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## President's Message

BY BRIAN SWEENEY • PMLA BOARD PRESIDENT

As we go into December the weather has certainly changed. We had snow in November with the temperatures dropping down into the 30's in the mornings. Our Maintenance staff has done an excellent job, clearing the roads and maintaining our golf course.

The 2013 Budget and assessment were finalized at the November Board meeting. The Board, management, and Budget and Finance Committee put in a lot of work on the budget in an effort to keep our assessment as reasonable as possible. The final amount was close to the same as 2012.

Unfortunately, I could not give my "aye" vote to approve the 2013 Budget as I felt we could do more to cut labor costs and benefits. Nevertheless, I understand that governing a large-scale homeowners association is a team effort and my fellow Board members, management, and the Budget and Finance Committee worked very hard on your behalf. To that end, I am committed to working with our management team to come up with ways to further reduce employee medical benefit costs to our Association. I have been brainstorming some ideas with management and believe we have a reasonable plan that my fellow Board members will feel comfortable implementing.

Unfortunately, PML has seen a continuation of lot mergers and as a result, the final 2013 assessment will be \$1.00 more per month. If there had been no lot mergers this year, it is my opinion that we would have seen no increase in our assessment for next year. This is the main reason why we have pushed so hard to get the CC&R revision passed. If passed, it will effectively end the continued deterioration of our assessment base from lot mergers. If you have not voted on this revision, please vote YES!

The good news is; if you pay your annual assessment in full at the start of the year, you still receive a \$60 discount.

#### The 2013 Budget includes:

A carryover of \$100K in operational surplus from 2012

A decrease in overall headcount for PML from 2012

A restructuring in the Annual Golf Fees to better suit our membership

Equipment to help reduce speeding within PML

\$5K to investigate the viability of a year-round swimming pool

Continued funding to replace the deteriorating Marina Store/Café

Maintenance of our current infrastructure with NO increase to our reserve contribution

I am happy with what we have been able to achieve, but unhappy with the overall economic situation as I would have liked to see no increase in our assessment this year. We had to make some tough choices and in the end, the Board had to weigh member service against increase in assessment.

I can assure you that the Board and management team will continue to strive to operate our Association as cost-effectively as possible. While we have made some inroads to cutting labor costs without affecting member service, we are always looking at other



ways to improve the bottom line.

We are currently involved in the Labor Contract negotiations with our union employees which is due to expire December 31, 2012. Given the economic climate as it is, we are hopeful we will come to a suitable agreement for both parties before this contract expires. We have a strong negotiation team who will do a good job representing our homeowners. Hopefully I will have an update on this in January's article.

Please continue your support to all our amenities and PLEASE drive safely, slowly with respect to others on the road as well.

Until next month, see you on the Course!

## 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-come-first-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.

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# General Manager's Message

BY JOE POWELL, CCAM, CMCA, AMS, GENERAL MANAGER

## DAM GATE EXERCISE SUCCESSFUL

I am pleased to report that our annual dam gate exercise was successful. Each year we exercise the hydraulic dam gates in accordance with California Division of Dam Safety regulations. The purpose of the dam gate exercise is to ensure that the hydraulic systems are working properly and to release water from the bottom of the lake.

Over the year, the lake accumulates hydrogen sulfide, as plant life and other materials break down. It is important to release the hydrogen-sulfide laden water to keep our lake healthy. This year, a little less than two feet was released and this should be recovered with the winter and spring rainfall.

## 2013 BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT MAILING

After months of work and review, the 2013 Budget, Assessment and Fee Schedule were approved by the Board of Directors. In an effort to save money we are combining the budget and assessment materials in the same package.

Members with multiple properties will receive one complete package and then additional assessment mailings as applicable. Members should receive the budget/assessment packages by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Members who chose to "Opt-In" this year and receive their documents by email will receive their parking stickers and tags by mail, but the rest of the material will arrive by email.

If for some reason you do not receive the mailing by that date, please contact Debra Durai at (209) 962-8627 and she will be happy to assist you.

## CC&R'S REVISION STATUS UPDATE

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, the PML Inspector of Elections conducted a count of the second balloting for the CC&R Revision. As of the November meeting, PML received a quorum, but not the necessary 51% approval by the members to adopt. Given the high rate of approval of voting members, Association Counsel recommended

proceeding with an additional and final re-ballot. These ballots will only be sent to those members who did not vote in the first two balloting processes. We encourage all members who did not vote to please vote YES for the CC&R Revision.

We have tentatively scheduled a Special Meeting on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Lodge. The meeting will start promptly at 9 a.m. If we receive enough returned ballots, we will hold a final vote count. If not, the current CC&R's will remain in effect.

For those members who cannot attend, we will provide the final vote count on the PML website and publish it in the January issue of the PML News.

## PML FINANCIAL WEBPAGE

The PML Website contains a lot of useful information for our members. One of the pages provides detailed financial information such as the fee schedule, annual report, pro-forma budget, collection policy, house charge and automatic debit and credit payment authorization. We used to include a summarized version of the monthly financials. We changed this to include a detailed version of the monthly financials so that members have easy access 24-hours a day. This will save our members and staff time, and PMLA money in printing and mailing costs.

## SAFE WINTER DRIVING

The winter season brings with it rain, ice and snow. It is important

that all members and guests follow the speed limit and also slow down during inclement weather. Road conditions should be used as an indicator of speed. Be aware of the ramifications of icy road conditions while traveling downhill and around corners. If you are stopped around a turn in the roadway on a cold and icy day, you run the risk of causing an accident. I have seen many of our members and guests stopped in the road admiring a deer or squirrel, oblivious to the risk they are taking. On-coming traffic may not be able to stop in time to avoid your vehicle.

Our staff works very hard to keep our roads clear and safe to use. Please obey all traffic laws, observe the 25 mph. speed limit and watch for deer and pedestrians. Speeding, blowing through stop signs without slowing down or stopping, driving in the wrong lane and not watching for pedestrians are the usual complaints. Many deer vs. vehicle accidents can be avoided by obeying the speed limit.

One of our members reminded me recently that another issue is the "Road Hog" or driver that uses the middle of the road or other lane. Most roads within PML are narrow in comparison to County and State roads. It is important to be extra diligent to stay in the proper lane. Please do your part and help keep PML safe for everyone.

On behalf of my management team and Association staff, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

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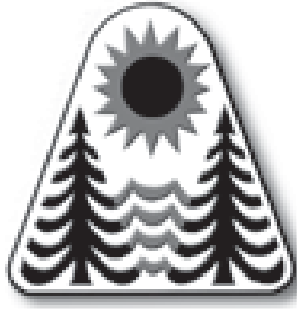
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CHRISTMAS**

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New Year's Eve**

TUES. 1/1/13

NEW YEAR'S DAY



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The PML News is mailed to approximately 3500 PML property owner households each month. Up to 500 copies are rack-sold in the local Groveland area. Our circulation reaches approximately 1200 full-time, resident, PML property owners and approximately 2300 "weekender," non-resident, property owners who maintain primary residence in Northern California, in Southern California, or in other states. For more information regarding the PML News, please call the PML Administration Office at (209) 962-8600.

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Meetings are held at the  
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(Unless otherwise noted)

**DECEMBER 15TH**  
(Tentative)

JANUARY 19TH

FEBRUARY 16TH

MARCH 16TH

APRIL 20TH

MAY 18TH

JUNE 15TH

AUGUST 17TH

Annual Meeting/Election

SEPTEMBER 14TH

2nd Saturday

OCTOBER 26TH

Budget Meeting

(4th Saturday-Begins at 8AM)

NOVEMBER 9TH

(2nd Saturday)

NO DECEMBER MEETING

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**PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION**  
**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND REVENUES AND EXPENSES**  
For The Ten Months Ended October 28, 2012

OPERATION OF AMENITIES	Revenues					Expenses				Budget (NET COST) INCOME	Variance Bud - Act
	Members' Assessments Net of Discount	User Fees	Sales, Net of Cost of Sales	Miscellaneous Income	Total Revenues	Total Expenses	(Cost)/Income Before Depreciation	Depreciation Expense	(NET COST) INCOME		
Golf Course	\$ -0-	\$ 777,406	\$ 30,901		\$ 808,307	\$ 1,069,827	\$ (260,720)		\$ (260,720)	\$ (259,796)	(924)
Restaurant & Bar	-0-	5,660	563,043		568,703	886,467	(317,764)		(317,764)	(310,201)	(7,563)
Marina	-0-	203,925	98,297		302,222	397,612	(95,390)		(95,390)	(94,993)	(397)
Snack Shack	-0-		27,394		27,394	47,520	(20,126)		(20,126)	(21,458)	1,332
Stables	-0-	53,695		2,690	56,385	161,600	(105,215)		(105,215)	(106,419)	1,204
Recreation	-0-	56,799	5,688		62,487	89,545	(27,058)		(27,058)	(34,453)	7,395
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	-0-	23,065		620	23,685	1,244,587	(1,220,902)		(1,220,902)	(1,293,660)	72,758
<b>PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES</b>											
Safety	-0-	42,573		1,385	43,958	674,285	(630,327)		(630,327)	(691,604)	61,277
Administration	-0-	128,331		5,085	133,416	1,098,302	(965,086)		(965,086)	(1,023,063)	57,976
<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>											
Assessments	3,959,429			59,028	4,018,457	117,548	3,900,909	621,950	3,278,959	3,305,715	(26,756)
<b>Totals</b>	\$ 3,959,429	\$ 1,291,454	\$ 725,323	\$ 68,808	\$ 6,045,014	\$ 5,786,693	\$ 258,321	\$ 621,950	\$ (363,629)	\$ (529,931)	166,302

**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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**CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 10 Months Ended Oct. 28, 2012**

	TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS	NEW CAPITAL ADDITIONS FUND	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL
<b>2012 Beginning Fund Balances</b>	\$ 898,416	\$ 21,819	920,235
Interest Income	882	8	890
Bank Fees/Discounts Taken	482		482
Assessments Earned	1,493,496 <sup>(1)</sup>	(7,355) <sup>(2)</sup>	1,486,141
Income Tax Expense			-
<b>PURCHASES BY AMENITY</b>			
Golf Course	(41,532)		(41,532)
Country Club	(15,910)		(15,910)
Bar	(773)		(773)
Marina	(39,496)	(1,272)	(40,768)
Snack Shack			-
Swim Center			-
Stables	(23,969)		(23,969)
Recreation	(32,731)		(32,731)
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	(87,428)	(5,340)	(92,768)
<b>PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES</b>			
Safety	(28,769)		(28,769)
Administration	(24,769)		(24,769)
Non-Capital Reserve Expenses	(1,148,922)		(1,148,922)
<b>Total transfer to Operating Fund for property and equipment additions and reserve expenses</b>	(1,444,299)	(6,612)	(1,450,911)
<b>Adjusted Fund Balances</b>	\$ 948,977	\$ 7,860	\$ 956,837

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

- (1) The Budgeted Reserve Fund assessment for 2012 is \$1,792,195
- (2) The Budgeted New Capital Additions Fund assessment for 2012 is -\$7,355

# PMLA Money Matters

BY KEN SPENCER, ASSOCIATION CONTROLLER

With the Association’s budget for 2013 approved by the Board of Directors at the November 10 open meeting we know that the assessment for 2013 is \$1,896 (\$1,836 if you pay in full before January 31, 2013). This is a small \$1/month increase over the 2012 assessment. This represents a less than 1% increase (actually .6%). With the CPI (Consumer Price Index) rising 2.6% our 2013 assessment is well below that figure.

A huge concern to many property owners is the level of the assessment. Even with our efforts to control the level of assessment the questions about where assessment dollars go and why they continue to increase remain. In fact it is probably the number one concern that I hear from many of you.

The basic type of question about assessments concerns the overall level of the assessment and what members “get” for their dollars. This is particularly true of property owners who are not full time PMLA residents. Unfortunately there is no easy answer to either of these issues.

As with most complex questions the answers are just as complex.

Why do assessments go up? The simple answer is that things cost more from one year to the next. It’s called inflation. If all the things we do each year never changed (a completely unrealistic assumption) then assessments would rise by the level of inflation (generally in the range of about 3%). Unfortunately other things affect assessment levels. Not the least of which is the age of some of our facilities. As just about everything else it costs more to maintain a 40+ year old building or amenity than it does one that is brand new or even just a few years old.

“Pay me now or pay me later.” We all remember this phrase from numerous commercials. Unfortunately PMLA for many years chose the latter option. We can no longer keep putting off the kinds of maintenance and repair items that for many years kept assessments artificially low. Pay me later has become pay me now!

Our Reserve Funds are at an

unacceptably low level and need to be increased so that the types of major expenses on our horizon can be paid for when needed and not put off and passed on to the next group of property owners. Fortunately your Board of Directors has wisely decided to continue the long process of building up a sufficient level of Reserve Funding in the coming years. It is important to note that there is no increase in the Reserve contribution contained in the 2013 Budget.

This often leads to a related question that goes something like, “Why should I pay into a fund that is for something I may never see or use in the future?” My answer to this question is that these funds in reality go to pay for the use that members have already received and simply maintain all of PMLA in the condition it was in years past.

Finally the concern from many property owners who do not live at PML is that their assessment goes up and yet they get “no fair amount of benefit from these payments”.

Assessments are not based on the level of amenity usage but simply on the fact that one owns/lives in Pine Mountain Lake. Look at it as a bit of insurance for the value of owning property in PML. If our facilities were not maintained then it is likely that less prospective buyers would be interested in purchasing here.

Please be assured that the Board and management team at PML continue to work hard and find ways to save money and get the job done in the most efficient and cost effective way possible. It is our responsibility to keep Pine Mountain Lake the beautiful place to live that all of you have come to know and enjoy.

Well that’s it for this month. If you have any PMLA Money Matters you would like to see discussed in this column in the future please drop me a line at [controller@pinemountainlake.com](mailto:controller@pinemountainlake.com) or give me a call at 962-8606. Thanks for reading and I hope you find this monthly discussion helpful and at least a bit informative.

## PML SAFETY REPORT

October – YTD		October – YTD		October – YTD		October – YTD					
Guest Passes Issued	1018	15631	Water Main Shut Off	0	2	- Monitoring Ctrl Burn	0	4	Vehicle – Citation Issued	0	18
Vendor Passes Issued	219	1633	Escorting Vehicle	10	161	- Non-compliance	0	6	Parking Warning	0	0
Temporary Resident Passes Issued	95	4163	Report Writing	2	67	Hazard	2	87	Towed	0	0
Vehicles Admitted	7297	118298	Gate - Related	33	324	Hazard - Tree Down	0	5	Marking Tires	0	0
Vehicles Refused Entry	264	3397	- Tamper	1	4	Suspicious Circumstance	22	328	Accident PML	0	15
Phone Calls Received	3226	56919	- Follow Through	3	38	Suspicious Person	7	132	Patrolling Unit	315	3020
Residential Alarm	14	110	- Malfunction	6	115	Suspicious Vehicle	9	74	Amenity Security Check	2529	23035
Amenity Alarm	12	75	- Struck by Vehicle	0	26	VRBO Violation	0	5	Resident Security Check	296	3619
Animal Related	26	330	Unauthorized Use of Gate Card	1	27	Campground Envelopes Collected	104	542	Opening/Closing Buildings	406	3561
Animal - Loose	12	211	Confiscated Gate Access Card	5	36	Campground Dump Station	4	55	Opening/Closing Gates	384	3507
- Impounded	4	63	Mess/Pkg P/U or Delivery	35	367	Residential Disturbance	5	56	Posting Tennis	60	585
- Dead/Injured	12	169	Posting Flyers	123	854	Amenity Burglary	0	1	Monitoring Tennis Courts	1	25
- Disturbance	15	118	Posting Stop Work Orders	0	0	Residential Burglary	2	6	Personal Injury PML Property	1	13
Dispatch Assist	91	1182	ECC Inspection	0	1	Grand Theft	0	3	Personal Injury PML Employee	0	3
Patrol Assist	322	2734	Miscellaneous	36	446	Petty Theft	1	20	Weapon Violation	4	14
Complaint-Non PML Regulations	3	27	Scanner Traffic	26	222	Malicious Mischief	1	7	Amenity Bank Deposit P/U	15	346
Complaint-PML Regulations	9	124	Emergency Vehicle entering PML	33	267	Trespassing	0	7	Deposit Delivered to Bank	8	123
Public Assist Misc.	81	257	Lost and Found	5	73	Law Violations - All Other	2	14	Deposit Delivered to Administration	12	63
Welfare Check	2	26	Fire Safety - Patrol Assist	0	5	Law Violations - TCSD	0	5	Patrol Vehicle - Maintenance	6	57
Transport	1	21	Fire Safety Violation	2	24	Malicious Mischief - Vandalism	2	20	Patrol Vehicle - Safety Check	122	1098
Civil Stand-by	0	0	Control Burn Reported	2	620	Property Damage - PML	0	27	Fixed Post	3	48
Traffic Hazard	0	4	Permissive Burn Day	8	123	Property Damage - Resident	3	8	Courtesy Notice Issued	6	70
Traffic Control	1	12	Non Permissive Burn Day	23	182	Training/Meeting	3	29	Notice of Trespass Violation Issued	0	1
Water Leak	3	68	Fire Safety - Hazard	0	10	PML Reg Violations Resident	3	81	Tennis Fees Collected	\$65.00	\$1,785.00
Jump Start	2	43	Fire Safety - Smoke Complaint	1	28	PML Reg Violations Guest	2	55	All Other Fees Collected	\$2,720.32	\$97,383.24

## Shades of Green

BY ALAN MACDONALD, GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving meal that followed an enjoyable round of golf with family and friends.

The projects that are planned for winter and early spring are:

Tree trimming – remove lower hanging limbs for improved irrigation coverage and to allow our mowing equipment to get under the trees. Remove a dead digger pine on hole #7 and a few other trees that are dead or dying.

Irrigation improvements – We have over 1,700 sprinklers on the course. A portion of these are adjustable part circles that do not make a complete revolution. Most of these

are located around greens and the perimeters of our property. Some were put in to eliminate the water under our oak trees. The majority of sprinklers are full circles and these make a full revolution. In order to improve playing conditions in certain areas with improved irrigation neither of these sprinklers are a good choice. We will pick out a few areas to improve with sprinklers that will allow us to give one area plenty of water and not get the area nearby unplayable. We might try multiple smaller sprinklers or a second part circle for better water control. One area we will target first is along #3 as we approach the green and closer to the green near the left approach. The pine tree to the left draws a lot of water away from the turf and it is on a steep slope that faces south. Less than 40 feet away is the shade from a large oak and the terrain is fairly

flat, so you can see the challenge of keeping playable turf in both locations with one type of sprinkler. Improved irrigation along with multiple aerations of these locations will see better playing conditions and healthier turf. We will also be raising and leveling sprinklers for improved coverage.

