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Presidents weekend holiday has just passed and it was nice to see so many folks using their weekend homes with lots of family and friends in attendance. Where I live there are very few full-time residents, and it is nice to see homes lit up at night. The Grill was booked throughout the weekend and the Valentines dinner dance was sold out and was a great event.

I am sure that most of you who were here during the most recent big storms got a lot of use out of your fireplace and lanterns as a result of the power being off for 26 plus hours; ahh, the joys of living in the hills. I anticipate an uptick in standby generator sales over the next few months!

Work has begun on the replacement of the concrete deck at the swimming pool. Just to be clear, last year we had the pool interior refurbished but did not touch the deck. As part of the project, certain drainage issues will be addressed as a result of complaints from users. Last year we asked a retired pool contractor who happens to be a homeowner to review the pool in general and offer his opinion. His only comment was that the kind of maintenance that we were seeing was typical for such a pool design and age and that as far as he could determine

President's Message

BY MIKE GUSTAFSON • BOARD PRESIDENT

we did not have a systemic problem with the pool. Since he had no particular financial interest in the pool, other than being a homeowner, I felt that his input was valid. Our pool gets a lot of use and providing proper maintenance is important.

The yearly greenbelt fire abatement project has begun with Request for Quotes going out for foliage and tree mastication work in Units 14 and 16, near the Campgrounds. A registered forester is working with our staff to administer the over-all plan. We are entering the third year of a five-year program to get PML as fire safe as reasonably possible.

PMLA can create fire safe areas in the greenbelts, but if there is unsafe outdoor burning at homes, then we are still exposed unnecessarily. This is where the idea of controlling outdoor burning and the "burning resolution" comes in. Yes, I know there is a lot of "we don't need more rules," just enforce the ones we have, but that is not working. The key is to come up with a simple, common sense outdoor burn permit process that focuses on homeowners who lack common sense on this topic.

As expected the proposed outdoor burning resolution has generated a lot of discussion, both pro and con. The resolution that was discussed at the January Board meeting and published in the PML News has been modified based on input from property owners and will be discussed and published again in the PML News. There are convincing arguments on both sides of the discussion and the outcome is still in play. Your input is appreciated. The golf cart barn project had a pre-bid meeting for the interested contractors and now the project is out for official bid. We anticipated that the barn will be complete by the end of 2010 but the County permitting process could delay the project a few months into 2011.

As you may or may not know, we pulled the solar array part of the cart barn project out of the funding for 2010. In anticipation of possibly considering the addition of solar cells to the project in 2011, we asked PG&E to provide an analysis of the efficacy of such an array. Their report is due soon and should be interesting.

It turns out that the idea of a gun range at PML is not a new one as there once was such an amenity here, but for who knows what reason it fell fallow and just stopped being maintained. At this point there is more that we don't know about the issues, pro and con, to such an idea and all that is happening is a simple discussion in response to 25 or so members who would like to have the concept considered. Issues such as funding, noise, insurance issues, county permits, etc. still have to be sorted out. Even with all that information, the outcome is undetermined.

Speaking of questions, the long range planning committee will be putting out another homeowner survey this spring, asking for members' opinions and priorities on a variety of issues. Your input is important; please watch for the survey and send in your responses.

Enjoy March; the 'boys of summer' are in full practice and Spring is just around the corner.

On the Cover

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THE LOCAL RESIDENT EGRET ENJOYING THE WEATHER AND VIEW OF THE PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE GOLF COURSE.



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General Manager's Message

BY JOE POWELL, CCAM, GENERAL MANAGER

High-Speed Internet access in PML

In last month's article, I listed 22 different goals that we achieved in 2009. This was not the entire list, but it covered many of the major goals set by the Board for the PML management team.

I received many letters and emails from members regarding the feasibility study we conducted to determine if we could bring high-speed Internet service to all PML owners. Approximately half of our members do not have access to at least a minimum of DSL service in their area. Many members are forced to go to satellite Internet service, which can be more expensive. Some of our members have nothing but dial-up.

Over the years as more and more PML property owners began relying heavily on the Internet, the demand for high speed access increased. In an attempt to satisfy this demand we investigated the situation and found several factors at work.

The information below is a summary of the feasibility study conducted last year:

1. Approximately half of the properties at PML are not currently capable of receiving DSL service from the phone company (AT&T).

2. DSL service is limited by the distance from the location to the Central Office (CO) of the carrier

3. The necessary equipment and infrastructure required to expand current DSL coverage is not in place.

4. In the current economy the capital outlay to install the required equipment is not justifiable for AT&T

5. Cable internet access is another option that was investigated. At this time there is no provider in the area that offers this service. Plans have been discussed to expand the capability in this area but as of now no definite system is in place to provide immediate access to this option.

6. Satellite service is available that provides high speed access. Most satellite TV providers (Dish, DirectTV) offer this package. Some satellite providers (HughesNet) offer dedicated access as well. Cost would be a factor under this option and both upload and download speeds could be problematic. 7. The installation of wireless internet access throughout PML was also considered but it was determined that the cost would be extremely high. In addition maintenance and coverage would be problematic.

In summary, we reviewed all currently available options on this issue and did not find an acceptable, cost-effective solution.

Please keep in mind that the study was conducted last year and the status of some of the information changes weekly. We are working with our County Supervisor, John Gray and he and the other supervisors are pursuing grants in partnership with other counties. As this work develops, we will communicate this information to the membership. It is my understanding that the County has made this a top priority and we have made it a highpriority as well. In the meantime, I recommend that members contact local providers to determine if high-speed access is available at their location. Some are increasing their capabilities and can now offer this service.

"Our golf pro, Tony Murphy, has decided to retire this spring. We are sorry to see him go and wish him a fulfilling retirement."

> —JOE POWELL & THE PML ASSOCIATION

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The owner of record, Property Owner, is responsible for knowing the Rules and Regulations of PMLA. If a violation of the construction rules occurs, the Association can only interact with the Property Owner or owner of record.

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No December Meeting

NOTICE • NOTICE • NOT	ICE	Safety Repo	rt
Admin Offic	e	January –	YTD
	-	Vehicles Refused Phone Calls Received	86 3754
Holidays Fo	r	Residential Alarm Amenity Alarms	17 14
2010		Animal Related	32
		Animal - Loose - Impounded	33 10
Monday 5/31/2010		- Registered	2 15
Memorial Day		- Dead/Injured - Disturbance	4
(National Observance Da	ay)	Dispatch Assist Patrol Assist	95 255
		Complaint-Non PML Resident	2
Monday 7/5/2010 In lieu of Independence	Dav	Public Assist Misc. Welfare Check	23 4
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Monday 9/6/2010		Traffic Hazard	0
Labor Day		Traffic Control Water Leak	1 3
Thursday 11/11/2010		Jump Start Water Main Shut Off	6 2
Thursday 11/11/2010 Veterans Day		Escorting Vehicle	2
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Friday 11/26/2010		-Struck by Vehicle Confiscated Gate Access Card	2
Day After Thanksgivin	g	Mess/Pkg P/U or Delivery Posting Flyers	6 27
	-	Miscellaneous	181
Friday 12/24/2010		Scanner Traffic Lost and Found	17 9
Christmas Eve		ECC Inspection New-Sale Inspection	0 0
Saturday 12/25/2010		Fire Safety Violation Control Burn Reported	6 95
Christmas Day		Permissive Burn Day	22
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Friday 12/31/2010 New Years Eve		Hazard - Tree Down Suspicious Circumstance	7 24
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Saturday 1/1/2011		Suspicious Vehicle Campground Envelopes Collected	15 1
New Years Day		Campground Dumpstation Residential Disturbance	32 1
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X71-4		Residential Burglary Grand Theft	2 0
Violation	.	Petty Theft Malicious Mischief	2 1
Notices		Trespass Law Violations - All Other	0 1
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sent in		Training/Meeting PML Reg Violations Resident	0 2
		PML Reg Violations Guest - Citation Issued	2 1
January 2010:		- Accident PML	2
Courtesy Notices	10	Patroling Unit Amenity Security Check Resident Security Check	559 2251 150
Notice of Non-Compliance	2	Opening/Closing Bldg's Opening/Closing Gates	165 330
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Fines Assessed	3	Personal Injury PML Property Amenity P/U & Del to Bank	1 38
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PMLA Compliance Chatter BY DENNIS PIPAL

COMPLIANCE OFFICER PMLA

CC&R's - Isn't that a 60's Rock Band?

had finally found the perfect Lot on which to build the home of my dreams. As I stood on the street viewing the wall of trees on this Lot I could only imagine what the view would be like after the removal of trees necessary to construct a new home. I concluded the view would be spectacular and decided to move forward with my plans, but what about this whole Community Association thing? I had no experience with association living, I had only heard vague rumors about everyone being forced to paint their houses only certain colors and if I wanted to make any changes to my property I had to get approval from some "board." Why would anyone want to live in a place like that, I thought?

That was before my neighbor down in the valley decided to be a collector of old Edsels. It's not that I really minded these old rust buckets. They

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2009 GOAL- HS INTERNET TO ALL PML?

≺he Feb. GM reports the goal of HS Internet to all PML homes. WHEN? The Obamacare plan has \$4 billion for HS Internet to RURAL areas. Certainly that is US but the "squeaky wheel get the oil". Those near Ferretti Rd get ATT for \$20/mo. The rest of us get about 26kbps (1/40th of HS) taking HOURS to download pictures & other emails. Costco site 10 mins to load, KCRA 20+ mins, Microsoft upgrades all night. No facebook, utube, streaming video, etc. Hughes Dish, if tree not in the way, too slow for video. HELP! Need aggressive PROACTIVE ACTION by PML Mgm/John Gray (Supervisor), & Legislators. Opportunity is NOW! How can WE help? The opportunity is NOW! H-E-L-P

PS-No cell phones work at our home either! This is a major SAFETY issue for us seniors walking & driving in PML and being available for contact with AGED parents. Need Tuolumne to make requirements in line with other counties.

-BRUCE BURMAN UNIT 4, LOT103

PERMIT BURNING IN PML

- things change.

have just finished reading the Proposed resolution for "Permit Burn-Ling" in the PML News.

I find the proposed action by the board to be reasonable and acceptable. My only concern is the frequency and availability of the Burn Seminars proposed. Like myself, there are a lot of nonresident property owners who come up to PML only occasionally. I would hope that these seminars are scheduled as often (Initially) as possible so that owners like myself who

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are not full time residents can attend one of them. This means that they must be on a Saturday or Sunday when we can be there. Regardless, I think initially, Administration will need to schedule more frequent sessions for these burn seminars then what the administration may plan for later. Once the bulk of the property owners have been trained it would seem practical that less frequent sessions would be in order - perhaps once per month on a Saturday - maybe the Saturday that the office is open. I appreciate the fact that PML has proposed the option for continued burning since property owners such as myself who have deep lots on sloping property - will find it very difficult to try and drag brush and tree trimmings up hill to haul it away.

> -JOHN HEYD UNIT 6, LOT 62A

Safety Department Duties

ML Association is required to provide atmosphere for residents so they can appreciate their properties, and have decent quality of life. Failure to do so could result in a lawsuit. PML has a set of Rules and Regulations, and a Safety Department to enforce them, and they do a great job.

While running, out of breathe and resting, a patrol car stopped and checked on my condition. It felt great. Hey, people care. The Safety Department also swiftly responds to nuisances, and boy, there are plenty of them. Why, because people choose to ignore the Rules and Regulations.

Noise from obsolete air conditioner/ heat pump cannot compare to a hooting

were fine - down on Auto Row. But I CC&R's or Governing Documents, as didn't buy a house next to Auto Row. they are sometimes called. Opening I bought a house on a nice quiet treeit to page 34, she showed me what lined street. A nice quiet street that was she considered "the really important part." Article VIII - Use of Properties mercifully free of old jalopies in various stages of collapse. Lesson learned and Restrictions. There it was-the very thing I dreaded. Here's where Big After my initial inquiry about the Bother would stomp down an angry basic costs of living in a community foot! I read it. It wasn't at all what I association (association dues, water, expected. It all boiled down to keeping sewer and garbage rates) my real estate your community looking nice. That's person handed me the Association's what I wanted! I could learn to live

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owl sitting in a tree next to the window. Loud parties after 10pm, TV's, music, rumble of hot tub jets, just to mention a few. Also, the "guard dogs" (who needs them?), yapping pooches barking at midnight, 2am, 6am or all day saying hi to every deer or visitor. This doesn't provide for a good nights sleep.

Can't people be nice to each other? They should, otherwise our quality of life will go down the tube. Lucky we have the Safety Dept.

Please, don't suffer in silence, call them and they will help.

> -JAN SOLTYS **UNIT 4, LOT 570**

with the part where my neighbors and I couldn't have our grandkids camping out in tents in the front yard. Really, I could! I could live without doing body work on my motorized vehicle in the driveway. (I could live without that for a Long time.) So, what was this whole Community Association thing about, anyway?

When you buy property in a Com-

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munity Association, you buy the rules and regulations as well. The rules and regulations (CC&R's) are in place to protect your property values. (If I had sold my house after Mr. Edsel completed his collection, I'm willing to bet I wouldn't have received the same offers!)

What you need to ask yourself when buying property is, "Can I live with the rules and regulations?" If you can't, if this isn't your lifestyle, you should rethink purchasing. You may have found your dream property, but if you insist on maintaining a "junk preserve" in your front yard and against the rules, you will not be happy. And neither will your neighbors!

A community association gives you the resources to help you when your neighbor sets up a go-cart track in his backyard complete with a grandstand and loud speakers to announce the winners above the roar of the engines. You are now part of a community that can come together and just say no to Mr. Edsel's collection of old junk cars. You are no longer alone in protecting your property values. You may have to sacrifice a few things, but you gain so much in a community association. I encourage you to read Article VIII of your CC&R's. That's where I spend 90% of my time.

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 or 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 was discussed at the February open Board meeting and changes were made to the draft based on input from the Board and PML membership. The resolution will be discussed again by the Board of Directors at the Board meeting to be held at the Lake Lodge on March 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.

This resolution applies to any individual who intends to burn outdoors in Pine Mountain Lake on privately owned lots, whether that is a property owner, relative, friend, contractor or designee.

Those property owners and who feel compelled to burn on site must meet

several requirements:

#1- Any individual who intends to burn outdoors 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. Individuals who intend to burn outdoors must attend a "Burn Safe -Burn Clean" seminar

The seminar lasts approximately 30 minutes

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. Individuals who intend to burn outdoors must register for the seminar at least 5 days before the seminar

7. Seminars may be cancelled is there are no registrants

8. The seminar is offered free of charge

Important Information for Property Owners Regarding Address Changes

In order to protect your confidential information PML now requires your written verification and signature when changing your mailing address, phone number and/or email address.

> Please use the simple form below. You can fax to 209-962-8655 or email to nancy@pinemountainlake.com

Pine Mountain Lake Association Address Change

Date	Signature		
Property Owner Name			
Unit(s) Lot(s)			
Old Address:			
Address			
City		State	Zip
Phone			
New Address:			
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PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION

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OPERATION OF	Ass	essments	User		Sales, Net of	Miscellaneo	ous	Total	Total		Before	Depreciation	(NI	ET COST)	()	NET COST)	Variance
AMENITIES	Net o	of Discount	Fees		Cost of Sales	Income		Revenues	Expenses		Depreciation	Expense	П	NCOME		INCOME	Bud - Act
Golf Course	\$	-0-	\$ 61,2	74	\$ 1,426	\$	-0-	\$ 62,700	\$ 89,537	\$	\$ (26,837)	\$ -0-	\$	(26,837)	\$	(38,328)	11,491
Restaurant & Bar		-0-		-0-	35,103	2	90	35,393	67,027	'	(31,634)	-0-		(31,634)		(48,432)	16,798
Marina		-0-	13,6	10	-0-		-0-	13,610	14,025	i	(415)	-0-		(415)		(6,931)	6,516
Snack Shack		-0-		-0-	1,498		-0-	1,498	1,798	3	(300)	-0-		(300)		(1,367)	1,067
Stables		-0-	1,8	59	-0-		-0-	1,859	12,467	'	(10,608)	-0-		(10,608)		(11,079)	471
Recreation		-0-	3,1	57	-0-		-0-	3,167	3,300)	(133)	-0-		(133)		2,996	(3,129)
Roads & Facilities Maintenance		-0-	9	94	-0-	1	30	274	106,950)	(106,676)	-0-		(106,676)		(122,077)	15,401
PROPERTY OWNER																	
SERVICES																	
Safety	1	-0-	23,54	47	-0-	2.	38	23,785	83,432	2	(59,647)	-0-		(59,647)		(66,854)	7,207
Administration		-0-	11,2	79	-0-	5	10	11,789	114,533	;	(102,744)	-0-		(102,744)		(109,690)	6,946
ASSESSMENTS																	
Assessments		332,182		-0-	-0-	1,93	36	334,168	6,506	ō	327,662	57,481		270,181		113,130	157,051
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Totals	\$	332,182	\$ 114,8	30	\$ 38,027	\$ 3,20)4	\$ 488,243	\$ 499,575	5	\$ (11,332)	\$ 57,481	\$	(68,813)	\$	(288,632)	219,819

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Total Revenues minus Total Expenses equals Net Income before depreciation. The annual budget for income before depreciation is \$0.

