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SEPTEMBER 2013

Resource Guide

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- President, Ray Soper**
 Vice President, Dean De Graffenreid
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 Director, John Rossi
 Director, Speed Meesenburg
 Director, Stan Pronzini
 Director, Bill Park
 Director, Kim Hanson

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Clubhouse Committee

- Patty Soper
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Park Committee

- Kim Hanson
 Sue Barrass
 Ray Soper

Fundraising Committee

- Stan Pronzini, Chairperson
 Joe Reiter July Celebration
 Stan Pronzini St. Patrick's
 Roland Mellor Crab Feed
 Kim Hanson Hawaiian Luau
 John Rossi Hot Rods and Bar BQ
 Dean DeGraffenreid Italian Night
 Julie Hanson and
 Roland Mellor Truckers Ball

Social Affairs Committee

- Dean De Graffenreid Dinners
 Stephanie Exline Bar
 Pam Rossi and
 Debbie Passanisi 50/50 Raffle

Website

Penngrovesocialfiremen.org

- Debbie Strain Webmaster

Membership Committee

- Ray Soper

Gazette Committee

- Sue Barrass, Editor

By-Laws and Legal Committee

- Bill Fishman

Penngrove Park Rental

- Alan Davidson

Information: 707-795-5404

**Regular Meeting,
 September 4th Club House
 Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.
 Darrell Turner and Crew**

Directors Meeting

(Directors Only)

September 9, 2013

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 WEBSITE: Penngrovesocialfiremen.org**

Saturday, September 7, 2013

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Penngrove Social Firemen Membership Meeting August 7, 2012

President Soper called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Courtland Pelton led the salute to the flag President Soper stated that Social Firemen will miss **Ron Mellor** in his sudden passing. He was always there when needed and was a hard worker for the Social Firemen. Also the passing of **Dorothy Mendonca** was honored. A moment of silence for both Ron and Dorothy was observed. President mentioned that Scott Thurston was absent as he is tending to his ill mother. On the brighter side the President introduced Patrick and Cindy Smyth who are celebrating 36 years of marriage today.

It was stated that we have \$ 8036.25 in a separate fund for the Penngrove Park ball field. A special thanks to the Ron Mellor family for their recent donations in memory of Ron.

There were several guest tonight that helped John Rossi on this years Car Show.

Treasures Report:

1. General Checking \$ 28,258.34
2. Petty Cash \$ \$ 450.00
3. Savings \$ 39,349.27
4. Total: \$ 68,057.61

Major Park Repairs

B. Nelson Jr. net cost: \$ 28,958.00

Nick Bursio, concrete ramp to the Park Barn \$ 1700.00

Mike Tomasek Welding, Hand Rails (Gazebo) \$ 600.00

TOTAL NET COST: \$ 31,258.08

The Park Ranger's house had more dry rot that expected. All four sides of the house had to be sided.

A special thanks was announced thanking Frizelle Enos of Penngrove for donating the dust proofing of the driveway in the Park.

Ed Grossi gave a report on the reconditioning of the ball field. Work will start in September/October 2013. Joe Reiter gave a review of the July Penngrove Celebration parade and BBQ. This year the net profit was \$10,900.00; 2012 net was \$12,300.00. Joe thanked everyone that helped. John Rossi gave a review of this year's Car Show and BBQ. The net this year was \$ 9,047.00; 2012 net was \$ 6500.00. John thanked everyone that helped make the show a success. John said there were 260 vehicles at the show.

Julie Hanson asked why drinks are \$ 3.00 for some events and \$ 4.00 for others. President Soper said he will

bring the question to Board of Directors meeting on August 12, 2013. Louise Reiter asked why the mirrors have not been installed behind the bar. Yvonne Schleth said her husband will install the mirrors. President Soper said after negotiating with our insurance broker (George Petersen Insurance) we were able to reduce our insurance by \$ 1000.00 this year over last.

Kim Hanson gave a report on this year's coming Luau. Kim has the tickets for the event plus the raffle tickets for the trip to Hawaii. They are available at Java more Café in Penngrove.

It was moved and seconded to close the meeting at 8:00 p.m. We all enjoyed a great meal prepared by Rick and Roland Mellor.

Penngrove Social Firemen Directors Meeting August 12, 2013

President Ray Soper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Directors present: Ray Soper, Scott Thurston, Kim Hanson, Bill Park, Dean DeGraffenreid, Speed Meesenberg, John Rossi, Stan Pronzini was absent due to his work schedule. Ed Grossi will start on the ball field in September or October 2013; it appears that that Ed has everything lined up.

Kim Hanson asked if it be appropriate to get a bid from Ed Grossi. Ed says he can do the job (volunteering) for under the \$ 8000.00 budgeted for the work. The directors, who many know Ed said to let him do the job. Grossi said there are many gophers at the site but may have a way of ridding them. Possible donations may be open from Friedman's to either discount or donate some of the materials. Soper said the we need to consider a new stove/range for the park before nest season to replace the old one. We need trees or more umbrella shades for the existing picnic tables in the park. There needs to be a new door installed on the barn that would be a little wider to accommodate equipment. A motion was passed to have a new door put on the barn. A lot of discussion about our prices of beverages at Social Firemen events with more to come on this topic. Kim Hanson reported that she is working on the new contracts for the Clubhouse rentals and will send to our attorney Bill Fishman for review.

There was some discussion on Hansel Group and Friedman's to contact for further financial help and in return place there names on the ball field. An example would be Coors Field in Colo. Or AT&T field. John Rossi will be talking to the Hansel Group.

President's Message

I am always impressed by the devotion of our members. We have a 50% average turn out of members at our meetings if you compare that to other organization that's pretty good. When asked to help on a project we have an extended group that steps up. Take a step back and look at some of the projects we have completed, it's remarkable. Look at how many groups benefit by our existence. Take a bow members, Penngrove enjoys a beautiful Park and Community Hall and both take about \$ 4700.00 per month to operate but through hard work we take care of it and we do it the old fashion way. We work for it. We are not supported by Federal, State or County money. The Social Firemen has been doing this since 1951.

My hope is that we have all paved the path as our founders did for us and that there will be those in the future to continue and do even a better job than we have and maintain the American spirit of support our selves through our own contributions.

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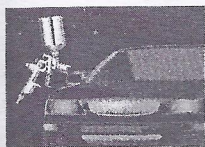
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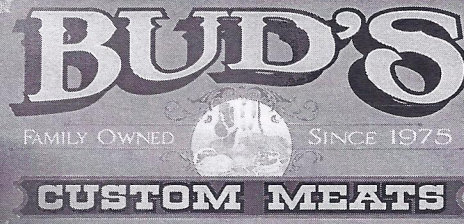
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Thank you for purchasing part
of my hog at the Sonoma County
Fair. I have been in 4H for 9 years
and I have enjoyed the market hog
project the most. Your support not
only helps me cover the cost of this
project, but many other projects I
participate in. Some of those projects
include my dairy goats and beef cattle,
as well as my funds for my
college education. Thanks again
for all your support of the
Junior livestock auction and youth
participating in agriculture.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Kevale

Meeting Schedule Last Quartet

October 2, 2013, Regular meeting

Nominations for Directors—Election in December

October 7, 2013, Directors Meeting

November 6, 2013, Regular Meeting

Nominations for Directors—Election in December

A night to honor Veterans and people who have donated material and money to the Social Firemen.

December 4, 2013—Regular Meeting

Elections of officers.

End of the year dinner which is always great

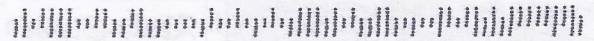
December 9, 2013 Directors Meeting



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