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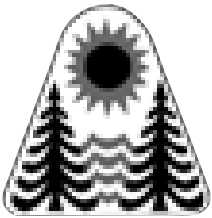
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# President's Message

BY MIKE GUSTAFSON • BOARD PRESIDENT

I don't know about you but I find our current weather patterns very confusing: first we have the "storm of the century" and then 65 degree days over Christmas? Well at least it is currently good golfing, tennis, and flying weather!

We took advantage of the clear flying weather and made a quick trip to Palm Springs last week, left PML in long sleeves and coats and upon exiting the plane we were shedding clothes in 75 degree Southern California. The purpose of the trip was to enjoy friends and the Palm Springs Film Festival for a few days – interesting films, good food and delightful weather.

Well, let's get the bad news out of the way first: the dredging project will have to wait until next November as the Army Corp. of Engineers issued our 4th and final required permit way too late to start the project this first quarter. The official dredging window is October through March each year, and when you figure the time it takes to get the large equipment up here and prepare our site, there was too little time to get ready and still have enough time to complete the dredging. The good news is that we now have all the permits; we will send out the RFP's this summer for a start date in November, 2010.

During the last budget cycle there

were questions about the need for our reserve funding program. I covered these questions in a previous president's message and will not drag them out again, but I recently noticed that some banks are no longer loaning money on home sales in a Homeowner's Association if the HOA reserves are not adequate. The definition of "adequate" varies, but the point is, if we did not have a reserve funding program in place some of our homeowners might have a problem selling their homes and that would certainly affect property values. I continue to believe that our reserve funding program is the correct and proper way to run a railroad.

The Long Range Planning Committee will be creating a short member survey to get your thoughts on a few topics in and around PML. Look for that Internet survey in the spring. I encourage you to take the time to respond to this short survey as a means of conveying your thoughts to both the survey team and the PML Board of Directors.

By the time you read, your Board of Directors will have started the discussion on controlling outdoor burning. As you know we received a petition signed by 100 property owners asking the board to outright ban burning period. While a total ban is not being considered, some sort of resolution to require a PML permit to burn is being considered. One possible resolution is printed in this paper. Please read it and provide your thoughts either by attending the February board meeting or by sending a note to the board.

At the request of a group of property owners, PML is looking into the possibility of building a Shooting Sports Range. What is envisioned is the simple construction of an outdoor range suitable for low-power handguns and rifles. The range would be about 50 yards long

and located in Unit 16. This is the undeveloped area at the northwestern edge of the PML above the Campgrounds and compost area. The NRA offers grants for range construction, and as part of this investigation we have applied for a grant. We shall see how that application plays out. There are lots of issues to be dealt with and we are just beginning the process.

The Grill at PML continues to surpass expectations. I was having dinner there one recent Tuesday night and was amazed to see that all but one table was being used. The place was jumping and on a Tuesday night no-less! Revenues are up over a year ago and I have high hopes that the trend will continue. We continue to receive positive comments regarding the new menu and the attentive wait-staff.

While we are on the subject of the Grill, the restaurant consultants we hired were surprised to learn that PML "loans" out the Grill kitchen to certain organized groups for fund-raising and social events. They expressed concern about such an activity and suggested that we curtail such activities. At the January Board meeting we discussed some sort of policy that would continue to allow group use of the Grill kitchen but with some health and safety restrictions such as requiring a kitchen staff employee be present during such activities. This employee would be there to oversee use of all kitchen equipment and to ensure that the food is prepared in a clean and safe manner and be "Food Safe Certified," per California commercial kitchen rules. This discussion will continue for a few more board meetings before the final policy is completed.

February brings us longer days with lots of nasty weather, so stay warm and dry and don't forget Valentine's Day for your loved one!

## On the Cover

PHOTO BY RICK WHYBRA

BOAT BERTH RENEWALS ARE  
DUE BY FEBRUARY 26TH.  
BOATS CAN BE DOCKED IN  
BERTHS BEGINNING MAY 1ST  
WHEN MARINA OPENS.



# General Manager's Message

BY JOE POWELL, CCAM, GENERAL MANAGER

## 2009 Goals and Objectives Achieved

Every year the management team works with the Board to set goals and objectives for managers and key personnel. The list below includes some of the items that were accomplished in 2009:

- Install Document Imaging/Management System
- Create a Human Resources Hotline
- Implement next phase of Fire Abatement Plan
- Order and install electronic sign for Main Gate Entrance
- Upgrade all PC software to the same (latest) version
- Hire and train part time Fire Safety Inspectors
- Purchase new chairs for Country Club (Bar/Restaurant)
- Install dance floors at the Country Club
- Replace HVAC system at Country Club
- Refurbish/remodel Country Club interior
- Rebuild Marina restrooms
- Rebuild Marina entrance guard shack
- Refurbish Swimming Pool
- Hire and train part-time Compliance Officer
- Increase marketing efforts for trail rides at the Stables
- Conduct feasibility study to bring high-speed Internet service to all PML owners
- Reevaluate/revamp pricing structure on complete Amenities Fee Schedule for 2010 budget
- Conduct three in-house Management Employee level training classes
- Convert all possible 2008 member files to digital
- Successfully negotiate new collective bargaining agreements (Safety/Maintenance/Golf Maintenance)
- Obtain all permits and begin Lake Dredging
- Reduce Pro Shop inventory by 25%

I would like to thank my managers and staff for their hard work and effort on behalf of our members in 2009. Your Association came in better than budget and we accomplished a lot thanks to these folks. I think it is also important to recognize the time and effort of our Board members as well. Their vision and stewardship of our

Association is often a thankless job, but we appreciate their support for the betterment of PML.

## Pre-Entry Structure and Sign

The pre-entry sign at Ferretti and Pine Mountain Drive near the Main Gate had deteriorated and was in danger of falling down. This is the sign that is behind the fountain at the turn into the PML Entrance and it is an important PML landmark. The sign structure was scheduled for replacement in 2010 but we were forced to take immediate action the end of last year. Unfortunately the project became delayed due to the snow storm and other weather conditions.

Since this structure is a main focal point for PML, we decided to use the same design to maintain the historical appearance. The structure has been refurbished with a new foundation, timbers and roof. The fountain pump, lights and electrical were revamped as well. I am happy to report that the project is completed and looks great.

## Marina

As reported in past issues; the Marina Restroom project is completed and it looks great.

We have started work on the upgrade to the electrical service to the Marina. Over the years, more and more equipment has been added to the Marina facility requiring more electricity. We worked with PG&E to determine the current and will be trenching from the power-pole at the Marina entrance, across the parking lot to the service panel.

As part of the Marina renovation, the boat rental huts are scheduled for replacement this year. The plans are completed and we have initiated the permit and bidding process so that we

can get this project completed before the start of the summer season.

## Electric Golf Cart Storage Facility

The Golf Cart Facility project is on track. We solicited pre-qualification from contractors that wish to bid on the project, sent out bid packages and the working group will be reviewing the bids. Once a contractor is selected, the metal building company will be selected and permits will be finalized with the County. The project is complicated due to the location of the building and the logistical problems of storage and heavy equipment access. Even so, we will work hard to limit the impact on our golfing members and guests as much as possible.

## Dredging Project

We finally received the permit agreement from the Army Corps of Engineers. The agreement was executed in January when the Corps Director signs off on it. We worked with our consultants to mitigate several of the unnecessary and costly requirements of the agreement, but the Corps still retained many of the items. Our consultants will update and finish the bid packages later in the year to coincide with a bidding schedule that will allow the final contractor to perform the work in the timeframe as required.

## Monterey Pines

There are several Monterey pines near the Administration building and Main Entrance.

The trees are nearing the end of their life-span and a few are dying due to age and infestation. We were concerned and hired a professional arborist to inspect the trees. Acting on his recommendations, we removed two trees last year and replaced them with a better species of native trees. Two more trees were removed recently and replaced as well.

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### The PML News is the Official Newspaper of Pine Mountain Lake Property Owners

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**Admin Office Holidays For 2010**

- Monday 2/15/2010  
**Presidents Day**
- Monday 5/31/2010  
**Memorial Day (National Observance Day)**
- Monday 7/5/2010  
**In lieu of Independence Day**
- Monday 9/6/2010  
**Labor Day**
- Thursday 11/11/2010  
**Veterans Day**
- Thursday 11/25/2010  
**Thanksgiving**
- Friday 11/26/2010  
**Day After Thanksgiving**
- Friday 12/24/2010  
**Christmas Eve**
- Saturday 12/25/2010  
**Christmas Day**
- Friday 12/31/2010  
**New Years Eve**
- Saturday 1/1/2011  
**New Years Day**

**Safety Report**

December -		YTD
Vehicles Refused	284	2861
Phone Calls Received	5278	70220
Residential Alarm	10	114
Amenity Alarm	6	85
Animal Related	14	271
Animal - Loose	25	209
- Impounded	5	40
- Registered	0	1
- Dead/Injured	17	472
- Disturbance	4	84
Dispatch Assist	131	995
Patrol Assist	273	3362
Complaint Non-PML Res	1	7
Public Assist Misc.	40	111
Welfare Check	4	24
Transport	16	38
Civil Stand-by	0	2
Traffic Hazard	0	6
Traffic Control	5	12
Water Leak	36	74
Jump Start	4	36
Water Main Shut off	5	7
Report Writing	6	82
Downloading Photos	0	99
Gate - Tamper	0	11
- Follow Through	2	44
- Malfunction	21	348
-Struck by vehicle	0	1
Confiscated Access Card	2	36
Message/Pkg PU or Delivery	6	149
Posting Fliers	46	174
Miscellaneous	256	4679
Scanner Traffic	21	51
Lost and Found	7	76
ECC Inspection	0	19
Fire Safety Violation	1	22
Control Burn Reported	84	276
Permissive Burn Day	85	112
Non Permissive Burn Day	26	36
Hazard	37	149
Hazard - Tree Down	15	17
Suspicious Circumstance	26	348
Suspicious Person	7	53
Suspicious Vehicle	4	61
Campground Env Collected	6	304
Campground Dump Station	26	33
Residential Disturbance	4	4
Residential Burglary	8	32
Grand Theft	1	2
Petty Theft	1	7
Malicious Mischief	7	18
Trespass	0	1
Law Violations - All Other	1	9
Training/Meeting	1	12
PML Reg Violations Resident	0	95
PML Reg Violations Guest	1	43
- Citation Issued	0	64
- Marking Tires	0	67
- Accident PML	11	34
PML Unit Security Check	543	543
Amenity Security Check	2138	29970
Residence Security Check	141	2561
Opening/Closing Buildings	156	3593
Opening/Closing Gates	330	3990
Posting Tennis	53	633
Monitoring Tennis Courts	2	53
Personal Injury PML Property	1	17
Weapons	2	45
Amenity Bank Deposit Pick Up	40	847
Bank Deposit Delivered to Bank	29	89
Patrol Vehicle - Maintenance	7	141
- Safety Check	112	1271
Vehicles Admitted	10014	134667
Realtors Passes Issued	186	7890
Guest Passes Issued	1265	19234
Vendor Passes Issued	64	272
Fixed Post	11	85
Courtesy Notice Issued	1	60
Tennis Fees Collected	\$40.00	\$2,799.00
All Other Fees Collected	\$1,710.30	\$39,019.25

**Violation Notices sent in...**

<i>December 2009:</i>	
Courtesy Notices	6
Notice of Non-Compliance	2
Final Notice	1
Fines Assessed	2
Violations Pending	14
<i>Rules Enforcement Actions for the entire year 2009:</i>	
Courtesy Notices	73
Notices of Non-Compliance	26
Final Notices	11
Fines Assessed	31



UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS

**Meetings are held at the PML Lake Lodge and start at 9 AM.**  
 (Unless otherwise noted)

- February 20th**
- March 20th**
- April 17th**
- May 15th**
- June 19th**
- July 17th**
- August 21st** (Annual Meeting / Election)
- September 11th** (2nd Saturday)
- October 16th** (Budget Meeting)
- November 13th** (2nd Saturday)
- No December Meeting**

# Letters to the Editor

**Please note that all letters appear in the order received by the PML News**

**The Pine Mountain Lake News welcomes letters and articles for publication provided they meet the criteria established in the current PMLA Editorial Policy (See excerpt below – entire policy on file at the Administration Office). Letters must be limited to 250 words, typewritten using upper and lowercase letters (no handwritten material, no all-capital material) and signed with name, unit and lot by a property owner in good standing. LETTERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE EDITOR BY 4:30 PM ON THE 10th OF THE MONTH. Letters deemed by the Editorial Committee to be improper will not be accepted. Readers are advised that the opinions expressed in these letters are those of the individual authors, not of PMLA. Letters appear in order received.**

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**Thank you!**

**R**on and I want to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, food, and just for thinking of us when I recently ended up in the hospital with pneumonia. I am coming along good and hope to be completely on my feet in another three or four weeks. It takes a long time to regain your strength! Again, thank you all so very much; it is a great healer knowing that everyone cares.

—RON & CAROLE SMITH  
UNIT 13, LOT 190

**Editor:**

**I** have just read the “Letter to Editor” by Gary Daughters and find myself in complete agreement. Raising PML

dues near 10% year after year is counter productive. This will eventually depress property values in PML if it hasn’t already done so. When this happens, the Board Members will be doing a great disservice to members of lower income as well as other sellers. Many will be forced to sell and move out.

Some years back, the state passed a law requiring sellers to divulge problems that a home for sale might have. If high and increasing membership dues have to be pointed out, we’re all in trouble!

—JAY D. BAXTER  
UNIT 12, LOT 148

**The following is a proposed new resolution. The purpose of the resolution is to educate members on proper burning techniques within PML to limit the impact of smoke and fire on other members. The Board plans to accomplish this by requiring that all members that wish to burn, attend a short seminar on burning and be issued a PML burn permit. The resolution will be discussed again by the Board of Directors at the Board meeting to be held at the Lake Lodge on February 20, 2010. The meeting is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. and all PMLA members are welcome to attend.**

## PMLA Outdoor Burning-STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined there exists a threat to human health due to excessive smoke from outdoor burning,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined there is unnecessary risk of larger fires as a result of escaped outdoor burning,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors does hereby approve and adopt the attached policy “PMLA Outdoor Burning Standards and Procedures”.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Lay, Secretary

## OUTDOOR BURNING - NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS

Pine Mountain Lake property owners are required to reduce fuel loads on their properties to minimum levels in order to reduce the risk of wildland fires.

Property owners are strongly encouraged to dispose of unwanted fuels in ways other than burning. PMLA provides a compost pile to property owners for this purpose.

The goal of this program is to drive the number of complaints received by the Safety Department about smokey neighborhoods to zero, and find that no outdoor burning results in escaped fires.

Those property owners who feel compelled to burn on site must meet several requirements:

#1- Property owners must call the PML main gate to report their intent to burn. (This is also a good place to

determine if other requirements are in place.)

#2- Burn only on a “permissive burn day” as determined by the Tuolumne County Air Pollution Control District.

#3- Have in possession a valid PMLA Outdoor Burn permit.

#4- Have in possession a valid CAL FIRE Burn Permit when required.

#5- Burn only clean and dry vegetation.

No burning is allowed during the PML no burning season, usually scheduled June 1 to September 30. Dates may be adjusted seasonally based on conditions.

## ISSUING PMLA OUTDOOR BURNING PERMITS

1. Property owners must attend a “Burn Safe - Burn Clean” seminar
2. The seminar lasts approxi-

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3. The seminar is conducted by PMLA trained staff and may also be attended by CAL FIRE or Groveland Fire staff
4. The location of the seminar is within the subdivision
5. PML Administration will advertise a schedule of dates for the seminars
6. Property owners must register for the seminar at least 5 days before the seminar
7. Seminars may be cancelled if there are no registrants
8. The seminar is offered free of charge
9. A numbered PMLA Burn Permit will be issued to those who participate
10. The permit is valid for 5 years

## SEMINAR CURRICULA

1. Staff plays a 15 minute video that covers

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- a. Selection of safer vegetation to grow near the home
  - b. How to reduce horizontal and vertical continuity of fuels
  - c. How to conduct outdoor burning to reduce smoke and reduce the risk of escapes
2. The staff answers questions and probes for reactions from property owners
  6. Require the property owner to extinguish the fire if the property owner is burning in such a way as to produce excessive smoke or create a possibility of fire escape.
  7. Call Groveland Fire and request an on-site visit from a representative who will instruct the property owner to extinguish the fire, when the property owner refuses to follow instructions of the PMLA Safety Department officer.

ENFORCEMENT

The PML Safety Department will:

1. Record the PMLA Burn Permit number when property owner calls the main gate to notify their intent to burn.
2. Inquire about property owner's possession of other needed permits.
3. Send a patrol officer to observe and report the burning practice of a sample number of property owners burning, as time and resources allow.
4. Send a patrol officer to observe outdoor burning when a property owner complaint of excessive smoke is received. The officer will ask to see the permits required on that day.
5. Require the property owner to extinguish the fire if the

MEASURING SUCCESS

The PML Safety Department will provide a monthly report to the General Manager with the following data:

1. Unit and Lot number of property owners who called to register their intent to burn
2. Unit and Lot number of persons reporting excessive smoke, unsafe burning practices, or an escaped fire
3. The Unit and Lot number of the offending burning property
4. A summary report of discussion, requests and action taken

# PMLA Compliance Chatter

BY DENNIS PIPAL, COMPLIANCE OFFICER, PMLA

This article is the "maiden voyage" of the new Compliance Officer, that's me, Dennis Pipal. Over the last six months I've had the opportunity to meet and work with many of you. First, as a Fire Safety Inspector and recently, as the new PMLA Compliance go-to-guy. I've honestly enjoyed getting to know many of you and look forward to many more new acquaintances.

My goal each month is to bring you topics that I hope will interest you on the compliance side of our great community. My first topic for the new year is one near and dear to our hearts...those love-able-hate-able PETS!!!

The following is from an article from the Association Times, reprinted with permission, I thought you would enjoy as it humorously emphasizes the issues around this sensitive topic.

"There is an old saying that 'it's raining cats and dogs'. Well, this saying (or so I'm told) came from days of yesteryear when roofs were made of straw and the steep angle required for good run-off brought the eve way down fairly close to the ground. The cats and dogs weren't allowed in the house in those days, let alone in the bed as present-day pampered pets prefer. So they, the dogs and cats that is, would make a snug place to sleep within the straw roof. The heat from the fire inside kept the roof warm in winter and the night air made the straw cooler in summer. All in all, the roof was a nice place for an animal to nap. When it rained heavily (a sprinkle was only a temporary inconvenience), these animals would quickly drop down from the roof to find a dryer shelter. Thus, when it really rained heavily, it was referred to as 'raining cats and dogs'.

It seems we are raining cats and dogs in America's community associations,

too. As a Compliance officer, a great number of my complaint calls have to do with pets in some way or another. Either they are too noisy, nasty, off-leash, or too dirty. Dog fences is another big issue. It has caused feuds to break out among otherwise reasonable people, sort of a "pistols at dawn" kind of thing. I read about one association who actually entertained a motion before the board to DNA test all the dogs in the association so that the offending pup could be tied to the poop and banished from the community. Habeas Poopus, I guess. Of course, when the board found out the price tag (and that a special assessment would be required), the idea was quickly dropped.

As silly and as carried away as that sounds, it really did happen – and it really does point out that pets can be a real problem in creating and maintaining harmonious association living.

Most of the pet-related problems are resolved by exercising a bit of common sense. Here's my suggestion. How about trying the four "K's"?

- K-keep your cat indoors.
- K-keep your dog on a leash.
- K-keep pets reasonably quiet so they don't disturb your neighbors.
- K-lean up after your animals. (OK... so I cheated on the last "K".)

Well...that's it. These are my thoughts on Cats and Dogs and homeowner associations.

The truth is that the world is divided into pet owners and everyone else. Those without pets will just never understand why the other group wants an animal living with them. So, take a look at your associations' Governing Documents and see where you stand. As for me, I'll be refereeing those occasional disputes among neighbors...and their 'furry friends'."



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# PMLA Money Matters

BY KEN SPENCER, ASSOCIATION CONTROLLER

**A** New Year, a New Decade! I think most of us probably agree that 2009 was not the best year of the decade. Hopefully 2010 will be the start of a turnaround. A new beginning, a time for fresh starts.

Speaking of fresh starts, this is the time of year that traditionally sparks a flood of New Year's Resolutions. Good intentions that sound wonderful rolling off your tongue but often fade into a distant memory once the cold winter winds blow them aside. It can be easy to "forget" your resolutions if you keep them to yourself. Who really knows that you resolved to lose that extra 10 pounds or stop smoking if you don't actually TELL anyone?

Someone would have to be an idiot to actually put their resolutions out there for the world (or at least the six people that read this column each month) to see and ultimately remember, right? Well, no one ever accused me of being an idiot. OK, so some of you may have thought that but you get my point. For better or worse here are my Resolutions for 2010 (in no particular order):

Eat healthier, exercise more, be kind to my neighbors, help someone in need, and don't kick the dog (relax PETA that one is a joke). Alright that takes care of the usual, boring and PC resolutions. Now for a few, more relevant ones.

Continue to learn and take something positive from every situation. The spirited discussions that accompanied

this year's budget process gave me an opportunity to see things from another perspective. Hopefully I can take this going forward and expand my outlook on my job and life in general.

Appreciate what I have. At the risk of sounding "warm and fuzzy" I do want to develop an even greater appreciation for everything that life has given me. Not the least of which is the great opportunity to work at PML and meet some fascinating people. After all I could still be commuting through rush hour traffic instead of reveling in the beauty of this mountain community.

Don't procrastinate. Well, maybe I'll work on this one in 2011 or 2012.

Directly communicate with more property owners. A face to face conversation with someone is always better than email or telephone. This type of interaction can give me a better feel for what the membership wants and how I can help make that happen.

Look for additional ways to save the Association money by increasing revenue and reducing expenses while continuing to provide the high level of service and support that property owners have a right to expect. Does this one sound too much like Motherhood and Apple Pie?

Close the Caymans Retirement Account and move the funds to higher yield domestic (buy USA!) instrument. (I threw that one in to see if you were paying attention.)

Improve my communication skills both verbally and in writing. I really want to do a better job of keeping you all informed about what's going on with the Association's finances in a way that makes sense (without putting you to sleep) and helps you understand where your hard earned assessment dollars go.

Be a better man, a better husband, a better employee and a better manager. You are never too old to grow and improve yourself. It's what helps me stay young (at heart). I hope I can carry this belief with me for many, many years (or at least until I can't remember my name anymore).

Retain my sense of humor. Taking everything (including yourself) too seriously is the quick road to a heart attack. When I can no longer see the humorous side of a situation then it is time to retire to a 10 acre farm in Iowa.

That's it. My list of Resolutions for 2010. Hopefully someone will keep

track of these and let me know where I go astray as we move through this beginning of a new decade. I hope all of you have a wonderful 2010 and beyond. It is my privilege and pleasure to work here and hopefully contribute something along the way.

Thank you all for your support, your feedback and the opportunity to make a difference.

Time to get ready for the annual visit by our Auditors. This will be my first challenge of my last resolution. If I can find the humor in an audit I think I'm doing pretty well.