2. The Association combined the Operating Fund and the Property and Equipment Fund into one fund effective May 1, 2001.

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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

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

ENFORCEMENT

The PML Safety Department will:

1. Record the PMLA Burn Permit number when individuals who intend to burn outdoors call the main gate to notify their intent to burn.

2. Inquire about individuals' possession of other needed permits.

3. Send a patrol officer to observe and report the burning practice of a sample number of individuals 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 individuals burning to show permits required on that day.

5. Require the individual to extinguish the fire if the property owners does not have the required permits.

6. Require the individual to extinguish the fire if the individual 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 individual to extinguish the fire, when the individual refuses to follow instructions of the PMLA Safety Department officer.

MEASURING SUCCESS

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

1. Name of individuals who called in their intent to burn outdoors and Unit and Lot number of proposed 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

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 1 Month Ended January 31, 2010					
	TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS	NEW CAPITAL ADDITIONS FUND	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL		
2010 Beginning Fund Balances	\$ 1,345,177	\$ 145,599	1,490,776		
Interest Income	595	44	639		
Bank Fees/Discounts Taken			-		
Assessments Earned	128,516 (1)	133,390 ⁽²⁾	261,906		
Income Tax Expense			-		
PURCHASES BY AMENITY					
Golf Course		(27,800)	(27,800)		
Country Club			-		
Bar			-		
Marina			-		
Lake & Beach			-		
Swim Center			-		
Stables			-		
Recreation			-		
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	(8,402)		(8,402)		
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES					
Safety		(3,200)	(3,200)		
Administration			-		
Non-Capital Reserve Expenses	(24,254)		(24,254)		
Total transfer to Operating Fund for property and equipment additions and reserve expenses	(32,656)	(31,000)	(63,656)		
Adjusted Fund Balances	\$ 1,441,632	\$ 248,033	\$ 1,689,665		

Notes to the Financial Statements

(1) The Budgeted Reserve Fund assessment for 2010 is \$1,542,195

(2) The Budgeted New Capital Additions Fund assessment for 2010 is \$133,390.

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Editor's Note

We greatly appreciate your contributions but please note that the PML News fills up very quickly – often by the 7th or 8th of the month (long before the 10th deadline). To ensure that your submission is reviewed for publication please submit in full and as early as possible.

Please remember that the PML News is limited in capacity and your submissions are reviewed on a first-comefirst-served, space-available basis.

We publish all PMLA related submissions such as Board & Management Business, Clubs, Activities & Events. Where space remains, we publish non-PMLA related submissions in our "Community" section.

We do our best to provide timely news. If you experience delayed delivery or have misplaced a particular edition, please visit us at the PMLA website pinemountainlake.com for a downloadable PDF of the News posted by the 1st of the month and a downloadable PDF list of ad rates.

PMLA Money Matters

BY KEN SPENCER, ASSOCIATION CONTROLLER

Rain, rain and more rain, with a little snow thrown in for good measure. That pretty much sums up the conditions at PML for the first two months of the year. So in order to go in the opposite direction I figured it was time for something dry. Therefore this month's column will consist of a series of dry statistical and financial facts covering what's happening within the Association. Please read on, you might find some of this information surprising.

The 2009 Audit was completed on January 28. We received another clean bill of health from this financial checkup. No adjustments were necessary, no issues were discovered and no problems were encountered. The audit was completed in a very timely manner and the auditors were highly complimentary of our preparedness, accuracy and professionalism. This outstanding (and to me fully expected) result is attributable to the hard work and dedication of the Association's Accounting staff. My heartfelt thanks and congratulations to Gene, Karen, Stacy and Michelle.

The draft of the 2009 Annual Report is being reviewed as you read this. I anticipate it will be published and distributed with the April issue of the PML News. The report will show a better than budget performance in 2009 and I encourage all property owners to take a look at this important financial document as it contains a very detailed look at all aspects of the Association's economic condition and results from the prior year.

With January well behind us we now have a final count on the number of property owners who paid their assessments in full prior to January 31 and thus were entitled to the \$60 discount available for such prepayment. This is one barometer that we use to gauge the financial health and general economic conditions within our community. As expected we had a fairly significant decline in this number for 2010. In 2009 almost 1,700 of you paid your assessment early and took advantage of the discount. However in 2010 this number dropped by 160. This represents an almost 9.5% decrease.

Despite this drop (representing over \$268,000) in cash collected early in the year, we still have over \$4 million in the bank. This includes our three separate fund (Operating, Reserve and New Capital) accounts. The first quarter of each year is traditionally our high water mark when it comes to available cash due to the influx of payments for the New Year's assessment. As a result of last year's board decision to ensure the safety of your money we have carefully invested this available cash in fully insured money market accounts and non-interest bearing checking accounts. While the rate of return is minimal we have maintained safety as our primary goal. This situation is reviewed frequently throughout the year.

Of course the major source of our cash each year comes from monthly/ annual Assessment payments. In another sign of the problems caused by the country's recession the amount of seriously past due assessment payments has increased to over \$180,000 through the middle of February. This is a significant amount of money and the collection of these past due amounts is something we take very seriously in my office and a great deal of time is spent attempting to collect these amounts. Fortunately we have anticipated this increased level of delinquencies and have budgeted sufficient reserves to offset the potential for reduced cash flow if these accounts ultimately prove to be uncollectible.

Finally it is going to be an exciting (and somewhat expensive) year at PML.

The following is a proposed new resolution. The purpose of the resolution is to control use of the PML Restaurant kitchen by PML organized groups to ensure safe, foodhandling practices are being followed and to set policy for closing the operation for private functions. The Board plans to accomplish this by requiring that all groups have a Serve Safe certified individual monitoring the individuals engaged in food preparation during the PML organized group functions when they use the Restaurant kitchen. The proposed policy was discussed at the January open Board meeting the resulted in the draft below. The resolution will be discussed again by the Board of Directors at the Board meeting to be held at the Lake Lodge on March 20, 2010. The meeting is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. and all PMLA members are welcome to attend.

The Grill at Pine Mountain Lake Restaurant Group Use Policy

WHEREAS; The PML Board of Direc-
tors considers health and safety to be
important operational components of
Association amenities.3. All guest cooks and other volunteers
must follow the GRILL's policies and
procedures. The PML group will sup-
ply a list of all volunteers to the Grill

WHEREAS; The Board of Directors has determined that due to risk and liability, it is necessary to control access to the restaurant kitchen at the Grill.

WHEREAS; There are standards set forth by the National Restaurant Association which is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the Conference for Food Protection (CFP). This program is called "ServSafe Certification". Individuals with this certification have demonstrated the knowledge and experience to handle food and kitchen equipment safely, with maximum health considerations.

THEREFORE; be it resolved that:

1. PML organized/recognized groups may use the Grill kitchen for special events after receiving prior approval from the PML Board of Directors.

2. The requesting club or organization must designate one representative to be the liaison to the Grill. They must meet with the Grill manager or his designee to determine if their requested date(s) are available prior to submitting their request to the Board. This representative will be the only point of contact to the Grill. If the club or organization has a planning committee they will designate one person to communicate any and all requests or changes for their event(s).

Two major projects are set to kick into high gear later this year. Both the Electric Golf Cart Storage Facility project and the Lake Dredging project will be moving full speed ahead later in 2010. Both of these important projects should be well along the road to completion by the end of the year.

Well that's it for this month. If you

3. All guest cooks and other volunteers must follow the GRILL's policies and procedures. The PML group will supply a list of all volunteers to the Grill for the event (even if they are not cooking) at least two weeks prior to each event. All volunteers will not consume alcohol prior to or during their event until after the food is served and/or their duties for the event are completed.

4. PML group special events should be consistent with the values and policies of Pine Mountain Lake.

5. Access to the kitchen is available only on days or times that the restaurant is not open to the public. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the GRILL Manager and PMLA General Manager.

6. PML groups utilizing the Grill kitchen must purchase their food items and their ingredients from an approved vendor list as determined by the Grill manager. Outside alcoholic beverages may not be served.

7. Groups approved to use the kitchen for their events must provide a "ServSafe Certified" individual to supervise the kitchen staff at all times it is in use. This requirement may be met by hiring a certified PML employee for the event.

8. The Board of Directors will allow the Restaurant and Bar to be closed to the public and membership for a maximum of five private functions per calendar year. The Grill Manager and General Manager will be authorized to approve these events.

have any PMLA Money Matters you would like to see discussed in this column in the future please drop me a line at CONTROLLER@PINEMOUNTAIN-LAKE.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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Shades of Green

E very winter when the rains come with heavy winds we deal with the same conditions. A lot of debris comes out of the trees and we lose trees. We get a couple of different types of fungi on the greens and we must run our irrigation system to prevent our irrigation pond from over flowing.

In most cases we will run the sprinklers during the night. In some cases we do it as it is needed if we get too much rainfall in a short period of time. We do appreciate your calls when you see sprinklers running at odd times as we have experienced field controllers failing and running heads when not programmed to do so.

The 18th green is a good example of disease that we encounter. The dark green rings are formed by the fungi basidiomycete and usually do not destroy the turf. The dark green rings are due to the release of nutrients by the fungi. We have this on other greens as well and it will disappear when the warmer weather arrives. This fungi is also responsible for the mushrooms we experience during the summer months and creates a hydrophobic soil that prevents the water from penetrating and is more of a problem in the warmer months.

Other spots you see on the greens are a snow mold and we apply both a preventative fungicide prior to large amounts rain forecasted and a curative application to assist when it is extremely active. These are the circular patches of 1 to 2 inches you will see on the greens.

During the winter blast of middle January we lost 2 trees on the 4th hole and the other half of the live oak near the 8th tee that went down with the snow in early December. Better get Tony out so we can replace these trees as soon as possible.

In my January article I mentioned that as part of the 2010 project list we would be constructing stairs from the cart path near 3 green to the 4th tee. This project has been removed from the project list to assist in controlling expenses.

Remember to do all the needed tasks such as properly raking the bunkers or repairing that ball mark so the players following you will have the same conditions that you were able to enjoy.



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PML Windjammers' 2010 Sailing Season

BY TANIA MADFES, PUBLICITY CHAIR

ML sailing enthusiasts – whether experienced, novice, or hopeful – are invited to join the Windjammers at the Lake Lodge on Saturday, April 24, from 5 until 7 p.m. The potluck dinner will kick off the 2010 sailing season and a calendar of events will be finalized that evening.

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If you are interested in joining the Windjammers and being alerted as to when boats may be placed on the beach, please contact Kurt Petersen at 209.962.5456 or send an email to kurt. petersen@att.net

Officers for the 2010-2011 year are: Commodore, Kurt Petersen; Vice Commodore, Fred Mecum; co-Treasurers, Bob and Shirley Haliwell; and Publicity chair, Tania Madfes.



Post Holidays Partying by PML _adies Club

BY ROSEMARY ADAMS, PUBLICITY

oodie, Goodie, Goodie!! All the glitter, joy and delight of the Holidays are behind us. All the decorations are down and in storage until December, and the house is quiet. SOOOO, in a wish to be playing again, our PML Ladies club met for lunch this month at the Grill here at Pine Mountain Lake to visit with other friends, and start off 2010 with a fine WINE TASTING & CHOCOLATE PARTY. The Wineries participating in the event were, in retrospect, we feel "PERFECT MARRIAGE" referenced in our meeting announcement, suited the event admirably.

And grand it was. We met for reception and Wine Tasting, at which we were offered wines from Gianelli Vineyards, Hovey Wines, Sierra Vista, Klaussen and St. Amant. The Wineries were very gracious in assisting us in the tasting and serving a fine variety Our attendees

enjoyed it greatly.

Then we moved to a fine lunch topped off with Chocolate Mousse and Petit Fours. What a great treat!!! There were sighs and smiles of approval everywhere.

We had an important item of business on the agenda, and that was the Election of Officers. The following members were elected to serve on the 2010/2011 PML Ladies Club Board:

President Elect, Catherine Santa Maria Vice-President Elect, Chis Balek Treasurer Elect, Linda Hunter Secretary Elect, Charlie Fratus Parliamentarian, Dar Brown

The Officers will be installed at our March 3, 2010 Meeting. We thank them for agreeing to serve, and pledge our support of their efforts.

Pine Mountain Laker's RV Club BY JANIE STIVERS

appy St. Patty's Day everyone.....I can smell the corned beef and cabbage already!

March might roar like a Lion, but when the membership learned that the February RV Meeting was scheduled the same day as the "Super Bowl," the Lion might have sounded like a mouse compared to their rumble. The time was changed and cake was served---we were home in plenty of time to make a touchdown.

Our line-up for the RV Season is going to be a great one. We will start with a close destination for April---Angel's Camp. We need to respect Mother Nature and keep close and dry. When we are concerned with bad weather, we need a Club House facility. Angel's Camp has a great one for sharing our meals and playing games. There will be outings in Monterey and Shaver Lake...We are looking forward to some great travel experiences in 2010.

We invite you to join us either at our Pot Luck Dinner Meeting or an outing. Our next meeting will be March 7th at 5:00 p.m. If you decide to join us, please call me, Janie Stivers, President, at (209) 571-0340.





January 2010 PMLLGC Play Day Results

other Nature decided to get ugly with us this month. We had torrents of rain, wind, snow and power outages that seemed to go on and on. In spite of it all our PML Ladies Golf Club managed to still get in three play days this month. Resulting in the following:

January 7th...AFTER CHRISTMAS BLUES – First place score 108...UnChu Butera, Marlene Drew, Alma Frawley, Ginny Lay; Second place score 111...Dotty Davis, Lynne Dust, Sara Hancock, Yvonne Mattocks; Third place score 114*...Kay Bettencourt, Ann Hankin, Mary Houser, Leanna Mattea; Fourth place score 114*...Norma Baldinger, Phyllis Gschwend, Marilyn Scott, Kathy Shehorn; Fifth place score 114*...Thelma Faux, Sue Perry, Virginia Tallman, Mona Thompkins; BIRDIES: Kitty Edgerton #14, Marilyn Scott #10 & #14, Kathy Shehorn #17.

January 14...POINT BOGEY TEAM – First place 117...Sara Hancock, Yvonne Mattocks, Marilyn Scott, Anne Toner; Second place 117...Jennifer Dwaileebe, Barbara Gibson, Anne Peterson, Draw; Third place 116...Jodi Awai, Norma Baldinger, Lynne Dust, Draw; Fourth place 115...Sue Perry, Kathy Shehorn, Draw, Draw; BIRDIES: Kitty Edgerton #17 & Marilyn Scott #2.

January 21st Rained out

January 28th...THE GOOD, THE BAD, & THE UGLY – First place 128...Lynne Dust, Ann Hankin, Diane Lloyd, Virginia Tallman; Second place 132...Norma Baldinger, Eleanor Ellis, Alma Frawley, Mona Tompkins; Third place...133 Marlene Drew, Phyllis Gschwend, Ginny Lay, June Moore; Fourth place 133...Kay Benttencourt, Judi Maguire, Anne Peterson, Alice Stoll; BIRDIES: Kitty Edgerton #9.

We can now put our New Year's resolutions away till next year and get on with life as usual. Hopefully sunnier golf days are on the horizon. Remember to mark your calendar for our General Meeting on March 4th at 9:30 A.M. The Pine Tree Invitations will be passed out so get your teams signed up for our biggest event of the year. Also, Sara Hancock mentioned that we have an additional new member to our PMLLGC that I neglected to mention in my last article, so a hardy welcome to Elisa Hoppner. We hope to get to know you soon.