Behind the scenes we will have a service to our pump stations and conduct a pressure test in the field as part of that service. Proper water pressure, level sprinklers, and good performing nozzles are all parts of a fine tuned irrigation system. Next year our new irrigation system will be 14 years young.

Drainage projects – We are in year two of improving our failed galvanized culverts around the course. We will do improvements to the drainage under #6 fairway and in front of the driving range tee that runs across #10 fairway. Both these locations receive water from nearby road surfaces.

As we perform these projects we will be working on fall cleanup and winter storm damage cleanup. {I HOPE WE HAVE A WINTER}

In last month's article I had mentioned that golf maintenance had a full time staff of 11.7. That was an error as our F.T.E. is 10.7 and has remained around that for the last six or seven years. The .7 is when Eddie doesn't work hard!

Enjoy December and the spirit of the holiday season.

Talk to you in 2013.



## NOTICE TO PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE MEMBERS

The Boat Racks at Dunn Court and the Marina are now available for rental during the off-season. These racks are for kayaks and canoes and rent for \$20 per month. If you are interested in renting a rack or need more information, please contact Ivonne Deckard at (209) 962-8600

## Golf Shop Talk

BY EVAN BOONE, HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Hello Pine Mountain Lake Golfers. Winter is officially here as we received our first snow day of the year. Unfortunately it cancelled our Turkey Shoot but it did go away just in time for the Veterans Tournament. I'd like to thank Tom Bickmore and all his helpers for putting on a great event. Tom puts in a huge amount of time and effort for this event and its shows in a first class event. Thank you Tom!!

We are now doing shotguns every day at 11 A.M. to give the grounds time to thaw. As winter greets us on the golf course we need to be careful out there. Please be aware of and watch your step for slick or frozen spots. Also, please be extra careful when driving the golf carts down any steep cart paths or on any steep hills. Let's all get through the winter with our fingers and toes intact!!

As many of you know we have initiated talks to change the combo tees. Almost from my first day here folks came to me with concerns about them. We have had several meetings

with heads of the committees and players in general and I am in agreement that some simple changes will make it a better golf course in all regards. The first idea is to eliminate the men's black/gold combo and replace it with a gold/purple combo. Simple fact is that very few people play either the Black tees or the black/gold combo. I'm sure that a gold/purple combo will interest more folks. The other idea is to change a few of the purple/green tees and to relocate a couple of the purple markers in an effort to not only make it an overall easier course but also a better one. If at any time anyone would like to come see me to talk about the proposed changes please do so.

Lastly, a little change to our Holiday hours this year. We will be closed both New Years Day and Christmas Day. There simply is just not enough activity to justify opening on either day. Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to all!!



**PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE  
GOLF SHOP**



**NEW IN 2012**

**MEMBERSHIP HAS  
ITS REWARDS!**

**PML PROPERTY OWNERS/MEMBERS  
RECEIVE**

**15% OFF GLOVES**

**20% OFF GOLF BAGS**

**20% OFF HEADWEAR**

**25% OFF ACCESSORIES**

**PLUS YOUR USUAL  
15% OFF CLOTHING  
& SHOES**

**DISCOUNTS ARE OFF OF  
FULL RETAIL PRICES**






# BOARD ACTION(S) VOTING RECORD: Election Year 2012-2013

September 22, 2012 Regular Board Meeting – Agenda Items	Board Members*					COMMENTS	
SHOULD THE BOARD...	B.S.	I.M.	J.D.	R.M.	B.L.		COSTS
approve minutes of July 21, 2012 Annual Members Meeting?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
approve minutes of September 22, 2012 Annual Members Meeting?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
approve Pre Liens on properties with delinquent assessments?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6 Accounts	
change annual Golf fees on approved 2013 Fee Schedule?	Y	N	N	Y	N	Motion Failed	
approve \$5,000 for investigation into year-round pool?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		\$5,000
						Total APPROVED Golf Donations this meeting (Retail Value)	\$0
						Total APPROVED Other Donations this meeting (Retail Value)	\$0
						<b>Total APPROVED Expenditures (This Meeting)</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
* BS=Brian Sweeney   IM=Ian Morcott   JD=Jerry Dickson   RM=Ron Maguire   BL=Bruce Lay   A=Abstained   /=Absent							
<b>MINORITY VOTES HIGHLIGHTED</b>							

## Balloting for Second Restated Declaration of Restrictions (CC&Rs)

The Annual Meeting of the Members and election was held on Saturday, August 18, 2012. The required quorums for the election of directors and the Bylaws revision were achieved. The quorum required to amend the First Restated Declaration of Restrictions was not achieved. The Board of Directors exercised its right to extend the voting deadline to November 9, 2012. A quorum was achieved with this extended balloting deadline. However, the return envelope on some of the ballots cast was not executed properly. The Board of Directors is exercising its right to extend the voting deadline a final time, to December 14, 2012, to give the entire membership a chance to be heard.

The election results show that the majority of Members are in favor of the Second Restated Declaration. We need just 421 more affirmative votes to pass this revision.

If you receive a 3rd Ballot, your ballot was either not received or was not executed properly to be counted.

**YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT. Please help us adopt this important restatement.**

**Please vote Yes on the Second Restated Declaration of Restrictions.**

## PMLA Long Range Planning Committee Seeking Members

The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) mission is to maintain a high quality of life in and around PML for the long term and to supply the finest facilities possible with the minimum financial burden to the Property Owners. The LRPC performs periodic Property Owner surveys and utilizes the information gained to further its mission. The group makes recommendations on priorities for maintenance, improvements, and

replacements of amenities to the PMLA Board of Directors and homeowners. If you would like to serve your community in this capacity please complete a Committee Application Form (available on the PML website or at the Administration Office) and return it to the Administration Office. If you have questions about the LRPC or wish to send a comment please contact the LRPC by email at [lrpc@pinemountainlake.com](mailto:lrpc@pinemountainlake.com).

## Horsing Around at The Stables

BY LESTER SCOFIELD, STABLES MANAGER

We have had our first snow at the stables. The horses here do not really mind the cold weather as much as you would think. Some of them get warm blankets at night time and the ones with good winter coats don't need them. Sometimes when it is either snowing or raining they will stand out in the weather even when they can come in out of the weather. During the cold times of the year some of the horses get a little extra to eat which also helps them stay warm.

By the time you read this month's paper all of the barn walls, office and announcers stand repair work should be complete. I was not expecting all of the snow and rain in the month of November but we will work around it. Thankfully most of this work is being done under the barn roof which allows work to continue even in the bad weather.

As manager of the stables I try to keep up with improvements here at the stables as this amenity is over forty years

old. It takes planning and budgeting to make this happen. I always try to make the best choices for the PML property owners and the horse owners when I make choices as to what and when things get done.

Yes, it is winter time now, but we also start booking events for next year as we try to stay ahead of the game when spring, summer and fall get here next year. If you would like to book the stables for your public or private event please give us a call.

The stables would like to invite all property owners out to the see what we have and what we can offer them. We still get some people out here that say they never have seen what we have to offer them. When they do see it, they cannot believe that PML has such a nice stables facility.

With the cold weather here, it is time to remember all of your pets and their needs as the warm weather turns cold.

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

**GOLF COURSE & PRO SHOP**  
Christmas Day and New Year's Day

**THE GRILL**  
Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve  
(closed for Lunch and regular Dinner on Dec 31st, OPEN for NYE Dinner Party)  
Open beginning at 11am on January 1st for lunch

**THE 19TH HOLE LOUNGE**  
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

## Grounds and Landscapes

BY TOM MOFFITT, MAINTENANCE MANAGER

The final article on Pine Mountain Lake Association's Maintenance Department sub-departments is our Grounds crew.

We have two full-time Grounds personnel who are dedicated to maintaining our grounds, landscaping, and seasonal recreation areas. Twenty year veteran Steve Sawyer is the lead grounds worker on maintaining our irrigation systems, landscapes, grounds, tennis courts, play grounds, and grassy lawns. Additional workers are teamed with Steve to keep our grounds in good working order. Trash, garbage, and the debris removal are foremost. When you get to the end, you go back to the beginning, and start all over again.

The Grounds Department's work is spread through-out all our amenities, performing daily tasks and weekly duties each and every day. Seasonal weather changes impact the tasks, and labor hours are adjusted to meet the demands. One of the largest components of our grounds maintenance has been collecting and disposal of garbage. During the summer months, with more visitors, trash and garbage gets huge. With the fall months, it is pine needles and leaves, a constant vigil. The winter has workers de-icing walkways, shoveling snow, working on hardscape projects, and irrigation work. Early spring is herbicide spraying and lawn preparations, spring plantings, then the pollen storms arrive, masks go on, hoses come out, let the battle begin.

By the time we get the pollen washed down, and the winter debris

removed, the weeds come back with a vengeance. Keeping green plants green, weeds brown and gone, is a constant battle for the grounds crew. Timing is everything when treating weeds and grasses in early spring and in into the summer; a systemic treatment properly applied, will provide a bountiful roundup of invasive weeds and plants, pun intended. The Grounds Crew has a plethora of sprayers and applicators to wage this war. Proper weather and applications will save hours of hand work later. Ignore the early signs of pre-emergence, the invasive species, and any healthy landscape becomes a weed garden.

The local Canada Geese are now the grounds workers number one pest, topping the deer and gophers combined. These illegal aliens, no longer itinerate creatures, who continue to assault our grass lawns and beaches to no end, know no boundaries. A special appreciation goes out to the many PML personnel who are involved with clearing our recreation areas of dreaded goose poop each and every day. The use-to-be migratory birds eat the grass lawns down to the dirt, like sheep with wings, amazing. A special thanks to all the property owners who also donate their time to discourage the birds from retiring here.

The PML Grounds Crew exercises due diligence at keeping our amenities landscape looking natural, a few accent plantings here and there, and a splash of color when the seasons change - virtute et armis.

### PAINT DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Kelly-Moore Paint Company has been serving Pine Mountain Lake for 40 years. They want to remind PML property owners of the discount program that has been established for them. This program offers a generous discount on Kelly-Moore paint and accessories such as rollers, brushes, tape, caulk, etc. Delivery is available on orders of 10 gallons or more. This special discount opportunity is available with proof of Pine Mountain Lake membership (Member ID Card) on a cash or credit/debit card basis only (no checks please).

Although this program was initiated through the Sonora store, it will be honored at any Kelly-Moore Paint Company store.

If you are interested in this discount program, please call the PML Administration Office at (209) 962-8600 for further information.

## Community Standards

BY DENNIS PIPAL, COMMUNITY STANDARDS DIRECTOR

### PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

I continue to receive complaints about the driving habits of our residents, guests, contractors and vendors. This is very frustrating because we are all at risk of a devastating wreck.

Traffic control is a police function and as you know, with the cuts in resources at the County and State level, it's a challenge to have police respond to a serious crime let alone a violation like a speeding citation.

The type of driving complaint varies from speeding and running stop signs, to passing over a double line. Needless to say all of these create a hazard for walkers, children and animals.

We can all change this trend by setting a good example. 25mph is the speed limit within PML except for Ferretti Rd which is 35mph. If you see someone who is blatantly ignoring our speed limits or driving in some other ridiculous fashion, please call the main gate and report it. If you can get a license plate number we can send a letter letting them know we are watching them and any additional complaints will result in a monetary fine. At the very least a description of the vehicle and any markings on it would be very helpful.

### NEEDLES AND LEAVES

As we move into the fall and winter season, do not rake up those needles and leaves into piles and try to burn them. First of all, it's good for the soil to leave them on the ground in the winter season plus it is good erosion control. Second, our

number one smoke complaint comes from burning needles and leaves. They never seem to dry out when they are in piles and trying to burn anything that has moisture in it is going to create a smoky mess in the neighborhood.

When the fire season begins next May we are going to ask you to remove all needles and leaves within 30' of your structures and take them to the compost dump. This is a CalFire requirement, so put this on your agenda. We have been weak in this area and it will be a major focus of our fire safety efforts next May and June.

### BURN PERMITS

Just a reminder...your burn permit is valid for 5 years so no need to get another permit this year. If you are new to the burning process you can obtain a permit at the main gate or the admin office and be sure to watch the "Be Ready, Be Safe" fire safety video at [www.pinemountainlake.com/firesafety](http://www.pinemountainlake.com/firesafety) before you light that match. Have your permit in hand and be sure to call the main gate to see if it's a burn day as determined by the Tuolumne County Air Quality Control Board.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** CalFire may require a burn permit also. They are available at the Groveland Fire Station.

And last, visit the new Community Standards tab at [www.pinemountainlake.com](http://www.pinemountainlake.com). We have put together a quick reference guide about the most common violations of our governing documents.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Please note the hours of operation for the following amenities:

### COMPOSTING

**April thru October – Tues thru Sat – 9am to 5pm**  
**November thru March – Tues thru Sat – 8am to 4pm**

### ARCHERY RANGE

**Hours of operation are the same as Composting**

### GUN RANGE

**Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday – 10am to 4pm**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Hours may vary depending on weather conditions, safety concerns, or other situations beyond control. Archery and Gun Range users must check-in with compost attendant.

**HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.**

**Call the Main Gate at 209-962-8615.**

# ALL PMLA HOMEOWNERS EMAIL OPT-IN PROGRAM

The Association is pleased to offer a money saving program available to all PMLA property owners. This program allows you to receive many of the documents we are required to provide to you via email. This option is important because:

- **Cost Savings** – The Association is spared the expense of printing and mailing many documents

to those property owners who sign up.

- **Environmental Savings** – Less paper means less trash and reduced damage to the environment both in the disposal and production of paper and envelopes.
- **Reduced Clutter** – By receiving documents via email there is less

paper for you to deal with. All documents can be saved on your computer and viewed at your discretion.

- **Timely Receipt** – Documents sent electronically are received in minutes as opposed to the days it takes for regular mail to arrive.

If these sound like good reasons to

you, please sign up for the Document Email Program today using the attached form. Simply return the completed form to the Administration office at your convenience.

If you have any questions on this program please feel free to give us a call (962-8600) and we will be happy to explain the details and the advantages.

## PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION EMAIL STATEMENT AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AUTHORIZATION FORM

Please review and sign below to agree to the Terms and Conditions as presented.  
**Agreement To Terms and Conditions:**

Please enroll me in the Pine Mountain Lake Association (“PMLA”) email statement and required documents service (“email statement and documents”). I understand that there is no charge for using this service. This document forms the basis of the agreement between a property owner and PMLA in relation to the use of email statements and other required documents.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

**1. EMAIL ENROLLMENT**

- a. By enrolling or registering for the email statement and document service, you agree to receive your PMLA statements and other PMLA documents via electronic mail (email). This includes, but is not limited to, any and all legally required documents that you are entitled to received as detailed in the California Civil Code (Section 1350.7), the California Corporations Code (Section 20), the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act and Pine Mountain Lake Association governing documents.
- b. By enrolling, you acknowledge and agree that email statements and documents are a courtesy service and regardless of whether you receive any email statements or documents, you agree to pay all assessments and/or other charges to PMLA in a timely fashion and in conformance with the governing documents of PMLA.
- c. By registering and completing the required form, you are considered enrolled. As soon as possible you will begin receiving your statement via email and no other statement will be provided through the postal service or other written form.
- d. After registering, you may discontinue the email statement and documents service by written and signed notification to PMLA.

**2. LIMITATIONS, CHARGES AND CANCELLATION:**

**a. Service Limitations:**

PMLA will take commercially reasonable efforts to provide your email statements and documents in a productive and efficient manner. However, technical or other difficulties cannot always be foreseen or anticipated. These difficulties may result in loss of data, personalized settings or delays in your receipt of your statements or documents. PMLA is not liable for failures of email statement or documents transmissions due to any cause, including but not limited to transmission failures due to:

- i. bounced emails;
- ii. full email boxes;
- iii. internet access problems;
- iv. network failures;
- v. any other delays or customer failure to receive email statements.

**b. Cancellation:**

You may cancel your email statement and documents enrollment any time by sending a signed request for cancellation to Pine Mountain Lake Association, 19228 Pine Mountain Drive, Groveland, CA 95321.

**3. MISCELLANEOUS**

**a. Notices:**

Any and all notices to you shall be in writing and shall be made either via email or conventional mail, at PMLA's discretion. PMLA may broadcast notices or messages through the service to inform you of changes to the Terms and Conditions, the service, or other matters of importance. Such broadcasts shall constitute notice to you. Any and all notices to PMLA regarding this authorization must be made in writing, through email at the address listed below.

**b. Entire Agreement:**

All terms and conditions set forth herein constitute the entire understanding between you and PMLA regarding email statements and documents.

**c. Privacy:**

PMLA will use all efforts to ensure email addresses are not used for purposes other than HOA document dissemination, but PMLA takes no responsibility for unauthorized access of emails, ensuing spam, etc.

**4. CONTACT INFORMATION:**

For questions regarding these Terms and Conditions contact us at:

**Pine Mountain Lake Association**  
19228 Pine Mountain Drive  
Groveland, CA 95321  
209-962-8600  
email at: [Documents@PineMountainLake.com](mailto:Documents@PineMountainLake.com)



**YES, I want to enroll in PMLA's email statement and document service. I acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions set forth above as a condition for participation in this service.**

PMLA Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Lot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTICE TO PMLA MEMBERS

### 2013 ASSESSMENT COUPONS AND PRO FORMA BUDGET PACKETS WILL BE MAILED BY DECEMBER 1, 2012

If you are a member that has opted to receive documentation via email, you will only receive the coupons and parking stickers/hang tags in the mail. The Pro Forma Budget and any additional information will be electronically delivered to you.

**If you have not received your 2013 Packet by December 15, 2012 Please notify the Administration Office at (209) 962-8627**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Prepayment Discount will only apply when the Annual Assessment is paid in full by January 31, 2013. Postmark will prevail.

## All Contractors Performing Work in PML are Required to Follow PMLA Rules and Regulations

The following are some "*common violations*." Please do your part to maintain a harmonious environment for all to enjoy. Remember: The PML property Owner is held responsible for those they hire.

