

## Resource Guide

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**Corned Beef and Cabbage**

Stan Pronzini

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**July Celebration** - Board of

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# Penngrove Social Firemen GAZETTE SEPTEMBER 2021

P.O. Box 264, Penngrove, CA 94951

## Lyndi's Corner By Lyndi Brown

Congrats to Heather – Penngrove's Heather Mahoney (pictured, on right) has been competing nationally and internationally in Junior Racquetball since she was 8 years old. The senior at Casa Grande High has been a California state champion and a World champion 4 times (10s, 12s, 14s and 14 doubles), with many national championships under her belt. There were no competitions in 2020, yet she was named the #1 16 and under Girl on Team USA after applications, videos of drilling etc. Congratulations, Heather!



## Penngrove Market's Saturday Music Schedule

Bring your chair, relax on the outdoor patio, order burgers from the outdoor grill, or shop indoors for dinner and snacks. Here's the line-up for Saturdays, 5 – 7 pm in September: 4th - The Bluebyrds; 11th - Derek King & Combo; 18th – SideDish; 25th - Ekaa & the Ancients. Check the blackboard inside for possible 2 pm musical acts.



Good Gray – Visit a new shop in town, Good Gray: A Commonplace Shop, located beside Penngrove Motorcycle (formerly the Buddhist building). Laura Reid (pictured, on left) offers exquisite household products, from German brushes, textiles, and soaps, to art supplies and kitchen items. Daughter Lily Reid (pictured, on right) offers hand-knitted garments. Open Thursday - Sunday 11 to 5. (p.s. Christmas is coming.)

Thai Osha BBQ – Be sure to check out the new restaurant in the OSH (Wilco) Center down the road. You can also order online, or through Door Dash.

Penngrove Neighbors signs are up on Old Red Hwy., to acknowledge the neighbors who pick up trash twice a year, from Ely Rd. to Minnesota.

**The Treasurer's Report will  
now be posted at the monthly  
membership meetings.**



## **Penngrove Social Firemen Membership Meeting**

Held in the Penngrove Park on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 6:30pm

The pledge was led by Bob Muelrath.

Good to the Order: All is good!!! Thank goodness.

Treasure Report was read by Julie. However, it came to our attention we should not disclose the figures in the newsletter, but rather have it posted at the meetings.

Motion: 1st by Joe, 2nd by Julie and approved by all.

This decision was based on not having our financials available for public view. Even though this is only published for our members, this information could be viewed by outsiders. This came about as we have been targeted with a fraud incident. Julie explained she was contacted by Bank of America. Someone had deposited a check in the amount of \$3800.00 that appeared to be a fraud. They copied a check of ours using the signature and created their own check. After contacting our bank, 4 other checks were honored for a total of \$14,000.00. All checks were from out of state. Julie has been working with the bank, closing our current account, and reopening new. Very time consuming. Thank you, Julie, for the added work you have put into this matter. We will be reimbursed for this, but the bank needs to follow their guidelines. Julie has been working with the bank, closing our current account, and reopening new. Very time consuming. Thank you, Julie, for the added work you have put into this matter. We will be reimbursed for this, but the bank needs to follow their guidelines.

Guests: Kyle Cameron, Beverly, Heather, and Summer.

New member: Kyle Cameron – Welcome!

-Giant Tree Service took care of some much-needed pruning on several trees.

-Ed Grossi replaced two trees in the park. Thank you so much! These trees will add much needed shade and beauty.

-Peter Bursio repaired a leaning pole on the side of the bar. Thank you!

New Business:

-Many years of thought have pondered over installing air conditioning in the clubhouse. Bob Moretti works for ARC, who does refrigeration and air conditioning. ARC will sell us an A/C unit for cost, \$3000.00, and install it for free. Byron Nelson has generously donated the cost. This will be a much-needed improvement to our haven. Anyone who has been inside during the summer knows how hot it gets. We can't thank both enough for this gift.