RECREATION/CLUBS GARDEN CLUB CLIPPINGS BY JOYCE SMITH

e have had a change in our leadership. Co-Presidents are Linda Flores and Lorraine David. Program Co-Chairs are Marlene Johanson and Sharon Hunt. These ladies and the Board have been preparing and planning our year and it looks so interesting. Surely there is something of interest for everyone. I can tell you Yosemite, several shorter trips, interesting speakers, Our Garden Tour and Luncheon, and Brunch at Mountain Sage are all I will tease you with for now, but it looks like a great year.

If you are already a member you have received your first newsletter, February Issue 2010. Sharon Hunt packs so much information in each Newsletter you don't want to miss any. If you have not joined come to our March 8th meeting at 3 :00 P.M. at the Lake Lodge. Let someone know when you arrive that you would like to join and you will be welcomed into our group. This meeting is on Container Gardening. Watch for your Newsletter.

The February meeting on the 9th was well attended. As we entered, we had the opportunity to sign up for the different areas where we wanted to work or help; working at jail; donating cookies for a meeting; helping on the Garden Tour in some capacity; and several other areas to suit our interest. Linda Flores opened the meeting with a cheerful greeting to all and introduced the Garden Club Board and all Committee Chairs. To get us back in Garden Club Mode, Arlene Vorce, Horticulture Chair, gave a very informative talk on what we need to be doing in our gardens now. I was surprised to hear of all the things we can be doing now; what we can plant; what we can prune; what we can spray; and getting our garden tools ready, just to mention a few. We don't have to wait for spring.

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After refreshments we made a Valentine Present. We were asked (in our Newsletter) to bring a bud vase that we would be taking home. The Club furnished the red and white carnations, babys' breath, fern, ribbon and card. Everyone went home happy with a lovely present for their Valentine or friend.

See you at the March Meeting.

If you are interested in setting a table for our 13th Annual Garden Tour and Luncheon, on June 14th, call Lorraine David.

9ers March Column

BY PAUL PIERETTI

s of this witting, I'm leaving for a month long vacation with friends and family. I'll be in a small desert town where it's 80 degrees today. Golf every day and BBQ's every night...I can't wait and I can't think of anything else to write. So, we'll talk when I get back.

Good luck to those playing in this month's "Ice Breaker" tournament. Spring is right around the corner.

Play Well.

Look for upcoming announcements concerning general membership meetings, news on members' handicaps, games to be played on future dates, and many other features of interest for our members and guests on our web site http://www.freewebs.com/pmlm9h/index.htm

Membership in the Men's Nine Hole Golf Club is open to any man who is a member, in good standing, of the Pine Mountain Lake Association. If you are new to Golf, or returning to Golf after an extended absence, please consider the Men's Nine Hole Golf Club as an alternative to playing 18 holes.

Please contact Wally Child 962-0723, Bob Oakley 962-4799, Bob Haliwell 962-4137 or me at 962-4143 for further information on how to join us for our weekly games.



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BREAKFAST (served saturday 8 am to 11 am and sunday 8 am to 12:30 pm 年主年主年主年 Build your own Omelet three egg omelet with country potatoes, toast & fresh fruit choose any three items \$ 11 additional items .75 each ns, tomatoes, chopped bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, cheese, avocado, artichokes (eon beaters available upon request) Ó Whites & Greens fresh egg whites, tomatoes, mushrooms and wilted spinach served with sliced heirloom tomatoes and fresh fruit \$10 (calories 160, total fat 3 ½ g, sat fat <25 g, protein 17g) Eggs your Way two eggs served with your choice of Breakfast Meats pit smoked natural ham, thick sliced breakfast meats, country potatoes, applewood bacon, pork sausage toast and fresh fruit \$10 available as sides \$4 Eggs Benedict a classic service assic served with country potatoes and fresh fruit \$11, half order \$8 Egg White Frittata tomatoes, artichokes, wilted spinach & parmesan baked in a soufflé, served with fresh fruit \$10 (calories 190, fat 4 ½ g, sat fat 2 ½ g, protein 19g) Breakfast Burrito scrambled eggs, chopped ham, cheddar, sour cream & pico de gallo \$10 Griddle Cakes served with real maple syrup and your choice of one breakfast meat regular stack (3) \$10 short stack (2) \$8 Bob's Breakfast Croissant add fresh seasonal berries & whipped cream \$3 choice of breakfast meat, scrambled egg and cheddar \$9 eezed orange juice or virgin bloody mary \$ 2 fresh oj mimosa or regular bloody mary \$4 liscover, no persona bry or eggs may cau LUNCH #±#±#±#±# **Grilled Flatbread** White: alfredo sauce, grilled chicken & shaved parmesan cheese \$9 Margherita: heirloom tomatoes, basil & mozzarella with fresh marinara \$8 Add a salad for a great, light meal ! Salads West Coast Louie fresh crab, oregon bay shrimp and gulf prawns over a bad of crisp greens with avocado, egg, tomato, cucumber and traditional louie dressing \$12 ared top sinioin steak on a bed of mixed field greens ith candied walnuts & blue cheese, tossed lightly with Chicken Caesar grilled chicken & crisp romaine tossed with classic caesar dressing, garlic croutons & parmesan cheese \$9 Enipote Ranch Unicken Salao grilled chicken, crisp romaine, grilled white corn, pico de gallo, avocado, shredded jack and crispy tortilla strips tossed with our spicy chipotle ranch dressing \$11 THE GRILL Burger % 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, caramelia 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 Boca Burger, not as much fun but healthier, served on nine grain \$ 8 Sandwiches French Dip 2 pound burger served on grilled rye with aramelized onions, swiss & cheddar cheeses \$10 oin on a crispy french roll, au jus \$ 10 thinly sliced si Shrimp Po' Boy Boston Steakbomb a classic po' boy i a soft roll with wit potato fries \$10 shaved sirioin with orions, peppers, mushrooms & mozzarella on a grilled steak roll, a "back bay" favorite \$ 10 Traditional Club Grilled Chicken on Nine Grain double layer b.l.t. with roasted turkey \$9 with roasted red peppers, avocado, spanish onions and a side of chipotle ranch \$10 Hot Pastrami lean, shaved pastrami on an onion roll with melted swiss & dijon mustard \$ 10 way & citrus on a soft roll with tartar sauce & chipotle ranch, served with seasonal field greens \$10 es, veggies, mushrooms & scallions finished with parmesan and served with garlic bread \$11 Misted Greens with Orange Muscat Vinaigrette mixed field greens lightly misted with housemade fat free di calories 95, total fat 1.5 g, sat fat .25 g, protein 5 g , fressing, tossed with seasonal veggies \$6

pico de gallo, cilantro, avocado, spicy "crema" & seasonal greens served with white corn relish and field greens \$10

Memphis Pulled Pork Sandwich slow roasted pork shoulder finished with "sweet baby rays" bbg sauce, served with white corn relish, sweet potato fries and pickles \$11

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THE GRILL

(served tuesday through saturday 5pm to 9:30)

THE GRILL Burger

½ 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

Boca Burger, not as much fun but healthier, served on nine 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 semiboneless \$14 (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 \$15

Rack of Lamb

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



white corn relish, sauteed veggies, garlic mashed potatoes, baked potato, roasted yukon gold potatoes, jeff's armenian rice pilaf, penne w/ marinara or alfredro \$3 garlic fries are available as an upgrade to any meal for \$2

For those watching their SALT intake we offer Barbara J's Organic SALT-FREE seasoning blends





Spinach Dip served with crispy flatbread chips \$6

Skewered Tequila Shrimp seared and brushed with reposado \$8

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

- Lollipop Lamb grilled new zealand rack chops finished with a zinfandel demi place. \$9

Bay Shrimp Cocktail chilled bay shrimp, housemade cocktail sauce \$4

Grilled White Flatbread

DINNER

alfredo sauce, grilled chicken & shaved parmesan \$9

Appetizers

Grilled Margherita Flatbread heirloom tomatoes, basil & mozzarella with fresh marinara \$8

Add a salad for a great light meal!



Features (served with choice of soup or salad

Misted Greens with Orange Muscat Vinaigrette mixed field greens lightly misted with housemade fat free dressing, tossed with seasonal veggie \$6 calories 95, total fat 1.5 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

sat fat .25 g, protein 5 g

Mahi Mahi with Fruit Salsa roasted vegetables and yukon gold potatoes \$17 calories 295, total fat 2 g, sat fat .5 g, protein 37 g Grilled Blue Cheese New York Steak center cut new york finished with blue cheese, bacon and scallions, served on a sizzling 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



dry rubbed & slow roasted in our special ovens, au jus, choice of two sides chef's cut \$21 regular cut \$16

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March Gladness

BY BAMBI JOHNSON, HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR



ur staff is glad to see so many of its members and guests attending our Events! I would personally like to thank the Rotary,

Ladies Club, Marathon Bridge, 9 Hole Ladies, ROOFBB's, Pinochle Ladies, Dance Group, Soroptimist and the Residents Club for allowing us to host their events at the Grill in the month of February. Our entire staff is very grateful for the support and the dedication that these organized groups have shown by letting our skilled and professional staff cater to their Food and Beverage needs. Feel free to call me or email me with any party or event planning needs, 962-8638, 962-8639 or Cluboffice@

pinemountainlake.com.

We have lots of fun and exciting events coming up to look forward to! Here is a list of some you may want to consider! See you soon at the Grill!

March Wednesdays and Thursday's \$25.00 Giveaway: Come dine with us on Wednesday and Thursday evenings in March and get in on a chance to win a \$25.00 gift card for the Grill! The drawings are held once a week.

March 17th: Come join us for St. Patrick's Day! We will be offering corned beef and cabbage specials for lunch and dinner and plenty of blarney all day!

March 31st: We will be hosting another wine tasting dinner from 5:00p.m. to 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.

April 4th, Easter Buffet from 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.: Come enjoy our exquisite setting, the most relaxing ambiance and best views of the golf course and the Sierra's. Let our experienced and professional staff serve you! Seatings are limited so make your reservations early! Prices are as follows: Adults \$29.95, Seniors \$19.95, Kids 6-12 \$15:00 and children 5 and under eat for free.

April 14th, Dinner and Wine Tasting from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.: This month we will be featuring wines represented by the Constellation Brands. Expect to see labels from Clos Du Bois, Franciscan Estates, Estancia, Simi and Robert Mondavi Napa, just to name a few. This tasting should well represent many of California's wine regions. All wines will be offered at a discounted price by the bottle, or by the case. The dinner menu will consist of Assorted Artisan rolls and butter, mixed green salad with choice of dressing, Chef's choice of vegetables, wild rice and Chicken Pear Dijon (chicken breast stuffed with apples and prosciutto, topped with a cream sauce). The cost of this dinner and wine tasting is \$19.00 and reservations are required.

Bon Appetit!!

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April 4, 2010 from 9am to 5pm

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Adults \$29.95

Seniors \$19.95

Kids 12-6 \$15.00

Kids 5-under free

Limited seating available 9am, 11am, 1pm, & 3pm

- Appetizer station
- Fruits & salads station
- Assorted Breads & Pastries
- Omelet station
- Waffle station
- Pasta station
- Carving station
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MARCH 17TH St. Patrick's Day SPECIALS!

Saint Patrick's corned beef specials for lunch 11am-3pm & dinner 5pm-8pm

Also our regular menu will be available

MARCH 31ST

Wine Tasting & Dinner Buffet! featuring wines from "Michael David" & "Earthquake" labels

Wine Tasting from 5 to 8 pm **Dinner includes** Mixed green salad with choice of dressings, warm garlic bread, penne gorgonzola, and chicken EARTHQUAKE parmesan.

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on April 14th Wine Tasting from 5 to 8 pm

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(Chicken Breast stuffed with Apples and Prosciutto, topped with a cream sauce) wild rice, vegetables and a mixed green salad with choice of dressing

> Only 9.00 plus tax

Reservations required! 209-962-8638

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ECREATION/CLUBS Good Things Happening @ The 19th Hole Lounge Saturday, March 13th is Dynamo, a BY JEFF HERMANN, BAR MANAGER

ello, and happy March to all. WOW, it sure seems like the months are flying by so fast. The good thing about that is baseball season is just around the corner. For those of you who know me, you know that I am a huge baseball fan as well as a past player and a GIANTs faithful so, for me, I welcome March with open arms. I also wanted to thank those members who have stopped by to say hello. You all have given me a warm welcome to Pine Mountain Lake, the 19th Hole and your awesome association. I truly thank you!

Now let's get to all the good things happening in March at the 19th Hole. The Grill at Pine Mountain Lake is now featuring our private label chardonnay and merlot wine. Sold by the glass or bottle, it is bottled locally in Lodi by Weibel Wineries. So, if you're looking for a great gift idea for friends and family, our private label wines would be perfect. It would be like sending them home with a piece of our paradise.

While you're trying our new wine, you also can root for your favorite college basketball team. Yes "MARCH MAD-NESS" begins, a perfect reason to stop

New Golfers Wanted! Beginning Golfers Wanted!! BY GERALYN DIELMAN

he PML Lady Niners are welcoming any and all new members! We play nine holes each Thursday morning, and we are really a fun, easy group. To be a member you must have ten score cards from the PML golf course with a score of 80 or less (for nine holes!) You can play with us as a guest while working to get these ten cards. Join our group for fun, for the challenge, and to just get out there on our beautiful golf course. Just come on out and swing away. For further information call Geralyn Dielman, 962-5818 or email at rdielman@msn.com

by and say hello. If basketball isn't your thing come by with something green on and celebrate St. Patty's day at the 19th Hole. Green not required but recommended {especially if you bruise easily from a pinch} so stop by for a green beer, good times and great spirits.

For live entertainment, March starts off with a member favorite, Karaoke with Shirley. If it is anything like last month we are in for lots of fun. You all sounded great. So we will see you Friday, March 5th singing like a star, even if it's only for the night.

Saturday, March 6th we welcome back Hiway 99 band, who became a crowd pleaser in past performances @ the 19th Hole. They play a wide variety of music from country to classic rock to top 40, don't miss Hiway 99 March 6th.

band that really energizes the crowd every time they play here. Come down and be ready for an energetic performance by DYNAMO,

Saturday, March 20th features Rockslide. A local favorite band filled with talented musicians that play many different instruments as well as genres of music. Come down for ROCKSLIDE March 20th.

The last Saturday of the month will be DJ William, a very entertaining DJ. If you missed him last month here's another chance March 27th; come and be energized by DJ William.

Hope everyone has a great March. We'll talk again next month.

I am open to any and all suggestions as my staff and I are really here to serve you. So, drop me a line at 962-8636 or email 19thholelounge@ pinemountainlake.com



PML Organized Groups & Clubs

Contact the individuals below if you are interested in joining! Aviation Association

Aviation Association Mike Lella	962-1822
Computer User Group Frank Perry	962-0728
Cooking Class	
Tom Knoth/Paula Martell	
Country Mountain Rider Luke Sullivan	s 962-5952
Crafts Guild Lee Isbell	962-5727
Dance Party Carol Stevens/Bob Digby	962-0406
Duplicate Bridge Bobbi Vandenbergh	962-6965
Exercise Class Barbara Elliott	962-6457
Friends of the Lake Bill Bent	962-4579
Garden Club Lorraine David	962-6008
Guardians of PML John Nielsen	962-4934
Ladies Club Catherine Santa Maria	962-7904
Ladies Golf Club Eleanor Ellis	962-4996
Marathon Bridge Marilyn Hathaway	962-7595
Men's Golf Club Gary Oing	962-1959
Men's 9 Hole Golf Club Wally Child	962-0723
Monday Bridge Club (Me	en's)
Bill Parker Monday Bridge Club (We	962-5957
Norma Anderson	962-0337
•)656-0162
Pine Needlers Quilt Guil Lillian Cravens	d 962-4301
PMLakers RV Club Janie Stivers	962-1821
PML Niners Pat Price	962-7431
PML Waterski/Wakeboa Tom Duprey (510	a rd)796-4180
Racquet Club Al Rodriguez	962-6457
Residents Club Dick Faux	962-4617
ROOFBB Linn Faler	962-5395
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RECREATION/CLUBS 18 Prescription from the Golf Doctor

BY TONY MURPHY, HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Tes, you heard it correctly, I am retiring. Retiring? Well, not completely. I am giving up my position as Head **Golf Professional** at PML but still

plan to teach here at Pine Mountain Lake. So those who have prepaid for some lessons will receive them. PML is my home and I plan to continue participating in our programs and enjoying our wonderful golf course and its membership.