#### Vehicle use:

1. Exceeding the posted speed limit
2. Driving in a reckless manner
3. Following another through an access gate or allowing others to follow you through
4. Parking on the street (road shoulders OK)

#### Personal Conduct:

1. Allowing loud music
2. Uttering abusive language or conduct that would be offensive to a reasonable person
3. Using the property Owner's gate card or clicker

#### Work Related Conduct

1. Starting work before 7am or continuing after 7pm
2. Allowing dogs at construction sites
3. Performing work on Sunday
4. Cutting down a tree in excess of 5" without PMLA approval
5. Trespassing on neighboring property
6. Using neighbors water or electricity without written permission
7. Leaving construction signs longer than 5 days after work has been completed
8. Nailing signs to trees
9. Storing building materials on street or easement
10. Beginning exterior construction without PML Association approval

Any Questions...call Dennis Pipal, Community Standards Director @ (209) 962-1240

## The Safety Department

BY DIRECTOR NATALIE TRUJILLO

Pine Mountain Lake Association members will begin receiving their annual member packets in the mail this month. I would like to take a moment to outline what your assessment provides in terms of the Safety Department, one of the many amenities here at Pine Mountain Lake. Safety Officers operate both out in the field and in the Main Gate's dispatch center. The Safety Department is comprised of one Director, one supervising Sergeant, and twelve cross-trained patrol/dispatch officers. We operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Main Gate services approximately 5,600 calls per month and processes 12,000 vehicles per month on average. Although we provide assistance and support to the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office, we are not actually law enforcement. The Department of Safety is, however, responsible for:

- Operating the dispatch command center and Main Gate
- Greeting and screening incoming traffic
- Assisting members with a variety of questions, including requests for service and/or assistance
- Verifying property owner information and issuing guest passes
- Providing courtesy calls for property owner's guests that do not have passes
- Maintaining records of all incidents reported to the Safety Department
- Booking found property and releasing to verifiable owners
- Regulating temporary resident registration and associated fees
- Notification of special circumstances to non-resident property owners, i.e. water breaks, tree hazards, etc.
- Notifying agencies of emergency situations requiring their response
- Responding to emergency situations and providing secondary support to emergency agencies
- Opening, closing and conducting checks of all amenities
- Conducting daily and weekly special residence watches
- Patrolling all residential areas
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- Issuing courtesy notices
- Investigation of member or Association property damage
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- Dog impoundment and safe-keeping
- Dog disturbances and barking dog complaints
- Leash law enforcement
- Dog Registration and tag issuance
- Monitoring tennis courts
- Scheduling tennis reservations and issuing tennis passes
- Gate malfunction inspection and resolution
- Investigation of gate follow-throughs, tampering complaints and damage
- Collecting Campground fees and booking reservations
- Monitoring Campground activity
- Dumpstation operation
- Supplying Moore Brothers garbage bags
- Selling fishing licenses
- Off-season boat registration
- Weekend gate card issuance
- Traffic control at vehicle accident scenes
- Assisting the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department as needed
- Event management
- Emergency Evacuation Plan implementation and response

I hope that this article has answered at least some of the questions you may have had about the purpose of the Safety Department. Please remember to report any suspicious or objectionable activity immediately to the Main Gate by calling (209) 962-8615.

All emergency calls should be made to 911 and all crime-related non-emergency calls should be made to the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department at (209) 533-5855. We at the Safety Department hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Tis the Season

BY CARRIE TAYLOR, HEAD CHEF, THE GRILL



In the midst of our holiday season, it is the perfect time to thank our very supportive community. We have enjoyed another successful year at The Grill and had a

great time doing so. We hope that 2013 will bring even more guest to dine here, events for our residence to enjoy and good times and prosperity for all.

The staff at the Grill is always looking for new ways to entertain and serve our guests. Mingle and Jingle on December 23. I'm really looking forward to this new event for our guests. It came from the idea of how much I enjoyed Caroling in the holiday season, how exciting it was to hear carolers at your front door. It reminds us of childhood when the season was much more simple and traditional. Our event will share that simple tradition of getting together with friends and neighbors, enjoying a hot toddy and singing those wonderful songs and sharing holiday stories.

We will offer some complimentary noshes and sweets to bring out the Christmas spirit in all of us. I hope that you will come with some friends and join us in a night to remember.

Real Eggnog is a must have tradition for me, although the carton kind will do in a pinch, I like the homemade stuff even better.

### CHEF CARRIE'S FAVORITE EGG-A-NOG

#### Ingredients

4 egg yolks  
1/3 cup sugar, plus 1 tablespoon  
1 pint whole milk  
1 cup heavy cream  
3 ounces bourbon  
1 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg  
4 egg whites\*

#### Directions

In the bowl of a stand mixer, beat the egg yolks until they lighten in color. Gradually add the 1/3 cup sugar and continue to beat until it is completely dissolved. Add the milk, cream, bourbon and nutmeg and stir to combine.

Place the egg whites in the bowl of a stand mixer and beat to soft peaks. With the mixer still running gradually add the 1 tablespoon of sugar and beat

until stiff peaks form.

Whisk the egg whites into the mixture. Chill and serve.

**Cook's Note:** For cooked eggnog, follow procedure below.

In the bowl of a stand mixer, beat the egg yolks until they lighten in color. Gradually add the 1/3 cup sugar and continue to beat until it is completely dissolved. Set aside.

In a medium saucepan, over high heat, combine the milk, heavy cream and nutmeg and bring just to a boil, stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat and gradually temper the hot mixture into the egg and sugar mixture. Then return everything to the pot and cook until the mixture reaches 160 degrees F. Remove from the heat, stir in the bourbon, pour into a medium mixing bowl, and set in the refrigerator to chill.

In a medium mixing bowl, beat the egg whites to soft peaks. With the mixer running gradually add the 1 tablespoon of sugar and beat until stiff peaks form. Whisk the egg whites into the chilled mixture.

#### \* Raw Egg Warning

*FDA suggest caution in consuming raw and lightly cooked eggs due to the slight risk of salmonella or other food-borne illness. To reduce this risk, we recommend you use only fresh, properly refrigerated, clean grade A or AA eggs with intact shells, and avoid contact between the yolks or whites and the shell. For recipes that call for eggs that are raw or undercooked when the dish is served, use shell eggs that have been treated to destroy salmonella, by pasteurization or another approved method.*

**Hawaii in the Winter?** Yeah, why not! Drag that grass skirt and board shorts out of the closet and join us for a Luau. Kona Brewing Company will be here for a beer tasting. I will be rolling out a tropical feast with braised Pork, yummy BBQ beef short ribs that are sweet and sticky, fried rice with green onion, coconut, mango and macadamia nut, house made Hawaiian sweet rolls and Kona coffee ice cream Sundaes. This will be a really fun event; don't miss a little sunshine in the dead of winter.

I just want to thank you all again for a great 2012 and will see you again in 2013.

Until we eat together...

## Happy Holidays at the 19th Hole Lounge

BY TOM LOVE – FLOOR MANAGER

The holidays are upon us and winter is just around the corner, from all of us at The 19th Hole Lounge may all of you have a safe and happy holiday season.

We have some great new wines at the 19th Hole Lounge and this month I am highlighting the Sierra Vista winery. I hope you enjoy the new wines from this sierra foothill winery.

FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED the winery is on RED ROCK RIDGE, half a mile high in the Sierra Nevada Mountains thirty miles west of Lake Tahoe in the Sierra Foothills of California.

In 1972, John and Barbara MacCready bought their property on the Eastern Highlands of the Sierra Foothills of California and pioneered the rebirth of mountain viticulture in the re-emerging premium wine region of El Dorado County. At that time all the Sierra Foothills were classified as Zinfandel country so when they planted Cabernet Sauvignon they were bucking tradition as they have ever since. Luckily they planted the cab on a site which produces great Cabernet Sauvignon.

The winery farms thirty-two acres of mountain vineyards on challenging slopes from 2800 to 2900 feet elevation. Mountain vineyards are low yielding with intense flavors, outstanding character and provide thrilling tractor driving. Extensive studies John MacCready made in the eighties showed the climate at Sierra Vista to be very similar to that of the Northern Rhone Valley of France. This was the deciding factor in determining which grape varieties to expand to in our vineyards. Rhone wines have developed into the perfect grape for the area and develop in time to emulate the better wines of Cote Rotie and Hermitage in the Northern Rhone.

The first crush was in 1977, with grapes purchased from local Vineyards. Only 1,200 cases of wine were made that year. Annual production has grown gradually to the current 7000 cases. Several different wines have been produced since the first crush: these include Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel and Chardonnay, Fume Blanc, Viognier, Roussanne, Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre and a Rhone Blend called Fleur de Montagne.

In 1979, Sierra Vista planted Syrah, whose lineage traces to Chapoutier's vineyards in the Northern Rhone appellation of Cote Rotie. In 1990, John MacCready made a study comparing the northern Rhone Valley to El Dorado County. He found that much of the El Dorado appellation is very similar to the northern Rhone Valley in climate, rainfall and soil type. Because of this, Sierra Vista's emphasis in the future has been the development of Rhone varieties. In addition to Syrah they have introduced Grenache, Mourvedre, Cinsault, Viognier and Roussanne. From these grapes they make varietals and Rhone style blends.

Sierra Vista Vineyards located on the top and sides of the curving half mile high ridge has four different terroirs or microclimates where they have vines appropriate to the climate planted.

1. There is a western facing slope, just off the ridge top, with a 15% - 20% slope. It looks very much like the soil at Chateau Rayas in Chateauneuf-du Pape. This hillside at 2800ft and is the warmest slope.

2. The top of the ridge has a slightly south slope and is also at 2800ft. The soil is the same as that of the first terroir and the trees are similar to those at Hermitage and Cornas.

3. This microclimate-terroir is just off the ridge top with a north east slope of 10% to 15% grade where the soil is the same as that of 1.

4. This vineyard has a steep northwest slope of about 20% to 30% grade. The vineyard is terraced on decomposed granite as in Hermitage and is at 2400ft.

In the late '90s Sierra Vista was the first winery in the El Dorado AVA to install photo-voltaic solar panels at the winery. A 14.4kw system was installed on the roof of the winery and reduced energy consumption from the grid by around 94% the first month it was fully operational.

I hope you enjoyed the info about this wonderful winery. We proud to carry the Sierra Vista Cabernet, Zinfandel and Merlot on our wine list and sell each by the glass so the next time you visit us give these wonderful wines a try and again Happy Holidays.

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## Restaurant Consumers Increasingly Interested in Technology

BY JAY REIS, THE GRILL MANAGER



I thought I'd share an article I read recently. I see more and more people stopping by the Grill to use the internet to work and stay connected. When

I first came to Pine Mountain Lake back in 1999 as a property owner, I thought what a great place to be with no cell phones or internet, but as the times change it is getting harder and harder to go places without being connected. I even find myself using my smart phone to check movie times and even getting directions. So, I found this article interesting on how technology is working its way into restaurants.

Consumers are increasingly interested in technology amenities when dining out, even though restaurants' incorporation of such amenities is slow. According to a new report from research firm Technomic, a majority of consumers expect to use technology to order food at restaurants more often in the coming year, and very few (just 3 percent) expect to use it less than they currently do, signaling opportunity for operators who haven't already integrated the latest technologies into

their business.

Trending in the early stages of foodservice tech usage, consumers express the most interest in tableside touch screen devices that enable them to self-order and pay, iPad/tablet menus and digital rewards tied to loyalty programs.

"Technology can be used as a point of differentiation within the restaurant industry, especially with Millennials," said Darren Tristano, Technomic executive vice president. "Operators who stay ahead of the curve, in an increasingly competitive market, will need to evaluate the best use for the latest tech trends and decide how to integrate them into their operations in a way that's efficient and beneficial to consumers. It should complement and enhance the restaurant experience for all age groups, which may mean having a printed menu available, as well as an iPad/tablet."

Other highlights from Technomic's latest survey include:

- More than half of respondents (51 percent) consider it important for restaurants to integrate technology into their ordering capabilities;

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## Wishing You a Holiday Filled with Love

BY BAMBI JOHNSON, HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR



As I am writing this article the leaves are beginning to turn to bright colors, the evening air is crisp, and my thoughts are turning to grateful feelings for all our

beautiful blessings! I look forward to sharing in all of the holiday gifts of warmth, joy, peace, love, and goodwill, as we share in our holiday traditions with friends and family at The Grill.

This Holiday season The Grill is delighted to be hosting your holiday parties. I would like to personally invite you to consider joining us for one of our upcoming festivities, hosted by your Grill staff. We offer many special events for our property owners and many events are open to the public as well. Here are just a few of the events that we have lined up for you in the coming months:

### Saturday December 1st - 1:00pm SANTA ARRIVES AT THE GRILL

All kids are invited to come visit with Santa and offer him their wish list. Don't forget to bring your camera for that Kodak moment you won't want to miss. Feel free to come early and have lunch with us, but make sure to make reservations for lunch 962-8638

### Thursday December 6th - 5 - 7pm WINE TASTING AND DINNER BUFFET

We will be featuring wines from Boeger Winery in Placerville, Ca. located in the Sierra Foothills. Boeger has many award winning wines. They produce three different labels; Boeger Winery, Boeger Reserve, and Carson Peak. While tasting all their delicious wines, guests will enjoy a relaxing holiday ambiance with Christmas music, and a festive feast of: orange spiced walnut and cranberry salad, roasted chicken breast with sage and black pepper sauce, sweet potato and pancetta risotto. Chef Carrie will satisfy your sweet tooth with gingerbread cake garnished with orange whip cream topping. Imagine savoring all that the season has to offer, good wines, good friends and great food! We will offer all featured wines at discount prices for this night only. The incredible price for this holiday getaway is only \$23 plus tax. Reservations are required and seating is limited so get out your holiday sweaters, and come join us for a fun-filled evening.

### Sunday December 23rd - 6 - 8pm MINGLE & JINGLE HOLIDAY RECEPTION AT THE GRILL

'Tis the season to be jolly and making spirits bright! Please join The Grill Staff for some Yule tide cheer as we celebrate good tidings with all of our friends &

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# Wine Tasting & DINNER BUFFET

JANUARY 24, 2013  
5 - 7 pm

Featuring wines from Eagle Rock Wine & Spirits representing many different labels from around the world

Menu

- Porchetta Style Pork Roast
- Polenta
- Sautéed Vegetables
- Green Salad
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- Technologies related to ordering, coupons or special offers sent via email or text message have the highest usage rates. Nearly three-fifths (58 percent) of panelists say they use these at least once a month;
- Among technologies designed to entertain restaurant-goers, Wi-Fi access and LCD flat-screen TVs are used the most;
- Out of all restaurant segments and types of retail stores, consumers are most receptive to technology-based orders at casual dining restaurants;
- In general, younger consumers are more interested in technology at restaurants than older diners. Consumers from 18–44 years old are far more likely than those over 45 to say they might connect to their favorite restaurants via a mobile app and order using a touch screen kiosk. Interest is highest among 25- to 34-year-old Millennials.

**PLEASE NOTE THE GRILL'S HOLIDAY HOURS:**

The 19th Hole Lounge will be closed Monday Christmas Eve and Tuesday Christmas day. The Grill will also be closed Monday Christmas Eve and Tuesday Christmas Day. Remember the Grill will be having a New Years Eve Dinner on Monday December 31 but we won't be open for lunch or regular dinner that day. We will be open at 11am Tuesday January 1st for lunch starting at 11am. Your comments or suggestions are always welcome. Please drop me an email at [clubmgr@pinemountainlake.com](mailto:clubmgr@pinemountainlake.com).

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neighbors. Chef Carrie will be preparing some complimentary holiday bites, warm cocoa and spiced cider for our guests to enjoy. If caroling is what you take pleasure in, bring your vocal cords and let's rejoice! This fun filled evening is free to all who attend! Feel free to come early and have dinner as the dining room will be open for all who wish to come and enjoy a delicious meal from our regular dinner menu. Reservations are encouraged for dinner and a courtesy of a RSVP for the Mingle & Jingle will be greatly appreciated by our chef! Hope to see you there! 962-8638

**Monday December 31st  
2012 NEW YEAR'S EVE  
EXTRAVAGANZA!!**

Mark your calendars; the Grill will be open for this special event only. Plan on ringing in the New Year with all of your friends at The Club! The celebration begins with a delicious feast for dinner! Chef Carrie will be preparing a four course dinner to remember.

**First Course:** Prawns, bay scallop, cucumber, cilantro on an avocado fan

**Second Course:** Wedge salad with pickled onion, feta cheese, tomato, chives with a creamy vinaigrette

**Third Course:** Filet Mignon with cabernet demi glace and crispy onion, garlic grilled lobster tail, herb potato, green bean bundle

**Fourth Course:** Warm chocolate brownie cake with house made mocha ice cream

After dinner, dance the night away to the sounds of The Crocodiles! Enjoy hits from classic rock to Motown, from this popular bay area dance band! Join us for the countdown to the New Year as we host a champagne toast with party favors and all your friends and loved ones to enjoy it with! All this for only \$75.00 per person! Dinner seating's start at 7:00pm and the fun goes on till midnight. This event always sells out early, so call today to reserve your

tickets for the most happening place to spend the last moments of 2012! For those who just want to come and dance there will be a \$10.00 cover charge at the 19th Hole Lounge.

**Tuesday January 1st - 11am - 8pm  
NEW YEARS DAY**

We will be open for lunch and dinner! What a great way to start off your new year. Please call for a reservation time 962-8638.

**Thursday January 24th - 5 - 7pm  
WINE TASTING AND DINNER BUFFET**

We will be featuring an array of wines from Eagle Rock Wine & Spirits, they represent many different labels from around the world. While tasting all their delicious wines, guests will enjoy a relaxing ambiance with soft music, while socializing with friends. Our incredible chef will be preparing a delicious banquet of: Porchetta style pork roast with polenta and sautéed vegetables along with a green salad. To top off this winter time feast our chef will tempt you with warm apple crisp and house made vanilla bean ice cream! Imagine savoring all that the season has to offer, good wines, good friends and great food! We will offer all featured wines at discount prices for this night only. The price for this fun filled evening is only \$23 plus tax. Reservations are required and fill up fast so come join us for a fun-filled evening.

**Thursday January 31st - 5 - 7pm  
KONA BREWING CO. HAWAIIAN LUAU  
AND BEER TASTING**

We will be pouring a seasonal sampler of beers from the Kona Brewing Company in Kona Hawaii. These Hawaiian beers are the finest examples of beer imported to the main land from the aloha state. All of the featured brews will be available for sale at discounted prices this night only. Chef Carrie will be preparing a tradition Island style buffet dinner (one of her specialties!). This tropical treat will feature: Hawaiian braised pork, Maui short ribs, Island breeze fried rice, stir fried bok choy, snow peas, and carrots, and Hawaiian sweet rolls. For dessert Carrie will prepare house made Kona coffee ice cream. So remember to wear your tropical attire! This will be an incredibly fun event for all who attend. The cost is only \$23 plus tax. Reservations are required so make, by calling 962-8638.

**Sunday February 3rd  
SUPER BOWL HALFTIME TAIL GATE  
PARTY**

Join us at The 19th Hole Lounge for the fun as we host our best half time tail

gate party ever! Watch the two top teams battle it out on the gridiron. Expect to see all your game time favorites and more on the buffet line such as, Baked Potato bar, Nacho bar, Miller hot dogs with all the fixins', Super bowl Sloppy Joes, and Hot Chicken Wings. The half time buffet is only \$15 plus tax. We look forward to you and your friends joining us for the fun!

*Let Cupid and The Grill staff be your chef! Watch for romantic Valentines dinner packages to go! See next month's News and look for the flyers to come. XOXO.*

**Thursday February 14th  
VALENTINE'S DAY**

In celebration of Valentine's Day, we will be offering romantic dinner specials in addition to our regular dinner menu. Dinner will be served from 5:00pm until 8:00pm. So, please make your reservations today by calling 962-8638.