-We bartended for an event called A-Z. It was a success. We received \$855.00 in tips, and they donated \$1200.00 to us...and, left us the extra alcohol.

-Car show coming up on Saturday. We are providing the food and bar. Should be another success.

-PSF will cook for a birthday party at the end of August.

-Scott reminding everyone the importance of volunteering. We can't do these events without help. Just an hour or two of your time is appreciated.

Thank you to the tonight's cooks: Stanley, Arnie, Paul, Joe, and Patsy for the dessert.

Adjourned at 6:52pm.



The next membership meeting will be held on  
Wednesday, September 1 at the park, at 6:00pm  
Please join us!

## **Penngrove Social Firemen Board Meeting**

Held at the Park on Wednesday, August 18, 202, at 6:00pm

All board members present.

Discussion:

Bob brought us up to date on our new insurance for the park and clubhouse. The new premium will be \$4200.00 for property and \$3000.00 for liability. Our old policy was not renewed by the company due to fire potential in our county. Our broker was very limited on getting us bids from several companies, as few write for non-profits.

Bob will work on having the new A/C installed at the clubhouse as soon as possible. Again, a huge thank you to Byron Nelson for his generous donation, as well as to ARC for providing the installation and the unit at cost.

Thank you, letters came in from Katie Finely and Peyton Piazza for our donations to their animals at the fair—a job well done by both kids. This is great learning experience for them both.

Julie advised that all monies have been deposited back into our general checking from the fraud case.

The car show we cooked for on August 7th was a huge success. We made a profit of \$5100.00. Thank you to all who help make this event successful. We will be doing it again next year.

Bev talked about a call she received from Tony with Elite Baseball. They are using the ballfield for weekly practices and wish to modify it. They will meet with the board at the next meeting to discuss the details.

No motions made. Membership meetings will be at the park until further notice. The next meeting September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Adjourned at 6:45pm.

## **Looking Back by Jack Withington**

### **PENNGROVE..... TAKING THE FERRY BOAT**

Until 1958, to go to the East Bay from Penngrove or Sonoma or Marin counties one had to take the cross-bay auto ferry. If you were in your family auto, a truck loaded with freshly killed or live poultry or any other Vehicle, you had to take the ferry to cross the bay. The auto ferry ran from San Rafael, near San Quentin prison, to Point Richmond. In 1958, a new San Rafael-to-Richmond Bridge was completed.

Taking a ride on the ferry was an experience that cannot be reproduced. The ferry ran on a fixed schedule. If you were going from Penngrove to the Eastbay, you had to queue up at the San Rafael ferry slip. There, one had to wait anywhere from ten minutes to an hour. The wait had to be repeated going west.

When your cross bay ferry arrived at the slip you could hear the awaiting auto and truck engines roar to life. The ferry crew personnel directed your vehicle to your position aboard the ferry. Once inside the ferry after your vehicle was secure you were free to explore the ferry and all its interesting maritime paraphernalia. One could peer into the engine room and watch the "Black Gang", or engine crew stripped down to their trousers, because of the heat, doing their tasks to keep the ferry running!

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**Looking Back by Jack Withington (continued)**

After viewing the cacophony of the ever-churning ferry engines you have time to go up the stairway to the ferry's coffee shop or galley and have a snack or a meal and a cup of Joe (coffee). As you reached your destination you would get back into your vehicle, restart your engine and wait for the signal to joining the line of cars and trucks to debark the vessel.

Prior to 1937, vehicle traffic going south to San Francisco from the North Bay to the Oregon border had to take an auto ferry (controlled by the railroads) to get from Marin to San Francisco. In 1937, the Golden Gate Bridge was opened to north-south traffic. Building the bridge was no easy task. Those who wanted the bridge built faced position from the railroads that controlled all the commerce coming from the north, or the military worried about the bridge might fall down and block ship traffic. Among the last opposition group was the Sierra Club. Their concern was that the Bridge would ruin the view of the Golden Gate!