To ensure that my retirement is memorable, some have suggested we hold a suitable way to mark the occasion. Sooooo...

The Tony Murphy 65th Birthday and Retirement Tournament/Roast will be held on Saturday, May 1st. All proceeds will go towards the PML Junior Golf Program. There will be a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start and it will be an 18 hole, all par 3 holes tournament.

IT WILL BE A FUN EVENT WITH NO WINNERS AND NO LOSERS. You may sign up in the golf shop as a single, a foursome, a sixsome, an eightsome. Only one rule: You may not use the same players shot for two consecutive shots. The only prizes will be individual prizes

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on certain closest to the pin holes. The cost: \$44 for those who have weekday or full annuals, but do not have cart annuals: (\$20 for dinner, \$11 for the cart, \$13 to PML Junior golf). For those who have the cart annual the cost will be \$33: (\$20 for dinner and \$13 to PML Junior golf). Additional costs: \$20 for tee sign (proceeds go to Jr. Golf).

At 6 p.m. there will be "No host cocktails" at The Grill, with dinner and roast beginning at 7 p.m., 8:30 dancing will begin. Oh, by the way, "NO PRESENTS". The gift of 65 years of living and being with my family and friends on this special day is enough...Priceless.

I already have my group of 7 nongolfers; or should I say 8 the way I have been playing. No, Ken, Joe and Ricky are not in my group, (an attempt at humor). This will fill up so don't wait. We have advertised this to other golf courses and expect to see representatives from Mountain Springs, Greenhorn Creek, and Seven Oaks C.C.

On a different matter, Doug is getting a start to March Madness by allowing you to recycle your shirts. Bring in your old shirt and it will be given to Helping Hands and you will receive \$10 off the full price of a new shirt. Member discounts will not be given. I can see Uncle Miltie now, bringing in a large quantity of golf shirts that are at least 60 years old.

NEW Winter Hours: Sun-Thurs: 11:00AM - 8:00PM

Fri-Sat: 11:00AM - 9:00PM

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PML Computer Users Group

BY TOM CARMAN, EDITOR, PML CUG NEWSLETTER

ost of you know how bad the Malware/Adware/Spyware & Virus's are these days and they seem to be getting worse. There are also many of us that really don't know how to properly protect our computers from all those Hackers and computer terrorists who keep messing with our computers. Well, this month may be the time to come to our monthly meeting. John Sponseller, owner of eSpon Technology, will be speaking to us on this very topic. John has extensive experience in removing all these threats and plans to tell how to best protect our computers, including backup technology and virus protection programs, as well as things we may not even know about. Please plan to attend and invite a friend. The computer you save may be your own.

The CUG is composed of members at all levels of computer experience, and guests are always welcome. The club

meets at the PML Lake Lodge located on Pine Mountain Drive. 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 the 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 March 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.



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March EVENTS CALENDAR



Cooking Class March 9



PML Cooking Class Time: 6:30 to 8:00 pm "Quick Fix Casseroles" Baked Ziti, Reuben Casserole Location: PML Lake Lodge Cost: \$10 Class Fee Includes food samples Contact: Tom Knoth at 209-962-5838 or email tomknoth@yahoo.com



Grand Opening Party Groveland Youth Center Mar 13th Noon to 3pm Mary's Park

Lion's St Patricks Dinner Time: 6:00 pm Groveland Community Hall 962-6769 for advance tickets



St Patrick's Day at the Grill Corned Beef and Cabbage Specials for lunch and dinner plus plenty of Blarney



Easter Celebration "Worthy! the Song of the Ages" EV Free Church Free Admission Saturday, Mar 20th 7:30 PM Sunday, Mar 21st 2 PM



Groveland Kiwanis Mexican Dinner Time: 4 - 7pm Groveland Community Hall \$15 Adults \$7.50 Children 962-1823 Adv. Tickets or at the door.



Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Parade Time: 1:00 PM Downtown Sonora Washington Street



The Grill Wine Tasting & Dinner Buffet

March 31st 5-8pm featuring wines from "Michael David" & "Earthquake" labels \$15 + tax per person Info 962-8638

COMING SOON!

Easter Buffet at the Grill

April 4th 9:00 am to 5:00 pm call 962-8638 for Reservations

The Grill Wine Tasting

April 14th 5-8 PM \$19 + tax per person Info 962-8638 featuring wines from Clos Du Bois, Franciscan Estates, Estancia, Simi and Mondavi

Add Your Event to Our Calendar Page!

This is a great way to get Pine Mountain Lake residents (full-time and part-time) information about your fun, so don't miss out! **Call 209-962-0342**





COMMUNITY CORNER

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.

Aerobics & Sculpting

Excercise by Video

Mondays, Wednesday and Friday • 9 AM – Reach your fitness goals! These classes are suitable for all fitness levels. Classes are free. Join us at the Lake Lodge to be led by a variety of videos featuring certified fitness instructors. For more information and scheduling contact Barb at 209/962-6457 or Michelene at 209/962-4467.

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 Vandenbergh 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.

Sonora Senior

Center 533-2622 540 Greenley Rd. Sonora Lunch Served Weekdays 12:00 to 12:30 No Reservations Required

For Meals-on-Wheels in this area contact Joi or Mary for information and/or eligibility requirements. Sierra Senior Providers, Inc. Meals-on-Wheels, Sonora Senior Center, 533-2622

Garrotte Lions Bingo

Come and Enjoy! You could be a winner 1st Thursday of every month 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





Mark your Calendar

For Tuolumne County's

Household Hazardous Waste Events

Saturday June 12, 2010	Sonora Event
Saturday August 21, 2010	Groveland Event
Saturday September 18, 2010	Sonora Event

Reservations required for Sonora Events Reservations can be made 1 month in advance of event call 1-800-811-2435

Small businesses: Call 209-533-5588 to find out about the Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) program for hazardous waste disposal.

For more information contact:

Solid Waste Division at 209-533-5588 or visit www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov

Dr. Etty Garber Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and a licensed Marriage Family Child Therapist, with 25 years experience in mental health, lives in Groveland and OFFERS PRIVATE PRACTICE SERVICE Dr. Garber can provide psychotherapy in a variety of settings

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COMMUNITY CORNER STCHS Board Welcomes Six New Directors

BY MARC FOSSUM, BOARD PRESIDENT

he 15 seats of the STCHS board of directors are now filled. We had vacant seats throughout 2009 and experienced an additional three vacancies at year-end with expired terms. The nominating committee looked far and wide and found six individuals to occupy the vacant seats. All of the candidates were carefully interviewed and briefed on the bi-laws of STCHS, our financial status, the past and current accomplishments of STCHS, and the future goals and objectives of the board. The candidates were made aware of what was expected of them and what they could expect from the Board.

We welcome the following members

of the community to the board of di-

rectors of STCHS; Bob Oakley, Tricia Whitley, Peggy Andrews, Claudia Day, Tom Knoth and Jim Thurman. We are equally pleased to have Rolene Kiesling and Denise Henderson extend their directorships by enlisting for another term. Our new directors bring expertise to the STCHS board in membership services and communication, merchandising, marketing, promotion, fund raising, information technologies and records management.

I am very excited to have a very motivated, capable and dedicated board of directors to lead STCHS into 2010. Please welcome and congratulate our new directors the next time you see them.

Sixth Annual Wine Cruise

BY NANCY JONES

"Most enjoyable afternoon I can remember."

"What a wonderful event!"

"How have you kept this a secret?" "Great wine -- delicious appetizers" "Sign me up now for next year's Cruise."

hese are just some of the comments heard from the departing guests of last year's Wine Tasting Cruise on Pine Mountain Lake.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 22, 2010, for this very popular and wonderfully fun event sponsored by the Southern Tuolumne County Historical Society. Proceeds benefit the Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum and other STCHS projects.

You will board boats at Lake Lodge from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. for a delightful trip around the lake, stopping at seven, or only one, lovely lakefront homes where you will be treated to delicious wines from the area and scrumptious appetizers furnished by leading area restaurants and caterers. The boats will return you to the Lake Lodge by 7:30 p.m. for coffee and other treats.

The event is limited to 225 guests

and has been a sell-out every year, so order your tickets early. The cost is \$45 per person and all tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. Order forms are available at the Museum or you may send your request to STCHS, P.O. Box 1849, Big Oak Flat, CA 95305. The postmarked date will determine the order in which tickets are distributed. Tickets will be sent to you by mail. For questions or further information, you may call Jane Dees 962-5210 or Nancy Jones 962-5693. All participants must be at least 21 years of age.

Looking forward to seeing you at dockside!

Genealogy Workshop Ways To Jumpstart Your Research BY KAREN DAVIS

(Taken from "Exercises to Jumpstart Your Research" by Juliana Smith, 3 August 2008, Ancestry.com)

f it's been awhile since you picked up your family research here are a L few ways to get started in the New Year.

1) Tackle Someone Else's Problem: Volunteering to help others with their family history is a great way to tune your skills and get experience in new areas and sometimes, while helping other people solve their problems, you solve one of your own.

2) Read History: Learning more about the historical events and social conditions of your ancestor's era gives you a better glimpse into what their lives were like and may help you create a more interesting family history. You may also find reasons for unexplained events in the family.

3) Get Religion: Many communities were centered around religion. Learning about your ancestor's faith and religious community could open some new opportunities for research.

4) Check for New Resources: New information is being added daily to websites like Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, USGenWeb and Cyndi's List, so if you haven't checked these sites in several months you may have a pleasant surprise. Don't forget to check the local libraries and historical societies where your ancestor lived, it is more important than ever to support these organizations, many of which depend on public support.

5) Create Timelines – for Everyone: Timelines give you a "big picture" of your ancestor's life. What events and discoveries may have shaped their future and the lives of family members.

6) Read Between the Lines: At some point in your research, you should review what you have and look for conclusions you can draw. For example, if #1 sibling was born in England in 1842 and sibling #2 was born in Pennsylvania in 1845, we can conclude that the family immigrated sometime between 1842 and 1845. Be sure to write down the reason for the rationale for each conclusion, years down the road the conclusion may not be so obvious.

7) Tidy Up Your Workspace: You may find information that got buried and forgotten that inspires new research and a clean workspace is always nicer.

8) Get Some Exercise: Sometimes the best way to solve a problem is to walk away from it. Review what you have, then take a walk, work in the garden, give your brain a quiet moment. Then come back and see if the answer comes more easily.

Interested in learning more? Here's your open invitation to attend the Genealogy Workshops sponsored by the Groveland Genealogy Chat Group. These workshops are held in the downstairs meeting room of the Groveland Branch Library at 1:00 p.m. on the 4th Friday of each month, January through October (dark November and December). Anyone with an interest in genealogy is welcome.

Tip of the month: Go to www.uscis. gov/genealogy for information on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' service for relatives wanting to learn more about their family history.

Additional Hours at the **Groveland Museum!!**

he Southern Tuolumne County Historical Society (STCHS) Board of Directors has approved extending the hours of operation at the Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum, for a trial period beginning March 15.

The Museum will open at 10:00 AM on Monday and Friday mornings. The morning Museum hours will be in addition to the normal summer hours of 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM, Sunday thru Friday, and 10:00 to 4:30 on Saturdays.

According to Board President Marc Fossum; "the longer hours will make the Museum more accessible to summer visitors in the area, whose numbers may increase this year with the growing popularity of long weekends, and 'day-cations'."

For more information on Museum hours, or their many splendid exhibits, call 209-962-0300.

Tuolumne County Supervisor Message



Here e w e g o again..... State Controller John Chang told a state legislative committee on July 28th that a creditable budget solution must be found soon in order to avert California's 20 million dollar deficit. Sound familiar? It's where we were last year at this time only worse in dollar amount. It looks like we can expect the same delays and infighting that went on last year.

It's hard for me to understand why our state's lawmakers are such slow learners. Just a common guy like me can understand that if you do the same thing the

Albino Doe Sighting

lbino deer, apparently with a youngster of normal coloring. The pair were seen hanging out together January 15th, at the corner of Pine Mountain Lake Drive and Butler Way.

PHOTO BY DAN FROSETH



OBITUARY



John "Tex" Witten

T is with great sadness that the Witten family announces the loss of John "Tex" Witten. He and his wife of 65 years, Laura "Hazel" were 19 year residents of beautiful Pine Mountain Lake. He was a great asset to this communi-

ty. He served 2 years on the ECC board, a

member of the Resident's Club and a very proud member of the Men's Golf Club. Along with his wife, he leaves behind 1 daughter, 3 sons, 3 daughters-in-law, 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

It is with great pride that his children feel the need to let Pine Mountain Lake know just how much he enjoyed his life with all of you.

same way and the results are dismal...you have to do something different.

When you or I do not have enough money to do the things we want to do we either have to find a way to increase our income, do with less, or borrow. The State of California is on a negative credit watch by credit rating agencies, so borrowing is out of the question. An increase in taxes is not the answer. We are already one of the highest taxed states in the nation. Maybe we should spend less. Sounds pretty simple but simplicity doesn't seem to work in Sacramento. If you have better solutions please pass them on to our state representatives. They need all the help they can get.

By the time you read this article, the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors will have conducted a meeting in each of the county's five districts to receive input from you and other residents. Your comments and ideas will aid in the formative development of a five year strategic plan for our county. If you were unable to attend the meeting held in your district, please take a moment to go to the county's web page (www.tuolumnecounty. ca.gov) where you will find a survey that can be completed. This direct approach of reaching out to the public has never been done before in Tuolumne County. By completing the survey, you will be able to provide the Board of Supervisors with valuable information on how you want your county to be run and what you want it to be. If you would like to participate, but using a computer is not an option, please contact me and I will do my best to get a survey to you.

Recently there has been controversy at the Board level about the need of developing a "Comprehensive Land Use Plan" for Federal and State Lands and Regulated Resources. This plan would establish local values for economic, historic, cultural, traditional, and other uses of public land and resources to enable the County to participate with federal and state agencies in the public lands planning and management process under the coordination mandate. From my perspective it is important to have a policy in place that informs federal and state agencies that we want a seat at the table in the very beginning of the planning process. Nearly 77 per cent of our county is government owned and managed. Those agencies should recognize that local government is the expert in the meaning and application of its local plans. They should solicit the views of local government to determine if the

proposed plan is consistent with our local plans. It is the only way that we can make sure that our county values and economic interests are protected.

I have received a number of inquires about "what is the County doing to help improve high speed internet access." The answer is - a lot. Improved broadband was listed as a primary goal of the Board of Supervisors. The role of the county has been to work with as many providers of this type of service as well as cell service providers to improve the coverage throughout the county. At the January 26 board meeting a presentation was made by a number of companies that have been working together to improve service. As an example, Mother Lode Internet has just received a 2.8 million dollar grant and is awaiting the word on a 3 million dollar grant application to expand broadband in a 5 county region. Golden State cellular has invested 4 million dollars in broadband deployment which is in the form of mobile broadband. They have loaded 3G technology in 15 site towers so far. They hope to have 31 additional 3G sites installed during 2010. Throck-Wisp, in addition to a number of other independent service providers, is also working on the expansion of their wireless network. Whether or not the outcome is successful is dependent upon the local providers working together. Expanding broadband in a rural environment is not easy and it is very expensive. The economic future of the county will be greatly enhanced through the accomplishment of this combined effort. Sometimes we forget that when we choose to live where we do, there is limitation on what can be accomplished in the High Tech realm. We will see improvement but it will not be like downtown LA. The County is also participating with Calaveras, Amador and Alpine Counties for funding through a joint broadband technology American Recovery and Reinvestment Act application. The grant is for approximately 15 million dollars. If successful, the money received would be used to design and install additional equipment to further improve future broadband access.

I will be unable to hold office hours in Groveland or Don Pedro in March but will return to my regular schedule in April.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

John L. Gray, Supervisor-Fourth District, (209) 533-5521

TC Supervisors & City Council Issue Resolutions Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day by GEORGE ELDRIDGE

he Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors issued a resolution on the morning of January 19 to become the first county in California to do so while the Sonora City Council became the second city in California to issue



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Where folks have fun! www.HotelCharlotte.com a resolution for Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day (WHVVD). Both resolutions spoke of the Vietnam Conflict.