**Saturday February 16th  
ANNUAL SWEETHEART DINNER DANCE**

This romantic dinner and dance for our local and visiting couples is always very popular, it is the perfect "Valentine's Date". The fun starts at 7pm. Chef Carrie will be preparing a romantic plated entree for you and your sweetheart to enjoy!

After dinner, swing your sweetheart to the sounds of The Beach Cowboys. We hope you will join us for this fun and romantic evening. Call today to make your reservations for this event. The cost is only \$75 per couple. Seating is limited so make your reservations early!

I would love to plan your next event at the grill. However, I do recommend calling and scheduling an appointment in advance. By doing this, I can better serve you by being prepared with available dates, creative menu selections with pricing. I can also address the details that are specific to your event, there by maximizing your valuable time spent in planning mode. You can always contact me at my email address at: [cluboffice@pinemountainlake.com](mailto:cluboffice@pinemountainlake.com) or call me at The Grill at 962-8638.

So remember your Grill staff when planning your next wedding, anniversary, memorial, reunion, golf tournament, birthday party, etc! Leave the work to us so you can enjoy your friends and loved ones! We promise a memorable event!

Hope to see you at The Grill soon, until then, Bon Appétit!

**WINTER HOURS AT THE GRILL****Breakfast** Saturday 8 - 11am, Sunday 8am - 12:30pm**Lunch** Tuesday - Sunday 11am - 3pm**Dinner** Tuesday - Thursday & Sunday 5 - 8pm,  
Friday and Saturday 5 - 9pm

## PML Organized Groups & Clubs

Contact the individuals below if you are interested in joining!

<b>Aviation Association</b>	
Marle Hewett	962-0701
<b>Computer Users Group</b>	
Frank Perry	962-0728
<b>Country Mountain Riders</b>	
Dorothy Scofield	962-6902
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Barbara Elliott	962-6457
<b>Friends of the Lake</b>	
Richard Hathaway	962-7595
<b>Garden Club</b>	
Louise Turney	962-0609
<b>Guardians of PML</b>	
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<b>Ladies Club</b>	
Catherine Santa Maria	962-7904
<b>Ladies Golf Club</b>	
Judy Maguire	962-7128
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<b>Residents Club</b>	
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Corky Graham	962-7816
<b>Sierra Professional Artists</b>	
Heinie Hartwig	(209) 586-1637
<b>Sunday Couples Golf</b>	
Alma Frawley	962-5578
<b>Windjammers Sailing Club</b>	
Fred Mecum	962-7989

## PML Racquet Club News

BY KEN STEINER

Another report from the courts from the Racquet Club Scribe.

It has been more than several months since the last report from the Racquet Club Scribe. This year's Davis Cup event was cancelled and as a result, Barbara and Dick Davis decided to move off the hill (just joking about the reason for their move). However, there is no way to put a positive "spin" on their departure, as they were a very important part of the tennis scene at PML for many years, from Dick's free tennis lessons to Barbara's pleasant smile whenever she hit a winner just out of your reach. They will be missed by all of us.

While most Racquet Club members are busy playing tennis when the courts are not wet and diligently working on their physical conditioning on wet days, this month's report will focus mostly on administrative issues.

### Dues for 2013

Continuing and new members should send in their dues for 2013 (\$10 per member) by December 23 in order to get into the 2013 Racquet Club Directory. Dues checks should be mailed to: PML Racquet Club, PO Box 534, Groveland, CA, 95321. If you are interested in becoming a new member of the Racquet Club and have questions, call my wife, Emily, at 209-962-0930.

### Holiday Party

The club holiday party for members and Fourth Quarter Board Meeting will be held at the Grill on December 12. In addition to being a nice holiday celebration (and a great opportunity to tease your tennis opponents), the members also will be tasked with electing Racquet Club officers and board members for 2013. Members who wish to serve on the Board for 2013 should let Emily know by December 10.

### Suggestions for 2013 and Beyond

The Board is soliciting suggestions for racquet club activities for 2013. Please provide them to Emily or any other board member as soon as possible so the new board can start their planning process before the year ends.

### PML Tennis Court Fees

Racquet Club members are reminded that this is the time of year to visit the PML Administration offices and renew your tennis court privileges for another year.

Every article I write for the PML News, I get excited about serving up more tennis related puns. Clearly there is no payment involved in being the Racquet Club Scribe, but there is a certain amount of personal satisfaction to be garnered. And that is what I consider to be the real "net profit" associated with this job.

## PML Niners in October

BY CYNDY KROUT

October was another beautiful month of golfing for the lady niners and as usual we started out with putts day and had 14 players to play the combo tees. First place was Sarah Zimmerman. In second we had a tie with Linda Craig and Faye Buckley while third was a tie between Bev Oakley and Wanda Patterson. Coming in fourth was Stacie Brown and Shirley Colley. There was not a par, a birdie or a chip-in but Sarah was Low Net for the week.

Next we played on the 11th with 16 players for the game 1-2-3 and first place was shared by Wanda P., Pat Price, Pat Van Gerpen and Sarah Z. Second place team consisted of Cora Bieler, Stacie, Karen Dickson and Nancy Whitefiled. Along with the team efforts Pat VG got a par on #10, Flo Jansen on #14 and Pat VG also chipped-in on #16. Low Net was a tie with Pat VG and Sarah Z. Everyone finished playing or was on the last hole as it started to rain.

October 18 we played Even Holes

less half of our handicap with 12 ladies and Sarah Z. again came in first place and Low Net for the week. Second place was GERALYN Dielman while Pat P. came in third. Fourth was a tie between Flo J. and Wanda while Shirley Haliwell came in fifth. GERALYN and Sarah both got pars on #14 and #17.

Halloween was celebrated with a tournament with the 18-Hole Ladies and the weather started out being a little overcast but it turned out to be a nice day and the full course par three

game was lots of fun and a challenge for everyone. We paired up being bats or cats and we found out at the end it was all bats against all cats. The bats won and we all celebrated with a delicious lunch afterward.

Can you believe we are looking at December! There will be no golf on the 13th as we are celebrating the holiday with lunch and installation of new officers at Pat Van Gerpen's house.

Enjoy your holiday with family and friends. I hope Santa is good to you.



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## Pine Mountain Lakers RV Club Oct. Event

BY MADDIE SOUSA, SECRETARY

For our Pine Mountain Lakers RV Club Oct. Event we held a Halloween Costume Party at the Lake Lodge. Our RV Club was joined by a few friends from the Pine Mountain Lake Racquet Club for a spooky night of conversation, food, fun and rooting the Giants on to their magnificent victory sweep.



The Sousa's were our hosts. Prizes for outstanding costumes went to Chris & Dave Franz, Katherine & Larry Santa Maria, Carole & Dave Morgan, Louise Turney, Linda & Tony Flores and Gina & Tom Hernandez.

Our next event will be at the Lake Lodge for a Pot Luck and meeting on

Sunday November 18 at 5PM. We will chose a committee to set next years travel agenda so it would be great to have a large turnout. Any prospecting new members are more than welcome to attend and bring their suggestions. Call Maddie at 962-5708.

## Garden Club Clippings

BY JOYCE SMITH

Did you know the Jail was vandalized? This unfortunate incident happened recently. The thief(s) took the money for Penny Pines. This is the money tossed into the Jail from outside the barred door. This money goes to the forest to replant trees. Also taken were some old garden tools and bags for the doggie station. Plus, damage to water faucet locks resulting in excessive water loss. Why would anyone want to damage this special place? We hope you will help us keep a watchful eye on anything or anyone around that looks suspicious. Call Linda Flores if you have any information regarding this incident.

### Coming Events:

Monday, Nov. 12th, Regular Meeting, Lake Lodge. Regina Hirsh speaker, "Fall Planting and Grey Water" sounds interesting. Election of Officers for 2013.

Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers, on Sunday, December 9th, The Grill.

Have you sent in your donation for Macaroni and Cheese for the Christmas Baskets?

**Dues are due.** \$15.00 per member or \$20.00 Family. Dues may be mailed to PML Garden Club, P. O. Box 167, Groveland, Ca. 95321.

Our sympathy to the family of Marjorie M. Ward, who passed away on October 30, 2012. Marjorie was a long time Club Member and a past President.

Halloween was really special nighty at the Jail! A real family outing for a lot of people. The 'little spooks' were cute as could be, well behaved, polite and always said thank you. Groveland can be very proud of this event. Thank you to the Yosemite Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the event and all the organizations that participated. Our Jail Chairperson, Linda Flores was Chairperson for the Halloween Night Event. Great job Linda. As you know, the Jail is the Garden Club's Project. Garden Club members contribute the treats and Club members are there to give it out. Thanks to all involved for an enjoyable evening.

## Lake Ladies Golf Club

BY SUE PERRY

Well BOO to all of you. Hope your golf wasn't as scary as mine was this month. It was a Hallo of a good month for golf don't you think? The course looks beautiful all decked out in it's Fall colors. In spite of one play day rain out, the others days were quite magnificent for all the following events:

### Oct. 4th ...GROSS - NET - PUTTS

ACE OF ACES - THELMA FAUX, 73 - CONGRATUALIONS!

PUTTERS OF THE MONTH - KITTY EDGERTON & YVONNE MATTOCKS

1st Flight - Low Gross 94 Kitty Edgerton, Low Net 73 Thelma Faux

2nd Flight - Low Gross 99 Mona Tompkins, Low Net 74 Kathy Shehorn

3rd Flight - Low Gross 106 Alma Frawley, Low Net 74 Yvonne Mattocks;

4th Flight - Low Gross 111 Marlene Drew

BIRDIES - Kitty Edgerton # 2

### Oct. 11th ..BEAT THE CHAMPS

RAINED OUT...(but for a few brave souls?? that played all, most had to succumb to the cold and rain so sweeps were returned to your accounts)

### Oct. 18th ... GROSS - NET - PUTTS

ACE OF ACES - SARA HANCOCK, 71 - CONGRATULATIONS!

PUTTERS OF THE MONTH - PRISCILLA PARK & ANNE PETERSON

1st Flight - Low Gross & Low Nett 88-72 Priscilla Park

2nd Flight - Low Gross & Low Net Sara Hancock 93 - 71, 2nd Place Mona Tompkins 95 - 74

3rd Flight - Low Gross & Low Net Paula Vautier 99 - 73, 2nd Place Barbara Connelly 101 - 74

4th Flight - Low Gross & Low Net Marlene Drew 107 - 72, 2nd Place Anne Peterson 107 - 75, 2nd Low Gross Kathie Wood 107.

No Birdies

### Oct. 25th ... HALLOWEEN TOURNAMENT WITH THE 9ERS

THE BATS 7 ..... THE CATS 2

Winners: The BATS. Terre Melinn, Helena McMillan, Kathy Shehorn, Anne Peterson, Jeanne Pacco Bonnie Ayala, Clarice Ligonis, Sue Perry,

Kathy Oing, Mona Tompkins, Priscilla Park, Barbara Connelly, Joanne Foster, Kathie Wood, Linda Wall, Cyndy Krout, Jodie Awai: BIRDIES Ann Hankin # 8, Eleanor Ellis # 10, Kitty Edgerton # 5, Corky Graham # 6 & # 10, Mona Tompkins #9, Jeanne Pacco #10 & 14, Priscilla Park # 1, Kathy Shehorn # 14, Anne Peterson # 10: BLIND PUTT # 7..Cats

Leanna Mattea 56 Bats

Mona Tompkins 26 1/2: CLOSEST TO THE PIN CATS

Ann Hankin 44'1" Bats

Helena McMillan 8 10 HOLE IN ONE! HELENA McMILLAN # 12

WOW!!! Eleanor Ellis with the help of Yvonne Mattocks did such an wonderful job on the very fun event.

Thank you ladies for a super fun format and the wonderful table decorations. The club staff deserves kudos for the delicious German Food Fest they served. Thanks to the Niners that joined us and to the Pro shop staff for all they did to make the day run so smoothly.

Following the luncheon PMLG had a general meeting. Our new Pro, Evan Boone, gave a very informative explanation of some proposed changes to some of the present tee placements to make the course both more fun and a better course to play. Kathie Wood announced the results for the Eclectic. Congratulations to all you winners! Thelma Faux (Handicap Chair) let us know that the Maximum Handicaps for the 2013 season will be: 39 from the purple tees, 37 from the Combo tees, and 36 from the green tees. Judi Maguire announced the Officers for the 2013 upcoming year:

Captain: Yvonne Mattocks

Co-Captain and Pine Tree Invitational Chair: Elisa Hoppner

Secretary: Barbara Connelly

Treasurer: Virginia Tallman

These were just the highlights so look to your email or in the ladies lounge for more info of the meeting.

If you haven't yet paid your dues, you are very late so get them in so you don't miss out! In December our Christmas luncheon and general meeting will be on the 12th. You won't want to miss that so be sure to sign up early.

## PML Aviation Association

BY LARRY JOBE, PMLAA PUBLICITY

At our November 6 meeting we bid farewell and thank you to our outgoing board and welcomed a list of new board candidates. Marle Hewett has finished his term as president. I know most of our aviation group knows about Marle but I would like to take this opportunity to acquaint the rest of you with this unusual man.

Marle is part of the Red Bull Stratos team. (The team that successfully launched a man from a balloon at 128,000 ft.) He had been working on the project for 2 1/2 years. After retiring from the Navy (carrier pilot, test pilot, Air Force exchange test pilot), he worked for Northrop, Textron and NASA Dryden for a number of years and eventually founded his own company providing consulting services to the aerospace industry for the last fifteen years. On the Stratos project he was the Mission Director, Lead Flight Test Engineer and consulting engineer in aerodynamics, high altitude atmospheric, and capsule electrical/electronic systems. Marle holds a Masters degree in Electrical Engineering and a PhD in Aeronautical Engineering.

Since the mission has been completed, the flying phase of the project is over. The core technical team must now complete the data analysis and publication tasks. They will be writing papers for a number of journals and publications including Aviation Week and Space Technology, National Geographic,



Joe Kittinger and Felix Baumgartner

Scientific American, Aerospace Medicine, Journal of Aerospace Engineering, International Journal of Aerodynamics, etc.

The successful flight set three records that the FAI (Federation Aeronautique Internationale) will recognize:

*Longest freefall distance:* 119,846 feet

*Highest exit altitude:* 128,000 feet

*Highest vertical speed:* 833.9 mph, Mach 1.24

Following records were also set but not officially recognized by the FAI:

*First human to break the sound barrier*

*Largest balloon used for manned flight:* 29.47 million cubic feet

*Highest manned balloon ascent*

One record they missed - Longest duration freefall. The jumper, Felix Baumgartner, failed to break Joe Kittinger's record set in August 1960 - he was going too fast.



Marle Hewett

The sonic boom was heard by a number of people on the team AND some local farmers near their launch site in Roswell, NM. It was recorded by one of their JLAIR (tracking) units.

An interesting side light to this accomplishment is- Marle was in Italy celebrating his and Judy's fiftieth wedding anniversary when the jump took place. "After our first attempt at launching Manned Flight Three (the record jump) failed when a wind gust took out the partially filled balloon, I left Roswell to meet Judy in Italy for our 50th wedding anniversary celebration, so I missed the successful launch four days later. I had a great backup in mission control so there was no problem." Marle's seat was

next to Joe Kittinger's and if you look at the news footage of mission control you will see that it is empty.

Connie and Alan Buchner will hold a dinner and dance for the PMLAA group at their hangar. The date is December 1st so mark your calendars.

If you have ever wanted to learn to fly or have a pilot's license then you won't find a better deal than our own Pine Mountain Lake Flying Club. The Pine Mountain Lake flying club owns a Cessna 172 with 180 horse power engine and fixed pitch prop. This is a great training aircraft and is also useful for flying to all those faraway places. Sound interesting? Then check out their web site at <http://www.pmlaeroclub.com>.

New members of our Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association are always welcome. You can join by filling out the application on our web site at <http://www.pmlaa.org>. Applications can also be requested at PMLAA, P. O. Box 131, Groveland, CA 95321. Annual dues are \$20 per person or per family. A check can be made out to PMLAA and sent to the above address.

## Men's Nine Hole Golf Club

BY WALT BALES

### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Larry Culler not only won our Club Championship last month, but also had an eagle on the ninth hole, playing from the gold tees. By the time this article reaches newsstands Larry and Judith will be basking in the sun in Hawaii. Yes I'm jealous. While Larry and Judith are basking in the sun I will be in Pine Mountain Lake raking leaves, and more leaves, and more leaves, and more leaves. Do you think raking leaves will help my golf swing rather than spending time playing golf in sunny Hawaii? Probably not, but congrats to Larry on his first eagle.

### 10/03 TWO MAN SCAMBLE

First: Walt Bales and John Klink

Second: Rich Robenseifner and Lyod Case

Third: Larry Fuller and Wally Child

### 10/10 TEE TO GREEN

First: Bob Oakley and Kurt Peterson  
Second: Rich Robenseifner, Jim Van Gerpen, and Larry Fuller

### 10/17 FOUR MAN SCRAMBLE

First: Larry Culler, Dan Ayala, and Kurt Peterson, and blind draw  
Second: Rich Robenseifner, Bill Beasley, Tom Polek, and Bob Oakley

### 10/24 RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

First: Walt Bales  
Second: Dan Ayala  
Third: Larry Culler

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# PML Men's Golf Club

BY DICK FAUX, SECRETARY

There were three Men's Club golf tournaments in October.

On October 4th we held the October sweeps and the winners were:

1st Place – Score 101 – Bob Stock, Milt Foster, Bob Herron, Charley Mills

2nd Place – Score 103 – Al Saisi, Jeff Sera, Mike Butera, Rich Graham.

3rd Place – Score 104 – Don Lacy, Paul Purifoy, Jim Soderberg, Michael Thoben.

In the Men's Club Fall Invitational on October 13th we had 2- flights

Flight 1	Score
1st John Wilkins Dave Egan	85
2nd Ted Toffey John Winkenbach	84
3rd Jody Kruse Vince McNamara	78

Flight 2	Score
1st Mike Butera Rich Ramos	85
2nd Dave Needham Brad McInroy	82
3rd Dave Rauch Dave Baynes	66

In The Italian open we had three flights and the 1st and 2nd place teams were:

Flight 1	Score
1st Al Saisi Ron Saisi Reggie Pomicpic Dave Pomicpic	52
2nd Dave Gibson Mike Butera Jeff Sera	54

Flight 2	Score
1st Gus Allegri Eddie Wright Ed Edgerton Evan Boone	55
2nd Joe Smith Wally Coffman Larry Zimmerman Parker (PJ) Johnson	56

Flight 3	Score
1st Bob Stock Robert Herron Milt Foster Charley Mills	52
2nd Doug Wall Rudy Rich Rich Graham	54

Congratulations to Jim Sample for winning the award of the Most Improved Golfer at Pine Mountain Lake for 2011-2012. Apparently, that new hip was money well spent.

