

## Resource Guide

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# Penngrove Social Firemen GAZETTE SEPTEMBER 2019

P.O. Box 264, Penngrove, CA 94951

## Hawaiian Luau, Penngrove Style – Sept. 7:

Great food -- kalua pork, yams, Hawaiian Rice, Asian salad, Hawaiian chicken, and dessert, and an exceptional performance by Taimalietane Islands of Polynesia dance troupe. Funds go to the upkeep of Penngrove Park. Mai Tai hour starts at 1:00 pm, with dinner at 3:00 pm. Win a five-night trip to Maui with condo, air & car. If you haven't pre-purchased tickets, you can still charge by phone: Kim Hanson at JavAmore Café, 794-1516. Limited tickets at the door. \$25 adults; \$10 children ages 6 -12, and under age 5 are free.

<https://penngroveluau.brownpaperickets.com>



## *...More Fun Events in September!*

### **Burning Ham – Sept. 21**

A celebration of bacon, beer and bands! Lagunitas Beer. There will be whole pigs being roasted in 4 categories: baby back ribs, creative bacon dish, bacon dessert and pulled pork. Bring out the whole family, as there will be a kid's area and an adult area filled with fun games and live music. Sponsored by Active 20-30 in Penngrove Park, at 11800 Main St. \$30 pre-sale, \$35 at the door, and a \$75 VIP option. Tickets available at Brown Paper Tickets.

### **Celebrate Harvest Moon – Sept. 22**

Artful Arrangements invites you to welcome autumn with a Fall Table centerpiece workshop. 10am – Noon at the ranch 205 Orchard Lane, Penngrove. \$10 each or \$15 for two. Call Diane to register, 664-8656. Refreshments and materials included. [www.Artfularrangements.org](http://www.Artfularrangements.org)

**Sitting Room** - Sara Valerio and Nicki Orser will hold one of their "Moving Words" workshops, with body and mind connections, on Saturday, **Sept. 14**, 1:00 PM. RSVP to Sara at [tortugamoon@hotmail.com](mailto:tortugamoon@hotmail.com). A Tribute to Toni Morrison is on Saturday, **Sept. 28**, 2:00 pm. All welcome, no RSVP needed. For more events, see [www.SittingRoom.org](http://www.SittingRoom.org)

# PSF Monthly Membership Meeting - Wednesday, August 8, 2019 at 6:20pm

Held at the Clubhouse

Absent - Stanley Pronzini

Rich Tucker led us in the pledge.

Good to the Order:

- Our member Allan Brody passed away. Moment of silence.
- Linda Moretti is recovering from a back injury. She has osteoporosis and should be home after a stay at Petaluma Rehab. We wish her a quick recovery

New member: Eddie Esquivel. Welcome!

Guests: John Glashan, Logan Savage, Linda Kolosey and Marlo Rice from the American Little League thanked us for the use of the clubhouse to host their fundraiser this past spring. We were presented with a plaque that can be viewed in our display cabinet in the bar.

Treasure's Report read by Julie:

General Checking	\$39,885.51
Petty Cash	\$450.00
Poppy Savings	\$4,558.38
CD @ Poppy Bank	\$60,366.53
Total	\$105,260.42

Exchange Bank Ball Field Fund \$307.12

- Kim talked about the Luau coming up on Sat., Sept 7. This year it will be earlier in the day starting at 1:00pm, dinner at 3:00pm. Raffle tickets being mailed out. Thank you for your support.
- Reminder that we now have garbage cans vs dumpsters so please recycle!
- Work party planned in September date to be determined at board meeting. To do list includes clearing out garage, power wash the front park fence and clear coat before winter sets in.
- A BIG thank you to Audrey, her daughter, Bob, Craig, and Lisa Jacobsen for a wonderful dinner.
- Cook for September is Roland Mellor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

## LOOKING BACK

By: Jack Withington

Located between Penngrove and Cotati on Highway 101 at Minnesota Ave was a unique business called Al's Oasis. Al's was a combination mega-gas station, grocery store and full-service bar. Outside near the front entrance was a large assortment of newspapers, soft cover books, and magazines for all interests including sports, general interest subjects that included Look and Life, and those periodicals that would be rated XXX. It was not unusual to find local teenagers reading the material.

Al's was an official Greyhound Bus Stop and an approved school bus stop for the Petaluma High School District. The Oasis boasted that it was the largest station between San Francisco and the Oregon border. It catered to local vehicles and long line freighters that hauled many various commodities to customers up and down the north coast area.



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## **PSF Board Meeting – Monday, August 12, 2019 at 6:00pm**

Held at the Penngrove Park

Absent: Stanley Pronzini, Dan Colville

### **Discussion:**

- 3 new trees will be planted in the park. They will be an October Glory Maple, Acer Redpoint Maple, and a Zelkova. This will take in October when the weather is cooler, and fall evening and rain will aid to the adjustment of the new trees. These are much needed not only for shade but will also add to the natural beauty of our one-of-a kind park. Thank you to Ed Grossi and Joe from Sweet Lane Nursery for their guidance in these selections.
- Byron Nelson once again steps up and has donated his time and skills to power wash and stain the front fence.
- Work party at the clubhouse on Saturday, Oct. 19th @ 8:00am. We will focus on cleaning out under the clubhouse and inside the garage. There are several brown metal chairs which we are selling for \$2.00 per chair. If interested, please contact one of the directors. If they are not sold by clean-up day they will be taken to the dump.
- Bob purchased a pig at the Sonoma County Fair. Bud's meat is making sausages and we will have that for one of our membership dinners soon. Anyone interested in being the cook?
- **September's membership meeting will be held at the park.** Mark your calendars. Roland will be our cook.
- **REMINDER: Our October membership meeting will be one week later, on October 9<sup>th</sup>.** Again, be sure to mark your calendar!

### **Motions:**

- Bergin College of Canine Studies is having an afternoon BBQ in the park for their employees for 2 hrs. Bonnie Bergin is the owner of the Green Mill property and her school works very hard training their dogs for people with various disabilities, and military service members. Joe 1st, and Arnie 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor to waive the rental fee. However, they will pay the \$500.00 for security deposit.
- Bob 1st, Julie 2nd, all in favor for the PSF to sponsor the Holiday Light Parade on Sunday, December 15th.
- Kim 1st, Bob 2nd to remove and replace the dead tree in front of the clubhouse.

Does anyone know when this was planted?? Is it as old as the clubhouse?

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

### **Next Membership Meeting... to be held in the park!**

Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30pm  
Dinner will be prepared by:  
Roland Mellor

### **Next Board Meeting:**

Wednesday, September 10  
at 6:00pm  
at Joe Pedrani's home

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Al Renger of San Rafael purchased the business from Richard and Alma Kennedy in 1947. He offered low gas prices and quick service. He hired men that were in the Air Force stationed at Hamilton Field along with local high school students to pump gas, check the customer's oil level, and wash the windows. The inside of the store, cash registers and the bar were staffed with local women and a few elderly men.

Having women tend the bar brought Al's Oasis grief from local law enforcement authorities. In 1952, agents from the Alcohol Beverage Control Board bought two highballs from June and Mary Richards who were working behind the bar. The store was cited. In 1953, long time employee Marge Brown was caught serving drinks to a state agent and again Al's Oasis was cited.

In 1958, Al's Oasis announced the opening of Al's Super Station located two miles south of Petaluma. A full-service restaurant called the Greenhouse complemented the facility. The Greenhouse was closed because of fire damage and the station was eventually shuttered by the widening of highway 101.