The resolutions came about when, on September 29, 2009, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed AB-717 at Twentynine Palms Marine Corps base making March 30, WHVVD. California became the first state to pass such a bill. The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 391 (VVA-391), the largest Chapter in the State, began preparing for a parade and petitioned both the Supervisors and the Council to issue resolutions to honor the many Vietnam veterans who live in the area.

It all began in 2000 when Jose Ramos of Whittier, California, started a grass roots effort to make March 30 as WHVVD and in 2007, the U.S. Congress issued a resolution proclaiming March 30 as a National WHVVD. The first celebration was in Whittier, California in 2008. The VVA California State Council got behind it and Assemblyman Paul Cook (R-Yucca Valley) introduced the bill. Since the signing by the Governor, Tuolumne County leads the state in endorsing the bill by issuing its proclamation. Ranch Cucamonga was the first city to do so while Sonora is the second.

The day will be celebrated on March 28 this year as WHVVD falls on a weekday. Sonora will be the scene of the only parade in California and the nation made up of only Vietnam and Vietnamera veterans. This is being organized by Tuolumne County's VVA-391 sponsored by numerous citizens and businesses within the county and as far away as Stockton, Merced, Mariposa, Tracy, and Modesto who will also have Vietnam veterans invited to be in the parade.

According to Parade Chairman George Eldridge, "I feel this parade is very important and it will begin the healing of old wounds when the war ended March 30, 1975. It's the parade we never received." Eldridge has designed a poster for the event which has been distributed to VVA chapters throughout the state and nationally through the VVA's Veteran magazine. It also appeared on the front cover of the Zephyr, the VVA's California State Council's newspaper. "We invite every Vietnam Veteran in America to come and join our parade and be welcomed home!", he said. The Chapter has members from all over including Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Nevada as well as all over California. According to Eldridge, they hold more fund-raisers which support their community than any other chapter in the state. In 2009, they raised more than \$134,000.

Ramos, founder and chair of WHVVD, Inc. has asked, "In your state, in your town, in your community, come together on Sunday, March 28, 2010 and say to our Vietnam Veterans; thank you and welcome home!" He has issued a challenge to everyone in America to thank a veteran. "I'm not just talking about Vietnam Veterans, but all veterans who have served or are serving. Walk up to a veteran and say, 'Thank you for your service and welcome home'," he added.

Ramos and his group in Whittier have asked VVA members in San Diego, Fresno, Sacramento as well as Whittier and Sonora to put on a celebration event. Whittier will hold an event at a local stadium with dignitaries such as actor Jon Voight welcoming Vietnam Veterans home. The VVA is looking to have an event aboard the USS Midway which took part in the Vietnam Conflict. The aircraft carrier is now a museum in San Diego. Many of the ship's volunteers are Vietnam veterans such as retired CMDCM Joe Cio-

kin who is the Public Affairs Officer.

On March 28, California will be setting the example for the rest of America to immediately pass bills for WHVVD which will encourage President Obama to declare March 30 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.

The parade in Sonora will be led by an active-duty color guard followed by Vietnam veteran, Medal of Honor recipient, former POW Jon Cavaiani of Sonora as the grand marshal. He will be followed by the VVA-391 color guard led by Barry Schloffel. Behind them will be the VVA-391 Motorcycle Group and then all the Vietnam veterans from around the area. Because many of them are unable to walk the parade's distance because of service-connected disabilities, vehicles will be carrying the veterans.

The parade is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 28 and will proceed down Washington Street, the main thoroughfare in the county seat city. The VVA-391 Chapter is inviting all Vietnam veterans to the Veterans Memorial Hall following the parade to possibly join up with others they may have known in Vietnam.

Eldridge added that VVA-391 is constructing a Veterans Memorial at the Veterans Affairs Sonora Medical Clinic which honors all veterans, alive or passed. They are hoping to have it completed so that they can have a dedication ceremony on March 30. They are still receiving donations for bricks which carry the names of veterans. More info on this Memorial can be found at www. VietnamVeterans391.org.

For more information on the parade or the Veterans Memorial, Eldridge's email is George@Eldridge.net or call (209) 984-1378. To contact Ramos, his email is WH-VVD@aol.com or call (562) 696-3965.

the news with my Papa or holding my two girls.. It was life changing.

Now, as I'm writing this, I'm in a 40 foot by 10 foot tent with 15 other people that smells like feet. Back to reality. I have 7 more months of this and then I'll be back with my babies in Florida. Until then, it's 5 missions a week and hanging out with the best friends that I have. I can't wait to get back to Groveland again with this is all said and done. I would like to thank Tioga High, for letting me show up and torment the kids and all the people up on the hill that recognized me and said 'Hello'. It meant a lot to not be forgotten after what seemed like forever. I have to run, I'm about to miss my flight back to Taji, thank you for your support and I'll be talking to you.



n the last month I've been around. I left Camp Taji in the middle of Janu-Lary and made it back to Groveland. It was the best 2 weeks of my life. I got to see family, friends but most importantly, my wife and daughter. I couldn't do much but stare at Zoey when I hopped into the car for the 3 hour journey from San Francisco. I thought that I would kiss a bald spot into her head. She's amazing. Zoey did great at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and rarely fussed when I was home. I didn't mind when she did though, it was definitely odd. I can't explain how much fun I had, from having coffee in the morning with the guys, to watching

Southern Tuolumne **County Historical** Society - A Decade In Review

BY: MARC FOSSUM

010 marks the end of the first decade of the 21st century, and a milestone for the Southern Tuolumne County Historical Society (STCHS). It was 10 years ago that STCHS completed the construction of the Museum & Library building. We have maintained the building and operated the museum ever since. The following is an accounting of what STCHS has been up to over the past decade:

SIGNIFICANT ASSETS:

2000 - Completed the construction of the Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum and Groveland Library Branch.

2006 - Acquired and reassembled, for public display, the Gentry Gulch Arrastra, an authentic gold rush era arrastra (piecing together the parts of the giant jigsaw was a monumental feat in itself).

2008 - Acquired the 1852 Gold Rush era Gamble Block, aka Wells Fargo Building in Big Oak Flat, California, along with the 1902 Queen Ann Victorian home located on the same property.

2009 - Acquired a life sized California Gold Rush diorama from the California State Museum. The diorama was valued at over \$500,000 when it was constructed in the 1990's.

PROGRAMS:

STCHS presents 9 public presentations focusing on historic and educational subjects of interest to the community.

STCHS maintains a History Resource Center for the benefit of its membership and the public.

STCHS maintains a "Genealogy Chat Group" for the benefit of its members and the public.

Every Fall STCHS presents LIVING HISTORY DAY, an interactive historical experience for the public.

STCHS conducts educational tours, open to its membership and the public, of the two cemeteries that serve the Southern Tuolumne County.

FUNDRAISERS:

STCHS conducts two fundraisers each

year; the PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE WINE TASTING CRUISE and the annual LABOR DAY COUNTRY BBQ held at the Pine Mour tain Lake Equ trian Center.

PROJECTS: Gamble B Wells Farg building:

STCHS is in the process of

planning the renovation of the 1852 stone building and the 1902 Queen Ann Victorian residence.

Gold Rush Dioramas: STCHS is seeking a location to display the dioramas and is currently concentrating on storing and protecting the dioramas.

STCHS is engaged in active negotiations with the Bureau of Land management regarding the future plans for the Longfellow Gold Mine and Stamp Mill in Big Oak Flat, California.

Museum Expansion: Preliminary steps for the expansion of the Museum Building will be conducted in 2010.

Book Writing: In 2010 STCHS will author a pictorial history book of the Southern Tuolumne County area. The book will be part of the popular Arcadia Press series Images of America.

STCHS is currently designing and producing a brochure to promote the Museum and local historical points of interest.

Our mission is to preserve, protect and present the unique history of the Southern Tuolumne County area for public benefit. If you are not already a member of the Southern Tuolumne County Historical Society, please consider joining us. Memberships are as little as \$20.00 per year. Your support is deeply appreciated. Stop by the museum and pick up a membership form.

COMMUNITY CORNER Independence Day **Fireworks Show Is** Saturday, July 3rd, 2010 **Plan Early! Get Your Free Wristbands Now!** WRISTBANDS

n Saturday, July 3rd wristbands must be worn all day for entry to the Marina. Wristbands can be purchased at the Administration office now or at the Marina beginning May 1st. They will be sold all day on Saturday, July 3rd at the Marina and on the Water Taxis.

Wristbands will not be sold on the shuttle buses this year.

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AHHHH- IT'S SIMPLY "VIEW-T-FULL" The location of this lovely single level home takes full advantage of Sierra mountain views to the south & to the east. Native slate accents the wood-burning fireplace and helps create the perfect spot to relax on cool winter nights. Chef's Kitchen, too. 3 bd /2ba 8-163 \$299,900



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A REALTOR WRITES First Impressions and Outdoor Connections





most Groveland buyers lists are two things. First is enjoying the beautiful outdoors.

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

We are lucky here to have a sunny climate, fresh air, and low humidity. You need to emphasize the outdoor connection in

a way that makes a

great first impression and entices the buyer into the house. Then you must appeal to all their senses so they really do "fall in love" with your house. Second on the list is a relaxed, informal, lowmaintenance lifestyle. Even in this time of plummeting prices and foreclosure bargain hunting, buyers will still pay top dollar for a house that is "ready to move in" and needs no maintenance. You must impress on them that your house fits that category in the first 15 seconds after they get out of the car. Here's how to do it.

Buyers here are actually turned off by a too-manicured yard. They are trying to escape lawn competitions, sidewalk hedging, and paying for a gardener. Try to make your forest yard look like it "takes care of itself", even if you spent days raking, trimming, and burning. Add fresh cedar bark mulch to keep weeds down and present a more uniform appearance. Remove dead trees, ratty garbage cans, old hoses, overflowing debris in the gutters, and moss from the roof.

Refresh your exterior paint. Don't repaint your house the same original color from 1985. Update it with something ontrend. Pick a rich and muted new color that blends well with our background of bright foliage greens and sky blues without competing with them. Colors that usually elicit negative response are: dark brown, barn red, mauve, or too-bright blue or green. If you can't afford to paint your whole house, then do the front door and the trim. At the very least, use a pressure washer to clean off the grime and spider webs. Local tip:

t the top of clean off the propane tank and paint it to match your home.

> Most buyers want to avoid a "suburban" look: fences, buildings close together, rows of garages facing the street. Some homes are designed with the garage front and center, so that the private decks and views face the rear. If all you have in front is a big garage door, either paint it to match the house so it doesn't stick out, or replace it with an upscale "carriage" door that is popular now. This is an expensive upgrade, but if the garage door is the main "first impression", make it count. On your asphalt driveway put a fresh coat of black sealant, or, if it is gravel, put a fresh load of gravel to fill potholes and bare spots. On concrete, remove oil stains.

> Get a very nice address number sign that includes the Unit and Lot number, but not your name. Don't just go to the local hardware store and get what everybody else gets - go online and order some classy numbers. Get a classy new doormat while you are at it. No coir that sheds, or rubber that cracks, or anything with a message.

> It's important to make people feel warm, welcome and safe as they approach the house. The walkway and steps to the front door should be in perfect condition. Fix cracked stairs, uneven rocks, slippery mud, or any trip hazard. If you have room on your front porch, set up a bench or an inviting pair of chairs with fresh cushions. Put out one or three potted plants. Bright plants or flowers enhance the "cared for" impression. Don't use plastic or silk plants - they look fake and fade in the sun. The front door should make a very positive impact. Consider adding a brass kick plate, a door knocker, or a new door knob or latch. The last thing you want is for the agent to struggle with a fussy lock, then push a sticking door in with their foot, and the hinges squeal loudly. Ugh!

> What other common "entryway errors" do I see?

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13045 Rosetta Court • Unit 11, Lot 37 Beautiful & peaceful rustic home in park like setting. 2+Acre secluded lot, covered patio with fans & built-in BBQ. Large covered deck with great views. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, large living room with wet bar and fireplace, bonus room, two car detached garage with RV parking. Plenty of room for boats and extra parking...truly unique! **\$469,500**

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Wildwood Properties

18800 Main Street • Groveland, CA 209 962-7372

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, Ig 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

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

12675 Mt. Jefferson

Delightfull 3300 sg. 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/travetine tile, bonus room, wet bar, 2

granite fireplaces. 700 sq.ft.trex deck, outdoor BBQ kitchen,

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w/toilet, RV prkg, **\$699,000**

3 car garage & more **\$699,000**

20640 Whites Gulch Road

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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 kitchén...much móre! \$769,000!

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

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34 HOMES ON THE HILL The Soroptimist Scene....where fun is a main ingredient for comunity service BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

The Chinese Auction hasn't happened by the time this article is written, but all the highlights will be in the next issue. That's a heads up if you were one of those highlights.

Okay. This is an easy way to give to the community. This is a "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" gesture. Soroptimists will be performing their Saturday Of Service (cleverly named SOS). SIG members will be gathering non-perishable food and contributing all the food to the ATCAA/Evangelical Free Church Food Closet. Many of us have been involved in the distribution of the food and know how helpful this food is for some of our neighbors. Since you planned to rearrange and alphabetize your pantry, reduce that workload and put some of those non-perishables aside. SIG members will pick up your contributions or you can bring the donation by the EV Free Church on March 6, 2010. The collection time will be 2:00PM to 4:00PM. If you don't have a SIG member in your acquaintance, give a pick up call to Barb 962-6457.

Certainly you all have saved the date of March 30, 2010 for the Wellness Faire. The committees have been organizing and the Exhibitors have been committing to the event.

Look for the flyers that will provide additional information.

The focus this year will be for your wellness, we won't be running the

children's center. So we just have to get you parked, drain your blood (ha!) and let you seek out the advice of the professionals who give so generously of their time. This is one of the biggest gifts to our community...we will look for you there.

Many of know that one our very active and generous members, Carole Smith, has been sidelined for some time with a medical condition. She is back being healthy and active. We are so relieved and happy to see her back at the meetings. We also thank her husband, Ron, for taking such good care of her. Ron not only provided the necessary care (keeping all the germs at bay) but ran errands to keep Carole's involvement in place.

Most everyone has been following the devastation in Haiti. SIG is proud to be a member of an international organization. Because Haiti is part of Soroptimist's European federation, Soroptimist International of the Americas has made a donation of \$10,000 to Soroptimist International of Europe to support immediate disaster relief efforts for women and girls.

A new member drive is being squeezed into the spring time frame. 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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~ Old dirty porch lights, leaky downspouts, scuffed thresholds, deteriorated screen doors, nails popping up, nonfunctioning doorbells, bird feeders, wind chimes, cheap plastic chairs, other clutter, dog droppings.

~ Bat or bird guano littering the porch or the light fixtures. Don't just sweep it off - get rid of the roosting bats and birds. You may need professional help.

~ Woodpecker holes in siding or trim. Huge turn-off. Fix them now.

~ Inside are hanging coats, keys and hats, shoes on the floor, piled newspapers or mail, family pictures, large tables or clocks "blocking" the sightline into the house, or, even worse, nothing but empty space.

House sellers often ask if it is better to list the house with all their furniture in it, or no furniture. The answer is "partly furnished". Too much furniture feels cluttered and cramped. No furniture is cold and lifeless, and makes it hard for buyers to visualize themselves in the rooms. Hang your most beautiful art or mirror in the entry, or where it can be seen from there. Splurge on a new, lovely light fixture for the entry.

Light and bright is what you want them to feel now. Turn on every light, or, if you're not home, have a sign at the door asking the agent to first turn on the lights and open the curtains before they bring the buyers in. Remove heavy draperies, valances that cover part of the window, and wood blinds that

even in their most open position cover several inches of window glass. Bare windows are better than windows with outdated, worn out or dirty window coverings. Trim back branches outside, or remove awnings to let light in. Clean the windows so they sparkle and consider removing the screens during the showing period. Take everything off the window sills. Increase the wattage of your light bulbs. Move all furniture, televisions, and large plants from in front of windows so buyers can look out at the trees, sky and deck. (To see a graphic example of this, go to www.PineMtn-Lake.com>Buyers & Sellers>Sellers Guide>Home Staging>Before and After Staging: Photos of Five Rooms. To view dark and dated rooms, click on Nightmares: Photos of Homes that Need Updating).

Now they are looking out the windows and glass doors at that gorgeous outdoors. Make sure they can easily go out each door and experience every deck, patio and outdoor space. Each of these spaces should feel like a room that just happens to be outside. Decide on the function of the space - is it relaxing, sunning, eating, entertaining, or cooking? Then furnish and decorate it minimally to so they get the idea. If they can see the neighbor's deck or driveway from the main deck, try to install a lattice or custom-made "screen" to block that image. It usually doesn't have to be very large to direct their eye to the "good view".