**The PML Men's Golf Club and NCGA dues for 2013 are due NOW.** The final deadline for submitting your annual dues is December 15, 2012. The actual deadline for submission to NCGA is December 31, 2012 but we need time to compile the information and get it mailed to the NCGA prior to that date so we are asking for a December 15th submission deadline from the PML members.

The annual dues are \$70.00 if received by December 15, 2012. If your dues are late the NCGA dues you will be considered a "Reinstatement Applicant" and the amount due then becomes \$85.00. Membership applications can be obtained in the pro shop or by going on-line to [www.PMLMGC.com](http://www.PMLMGC.com).

### JOE SMITH'S TRAVELS

I have been in many places, but I have rarely been in Cahoots. Apparently you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone else.

I have never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump and since my heart surgery, I'm not much on physical activity anymore. Next month I will share more of my travels with you.

# Quilters' Corner

BY SANDY SMITH

Yippee, Christmas my favorite time of year. Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah to one and all. Our wish for you is a blessed time with your family and friends. Enjoy the season!

A quick reminder from Carol Willmon: Thanks to those of you who took on the Quilt Guild Block Challenge, we have more packets if you want to do more than one. You may choose ANY pieced or appliqued block and we have extra fabric if you need more. We'll be looking forward to the block reveal at the Winter Dinner on Jan. 15th

Pine Needlers Quilt Guid meeting is on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, however there will be no meeting in December. We normally meet at 6 p.m. under the library.

A little piece of trivia, when threading a needle pay attention to the eye, if it is small for your thread, it will weaken it, and if too big it will also weaken it because of the constant movement. Something to think about.

The next block in our series is the Missouri Star. Missouri served as a springboard for countless westward-

bound settlers. Pioneers were not to leave St. Louis, "Gateway to the West". without th best map available. "The Emigrants Guide To California" recommended two or three quilts per traveler, valued at a whopping \$22.50! (Don't we wish we could make a quilt for \$22.50 today)

The outdoor experience of the overland journey inspired women to use nature in quilt patterns, as in the Star. Diamond stars also had a migration theme with reference to divine guidance. We are today still inspired by things in nature.

I was reading in a quilt magazine about a really sweet idea, and I thought I would share it with you. This grandmother traces her grandchildrens handprints on paper and then writes the childs name and age with a permanent fabric pen.

Then she sews several handprints together for a small quilt. The kids love to compare their prints and see how they have grown. How fun is this?

See you in January at the Holiday dinner.

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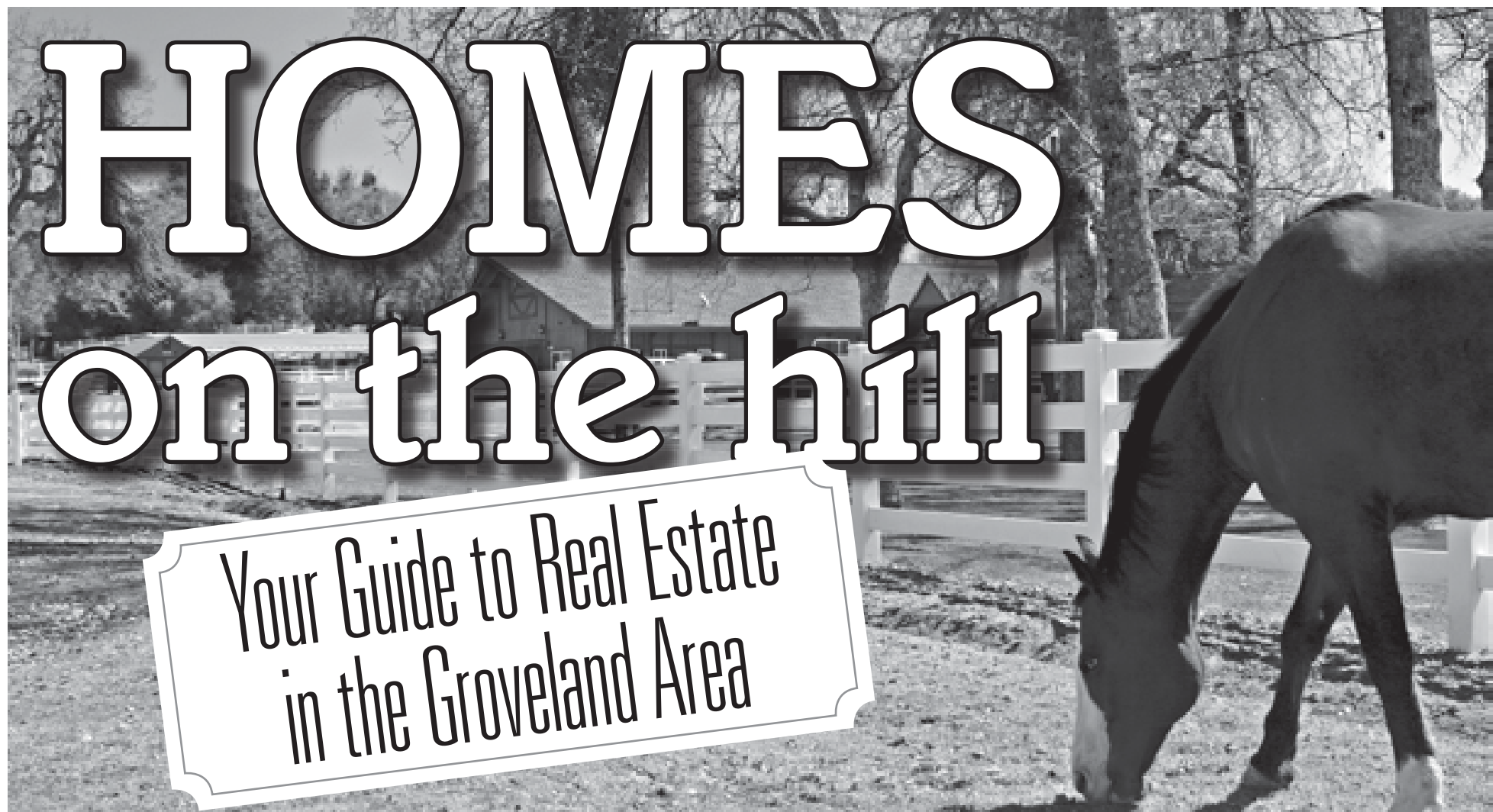
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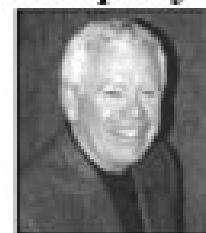
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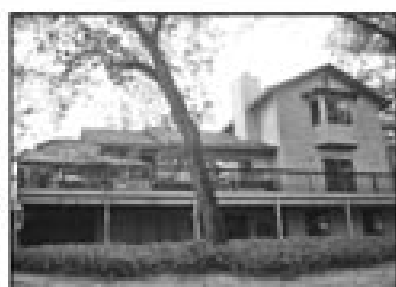
3 Bedroom 2 Bath Single Level Home with Garage & Deck. Great Room, Office and Bonus Rooms. Propane Heat/AC and Ceiling Fan, Insulated floors, walls & Roof. Inside Laundry hookups. 2-325 MLS#20121465 \$125,000



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**Beautiful Home** Over looking part of the Golf Course. 3 Bedrooms/3 Bath, 2 Car Garage, Great Room, Living Room w/fire-place, Master Bedroom with fire-place and much more.

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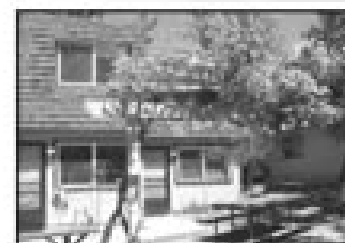
**UNIQUE DOME HOME**

3 Bdrm, 3 Bth, + loft. Master Bdrm has nice walk-in closet and Master Bath has double sinks, jetted tub and separate shower. Home on 1.39 useable acres with room for animals! 12-202 MLS # 20120092 \$250,000



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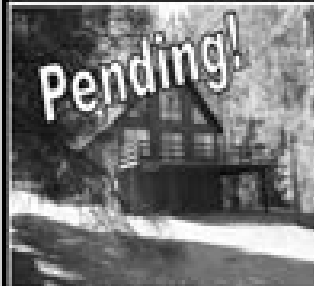
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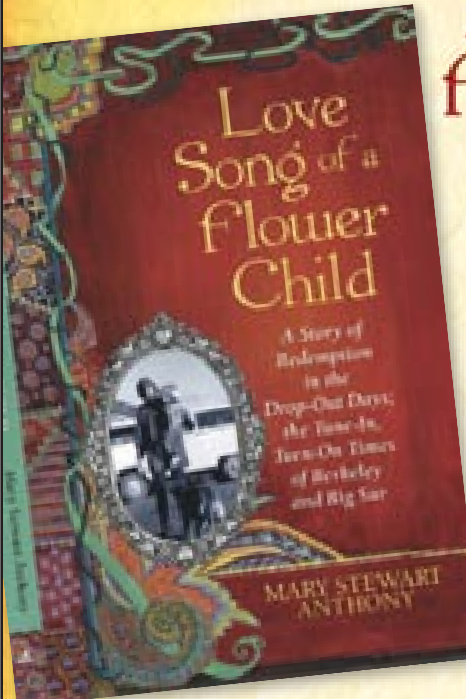


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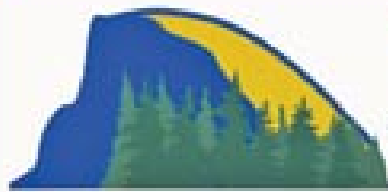
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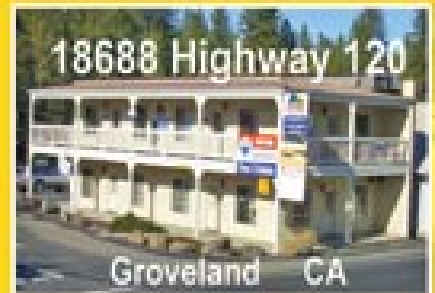
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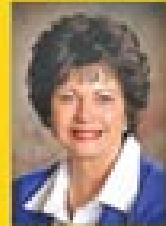
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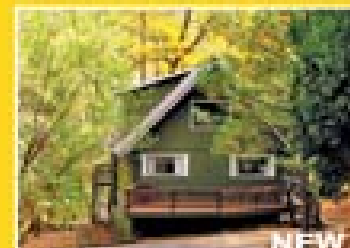
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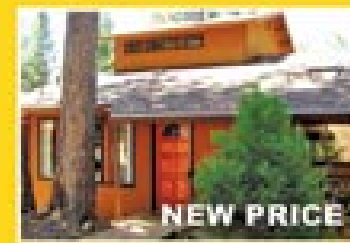
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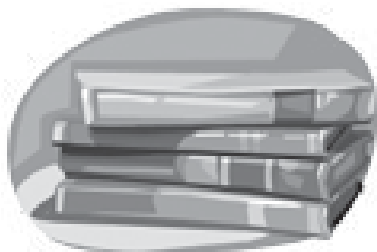
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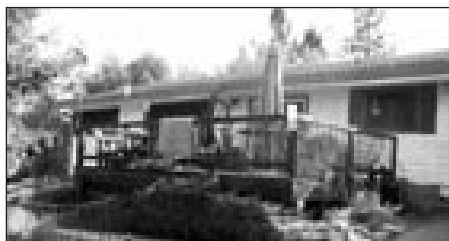
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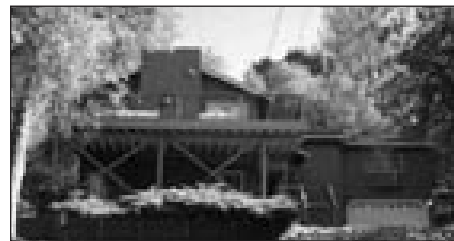


**SINGLE LEVEL HOME**....level lot with lots of room for storing motor home, travel trailer, boats. Backs up to seasonal creek. 3 bd/2ba. Call Ron Connick or Dave Lint, \$219,500 1/359 MLS#20120599



PENDING

**WONDERFUL MOUNTAIN RETREAT**....w/vaulted pine ceiling, great room. 3bd/2ba. Kitchen w/breakfast bar. Lounge sized bonus room downstairs. Large finished garage. Call Linda, \$233,000 7/151 MLS#20111800



**PLENTY OF ELBOW ROOM HERE**....2,624 sq.ft. home. 2 master bedrooms, one with a fireplace. 4 ba. On 3 merged lots, +large bonus/rec room downstairs. Home remodeled throughout. Call Dave Lint or Ron Connick, \$319,000 3/348 MLS#20121151



**IMAGINE FINDING** - a nice 3bd 2.5 bath home with a separate in-laws or guest quarters. Great for family or rental. Open floor plan all on one level. Lovely deck with views of the mountains & trees. \$99,000 MLS # 20111511 6/195 Cottonwood. Call Linda



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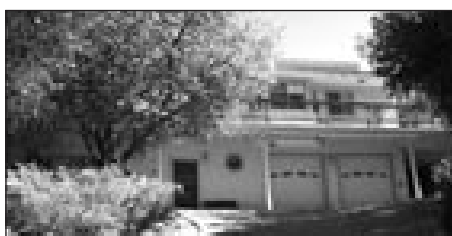
**RENOVATED FROM TOP TO BOTTOM**....sits on a beautiful 1/2 acre lot with a peek of the lake. 4bd/2b with an oversized 2 car garage. It is like buying a new home. Call Michael or Patty, \$218,000 3/312 MLS20121712



**BAR/RESTAURANT/BUILDING/BUSINESS/LIQUOR LICENSE**....Located on hwy 120 going into Yosemite. Seats over 100 people. Turnkey sale, includes all inventory. Call Zane McDow, 209-768-8889 \$398,000 MLS20121399



**BEAUTIFUL PEACEFULL** - 82 acres of gently rolling grazing terrain. 7 Acres with its own well can be sub-divided. New caretaker's quarters. Septic in place to build 4 bed home. Call Dave Lint or Ron Connick \$399,000 10151 Piney Creek Rd. MLS#20111272



**QUALITY, COMFORT, CONVENIENCE**....custom 4 bd/3ba. approx. 2500 sq. ft. home with abundant amenities, too many to mention. Oversized 2 car garage w/workshop, plumbed for air compressor, wired for arc welder. Call Linda \$299,000 7/166 MLS#20103976



**PRIME GOLF COURSE HOME** on the 4th Fairway. One Level Home with Open Great Room. Large Deck. Most Furniture Included. Call Dave Lint or Ron Connick \$215,000, 19179 Ferretti Rd. 5/245. MLS#20111408



PENDING

**BANK OWNED HOME**....2 bedrooms with large bonus room and bath downstairs. Both bedrooms on the entry level are very large and have access to a bathroom. Call David Lint or Ron Connick, \$79,900 3/339 MLS#20120223

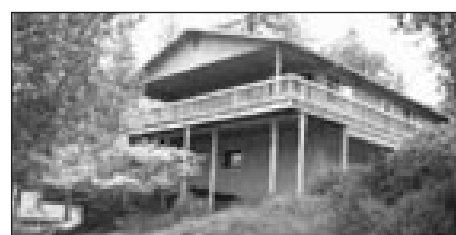


NEW LISTING

**BEAUTIFUL SETTING**....3bd/2ba on one level. Updated home. Oversized 2 car garage w/workshop. Patio room plus bonus room. Large RV parking. Call Michael or Patty, \$174,950 4/291 MLS20121754



**GOLF COURSE VIEWS**....3 bd/3 ba. Downstairs bedroom area can be used as a mother-in-law or guest quarters. It includes fireplace, separate heat & a/c, built in refrigerator, microwave etc. Call Ron Connick or Dave Lint, \$274,950 5/270 MLS20121388



**VIEW THE MOUNTAINS**....from the cool covered deck. Open living area that includes all the furniture. Plenty of parking. Just under the heavy snow line and above the valley fog. Call David Lint or Ron Connick, \$229,000 8/241 MLS#20110892

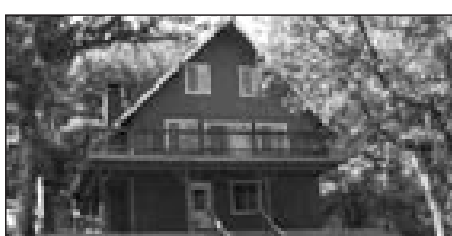


**30 ACRES RANCH/HORSE PROPERTY**....Fenced X fence. 2500 sq ft home with upgraded amenities. 4 bd 2.5ba, 3 car garage. Separate in law quarters. 17 Security camera systems on property. Call Zane McDow, \$279,500. 5740 Shillings Rd. MLS20120882



PENDING

**OPEN FLOOR PLAN**....with vaulted open beam ceilings. 3bd/2ba Oversized garage. Call Ron Connick or Dave Lint. \$117,500 19430 Ferretti Rd. MLS#20121305



**RELAXING RETREAT FOR A LRG. FAMILY**... Remodeled 5bd/2.5 ba. + a bunk room. A cozy living room w/ brick fireplace, open beam ceiling & bonus room downstairs. Located on a Lrg. lot w/great setting. Call Linda, \$225,000 3/331 MLS#20103754



NEW LISTING

**BEAUTIFUL 1.7 ACRE LOT**....enjoy the views from this ez access, mild sloping down premium lot. Very private location in desirable Unit 11. Call Michael or Patty, \$159,000 11/56 MLS20121723



**PRISTINE HIGH SIERRA RANCH**....only 15 miles from Yosemite. Large meadows w/creeks and ponds which are stocked w/fish. 3 homes & historic miners cabin, lots of buildings. Can be subdivided into 5 acre parcels. Call Dave Lint or Ron Connick. \$2,100,000 10488 Converse Rd. MLS20111351



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# DECEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR



**Santa Arrives – Dec 1st**



**Wine Tasting & Dinner Buffet – Dec 6th**



**New Year's Eve Extravaganza – Dec 31st**

## 12-1

**SATURDAY @ 1PM**

**SANTA ARRIVES AT THE GRILL**

All kids are invited to come visit with Santa and offer him their wish list. Don't forget to bring your camera for that Kodak moment you won't want to miss. Feel free to come early and have lunch with us, but make sure to make reservations for lunch 962-8638.

## 12-1

**SATURDAY @ 4PM**

**SANTA & TREE LIGHTING IN MARY LAVERONI PARK**

Santa will arrive at 4 PM with candy canes and gifts for the children. Hot Chocolate will be provided by the Garrotte Lions Club. There will be fun for everyone, young and old alike. Bring your cameras. Lighting of the Christmas trees will occur at dusk.

## 12-5

**WEDNESDAY 8-10AM**

**BIRD WALK**

Meet in GCSD parking lot at 18966 Ferretti Road, Groveland. Led by Barbara Connelly and Carol Rosalind. 132 species of birds have been seen. Bring binoculars and a birding field guide if you have one. Rain will cancel the trip. If you have any questions, call Carol at 962-6018.

