg our Electrician went through the work required for the old lamps over the Clubhouse benches. One thing we should be aware of -all the lamps should have 35 watt maximum globes. The electrician states it could be as high as \$4000.00 with 4 days of work and material to change out butterfly switches and components of (15) wall fixtures. The price could be less, depending on what shape the fixtures are in. It was moved, seconded and passed to go ahead with this project immediately with the money coming out of the Savings account.

Scott Thurston gave a report on progress of the new Playground equipment for the Penngrove Park. Scott and Nick Bursio got a good start on the equipment with drilling holes for the supports, lining the supports up and pouring cement around them. Scott said the project is 35% complete another 8 days needed to complete the

Patty Soper said the Dedication Sign is done and ready for pick up.

There are three areas in the front of the park and use of them is continually growing. It was moved, seconded and passed to place signs in the ground designating each area with and "A", "B" and "C" and each sign will state "This area is limited to a maximum of (15) persons." There will be a sign at the entrance of the Park stating that "Persons shall park in the west end of the Park". This is being done to keep the entrance road available for traffic to go both ways easily without vehicles parked on both sides of the road.

Ray Soper stated that some type of compensation should be granted to key persons working on the new Playground equipment, because of the many hours they are giving the Social Firemen. An executive session will meet to discuss what we will do on this subject.

The broken up fence at the front of the Park will be replaced.

Question came up-When we hire Security people and when they can't handle an occurrence and they call the Sheriff- who pays the Sheriff? Ray Soper is putting together a new application for use of Park and the Club House and that may answer questions like the

Large Oak tree at neighbors next to our Clubhouse broke and is headed toward Clubhouse. We will ask Steve Turner if he could remove some of the limbs.

Garbage rates went up at the Clubhouse and the Park adding another \$80.00 to our monthly expenses.

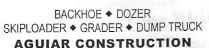
Directors discussed the profitability of some of our fundraisers and the amount of time that is involved in these particular fund raisers. After much discussion it was voted on not to have the following (3) Fund raisers.

- Hunters Feed, last year's net profit was 1. \$586.71
- Poker Tournament, last year's profit was \$891.12
- Truckers Ball, last year's profit was \$1047.81.

These Fund raisers will be replaced by:

- The Graffiti Car Show which will be held annually the last Saturday of July. The profit from this show was \$4200.00
- Luau in the Park, on the last Saturday of August. The profit last year was \$53,000.
- Parade Fundraiser, which we have had for the last 2 years, Risotto and Chicken dinner in January 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.



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