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Decks should be swept and coated with new sealant or stain. Decks that need work stop more sales (or complicate escrows) than anything else in Pine Mountain Lake. New decks are very expensive, but many buyers want them. Discuss this issue thoroughly with your agent.

To emphasize the "outdoor connection", hang art or photographs of wildlife, Yosemite, Sierra landscapes, or people enjoying Pine Mountain Lake. Decorate with bowls of pine cones or fragrant cedar sprays. Our local and abundant incense cedar will last for several weeks in a sturdy vase full of water, inside or outside.

At this point, your house should be saying "Make yourself at home! No work here! Just relax and enjoy!"

If you are still resistant to staging your home, think of these "smart marketing" analogies

 \sim The car showroom with ultra-shiny new models on fancy floors that make you crave a test drive.

The website home page with fastloading graphics and mouse-grabbing headlines you just have to click on.

[~] Stores with entrancing front window displays of specially lighted jewelry on black backgrounds, or of stylish, accessorized clothing mannequins, or sumptuous furniture flanked by coordinating lamps and art.

So don't assume your house will sell itself. First, make a great first impression to draw them in. Then create an atmosphere that encourages them to linger and find more things to love about your property. I'll cover that in the April issue.

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36 COMMUNITY CORNER Museum Explores Outer Space

BY ROSEMARY ADAMS, PUBLICITY

Tisitors to our Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum will be delighted to be able to do just that when they drop by to visit. The Staff, under the guidance of Rich Hathaway, Displays & Exhibits Director, have brought together an exhibit - EARLY U.S. SPACE PROGRAM, which deals with this fascinating subject. The Exhibit portrays the early efforts of the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA) which was created in 1959. At the outset, NASA had invited 110 top test pilots to volunteer for the manned space flight program. From this group 7 were chosen to work on PROJECT MERCURY. They were Malcolm Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepherd and Donald "Deke" Slaton. These fine men and their staff became our HEROES OF THE SPACE AGE, they will always have our gratitude and respect. And, the members of the APOLLO MISSION flight will remain a NON PAREIL feat forever. It was during their mission on July 20, 1969 that Neil Armstrong became THE FIRST MAN

ON THE MOON. Astronauts Michael Collins and Bud Aldrin accompanied him.

Our Exhibit features photographs of several of the astronauts and a collection of 35 Mission Badges detailing the Missions, Wearer and year of event. There is also a photograph of the Ames Research Center 5 DEGREES OF MOTION SIMU-LATOR used in the Program. There are four face masks used by Astronauts John Glenn, Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Don Heinle and Alan Shepherd during their flights.

It is a most interesting and enlightening Exhibit. We are happy to be able to offer it to our visitors We do wish to thank the following friends who donated various items for showing. They are Loren Bright, Jeanne Clemson, Mary Kelly, Janet Konrath, Ina Rathert and Steve Ryan. A comment respecting the Exhibit - there is also a Plaque presented to Mary Kelly by Ames Research Center, honoring her years of service with them. Duly awarded, indeed.

Come by to see this special Exhibit. It is truly history being written as we watch.



Grand Opening Party BY BARBARA BROAD

Your invitation to a party!

t's the GRAND OPENING PARTY for the New! Groveland Youth Center in Mary's Park.

The Groveland Youth Center Student Advisory Groups at Tenaya and Tioga, Groveland Area Involved Neighbors, (GAINs), GCSD, and the County Department of Recreation hope YOU will come and help the community celebrate. It's Saturday, March 13, noon to 3 p.m.

There will be indoor and outdoor activities and competitions (with lots of prizes), oodles of free food, music, speeches, and a good community time for both children and adults. The students have picked out all the activities and food. We'll have games for adults, games for kids, and games for adults and kids. Ever wanted to try a Wii computer game? As a community, we all want the best for our children and young adults. The new Groveland Youth Center will provide opportunities for lots of special activities, and over 40 adults here have already signed up to lead them, like bird-watching, auto mechanics, ceramics, cooking, cosmetology, drama, exercise, wilderness field trips, golf, and homework help. They can happen only because two years ago the Groveland community donated over \$10,000 to Groveland Area Involved Neighbors (GAINs) to support these activities. The first activity supported is the Grand Opening Party!

The kids send you a special invitation to come and celebrate with them in their new Youth Center in the youth activities corner of Mary Laveroni Park. For information contact Barbara Broad at GrovelandGAINs@aol.com or 962-7730 or Mark Watts at the youth center, gyc@ mlode.com or 962-7310.


Engine 781 is Now in Service!

HISTORY: The Fire Department submitted a Vehicle Acquisition Grant Request for a Type I Fire Engine through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in March 2008. We were notified on November 28, 2008 that we were successful in receiving the grant in the amount of \$280,190. The Fire Department released bid documents to 11 manufacturing companies for bid proposals. Golden State was awarded the contract and the engine was custom built at the Pierce Manufacturing Plant in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Congressman George Radanovich's office was very supportive throughout the grant writing process. His office wrote letters of support to FEMA. Having congressional support was a major factor to receiving the grant. The GCSD Board and General Manager Jim Goodrich were very supportive in budgeting the matching funds needed to apply for the grant. John Gray, currently Fourth District Supervisor for Tuolumne County, and John Graham, current GCSD Board President, were Directors on the GCSD Board during the time of the grant writing process, although they served on the Board at different times.

The grant application process is very difficult and time consuming. Groveland Fire Department's personnel spent the last four years researching, attending grant writing seminars, and networking with other fire departments to hone our grant writing skills. Fire Chief Warner's, Assistant Chief Jim Burdick's, and the Fire Department Staff's diligence paid off. California received 172 grants from FEMA ranging from Operations & Safety to Vehicle Acquisitions grants. These two grant categories, because of firefighter safety, were the main focus during the 2008 grant period. The Groveland Fire Department was one of fourteen fire departments to receive a vehicle grant in the state of California.

RETIRING: A condition of the grant was that the Department retire Engine 782.The narrative written for the grant explained in detail why the 1971 American LeFrance Engine needed to be decommissioned. It is in disrepair, does not meet several important National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) safety standards, and has a leaking water tank.

The New Engine 781 safely carries six firefighters. The cab-over design and shorter wheel base is designed especially for our area. The self-contained breathing apparatus is mounted in the seats saving call response time. The new engine has a 750 gallon water tank, can also deliver foam, and pumps at 1250 gallons per minute. Engine 781 will improve the safety of the firefighters and the community that relies on it for service and protection.

If you ask our firefighters they will say that Engine 781 is set-up perfectly for emergency response. It has a state of the art pump and components, Jake brake, headsets, auxiliary pump, and many more items that make it an outstanding addition to our fleet.





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BY MAGGIE JACOBSON

FOGL Membership is important to the library. The money raised goes towards purchasing books, equipment and wireless Internet for the library; funding additional library hours; supporting the Summer Reading Program, reading programs at Tenaya Elementary School (Bookleggers, Brainy Groveland and Tail Wagging tutors) and story-time for pre-schoolers. Membership is \$15 for an individual or \$20 per family. To become a member contact Jane Sprerry at 962-4178.

We encourage volunteers, including non-members, to participate in various programs such as the Saturday Book Sales, decorating the library, shelving books, the Tenaya Reading Programs and Pre-school story-time.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

The PML Ladies Club has made a donation of \$25 in memory of Gert Montoya. Harriet Causey made a donation of \$100 in memory of her husband Fred.

Tenaya's reading program "Brainy Groveland" was featured on the front page of the Union Democrat.

On February 10th, FOGL showcased "Bookleggers", its valuable outreach

program which brings books to Tenaya Elementary School, to the BOFG School Board.

Groveland will be participating in "The Big Read", a national program promoted by the National Endowment for the Arts. The book selected, Mark Twain's "Tom Sawyer", is very relevant to our area. We will keep you posted as we get closer to this very special event.

Our annual spring basket sale is scheduled for April 3rd. The Baskets with Chocolate, Italian and Book Lover themes will be displayed in the Library. Raffle tickets can be purchased in the library or at the Saturday Book Sales.

Bill Manville will again be presenting his six week writing program in May.

The Book Nook is open every Saturday from 10:00 to 2:00. It is a wonderful place to find books at truly bargain prices.

FOGL meets every 4th Tuesday at 2:00, downstairs at the library.We welcome Visitors and love new members. Please call Jane Sperry (962-4178) for Membership information. NEXT MEET-ING ON FEBRUARY 23rd.



Nadine Pedron and Elsie Stock invite you to join the "Friends of the Groveland Library

Pine Cone Players & Singers BY GAIL PERLEE

Peek in the Groveland Community Hall on Monday nights and you will see dancers hoofin' it across the floor; singers warbling (nicely!) away with guitar or piano; actors running lines; and all other manner of acts rehearsing in prep for the Pine Cone Players' annual play.

Written and directed by Ruthann Peirona, "Reminiscing Down At Al's Place" will go onstage Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 15, 16, 17, and 18 in the Groveland Community Hall. There is something for everyone in this new show...never before seen by audiences anywhere! There is singing. There is dancing. There is humor. There is talent...with veterans and newcomers alike sharing the stage. A must-see performance for sure. Tickets will go on sale in mid March and will be available from any Pine Cone Player, Yosemite Bank, The Hotel Charlotte, Dori's Tea Cottage, and Marijke's, or call 962-4240 for reservations. Donation is \$8.00 ahead, or \$10.00 at the door for adults, and \$3.00 for children.

Meanwhile, the Pine Cone Singers, under the direction of Dennis Brown, are rehearsing for their spring concert to be presented May 14, 15, and 16 in the Groveland Evangelical Free Church. Repertoire the 40-voice chorus (including 15 - count 'em! - men) is working on includes jazz, pop, classic Americana... you name it, they're doin' it! Tickets for the concert will become available, at the same places mentioned above, in late April.





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BY CASIE JACHETTA, MARKETING DIRECTOR

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Proceeds from this event benefit the spay/neuter voucher program designed to assist low income Tuolumne County residents with the spaying or neutering of their pet.

Tickets can be purchased at the shelter in Jamestown (10040 Victoria Way), the Thrift Store, Purrfect Bargains in East Sonora, online at www.hsotc.org, or by calling 984-5489.

Tickets sell out fast and door tickets will most likely not be available

"Guilt Free" Chicken Wings RECIPE PROVIDED BY TOM KNOTH AND PAULA MARTELL

he problem with chicken wings is FAT. They are typically deep fried and there is a lot of fat in the skin, making a typical three piece serving of wings compute to 235 calories and 16 grams of fat. And let's face it, not many of us can stop at just three wings!

This recipe reduces the fat by stripping the skin off the wings and using a cool baking process that produces a wing that is better than fried, the resulting calories and fat being 150 calories and 6 grams fat per serving.

12 Chicken wings and/or drummettes 3/4 Cup Bulls Eye or KC Masterpiece Original BBQ Sauce, or personal preference of BBQ sauce; for a buffalo wing taste, we recommend "Frank's Buffalo Wing Sauce". 1/2 Cup Flour 1 tsp Salt 1/2 tsp Ground pepper 1 Cup Milk Oil Nonstick Cooking Spray (Pam)

Preheat oven to Broil. Line a cookie sheet with foil, spray the foil with nonstick spray. Arrange each chicken piece on foil with side that has the most skin on it facing up. Broil the wings on top rack of oven until skin turns light brown and becomes crispy (8-10 minutes). Remove from oven, turn chicken over, and broil other side till lightly browned (4-6 minutes). Remove from oven and let cool.

Turn oven down to 450 degrees. After wings have cooled enough to handle, remove the skin and throw out. Prepare breading by combining flour, salt, and pepper in small bowl. Pour milk in another bowl. Individually dip wings into breading, then into milk, then breading again, and then place back on baking sheet. Spray the wings with nonstick cooking spray until breading is completely moistened. Bake wings at 450 degrees for 12 minutes. Then crank oven up to broil, and brown wings until crispy (3 to 5 minutes).

Remove from oven, let rest for a minute, and then toss with a generous amount of BBQ sauce (can be done in plastic bag, jar, or bowl). Serve immediately.



COMMUNITY CORNER39GEFC & the Food ClosetBY SYDNEY AVEY

n the second Thursday of each month, from 10 am to 12 noon, people gather in Mary Laveroni Park to supplement their diets with fresh produce. They take home fresh fruits and vegetables, often locally grown. This is a joint project of Amador Tuolumne County Action Agency (ATCAA) and Groveland Rotary and Soroptimists.

On the third Friday of each month*, from 10 am to 1 pm, they come by the Groveland Evangelical Free Church (GEFC) at 19172 Ferretti Road to pick up bags of groceries that will fill diminishing pantries with healthy basics such as cereal, spaghetti, milk, chicken and canned goods. Providing the food is an intricate partnership that involves several organizations and many volunteers.

The number of people who receive the food has risen sharply from 27 families in 2006 to 140 households just four years later. "Our food closet serves low income individuals and families with children, seniors, and disabled people," said Jim Thayer. Jim and his wife Donna perform the administrative tasks and volunteer coordination this program depends upon.

Where does the food come from? Under the sponsorship of the ATCAA, The Food Bank in Jamestown serves as the distribution center. The Food Bank is supported by financial grants and fundraising. Last year, ATCAA raised \$100,000 through the Sonora Area Foundation to provide supplemental food for the AT-CAA Jamestown Food Bank to distribute to Food Closets like ours. In addition, community organizations such as Helping Hands make cash donations to the Groveland Food Closet and many individuals donate food, cash and time.

Every month volunteers give approximately 120 hours to this effort. About 16 volunteers from the Rotary, GEFC and other churches and the community at large are involved in picking up the produce and food from the distribution center in Jamestown, shopping (GEFC uses donations to supplement what comes from the Food Bank), setting up the Food Closet, and bagging and distributing food. From executing the paperwork involved with a county program, to directing traffic in and out of the parking lot, to carrying out heavy bags of food and loading them into cars, the work involved is fast-paced, tiring and exhilarating.

"These days, anyone's fortunes can change," said Jim. "People who have never needed help before can find themselves suddenly without a job and in need of help to keep food on the table. When they find another job, they often come back and want to help."

If you are in tight circumstances and need help with food, call 962-7584. To make donations of food or blankets, bring non-perishable food or new or slightly used blankets to the Groveland Evangelical Free Church and place them in the kitchen.

*Check the date for monthly food distribution on the kiosk in front of the church as the date does vary.



Joe Riley Appointed GCSD Director

Director Joseph Riley

At the February 8th regularly scheduled Board meeting of the Groveland Community Services District, Groveland resident Joseph Riley was appointed to fill the Board vacancy created by the December 14th resignation of Board President Wesley Johnson. Director Johnson was elected to a four-year term in November 2005. However, his term was extended by one year after the Board voted to change the GCSD election cycle from odd to even numbered years in order to align with state-wide elections.

While originally from Southern California, Director Riley and his wife, Charleen, permanently relocated to the area several years ago and have since become the proprietors of The Cub Inn Bed and Breakfast in Groveland. Director Riley has over thirty years of private industry experience in business management, manufacturing operations, and mechanical engineering. Director Riley is a current commercial pilot, and a Co-Director of the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association.

Director Riley will serve until November 2010 and will then have the opportunity to run for election for a four-year term. Four seats on the GCSD Board will be up for election in November, three four-year terms and a two-year term for the seat vacated by Supervisor John Gray.

Winter Water Line Breaks

In December I wrote about the need to properly winterize your home, especially if you plan on leaving the hill for any extended period of time. When the cold snap hit Groveland in early December, District staff responded to dozens of broken water pipe reports.

All of these water line breaks were on the customers' side of the meters. The final tally is in. For the reported water line breaks, 2,750,000 gallons of water were lost. This is the equivalent of draining all five of the District's water storage tanks. These tanks have a normal storage capacity to provide water to the entire community for two weeks.

We still have cold weather in front of us. Please find out more about winterizing your home before you leave the hill by going to our website at www.gcsd. org, or coming by the District Office to discuss this issue with our staff.

Yosemite Chamber of Commerce

OW! What a great month January was for the Yosemite Chamber of Commerce. So much going on and so much information coming in. Through the efforts of your Director's our Chamber's name is on everybody's minds, email lists and mailing lists. There is so much to write about!