## 12-6

**THURSDAY 5-7PM**

**WINE TASTING & DINNER BUFFET**

Wines from Boeger Winery of Placerville, Ca., Christmas music, and a festive feast of: orange spiced walnut and cranberry salad, roasted chicken breast with sage and black pepper sauce, sweet potato, pancetta risotto, and gingerbread cake. \$23 plus tax. Reservations are required 962-8638.

## 12-13 THRU 16

**THUR, FRI, SAT, SUN**

**PINE CONE SINGERS PRESENT CHRISTMAS WISHES, HOLIDAY DREAMS AT EV FREE CHURCH**

Seasonal favorites, nostalgic holiday tunes & beautiful sacred pieces of the Christmas, Hanukah and Kwanza season. Thur & Fri 7:30 PM, Sat & Sun at 2PM \$10 Adults, 12 & under Free. call Shirley at 962-4815 for info.

## 12-14

**FRIDAY 7PM**

**MAGICIAN NAATHAN PHAN AT THE GROVELAND HOTEL**

Member of the Academy of Magical Arts, Inc., The Magic Castle and the Screen Actor's Guild, several TV appearances. Perfect entertainment for kids & adults. Dinner and Show begin at 7:00 p.m. \$10 cover charge per person.

## 12-23

**SUNDAY 6-8PM**

**MINGLE & JINGLE HOLIDAY RECEPTION AT THE GRILL**

Join The Grill staff for some Yule tide cheer as we celebrate with all of our friends & neighbors. Complimentary holiday bites, warm cocoa and spiced cider. Caroling too! This fun filled evening is free to all who attend! RSVP for the Mingle & Jingle 962-8638.

## 12-31

**MONDAY 7PM TIL ?**

**2012 NEW YEAR'S EVE EXTRAVAGANZA!!**

Ring in the New Year with friends at The Club! Begins with a delicious four course dinner. Dancing to the music of The Crocodiles, party favors, champagne, and good fun. \$75 per person plus tax. Reservations a must 962-8638.

### MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL AT THE GRILL

Sponsored by ROOFBBS • Every Monday night thru December 17th • \$10 per person • Ticket sales 5:30PM • Dinner 6:00PM

### DEC ENTERTAINMENT AT THE LOUNGE

**Saturday  
December 1  
ESP BAND**

**Friday  
December 7  
SHOWTIME KARAOKE**

**Saturday  
December 8  
DYNA-MO**

**Saturday  
December 15  
ROCKSLIDE**

**Saturday  
December 22  
HIGHWAY 99 BAND**

**Saturday  
December 29  
CRYSTAL IMAGE**

### COMING IN JANUARY

**January 1st**  
Tuesday, 11 am - 8pm at The Grill  
**LUNCH & DINNER**  
The Grill will be open to start your New Year off right.

**January 24th**  
Thursday, 5-7pm at The Grill  
**WINE TASTING AND DINNER BUFFET**  
Featuring the wines of Eagle Rock Wine & Spirits. Music and Chef Carrie's dinner and dessert.

**January 31st**  
Thursday, 5-7pm at The Grill  
**KONA BREWING CO. HAWAIIAN LUAU & BEER TASTING**  
Seasonal sampler of Beers fro Lona Brewing Co of Kona Hawaii, buffet dinner and dessert. Wear tropical attire to this fun event.

## Taylor Powell is Tioga's Student of the Month

Taylor Powell runs a tight ship here at Tioga High. As our student body treasurer, she efficiently and accurately manages the school's ASB accounts; she is an indispensable aide to her teachers and the school secretary, organizing and grading paper and helping to run the office. She also is a zealous guardian of the office coffee pot.

More important, however, is her incredible dedication to her community service. She's been an active member of Tioga's S-Club for four years, receiving many accolades from the Soroptimist International of Groveland our mother organization, and was the GAINS (Groveland Area Involved Neighbors) recipient of the Community Service award 2012. She tirelessly works for the betterment of others.

She takes her academic work seriously as well, excelling in every subject including Advanced Placement English. Taylor has been an avid AVID student for the last four years, and has used the class to plan her future as a Forestry student.

She worked for 11 weeks last summer



*Taylor Powell*

as an intern for the U.S. Forest Service in Groveland, and in doing so discovered what she would like to pursue as a career. She plans to intern again this summer, then enroll in the Forestry Program at CSU Humboldt this fall.

If this weren't enough she is an exceptional athlete playing Basketball, Softball and is co-captain of Tioga's volleyball team, league champions for the last three years.

Taylor is a treasure who makes everyone around her just a little bit happier.

## Joleen Stires is Tenaya's Student of the Month

Joleen Stires is Tenaya's Student of the Month. Mrs. Jeffrey says, "Joleen's effort to do her best is evident. She is class secretary and a member of the writing club. Her homework is always complete and her willingness to do extra work is appreciated by her class and her teacher. Well done Joleen. You are a person of note!"

Joleen's Grandparents are: Tina and Wayne Bonds of Groveland



*Joleen Stires*

## Tenaya Elem. School Photo Contest Visit the Museum & Cast Your Votes

BY BONNIE BELISLE

You can all help support our young photographers by dropping in the Museum to cast your ballot for the Top 3 photographs on display beginning mid-November!

Each year, the Groveland Rotary Club, STCHS (Southern Tuolumne County Historical Society) and Tenaya Elementary School work together to host a student photography contest. A special thanks to the Rotary Club for their continued support.

In October student participants were loaned (or used their own) digital cameras. A big thank you to our community and friends who donated to STCHS the digital cameras. Bonnie Belisle, STCHS Representative, Steve Ryan, Photography Advisor, along with Warren Belisle and Kathy Ryan conducted a meeting with the 15 students that signed up for this year's contest. Our first meeting was to give photo tips and inspiration to capture scenes through the eye of the camera. Cameras were distributed and operational instructions given.

At the second meeting, held a week later, students chose their entry for the contest. Each student wrote a couple of sentences with thoughts about their photo in addition to coming up with a title. A big thank you goes to Barbara Broad and GAINS (Groveland Area Involved Neighbors) for loaning us the laptop computers for the students to review their photos.



*From front to back starting on the left are: Ada Pollock, Natasha Garcia, Samantha Beeman, Warren Belisle. On the right are: Sheara Haven, Josh Harrison, Merana Haven, Steve Ryan, Ailee Lim and Kathy Ryan.*

This contest is "judged" by Museum visitors. So please be sure to give our up and coming photographers your SUPPORT by VOTING.

The Photography Display will be ready by mid-November -- ballots and a controlled voting sign-in sheet are available from the Docent on duty at the Museum. Voting will continue through the end January. A big thanks to Rich Hathaway for once again mounting the 8x10 photos and creating the photography display at the Museum.

Our Awards Ceremony will be scheduled sometime in February, with the exact date and time yet to be determined. Stay tuned! First, second and third place winners will be determined by the votes cast at the Museum. Cash Awards will be presented for \$35 for 1st -- \$25 for 2nd -- \$15 for 3rd, and all photographers will receive a Certificate of Participation and photo key rings which will include a copy of their photo.

## Tioga High School S Club

BY BRIANNA DECKARD & DAWNELLE DUTTON

### Busy Month for S Club

Tioga High School's service club has been busy this past month preparing for our annual blanket drive. We would like to thank every one who helped contribute blankets this year, we greatly appreciate it!

On October 30th the Soroptimist women of Groveland held their annual B.E.S.T. Day where Taylor Powell, Samantha Hindle and Brianna Deckard gave an inspirational speech to Tenaya's seventh and eighth grade girls to persuade them to join S-Club and help serve their community.

Our S-Club girls also made our own pillow cases that turned out to be a big success and we are now talking about making them again to donate to either burn victims or the less fortunate kids of our community. I will continue to keep you updated on what S-Club plans to do next!

### Pillow Cases & Life Lessons

Tioga S club spent a recent Friday night making pillow cases at Tioga.

The girls learned how to sew and put together the cases. We are planning on sending home made pillow cases to children burn victims that attend burn camps in the summer, so we had to practice on some made for ourselves. I am so proud of these girls always making time to help others! What a great lesson to learn as a young adult!

### S Club Blanket Giveaway

Tioga's S club will be giving away blankets and comforters for those in need this winter on November 30 (5-8pm) and December 1 (10-12pm) in front of the Groveland Community Hall. Please come if you are in need of staying warm this winter. We are happy to serve those who need to keep warm! Please spread the word to any whom could benefit from this event! First come, first serve.

## Groveland 'Volunteers' for Wheels\*

BY ALEX WYLIE

November 5th is the launch date of Phase One of Wheels\* which is a transportation program for seniors who are unable to drive and have no family locally to help them. The program is designed to connect clients with the community by providing round trip car rides from their homes to destinations in the Groveland area such as doctor and dentist offices, library, banks, stores etc.

The program, which is an initiative of The Little House, has been 18 months in the making and has attracted many volunteers who want to help make a difference to the lives of seniors in our mountain top neighborhood.

Client Advisers, Jim Thayer and Joyce Reitzen, have enrolled 15 seniors in the program and it may be necessary to begin a waiting list for additional clients. We feel it sensible to limit the number of clients we enroll at program start-up so that we are comfortable with our systems and processes and we know that we are providing the level service to our clients that they expect.

Mike Carbonaro has developed the on-line computer system which schedules drivers and clients and he has a team of 5 volunteer schedulers undergoing

training in the system. Clients enrolled in the program may call the Wheels\* voice mail system and request transportation up to a day in advance of their needs and the scheduler advises the driver signed up for that day of the assignment.

The number of drivers signed up as volunteers for Wheels\* has now reached 23 which clearly demonstrates the caring nature of the residents in our community. Orientation and training sessions for drivers took place in The Little House and were enthusiastically attended by our volunteers.

There is no charge for the service; clients may elect to make a donation if they choose. Wheels\* volunteers provide their service at no charge.

The start-up costs and ongoing operational costs for the program are being provided by Southside Senior Services which operates out of The Little House. Anyone wishing to help underwrite this program can make a tax deductible donation to The Little House, PO Box 63, Groveland, CA 95321

Anyone wishing to be a client or a volunteer for the program should call 209-962-6952 and leave a message or email [wheels@thelittlehouse.com](mailto:wheels@thelittlehouse.com)

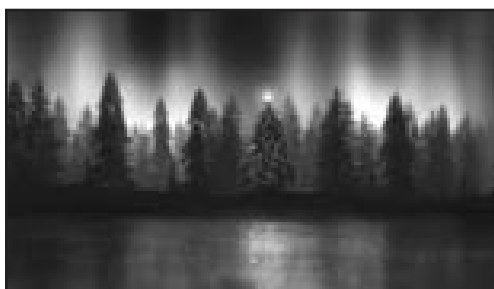
## The Little House Lights the Season

BY SYDNEY AVEY

If the weather has been kind to us, many of you enjoyed our Light the Season event on December 2, and continue to enjoy the tree you helped light. We hope you think of the people you hold in your hearts when you drive into Groveland on a dark winter night and see that tree sparkling.

One thing we can say for sure, we are the kind of community that doesn't hesitate to memorialize or honor someone when given the opportunity. Thank you for your generous support of Light the Season. We quickly covered our expenses and had a good amount left over to put toward keeping our doors open.

Special thanks to the Pine Cone Singers for sharing their musical talents, to Hope Landscaping and Tree Service for assisting with decorating the tree,



and to the many volunteers from The Little House who helped to make this inaugural event such a joyous occasion. We plan on making this an annual event and welcome your feedback on how we can make it even better.

The lights on the tree reflect the many people who were memorialized and/honored. We hope you enjoy the glow of the tree throughout the holiday season.

## Volunteer Day at Tuolumne Trails

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON



Scott Baker, Bill Bent and Leon Liebster clear a new picnic area. Photo by M. Maldonado



Nadine Pedron paints trim on a cabin. Photo by V. Gustafson

It was a fun and productive Volunteer Day at Tuolumne Trails today. We welcomed some brand new volunteers and many stalwarts. We thank them all!

Three different brushing crews cleared trails and made new picnic areas: John Infelise, Steve Berrios, Barbra Broad, Jenny Dwailebee, Juan Garayar, John Hopkins, Steve Schuda, Becky Johnson, Bill Bent, Scott Baker, and Leon Liebster.

Mark Hall, Kay Meermans and Jen Merz weed-whacked and cleared along the roadside.

An industrious team of Tom and Brenda Sweeney, Jerry Baker, John Anthony and Gary Weinstein built an "Old West" façade around our chicken/turkey coops.

Kathy Oing and Vikki Garrett painted metal handrails alongside the path to the cabins. Another painting crew of Tony Flores, Nadine Pedron, Shelly

Beeman, and Janice Mussatto painted the trim on the bunkhouses. Another painter, Pat Fernandez, did a great job touching up a year's worth of scuffs and scratches in the Great Hall.

Cindi Goodrich and mom Paddy Speyers had a challenging assignment planting daffodils at the entrance to camp. The ground was hard, but the flowers will be beautiful.

Jim Goodrich and Rick Giubbini built a new fence around our new campfire area.

Last but certainly not least, our wonderful kitchen crew led by Karen Hopkins planned, prepared and served a delicious camp lunch. Thanks to Karen's team of Pat Price, Sally Salinas, and Ingrid Turner.

Our volunteer labor is not only fun and rewarding, but helps keep fees low for our special needs campers. To become a Tuolumne Trails volunteer, contact Virginia at 962-6336.

## Monthly Bird Walk

The first Wednesday of the month Bird Walk at the Groveland Community Services property at 18966 Ferretti Road, Groveland will be led by Barbara Connelly and Carol Rosalind on Dec 5. The property encompasses an area of more than 200 acres of oak, pine and willow habitat with three water storage ponds. 132 species

of birds have been seen there since November of 2007

Meet the group in the GCSD parking lot at 8:00 AM. Bring binoculars and a birding field guide if you have one. Rain will cancel the trip. The walk will last about two-three hours. If you have any questions, call Carol at 962-6018.

*Happy Holidays*

## 2013 Proposed Rate Change for Moore Bros. Scavenger Customers

BY STEVE MOORE, PRESIDENT – MOORE BROS. SCAVENGER CO. INC.

Moore Bros. Scavenger is currently anticipating a new solid waste collection rate beginning in January 2013. The new rate will be based on the recent increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) which is 2.64% for our area.

Our rates are determined by the County of Tuolumne and must be approved by the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors before they can be modified. On December 4th, 2012 Moore Bros. Scavenger will appear before the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors and ask that they approve our request to take this year's CPI increase.

We understand that any rate increase from our customers' point of view is never popular, especially with the state of our current local economy. We are aware that the recession has been devastating to many of our friends and customers. It was for this reason in part, that we opted not to request the CPI for 2012. In fact, we were the only trash hauler in Tuolumne County that didn't raise our rates. Unfortunately, to keep up with the ever increasing costs to operate, we feel it is necessary for 2013.

Since we will have to wait until the December 4th Board meeting it is possible that our annual payment coupon / information billing packets could be delayed in getting to you by or before January 1st of the New Year which is our usual practice. If this occurs, we will waive the late charge fee for all customers in January.

We also want to take this opportunity to remind you that the Groveland Transfer Station will be accepting Christmas Trees during the month of January during regular business hrs. of 8:00 A.M. to 3:45 P.M. Wednesdays and Saturdays only, AT NO CHARGE. The minimum gate fee of \$14.70 will be charged for flocked trees of any kind. If you cannot self haul your live tree either to the slash yard at Pine Mountain Lake or the Groveland Transfer Station, you may call our office at 962-7224 to make an appointment to have your tree picked up at no charge. Trees must be unflocked, cut into 5 ft. lengths and bundled. Please remove all tinsel, decorations and nails.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call our business office at 962-7224 Mon. – Fri. 9:00 A.M. to 5 P.M.

## Second Round Bootcamp

BY DAWNELLE DUTTON



Way to go ladies of the 2nd Bootcamp!

Congratulations to the participants of the second round of Bootcamp. Every single one of you has worked hard in accomplishing the goal of becoming a healthier individual! Bootcamp consists of cardiovascular exercise, strength training and using "outside of the box" tools. It's not your usual weight lifting/cardio type of exercises! We use body weight straps, dynamax balls and old used tires! It's a great way to push yourself to the next level in unique

fitness routines and if you haven't been involved before, it's a great way to start a new routine of dynamic, fun exercising. A lot of the participants thought they couldn't do this class. But it turns out, that not only did they complete it, when it ended they actually expressed feelings of sadness. This specific bootcamp ran throughout the month of October, meeting twice a week. Way to go girls!! Keep on working hard 'til the next time around!

## Red Ribbon Week

BY KAY GLAVES

The Groveland Garrotte Lions Club helped sponsor Red Ribbon Week, October 23rd to October 31st, by donating Red Ribbons carrying the message, "It's great to be Drug free." These ribbons were worn by the students from Tenaya Elementary and Tioga High School along with the teachers and bus drivers.

Drug awareness is designated to encourage the prevention of drug use and was spearheaded by Wynette Hilton and the student body council at Tenaya Elementary School. They planned a great week for all of the students.

### A Review of RED RIBBON WEEK

On Thursday, February 7, 1995, Enrique "Kiki" Camerena, 37, stashed his badge and service pistol in his desk drawer and headed for lunch with his wife Mika. Kiki, a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Agent, had been on the trail of Mexico's marijuana and cocaine barons. He was due to be reassigned in three weeks. He had come dangerously close to unlocking a multi-billion dollar drug pipeline which he suspected extended into the highest reaches of the Mexican army, police, and government.

According to the DEA's reconstruction of events, as he headed to lunch, five men appeared at the agent's side and shoved him into a waiting car. That was the last time anyone but his kidnapers would see him alive.

Kiki Camerena's body was found

one month later in a shallow grave 70 miles from Michoacan, Mexico. He had been tortured, beaten and brutally murdered. Mika would have to tell her three sons that their daddy would not be coming home again.

As news of the atrocity began to appear in the newspapers and on radio and television broadcasts, many school parent associations, already angry and sick of the killing and destruction caused by alcohol and other drugs in America, were looking about for some way to proclaim their concerns and make a demand for action in their local communities. Several of these groups banded together and selected a red ribbon as a symbol and set about creating a red ribbon campaign to show intolerance for drugs in our schools, our work places, and our communities.

In 1988, with Nancy Reagan as honorary chair, an eight day "RED RIBBON WEEK" was proclaimed by the Congress of the United States. Each year, since 1988, the Red Ribbon campaign has grown and now impacts millions of Americans like no other drug prevention movement in history. In schools, in particular, when everyone is wearing a red ribbon, and this little piece of satin carries the message that it is "OK TO SAY NO TO DRUGS".

Thanks to the efforts of Wynette Hilton and the Student Body Councils, plus the schools, for all the work they put into the Red Ribbon Program. They are a real credit to Groveland.