Well that's it for this month. If you have any PMLA Money Matters you would like to see discussed in this column in the future please drop me a line at [CONTROLLER@PINEMOUNTAINLAKE.COM](mailto:CONTROLLER@PINEMOUNTAINLAKE.COM) or give me a call at 962-8606. Thanks for reading and I hope you find this monthly discussion a little interesting, at least a bit informative, and mildly entertaining.



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# “Supervisors Want Input on County’s Future”

The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors wants input from residents on what they feel are the most important things the County should be doing over the next several years. This input will be used in the development of a first ever 5-Year Strategic Plan for the County. To emphasize how important citizen input is to the Board and make it convenient for residents to provide input, the Board of Supervisors has directed two outreaches. First, the Board has scheduled a series of special meetings for the full Board to go into each supervisorial district for the specific purpose of seeking citizen input into this planning process. The schedule is shown below:

Second, the Board has directed that a basic survey be prepared that citizens can complete by accessing the County’s website at [www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov](http://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov). This survey will be available starting January 26 through February 23.

**The major questions the Board is seeking input on are as follows:**

- What are the greatest needs within the County right now?
- What are the highest priority County services?
- What are the main issues the County should be planning for in the future?

• How should County leaders go about balancing future budgets?

Upon completion of the special meetings and survey, County staff will begin drafting a 5-Year Strategic Plan reflective of citizen input for Board consideration. Citizens will be able to comment on the resultant draft plan as well. The Board hopes to adopt a final plan within the next several months.

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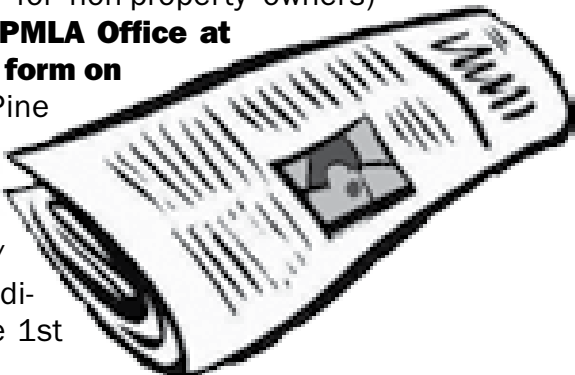
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# Pine Mountain Lake Ladies 18 Hole Golf Club News

BY SUE PERRY

Our golf course was a winter wonderland this December. Treetops glistened and golfers listened but there was not a golf ball in flight. The fairways were white without a golfer in sight so the PMLGC had only one play day to site.

December 3rd "BLIND NINE" TEAM SCORE...2 - 4 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 13 - 17

1ST Place team...165...Peggy Breece, Mary Houser, Ginny Lay, Iris Moffit...Net 99.5; 2nd Place team...165...Dotty Davis, Ann Hankin, Marjorie Rich, Joyce Smith...Net 102.5; 3rd Place team...164...Marlene Drew, Alma Frawley, Kathy Oing, Draw...Net 107; 4th Place team...155...Kitty Edgerton, Leana Mattea, Helena McMillan, Thelma Faux...Net 110; 5th Place team...160...Barbara Davis, Marilyn Hathaway, Patty Peebles, Sue Perry Net 111.5; BIRDIES: Thelma Faux #10 & 14, Kay Bettencourt #14, Patty Peebles #3.

December 16th CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON and General Meeting

A delicious Christmas Luncheon was enjoyed by our members along with the pretty table decorations created by Marilyn Hathaway. Kudos to her and the restaurant staff for a wonderful event. Lynette Marshall, accompanied by her husband on piano, sang some beautiful Christmas songs that brought a tear to every eye there. How special! Sara Hancock, our fearless Captain for the past two years, officiated her last general meeting. Thanks, Sara, for your dedicated leadership which provided all us members with such great golfing events!! Thanks to Phyllis Gschwend and Dotty Davis for providing us with our pocket "bibles" the 2010 calendar and rosters. Judy Maguire, Team Play Captain, announced that since there will be 10 teams next season, our PMLGC will be played in 2010. The Niners have agreed not to play on the day of this event and the 18 hole ladies agreed to have a later start time on Niner's team play day. The fee will remain at \$35 but the breakfast has been eliminated. Please sign up if you haven't already. Norma Baldinger has

done a great job as tournament chair for the past two year and deserves our gratitude for all the hard work this involved. So, Thank you, Norma! She announced the winners of Awards for the 2009 season which were: Patty Peebles was Ace of Aces with a Net 66, Janice Mussatto & Marjorie Rich were the Putters of the Year with 28 putts. Most Improved golfer was Clarice Ligonis. WGNAC Awards: First Flight 10-19 Marylyn Scott 73.2, Second Flight 20-26 Helena McMillan 72.1, Third Flight 27- 32 Kay Bettencourt 74.2, Fourth Flight 33-39 Anne Petterson 78.0. CONGRATULATION TO ALL THESE GREAT GOLFERS! Welcome to our two new members for the 2010 season, Jane Reynolds & Jean Dugan. We all look forward to playing golf with you. June Moore and Dianne Lloyd, are co-captains for 2010, announced the new officers, tournament and event chairs for the coming year. All are listed on the front cover of your new rosters. 2009 was a fun filled year of golf. Best wishes to all of you in 2010. May all your balls go long and straight and all your putts be one!

# Shades of Green

BY ALAN MACDONALD, GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

During the winter months when we trim trees or do cleanup after storms we will have firewood available. Amounts and when it's available will vary but if you are interested in purchasing some you may call Susan at 962-8612 and we can add you to the list.

After the snow storm of early December we had quite a bit of damage and lots of cleanup to do. The brush and smaller debris that we are no longer burning on the course will be piled in different areas waiting to be chipped. At this time we borrow from the Street Maintenance department their chipper when available; they also have a lot of cleanup to do. Early in 2010 Golf Maintenance will acquire their own chipper and, weather permitting, cleanup will not take as long as it has this season.

A couple of projects completed around the holidays were our concrete pad for our new Wash Rack in our Maintenance yard and the annual tree maintenance of our old oaks.

The new pad will allow us to eliminate the asphalt pad near our irrigation pond. I thank our neighbors on #9 for their patience while we are completing this project.

By early February the filtration skid

should be in and operating. This project was a must as now all waste water is treated and recycled for equipment maintenance. Welcome to the 21st century.

The tree work is scheduled every year to maintain these trees to promote both good health of the trees and to allow more sunlight through to the grass. This work will extend the life of these trees and make them a little safer than they were prior to trimming.

Both of these projects were assisted by our Street Maintenance crew, and their teamwork is appreciated.

In last months article our Golf Professional asked that you leave the course a little better than you found it. Part of improving the course you don't see or think about, is the operation of Golf Carts. During winter conditions cart traffic adds to the compaction of the soil and restricts root growth, which will have an impact on the grass as the warmer weather arrives. Please observe the 90 degree rule or park on the path a little more often and walk to your ball. There were years that we restricted driving on a fairway on each nine for 30 days at a time and we rotated this process.

Be aware of your driving habits, every little bit helps.

# PINE MOUNTAIN LAKER'S RV CLUB

BY JANIE STIVERS

February—sounds like Sweethearts and chocolates. What better way to celebrate St. Valentine, than to take the RV South. We call those die-hard Rv'ers "Snowbirds." You know who you are and where you are---you lucky birdies. We're gearing up for April now---our first outing of the year. The location, dates and activities haven't been decided as of today; but, you can be sure of one thing, most of us will be going. The Rv's will be cleaned, stocked up and ready to go.



The officers have been elected, the Outing Committee has met and the only duty now is to decide where we want to go and who would like to host the outing.

Our next potluck-dinner meetings will be held on February 7th and March 7th at 5:00 p.m.; our 2010 RVing calendar will be set. Once again, we invite you to join us if you are an RV'er looking for a fun group to travel with.

If you are interested, please call me, Janie Stivers, President, at (209) 571-0340.

## Computer Users Group

BY TOM CARMAN, EDITOR, PML CUG

The February meeting will have a two-part agenda. First, we'll hold a round table discussion on any computer topics you wish to discuss. This could include things like, but not limited to, problems you're having with hardware or application software, issues with XP, Vista or questions on WIN7. The second part of the agenda will be a business meeting on the PML CUG itself. Topics like: where we've been, where we want to go, what should our programs include, SIGS, how do we achieve a better attendance, how do we get members to take on a club officer position. We need new ideas, as well as help, from everyone to make our club a viable, enjoyable and fun group. After all, we are all about people helping people with the issues surrounding Computers. So, please plan to attend and bring your ideas/issues.

The CUG is composed of members at all levels of computer experience, and guests are always welcome. Remember, you do not have to be a resident of Pine Mountain Lake to attend the CUG meetings. For non-PML residents, please contact Frank Perry or Lee Isbell if you plan to attend so PML Safety Department can issue the proper pass. To learn other information about the CUG, such as past meeting content, monthly newsletters, club by-laws, and officer info, check out the club's website listed in this article.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, February 16th, 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Lodge. The Multi-Media SIG and Basic Skills SIG will not meet. Be sure to check out the CUG Web Site at <http://www.pmlcug.org>. Further information about the CUG may also be obtained from Frank Perry at 962-0728 or Lee Isbell at 962-5727.

## Men's 9ers

BY PAUL PIERETTI

Some golfers are not playing as much golf as they usually would because of our weather...It's cold out there. They'd rather stay home and watch Judge Judy or This Old House...right Wally?

So I thought I'd revisit some exercises I found on the web. Authored by Susan Hill, a Golf Biomechanic, Sports Nutritionist and President of Fitness for Golf. These exercises help to keep you in shape for golf while you stay home nice and warm. They are in fact core exercises made up of small movements...easy to do, yet pack a punch. They can help to lower your handicap

### Glute Bridge

This movement is designed to strengthen the glutes as well as improve their firing rate.

#### Instruction:

- Lie down on the floor on your back
- Bend your knees and place a small ball or folded towel between your knees
- Place your hands at your side and lift your toes off the ground with heels remaining
- Engage your abdominals and glutes, then slowly lift your hips off the ground
- Don't let the glutes touch the ground while you perform the repetitions.

### Core Flex

This movement is designed to strengthen and stretch the core muscles.

#### Instruction:

- Lie down on the floor on your back
- Bend your knees and place your feet flat on the ground.
- Put your hands flat on the floor out from your sides with your shoulders flat on the floor.
- Slowly move your knees from one side to the other. Get as close to the floor with your knees as you can without lifting your shoulders.

### Sitting Leg Lift

This movement is designed to activate your hip flexor and thigh muscles while stabilizing your abdominal's and spine.

#### Instruction:

- Sit on a Swiss Ball or chair with your feet shoulder width apart
- Rest your hands on each side of the ball/chair
- Tighten your abdominal muscles and maintain a straight spine
- Begin by slowly lifting one leg at a time, a few inches off the floor
- Alternate between each leg in a marching motion
- Try to keep the same spine angle and

## PML Niners in December

BY CYNDY KROUT

December was quiet for Niners golf. Nine of us played on December 17th for low net and Wanda Patterson had a great game and placed first. Second place was Shirley Haliwell and Judy Michaelis came in third. The other six players just had fun out there.

We celebrated Christmas at the Charlotte Hotel with a delicious lunch and had a white elephant sale to replenish our treasury. Linda Craig entertained us by presenting a few items and demonstrating their usefulness while encouraging everyone to open their wallets and ended up buying several of the items herself. Thanks, Linda!

Our Ace of Aces, Pat Van Gerpen, was honored and her name will be added to our plaque listing all the champions from over the years. Putter of the Year was announced and Claudette Babyak was presented with the perpetual put-

ter and will display it for the next year. Most Improved Player for the Year – decided by WNHGA – was Shirley Haliwell. Congratulations, Shirley, on achieving your goal.

We look forward to playing some new games this year, improving our game and following thru with our New Year's golf resolutions. In February we will have our Kick-off breakfast and start the new season.

We have three new members – Bonnie Ayala, Cora Bieler and Bev Hall! Welcome, ladies, we are very pleased to have you out there playing with us.

The Ladies Niners golf group always is looking for new members. If you are interested in playing golf with a good group of women on Thursdays please contact our Captain, Pat Price, at 962-7431. Pat can give you information on establishing a handicap and starting play.

## Crafts Guild will become "NeedleCrafts or – ??"

BY LEE ISBELL

Maybe it could be Portable Projects. In any case, a small remaining core of the original PML Crafts Guild has tried to select a name that better portrays the typical activities of the group which has relocated to The Little House, Merrell Rd and Hwy 120, for its Thursday meetings.

All are welcome to bring your favorite handcraft to work on in the company of friends, be it knitting,

crocheting, quilting, heck, we'll even let in scrapbookers, cardmakers, and people with sewing machines. There are no instructors except for friends helping friends.

The group meets on Thursdays from 10:30 to around 1:30 in the "middle room." Bring your own lunch or order the senior meal no later than 8 a.m. of the day you're coming at 962-1050. For more information about the group, call Lee Isbell, 962-5727.

avoid shifting from side to side

At first, do as many reps/sets as is comfortable for all these exercises. Your ultimate goal is 3 sets of 15 slow reps per exercise with 30 seconds of rest between sets. As you get stronger you can intensify your regiment by adding weights wherever possible. (Be especially careful using weights with the Core Flex exercises.)

To continue to have what it takes to hit the long ball, you must compensate

for the losses that come with the aging process...sorry Mike. These exercises will help to keep you in the golf game for years to come.

This just in. The 9ers have added a new game with a different twist to their roster of golf games...“Par Three.” As you might imagine, every hole on the course is a par three. Tony will set it up for us the day of play. Look for “Par Three” early spring of 2k10.

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and fresh fruit \$ 11, half order \$ 6

**Egg White Frittata**  
tomatoes, artichokes, sliced spinach & parmesan baked in a soufflé, served with fresh fruit \$ 10  
Sausage 1.50, hot for 1.50, art for 1.00 per portion 1/2

**Breakfast Burrito**

scrambled eggs, chopped ham, cheddar,  
sour cream & your choice of salsa \$ 10

**Griddle Cakes**

served with real maple syrup and  
your choice of your breakfast meat  
regular stack \$ 10 (short stack \$ 7) \$ 4  
with fresh seasonal berries & whipped cream \$ 2

**Bob's Breakfast Croissant**  
choice of breakfast meat, scrambled egg  
and cheddar \$ 9

fresh squeezed orange juice or apple bloody mary \$ 2.2  
fresh oj mimosa or regular bloody mary \$ 4

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## LUNCH

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**Grilled Flatbread**  
White cheese sauce, grilled chicken & mushroom slices \$ 8  
Mushrooms, tomatoes, ham & sausage with fresh mozzarella \$ 9  
Add a salad for a great, light meal!

**Salads**

**Mark & Bear**  
Smoky ribs, sliced beef or pork, fresh green  
and roasted onions & blue cheese, tossed lightly with  
sauce, sausage \$ 12

**Chef's Ranch Chicken Salad**  
Cold chicken, sliced tomatoes, green onions, green  
peppers, avocado, cucumber, artichoke hearts,  
dressed with our own Ranch dressing \$ 11

**Roast Beef Salad**  
Roast beef, green leaf lettuce and soft green  
onion, a dash of vinegrette with avocado, red  
onion, tomatoes and roasted nuts  
\$ 10

**Chicken Caesar**  
Grilled chicken & romaine tossed with classic  
Caesar dressing, garlic croutons & parmesan cheese \$ 9

**THE GRILL Burger**

is made of 100% fresh ground Angus beef, thickly seasoned with kosher salt & black pepper,  
served with the traditional onions, tomato, pickles & sauce on a freshly baked soft roll or potato roll  
grilled in order over an open flame & served with french fries \$ 8  
and special burger, hot cheese, jalapenos, onion, scrambled eggs,  
mushrooms, sliced tomato or onions \$ 11  
or a burger with a small onion roll \$ 7

**Wides**, these are burgers with cheddar sauce, pickles, onions & tomato \$ 9  
**Five Burger**, eat as much as you can, served on the grill \$ 12

**Sandwiches**

served on french fries, hot sauce or Pine Juice

**The Pasty Melt**  
A round burger served on a potato roll with  
sauces, onion, pickles \$ 10

**Bacon Biscuits**  
Served with cheddar, sausage,  
mushrooms & onions on a pulled  
beef roll or "hot dog" bun \$ 11

**Grilled Chicken on New Orleans**  
with roasted red peppers, avocado, tomato slices  
and a side of french fries \$ 11

**Grilled Main Dish Sandwich**  
meat, cheddar & onion on a roll with french fries & cheddar sauce, served with french fries \$ 10

**Slow Roasted Chicken Fetta**  
roast chicken, tomatoes, mushrooms & stuffing finished with parmesan and served with french fries \$ 11

**Mixed Greens with Orange Mustard Vinaigrette**  
sliced fresh green spring mixed with mushrooms for Pine dressing, served with roasted sausage \$ 8  
Sausage 1.50, hot for 1.50, art for 1.00 per portion 1/2

**Crabby Spring Tuna**  
two \$ 20, cheddar, tomato, green "onion"  
& cucumber served with white rice, rolls  
and french fries \$ 11

**French Dip**  
Grilled beef, onion or a large french roll, sauce \$ 10

**Spring 'n' Dip**  
Chicken or beef with a creamy spring sauce, served on  
pot roll with french fries, cheddar and onion  
sauce \$ 11

**Traditional Club**  
Roast beef, cheddar, onion, tomato, lettuce \$ 9

**Hot Flatbread**  
Hot, sliced chicken or an onion roll with french  
fries \$ 10

**Features**

**Grilled Main Dish Sandwich**  
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& cucumber served with white rice, rolls  
and french fries \$ 11

**Memphis Pulled Pork Sandwich**  
Slow roasted pork, cheddar, tomato with "onion" sauce  
and french fries, served with white rice, rolls, onion  
and french fries \$ 11

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## THE GRILL Burger

1/2 pound of 100% fresh ground Angus chuck lightly seasoned with kosher salt & black pepper served with the traditional lettuce, tomato, pickle & onion on a locally baked soft roll or onion roll grilled to order over an open flame & served with french fries \$9

add aged cheddar, blue cheese, american, Swiss, caramelized onions, mushrooms, applewood bacon or avocado \$1

try it bunless with a small Caesar salad \$9

**Sliders**, three mini burgers with chipotle ranch, pickles, lettuce & tomato \$8

**Baca Burger**, not as much fun but healthier, served on rice grain \$8

### Favorites

(served with soup or salad and choice of 2 sides)

#### Chicken Parmesan

crispy chicken breast with marinara, mozzarella & parmesan, served with garlic bread \$16

#### Grilled Salmon

lightly seared over an open flame, finished with seasonal fruit salsa \$19

#### Slow Roasted Chicken

one half chicken hand rubbed with our own seasoning blend and slow roasted in our special ovens, served semi-boneless \$18 (we only cook a few every day so when they're gone we apologize)

#### Shrimp Scampi

pan seared prawns finished with lemon cream sauce & tomato relish \$21

#### Penne Gorgonzola

creamy garlic & cheese sauce tossed with artichoke hearts, sun dried tomatoes and mushrooms \$13

#### Rack of Lamb

six bone rack rubbed with our housemade spice blend and finished with a zinfandel demi glace \$28

### Sides

white corn relish, sauteed veggies, garlic mashed potatoes, baked potato, roasted yukon gold potatoes, Jeff's armenian rice pilaf, penne w/ marinara or Alfredo \$3

garlic fries are available as an upgrade to any meal for \$2

For those watching their SALT intake we offer Barbers /1 Organic SALT-FREE seasoning blends



## DINNER

Served Tuesday through Saturday 5pm to 9:30pm and Sunday 4pm to 8pm

### Appetizers

#### Spinach Dip

served with crispy flatbread chips \$8

#### Skewered Tequila Shrimp

marinated and brushed with agave nectar \$8

#### Crab Cakes

four housemade crab cakes served with seasonal greens, tomato relish & lemon aioli \$10

#### Lollipop Lamb

grilled new Zealand style chops finished with a zinfandel demi glace \$8

#### Bay Shrimp Cocktail

chilled bay shrimp, housemade cocktail sauce \$4

#### Grilled White Flatbread

alfredo sauce, grilled chicken & shaved parmesan \$7

#### Grilled Margherita Flatbread

basil pesto, tomatoes, basil & mozzarella with fresh mushrooms \$8

Add a salad for a great light meal

### Features

(served with choice of soup or salad)

#### Mixed Greens with Orange Mustard Vinaigrette

mixed field greens lightly dressed with housemade fat free dressing, tossed with seasonal veggie \$8 calories 95, total fat 1.5 g, sat fat .25 g, protein 3 g

#### Grilled Pork Loin Chops

two bone-in chops, grilled to order and brushed with spicy honey apple glaze, served with choice of two sides \$16

#### Mahi Mahi with Fruit Salsa

roasted vegetables and yukon gold potatoes \$17 calories 295, total fat 2.2 g, sat fat 0.9 g, protein 37 g

#### Grilled Blue Cheese New York Steak

center cut new york finished with blue cheese, bacon and onions, served on a stuffing platter choice of two sides \$28

#### Grilled Gulf Shrimp Pasta

linguini tossed in lobster sauce with Mexican gulf shrimp, baby bella mushrooms and smoked applewood bacon \$17

#### Prime Rib

dry rubbed & slow roasted in our special ovens, sides, choice of two sides chef's cut \$27 regular cut \$18

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# Who Said There Was Nothing to Do in the Winter?

BY JEFF HERMANN, BAR MANAGER 19TH HOLE LOUNGE

Hello and happy New Year from all of us at the 19th Hole Lounge. I would like to thank those of you who celebrated the New Year at The GRILL. It was really nice to see everyone dressed to impress, dancing, laughing and enjoying each other's company. Now that the holidays are behind us and things are settling down, February is a busy time for the 19th Hole Lounge.

February 2nd kicks off a tradition that has been celebrated since 1887. Started in Punxsutawney, PA, Phil (MR. Groundhog) leaves his heated burrow and checks to see if he can see his shadow. The story says if Phil sees his shadow we are in for 6 more weeks of winter. If no shadow ap-

pears, we can expect spring to arrive early. Throughout all the years only 10% of the time has Phil not seen his shadow.

For all of you that are football fans, on February 7th come down and cheer on your favorite team who will be playing for all the marbles in Miami. The 19th Hole will be providing food and drink specials for a SUPERBOWL party. Come by and enjoy the game on one of five TV's, great food and comfortable place to enjoy NFL's biggest game.

Remember, Gentlemen, On February 13th we are having a Valentine Dinner Dance, featuring the sounds of Tradewinds. Tradewinds is a 12-piece band that includes a brass

section that will knock your socks off. Come down, toast that someone special w/a glass of our special PINK Passion Champagne. Hope to see you there.

This month we have a great calendar of entertainment. February 5th is Karaoke w/Shirley. After taking a month off for the holidays Shirley will be playing your favorite tunes to sing to. Shirley, I'm sure glad you're back, the members have missed you. Karaoke w/Shirley will now be the first Friday of the month. So, practice singing your favorite songs in the shower, and come down on the first Friday of the month. Who knows, you might be a star, if only for the night. Rockslide kicks off Saturday,

February 20th with our own Karen Peracca, who is just as important to us in PMLA as on the microphone. Come down and support our own with ROCKSLIDE. On February 27th we have a real treat for you, Marquise entertainment featuring the sound of the always energetic DJ William. Those of you who have seen William perform in the past, you know you're in for a fun filled night of dancing. Don't be surprised if you find yourself dancing with William. Unlike normal DJ's, you may find William dancing and singing next to you on the dance floor. He truly is entertaining.