On February 16th. in the Groveland Community Hall the County Supervisors held a meeting. "Supervisors Want Input on County's Future." The major questions the Board is seeking answers to:

* What are the greatest needs within the county right now?

* What are the County's 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?

The first two meetings held were "standing room only". Hope you were there to get South County's input heard.

By the time you are reading my message, Ambassador Ann Schafer, and myself will have attended the John Muir Highway Project, MULTI COUNTY COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOP-MENT INITATIVE in Sonora at the Supervisors Board Room. We will report more later.

I will be attending the TC Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on Feb. 25th with Guest Speaker Craig Pedro (County Administrative Officer) who will be divulging up to date information regarding the county's financial situation and what lawmakers in SacBY JAMES NAGLE. PRESIDENT.

ramento are doing to fix the broken budget of the state, and providing an update on the first year of operation of the Economic Development Authority along with results of the cooperative effort between county, city and EDA Board of Directors.

Did you know that Yosemite National Park turns 120 this year? Plans for this celebration should be huge. We will be working with our regional partners and are looking for folks interested in joining this challenge.

David Wilkinson of Sabre Design and I having been working diligently on the "Stay and Play Map-Brochure". We have a draft ready and will present it to the Board at the meeting on the 19th.

NEW: Wednesday Email Blitz started last week. Unbelievable. The response has been tremendous. The Feb. 3rd blitz was huge. Such a great tool and it is really neat how the membership, Supervisor, Yosemite Gateway Partners and all other affiliates are using it to communicate. We are going to do some tweaking with presentation so it is more professional looking. BUT, don't let that stop you from sending in your events, announcements and tidbits of interest.

If you have missed the recent mixers, tsk, tsk, Shame on you. The December and January Mixers were close to capacity, standing room only! The information sharing between the Board of Directors and member partners was very informative and helpful. I believe I personally saw some new business connections being made.

Congratulations to our new members who have joined and to the two new members that joined the night of the January Mixer.

The next mixer is at Camp Tuolumne Trails February 25th hosted by Jerry & Paula Baker. Kurt Vander Weide, Candidate for the 25th Assembly District Seat, is our guest speaker. Supervisor Teri Murrison, who is also throwing her hat into the ring for the 25th Assembly District Seat, will be our guest speaker at the March Mixer.

Candidates for the 25th Assembly District Seat must have their applications in by March 14th. Once all candidates have committed to the

Campaign, your Board will invite them to a Campaign Forum with the candidates in the Primary Election race set for June and then a forum for the two candidates that win the primary.

YCC Member Decals will be here by the time you read this. Make sure you are a member in good standing so you can proudly display the decal at your business. Get your dues paid so you don't miss out.

As you can see your Chamber is very busy with new presentations and membership benefits for you. Be a part, volunteer for one or more of these fine projects.



Southside Seniors: It Takes a Village BY SYDNEY AVEY

e've made a smooth transition of leadership for the very important See's Candy Booth (sales fund our program administration!) The booth is presently located in the Library/Museum parking lot and was staffed for Valentine's Day sales by the veteran and new volunteers listed below. Many thanks are due to Diane and George Harrison for heading up this effort. Volunteers: Mary Brown, Fran Fears, Cindi Goodrich, Pat Helling, Wanda Day, Carol Arechiga, Jerry Fueslein, Roberta Naylor, Mary Bruederle, Judy Basey, Barbara Coldren, Sharon and Phil Spinelli, Dorothy Parker, Marilyn Fields, Kay Smith, Debbie Peters, Audrey and Gene Fiance, Susie Bales, Amanda Klaahsen, Catherine Santa Maria, Jan Sloan, Jean Clemson, Sandy Graham, Darlene Pennel, Virginia Becker, Diane Stanley, Bev Clark, Lois Rosenbaum, Charlie Fratus, Barbara Klahn, Nancy Robichaud, Barbara Davis, Jane Reynolds, Marie Dean, Laurie Nagle, Flo Jensen, Jane Hansen, Barbara Elliott, Al Rodriguez, Jean Cox, Liz and Joe Mattlingly, Diane and George Harrison

We are looking for volunteers who can open and close the Little House several days a week and perform some office tasks. Call Luci at 962-7303.

Events: On Wednesday, March 24, the community is invited to a free lunch at the Groveland Community Center sponsored by the Older Adults Outreach and Engagement Program (OAOEP) in collaboration with the Area 12 Agency on Aging. The agenda is a discussion of a grant the Mother Lode Office of Catholic Charities has

received to develop programs and strategies to help seniors live independently in their homes. Consider what this means to you as you care for your parents or make plans for yourself. Bring your ideas for what you anticipate you'll need to remain safely in your home, or to ensure your loved ones are safe. Check our website at thelittlehouse.org and click on the Calendar for the exact time of this event. Lunch is being donated by Diestel Turkey Ranch. Call 532-7632 for more information.

Programs:

Do you play Pinochle? Beginning in April card tables will be set up for Pinochle games one Monday afternoon a month from 1 – 4 pm. Call Diane Harrison for more information at 962-1955.

Would you like to learn to sew? An introductory sewing class begins Saturday, March 13 at 9 am.

Congratulations to Ron Harms, our top Wii Bowling League scorer for the month of February. This group is having way too much fun. We need substitute bowlers for this league. Come join us and learn the game.

All classes at the Little House are open to all ages, so don't let the "senior" in our center stop you. Our aim is to be senior friendly in how we serve our entire community.

New Board Officers and Member: SSSI has a new slate of officers and a new board member. They are: Ron Harms, President; Al Brizzard, Vice President; Ron Michaelis, Treasurer; and Sydney Avey, Secretary. Our new board member is Kathy Ryan.

Rotary News by John Brunk, Groveland Rotary

Rotary gains five members.

Membership chair and president elect 2010-2011 Rudy Manzo inducted four new members to Rotary International of Groveland, plus the club welcomed back Jerry Lynn.

The new members to Rotary, the Oldest Service Club in the world with over 1.27 million members in 33,000 clubs were made aware of the Four Way Test which is 1. Is it the Truth? 2. Is it Fair

to all concerned? 3. Will it build Good Will and Better Friendships? 4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

Rotary meets weekly, however only 50% attendance is all that is needed to be a member in good standing. Make-ups such as visiting other clubs, attending work days, conferences or any Rotary function serves as a "make-up." For more information on Rotary contact Rudy Manzo at 962-5219.

COMMUNITY CORNER



962-7565



COMMUNITY CORNER 42 Pyramid of Hope

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he Groveland Fire Department is gearing up for the Relay For Life in May 2010. Relay For Life is a 24 hour event which will be held at Sonora High School. It raises money for the American Cancer Society which helps individuals cope with and fight cancer. Much of the money raised at the Tuolumne County Relay For Life will stay within our county to aid in the support and treatment of its cancer patients.

are hard Times these days more ways than imaginable. We can only envision how much harder life would be living with

cancer. That is why we want to help. Helping people is within the depths of who we are as firefighters. We support our community each and every day without hesitation or doubt. Now we want to do the same with the fight against cancer. Almost everyone is affected by cancer in one way or another. Cancer is a disease that is everywhere but with knowledge and dedication it can be defeated.

Our way of helping is to form a Relay For Life team. Our team goal is like a pyramid. We have started with a foundation of dedication to battle a devastating disease. From this foundation we will build each level through public education and the raising of funds. We will build the levels of our pyramid one step at a time to ensure

that our fight will continue until a cure is found. What a world it would be to never hear the word cancer again.

> Our fight starts now, and we invite you to join us by visiting our website at http://www. grovelandfire.com, click the American Cancer Society logo on the home page which links to our team site. Also join us for Italian Night on March 13th from 5-8 pm at Tuolumne

Trails Camp. Proceeds support the American Cancer Society.

Sierra Club Hike March 14, Sunday - Sierra Club Day Hike (2A)

ntermediate level early Spring hike to Table Mountain on land managed by the Bureau of Recreation and surrounding New Melones Reservoir (Lake), off Rawhide road, north of Jamestown. The hike is approximately five (5) miles round-trip with a steep climb, 250 feet, to reach the top of Table Mountain. Portions of this hike will be on the post-glacial lava flow which formed the mountain, so shoes with good gripping soles are recommended. About four miles is on a dirt road, alongside of which is an osprey nest.

Call leader, Frank, 962-7585 or email, frank-oyung@sbcglobal.net for further information.

Library Offers Computer Classes BY LYNN MCCORMICK, LITERACY AND OUTREACH LIBRARIAN

he Tuolumne County Free Library is launching a comprehensive offering of computer classes, beginning February 16. These classes will be offered with set times each week. They are a curriculum based series, with set "lessons designed to help individuals learn basic computer skills.

The instructor for the course is Richard Rittenhouse. He has a BSEE from UCLA majoring in Electronics and Systems Engineering. After graduation he worked for 40 years in the Aerospace industry working as a navigation systems engineer and later a marketing manager. He retired from Northrop-Grumman Navigation division June 2002.

In addition, the library is able to offer one-on-one learning sessions with Library Assistant Shelly McFarland. Individual learning sessions are limited to 2 students at a time. Please call 533-5507 to schedule a session. "We are so pleased that Shelly is able to schedule these sessions and spend time on an individual basis with people who have little or no computer knowledge but would like some one-on-one help to answer specific computer questions." says Lynn McCormick, Literacy and Outreach Librarian. "Shelly is devoted to serving the technology needs of the community."

All classes and individual learning sessions are free of charge, require advance registration, and are held at the Sonora Main Library on Greenley Road. Signups are on a first come, first served basis. Call 533-5507 to register for the classes, or to get more information.

Class descriptions and dates for Mr. Rittenhouse's classes are as follows: (limited to 6 students in each class, any class can be repeated as desired.)

BEGINNING COMPUTER - "I want to learn how to use a computer but I don't know where to start!" This class is the perfect class for you. You'll learn the basics of how to use the computer. Come and learn - but at your own pace - without the stress. Class is for one, 2 hour session, from 8 AM - 10 AM. DATES: March 2, March 4, March 30, April 1, April 27, April 29, May 25, and May 27.

INTERMEDIATE COMPUTER – Learn how to change the desk top appearance, set your preferences, how to find things and how to save documents. Class is one, 2 hour session, from 8 AM - 10 AM. DATES: March 9, March 11, April 6, April 8, May 4, and May 6.

BEGINNING EMAIL - "What is Email and how do I use it?" You'll learn how to create a new email account using various applications and how to send, receive and manage email messages. Class is one, 2 hour session, from 8 AM - 10 AM. DATES: March 16, March 18, April 13, April 15, May 11, and May 13.

BEGINNING MICROSOFT WORD (VERSION 2003) - You'll learn how to write and edit a letter. You'll become familiar with how to navigate around the computer screen and copy and move blocks of text. Class is one, 2 hours session, from 8 AM - 10 AM. DATES: March 23, March 25, April 20, April 22, May 18, and May 20.

For further information contact: Lynn McCormick, Literacy, Marketing, and Outreach Services, 480 Greenley Rd, Sonora, CA 95370, (209)-533-5507 or lmccormick@co.tuolumne.ca.us www. tuolcolib.org



Winter Tales At Twain Harte Branch Library

BY LYNN MCCORMICK

n February 24th Winter Time Tales will again be presented at the Twain Harte Branch Library. This "sure cure for cabin fever" will bring the story telling talents of Cynthia Restivo to the families of the area. The one hour program begins at 3:00 PM and is a family event. "We are very excited to be presenting this fun event featuring the award winning Cynthia Restivo," stated Sharyn Alomia, the Library Assistant for the Twain Harte Branch Library. The renowned folksinger and storyteller Bill Roberson will conclude the series on March 24th. This program was generously sponsored by the Twain Harte Soroptimist International. The Twain Harte Branch Library is located at 18701 Tiffeni Drive, Suite 1F in Twain Harte. There is no preregistration for these events. For more information regarding these events please contact the Twain Harte Branch Library at (209) 586-4501. For further information contact: Lynn McCormick,Literacy, Marketing, and Outreach Services, 480 Greenley Rd, Sonora, CA 95370, (209)-533-5507 or Imccormick@co.tuolumne.ca.us, www. tuolcolib.org

Helping Hands Happenings BY JOYCE SMITH

heard about the power outages and snow January 19th, 20th and 21st. Can't really say sorry we missed it. It just happened my husband and I were out of town during that time. Oh well, it is winter and we do live in the foothills so it just goes with the territory. However the store was closed some or all of those days. Sorry for the inconvenience. We are going full speed now, green (for St. Patrick's Day) is showing in our window and store.

Can you believe it is March already? February is a short month, but where did it go? • We are still putting out winter clothes and having sales, sales, and sales. Don't miss out. Shop Often or at least come in and look around.

• Marie Dean was awarded the EXTRA MILE AWARD for February. This is an award started to recognize our volunteers for going above and beyond their usual work. Marie works in both front and back. She is so dedicated in keeping the Book Section (her department) organized and books neatly arranged by subject. She checks books for condition and content before putting them out. Our thanks to Marie for her time and interest and going the Extra Mile to make the Book Section a special area.

• Congratulations to our Students of the Month: Thoren Bradley, Senior at Tioga High School, Son of Sandy Bradley and J. W. Dauth, Fifth Grader at Tenaya Elementary, son of Kim and John Dauth of Groveland. We applaud both of you for your work and dedication.

• Clothing Giveaway. Mark your calendar for the Spring Clothing Giveaway on April 9th and 10th at the Community Hall from 10:00AM to 4:00PM.

See you at the barn or store.

One Ninety Restaurant

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THE TROUT ARE BACK

JAMES NAGLE, PRESIDENT, YOSEMITE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

nglers and HIGHWAY 120 and 108 Corridor Businesses can Rejoice! After the recent shutdown of the Moccasin Creek Fish Hatchery, The Trout are Back and the hatchery is up and running again producing plantable trout.

As you read this article the water will be back on and the trout on their way back from San Joaquin Fish Hatchery. On January 29th I attended the Stake holders meeting at Hetch Hetchy Administration building in Moccasin along with your 4th District Supervisor, John Gray, and Supervisor, Teri Murrison. Thanks to their efforts and the cooperation from the California Department of Fish and Game, San Francisco Power & Water, and Hetch Hetchy Power management, a plan is in place to save our fish. According to Tom Grove, Fish Hatchery Manager II: All Juvenile fish are coming back. All Lakes in our planting region, including Cherry Lake, are fully stocked and we are targeting opening day with about 60,000 lbs or approximately 120,000 fish to be planted in the rivers, streams and creeks...After that stocking will continue every other week or at least 1 time per month.

The next major shut down is the year 2013 according to San Francisco

Water and Power and will be for approximately 90 days. The Supervisors, Moccasin Creek Fish Hatchery, California Dept. of Fish & Game, Hetch Hetchy Power Management and the stakeholders have agreed to keep the next shutdown at the front of the table and are dedicated to having a plan in place by that time to continue Moccasin Creek Fish Hatchery operation's during the shutdown.



Quilters' Corner

34th Annual Columbia Wine Tasting Benefitting Culinary Arts Program BY BECCIE MICHAEL, DIRECTOR OF

DEVELOPMENT (209) 588-5055 his spring the Columbia College Foundation will host the 34th Annual Columbia Wine Tasting

- a benefit event that supports the Columbia College Culinary Arts Program, providing scholarships and essential program equipment. Featuring representatives from over 70 wineries, as well as delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared by culinary students and various local food purveyors, it is no wonder this premiere event is among the most popular spring activities in the Sierra foothills. This year's tasting will be held Sunday, April 18 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Columbia State Historic Park.

The college's growing culinary program, which prepares students for careers in various hospitality management-related positions, is accredited by the prestigious American Culinary Federation. "We can proudly claim that our graduates can be found in successful careers throughout the culinary world," said Gene Womble, the hospitality management program coordinator at the college. "We appreciate the support this event draws from the Mother Lode area and throughout the state; everyone has a wonderful time, and our program continues to thrive from the support that we receive."

Admittance is \$45 per person; reservations can be made by calling (209) 588-5089 or online at www.gocolumbia. edu -- click on "Columbia Wine Tasting" under "Calendar of Events."

ew and fun things are happening at the Pine Needlers Quilt Guild. Come on by and be a part of your community. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month (the 16th), at 6 p.m. under the library. We have a great couple of fun projects that we will be doing. Also show and tell and the ever popular cookies, too!