## Groveland Rotary Red, White, and Blue Ball

BY RUDY MANZO

The Groveland Rotary Club is getting ready for the annual Red White and Blue Ball. Tickets will be going to press in the next few days so we want everyone to get ready for a wonderful evening out. The Red White and Blue Ball will be held on January 26, 2013. Time is flying by and 2013 will be here before we know it. So gentlemen, dust off the tuxedo and have your lady start picking out her best evening attire for this special event. It will be held at the PML Grill. The doors will open at 6:00PM for the no-host cocktail hour and dinner will be served at 7:00PM. Music will be provided once

again by the Home Grown Band.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Wounded Warriors Program. Our troops have put their lives on the line for all of us. Some have come home with wounds that will take a great deal of time to heal. It is our hope that our contribution, whatever it might be, will help those who need to receive the best medical aid possible.

We look forward to seeing you on January 26, 2013 for a fun evening. If you would like additional information regarding tickets, contact your local Rotarian or call Jim Thayer at 962-5007.

# Helping Hands Happenings

BY JOYCE SMITH

We are back to our fall and winter hours, closing at 3:00 P.M. at both Store and Barn. If and when you want to bring in donations, please do it before 2:30. We thank you for your cooperation. Also, a reminder not leave anything outside the door at either place. We gladly take your articles during business hours, before 2:30. Thank you.

Both Store and Barn will be closed on Tuesday, December 4th. We will be having our General Monthly Meeting prior to the Volunteers Christmas Party and gift exchange. Gotta keep us volunteers happy. There are 80 of us, so our getting together is a big deal, (like impossible).

We are loaded with Christmas things! We had a work day on Nov. 5th to take away Halloween and Thanksgiving items and move in Christmas. We really do have a lot of Christmas items, so for best selection, shop early and often. Christmas trees and large decorations will be at the Barn. You will have a lot to choose from. Yes, toys and more toys.

The Fall Giveaway was successful and helped us make room for fall, winter,

Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thanks are due to the four firemen (sorry guys, I don't have your names), Robbin Bodle, Sean Cready and Tony Flores for moving bags from the Barn to Community Hall in preparation for setting up for giveaway. You were a huge help.

We have been saying goodbye to our part time volunteers (until Spring) and sorry to hear Patti Rossio and Sue Fuller are resigning. Patti to spend time between homes and Sue to travel. We welcome our ladies that come back to us in winter. Keeping the Store and Barn staffed is a real chess game for Patti Beaulieu and Sandy Graham. We thank all of them for their dedication to Helping Hands.

Dar Brown, our 'Support our Troops' Chairperson, reports as of 9-30-12 she has sent 217 boxes to our Troops. Dar usually has some thank you letters she shares with us at our General Meetings.

All of us at Helping Hands wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthful New Year.

See you at the Store or Barn.

# GAINs Award to Taylor Powell

BY BARBARA BROAD

Groveland Area Involved Neighbors, GAINs, was proud to present the eighth annual GAINs Community Service Youth Award to Taylor Powell, during a school assembly at Tioga. The purpose of these awards is to recognize deserving members of the Groveland area who have made outstanding contributions for the betterment of our community during the calendar year 2011.

Shirley Brasesco, member of Soroptimist International of Groveland, read her nomination of Taylor Powell. "I have seen Taylor blossom in personality and gain confidence in herself through her many volunteer activities during the 2011 year. As president of the Tioga High School 'S' Club (an organization supported by Groveland Soroptimist), Taylor has directed the members in many worthwhile events: Chinese Auction, Valentine 'Grams fundraiser, Saturday of Service filling toiletries



GAINs Award, Shirley Brasesco, Taylor Powell, and Dave Holcomb.

bags for the less fortunate, canned food contest at the school, a very successful fundraiser for Lance Ferguson, who has lymphoma, a blanket drive at school, and serving Thanksgiving dinner at the Community Hall."

Dave Holcomb, from the Kiwanis Club and member of the GAINs Board of Directors, congratulated Taylor and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

# Friends of the Groveland Library

BY NADINE PEDRON

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HOST MEGA BOOK CLUB MEETING

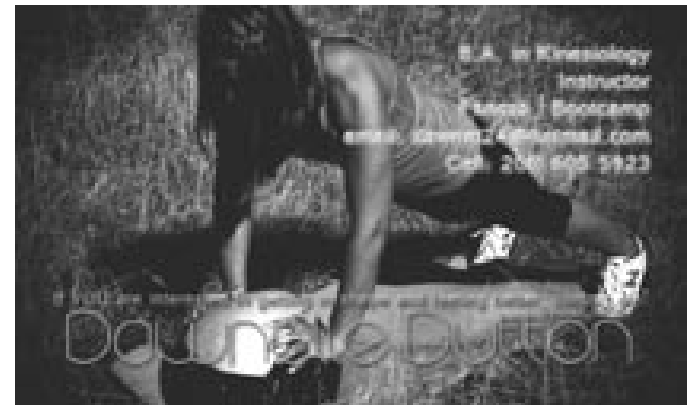
The six book clubs in Groveland met together in October for a joint gathering of literature lovers. Representatives of each club provided history and information on their particular groups – and foremost, the list of their most favorite books and why they chose them. Interactive discussion with the audience was more than a little lively with strong opinions and frequent hilarious rejoinders flying fast. All of that food for thought was followed by some for nibbling and sipping as well. A Book Swap wrapped up the event with participants taking home a new book and agreeing to meet again next year for another grand literary discussion. The clubs attending this year were: The Library Lot, The Lit Wits, The Cubbies, As the Page Turns, Food for Thought, and Berts Bookies. A list of the most liked books was compiled and if you would like a copy, you may pick one up at the library. The Friends thank GAINs for co-sponsoring this event.

FOGL's Books at Home Project will



Book Club representatives Jane Peters, Joyce Reitzen, Kathy Oing, Bert Howard, Harriet Codeglia and Phyllis Gschwend present their favorite book picks.

again provide children's books for the annual Christmas Basket program. We need some help wrapping the books, so we invite anyone interested to join us in this task on Wednesday, December 12th and/or Thursday, December 13th from 10 – 2 downstairs at the library. For further information contact Nadine Pedron. 962-6953 or [epedron@att.net](mailto:epedron@att.net).





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# 7th and 8th Grade Tenaya Girls Are the BEST!

BY BONNIE PHILLIPS

Soroptimist International of Groveland (SIG) invited thirty-seven 7th and 8th grade girls from Tenaya School to spend October 30 with them at Pine Mountain Lake Lodge. It was time for B.E.S.T. (Be Empowered Starting Today) Day when Soroptimists create a connection with the young girls in our community and seek to model the importance of leadership, professionalism and the joy of service. This year's theme was "Respect Yourself, Respect Others".



- The day included:
- Defining what respect looks like, through our actions, and what it shouldn't look like if we are disrespectful.
  - The girls did role plays involving the aspects of bullying and how to handle situations in which they might be bullied or observe others being abused.
  - They learned the importance of giving; when they hand-tied colorful, soft fleece baby blankets and donated them to IMVO (It's My Very Own). This group supplies "bags of love" to children in the care of Protective Services and the blankets that the girls made are to be included with those very important gifts of love.
  - To respect their bodies, our guests learned valuable tips about the five healthy food groups; how to start with a smart breakfast and how to figure out food labels.

After a healthy chicken taco salad lunch, everyone enjoyed a vigorous workout with an exciting lesson in Zumba exercise. The afternoon workshops involved a lesson on good skin care using only fresh ingredients from the refrigerator or kitchen pantry. Several "volunteers" looked so lovely in their egg white, banana/honey and oatmeal masks! Tips on hair care and youthful hair styling completed the interactive workshops. Soroptimist is so grateful to all of the community volunteers who gave their time and added their expertise to sections of the program and the workshops.

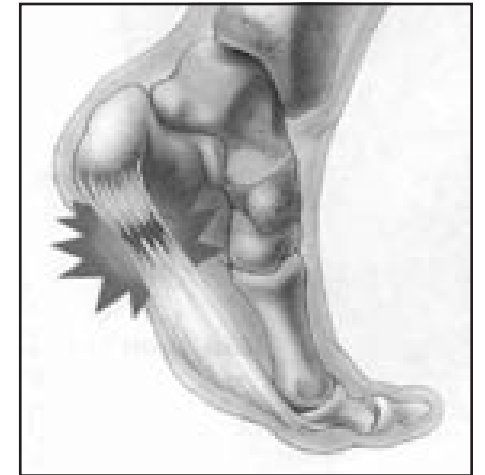
The BEST part of the day for the Soroptimists was each of us receiving a hug from every girl, as they left, carrying their SIG gift bags to return to school. Early feedback tells us that, again, this SIG service project continues to make a positive impact and for the students this event is memorable, fun and educational!

# Healthy Habits from Pine Mountain Therapy

BY JULIE TANAKA, PT

## KEEP YOUR FEET HAPPY

One of the most common and easily treated foot pain syndromes we see at PMT is plantar fasciitis. Plantar Fasciitis is named for the thick tissue on the bottom of your foot, that runs from the heel to the toes and supports the arch, the plantar fascia. The "itis" part happens when the tissue is overused or over stretched and becomes inflamed. Once the tissue becomes inflamed you will experience pain either in the heel or the arch or both. Symptoms usually are worse when you take your first steps in the morning, after standing or walking for a long period, when climbing stairs or after intense activity.



Plantar fasciitis affects both men and women but is most common in men 40-70. Increase risk of developing foot pain comes with either high arches or flat feet, long-distance running or walking, sudden weight gain or obesity, tight achilles tendon (heel cords) and shoes with poor support.

## What to do?

First be sure you have shoes with good support! Shoes do not have to be expensive or have custom insoles. Quite often when we take a history on a patient with plantar fasciitis we find that they spend a lot of time in flip flops, slippers or go barefoot in the house. Your arches need support from the time you get up in the morning until you go to bed at night. Having a pair of "house shoes" with adequate support can make a huge difference. Ice will often ease the pain by decreasing the inflammation. Here's a two for one hint: Freeze a water bottle. Put a towel down on the floor and roll your foot on the frozen bottle. You get a massage and ice treatment in one!

In therapy we teach simple stretches and use modalities to bring down the inflammation and rehabilitate the fascia and improve the function of the surrounding muscles. Other treatment may include injections by your doctor, wearing a night splint or in severe cases having to wear a cast boot. But, if you catch plantar

fasciitis early the simple tips above and seeing a physical therapist may prevent the need for further more severe treatment.

As always, our goal at PMT is to keep you fit so you can enjoy our beautiful area.

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# Living Through the Holidays

BY ETTY GARBER PHD • MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST

Well, we've weathered Halloween and we passed through Thanksgiving. Yet to come are Christmas, New Year's Eve and Day. The holiday season is upon us. It's time for families to get together to share food, busy chatter and all around joy. At least that is what is supposed to be happening. Sometimes our expectations don't always match reality. Conflicting relationships, old feuds and painful memories rise up in a dark cloud hovering over the familial gathering. Every year we anticipate that this year will be different, but it seldom is. "I always wish that we will be happy this time, but I get depressed because no one wants to forget the conflicts of the past," my friend, Marcia complained.

It's time to change our perspective. We cannot change the past but we can change the present and hopefully the future. Sometimes it takes only one person to initiate change; first with oneself and then with others. Instead of seeing the holidays as one long dismal period where you have to suck up your feelings, put on a happy face to mask the agony of your discomfort and exhaust yourself in the process. Let's consider to change it up. Open the blinders and you will see other options.

Decide that you don't want to be disappointed this year. Ask yourself, "What can I do to improve the situation this time?"

First, prepare yourself with an optimistic attitude. If you are with family bring any old family pictures you may have to share that could inspire reminiscing and laughter, especially over old hairdos or clothing. Ask others to bring some of their old pictures, too. Keep the conversation positive and on a light level.

Second, take the time to ask others what positive events they experienced

during the past year. Really listening to them will show that you are interested and care about them. Share some of the positive things you have done during the year and inform them of some of your future plans. Recommend some books, films, or television shows that you think they may enjoy. Start a fun activity. Games like charades or others that encourage interaction will promote laughter and fun. Be creative, ask the others for suggestions and be open to try anything. Thanksgiving is especially a good time to have a gratitude circle, although any time is a good time to verbalize appreciation. Bringing music into the group with singing, playing instruments or even having a talent show can heighten everybody's mood.

Thirdly, offering to help or to do any chores will show your desire to make things go smoothly. Make yourself useful by playing with any young children or directing your attention to an elderly person.

Don't participate in any discussions that criticize others or bring up misdeeds of the past. Encourage a happy atmosphere by your own behavior. Savor the fun parts, let go of the rest.

If you are unable to be with your family at this time you can decide what you could do that would make you happy. Find other friends or friends of friends who do not have relatives to be with for any number of reasons. Plan a get together with them and use some of the suggestions above. Or choose a movie or take a sightseeing trip to somewhere you have never been. Find an inviting place to have lunch or dinner. Talk about things you love, hobbies and dreams for the future.

Remember it is your holiday, too and you deserve to enjoy it. If you do, so will the lucky people who share it with you.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Pimento Cheese

RECIPE BY TOM KNOTH AND PAULA MARTELL OF "TWO LITTLE PIGS BBQ CATERING"

We just returned from a week of visiting Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina. Six days of dining in these magnificent cities, despite walking 3-5 miles per day, resulted in Paula gaining 3 lbs and me gaining 6. But, it was worth it!

It was an incredible gastronomical journey through a maze of way too rich and fattening dishes unique to the region, and we thoroughly enjoyed it. We feasted on "She Crab Soup", Shrimp and Cheddar Grits, Fried Green Tomatoes, chicken that was deep fried in a waffle batter and topped with maple syrup, fried pork belly, and many other over-the-top dishes that forced my belly over-the-belt.

One item that really grabbed us was Pimento Cheese. It's been called the "Pâté of the South" and "Carolina Caviar." It's the kind of thing that Southerners get all misty eyed remembering from their youths and Yankees get all wondrous and rapturous about when they discover it.

We appreciate a little "kick" in our food and Pimento Cheese gave us an opportunity to satisfy our cravings for both cheese and spice in one bite. You can use this cheese dip mixture for numerous culinary purposes. Paula had a terrific pimento cheese omelet at "The Glass Onion" in Charleston, and I had it as a burger topping at "The Brick" (also in Charleston). "The Olde Harbour Inn", a Bed and Breakfast that we stayed at in Savannah, served raisin bread and pimento cheese tea sandwiches (very tasty!). Many restaurants offered grilled pimento cheese sandwiches. You could also use it as a dip for crackers or veggies, serve it on potato skins, or make cheese balls out of it and then press them



in chopped pecans. How about Pimento Mac and Cheese? The ideas are endless, but needless to say, we are now hooked on this stuff, and we hope that you will try our "souvenir" from the Old South.

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 3 oz package Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
- 1 Cup Sharp Cheddar Cheese, grated
- 1 Cup Monterey Jack or Pepper Jack Cheese, grated
- 1/2 Cup Mayonnaise
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt
- 1/8 teaspoon Garlic Powder
- 2 to 3 Tablespoons Pimentos, finely diced
- 1 teaspoon Onion, finely grated or chopped
- Cracked Black or White Pepper (to taste)
- Cayenne or Chipotle Pepper (optional, to taste)

#### DIRECTIONS

Using an electric mixer, beat cream cheese until smooth and fluffy. Add all of the remaining ingredients and beat until well blended.



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# Yosemite Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Installation

BY CAROLYN BOTELL

A truly Grand Time was enjoyed by all at the recent Annual Installation Dinner for the Yosemite Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for the 2012-2013 term! The gala event was held at The Grill at Pine Mountain Lake, and the food and service was outstanding, and the Celebrities in attendance were so prestigious there should have been a red carpet!

Craig Pedro, Tuolumne County Administrative Officer, was the Keynote Speaker for the evening. He regaled the audience with tales of his 100+ family history in the region, his youth, and his dedication to both the history and the future of the area during the course of his adult life. Craig outlined recent accomplishments, and anticipated goals for the future, for our local business and government concerns.

The Honorable Eleanor Provost, Superior Court Judge for Tuolumne County performed the Oath of Office for the new Yosemite Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. The ceremony seemed infused with a heightened level of attention and seriousness, thanks to the presence of someone with her esteem doing the "Raise Your Right Hand".

The Yosemite Chamber of Commerce for 2012-2013 is comprised of:

President: **James Nagle**, REALTOR® Coldwell Banker Mountain Leisure Properties; Vice President: **Tom Hernandez**, SoulBeGood; Secretary: **Kristy Brower**, Yosemite Adventure Supplies; Treasurer: **Cathy Leetham**, Accounting Plus; Director: **Marc Fossum**, Shady Lady Parasols & Fans; Director: **Paul Pierretti**, Lakeside Marketing/Discover Groveland Magazine; Director: **Jenn Edwards**, Hotel Charlotte/Charlotte Bistro & Bar; Director: **Peggy Mosley**, Groveland Hotel/Cellar Door Restaurant & Bar; Director: **Carole Smith**, Carron Tax Associates.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Pam Oler, Christina Wilkinson and Jerry Baker for their service on the YCC Board in recent years, with Lynn Uphagrove another recently departing board member having been recognized previously at a YCC Board of Directors meeting before her recent relocation. James Nagle was thanked for stepping in as President for the YCC Board mid-term in the year. Appreciation Certificates were also given to Kristy Brower for her years of work as Administrator and representative for YCC, and to Laurie Nagle for her volunteer work on behalf of YCC.

Special recognition was given to Darin

Grossi & Tyler Summerset with the Tuolumne County Transportation Council for their work to bring the Yosemite Area Regional Transit Service (YARTS) to the Highway 108-Highway 120 entrance to Yosemite, as well as to Jeannie Tasker for her role and work as a local liaison with Yosemite Gateway Partners and Yosemite National Park. Jeannie Tasker also kindly stepped in on behalf of Kass Hardy with Yosemite National Park, to tell the group about the upcoming Yosemite National Park anniversary date celebrations.

Donations to local charitable organizations were announced in association with the Honorary Mayor Race, with Garrotte Lions and Kay Glaves, the new Honorary Mayor and Queen of Groveland, raising the most funds. The three Honorary Mayors' chosen causes, who also received donation checks, were Foothills Community Church with Hope Cooper, Tenaya Elementary School with Haley Brower, and Groveland Rotary

with Nadele Manzo.

New YCC members were introduced to the audience, and gratitude was expressed to Tony & Linda Flores, Ron & Peggie Sharp, and others for their work on various YCC events and committees. Thank you also to Fred Fiallia for the music, to Laurie Nagle for decorating the tables, to the staff of the PML Grill for all their hard work and showing us such a great time.



*The newly elected YCC Board of Directors. Front row (L to R): Marc Fossum, Cathy Leetham, Jenn Edwards, Peggy Mosely. Top row: Tom Hernandez, James Nagle, Kristy Brower, and Paul Pierretti.*

## Halloween Heartfelt "Thank You!"

BY LINDA FLORES

Groveland's Ghosts & Goblins Committee wishes to thank our very giving community for sponsoring and participating in another fun filled Halloween celebration. It was a special evening with many uniquely costumed business personnel and of course our cute little "Trick or Treaters"!