Hope the New Year is going well for all of you. We will talk to you again next month.



# Swing Your Sweetheart Dinner

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### *Appetizer*

A chocolate covered  
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Fresh assorted Artisan rolls

### *Soup or Salad*

Choice of:

A spring mixed salad tossed  
in a raspberry champagne  
dressing topped  
with candied walnuts  
and fresh berries,  
or Roasted red pepper soup  
with smoked gouda.

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CHOICE OF  
ROASTED RED POTATOES,  
GARLIC MASHED POTATOES,  
OR RICE PILAF

### *Entree*

Choice of:

New York steak with whiskey  
peppercorn sauce,  
Pistachio encrusted salmon  
topped with a mango relish,  
or Chicken Oscar,  
lightly breaded chicken  
breast topped with fresh  
asparagus and crab,  
and served  
with Béarnaise sauce.

### *Dessert*

*(one dessert to  
share per couple)*

Choice of:

A choice of red velvet cake,  
or chocolate  
decadence cake.

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# The Grill

BY JAY REIS, MANAGER OF THE GRILL AT PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE



**P**lease join me in congratulating our new Bar manager of the 19th Hole Lounge. We promoted Jeff Hermann as your new Bar manager,

so the next time you stop by and have a drink wish him well as our newest team member. Jeff has been with us for about 6 months and is very friendly and outgoing. He is another Bay Area transplant like myself.

We also have upgraded our wine list to include many local wineries including Gianelli, Ironstone, Klaussen, Lava Cap, Renwood, Michael David and Gnarly Head. Speaking of wine, if you didn't make it to our last wine tasting event in January with Ironstone, be sure to reserve a spot for our March wine tast-

ing dinner featuring wines from Michael David out of Lodi.

And if you haven't joined the EClub yet, you're missing out on some great savings and specials. You don't have to come in to join, just go to our website, [www.pinemountainlake.com](http://www.pinemountainlake.com) and click onto The Grill tab and click the link, it's that easy.



# Love is in the Air

BY BAMBI JOHNSON, HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR



**C**ome feel the LOVE at the Grill! On February 13th we will be hosting a Swing your Sweetheart Dinner and Dance, so come and celebrate the Valentine's Day Holiday with us. The dinner will consist of a four course meal, served with a complementary glass of pink champagne and a flower for the ladies.

After dinner swing your sweetheart to the romantic sounds of Trade Winds, our live music for the evening. They will be playing from 8 p.m. till midnight. The dinner and dance is priced at \$49.00 plus tax.

There are limited Early Bird seatings with no entertainment at 5:00 p.m. It is offered at a discounted price of \$30.00

plus tax.

This event is filling up fast so call today to make your reservation!

On another note, Wednesday, March 31, we will be hosting another wine tasting dinner from 5:00p.m. till 8:00p.m. This time we will be sampling wines from the Michael David and Earthquake labels. The wines will be offered at a discounted sale price. We will take your orders that night, and the orders will be filled the following week.

The meal accompanying this tasting will consist of a mixed green salad with choice of dressings, warm garlic bread, penne gorgonzola, and chicken parmesan. Chef Jeff will prepare a sweet treat to top off the evening. The price for the wine tasting and dinner is \$15.00 plus tax. Reservations are required for this event, so don't forget to call.

Hope to see you soon at The Grill!

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# Pine Mountain Lake Racquet Club

BY DAVE RAUCH EDITOR

We had a great turnout for the Christmas dinner and meeting which was held at the Grill at PML in spite of several conflicts - which always seem to be a problem here at PML - there are so many things to do!

Officers of the club were announced with Al Rodriguez taking on the helm as President, Debbie Ernst as Vice President (Debbie has since been replaced by Emily Van Fleet as she has had an opportunity for a long wonderful vacation). Thanks to Emily for volunteering. Secretary is Chris Balek and treasurer Dick Davis (Dottie). Director at large is Bob Mayrend with Facilities Director, Gerry DeHart.

I attended the first board meeting of the new administration and can report some of the things that were discussed.

Membership is declining due to many factors - some of which are unknown. To that end the board is considering offering free tennis lessons to members and prospective members. They are not being given by USPTA pros, but good players who are volunteering to help those that want to get back into the game or want to improve on their skills to better enjoy the sport. Many are passing on tips that they paid \$50-\$75 an hour for. For more information call Bob Mayrend at 962-0980. Where else can you get tennis lessons for \$10 a year?

Schedules for tournaments have not been formed yet, but there seems to be a consensus that most members don't like a competitive format. The Tuesday nite socials have been very popular the last few years with pickup games the norm. Regarding that - a suggestion was made to have a racquet rack put up so that people can rotate in order after each set.

The tournaments may be more social events this year instead of competitions.

The Thursday men's tennis is as strong as ever with Jack Linaberry's steady hand at scheduling. Jack was awarded a gift certificate for the Grill for his service at the dinner in gratitude from the Thursday men's group members. Thanks to John Olson for the suggestion.

Maybe someone this year can do the

same for the ladies day group. Volunteers anyone?

Tennis passes for 2010 - Do you say twenty-ten or oh ten or two thousand ten? - are now available at the administration front desk. Good news - they are the same price as last year - \$112!

The next quarterly meeting of the club will be on Mar 2 oh ten (I like that) at a time and place to be determined.

To that end - please get your email addresses in or updated as soon as possible. Call Al Rodriguez with any changes you may have. 962-6457. The board wants to get the roster books redone as soon as possible, and have an easier (cheaper) way to inform members about the club's activities.

**Rule question. If you whiff the first serve, what is your next comment? A. expletive B. first serve C. second serve D. I'm sorry, I had a bug in my eye. Can I take it over?**

**Answer C. If you toss the ball up and take a swing at it with the intention of hitting it but miss it entirely - it's a fault. Just as in golf, if you swing the club at the ball after addressing it and miss it - it's counted as a stroke.**

I have a tennis tip - from a book I read years ago entitled "Watch the ball, Bend your knees, That'll be twenty dollars, please"

*Happy tennis, Dave*

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<b>Computer User Group</b>	
Frank Perry	962-0728
<b>Cooking Class</b>	
Tom Knoth/Paula Martell	962-5838
<b>Country Mountain Riders</b>	
Luke Sullivan	962-5952
<b>Crafts Guild</b>	
Lee Isbell	962-5727
<b>Dance Party</b>	
Carol Stevens/Bob Digby	962-0406
<b>Duplicate Bridge</b>	
Bobbi Vandenberg	962-6965
<b>Exercise Class</b>	
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# Prescription from the Golf Doctor

BY TONY MURPHY, HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL



**D**e a r M e m - b e r s : We are starting a new year and definitely one that I am looking forward to as last year had some memorable mo-

ments. It can be an exciting time and, personally, I am going to do my best to make it just that. Attitude is so important in all that we try to accomplish and I can tell you that we who work for you in the golf shop are moving forward in a positive manner to make 2010 a banner year in all areas that are under our control.

Attitude...Alan Macdonald sure wouldn't let it go in 2009. He consciously persevered concerning an outlandish idea that I wanted trees in the middle of #9 fairway. If you watch the NFL pregame football program Sunday on TV, his comments would be considered in the "COME ON MAN" segment of the show. You should be glad to know that I did not purchase any trees this past year and I will be unable to purchase any for this year. Not that I wouldn't want to purchase more...And that comment in last month's Pine Mountain Lake News concerning me fertilizing the trees located in the right hand rough on hole #9..."Come on man," you know it wasn't me. I think that it was Grover.

2009 was a great year for accomplishing improvements to PML, some of which were: Major change to the look and feel inside the clubhouse, building of a beautiful rock wall next to the staging area by #1 tee box, beginning construction of adding an additional 15 yards to the back of #9 tee box, and additional trees planted in areas of need throughout the golf course. These are but a few of the changes that have helped make PML better than it was in the year 2008. This goes with a New Year's resolution that I mentioned in last month's article: let us leave the golf course better than we found it. As I am typing this, improvements are continuing to happen, especially in the area of needed pruning and thinning of some of our largest oak trees. I am proud to be part of such a beautiful place. Let's ALL do our part to make PML the best that it can be. If we make a conscious effort EACH day to do our part.....Just imagine the outcome. WOW!!!

# "Those Were The Days My Friends, Those Were The Days..."

BY ROSEMARY ADAMS, PUBLICITY, PML LADIES CLUB

**A**nd, truly they were, as we learned while visiting with our members of PML Ladies Club at our January Meeting, Many of our members had enjoyed visits here from family and friends. Others had traveled far and wide to enjoy visits elsewhere. It was a delight to ear heir pleasures relived in their telling. Another fun part, we all recalled Holidays long past as we went through our memories.

and watched the golfers shooting pars and better (indeed, why not) and saw the mountains in the East draped in laces of snow, we felt especially happy to be here at Pine Mountain Lake, so we offer you a GRAND, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A special treat for all of us was that early December and its snowfall, power outages, etc. are behind us. The New Year brought us fine weather - would you believe Spring!!! Well, that is a slight exaggeration, but it is lovely. As we stood on the terrace at the Grill

Now we move to business. Our PML Ladies Club will be having elections for 2010 at our February Meeting, and the slate of prospective officers was presented in January. Do mark your calendars to be with us for this event.

# LOCAL RAINFALL

BY JERRY DICKSON

Date Rain, (24 hr. to 9AM)	inches Total,	Season inches
<b>Season Total to July 1, 2009</b>		
		<b>8.77</b>

12/13/09	2.32	11.09
12/14/09	0.30	11.39
12/22/09	1.70	13.09
12/23/09	0.08	13.17
12/27/09	0.30	13.47
12/29/09	0.08	13.55
12/30/09	0.17	13.72



Jan 1st totals for the past six years:

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# February **EVENTS CALENDAR**



**Swing Your Sweetheart Feb. 13**



**Filet Mignon Cooking Class Feb. 9**



**Sock Hop Feb. 13**

**2-09**

SATURDAY

**PML Cooking Class**

Time: 6:30 to 8:00 pm

"Romantic Valentine's Day Dinner" - Filet Mignon with Bourbon Peppercorn Sauce, Lover's Salad, Chocolate Lava Cakes

Location: PML Lake Lodge

Cost: \$10 Class Fee

Includes food samples

Contact: Tom Knoth at 209-962-5838 or email tom-knoth@yahoo.com

**2-13**

TUESDAY

**Swing Your Sweetheart Dinner**

Feb 13th 8-12PM

\$49 per person

Info 962-8638

See The Grill at Pine Mountain Lake pages for details

**2-13**

THURSDAY

**Sock Hop**

Tioga High School

Gymnasium

Feb 13th

\$25 each, \$45 couple

Info, Cindy 962-4763

Tickets avail at Pine Mountain Video Store

**2-28**

FRIDAY

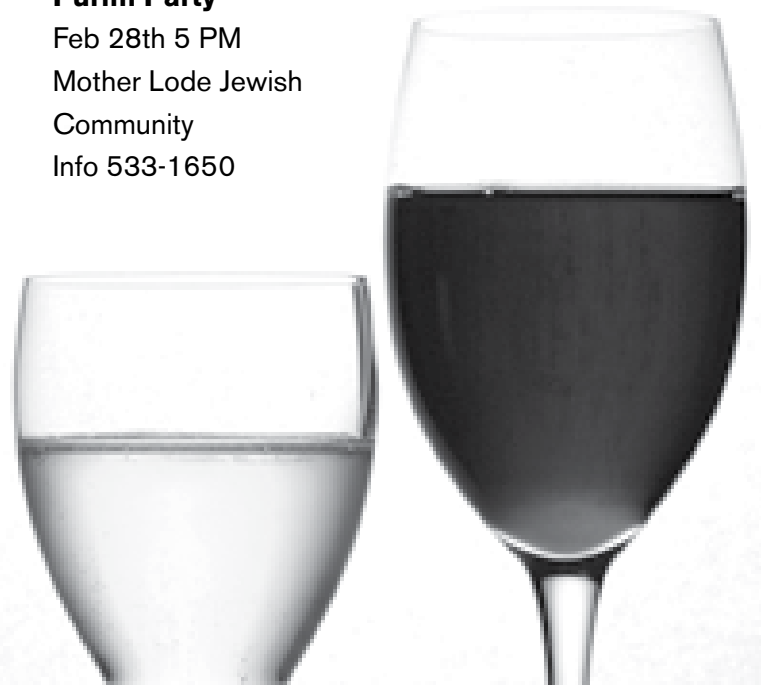
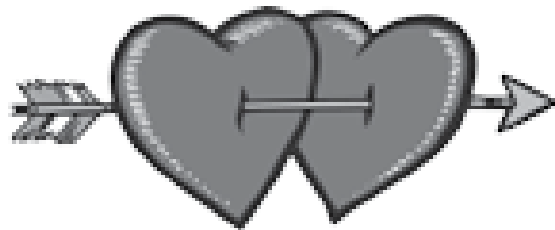
**Purim Party**

Feb 28th 5 PM

Mother Lode Jewish

Community

Info 533-1650



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**Easter Celebration**

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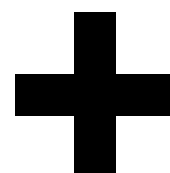
Sunday, Mar 21st 2 PM

**The Grill Wine Tasting**

March 31st 5-8 PM

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Info 962-8638



**Health Faire**

March 30th

Tenaya Elementary School

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Egg Noodles

#### VEGGIE

Raspberry or Plain Glazed Carrots  
Brussels Sprouts w/Pecans  
Roasted Vegetables - in season  
Peas with Pine Nuts

#### PASTA & Other

Mushroom Lasagna  
Rio Verde Chicken Enchiladas  
Macaroni & Cheese (Grown up style)

#### SALADS

Gorgonzola, Varietal, Antipasti, Spring Greens

Substitutions will be made if items are unavailable

## ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

### BRIDGE at The Grill

Mondays • 9 AM

All bridge players are welcome. Men (10:15 AM) call Bill Mingus at 209/962-4240 for reservations.

### Soroptimist Meetings

The Soroptimist International of Groveland meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the Hotel Charlotte at 12 noon. For information regarding membership, please contact Linda Struhm at 962-0278.

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### Sierra Club Hike of the Week

Thursdays • 9 AM

Midweek Hikes in the Groveland Area on Thursdays. Weather permitting, each Thursday meet at Mary Laveroni Community Park in Groveland at 8 AM for an approximate 6-mile hike. Bring a bag lunch, jacket, water, sunscreen and a snack in a daypack and wear hiking boots. The hike is followed by lunch under the shade of the trees. Call Frank Oyung for further details 209/962-7585.

### Bridge (Duplicate) at the Lake Lodge

2nd & 4th Thursdays

All bridge players are welcome. Call Bobbi Vandenberg at 209/962-6965 for information.

### Library Hours

The Groveland Branch Library is open Monday – Thursday 2-6 and Friday, Saturday 10-2. Closed Sunday.

### Chair Dancing

Every Monday at The Little House at 10:00 am

### Senior Lunches

Senior lunches are provided Tuesdays and Thursdays 12 noon at the Little House on Merrell Rd. Call 962-1050 before 8 am for reservations.

### Blood pressure readings

First & second Wednesdays: at The Little House

Time: 10 am to noon

Game Days Time: noon to 3 pm

Second Wednesday: Legal aid

Time: 1 pm to 3 pm

### “High Country Line Dancers”

Beginning in September 2009, the High Country Line Dancers will be meeting every Tuesday at the Community Hall at 7:00p.m. through the summer. One dance will be taught from 7-7:30, then open dancing from 7:30-8:30. We encourage newcomers to come and try it out; it's a great and fun way to exercise! For more info, call Carol @ 7254 or Sue @ 4155.

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### Garrotte Lions Bingo

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6:30 Early Bird Bingo and 7:00 Regular Bingo

### Strength for Life

Every Tuesday and Thursday at The Little House at 10:30 am

## Got that marshmallow feeling? Or worse yet, got that leftover mashed potato feeling?

### Aerobic Exercise is offered at the Lake Lodge

We have a free, drop-in at the PML Lake Lodge M-W-F at 9:00AM. A selection of tapes is run featuring low-impact cardio and some light weight training. If you have favorite tapes/CDs that you want to share with the group, we would love to try that also.

You don't have to be bouncing off the ceiling to keep up with our group. We have a variety of skill levels (and a variety of aches and pains). If you do not like one type of movement, we will

try to find an alternative move for your comfort.

Even if you didn't gain the average of 7-pounds over the holidays, you can still benefit from joining us:

- You can improve muscle tone
  - You can improve flexibility
  - You can improve balance
  - You can add variety to your exercise program
  - You can receive encouragement from the group
  - You can exercise away from the house and phones
- You may contact Barb at 962-6457 for information. Or just drop by with your mat and light weights (optional).

## Line Dancing In Groveland

BY SUE SALNICK

Dust off that New Year's resolution again and (a) have some fun, (b) learn something new, (c) get some exercise for body and mind, and (d) meet some new people!

High Country Line Dancers are at it again! Beginning the first Tuesday in January we started a new session for beginning line dancers. Lessons are 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Groveland Community Hall. Intermediate/advanced lessons and dancing run from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Now's the time to get started! No partner required. We're there every Tuesday night through mid-June, and if we teach you one new

dance every week, you'll know 24 dances by the end of the spring session!

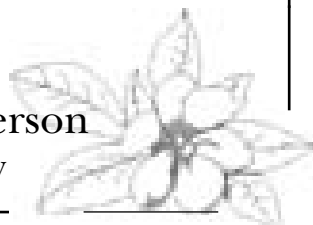
So come and join us at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights in Groveland. There are lots of opportunities to practice what you've learned out with your friends...PML Dance Party, Resident's Club, Country Mountain Riders BBQ – you name it! And it's not just country music...we dance to rock and roll, salsa, and reggae as well as country.

We request a \$2 donation per person per week. For more information, call Carol Stevens at 962-7254 or Sue Salnick at 962-4155.

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# Tuolumne County Supervisor Message

JOHN L. GRAY, SUPERVISOR-FOURTH DISTRICT

Writing a monthly article for publication can be quite difficult at times. Journalism has never been one of my "strengths" as I'm more of "pick and shovel" kind of guy. It's not that there isn't enough to write about--quite the opposite! There are so many topics of interest to share with you that selecting the subject becomes a project in itself.

My plan is to pick a few topics each month, give a little detail on each and offer my opinion on the subject. If it peaks your interest and you want more information about my position, or on the subject itself, you are welcome to contact me personally so that we can discuss it in more depth.

On January 8th, the final report regarding the escaped Yosemite Control Burn which resulted in the destruction of timber and vegetation on over 7,000 acres of the Park, was released. You may recall that shortly after the fire, Park Superintendent, Dave Uberuaga, stated that knowing what he knew then, he would make the same decision. It is good to see now that the Park Service and the Superintendent have reconsidered their position and have expressed extreme regret for what happened. According to the report, the Park's Staff was overconfident in their assessment of controlling the fire. The Park Superintendent has ordered a revision of the Park's policies for tracking fuel danger, moisture, fire behavior and weather.

CAO, Craig Pedro, and I, along with other County Staff, will be meeting with the Park Superintendent on January 25th as a follow up. I want to personally thank Superintendent Uberuaga for the openness that he has shown over the past months on this and other issues concerning the Park.

In December the Stanislaus Forest Supervisor, Susan Skalski, announced the release of the final record of decision (ROD) regarding the Motorized

Travel Management Project. It is part of a national effort to designate transportation systems on each National Forest. The goal is to establish a network of sustainable roads and trails that provide opportunities for access and recreation while protecting natural and cultural resources. The environmental statement which was completed on this topic is more than 600 pages long and covers a variety of issues. The final ROD itself will state the regulations pertaining for motorized use on over 2200 miles of Forest Service Roads and Trails.

To come to a conclusion that is balanced and protects the environment and the rights of the user is very difficult, to say the least. It is my opinion that Forest Supervisor Skalski made a strong effort to achieve this balance in her record of decision. As she has stated, it is a "work in progress" and changes can be made along the way. Many of the items that the County Board of Supervisors commented on were considered, however, the Board majority feels that there still needs to be more deliberation on a number of additional subjects including: (1) seasons of use (2) vehicle parking restrictions and (3) the continued use of dispersed camping, to name a few.

At this point in time, it appears the Board will appeal the record of decision (ROD). The Board's decision to appeal is not meant to question the USFS but rather it is the process that needs to be followed to forward the Board's position.

To find out more about the Motorized Travel Management Plan, please contact: Sue Warren, Team Leader, Stanislaus National Forest, 1977 Greenley Road, Sonora, CA 95370 or e-mail: swarren@fs.fed.us.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission will be shutting down the Mountain Tunnel that provides water to the Moccasin State Fish Hatchery from January 3rd to February 4th. The shut-

down is needed so that repairs can be made to portions of the Hetch Hetchy water system.

Planted fish provide important recreation opportunities to the residents of the county and the tourists that come here to enjoy our outdoor recreation opportunities. Many businesses depend upon this and other tourism related attractions for their financial livelihood. It is estimated that fishing alone injects approximately \$6.8M into our local economy. We have been informed that there will be additional shut downs in the future that will again interrupt the water supply to the hatchery. We need to have a plan in place to insure that an adequate amount of fish will be planted in our streams in order to maintain the recreational fishing opportunities.

Recently Supervisor Murrison, CAO Craig Pedro and I met with representatives of the Hetch Hetchy, SFPUC and the Dept of Fish and Game. The goal of these meetings is to work together to develop a long term plan to protect this important resource. In my opinion, the meetings have gone extremely well. Everyone at the table has shown a will-

ingness to step up and find a solution. We aren't there yet but we are certainly in a better position than we were a few months ago. I can't say enough about the cooperation we have received from all parties. Fish and Game, Hetch Hetchy and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission representatives are all to be commended for the effort they have put forth.

As always, I welcome your comments and discussion on topics of importance to you. I invite you to contact me by telephone at (209) 533-5521 by e-mail at: jgray@co.tuolumne.ca.us or to stop by to see me in Groveland the last Wednesday of the month and in Don Pedro the last Thursday of the month. Due to new committee obligations, hours spent in Groveland and Don Pedro may need to be adjusted. I will let you know next month if there will be any changes in the office hour schedule. Please contact the Clerk of the Board at 533-5521 to confirm the office schedule for Groveland and Don Pedro.

Hope to hear from you.

*John L. Gray,  
Supervisor-Fourth District*

## The Soroptimist Scene....where fun is a main ingredient for community service

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

Save the date of February 28, 2010 for the return of the Chinese Auction!! Note that this is a change from the date published in our article last month. The committee for this popular event is working to make this a special event. This is a major fundraiser--bring LOTS of quarters (or buy them at the dinner) keep those cups jingling and jangling.

These receipts are primarily used in the community and we look forward to your support for this event.

Save the date of March 30, 2010 for the Wellness Faire.