My thanks to the many Guild members who met at the Baptist Church to cut, sort and pack 6 and 8 inch squares into zip lock bags. These packets will be made into small quilts to be given to the Center For A Non-Violent Community for distribution, making a lot of little people very happy. Also many thanks to those who contributed squares and fabric for backings. If you would like to help with this community project just cut cotton or flannel fabric into 6 or 8 inch squares and get them to Sandy

BY SANDY SMITH

Smith, Lillian Cravens or any guild member. To quote Deana Medinas "That was a very freeing experience, no more not big enough pieces to do anything with."

In January I mentioned a quote regarding UFO'S. You are going to be hearing a lot about this word in the next few months. Ask Jean Cox about her commitment for the year 2010. You go, girl!

Here is some great advice from our very own Alex Anderson: Use blocks of time to finish a quilt. About 2/3 of the way into making a quilt, a lot of us run into "finish fatigue". So here are a few tips to help you stay focused. #1 Set aside a block of time every day and devote it to your project, even if it's just 30 minutes, #2 Give yourself a deadline and mark it on the calendar with a PEN! #3 Visualize the finished guilt in

your mind and feel the pride you'll feel when completed. Something to really consider.

Are you aware of the "One Million Pillowcase Challenge"? American Patchwork & Quilting is presenting this challenge. MAKE A PILLOWCASE MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Join quilters from around the nation today by making a pillowcase and donating it to charity. Check with Bearly Quilting for this year long event. Many incentives are available too.

I have a couple of websites for you to browse, dragonthreads.com and hearttohandonline.com. Enjoy browsing these sites.

Remember Tuesday the 16th is the guild meeting and Thursday the 18th we will meet at the Baptist church, from 1 - 4, to continue with our community outreach project. See you there.

California VVA State Council Leadership & Training **Conference In Fresno Is A** Success

∠ This conference was very successful and we're planning on doing it

again. It was beyond expectation" said Bob Johnston of San Martin, CA, president of the California State Council (CSC) of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). Besides the CSC, there were 68 members from San Diego to Northern California attending. The conference for chapter presidents, secretaries, and treasurers took the place of the CSC's regular meeting held in Fresno at the Downtown Holiday Inn guarterly.

According to Johnston, "We held the conference because chapter elections are coming up in April and it's important that these two positions know what their responsibilities are." The CSC plans to have more conferences like this for other positions with the chapters. The general consensus was to have them two or three times a year.

One of the more popular sessions was for training the treasurers in using Quicken. All the chapters attending received a copy of the new Quicken program. Central District Vice-President of the CSC, Dennis Croucher of Catheys Valley, CA said, "I think that the treasurers entering the digital age with their bookkeeping is a giant leap into the future for the organization."

The class on using Quicken was give by CSC Finance Committee Chair Barry Schloffel of Chapter 391 in Sonora. Schloffel plans to run for CSC treasurer at the June elections in Fresno. He is presently the treasurer for Chapter 391.

According to Dick Southern, CSC 2nd Vice-President, "I thought it was great that we had some women veterans at the conference and that at least two of them plan on running for office." Southern said that too few women join the VVA. Many women veterans think VVA is male-oriented.

At the board meeting on the day before the conference, according to CSC 1st Vice-President Ken Holybee of Forestville, the CSC named Bill Hodges of Oakland chairman of the Agent Orange Committee. Southern said that George Eldridge of Jamestown was named the Public Affairs Officer for CSC. He is also Public Affairs for Chapter 391 in Sonora.



I use two

telescopes when

astro-photographs.

The Great Globular Cluster in Hercules

BY EDDIE PAVLU, WWW.GROVELANDASTRO.COM



globular cluster is a spherical collection of stars. They are very tightly bound by gravity, which gives them their spherical shape and relatively high stellar densities toward their centers. Globular clusters tend to form in the outer regions of a galaxy and contain many more stars and are much older than the open clusters of stars that are found in the more central regions of a galaxy. Most globular clusters are moving in elliptical orbits that take them far outside their host galaxy. Globular clusters are fairly common; there are about 150 currently known globular

clusters in our galaxy - the Milky Way. It is believed that some giant galaxies may have as many as 10,000 globular clusters.

The "Great globular cluster in Hercules" (also known as M13) is one of the most prominent and best known globular clusters of the Northern celestial hemisphere. This cluster was discovered in 1714 by Edmond Halley (of Halley's Comet fame). It's about 25,000 light-years distant from earth and 145 light-years across. It contains several hundred thousand stars; although some experts estimate that it could contain over a million stars. The stars in M13 are thought be over 12 billion years old! An interesting bit of trivia is that globular cluster M13 was selected in 1974 as the target for one of the first radio messages addressed to possible extra-terrestrial intelligent races. This message was sent by the big radio telescope at the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico. The 1,679 bit pattern of 1's and 0's defined a 23 by 73 pixel bit-

map image that included numbers, stick figures, chemical formulas, and a crude image taking my of the telescope itself.

M13 is one of the best known deep sky objects

in the nighttime sky. It is just visible to the unaided eye under very dark conditions. Its bright stars and tight structure has made it a favorite target of both amateur and professional astronomers. Although it's a fine object in the smallest of telescopes, views of M13, like those of other globular clusters, greatly improve with each increase in a telescope aperture size. This is because the amount of light gathered by a telescope increases as a telescopes aperture size increases. Many people mistake the benefit of aperture size with magnification. While a larger size telescope

> can typically resolve higher magnifications, it's the light gathering capability of the aperture size that really dominates the breathtaking views in a telescope.

I created this image from a series of 6 separate photographs taken from Pine Mountain Lake that total 70 minutes of exposure time. Each individual photograph ranged between 10 and 15 minutes of exposure time. This was one of my first astrophotographs

and one in which manually "handguided" the telescope while the photographs were taken. I use two

telescopes when taking my astro-photographs. The "image scope", in this case an Orion ED 80 Refractor, has the camera attached to it - and the second is a "guide scope" that I use to keep the camera perfectly aligned on the object that I'm photographing. Hand-guided means that I control the movement of the telescope mount to make any adjustments while the camera shutter is open. I do this by placing and keeping a star centered within a special eyepiece that has cross hairs. Photographs that I don't "hand-guide" are often "auto-guided" with a separate camera that controls the movement of the telescope mount via a computer.

In the color version of this image, you can easily see the contrast of color between a blue giant star at 2 o'clock and a red giant at 6 o'clock. 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 to view a higher resolution version of the Great Globular Cluster in Hercules as well as my other astrophotography images.

Here are some more details about the image:

Date Images Captured: May 13, 2005 Mount: Celestron CGE German Equatorial Image Scope: Orion ED80 APO Refractor Guide Scope: Meade 10" SCT Reflector Guide Method: Manual Guided Imaging Camera: Modified Canon 300D (Digital Rebel) Total Exposure Time: 70 minutes





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Garrotte Lions Host St. Patrick's Day Dinner BY LION KAY GLAVES

he Garrotte Lions are having their annual St. Patrick's day corned beef and cabbage dinner at the Community Hall on Saturday, March 13, 2010. Dinner is served at 6pm, one seating only. Price is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children 12 years and under. A raffle offering fabulous raffle prizes is available. Advance tickets may be purchased from Lion members or contacting LION KAY GLAVES at 962-6769.

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Art for Our Children

o you have an appreciation for art and an understanding of the importance of art in our children's education? An opportunity to help our local students see famous art works and create their own art will be introduced this fall through the Art Docent Program.

The Art Docent Program will be provided by parents and community members once a month to Kindergarten through 6th graders. "In the Art Docent Program, parents and teachers bring portfolios of works of art to elementary classrooms and conduct discussions that open the students' eyes to the wonderful world of art. No art background required." The program uses copies of poster sized famous art pieces and it provides the description of the art concepts and skills required. Games and activities are outlined in addition to the use of a wide variety of media and techniques on art projects related to the lesson. All of this will help the students love and appreciate art.

Huge state budget cuts will affect almost every district in the state with reductions of teachers and programs. The teaching staff will be shrinking as well as the resources needed to provide programs for our littlest ones. At the same time the demands on our local schools to meet standards are rising. This requires our teachers to spend more time on the standards with less time available for other subjects like art and music. Our local elementary school needs our help providing art for our children.

Art docents, project helpers & fundraising efforts are all needed if you would like to be involved in this connection between art and children. You don't need to be an artist to be an art docent; this program was created for the average person to lead. If you would like to be a part of this parent/community group introducing and teaching art in the classrooms once a month please contact: Lori West at 962-5111, email at dougloriwest@sbcglobal.net or for more information about the program go to the website www.ArtDocentProgram.com.

Kindergarten Registration

enaya Elementary School is now making appointments for Kindergarten Registration. Tenaya will be holding the Registration on Wednesday, March 10th at Tenaya School Library.

Please bring the following: Your Child, Child's Birth Certificate, Social Security Number, Immunization Records, Proof of Residence, (by law record must be up to date to enter school). Please call 962-7846 ASAP for an appointment.

New Tioga Scholarship

he Community Scholarship Committee is preparing for a new scholarship for Tioga graduates next year. In their February meeting they decided to identify qualifying juniors this spring and help them prepare for college and trade school requirements and applications. This program is for students who don't have the top grades and may not have taken the college prep classes but who are really motivated now to work toward education and training after they graduate from Tioga.

Members of the committee will meet with the junior class at Tioga to explain the program and invite students to apply and then help them with the forms. Successful applicants will work with mentors from the community over the summer, and the committee hopes to find them summer jobs to add to their experience and to their savings.

Funds for the 4-year scholarships will come from local community service groups and special fundraising events. Members of the committee are Venus Columbini from the Rotary Club, Frank Oyung and Don Lustenberger from Lions, Sharon Volponi from Soroptimists, Carol Willmon from 4H and the EV

In need of office furniture?

BY SHELDON CROUSE

lioga High School has recently received tons of office furniture and there is more than we can use. If anyone is interested in this furniture please come by and make an offer. The furniture is like new and would look great in a home office or business. Please come by the Tioga High School office and speak with Cindy Green or you can call 209-962-4763. This would be a great way to support your local high school. Thank you so much for your time!

Free Church, with Barbara Broad from GAINs and Jim McClure, Counselor at Tioga. For more information, contact Barbara at grovelandgains@aol.com or 962-7730.

Students of the Month

Tioga High School



Name: Lisa Pennel Grade: 12 Hometown: Groveland Parents: Father Randy Pennel and Grandmother Darlene Pennel Person Nominating: Jimmie McClure, Guidance Counselor

Reason for Nomination:

Lisa has attended Tioga throughout her four year high school career. She has always been a little chatty and opinionated and we have come to expect this of our feisty animal advocate (who especially loves horses). Lisa has applied to UC Irvine, UC Davis, Chico State, Oregon State University and Southern Oregon University where she hopes to major in some form of veterinary medicine so that she can pursue a career in rehabilitating horses. Lisa has some big dreams. We all support her, however, in her endeavors.

She would like to own her own ranch with a barn (where she will live in the upstairs) and her horse rehab business will take place on the property and in the lower barn area. Lisa also has taken quite an interest in psychological counseling and criminal profiling; we are not sure how these all will go hand in hand, but the faculty and family of Lisa Pennel are convinced that she will make it happen. Lisa is an active member of AVID on campus and attributes much of her high school academic success to the teachers and the AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) program. AVID encourages students to challenge themselves with rigorous classes and stay focused and organized with AVID tips and associations that will guarantee entry to a four year college post high school.

We are all predicting that Lisa's dreams will come true because we have experienced her tenacious determination and drive and she wouldn't have it any other way!

Tenaya Elementary



Name: Jessica Davis Grade: Hometown: Groveland Parents Deborah & James Davis

Reason for Nomination:

Jessica is an exemplary student. She takes her job as a student seriously, maintaining a positive attitude and working hard to achieve her personal best. She demonstrates a mature sense of responsibility. Jessica's kind heart & considerate nature make it a pleasure to have her in class. She is the granddaughter of Daniel Licko of Jamestown.

COMMUNITY CORNER MOUNTAIN LUTHERAN CHURCH BY DOROTHY PARKER

he Easter Celebration is close at hand with the Lenten season having started on February 17, 2010.

As we journey through Lent we have many opportunities to develop greater devotion to the church and Christian Living. Fasting, prayer, sharing, acts of kindness and donations are among the many ways of preparing for Easter. Mountain Lutheran Church will be serving soup suppers February 23, March 2, March 9 and March 23, all on Tuesdays at 6 PM. The Holden Evening Prayer service and reflection on Psalms will be held at 7 PM. Pastor Ginger DuMars will conduct these services and everyone is invited to attend these Lenten Soup Suppers and worship services.

Other Easter activities planned for the Lenten Season will be the Community Choir's presentation of "Worthy-the Song of Ages" on Saturday and Sunday March 20 and March 21, 2010. This event will be held at the Evangelical Free Church on Ferretti Road. Most of the Groveland area churches will participate in this Joyful and beautiful music message.

Palm Sunday, March 28, is the first day of Holy Week. Good Friday services

will be held April 2 at noon at the Evangelical Free Church. Vesper services will be held at the 7th Day Adventist Church at 7 PM. They are located at 19585 Elder Lane, Groveland.

On Easter Day, April 14, Mountain Lutheran Church will host the 7 AM Easter morning Community Service. Their festive Easter Worship Service will be at 10 AM with special refreshments and fellowship following.

Christina and David Wilkinson were blessed with their first grandchild. The new parents are Brandyn and Emily Wilkinson of Mount Holly, New Jersey, whose baby girl, Aria Noelle Wilkinson, was born January 15, 2010 at 8 lbs. 3 oz. Her great grandparents are Judi and Bob Wilkinson.

Another first was Dorothy Parker's great-granddaughter who was born August 17, 2009 at 7 lbs. 7 oz. This beautiful baby girl was named Justus Diandrea Martin. Her parents are both named Jamie Martin and they live in Chico, California.

The new slate of officers leading this young, inspired church are President, Tom Carman; Vice Present, Tom Sweeney; Secretary, Mary Bruha; Treasurer, Elden Bruha; Financial Secretary, Stan Bruederle; Members at Large, Jean Cox and Dorine Smith. Our Pastors are Ralph Herman and Ginger DuMars.

Our Second Mile Giving for January went to Gideons International for printing and distributing bibles throughout the world. A representative of the Gideons, Bill Gunn, recently gave an inspiring and interesting talk on the work of the Gideons. Our Second Mile Giving for February went to Haiti through ELCA Disaster Response. A recent Second Mile Giving, and also one in March with other other Lutheran Churchs' donations went to Rwanda to help them build a school

and clinic. This Lutheran School was a long time in coming but classes finally started in February, 2010.

Most of the Lenten and Easter plans will be found on our Lutheran Web page – www.mountainlutheranchurch. org. You will also find community and club news on this handy web site.

Please mark your calendars for these special Easter services. And remember everyone is welcome at Mountain Lutheran Church located at 13000 Down to Earth Court, just off Ferretti Road, Groveland. Our Worship Service starts at 10 AM every Sunday morning.

Vacation Bible School BY PATRICIA HELLING

ur theme this year is Sonworld Adventure Park. Come 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

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Home Improvement Tips

Here are some ways on how to cut back on your home improvement costs:

1. Do your research

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2. Scout for the best quotes

If you will be hiring a professional repairperson, it is best to look for the best price quotes on home improvements. In this way, you will be able to anticipate the possible rates and charges, which will enable you to prepare the required amount.

3. Do the math

Before you start buying things that you need for your home improvement, it is best to have everything estimated.

Should you decide to seek the services of a professional repairperson, you will know how much it will take you to improve your home. You can't easily be fooled by any person because you know

exactly the cost of expenses.

Besides, having a rough estimate of your home improvement plans will enable you to control your expenses. You can focus on the areas that need to be prioritized. Once you have set a specific budget on it, you can now consider the other areas without having to spend more than what you can afford.

4. Decide whether you can do it yourself or you should hire a professional

If you want to save more on your home improvements, it is best to decide if you can do the project yourself or you really need to hire a professional.

It is unwise to assume that you can do the job just to trim down your expenses, where in fact, you don't have the slightest idea how to start the job.

Insisting to do the job yourself will only end up to waste or destruction. It is best to hire a professional if you really want to save on your home improvement.

5. Ask for recommendations

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6. Find the best contractor

If you wish to save on home improvements through contractors, it is best to hire the best. You can do this by checking on your contractor's capabilities and certifications. In this way, you can be sure that the services you pay are reliable and efficient.

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