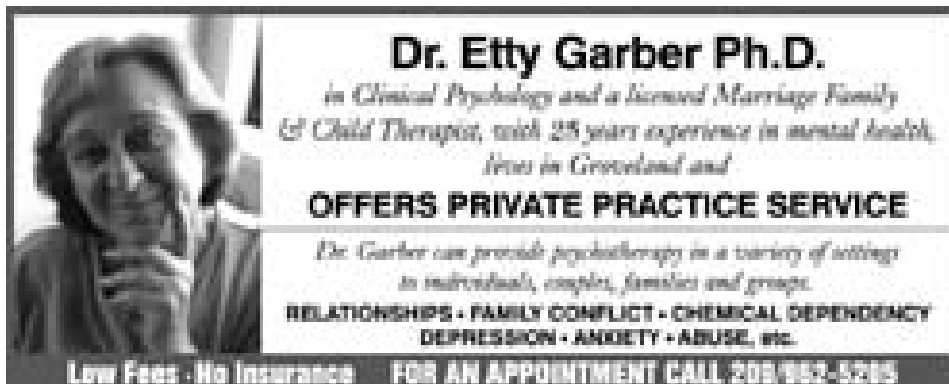
The term of President, Linda Struhm is at mid-point. There have been many activities accomplished, and many more events to get done before the

end of June. Look for the banners down town.

Statistics have been compiled regarding the shopping for the community baskets. The "shoppers" have already had a list of ideas for next year's shopping. It is great to see energy and ideas flowing.

"S" Club of Tioga High School has been busy and these members are also bursting with ideas and energy. Look for their report in the school section. Look for newly planted flowers at the High School.

If you have an interest in helping your community and having a really great time, call Linda Struhm 962-0278. It is never too late to join in on the fun.



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# Hetch Hetchy AOR Donation To Local Schools

BY CAROLYN BOTELL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, HETCH HETCHY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

The Hetch Hetchy Association of REALTORS® recently delivered the proceeds from its last golf tournament to our local schools, and here is how they plan to use the money:

Tenaya Elementary plans to put its \$1,500 towards its Accelerated Reader program by purchasing new books to expand student reading choices, and quizzes that measure reading and com-

prehension skills; this program is a great learning tool!

Don Pedro High hopes to teach its art students about profit & loss in the business trade by starting a student-run screen printing business, with its \$750 donation.

Tioga High School is excited about buying sports supplies for its new gymnasium, such as indoor badminton equipment, exercise balls, nerf footballs, dodge balls, and more, and challenges YOU to come join them for a game!

It is a testament to the hard work of our Tournament Organizer, Dave Lint, with Sugar Pine Realty GMAC, that he managed to raise \$750 more than last

year's tournament, even in these hard financial times. Please join us in saying "Thank You" to Dave for his continuing efforts on behalf of our local youth!

The date for this year is Friday, July 9th, and this is the 10th annual Hetch Hetchy Association of REALTORS® Golf For Schools Tournament. You don't have to be a golfer to enjoy this tournament, it includes dinner, music and dancing, and more! Contact Dave Lint at (209) 962-7765 or Hetch Hetchy AOR at (209) 962-4034 or email hhetchy@hhetchyaor.com for info. Please help us make it our most successful ever by participating in any, and every, way that you can...Thanks!



Top: Dave Lint gives check for Tioga High School to Sandra Bradley, Principal

Middle: Dave Lint presents check to Vickie Bradshaw with

Don Pedro High School and Sandra Bradley

Bottom: Dave Lint gives check to Marianne Quinn with Tenaya Elementary School

## Spa Day Feb 6th 1-6pm

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# How Great Our Volunteers

BY KAY GLAVES

This year an exceptional group of volunteers appeared ready to do all that was necessary to get our job done. They not only put up all the town's Christmas Decorations in record time but, seemingly with a special touch that made it all look fantastic. Accord-



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### Winter Restaurant Schedule:

This winter we remain open for dinner Thurs-Sun nights from 5:30. Lunches Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11:30 & sometimes other days too!

### Quaffing the Coast Continues!

Have you marked your calendars for 2/21, 3/21 and 4/18, the remaining wine dinners for this season featuring Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Luis Obispo wineries? There's still room. [www.HotelCharlotte.com/quaffing.html](http://www.HotelCharlotte.com/quaffing.html)

### Dinner with a Ghost Hunter

Jeff Dwyer, author of over a dozen Ghost Hunting books including the Gold Rush Country, joins us for dinner, intrigue, questions and more. [www.HotelCharlotte.com/ghosts.html](http://www.HotelCharlotte.com/ghosts.html)

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ingly, we received more compliments this year expressing how great the town looked.

Prior to our beginning the actual put up of Christmas Decorations there is an annual pre-decoration session where all existing decorations are examined and repaired. Example, the store front garlands require replacement of all burnt out lights. This year we added several strings of white lights to the garlands to make them more attractive. More ornaments were also added to help increase their overall appearance. Volunteers for this pre-put-up session were: Mike and Anita Millard, Paul Sperry, Judy Tabia, Regina Tilley, Pat Fernandez, Lion Frank Oyung, and Lion Kay Glaves. Mike and Anita Millard took on an additional task of reconstructing a damaged garland that had been backed over by a car breaking lights and ornaments. We also had a terrific group of people who washed and re-rolled the recycled red ribbon from last year to be used again this year. Down to Earth contributed sections of PVC pipe to re-roll the ribbon on and designate whether the rolls contained long or short sections of recycled ribbon.

Ribbon recycle volunteers, Patty Ellis and members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Vickie Webster, Shaila and Shaila Eslick, Judy Llewellyn, Abigail and Lindsey Holland, and members of the Groveland Boy and Cub Scouts, Ken and Nick Eslick, Robert Reed and Neilson Holland.

A special thanks must go to a very special lady, Marie Deshaies, who has made all our bows since 1984.

Decorating Groveland and Big Oak Flat at Christmas time has been a very gratifying and wonderful experience. Thanks to the following magnificent volunteers who were involved in the put up of all the joyous decorations for 2009. They were Mike and Anita Millard, Marie Dean, David (Stilts) Volponi, Don Myers, Paul Sperry, Judy Tabia, Pat and Rudy Fernandez, Gene and Lee Nye, Mary Brown, Thelma Faux, Paul and Barbara Klahn, Vicky Webster, Jolene and Jack Fairbanks, Regina Tilley, Joanne Hammond, Cecilia Burke, Chris Balek, Richard Fries, Liz Reinhard, Blaine and Pat Cluff, Fran Fears, Paul Sperry, Bert Howard, Karen Handley, Joe Menard, Dick Dentino, Joe and Barbara Neynader, Lion President Frank Oyung and Lion Kay Glaves.

Additional Thank you's to the Groveland Fire Department personnel for placing our HAPPY HOLIDAYS banner across Main Street. We wish to extend a Thank You to GCSO's Jim Goodrich and the Board of Directors for their cooperation in helping us to light the trees in Mary Laveroni Park.

We must also acknowledge the very special help we received from the City and County of San Francisco Hetch Hetchy Division for their efforts to help us to maintain the lights on our present trees and their help in lighting several more trees in the park. The Hetch Hetchy crew consisted of Paul Morgan, Lisa Gonzales, Josh Gordon, John Nelson, Aric Lemke and Ron Brady. Assisting this crew were Malcolm, Mike Millard and Lion Kay Glaves.

Special thanks to Dan Lear and Margaret Hannasford of Hetch Hetchy for their cooperative efforts in bringing the work crew to Groveland.

Because of the rain and cold weather Santa's Day in the Park (sponsored by the Garrotte Lions Club) had to be moved into the Groveland Fire Station. Our thanks to Fire Chief Shane Warner for providing the fire station so all the children would stay warm and dry.

Malcolm brought his friend, Santa Claus, to greet the many children with their Christmas want lists. Assisting Santa was Mrs Claus (aka Kay Glaves) in her new skirt to distribute candy canes and gifts to the children. All present were offered hot chocolate at the Garrotte Lions booth.

Serving were Wanda Day, Erma Millheim, Dave Hackrader and Lion President Frank Oyung. The firemen at the station helped erect and dismantle the booth.

Santa's beautiful sleigh with nine reindeer (built by volunteer firemen) was also present in the fire station.

Printed announcements of Santa's Day in the Park were designed by Nancy Perry of PML. Mar Val Market assisted in the distribution to the public at their check stands.

Decorations in the Community Hall were one by Adrienne and LeRoy Carter, Darien Carter and Danni Goya.

Mike Millard took care of maintaining the garland lights for all the downtown merchants.

If you contributed to the decoration effort and was not recognized in this article we apologize for missing your effort.

On behalf of the Garrotte Lions Club we wish to extend a personal Thank You to all the merchants, clubs, individuals and organizations for the truly fine support of this community effort.

The Dori's Tea Cottage, Charlotte Hotel and Firefall Coffee very graciously offered free coffee or hot chocolate to our working volunteers. It was cold and rainy at times and this offer was very much appreciated. Thank You!

## CA Senior Winter Games at Dodge Ridge

BY SANDY GORDON

The spirit of the Winter Olympics will live on with competition for senior winter sports enthusiasts during The First Annual California Senior Winter Games, March 11 - 14, 2010.

The event, to be held at Dodge Ridge Winter Sports Area, Pinecrest, California, is expected to attract hundreds of senior athletes and their families to the ski area. Open to athletes from across the nation (women and men 50 years and older competing in five-year age groups), the four-day competition will feature downhill skiing, telemark, snowboarding, cross-country skiing and demonstrations.

"We are pleased to host the California Senior Winter Games at Dodge Ridge and we're fully set up with our recent \$6 million base area expansion, great terrain, and experienced staff," said Sally Helm, Dodge Ridge President and CEO.

Longtime journalist and Columbia, California, resident Mike Gahagan (70) is the event coordinator assisted by a California Senior Winter Games Advisory Committee. An avid senior skier and tennis player, Gahagan helped bring

the event to Dodge Ridge, through a partnership with the California Senior Games Association, a statewide non-profit organization and member of the National Senior Games Association, dedicated to promoting healthy lifestyles for seniors through education, fitness and sports.

Gahagan and Dodge Ridge are in collaboration with other partners to mobilize volunteers for the event and enlist sponsors now including Sonora Regional Medical Center-Adventist Health, Black Oak Casino and Golden State Cellular.

Gahagan called Dodge Ridge "the perfect venue" with its terrain, central location and convenient proximity to California's many (winter) sports enthusiasts. Dodge Ridge is located 30 miles east of Sonora, California (Tuolumne County) near Pinecrest, just off of Highway 108.

For more information on competing, volunteering and sponsorships: click on [Director@CaliforniaWinterGames.org](mailto:Director@CaliforniaWinterGames.org), [www.californiawintergames.org](http://www.californiawintergames.org) and [www.dodgeridge.com](http://www.dodgeridge.com).



# Sierra Professional Artists Artist of the Month

BY BECKY NOVAK

## Jim Hassay

Jim Hassay is the newest member to join the Sierra Professional Artists this January. Jim and his wife, Judy Hassay, have owned a home in PML since 1983, and moved to Groveland from Pleasanton, CA, in November 1997. Judy is a new Art Angel joining our group this month and she will be assisting our members with various projects this year.

Jim's passion is photography, and during his retirement his interest and number of photos has increased. Jim's photographs are mostly of flowers grown in their garden, trees, and the mountains, and he has always taken photos while on vacation. Other hobbies are golf, and tennis.

The January SPA meeting was held at the Yosemite Vista Estates Club

House on Friday, January 8, with 12 of our members in attendance. President Heinie Hartwig led the meeting and held a critique for his newest recent oil painting, and for a pastel painting by Jean Hammond. Next month, during the SPA meeting on February 12, there will be an oil painting demonstration given by Heinie Hartwig, and interested local residents are invited to attend.

There is a continuing SPA Art Show at the Yosemite Bank in Groveland, "Anything Goes," during February. A new SPA Art Show begins in March, and the theme will be, "Artist's Choice." The featured SPA Artist for March & April will be Donna Du Frense, watercolor artist from Sonora. All paintings and prints displayed in the show are for sale and can be purchased by contacting the artists directly. An Art Show Guide Book is on display inside the bank with contact information for each SPA Artist in these exhibits.

SPA meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at the Yosemite Vista Estates Club House in Groveland unless otherwise announced. For membership information contact Jean & Bill Hammond 209-962-6477. Check out our SPA website for several of our artists galleries at: <http://www.SierraProfessionalArtists.com>.



# HELPING HANDS HAPPENINGS

BY JOYCE SMITH

## Happy New Year!

We were closed on Thursday, January 14 for our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. This was held at The Grill at PML CC. We needed to take care of the unfinished business of Election of Officers and approval of the 2010 Budget. This business would have been attended to at the December Meeting/Christmas Party that was postponed due to snow. After our Business was attended to, a lovely luncheon served, a good time was enjoyed by all. We welcome Murray Hielt as our new President. Murray will be familiar to many of you as she works a lot at the Barn. She will be assisted by her Board Members of Sandi Graham, V.P.; Corresponding Secretary, Amanda Klaahsen; Recording Secretary, Dar Brown; Treasurer, Judi Wilkinson; and Store Manager, Patti Beaulieu. Our thanks to the 2009 Board for your guidance and work.

Sunday, January 3rd some of our volunteers came in to remove all things Christmas. We are now back to normal, showing Valentine and St. Patrick items along with our other merchandise. Sales will continue, watch for the big red sale flag. Keep in mind, we are not just a thrift store. Did you know? We have an-

tique items that would make nice gifts. Also, many Avon car cologne bottles that are collectables. Stop in and have a look. We are a real treasure trove.

· Goodbye to Gert. On Dec. 31st, Gert Montoya passed away. Gert was a long time HH volunteer and active member of our community before she became ill. Our sympathy to Don and Family. Gert was a kind, gentle woman and we will miss her.

· Welcome and Farewell: Welcome to Selma Watkins, daughter of Hanna Biddle, Selma works in the back with Hanna & I; Welcome to Teona Kingma who joined HH in November and is working in the back. Welcome to Lilly Cox who started in January and will work in front. Farewell to Denise Pikoos for her volunteering, she will be missed.

· Students of the Month: Congratulations to Tyler Hawkins, Senior, Tioga High School. Tyler is son of Jon and Jude Hawkins. And congratulations to Jesse Hart McNeal, 4th Grader at Tenaya Elem. Jesse is the son of Pam Hart and Todd McNeal.

· Do you appreciate the work Helping Hands does for our community? Would you like to be a part of this work? Call Patti at 962-6830 for information.

· See you at the Store or Barn.

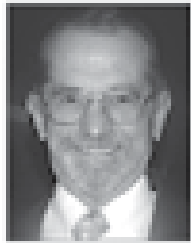
## Helping Hands Board is sworn in by Lorraine David.

Left to right: Patti Beaulieu, Store Manager; Judi Wilkinson, Treasurer; Dar Brown, Recording Secretary; Murray Hielt, President; Amanda Klaahsen, Corresponding Secretary; Sandi Graham, Vice President; Jackie Baker, Lorraine David. Not pictured, Julie McVicker, Parliamentarian.



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**\$313,000** 1/209 - 19675 Golden Rock Circle.



**"DESIGNER ACCENTS  
THROUGHOUT THIS HOME"**

Very nice upgrades & designer details in  
this 1,893 sq ft home. Located very close  
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Courts & Lake Lodge. 3 Bd, 2 Ba & 2 car  
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**\$298,900** 3/238 - 20350 Pine Mountain Dr



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1,379 sq ft Mountain Chalet with separate  
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Privacy in the trees.  
**\$250,000** 4/155 - 20749 Non Pareil Way



**"NEWLY RENOVATED  
SINGLE LEVEL"**

3 Bd 2 Ba 1,288 sq ft home. Separate  
enclosed deck/porch and a separate  
Studio. Propane free standing Fireplace.  
A/C & Forced Air heating.  
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**\$298,000** 4/319 - 20765 Big Foot Circle.



**"PRIME LOCATION FOR ALL  
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2,136 sq ft Mountain design home with vaulted  
knotty pine/open beam ceilings in living rm &  
main bdrm. 3 Bd, 2 Ba. 2 car attached Garage.  
Open great room w/wood burning stove  
and fireplace in living room.  
Nice deck overlooking seasonal Creek.  
**\$305,000** 1/322 - 19435 Pleasant View



**"CUSTOM HOME"**

New 1,600 sq ft home. 3 Bd 2 Ba.  
Open great room w/vaulted ceilings.  
2 car garage w/8'x16' OH door. Hardy  
plank siding. Beautifully done.  
**\$299,500** 7/172 - 18970 Jimmie Bell St



**"SUNSET VISTAS FROM SPACIOUS DECK"**

2 Bd, 2 Ba. 1,650 sq ft with expansive deck  
for views and relaxation adorn this  
Manufactured home. 2 car attached garage.  
Third room for den/office/sleeping area.  
Open Great room.  
Located in Yosemite Vista Estates.  
**\$225,000** - 22575 Prospect Heights.



**"MACKEY BUILT HOME  
W/COVERED FRONT DECK"**

1,808 sq ft. 3 Bd, 3 Ba. Open Spacious Great  
Room. Laminate Flooring throughout the great  
room, dining room & kitchen. One bedroom  
downstairs w/full bath for office or game room.  
2 car attached garage. Free standing propane  
fireplace. Heat pump for AC & forced air  
heating. Extra parking for RV and room under  
the deck for boat storage.  
**\$236,000** 2/256 - 19235 James Circle.



**"SHORT SALE ON THE GOLF COURSE"**

1,556 sq ft 3 Bd 2 Ba with attached 2 car  
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Golf Course & Mountain views. Open Kitchen.  
Butcher Block Island. Large Living Room with  
fireplace. Heat pump for A/C & Heating. Huge  
Concrete Patio for entertaining. Extra RV  
parking in front. On Septic System.  
**\$290,000** 1/89 - 19566 Chaffee Circle.



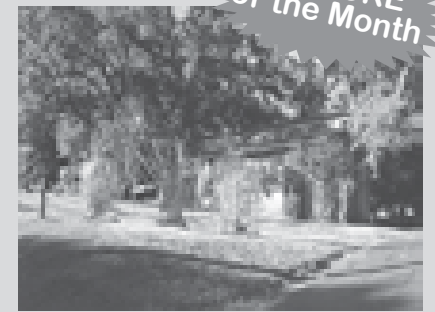
**"PRIME GOLF COURSE HOME ON THE  
9TH FAIRWAY"**

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heating. Family room. Formal dining room  
& living room. Deck with golf course  
& mountain views. Very close to Country  
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**\$579,000** 5/187 - 19296 Oak Grove Circle.



**"SINGLE LEVEL HOME W/BONUS ROOM  
DOWNSTAIRS"**

2 Bd, 2-1/2 Ba 2,223 sq ft. Large Kitchen,  
breakfast bar & separate dining area. Open  
living room with free standing wood burning  
fireplace. Huge Master Bathroom. Heat  
pump for AC and forced air heating. Bonus  
room downstairs has full wet bar, free standing  
wood burning fireplace and 1/2 bath.  
Covered front deck and private rear deck.  
**\$275,000** 5/64 - 12557 Mt Jefferson.



**"VACATION / WEEKEND GET-A-WAY"**

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**\$125,000** 3/451 - 20759 Crestpine Easement.

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**\$5,000.** 7/284 - 19337 Ferretti Road

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**\$20,000.** 3/460 Pine Mountain Dr.

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**\$10,000.** 7/65 Ferretti Rd

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**\$125,000.** 13/173 Ridgecrest Way.

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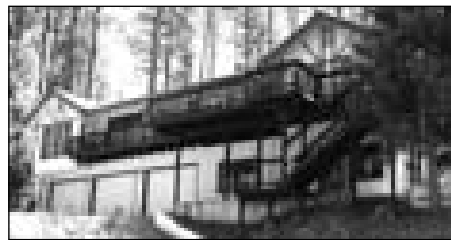
**HARD TO RESIST LAKE VIEW....**lovely 4bd/3.5ba, 3,586 sq. ft. home that has a premier setting with lake views and privacy. Relax in the hot tub on the deck overlooking the lake. Enjoy the large family room for entertaining. Your personal comfort is assured. Call Linda Willhite, \$699,000 3/148 MLS#66649



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**HOME LOCATED....**on a very quiet street. Would be a great home for 1st time buyer or as a vacation home. Home being sold as is. REO. Call Dave Lint or Ron Connick, \$124,900 4/241 MLS#66789



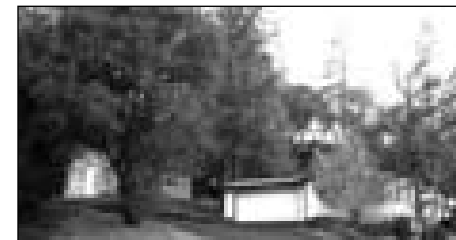
**MULTIPLE LAKE VIEWS....**through the Cedars and Pines, Greenbelt, on quiet one-way Upper Sky-ridge. Lakeview's from deck. Across front of house from kitchen, bedroom, dining and living room in a private setting. Has granite kitchen, large bedrooms, master w/slider to back deck. Jetted tub, skylights. Downstairs guest bedroom w/attached bath. 3 car garage + a shop. Call David Lint or Ron Connick, \$429,500 15/8 MLS#66740



**STYLE, QUALITY, VALUE!....**Beautiful 3bd/3ba 2100 sq.ft. home built in 2005. Granite counter tops in a sunny kitchen. Large bonus room downstairs with free standing gas stove. Gazebo on back deck to relax or reflect. RV parking under back deck and oversized 2 car garage. Call Linda Willhite, \$299,900 6/193 MLS#65892



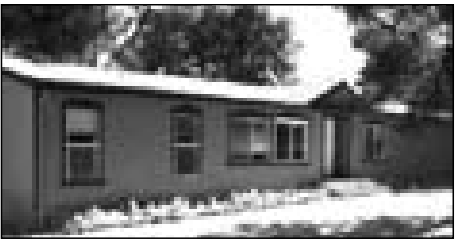
**ELEGANT CUSTOM HOME....**3bd/2.5ba, 2 car garage & great room. Plush carpet and slate floors, with slate fireplace. Enter on main level thru slate pillars to atrium. Large gourmet kitchen w/cherry cabinets & stainless steel appliances. Master bedroom is on first level. There are 2 heat and AC systems serving both levels. Call David Lint or Ron Connick \$489,000 15/127 MLS#66848



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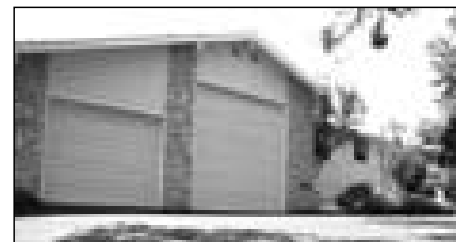
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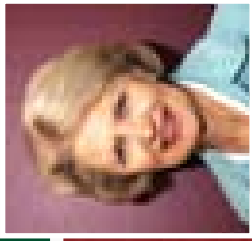


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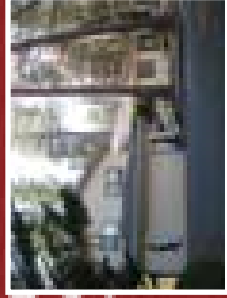
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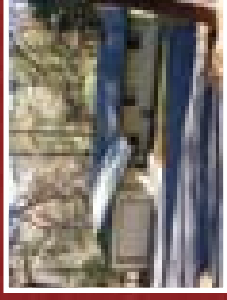
**13220 Wells Fargo Drive 2/223**  
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**22987 Ferretti Road**  
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**20056 Lower Skyridge, 15/119**  
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**13151 Wells Fargo Dr. 2/383**  
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**19349 James Cir, 2/232**  
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*June Dee Stone, Yosemite Gateway Properties, our 2010 Board President, handing over our check for \$500 to Barbara Broad with GAINS and Mark Watts with the Groveland Youth Center.*

## Donation to Groveland Youth Center by Hetch Hetchy AOR

BY CAROLYN T. BOTELL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

At its recent annual Board Installation & Celebration event, the Hetch Hetchy Association of Realtors raised \$500 for the Groveland Youth Center with its raffle/auction. Thanks to all the members and affiliates who

attended, and who gave so generously towards this fund raiser.

Here is a photo of June Dee Stone handing over the donation check to Mark Watts, coordinator for the Groveland Youth Center, and Barbara Broad from GAINS, we know the money will be put to good use at the new building, maybe for furniture & furnishings or some fun & educational activities for our local youngsters!

The Hetch Hetchy AOR and its members do its best to support our local youth and schools. What better place and time to announce the date of our next Hetch Hetchy AOR Golf Tournament! SAVE THE DATE FRIDAY July 9th at Pine Mountain Lake Golf & Country Club to Support Our Local Schools! You don't have to be a golfer to enjoy this tournament, it includes dinner, music and dancing, and more!

The Hetch Hetchy AOR offices are located at 18736 Main Street, Suite # C, our mailing address is PO Box 1398, Groveland, California, 95321 and we can also be reached by email at [hhetchy@hhetchyaor.com](mailto:hhetchy@hhetchyaor.com) or by phone at (209) 962-4034, and be sure to check out our website [www.hhetchyaor.com](http://www.hhetchyaor.com) where YOU can search the MLS, get the most current list of agents and affiliates who are members here, and lots of useful info too!

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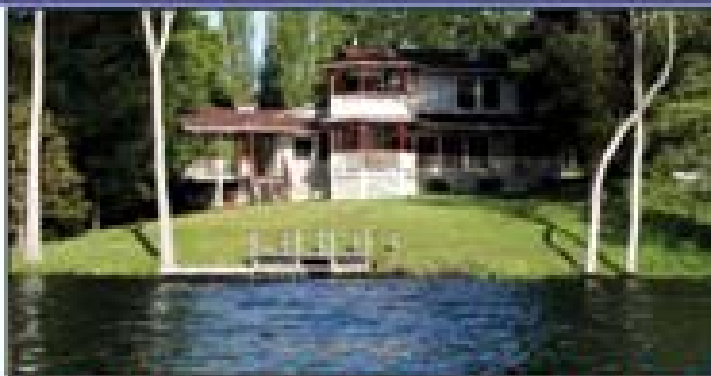
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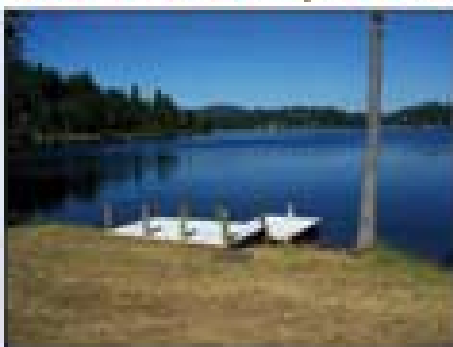


### OUTSTANDING LAKE FRONT PROPERTY!

Upper Master Suite has Jacuzzi tub & shower & walk-in closet PLUS a hot belly stove for those cold winter nights & a private garage with fabulous panoramic views of the lake!

BRAND NEW PRIVATE DOCK!

**Reduced \$25K - Now \$950,000!**



### ON THE POINT OF BIG FOOT COURT!

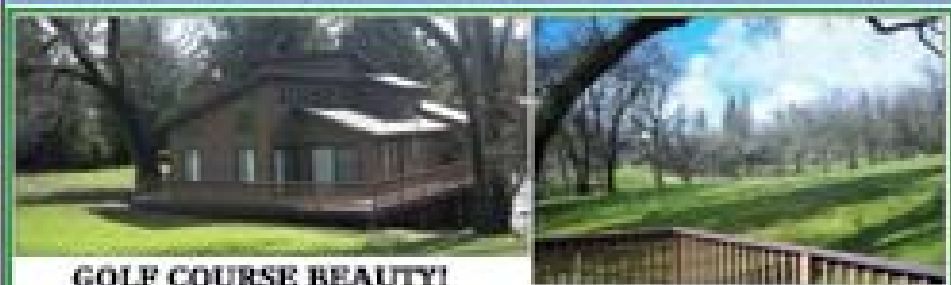
Grate slope to water! Beautiful & Charming 4 Bed / 3 Bath + Bonus room! 3 Car Garage! Wrap around deck w/upper & lower garages, 130 Ft of Lake Frontage! 4-75 ML566647



**HUGE REDUCTION! NOW ONLY \$399,000!**

WARM & ELEGANT 2,763 SQ FT HOME ON 1.09 AC LOT

W/ 6 CAR GARAGE & RV parking w/50 Amp outlet & water supply. 3 Bed/2.5 Bath, Gym, Family Room & 750 SF finished storage! 2 decks overlook private wooded area w/seasonal creek & decks have remote control awnings! Main Level Living! Detached 4 Car Garage w/finished storage area. ML566794



### GOLF COURSE BEAUTY!

Super location, well maintained & a GREAT View! Approx 2,801 Sq Ft 3 Bed / 2 Bath + Loft & 2 Car Detached Garage! Newer roof, Central heat, A/C & Tree Decking. Close to Dunes Court Beach & Country Club! Beautiful View of Golf Course! Call today! \$339,000! 1-79 ML566642



### THE VALUE IS HERE!

1,800 Sq Ft 3 Bed / 2 Bath & HUGE downstairs Bonus Room! Termite inspection & work COMPLETED! \$229,000! 7-137 ML566540

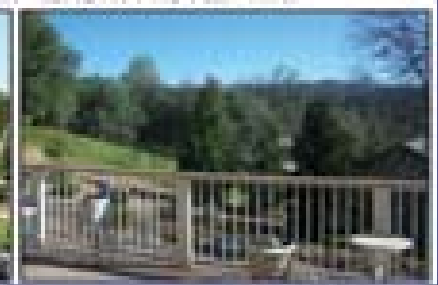


**AMAZING AT \$130,000!**

### IT'S A STEAL!

3 Bed / 3 Bath + bonus room & separate guest quarters over 1 car garage! 0.61 Acre Corner Lot! Fireplace & hot tub! Plenty of parking! City water & Well Close to the airport! Property sold "AS IS" NO FHA Loans 11-1 ML566647

**2 BLOCKS FROM LAKE LODGE!**  
Beautifully designed home - 2 Master Suites & Converted garage - Insulated & currently used as Game Room, Great Room w/high ceilings, Large deck with retractable awnings! Corner Lot with level driveway & landscaping! "Energy Efficient" \$299,900! 4-72 ML566648



**SOLD!**

### SEZZLING BUY!

\$20K Down & 5% Interest!  
Amortized over 20 yrs & Due in 5 yrs!  
It's a Deal Home 3 Bed / 2 Bath Floorwood Mount.  
Home w/ Designer Upgrade! \$169,000! 7-48



**Price Slashed!**

### A FRESH NEW LOOK!

3 Bed / 2 Bath + Office, Light & Spacious Beautiful Island Kitchen, Freshly painted & new Maple Laminate Flooring! Approx. 1,714 Sq Ft single level manufactured home on quiet street. **REDUCED TO \$199,000!** 7-08 ML566694



### ELEGANT LIGHT FILLED HOME!

3,000 SF 3 Bed / 2 Bath custom home! Formal dining, hardwood flooring, fireplace, Guest Quarters, 2 Car Garage! Main level handicap friendly! Walking distance to Big Creek & Hiking trails! **\$375,000!** 11-274 ML566646



### ABSOLUTELY SENSATIONAL!

Close to Lake Lodge! Beautiful 4 Bed / 3.5 Bath home w/approx. 3,875 Sq Ft of living area + huge storage & game room, 3 Car Garage & RV parking w/dump & electric. Main Level Handicap access! FIRE RESISTANT RV CONSTRUCTION! **REDUCED TO \$499,000!** 4-84 ML566649

## Get Your LAND-er From BONANDER

- 3/211—Lake & Panoramic View of Mountains & Trees! 0.31 Acre \$150,000!
- 4/149—Close to Big Creek Hiking Trails! Nice Views **\*\*SOLD\*\***
- 4/571—Near Lake Lodge Nice Lot w/Green Belt View! \$80,000! ML566597
- 5/213—Close to Country Club W/Owner Financing! Conveniently located between town & the Country Club 0.43 Acre! \$22,500 ML566643
- 6/231—0.35 Acre Lot! Nice Tree View with Uphill Slope!  
ALL OFFERS CONSIDERED! GREAT BUY! \$33,700 ML566631
- 7/252—0.32 Acre close to the Country Club & Amenities! \$65,000 ML5666799
- 8/79—0.47 Acre with Sierra Views! Easy Build! \$59,000! PDSS, O.F. ML5666193
- 8/136—0.5 Acre Trond/private setting! REDUCED to \$29,900! Poss. Owner Financing!  
2.3 AC- Beautiful Tall Pines Ready to Build lot on Whites Gulch Rd. City Water, phone & electric available! \$125,000. ML5665412



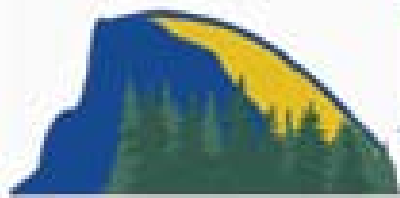
### AN AFFORDABLE DREAM!

2 Bedrooms / 2 Bathrooms / Large Bonus Room or 3rd sleeping area with room to play! Pristine setting, quiet street with beautiful view! \$179,000! 2-226 ML566678



### A LOT FOR A LITTLE WITH A GREAT GOLF COURSE VIEW!

3 Bed / 3 Bath Plus Bonus Room or 4th Bedroom! PERFECT FOR A LARGE FAMILY OR VACATION RENTAL! \$299,000! 5-31 ML566678



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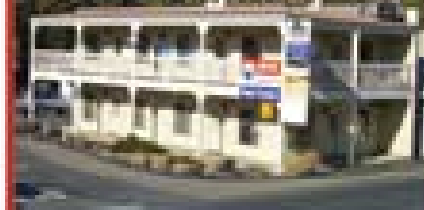
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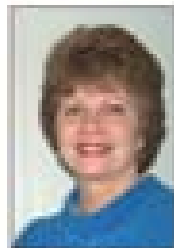
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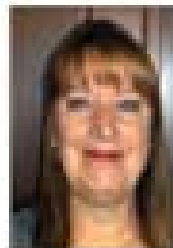
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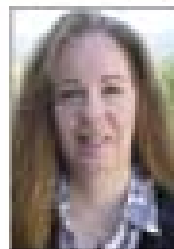
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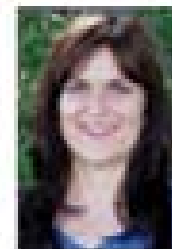
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**THIS ONE'S ON THE LEVEL**  
Level driveway, single level floor plan, *if* a level lot. Spacious deck with screened, bug free area overlooking views of greenbelt. Vaulted pine ceiling in living, 2 mirrored closets in master bdrm, covered front porch, well-maintained primary home. 1400 sq ft., 3 bdrms, 2 bath 6-211 \$199,000



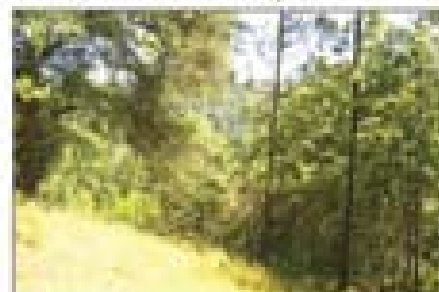
**BACKS UP TO GREENBELT**  
Charming 2 bedroom cabin with a craftsman flavor. Beautifully remodeled kitchen. Must see lower level master suite with fireplace and slider to private deck that overlooks tree views. Set back from the street on an easement road. Near Golf. 7-17 \$209,900



**GRAND MOUNTAIN HOME** featuring magnificent soaring ceilings over a beautiful great room with hardwood floors, granite counters & gorgeous cabinetry, plus a spacious open loft area. The lovely master suite has a glass block bath entrance. Downstairs is a spacious bonus room w/ laundry. Access via a private bridge. 11-251 \$389,000



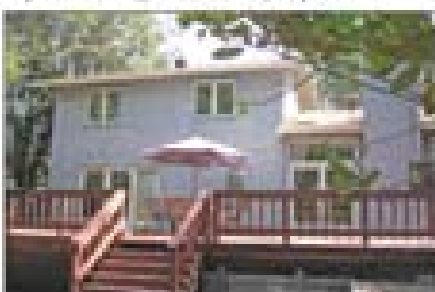
**ELEGANT QUALITY ON ONE ACRE**  
Custom upgrades abound in 4 bdrms, 3.5 bath on quiet Yorkshire in Unit 12. Built in 2006 with formal dining, whirlpool tub, hardwood floors, granite counters, knotty alder cabinets, wine chiller, stainless appliances, large picture windows, stamped concrete patio, finished 3 car garage. Call Michelle \$499,000



**SUPERB GREENBELT LOCATION**  
between Dunn Beach and Country Club. Build your own design on double .60 acre lot to take advantage of the private forest and golf views. Adjacent home is on triple lot!  
1-206 Golden Rock Circle \$135,000



**EXPERIENCE HILLTOP LIVING**  
on this .66 of an acre with seasonal creek and lots of trees. Plenty of room for outdoor living with a wrap around deck with a covered area in the front. Open floor plan has a spacious kitchen with tile counter tops. Vaulted open beam ceiling in the living rm. Large bonus rm. 1-358 \$325,000



**WELL MAINTAINED**  
Bi-level contemporary home with the master suite and main living areas at the every level and guest quarters on the upper level. This home features a great rear deck for entertaining. 3br/2ba, 1410 of living area and inside laundry. 11-111 \$279,000



**PARK-LIKE SETTING**  
Newer home on a wooded parcel with pleasing tree views from the rear deck & the many windows of the great room. Fine features throughout including granite counter-tops, stainless steel appliances & a propane fireplace that warms the great room. Circular driveway. 6-107 \$299,000



**GOLFER'S GETAWAY** Appealing single level design with an open great room plus 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms (940 sq ft living area). A wrap around deck connects the home and 2 car garage. Close to PML Golf course, pro shop, Country Club, tennis and swimming pool. 1-349 \$227,000



**MAGNIFICENT HOME W/ GOLF VIEW**  
Exceptionally well-designed top-quality 3500 sq ft 3 bdrms, 4.5 baths + 3 "ben" rooms. Tree decks with iron railings, 3-car garage. Neutral tones throughout for you to add your own decorating schemes. 55-9 \$799,000. a pg flyer + 21 photos at PineMtnLake.com



**WALK TO RESTAURANTS AND SHOPS**  
Great floor plan for extended family with living quarters on two levels. Spacious kitchen with breakfast bar seating area plus a formal dining room. Covered deck overlooks downtown Groveland & distant mountain views. Detached shop & 2 car garage. CROV \$299,000



**TREASURE HOUSE OF CHARM**  
Charm you can live with in this 3 bedroom 2 bath home. Featuring an open floor plan with wheel chair access inside and out. Enjoy the best that Pine Mtn. Lake has to offer. Will make a great second home or a private retreat. 1-116 \$287,000



# Hetch Hetchy Association of REALTORS® 2010 Board of Directors & Officers

BY CAROLYN T. BOTELL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

It is our pleasure to present to you the 2010 Board of Directors and Officers for the Hetch Hetchy Association of REALTORS®, who were sworn into office at our Annual Board Installation & Celebration event, which was held on January 8th at the Hotel Charlotte!

President: June Dee Stone, Yosemite Gateway Properties

Vice President: Bruce ("Red") Rossio, Pine Mountain Lake Realty

Secretary/Treasurer: Eleda Carlson, RE/MAX Yosemite Gold

Director: Barry Scales, Pine Mountain Lake Realty

Director: Rob Stone, Coldwell Banker Mountain Leisure Properties

Director: Lauree Borup, RE/MAX Yosemite Gold

Director: Elizabeth Lilley, Paul S. Bunt Real Estate

Scott Oliver, the California Association of REALTORS® representative for Region 7, which covers the Central Valley and Foothills, attended to conduct the Oath of Office, we appreciate him making the trip to Groveland for our event.

New participants on the Board this year are Rob Stone, Lauree Borup, and Liz Lilley, we really appreciate their willingness to serve, time and effort, and wish them lots of luck!

Thanks to Nancy Jones with Yosemite Gateway Properties, Kathleen Love with Coldwell Banker Mountain Leisure Properties, and Constance Elliott (Independent Broker), whose term on the Board ended as of December 2009, we hope they'll serve our Board again.

A Big Thank You to Lynn & Victor at the Hotel Charlotte and their staff for putting on our event this year, everybody sure had a great time, always!

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Entire Board accepting their Oath of Office from Scott Oliver from Region 7 California Association of Realtors



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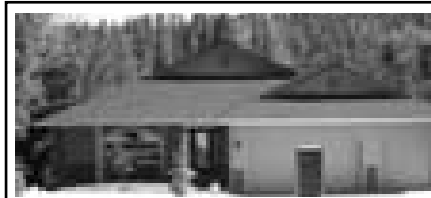
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**20717 Rock Canyon Way • Unit 4, Lot 572**  
Gorgeous single level 3Bd, 2Ba home on lovely lot with high ceilings, open formal DR and LR w/gas fireplace, skylights, wet bar, lg bonus rm could be used for 4th Bd, built-in entertainment closet, jetted tub, 2 car garage, trex deck w/views & back patio. Great home for entertaining...shows like new! **\$425,000**



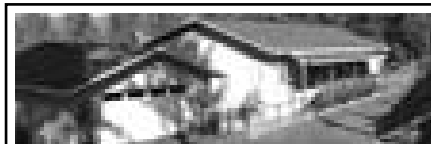
**20697 Forestwood St**  
3200 sq.ft. Short walk to Lake, 3 bd, 2.5 ba, Formal Dining. Maple hardwood/tile floors. Kitchen w-granite slab/stainless steel/cherrywood/5burner 40" stove/dbl oven, pantry. Wet bar, covered outside trex decks, jacuzzi, 900 sq. ft. Garage w/toilet, RV prkg, **\$699,000**



**12675 Mt. Jefferson**  
Delightful 3300 sq. ft. custom located across from golf course. Split level w/3bd, 3 ba + Utility Rm. Kitchen has granite slab, stainless steel, 42 in, 5 burner stove w/dbl oven, cherrywood cabinets. Jacuzzi/travertine tile, bonus room, wet bar, 2 granite fireplaces. 700 sq.ft.trex deck, outdoor BBQ kitchen, 3 car garage & more **\$699,000**



**20615 Longridge • Unit 4, Lot 117**  
LAKEFRONT PROPERTY...LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! Wonderful opportunity to own a Lakefront Chalet on the desirable north shore of Big Creek Cove at an affordable price. Enjoy this cute 3 bdrm, 2 bath Chalet as is, renovate or put on rental market...so many possibilities...so much potential!! **\$450,000**



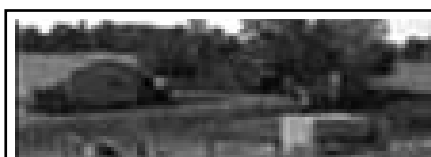
**20640 Whites Gulch Road**  
1 story...5 Acres, horses OK! 3bd/2bth, pride of ownership, landscaped w/solar lights. Over 195 plants w/drip, fenced yard, oversize-garage, RV parking w/hook up, power & clean out & much more, **\$389,000**



**20226 Pine Mountain Drive**  
Beautiful 3400 Sq Ft. Custom Home...short walk to lake lodge & beach! Highest quality 4bdr/3bath/utility room/entertaining room/RV Parking w-hook-ups/ 800 sq ft insulated 3 car garage/wet bar/ granite, tile, hardwood, cherry wood cabinets, stainless steel appliances/covered trex decks/Jacuzzi tub/2 fireplaces/pantry, outside brick BBQ kitchen...much more! **\$769,000!**



**19247 Ferretti Road**  
Great Golf Retreat...picturesque view of 6th green. Truly one of the best views of Golf Course. 3bdr, 2bath, 2 car garage, 1640 Sq. Ft., new roof & carpet, newer paint ceiling fans, air conditioner reduced to **\$230,000**



**10185 Shawmut Road**  
Open space surrounds this cozy 3Bd/2Ba 1440 sq ft single level home. One car garage, separate workshop, room for animals, motor vehicles, boats, etc. The lot borders BLM/USFS for privacy, has beautiful sunsets and is close to Don Pedro. **\$190,000**

## LOTS for SALE!

**Chaffee 1/99**  
Easy Build/Sewer/Plans Available for 2,400 Sq. Ft. Home **\$139,500**

**Hemlock 12/120**  
Easy Build/Sewer/Plans Available for 2,400 or 3200 sq. ft. home..**\$249,500**

**Longview 3/306**  
Lake View/Sewer/ Plans Available For a 2417 sq. ft. home. **\$79,500**

**5/4 Tannahill Crt.**  
Premium Golf Course Double Merged Level lot..**\$169,000**



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# Hetch Hetchy Association of REALTORS® Lifetime Hall of Fame Award

BY CAROLYN T. BOTELL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**T**he Hetch Hetchy Board of Realtors is proud to present a Lifetime Hall of Fame Award to one of its most long standing members, if you see him around town please take a moment to extend your congratulations!

Terry Bruce, formerly the Broker and Owner for one of the 1st real estate offices in Groveland, Pine Mountain Lake Realty, has now retired from his role as REALTOR® and member of Hetch Hetchy AOR, but he will not be forgotten.

Terry was instrumental in the creation of the Hetch Hetchy Board, spearheading the effort to establish a separate entity with the National Association of REALTORS® in the late 1980's to represent our unique area

of Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties. Terry led the efforts to establish the training, procedures and committees to insure the highest quality of services both by local Realtors, and for local Realtors, working with Nancy Parry, the 1st Association Executive for the Hetch Hetchy Board. Terry has always served his community, through active involvement in charitable and service organizations and causes, as well. His active involvement in the day to day real estate business of the area, and in the business of Hetch Hetchy AOR, will be sorely missed.

Thank you, Terry, for all your services to the Hetch Hetchy Board and MLS, and congratulations on your Hetch Hetchy AOR Lifetime Hall of Fame award.



## A REALTOR WRITES

# Home Staging: Pain Now or Later

BY LAUREE BORUP



**Lauree is the broker of RE/MAX Yosemite Gold and has been selling property in Groveland since 1988**

It's 2010 and you are getting ready for a blind date. You've heard she is pretty, witty and wealthy and you want to impress her. But you don't want to spend money on new clothes, so you put on your maroon polyester pants with the white belt and match it with a colorfully printed nylon shirt that was popular in 1975. This outfit goes with your bushy sideburns and large-lensed glasses of the same era. If she has a good imagination, she should be able to see the delightful guy you are, and not be distracted by petty fashion.

You also have a house for sale. A superbly built home on the best lot in the neighborhood, and you want "top dollar". The walls have dark brown paneling and the windows are heavily draped in harvest gold brocade. Tall lamps with pale orange shades and avocado green glass bases dominate the side tables. Your aunt made the crocheted bedspreads. The patterned rust-colored carpet in the kitchen is soft on your feet. The huge grandfather clock in the entry takes up a lot of space, but you think it will wow them.

Pictures of your house are displayed on multiple internet sites, where 85% of buyers start their search. These prospective buyers are underwhelmed by what these pictures reveal. This is not where they want to bring friends and family! And they perceive that it will cost a fortune to bring it up to current style standards. (Actually taking out the drapes, lamps, bedspreads, and clock will cost nothing. Painting the paneling, and putting in new kitchen floors would be a small, but worthwhile, investment for this seller).

This house is branded a "fixer-upper". And after the area Realtors tour the house, they bring few prospects to look at it. You turn down one "bargain hunter" who offers \$70,000 less than the asking price. But months later, you have reluctantly dropped the price by that amount, and then go even lower. Why can't buyers see what a great house it is and make their own changes after they buy it?

Not every Groveland house sale in

2009 was a horror story of painful price reductions after years on the market. Here are three shining exceptions:

"June" House. Listed in May and sold 3 weeks later. Priced at \$375,000, and sold for full price: \$375,000. Immaculate, beautifully staged with soothing colors, inviting deck furniture, and a fire blazing in the hearth in the pictures.

"August" House. Listed in August, sold 8 days later with multiple offers. Sold over list price. A cheap house? NO-the price was \$780,000! This house was built in 1974, but over the years the owners had updated the kitchen, painted the inside light and bright, created a delightful lake front setting, removed all the clutter, and staged it with stylish, but minimal, decor.

"October" House. Listed in June for \$469,000, reduced price to \$449,000, then sold in October for \$440,000. This was 6.2% less than the original list price, after 15 weeks on the market. House was gorgeously furnished. When this SAME house was an empty "spec" house priced at \$595,000, it languished on the 2007 market for over a year.

To see pictures of these homes, go to [www.PineMtnLake.com](http://www.PineMtnLake.com) >BUYERS & SELLERS >SELLERS GUIDE and click on "Home Staging: Dreams and Nightmares". You can also see pictures of Groveland houses that weren't staged, and see the difference.

These are local examples that reinforce the findings of a National Association of Realtors survey: The longer a home stays on the market, the further below list price it drops. Nationally, homes that sold in the first 4 weeks averaged 1% more than the list price; 4 to 12 weeks averaged 5% less; 13 to 24 weeks averaged 6.4% less than original list price (this matches the results of the "October" PML house mentioned above); and 24 weeks averaged more than 10% less than list price.

A classic true story of losing equity over time is the "Jones" primary home, originally priced at \$595,000 in 2004 and marketed by the owner. Lots of people dropped in on their open houses, but nobody wanted to pay \$595,000. They listed with an agent in 2005 and asked \$542,500. Then switched to a differ-

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ent agent at a price of \$545,000, then dropped to \$498,000. By 2007 they moved out and were trying a third agent with the price at \$489,000. They rented to a tenant that left the house messy and had a big dog. Lowered price to \$469,000. Got a different tenant with small dogs. Lowered price to \$398,000. That tenant moved out, and the house was empty. Price put at \$375,000, then \$329,000. Finally they hired a fourth agent with the price at \$299,000. They accepted \$275,000 for their Pine Mountain Lake property in its "AS IS" condition. And it sold. Five years later, and 53% less than the original asking price!

Homes don't sell quickly for two main reasons: they're overpriced and/or they don't "show well". Even in the overheated "sellers" market of 2002 to 2006, some drab, price-inflated houses didn't sell. When you were a child and someone let you choose from several pieces of cake, didn't you choose the biggest one with the most frosting? If given a choice, don't you usually want the biggest and best you can afford, and at a price you know is reasonable?

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# 2009 Christmas Basket Project Recognitions and Thank You's

BY PATTI BEAULIEU

As we begin the New Year, and a new decade, we are, once again, reminded of the kindness and generosity of our community. The Groveland Community Christmas Basket program, which serves those neighbors who need assistance with holiday food and gifts is the epitome of what a caring community is all about. We serviced 100 eligible applicants consisting of 188 adults and 158 children from newborn through age 17. We were able to accept 39 new applicants this year, which means the economy downturn is hitting some folks that have not needed help in the past. Even in these difficult economic times, many businesses, clubs and Churches still made generous donations to the project.

We were extremely grateful to have Diestel Turkey Farms donate all the turkeys for the food baskets again this year. This is a very generous donation and allows us to use some of our funds to supply the applicants with a gift certificate at MarVal Market for the things they might need to complete their holiday meal. In addition, the Friends of the Groveland Library and Helping Hands Thrift Store each gave the applicants a gift certificate.

The project began with our "food barrel elf", Richard Abdelnour distributing the barrels on November 1st. Since the barrels donations were generous this year, he needed to empty them nearly every other day. This is a big job, but Richard does it graciously and always with a smile.

The PML Ladies Club started the holiday season with their Christmas Brunch on December 2nd, in which each attendee brought an unwrapped gift for a child. The ladies in this club are so generous, many brought several gifts. Next on tap was the PML Aviation Association's 'It's A Wrap Party' on Saturday night, December 12th. We are so appreciative that they have taken this event on, after the former hosts, Kent and Sandy Blankenburg moved off the hill. This was a very successful event held at the spacious and warm hangar of Kay Meerman. The PMLAA supplied a wonderful array of salads, breads and chili with all the toppings to keep the wrapper's energy up. Again, each attendee was asked to bring a toy or gift, and once again, many folks brought several.

When all the wrapping was completed, we had over 30 big bags filled with gifts to be distributed the following week. Many thanks go to Kay Meerman, Debi Peters, Patty Peebles, Barbara Coldren, 'the PMLAA Guys' who set up and broke down the hangar, and all the others who helped make this event a success. We had several people helping the Basket committee that night: Toni and Wayne Augsburg, Derrol Beaulieu, Mal Brown, Sandi Fiance, Charlie and Rick Fratus, Bev and Jerry Hall, Gayle and Mike Hall, Bob and Shirley Halliwell, Karen Jablonski, Laurie Nagle and Ron Prieto.

On Monday, we began the transformation of the Community Hall from its usual form to a combination of food storage, distribution center and Santa's workshop. We had so many helpers that the many tasks of the week were completed in record time. The core committee of Patti Beaulieu, Dar and Mal Brown, Karen Jablonski and Bruce Lay were glad to have the following people there throughout the week to help in any way they could, from early Monday morning set-up till the last basket was distributed and the hall was cleaned on Saturday. Listed are the volunteers who wrapped gifts, distributed food, picked up food, checked expired labels, carried the gift and food laden boxes to the applicants cars and a myriad of other tasks. Thanks to Diane Abdelnour, Rosemary Adams, Toni Augsburg, Jackie Baker, Chris Balek, Judy Basey, Willie Boatman, Shirley Brascesco, Mary Brown, Mary Bruderle, Faye and Mike Buckley, Joyce Burdick, Chuck Bush, Wally and Linda Childs, Mike Cunningham, Rose Denzer, Shari Ells, Dawna Evans, Jolene Fairbanks, Linn Faler, Audrey Fiance, Susan and Rich Fisher, Charlie Fratus, Ety Garber, Jerry Hall, Bob Halliwell, Diane Harrison, Bob and Joan Herron, Mike Ireland, Jim Knudson, Barbara Klahn, Gloria Marler, Linelle and Galen Marshall, Ron Prieto, Betty Rohlfs, Lois Rosenbaum, Sally Salinas, Steve Salnick, Kathy Shumway, Dennis Smith, Rose Smith, Linda Struhm, Bill Walker, and Vickie Webster.

We received so many donations this year the recognitions will be listed in order of product or service.

Financial Donations: Big Oak Restau-

rant, Pat Cluff, Country Mountain Riders, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Conley, Custom Rentals (George and Carol Voyvodich), DogGone Gorgeous (Martha Johnson), Gwen Elf, Evergreen Lodge, Sean Harrington, Hotel Charlotte, JoAnn Prieto Accounting (JoAnn and Ron Prieto), Liz Lilley, Gloria Marler, Bob Synoground, Sunset Inn, and the Monday Night Bunko Gals (Sharon Hunt, Sally Salinas, Claudette Williams, Thelma Faux, Mary Brown, Rose Denzer, Karen Dickson, Judy Basey, Judy Cozad, Barb Haiges, Fran Fears, Edith Gray, Wendy Greer, Kay Graves, Arlene Vorce, and Regina Tilley).

Gift Donations: Hetch Hetchy Water District, Gloria Marler, PML 18 Hole Ladies Golf Club, PML 9 Hole Ladies Golf Club, all the attendees at the PML Ladies Club Christmas Brunch and the PMLAA 'It's a Wrap' Party.

Food Donations: Big Oak Flat Baptist, Big Oak Rebekah Lodge, Buck Meadows Community Church, CA Dept of Forestry, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Diestel Turkey Farms, Evangelical Free Church, Foothills Community Church, Garrotte Lions Club, Garrotte Lions Monthly Bingo, Groveland Christian Church, Groveland Highlanders 4H Club, Groveland Medical Center, Groveland Rotary, Groveland Seventh Day Adventists Church, Hetch Hetchy Association of Realtors, Hetch Hetchy Water District, Kiwanis Of Groveland, MarVal Markets, Mountain Lutheran Church, Pacific State Bank, PML Garden Club, PML Men's 9 Hole Golf Club, PML Racquet Club, PML Resident's Club, PML RV Club, ROOFBB's, and Yosemite Bank. Groveland's Mar Val Market allowed these groups to purchase their food items at cost and, in many cases, arranged for the delivery of them to

the Community Hall.

'We couldn't have done it without you' category: The Soroptimists of Groveland, once again, took on the humungous task of shopping for and wrapping the 'special request' gifts. These are purchased with a donation from Santa John, a wonderfully generous soul in our community, who each year, anonymously makes sure all the kids get their wishes fulfilled. This team was headed by Liz Mattingly and Flo Jansen. The shopper/wrappers were Faye Buckley, Marilyn Fields, Cindi Godrich, Flo Jansen, Amanda Klaahsen, Liz Mattingly, Judi Michaelis, Pat Pasha, Bonnie Phillips, Jane Sperry, Linda Struhm, Donna Thayer, Luci Tyndall and Sharon Volponi. A special thanks to Joe Mattingly and Willie Boatman for bike assembly and Jeannie and John Brunk for gift deliveries to the hall.

Many thanks, also, to the Yosemite Highway Herald and the PML News for printing the announcements, reminders and all related articles.

No Christmas event would be complete without the presence of Santa and Mrs. Claus. Many thanks to Kay Graves and Otis Fender for making sure Santa and Mrs. Claus were available on pick up day. The hot cocoa and cookies were supplied by the Friends of the Groveland Library and cheerfully handed out to young and old by Audrey Fiance and Rosemary Adams.

As you can see from the extensive list of people, churches, clubs and businesses, the ENTIRE community is involved in this project, in some way or another. Be proud to know that you've helped make a brighter holiday for many of your less fortunate neighbors and their children. From Dar and Patti, project co-chairs, a huge THANK YOU to you all and a very Happy New Year.

## Free Wi-Fi in Groveland

There is *Free Wi-Fi* for high-speed connection to the Internet at the Groveland Library. Use the library computers or bring your own!

### Groveland Library hours:

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**Book Sale:** Sat. 10:00am - 2:00pm

*Friends of the Groveland Library*

# Friends of the Groveland Library

BY NADINE PEDRON

## ADD THIS TO YOUR TO-DO LIST:

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your lap. Read to a bunch of kids (join our Booklegger or Storytime teams - you'll find out how much fun it is). Or, rescue and linger over a book of poetry that has been gathering dust on your shelf. Just do it.

Of course, there is no problem finding the printed word of your choice right here in our own lovely Groveland public library. What's more, the price is right.

You'll be greeted warmly by our librarians Michalene, Maddie and Phyllis who will promptly assist you in finding exactly what you want. If your selection is not on the shelves, they will order it for you. Also, you can visit our Book Nook any Saturday from 10 - 2 downstairs at the library. You'll find a large collection of gently used, well organized books as well as CDs, DVDs and audiotapes at unbelievably low prices. Conversation with your reading community and home made goodies are free.

### FOGL NEWS:

Gert Montoya, a faithful and much loved member passed away in December. She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered for the merry twinkle in her eye, her spirit and wit and forever willingness to help with FOGL pursuits.

Our 2010 membership drive is in full swing and we invite you to our next meeting to see what we are about: support of our library and its programs and active participation in literacy outreach projects in our community. We are eager to have new members help us carry out our goals. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 23, 2:00, downstairs at the library. For membership information please call Virginia Gustafson (962-6336) or Jane Sperry (962-4178).



## Mongolian Beef

RECIPE PROVIDED BY TOM KNOTH AND PAULA MARTELL

**T**his dish was one of my favorites in a "mom and pop" Chinese restaurant in Fremont, CA., that went by the name of "Full Kings". Being a frequent customer and acquainted with the owners, I one day got the nerve to ask the ingredients and to my surprise was invited to see it cooked in the kitchen.

The chef, with all of the ingredients prepped and ready, put this dish together in under three minutes as I quickly jotted down the recipe. This is the beauty of stir fry cooking, that such fabulous dishes, bursting with flavor, can be prepared in such a short time. If you like to entertain, you can keep your kitchen time to a minimum with stir fry dishes, and still serve a meal that will dazzle the fussiest of palates!

12 oz (3/4 lb) Flank Steak, sliced 2 in wide in direction of grain, and then

into 1/4" thin slices (perpendicular to the grain), then sprinkle with white or black pepper  
 2 Tbsp Soy Sauce  
 1 Tbsp Cornstarch  
 1 Tbsp Wine (Dry Sherry or Rice Wine)  
 2-3 Tbsp Peanut Oil  
 4-8 Dried Red Chilies (Chile de Arbol)  
 1 Clove Garlic, finely chopped  
 1/2 tsp Ginger; finely chopped  
 5-6 Green Onions (Scallions), chopped (on a diagonal) into 1" pieces  
 30 (1/2 can) Water Chestnut Slices (optional)

### SAUCE

1 Tsp Soy Sauce  
 2 Tbsp Hoisin Sauce  
 1 tsp Sesame Oil  
 1 Tbsp Sherry or Rice Wine

For marinade, mix Soy Sauce, Cornstarch, and Wine. Combine with Steak

Slices and refrigerate 30 min to 2 hours.

Combine Sauce ingredients and set aside. Using scissors, snip the chilies into 3/4 -inch pieces, discarding the seeds; set aside.

In Wok over high heat, heat Peanut Oil, then add Chiles, Garlic, Ginger; and Beef. Stir fry 1 minute and then add Water Chestnuts and white portions of Green Onions.

Stir Fry 1 minute then add green portions of Green Onions and Sauce, cook 1 minute more or until done.

Tom Knoth and

## Community Choir To Sing An Easter Celebration

BY BONNIE PHILLIPS

**T**he Groveland Community Choir is regrouping to sing a free concert, "Worthy! the Song of the Ages". It is an Easter celebration performed under the direction of Barbara Whittlesey at the Groveland Evangelical Free Church, 19172 Ferretti Road, on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 21 at 2:00 p.m.

This piece, composed by Marty Parks, is a musical response to God's loving, sacrificial and powerful act of redemption. Included are cherished hymns, popular worship songs and several new and significant compositions that are both moving and impactful. The narrations are derived directly from Scripture and you will hear several awesome solos in addition to exciting singing from the hard-working, enthusiastic choir.

Be certain to mark your calendars to attend one of the free performances above. You won't want to miss an opportunity to experience the expression of how God moved in a mighty way among and on behalf of His people....in song!

Paula Martell host monthly cooking demonstrations at PML Lake Lodge; information on upcoming classes can be found in the "Community Calendar" section of PML News.



# Is Groveland Brainy? You Bet!

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON

There's a wonderful new program underway at Tenaya Elementary, developed by Groveland residents Steve and Kathy Ryan and facilitated by the Friends of the Groveland Library (FOGL).

"Brainy Groveland" believes that learning to love reading is an important key to a child's success. The program encourages students to read more

books by offering something the school can't give them – cash. We don't ask the school to change the good work they are already doing. We simply ask the kids to read more books and be rewarded for it.

Specifically, volunteers (we call them reading mentors) meet with third-grade students once a week. The students bring books they have read and talk

one-on-one with their mentor. When the volunteer is convinced that the student has read and understood the book, the student is rewarded with one dollar. This provides some immediate gratification and big smiles.

At the end of the term, the students are rewarded with a second dollar per book as a lump sum; they experience the thrill of a larger sum and delayed gratification. We also talk to them about how they will use the money – save, donate, or buy things for themselves or others.

A charitable trust provides funding, and GAINs (Groveland Area Involved Neighbors) handles transfers to the program. "Brainy Groveland" encourages kids to realize that being smart and working hard in school is 'cool' too.

Throughout the fall semester 30 third-grade students participated in the program. Together they read 279 books and received a total of \$570 in reading rewards (some kids earn an extra dollar for reading a long or more advanced book). The program continues in the third grades this winter, and in the spring, second-graders will be able to join.

In December, Steve and Kathy Ryan and FOGL president Nadine Pedron met with students from both classrooms to award the "second dollar" lump sums

for all of the books read in the fall semester. Eight students received either \$15 or \$16, and a total of 30 students received awards totaling \$285. The "champion readers" who each received \$30 or more this term are:

Mrs. Groh's class: Lucas, Sha'nece, Merana and Madison.

Mrs. Jeffrey's class: Nikki, Allondra, Trey and Kenna.

The kids say that in addition to the fun of reading, interacting with the reading mentors is one of the best things about the program.

The dedicated reading mentors who give a couple of hours a month as an investment in Groveland's future include: Steve Ryan, Kathy Ryan, Nadine Pedron, Mary Carbonaro, Sydney Avey, Joel Avey, Claudette Babyak, Paula Baker, Judy Basey, Blaine Cluff, Pat Cluff, Barbara Coldren, Marilyn Fields, Charlie Fratus, Mike Gustafson, Maggie Jacobson, Karen Lim, Judi Maguire, Judy Miller, Jan Sloan, Harriet Wallace, and Alex Wylie.

You can join too; in the spring term we will need a few more mentors as we expand to the second grades. To get involved in this rewarding project, call Virginia Gustafson at 962-6336. You just have to read better than a second grader and be willing to donate an hour a month during the school year.

Brainy Groveland is also beta testing a math program now, which we hope to offer to students next year.



Brainy Groveland founders Steve and Kathy Ryan congratulate super readers Nikki West and Lucas Fristad.

## Southside Seniors start strong in 2010

BY SYDNEY AVEY

On a Tuesday morning at 10:30am at The Little House, the Strength for Life exercise class is exercising bodies in the Studio, the Journal class is exercising minds and spirits in the Annex and volunteers are setting up for senior lunch in the main house. The Journal class, led by Steven Fletcher, is new and will run through March; drop-ins and people of all ages are welcome. The fee is \$10 per class. Steven is also offering a 2-day Journal Workshop February 6 and 7.

Other days, the yoga classes fill up (there are 8 classes a week to choose from, a schedule that rivals larger towns in the Motherlode!) and needle and quilt crafts, Mah-jongg and Wii Bowling are developing avid followings.

Do you have ideas for a new program, activity or event? Want to start a cribbage group, conduct a Zoomba class, or meet with friends to practice Italian? It's as simple as a call to Luci at 962-7303. Check our website, thelittlehouse.org,

for our full schedule of events.

### Candy Sales

We had another good season of See's Candy sales, despite four snow days. We want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Opal Berg, Barbara Wizner and more than 50 volunteers who staffed the booth. Also, through their Thrivent program, The Mountain Lutheran Church of Groveland supplied seven volunteers and a matching donation.

This year, Opal and Barbara are passing leadership of the Candy Booth on to a new team. We thank them for their years of coordinating the ordering, stocking, staffing, selling and tabulating that goes into this endeavor. It is a vital part of our success.

The Candy Booth will be relocated soon. Watch for an announcement about our new location. We'll have signs out letting you know when we are once again open for business.

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# Take Down 2009 – Christmas Decorations

BY KAY GLAVES

The take down volunteers were great. It only took them a day and a half to completely take down all Christmas decorations in Groveland and Big Oak Flat.

One sour note in our take down was the apparent unkindly removal of baby Jesus from our Nativity Scene. Because we had someone remove baby Jesus in our two previous years, this year we had secured him with what we thought would deter someone from taking him again. Unfortunately this was not the answer. The restraints were all destroyed along with the cradle. Whoever took Baby Jesus must need him more than they felt we did. Our request to the person who has a need next year, please don't break the cradle and consider returning Jesus after your need is completed. We suspect that whoever did this perhaps needs help.

The volunteers involved in the take down were: Judy Tobia, Paul and Barbara Klahn, Paul Sperry, Dan Frye, Liz Reinhard, Frank and Karen Joblonski, Dick Dentino, Cecile Burke, Marie Dean, Doug Hammond and Joanne Hammond, Jolene and Jack Fairbanks, Rudy and Pat Fernandez, Gordon and Gloria Stevens, Peggy Andrews, Tonie Kieter, Linda Craig, Lion Frank Oyung, Dave (Stilts) Volponi, Mike and Anita Millard, Don Myers, Faye Buckley, and Lion Kay Glaves.

For the garland take down this year David (Stilts) Volponi had only a skeleton crew. He could have used more help in the take down this year. David is a God-send and has helped us for many years.

Decorations in the Community Hall were taken down by Adrienne and Le-Roy Carter.

Our fire department firemen took our Happy Holidays banner down.

Interesting Facts: We recycle the salvageable red ribbon and bows. This means washing and re-rolling the red

ribbon, washing and straightening bows. Approximately 100 hours went into this effort for the 2009 season, all done by our new volunteers, members of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and members of the Groveland Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.

Twenty-four rolls of new ribbon were used in addition to all the recycled ribbon.

Marie Deshaies made additional new bows this year to add to over 20,000 that she has made since our beginning of decorations.

We used 136 rolls of sealing tape.

We used 79 large rolls of aluminum foil, enough to stretch a mile and a half if placed end to end.

We had a total of 43 volunteers in the put up this year. They accrued total work hours of 525 community service over an 8 day span.

We had a total of 28 volunteers in our take down effort. Their total community servers hours was 105.

Baby Jesus was taken again from our Nativity Scene so we need anew baby doll. Call me.

Because of the weather our deer heads and Santa on top of the Community Hall did not get put up this year.

We hope all who worked signed our work sheet and received proper recognition for their efforts. If you didn't, please accept our sincere apology because without your help we couldn't accomplish what we do.

Notice: Anyone interested in future volunteering when there is a need in our community please call Kay Glaves at

962-6769 so we can add your name to our list of potential volunteers.

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## A New Kind of Scholarship

BY BARBARA BROAD

A committee of representatives from community groups is meeting with GAINs to talk about a new kind of scholarship for Tioga graduates, one that would provide money and support for four years in college or for completing trade school. It would target students in their senior year who are highly motivated to continue their education in colleges or trade schools. But these students don't have the grades or classes to qualify for regular scholarship funds. They would be talented, motivated students often overlooked by other scholarship programs.

It might be a student who didn't settle down to academics until his or her junior year, and then developed some goals for life and became highly motivated to do well in what was left of high school with the hope of getting

to college. It might be a student really interested in woodworking or auto mechanics who wants get that vocational training.

The goal would be to partner with and provide financial aid for these motivated students for up to four years by providing them with scholarships, mentoring, and summer internships to help them achieve their education and career goals.

A community committee would administer the program. Representatives from service clubs, churches, and Tioga are working with GAINs to develop the program, which will eventually be sponsored by a community committee. For more information or to join the group, contact Barbara Broad at Groveland-GAINs@aol.com or 962-7730.

## The Pine Cone Performers' Upcoming Play & Concert

BY GAIL PERLEE

Rehearsals for "Reminiscing At Al's Place", the Pine Cone Players' spring play slated to go onstage the weekend of April 15, 16, 17, and 18 in the Groveland Community Hall - and yes, you read that right: the show will play to audiences for four nights this year - are well underway. The show is again being written and directed by Ruthann Peirona and promises to have a little something for everyone...dancing, singing, comedy, and who knows what else? A fun adventure similar to, but not exactly like last year's "Groveland's Got Talent" also written & directed by Ruthann.

Many of the people who were in last year's show...indeed many who have been in past shows over the years, will also be in the new show along with several talented newcomers. And at this point, anyone wishing to help out in any way with sets or backstage, etc. is encouraged to call the director at 962-0771 for further information about the play.

Meanwhile, The Pine Cone Singers, under the direction of Dennis Brown, have begun rehearsals for their spring concert which will be presented the weekend of May 14, 15, and 16. New singers - all voices: soprano, alto, tenor, and bass/baritone, are still welcome to join the 40-voice chorus until mid February. Dues are \$30. per season (spring/winter) to help cover the cost of music and the director's salary. For more information you may call 962-6892.



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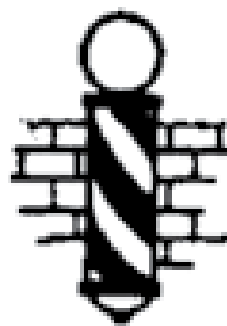


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## Humane Society Champagne Brunch

BY CASIE JACHETTA

**2**nd Annual Bone Appetit Spring Champagne Brunch! Tickets are on sale now for \$25 each, and last year they sold out fast.

It is scheduled for Sunday, March 21st at the Elks Lodge in Sonora. A gourmet brunch buffet, mimosa's, live music, shopping boutique and silent auction are some of the highlights of the event.

To anyone who has anything they would like to donate to our silent auction for that event, we would be grateful.

## Moore Creek Group Site

BY PAT KAUNERT

**T**he Forest Service today announced that, effective January 1, dispersed camping is allowed at the Groveland Ranger District's Moore Creek Group Campsite. The large group campsite is now available on a first come, first served basis, similar to the other individual dispersed campsites along Moore Creek.

In keeping with dispersed site management, all developed features including the picnic table, fire ring, and informational signage will be removed. Campers will be required to observe a "pack it in, pack it out" policy and always leave a clean camp. A free campfire permit is required for building a campfire at the site. The Moore Creek Group site is included within the High Hazard Area, and will be subject to fire restrictions when they are in effect.

The 2007 Stanislaus NF Recreation Facility Analysis (RFA) determined that the Moore Creek Group site should be managed as a dispersed, rather than a developed campsite. Reservations will no longer be required at the Moore Creek Group Campsite, and there will continue to be no charge for camping at the site. Returning to dispersed management of the site will improve operational efficiencies and comply with current Forest Service campsite reservation policy guidelines.

For additional information on the Moore Creek Group Campsite, please contact the Groveland Ranger District at (209) 962-7825.

## Tuolumne County Humane Society



**HUGABLE KALI**

**I** am Kali, a 10 month old female Rott/Lab mix. I am enjoying my stay here at the shelter; the nice volunteers walk me a lot and I love walks! When the lights go out for bed time I get a little homesick, I miss having a family and a warm fireplace or woodstove to lay next to when it's cold outside. I miss the joy of the connection that is made between an owner and his/her dog. I am a family dog who most enjoys hugs, kisses, scratches, rubs and playing. If this sounds like something you would like to do with me, please come and meet me. I just might be the love of your life that you have been in search of. My second chance is coming so the faster you get here the faster I can begin it.

## Tuolumne County Humane Society

10040 Victoria Way • Jamestown, California 95327

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## The Quilters' Corner

BY SANDY SMITH

**W**ow! It is February already. The love season is upon us...what a great reason to make a quilt. As if we really need one, right?

The Pine Needlers Quilt Guild meets on the 16th of this month. Six o'clock under the library. We are now working on our community outreach project. Little quilts for the Women's Resource Center. Come and see what we have for you! There is definitely something for everyone. Lots of sharing, learning, caring, and cookies too!

Friendship and sharing is so much a part of a guild. Here are a couple of websites I want to share with you: cherywoodfabrics.com, and feedsacklady.com. Enjoy!

Remember to bring your 6 or 8 inch squares for our project to our "Block Party" on the 18th from one to four at the Baptist Church in BOF. You can cut, sew, sort, package, or tie. We



**I WILL BRING SUNSHINE**

**I** am Callie; a 4 year old female Calico Cat. Have you ever wondered what it is like to have a purring, warm, loving cat sit in your lap? It brings a comfort and warmth that isn't quite like anything else. I am seeking a companion that would appreciate this "sunshine" in their life. I am not extremely active, I prefer to live life happily lazy. I enjoy my cat naps, my culinary cat art, and the lap and love of a person who loves me. I will be the sunshine of your life! I hope to meet my new human companion very soon. Is it you? Are you the one that has room in your heart for me? Come, meet me and let's find out!

## Public Safety Personnel

BY JUDY HEIL, AMC

**P**ublic Safety Personnel may receive their training and certification by attending the First Aid for Public Safety Personnel – Title 22 class on two Saturdays, Feb. 20th and Feb. 27th, at 9:00 AM at the Sonora Fire Station, 201 S. Shepherd St. Advance registration is required and may be completed by phoning 533-1513.

## American Red Cross Classes – Sonora District Office

February 2010

Please call 533-1513 to register for classes

All classes are at 13669 Mono Way, Sonora unless noted otherwise

Feb 4, Thursday, 6:00 PM Shelter Operations (306811)

Feb 6, Saturday, 9:00 AM Standard First Aid with CPR/AED Adult & Child Plus CPR Infant (HSSFA415)

Feb 11, Thursday 1:30 PM Volunteer Orientation/Fulfilling Our Mission (9444/DSGEN200), Sonora Fire Station, 201 S. Shepherd St., Sonora

Feb 16, Tuesday 6:00 PM Standard First Aid with CPR/AED Adult & Child Plus CPR Infant - Part 1 (HSSFA415)

Feb 18, Thursday 6:00 PM Standard First Aid with CPR/AED Adult & Child Plus CPR Infant - Part 2

Feb 16, Tuesday 1:30 PM Mass Care (DSMCC200), Sonora Fire Station, 201 S. Shepherd St., Sonora

Feb 20, Saturday 9:00 AM Working With Total Diversity (7402)

Feb 20, Saturday 9:00 AM First Aid for Public Safety Personnel – Title 22 - Part 1 (93150), Sonora Fire Station, 201 S. Shepherd St., Sonora

Feb 27, Saturday 9:00 AM First Aid for Public Safety Personnel – Title 22 - Part 2 (93150), Sonora Fire Station, 201 S. Shepherd St., Sonora

Feb 23, Tuesday 9:00 AM CA Child Care Preventative Health & Safety (9252), Sonora Fire Station, 201 S. Shepherd St., Sonora

# Genealogy Workshop — Land Records BY KAREN DAVIS

One of the subjects that will be covered in this year's Genealogy Workshops is how to use land records to learn about your family's history.

According to the National Archives website, the land records that are generally of most interest to genealogists are the land entry case files. These are records that document the transfer of public lands from the U.S. Government to private ownership.

Land case entry files can contain a

wealth of genealogical and legal information. Depending on the type and time period of the land entry, the case file may yield only a few facts already known to the researcher or it may present new insights about ancestors, family history, title, and land use issues. For example, the records may attest to the one's age, place of birth, citizenship, military service, literacy, and economic status, and may even include similar information about family members.

Read more at <http://www.archives.gov/> and come prepared to discuss this subject further with fellow genealogists. The workshops start promptly on the 4th Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Downstairs Conference Room of the Groveland Branch Library.

For more information please call Peggy Andrew at 962-7264 or email her at [pmlandrews@att.net](mailto:pmlandrews@att.net).

Tip of the month: Have an interest in Illinois? Check out their online databases at <http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/archives.html>. Have fun.

# GAINs Directory 2010!

BY BARBARA BROAD

Yes, we will publish the free GAINs Resource Directory for 2010! Is your business or group listed in the only directory for southern Tuolumne and northern Mariposa counties? Over 1400 copies of the 100-page directory have been distributed yearly since 2003 until 2009. Last year the economy kept people away, but we are counting on the upsurge for 2010.

Directories sit by telephones in our neighborhoods. When you want to buy something or need services, the answer is there. People tell us they use it as a local telephone directory but also really appreciate all the additional information!

You can write a description of 100 words about your business or service. It's not just another telephone directory! For-profit businesses pay \$35 and can be listed in four categories, other entries are free. In addition, you can purchase advertising on the cover or the last pages of the directory. It's the best bargain for advertising in town! Remember, it stays in homes and in rentals next to telephones for a whole year!

If you had a listing in the 2008 directory, you should have received an entry form in the mail. If you were not in that directory, then get in touch with GAINs!

Forms and 2008 directories are available at the Groveland Library and G.C.S.D. Fill in any changes you want for 2010, and send them with your \$35 check if you are for-profit, to GAINs, P. O. Box 179, Groveland, 95321. Other groups are free!

Need a form or have questions? Contact Barbara Broad at Groveland-GAINs@aol.com or 962.7730. Your form should be back to GAINs by January 31. The directory will be distributed in Groveland and Coulterville in late March and is free.



## PJ's Cafe and Pizzeria

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### New Breakfast Specials

**Linguica Plate** - A full 8" Portuguese sausage cooked to perfection and split in half. Our linguica plate comes with 2 eggs (any style), hash browns and 2 buttered toasts. 8.75

**Country Fried Steak with white gravy** - Nearly 6 oz. of crispy battered steak topped with our house country gravy mixed with breakfast sausage. This popular plate comes with 2 eggs (any style), hash browns and 2 buttered toasts. 8.75

**Breakfast Burrito** - Our monster burrito starts with 2 scrambled eggs, seasoned ground beef, bacon, cheese and hash browns all rolled in a large 12" grilled tortilla. Our burrito comes with our homemade pico de gallo salsa and orange slices. 7.75

**Croissant Breakfast Sandwich** - All our croissants are fresh baked here in our facility. This new edition to our line of breakfast specials includes:

**Sunrise Croissant** - sausage patty, eggs & cheese. 4.75

**Southern Croissant** - ham, eggs and cheese 4.75

**Country Croissant** - bacon, eggs and cheese 4.75

**Supreme** - combination of all of the above. 5.75

**Strawberry, Blueberry & Apple Cinnamon Pancakes** - These mouth-watering pancakes come in one or two cakes and are topped with fruits and whipped cream with real butter on the side. This new breakfast treat comes with 2 eggs and ham, sausage, or bacon. 7.75

### New Lunch Specials

**Croissant Sandwich** - We start our masterpiece with bacon, sliced ham or turkey and it comes complete with avocado, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, mayo, and a touch of mustard. This satisfying sandwich comes with our sweet potato fries or you may substitute our regular fries. 8.75

**Country BBQ Burger** - This 1/3 lb 100% Angus beef patty burger comes with a toasty plain bun, American cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles and is topped with onion rings, bacon, and BBQ sauce. This large burger comes with your choice of fries, soup, or salad. 8.75



**BlueBurger** - This exclusive PJ's burger comes with our 1/3 lb Angus patty topped with melted blue cheese and bacon along with lettuce, tomatoes, onions, and pickles. Comes with your choice of fries, soup, or salad. 8.75

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**Sliced Steak Sandwich** - We start with thinly sliced beef marinated to perfection and mixed with grilled onions and bell peppers on top of a bed of lettuce and french bread. This meal comes with your choice of fries, soup, or salad.

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# Passing The Torch

BY OPAL BERG

Opal Berg and Barbara Wizner are passing the torch as managers of the See's candy booth to the Southside Senior Services. We have enjoyed over three years of donating our time and money to this project, but due to family illness and other responsibilities we feel it is time to pass the torch.

We would like to express our best wishes for the future to all our volunteers.

We value your friendship and appreciate all your hard work. Without the dedication of our loyal and trusted volunteers and customers, this would have not been possible. Your kindness, support and dedication kept us going. We will miss all of our customers who were so loyal, helpful and made our efforts a joy.

We feel our efforts have been successful and have appreciated the opportunity to work with Southside Seniors. The fundraising effort will be in the best of hands. SSSI will continue the management of the See's candy booth. We wish them the best and know they will do a great job.

To volunteer to help with candy sales in 2010, please contact SSSI at 962-7303.



## Friends of the Groveland Dog Park - Thank you! Thank you!

BY LYNN (AKA MOTHER GOOSE) & GOOSE FOR FRIENDS OF THE GROVELAND DOG PARK

What a pleasure it was seeing so many folks behind the effort of the Groveland Dog Park on Saturday, January 9th. We had waves of teams throughout the morning join us with hoes, picks, wheel barrows and lawn mowers, weed wackers and the like. Everyone found a purpose. The transition from the morning to the afternoon was magical...phenomenal. Thank you again.

The organizing group will meet in the next week or two to layout our next steps, pick the next work day and get us ready for grass, holes for posts, maybe some stump removal...and I will send out another email at that time, I just didn't want to wait another day to tell you all what a great job you all did and how much fun it seemed everyone was having getting this to pull together.

We sure love our dogs!

## Rotary News

BY JOHN BRUNK

The Groveland Rotary has acquired the cameras for the local school photo contest. The results will be displayed in the Groveland Library.

Polio on the way out:

"After twenty years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease. A strong push is now underway to root it out once and for all. It is a window of opportunity of historic proportions" reports Rotary International.

Rotary will raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The report goes on stating that the resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries where Polio continues to infect and paralyze children.

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MARY KAY



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## Garden Club Clippings

BY JOYCE SMITH

### We are off and running for the New Year.

The weather cooperated and we had our Installation of Officers and Dinner at the PML Lake Lodge on January 11th. Although our dinner was a month late in happening, it didn't dampen our spirits. We had a lovely dinner and our officers for 2010 were duly installed. Our thanks to the outgoing officers and committee chairs of the 2009 Board for an interesting and informative year, although we did have some weather issues for several events. Incoming co-Presidents, Lorraine David and Marlene Johanson, and their Board have another interesting year planned for us. Watch for your Newsletter, it will be your guide for the February 8th meeting and upcoming events.

Remember, the Jail is our project. Over the years, since its beginning, The PML Garden Club continues to develop, maintain and preserve the jail--it has become "Our Gift to The Community."

\*A footnote of history on the jailhouse... It is estimated the jail was constructed sometime between 1895 and 1903. A "common map" drawn in 1903 shows the jailhouse. Its history shows that during

the height of the hard rock mining boom, during those years, a number of boarding houses, restaurants, saloons and brothels were prospering in the Mother Lode, to cater to the needs and wants of this large itinerant labor force. It isn't surprising that a few young men would sometimes find themselves at cross purposes with the law. We can only assume that the jailhouse most likely served as a "holding facility" for the local constable. It is doubtful that the building saw much use after the 1930s. It's a small single story wood frame building that contains only two rustic cells. The building has a rock pier and a post foundation, "V" soffit and frame. Corrugated metal sheeting covers the roof. The wide cornice boards are mimicked by similar corner trim, and the gables have "returns" in each end. This defines the building's neoclassical architectural heritage - a common style used in Groveland throughout the 1920s. A small plank door is centered on the front gable end.

\*A footnote of history.....was taken from our PML Garden Club Roster/Handbook.

---See you at the February Meeting.

## February 7, Sunday, Sierra Club Day Hike (2A)

BY JOHN KINNEAR

Intermediate level cross country ski tour in the Crane Flat area (6,090 feet elevation) of Yosemite, 9 miles east of the Big Oak Flat entrance on Highway 120.

Trail condition is ungroomed and also snowshoes tracks and boot prints are frequently encountered. Sections of the route might include detouring around fallen trees which block the trail. Skiers are required to have the "10 essentials", carry water for a 4-mile outing, and pack a picnic lunch.

Call leader, Frank, 962-7585 or email, [frank-oyung@sbcglobal.net](mailto:frank-oyung@sbcglobal.net) for further information and to make a reservation.

# Holidays at Camp Tuolumne Trails

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON

In December, we hosted a special Christmas party at camp. 30 members of WATCH, the activities group for Tuolumne County developmentally disabled adults, came for a Christmas party. They enjoyed the beautifully decorated Great Hall, the huge Christmas tree, and a delicious turkey dinner prepared by camp director John Infelise. Of course, the highlight of the evening was a visit from the Groveland Fire Department and Santa (thanks Shane and Otis)!

Also in December, we hosted the Tenaya 4th Grade for a day of California history. They visited our miner's camp, panned for gold, made butter, rope and candles, petted a visiting donkey and pony, and witnessed an old-fashioned shoot-out courtesy of Paul Purifoy and Jim Soderberg. It was a fun and educational day. The 4th grade girls also made dozens of Christmas cookies, which the WATCH group really enjoyed.

Then, we hosted a great New Year's Eve party in the Great Hall, with 80 guests. Team Charlotte and Chef Victor put on a fabulous gourmet dinner, and we danced the night away.

Several new groups have recently signed up for 2010 summer camp programs. We are honored to serve these

special groups and provide them with a camp experience they could not otherwise enjoy. For example, a group of developmentally disabled children from the Sacramento area will be coming in June. We will also be hosting children with muscular dystrophy from the Fresno area.

All the special needs groups from last summer plan to return, including the Bay Area cerebral palsy family camp, the muscular dystrophy adult group, and two Tuolumne County developmentally disabled groups.

We urge you to remember Tuolumne Trails in your annual charitable donations. Contributions help keep the cost low for our campers. A \$350 donation can fund a camper who would not otherwise be able to attend camp; we call these donations "camperships" and they are completely tax-deductible. We'll even send you information about the camper who benefits from your generosity.

Everyone at Tuolumne Trails thanks you all for your support this year and we wish you a healthy and happy 2010.



*WATCH members visit with Santa and the Groveland Fire Department New Year's Eve fun at Camp*



# A Dog Day Afternoon, The Morning in Review

BY MAYOR GOOSE

Saturday, January 9th, kicked off the first volunteer work day at the dog park and I can't begin to tell you how exciting it was to see so many folks out there. The setting is lovely, the grounds nearly park like! What a fun project for the Chamber's Mayor, Goose, to be working on.

The fencing folks with Frank were on site and measuring, tapping in their stakes and noting where the gates will go.

Benches were discussed, denied and added back in again. YIPPEEE!

The next steps will include establishing the policies and procedures and getting them into writing and to GCSD for approval, scraping the park again and seeding.

Fundraising efforts continue and we are just over \$2200 and just around the corner from meeting our matching target of \$2500. If you wish to make a tax deductible donation, please make checks out to GAINS and mail them to the Hotel Charlotte, PO Box 787, Groveland CA 95321. Donations of \$300 or more will be recognized with a plaque at the park. Some folks have decided to do this in honor of their favorite dogs.

The Yosemite Chamber of Commerce supports the Groveland Dog Park and is looking forward to adding the Dog Park as yet another great asset for market Highway 120 providing guests yet another reason to access Yosemite via the Northern Yosemite Highway and to STOP in Groveland.

Mayor Goose tries to twitter once a day at [www.Twitter.com/GooseforMayor](http://www.Twitter.com/GooseforMayor). Join us online in this lively forum! Details updated regularly on [www.MayorGoose.com/causes.html](http://www.MayorGoose.com/causes.html)

# The Orion Nebula

BY EDDIE PAVLU, WWW.GROVELANDASTRO.COM



as your viewing experience is shaped by the weather, seeing conditions, phase of the moon, and other unexpected visitors like comets.

As you read this newsletter in February, the Orion Nebula will be prominently on display high in the nighttime sky. It is the brightest nebula in the sky, and one of the brightest of all Deep Sky Objects. A nebula is a cloud of gas and/or dust in interstellar space. The word nebula in Latin means “cloud”; its plural is “nebulae”. The Orion Nebula is visible to the naked eye under moderately good seeing conditions. It is seen as the middle “star” in the sword of Orion, which are the three stars located below Orion’s Belt. The star appears fuzzy to observers with good eye-sight, and the nebulosity is easily seen through binoculars or a small telescope. The Orion Nebula is located in the constellation Orion and is approximately 1,500 light-years away and spans about 30 light-years. It is an example of a stellar nursery where new stars are being born. Observations of the nebula have

revealed nearly 1,000 stars in various stages of formation. For those of us fortunate to enjoy the dark Groveland skies, the constellation Orion can be seen in the south-east sky as soon as it gets dark.

One thing that I’ve explained about taking photographs of Deep Sky Objects (nebula, galaxies, etc...) is that the final image is all about long exposure times. To put this into perspective, most daytime photographs have exposure times that are measured in fractions of a second. Most Deep Sky Object astrophotography has exposure times that are measured in minutes or hours!

Anyone who has viewed the Orion Nebula through binoculars or a telescope already knows that the human eye isn’t sensitive enough to detect color under very low light conditions. The human

“The image of the Orion Nebula printed with this article was created by taking 36 separate photographs...”

You can think of a digital camera sensor as a bucket that collects photons (light) - the longer the

exposure, the more light (color and details) that’s captured and displayed in the photograph. Stars are like pinpoints of light. Tracking errors while the camera is taking a photograph can quickly elongate stars in a photograph, and then they look oblong or like streaks. So exposure times of minutes or hours can be a real challenge.

The image of the Orion Nebula printed with this article was created by taking 36 separate photographs, ranging in exposure time from 30 seconds to 5 minutes, and stacking them one on top of another to create the final image. The total exposure time is 155 minutes. One challenge specific to the Orion Nebula is that I needed to take exposure times of multiple durations. These multiple duration exposures are needed to capture the dimmest and brightest areas in the nebula. For example, the bright core was exposed for 30 seconds while the dimmest regions around the outside edges of the nebula were exposed for 5 minutes. All these separate photographs were stacked and blended together to create the final image.

Newspaper print, like the PML Newsletter, doesn’t have nearly the resolution or color range to show all the fine details in this image. Please visit my on-line astrophotography gallery at [www.GrovelandAstro.com](http://www.GrovelandAstro.com) to view a higher resolution version of the Orion Nebula as well as my other astrophotography images.

#### Here are some more details about the image:

*Date Images Captured:*  
November 27, 2005

*Mount:*  
Celestron CGE German Equatorial

*Image Scope:*  
AP155 Starfire APO Refractor

*Guide Scope:*  
Orion ED80 APO Refractor

*Guide Camera:* SBIG ST402-ME

*Imaging Camera:*  
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*Total Exposure Time:* 155 minutes





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**Do you have to be an oral surgeon to place implants?**

This question was asked when I was on a plane to San Diego to help a dentist place her first implant. The answer is NO! In fact in my lectures to Dentists, I suggest that it is the general dentist who knows more about the aesthetics, bite, width to length ratios, and tooth to gum positioning.

All the things that make teeth look good. Therefore in most cases the general dentist should be the one to place and restore the implant. Remember DDS stands for Doctor of Dental Surgery! Most implants are easier to place than many other general procedures. Implants are definitely a general dentist function!

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# Attention Child Care Workers

BY JUDY HEIL, AMC

On Tuesday, February 23rd, 9:00 AM, a CA Child Care Preventative Health & Safety class will be held at the Sonora Fire Station, 201 S. Shepherd St. Advance registration is required and may be done by phoning 533-1513.

# Jewelry

BY PAT DICKERSON

The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop located in the Marshalls shopping center at the corner of Sylvan and McHenry in Modesto is gearing up for our annual jewelry event and are in need of donations at this time. Please peek in your jewelry box for any unwanted treasures and bring them to our shop so that we may be ready for our Feb. 5-6 event. Your donation will go to help in cancer research and patient services. For cancer information call 1-800-227-2345 or on the web at cancer.org

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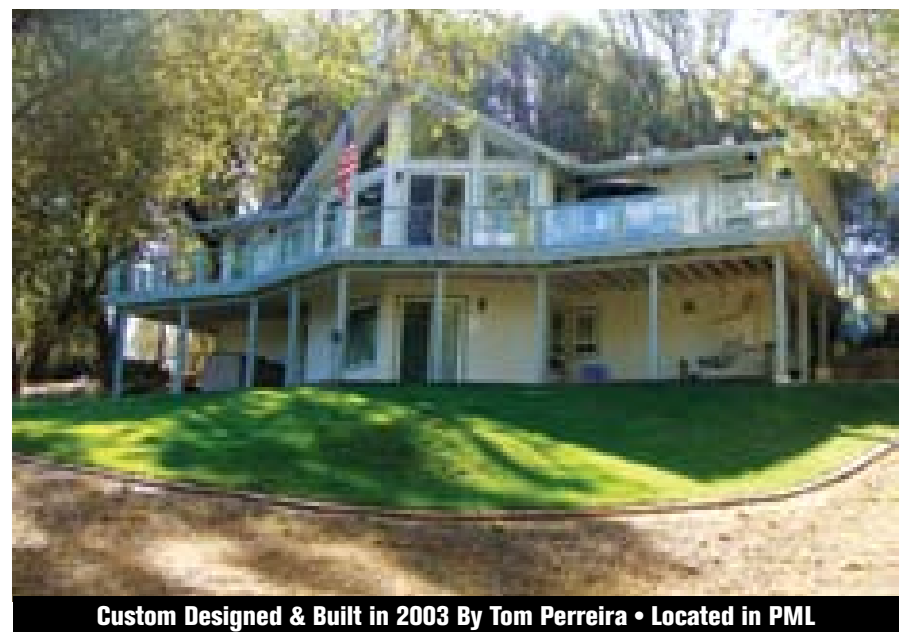
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## Tioga High School Basketball Schedules



### Varsity Boy's Basketball 2010

Fri Feb 5th - 7:00 PM

Don Pedro at Don Pedro

Tue Feb 9th - 6:00 & 7:30

ROP at ROP

Fri Feb 12th - 7:00 PM

Stone Ridge at Stone Ridge

Thu Feb 18th - 7:00 PM

Don Pedro at Tioga

### Varsity Girl's Basketball 2010

Mon Feb 1st - 6:00 PM

Brookside Christian at Tioga

Tue Feb 2nd - 6:00 PM

Mountain Oaks at Mountain Oaks

Thu Feb 4th - 6:00 PM

Wilton Christian at Galt HS

Tue Feb 9th - 5:00 PM

Jim Elliot at Tioga

Fri Feb 12th - 6:00 PM

Big Valley at Tioga

### Junior Varsity Boy's Basketball 2010

Tue Feb 2nd - 5:00 PM

Jim Elliot at Tioga

Tue Feb 9th - 6:00 PM

ROP at ROP

## Sock Hop

BY SANDRA BRADLEY

The senior Class of 2010 of Tioga High School is inviting the community to come to an Oldies but Goodies Sock Hop on February 13th at the new THS gymnasium. The Music will be 50's & 60's hits and the night is guaranteed to be a fun one. Music will be provided by an "old" D.J. who knows the hits that the mature crowd enjoys. Time to break out the old dancing shoes and wear something that puts a spring in your step and hip in your hop. Singles tickets are \$25.00, and if you come as a couple it is a \$5.00 savings of \$45.00 per cute couple.....so ask that special guy or gal out for a night on the town. Questions? Call Cindy Green at Tioga High School 962-4763. Otherwise

tickets can be purchased at the Pine Mountain Video Store. We are hoping for a great turn out....and remember, that the high school students think that an oldies dance is anyone over 25....so don't be self conscious about the "oldies" stigma....with teens anybody with a permanent job or a steady beau is old!! Come join in the fun!



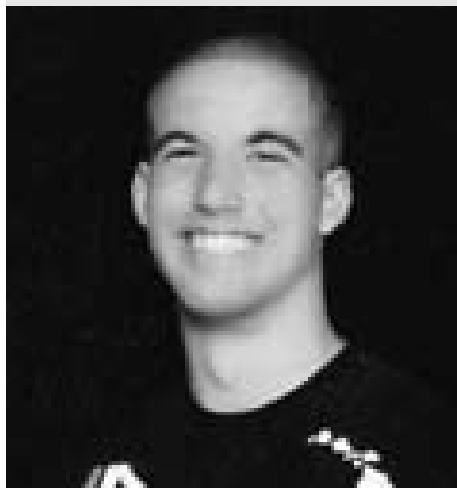
## Junior Class Fundraiser!

BY CORI SANCHEZ

The Junior class at Tioga is doing a fundraiser to support the class of 2011. We are raffling off a cord of live oak firewood, delivery is included! Tickets are a bargain at \$1 each or 6 for \$5!! We are selling tickets until homecoming, February 12th, which is when the drawing is held. All juniors are selling them at games or on campus. If you have any questions, or just want to buy tickets, please see a Junior or the Dutton's. The Junior class thanks all of you for your help.

## Students of the Month

### Tioga High School



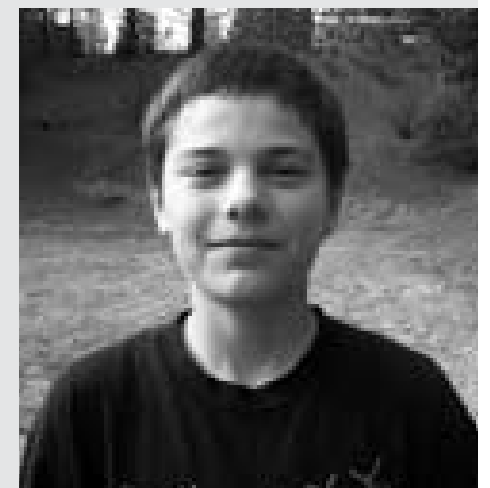
**Name:** Thoren Bradley  
**Grade:** 12  
**School:** Tioga High School  
**Hometown:** Groveland  
**Parent:** Sandy Bradley, Groveland, CA  
**Person Nominating:** Jude Hawkins, Art Teacher

It's tough enough being a teenager in our world today, but being the son of the Principal is probably not a burden many kids would want to be saddled with. Thoren Bradley has taken the affliction on with great humor and acceptance however, and he is to be commended for his successes in high school as a result of just being a normal teen despite his mother's vocation. Thoren has been

accepted to Hawaii Pacific University in Oahu. He hopes to pursue a career in Sports Medicine or Chiropractic Medicine. His greatest influence has been his personal experiences with sports while attending Tioga and his need to seek out some sports healing through local chiropractor, Dr. Ronald Oler, who has been a great advocate of Thoren's desire to help athletes who are either college or professional athletes. Thoren hopes to play soccer while attending HPU. Although he has had experiences in a variety of sports including Basketball, Track and Field, Baseball and now Mixed Martial Arts fighting at the Oakdale-Sonora MMA.

Thoren is a wild and crazy kind of guy. He will come off with the most random comments about things and people. He will definitely make you laugh when you least expect it. What other student do you know that will answer with "Meow" when greeted in the office by the school secretary? Thoren was nominated for Student of the Month by his art teacher Mrs. Hawkins, who is happy to have his cheery demeanor in her art class. Thoren professes that his fingers are too chunky to do arts and crafts in an inspired manner (maybe the boxing has something to do with that, ya think?). Thoren is just one of many characters who will be graduating with the Tioga Class of 2010 June 8th.

### Tenaya Elementary



**Name:** J.W. Dauth  
**Grade:** 5  
**School:** Tenaya Elementary School  
**Hometown:** Groveland  
**Parents:** Kim & John Dauth of Groveland  
**Nominated by:** Mr. Palmer and Mrs. Beaudreau

J.W. Dauth is Tenaya's Student of the Month. J.W. has done an excellent job in the 5th grade this year. He has positive leadership skills with his peers and is always willing to help others in the classroom or on the basketball court. J.W. is an honor roll student and an outstanding athlete. We are very proud of J.W.'s willingness to have a positive attitude and his choice to be a positive leader.



## Mountain Lutheran Church

BY DOROTHY PARKER

Our new slate of Council Officers installed at our worship service January 3, 2010, were Stan Bruederle for one remaining year. For the rest of the officers a two year term – Elden Bruha, Mary Bruha, Dorrine Smith and Tom Sweeney. The new officers and their spouses enjoyed a potluck lunch after the installation at Pastor Ginger's home.

We are enjoying the addition of several new members in our Bible Study group. This enthusiastic group is studying the book of Romans and meets the first and third Thursdays at 1 PM at Mountain Lutheran Church. A Worship Service is planned for Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 7 PM. Pastor Ginger DuMars will conduct this service. At the close of the service the somber act of

placing ashes on each persons forehead will occur. This special day signifies the first day of Lent and the Beginning of preparing ourselves for Easter – the resurrection of Christ.

We at Mountain Lutheran church are so blessed in many ways. One way in particular is having among our members the working couple of Mary and Stan Bruederle whom together very accurately and efficiently produce the monthly Church News Letter. They have been doing this most capably for over 5 years. We do appreciate their good work.

Everyone is welcome to attend Mountain Lutheran Church which meets every Sunday morning at 10 AM. We are located at the top of the hill at 13000 Down to Earth Court, just off Ferretti Road, Groveland, CA.

## The EV Free Church

BY SYDNEY AVEY

By all accounts, 2009 was unusually stressful. In 2010, how do we turn down the volume on the flow of information that clamors unceasingly for our attention? How do we actually hear what God might want to say to us? Through a process of meditation commended to us in the Bible, we can move from information to transformation.

Learning to delight in God restores us in ways that the daily good news/bad news cannot. As part of our growth this year, we are emphasizing Biblical meditation. We'll be handing out different scripture cards weekly for you to use in meditation. You can also find these verses posted on our website at [www.grovelandefc.com](http://www.grovelandefc.com)

This month, we'll finish a Christian Mindset series from Genesis 1-4 and begin a series on the Seven Last Words of Christ that will take us up to Easter. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 or 11:00 am.

Spiritual growth in teenagers

Teenagers often exhibit very few outward effects of what they are experiencing spiritually. "It's a slow process," says Youth Director Tom Radanovich. Tom works with high school teens on Sunday nights from 6 pm to 8 pm and junior high school kids on Wednes-

day nights from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Youth room. He is also a resource for the Impact Club at Tioga High School, a recognized Christian club that meets on campus Tuesdays at noon.

Tom is in a unique position to see into the hearts of young people and witness how they process their trials and the struggle between what they are feeling and what they are learning about Christ. "They are being taught forgiveness, sacrifice and obedience," Tom says. "These concepts are contrary to their culture, their biology, and their daily experience with each other." Learning the truth of 2 Corinthians 4:18, to "look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal", may take years to internalize. But like one of the meditation verses for January, it will bear fruit in due season. (Psalm 1:3)

Other youth activities: a band is forming as those with an interest work to develop the necessary repertoire and practice schedule. In March or April, the young people will travel to attend Acquire the Fire, a youth conference.

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# Purim Party

BY DALE SILVERMAN

The Mother Lode Jewish Community (MLJC) is organizing a Purim celebration on February 28th at 5 pm (location TBD). The MLJC is a nonprofit 501c3 organization that connects Jews throughout Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties for social events and worship. Shabbat services are generally held monthly. Adult education and children's Sunday school classes are also offered. More information can be found on the group's website, [www.motherlodejc.org](http://www.motherlodejc.org) or call 209-533-1650 or email [Info@Motherlodejc.org](mailto:Info@Motherlodejc.org).

# Vacation Bible School

BY PATRICIA HELLING

Come to the Sonworld Adventure Park and have a thrilling ride with Jesus at Vacation Bible School during Easter Vacation, March 29th through April 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Big Oak Flat. There will be Bible Stories, crafts, games, songs and FUN for children ages 3 through 12. Lunch is served each day and transportation is available, if needed. We are located at 11347 Wards Ferry Road in Big Oak Flat. For information please call 962-7038.

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# OBITUARIES

## Douglas Myron Danielson

Nov. 20, 1929 – Dec. 26, 2009

Douglas Myron Danielson, 80, of Groveland passed away December 26, 2009 surrounded by family at Northern California Rehabilitation Hospital in Redding after a valiant effort to combat his many medical complications, after a long stay in the Palo Alto VA hospital.

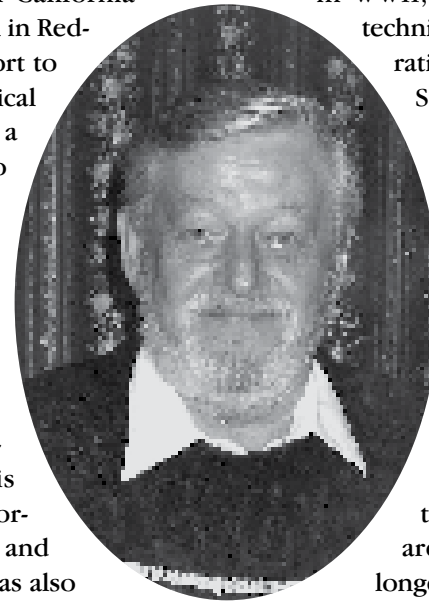
Douglas was one of five boys born to Martinus and Irene (Morberg) Danielson of Drummond, Wisconsin on November 20, 1929. He was preceded in death by his 4 brothers Charles, Norman, Ronald, Harold, and a sister, Darlene. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Maxine (Ollie) Danielson, mother of his daughter and son in 1988.

He is survived by his loving companion and partner of many years, Joan Hart (her caring sons and their families), His daughter Karen Latta of Groveland, his son

Michael (Roberta) of Redding, 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Douglas served in the U.S. Air Force in WWII, he was a computer technician for Univac Corporation and Scientific Data Systems. He was the proprietor of "Doug's Shell" in San Jose in the 70's, and later the Timberline Amusement Arcade in Groveland, Ca.

Besides his family and friends one of his greatest joys in life was piloting his piper Cherokee over the beautiful Yosemite area that he loved and longed to return to. Doug's wonderful smile, his sharp wit, and his never ending special sense of humor will be greatly missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved him. He never lost that sense of humor and shared it as well with those fortunate enough to have taken care of him in the last few months of his life.



## Gertrude K. Montoya

Dec. 18, 1926 – Dec. 31, 2009

Pine Mountain Lake resident Gertrude K. Montoya died Dec. 31 at a Camarillo care center. She was 83.

Born in Philadelphia, she had lived in Pine Mountain Lake for 22 years.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Montoya; two sons and a daughter and their spouses; and six grandchildren.

A private family memorial was held; her last rites and final prayers were said by Rabbi Len Mour.

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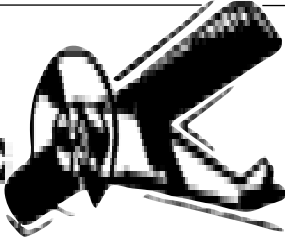


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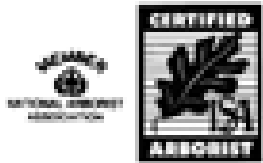
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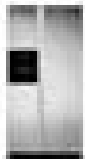
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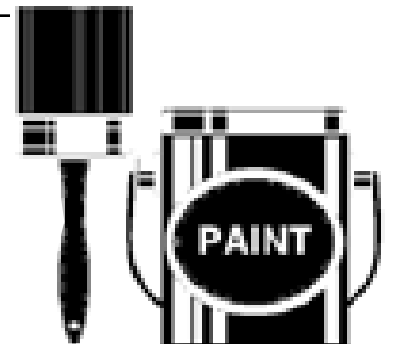
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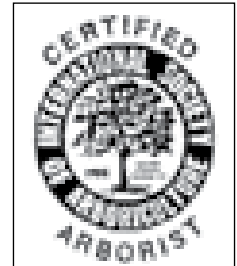
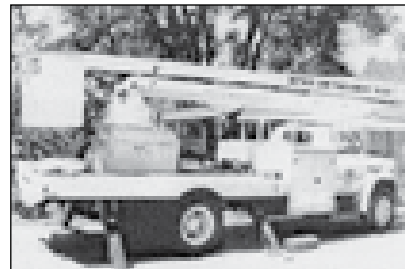
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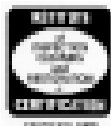
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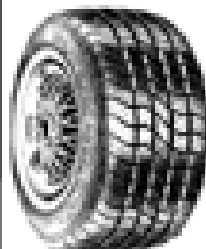
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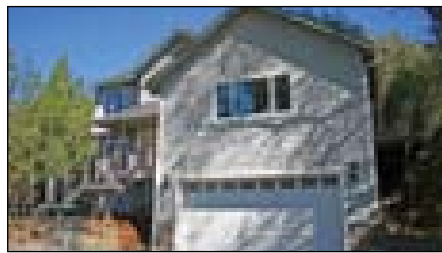


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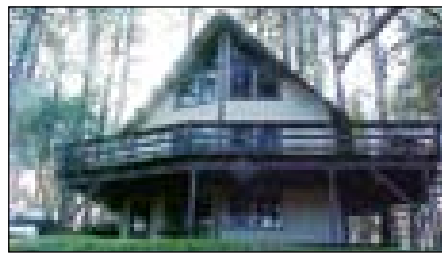
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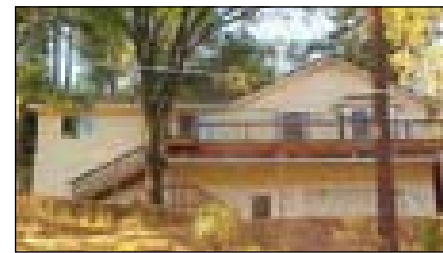
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**10/58 McKinley STUNNING NEW HOME** on a cul-de-sac. 4bd, 2.5ba, quartz kitchen counters, stainless appl, pantry, formal dining, breakfast nook, designer lighting, laminate-wood flooring. Corian in bathrooms, propane frplc, bonus room w/wet bar. Trex decks, 400-ft patio & BBQ area. \$480,000 #66862



**12/211 Yorkshire RUSTIC CABIN** on .70 acre, with space for garage and RV parking. Vaulted wood-beam ceilings, great room, loft and downstairs bonus room w/bathroom. Spacious deck with a tree view gives a feeling of seclusion. OWF. \$225,000 #66846



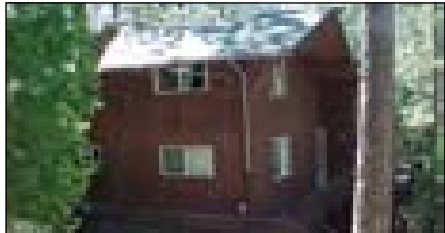
**3/63 Pine Mtn Dr BEAUTIFUL, CUSTOM-BUILT** home, with great room, granite counters, fireplace, laminate flooring, breakfast island & nice patio for entertaining. 3bd, 2ba, 2173sf. Oversized garage has workshop area. Plenty of storage. \$269,000 #66800



**7/161 Jimmie Bell SPACIOUS, WELL-KEPT** home. 3bd, 2-1/2 baths, bonus & family rooms, open floor plan, private exits from bedrooms to decks overlooking a wooded creek area. Lots of storage & workshop w/utility sink below. \$479,000 #65600



**1/89 Chaffee Circle SHORT SALE SITUATION!** 3bd, 2ba, 1566sf with open living room, wood-burning fireplace, plus a/c & forced-air heating. Serene, golf course & mountain views. Concrete patio, 2-car garage and extra parking for guests or RV. \$275,000 #66782



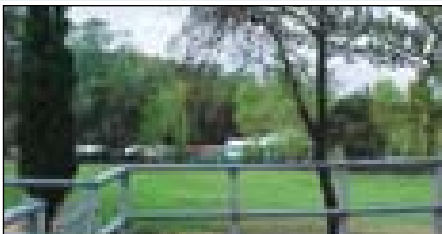
**4/155 Non Pareil PRIVATE MOUNTAIN CHALET** with 3bd, 3ba, and 675sf over the 2-car garage. Backs to greenbelt & Big Creek area. Main house is unattached from Garage/guest unit. \$250,000 #66581



**1/209 Golden Rock GOLF COURSE & MOUNTAIN** views from the covered deck of this very nice home. 3bd, 2-1/2 baths, 2240sf, with 2-car garage and water-proofed decking. Hot tub on concrete patio. Oversized 2-car garage. Near PML amenities. \$313,000 #66791



**7/172 Jimmie Bell NEVER LIVED IN!** 3bd, 2ba, 1600sf. 2-car garage with 8-ft over-head door. Hardy-plank siding, granite counters. Plenty of parking. \$299,500 #65969



**5/187 Oak Grove GOLF COURSE HOME** at the 9th fairway. 2bd, 3ba, 2126sf home with 619sf guest house and 351sf loft. Near Club, pool, tennis and Pro-Shop. New roof and pest inspection completed. View of the golf course & mountains. \$579,000 #66820



**3/238 Pine Mtn Dr DESIGNER ACCENTS** throughout this wonderful home. 3bd, 2ba, 2-car garage. Private, main suite upstairs. Near Fisherman's Cove, tennis courts and the Lake Lodge. \$298,900 #66656

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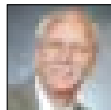
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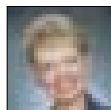


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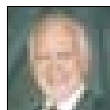
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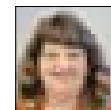
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