The night's activities included refreshments, the usual Photo stop, games, prizes, a bonfire with S'Mores, treat bags, glow bands and an Arts & Crafts station. Lastly, a child friendly "SPOOK HOUSE" was a great scary scene!!! We were joined by The Lions, The ROOFBB's, The Tioga "S" Club, Supervisor, John Gray, Honorary Mayor, Kay Glaves as well as many new and returning volunteers. We can't thank The Rotary organization enough for their generous support. Our evening was both safe and sane due in no



small part to the Sheriff's Community Service Unit and our Fire Department. The combined efforts of our hard working and talented volunteers and supporters made it a wonderful night to remember.

Many, many thanks and much

## Christmas Comes to Groveland

BY YOSEMITE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving in Groveland's Mary Laveroni Park on Saturday, December 1st. Santa will arrive at 4 PM with candy canes and gifts for the children. Hot Chocolate will be provided by the Garrotte Lions Club. There will be fun for everyone, young and old alike. Bring your cameras. Lighting of the Christmas trees will occur at dusk. In the event rain comes to dampen the day, Santa

gratitude goes out to you all as we couldn't have done it without you. See you all again next year!!!

(Unclaimed photos will be at the Chamber Office until Dec. 8th for pick-up.) SPONSORED BY THE YOSEMITE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

will arrive in the local Groveland Fire Department station.

### A DECORATING CONTEST IS COMING YOUR WAY!

The Yosemite Chamber of Commerce encourages all businesses along Highway 120 from Moccasin to Yosemite to get out the sparkles, candy canes and all things holiday related for our second annual decorating contest. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in TWO categories: Building Exterior Decorations and Business Inside/Window Decorations (new this year!). Judging will take place on a clear night between December 12th and 19th, for both categories. If you have questions or are interested in participating, please contact YCC 209-962-0429 / [info@groveland.org](mailto:info@groveland.org) or Laurie Nagle 209-962-0323.



## The Sky Above Iceland – A Young Moon

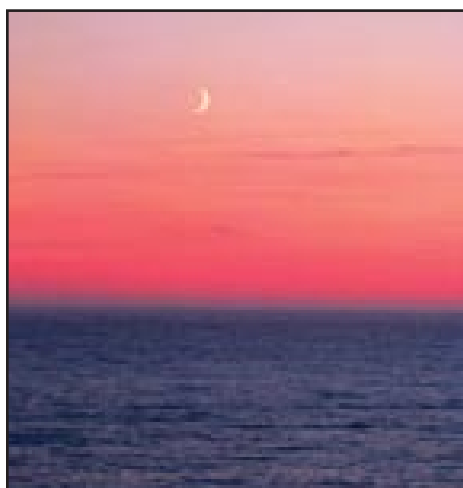
BY EDDIE PAVLU • WWW.GROVELANDASTRO.COM

Many of the images that I share in the Pine Mountain Lake Newsletter are taken with the aid of an array of telescopes, telescope mounts, and cameras – but anyone can take beautiful pictures of the evening sky with just about any camera.

Taking a photograph close to or just after sunset requires some special considerations. In order to collect enough light, the exposure time will be greater than daytime photographs. Longer exposure times require a very steady camera so the image doesn't come out blurry. The best way to accomplish this is by using a tripod or setting your camera on a steady surface. Another challenge is camera focus. The auto-focus feature on your camera requires a minimum level of light to operate properly. One trick that I use is to focus on a distant bright object and then use that focus setting when taking photographs of dim objects that are a similar distance away.

I enjoy looking towards the west in the early evening to see what bright sky objects are visible. Start by looking at the sky just after sunset. As the sky darkens, look for bright objects. Often the brightest "stars" in the sky aren't stars at all, but planets. Naked eye visible planets (that don't require the use of a telescope or binoculars) include Mercury, Venus, Mars, Saturn, and Jupiter.

Recently my wife, Lisa, and I were on a transatlantic cruise traveling from northern Europe to the eastern United States by way of the northern route, stopping at Iceland and cruising just south of Greenland. Just after sunset on September 18th, we were treated to a view of a very thin young crescent moon, floating in the red post sunset sky, just above the Atlantic Ocean. A young moon occurs just a few days after a new moon, a new moon being when no moon is visible in the sky. Young moons are often difficult to see because they set shortly



after sunset when the sky can still be quite bright. The clear mid-Atlantic ocean skies and the contrasting red sunset sky helped to make this young moon easily visible.

I took the photograph printed in this newsletter while we were on the balcony of our stateroom on the ship. We were at a very northern latitude, at approximately 64 degrees. In comparison, Groveland is at about 38 degrees latitude. This additional latitude leads to much longer daylight. This photograph was particularly difficult because I needed a long exposure time (0.2 seconds), however there was a lot of movement on the cruise ship so a tripod wouldn't provide much help. I took about 30 photographs and was lucky enough to get this one in-focus.

Please visit my on-line astrophotography gallery at [www.GrovelandAstro.com](http://www.GrovelandAstro.com) to view a higher resolution version many of my astrophotography images.

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

Camera: Canon Power Shot S5IS  
Total Exposure Time: 0.2 seconds  
ISO: 200  
Imaging Date: September 18, 2012

## Think Pink

BY SHARON VOLPONI

Soroptimist International of Groveland's mission is to improve the lives of women and girls in our local community and throughout the world. Women's health is a very important topic to us. In keeping with our mission, we recognized October as Breast Cancer Awareness month at our October 16 program meeting. We dressed in pink as a way to bring attention to the importance of every woman getting an annual mammogram and being aware of the risks for and signs of breast cancer.



## Pine Cone Singers Present "Christmas Wishes & Holiday Dreams"

BY LINELLE MARSHALL

Groveland area residents and visitors will be in for a real treat on **December 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th** when the Pine Cone Singers, directed by Dennis Brown, present this year's holiday concert, "Christmas Wishes, Holiday Dreams." Conductor Brown has selected a wide range of seasonal favorites, nostalgic holiday tunes and beautiful sacred pieces that evoke the mystical spirituality of the Christmas, Hanukah and Kwaanza season. The poignantly beautiful "Grown-Up Christmas List", made popular by Amy Grant and Kelly Clarkson, has a universal message for us all. Of course, there will be some foot-stompin' spirituals, and a few humorous takes on holiday traditions, too. How about "The Twelve Days AFTER Christmas" for an unusual perspective of gifts for a NOT-SO-loved one? Can you remember being a child trying to wait up for Santa Claus' arrival? "Zat you, Santa Claus?" is a fun bebop song that will bring back childhood memories. Instrumentalists Jeff Bay and Lawrence Drummond will add that extra pizzazz to a number of the songs, too. As always, there will also be featured solos and ensemble pieces by members of the chorus – the Groveland area is so blessed to have wonderfully talented residents. And due to popular demand, there will be several sing-alongs of favorite carols!

We are also pleased to announce the recent acquisition of a nice spinet piano, a generous donation from a local Pine Mountain Lake resident. We now have both the piano and our electric keyboard for weekly rehearsals, as well as the ability to use the keyboard for other occasions in various venues. As many of you already know, Pine Cone Performers exists because of the dedication of its members. However, we always are in need of additional support from the community, both financial and in-kind. We hope that you will consider a financial donation to help support Groveland's cultural life.

So mark your calendars NOW for our very popular December concert series – we've expanded the number of concerts to four: Thursday and Friday at 7:30 PM, Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:00 PM. We encourage you to bring children (admission is FREE for 12 years and younger) so they can share in the joy of music, too. Join us at Groveland's Evangelical Free Church to celebrate the holiday season and the gift of music! Tickets are \$10 advance donation, available in Groveland at Yosemite Bank, Hotel Charlotte, Dori's Tea Cottage, Marijke's, and from any Pine Cone Singer, or \$12 at the door. For more information, please contact Shirley Brasesco at 209-962-4815.

## Shop Groveland and We All Win Big!

BY WILLOW POLSON

A HUGE basket of goodies is the grand prize for this year's exciting Downtown Groveland Merchants Association drawing! Take a look at some of the fantastic merchandise from Groveland shops that you can win: Wine, tea, a tea infuser set, coffee, several different T-shirts, Guess brand sunglasses, a rustic book rack, a copy of the book "Yosemite's Hetch Hetchy Railroad," a Yosemite CD audio tour, Robb Hirsch Photography print (not pictured), Glitz & Glam hair products, a beautiful fashion scarf, lip gloss, candy, a super soft plush black bear, picnic blanket... and more!



Participating stores include (as of the writing of this article): Back Street Books, Bella Donna Salon, Cross Country Café, Dori's Tea Cottage & Cafe, Firefall Coffee Roasting Company, Iron Door Saloon, Groveland Hotel, Groveland Veterinary Clinic, Hotel Charlotte, Mountain Sage, Precision Optics, Serendipity, Trendz 120 and Yosemite Adventure Supplies.

No purchase is necessary, but of course it's very much appreciated! Come see what Groveland has to offer by exploring our town shops right here on the hill. You not only save on gas, time and hassle, but shopping locally means local jobs, which keeps our community healthy.

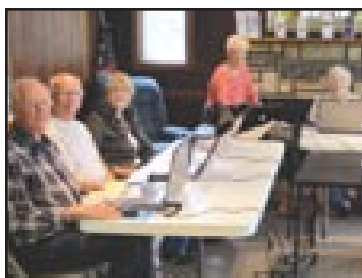
Did you know: For every \$100 spent at a locally-owned business, \$45 stays in the local economy, creating jobs and expanding the region's tax base. For every \$100 spent at a national chain store, only \$14 remains in the community. When we keep our dollars here, every purchase contributes toward our schools, infrastructure and the well-being of our friends, relatives and neighbors. Shop local, and we all win!

How can YOU win this amazing assortment? Simply participate in Groveland's "Shop Local" campaign, from November 23 (Black Friday) through 4:30 PM on Saturday, December 15. The drawing will be held at 5:00 on December 15 at the Iron Door General Store, with Santa in attendance! Pick up your free Event Passport at any participating store, then collect all the stamps in order to fill up your passport. Your completed passport then becomes your entry into the prize drawing. (One passport per customer, must be over 21 due to alcohol items in the prize basket.)

But wait, there's more: There is a second prize as well, made up of gift certificates from many of the participating businesses! Unlike the merchandise prize, which must be picked up in person (need not be present to win), this gift certificate prize can be mailed. Both prizes make great gifts, either in whole or in part, and arrive just in time for Christmas.

## New Free Computer Classes

Two free computer classes will be offered at The Little House and the Library Meeting Room in December, and a full schedule is in the plans for January. Stacie Brown will offer a new class on using your PC computer.



This one isn't for Mac users. We have 8 GAINs laptops to use. For the December 17 class, you could bring your own laptop.

How to Keep Records in Excel, 10 am to noon, Monday, December 10, at The Little House, taught by Barbara Broad. An introduction to spreadsheets and some ideas of what to use them for, and learning the basics of using Excel.

Introduction to Computer Use, 10

am to noon, Monday, December 17, at the Library Meeting Room, taught by Stacie Brown. What's on your computer desktop and why (PCs, not Macs)? Learn the basics and more. What about those bars and icons at the top of your browser screen? Make them work for you. Seating is limited unless you bring your own laptop.

For information or ideas for other classes, contact Barbara Broad, 962-7730 or [bbroad226@gmail.com](mailto:bbroad226@gmail.com). To reserve a place, contact Luci Tyndall at 962-7303 or email [info@thelittlehouse.org](mailto:info@thelittlehouse.org). Please leave your name, phone number, and email address.



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## Festivities and Holiday Fun at The Groveland Hotel

BY SUE DONEM

December is a great month for kids of every age. Holidays with candy, presents, decorations and even vacations from school leave every kid worth his or her weight in candy canes looking forward to December from January 1st onward.

December at the Groveland Hotel offers extra options for fun including our Winter Magic Dinner Theater with a new Magician performing each month through February.

This month we are excited to present Naathan Phan on Friday, December 14! A member of the Academy of Magical Arts, Inc., The Magic Castle and the Screen Actor's Guild, Naathan has several television appearances to his credit, most notably Tosh.0 and Reno 911. His show affords the perfect entertainment for kids and adults with impeccable transitions between flashy big magic and close-up, intimate magic while sharing his unique sense of humor. Phan says, "One of the greatest compliments I've ever received was being described as the Robin Williams of magic!" Make reservations now for Dinner and Magic with Naathan Phan before the tickets and magician disappear... Dinner and Show begin at 7:00 p.m. \$10 cover charge per person.

One of my favorite Christmas recollections is the year we grabbed our parkas, took a thermos of hot chocolate and set off in the Subaru for Yosemite Valley. The ride was beautiful with evergreen trees bowing to us beneath heavy weights of glittering snow. We stopped to throw snowballs, were enchanted by the deep green of the Merced River and rocks topped in white frosting. It was a wonder-filled day and we returned to eat our Christmas Dinner with new memories and singing hearts.

No matter how you choose to start your Christmas Day, Executive Chef Ray Sarkis has the perfect menu for Christmas Dinner. Shrimp Bisque soup and fresh Tomato and Mozzarella salad begin the feast followed by your choice of Starters: grilled Oysters with spinach pesto or Brie baked in puffed pastry with cherry sauce, pine nuts and rosemary. The Entrees offered with side dishes are Duck a l'orange, Colorado Lamb, and Surf & Turf. Lastly, the Dessert options are Pumpkin Bread Pudding with vanilla rum custard sauce and warm Apple Pie with pecan crumble.

Christmas Menu served on Christmas Eve from 5:30 p.m. to closing. Christmas Day Dinner served from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Reservations are available now. Call 209-962-4000 or 800-273-3314 to book your favorite table.

Whether or not you intend to begin the new year with fresh resolutions, New Year's Eve is a night for celebration and remembrance, romance and hope. Commemorate the touchstone of old and new by dining at the Cellar Door restaurant. The festive menu truly sparkles with every course. First course choices: Lobster Bisque soup, Smoked Chicken served over cucumber slices with toasted baguette and Mesclun greens, or Caesar Salad. Second course: Bruschetta or Smoked Salmon with Shrimp Cocktail and Alaskan Crab. Third course entrees with sides: Roasted Cornish Game Hen, Grilled Sea Bass or Surf & Turf, filet mignon and 8 ounce lobster tail. Fourth course dessert: Rich Chocolate Decadent Cake or New York Cheesecake with raspberry sauce.

What would New Year's Eve be without a party? J. Black The Party Man brings it on for a Slammin', Jammin', Rockin' PARTY featuring R & B, Motown, Old School Rock, Funk and Top 40. Influenced by Michael Jackson, The Commodores, Van Halen, David Lee Roth and Stevie Wonder, The Party Man is bringing a high energy Dance Party! Ring in the New Year with dancing, party favors and champagne toasts!

New Year's Eve Dinner served for early dining at 6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Dinner and Rockin' Party: dining begins at 9:00 p.m. Make your reservations early to get your first choice of table and time! Phone: 209-962-4000 or toll free 800-273-3314. Email: [guestservices@groveland.com](mailto:guestservices@groveland.com) Find us online at: <http://groveland.com>

## Christmas Basket Project Update

BY PATTI BEAULIEU

As this article is being written, the applications are being taken, plans are being finalized, volunteers are being recruited, schedules are double checked and several of the countless lists and details are being made. Later this month, however, is when all the magic happens. Food and gifts that have been bought will be wrapped, sorted and distributed into designated boxes at the Community Hall for about 100 local families that need some help this year. We've made sure Santa and Mrs. Claus are available for our pick up day. This is the way we show what our wonderful, giving community is all about.

In our local area, the economic situation has not quite recovered so we have many families that still need our assistance. We hope to make the holiday season joyful and memorable for these families.

We've met with our mighty team of shoppers and they are currently busy with their assigned lists. Their shopping prowess is legendary for traveling far and wide to get just exactly what the kids on their particular list ask for. Our list of shopping elves will be thanked in next month's article.

In lieu of any 'wrap parties' or other events, new gifts that you'd like to donate can be dropped off at the Community Hall on Thursday, December 6th or Friday, December 7th. Times are yet to be determined, so please call Dar or Patti for details. We'll have a team of wrappers with their assigned gifts on those days, so if you LOVE to wrap presents, please come join us. They'll be plenty to do.

Most local businesses, churches, organizations and clubs have stepped up again this year and will be donating their

assigned food, gifts or make a monetary contribution, even in these difficult financial times. Diestel Turkey Farms are, once again, generously donating all the turkeys for our families. This is a HUGE contribution and we are so very appreciative of their generosity. Our local Mar Val Market is providing the donated food at cost to the purchasers, which is also very generous.

We have the food donation barrel at MarVal Market again this year so please pick up an extra can or box of non-perishables when you're doing your shopping. The Groveland Fire Department will be picking up the contents throughout the month and will deliver them to us on December 10th.

If you'd like to come and help wrap presents, distribute food, or any of the other numerous tasks needed to pull this event together, please stop by the Community Hall the week of December 10 - 14. We'll be wrapping gifts periodically throughout the week so feel free to call either Dar or Patti for days and times. We should be there from about 9:00 a.m. each day. There will surely be something you can do to help and your participation will be appreciated.

On behalf of everyone who works on this project, we wish you all the merriest of holidays and thank you for helping your neighbors enjoy their holiday also.

If you'd like to make a monetary donation, your tax deductible check can be written to Christmas Basket Project c/o Helping Hands, P.O. Box 713, Groveland, CA 95321.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Patti Beaulieu at 962-7402 or Dar Brown at 962-5930.

## Smart Workout Ahead Of The Curve

BY ERNA JONCICH

Imagine having the world's most advanced fitness coach at your disposal. This coach customizes workouts based on your body structure and endurance and adjusts each exercise machine's intensity based on your recent progression. It monitors your energy level and range of motion continuously to ensure you are achieving your personal potential. Then the coach automatically computes your workout data to produce a progress report, including the number of calories you burned and 3-D anatomical diagrams to show which muscles you've worked and how successfully.

This is exactly the role of the CurvesSmart™ personal coaching system, a new technology pioneered by Curves and powered by MyTrak that offers a custom,

individually tailored workout, moment to moment feedback and progress reports to keep members motivated while they work out. Curves of Groveland is pleased to offer its members this revolutionary equipment upgrade.

After a member's personalized profile is determined by a Curves staff member, the member is issued a CurvesSmart ID Tag. The tag is electronically recognized by the monitor at each station, automatically retrieving the member's profile to determine the specifications for her workout.

The monitor indicates: whether her heart rate is in the target range; whether the member is achieving her target intensity level; the range of motion for each repetition; and the number of repetitions. If the woman

is exercising correctly, all indicators on the monitor will be green. Members are enthusiastically encouraged to "Go for Green!" Following the workout, the system produces a progress report which allows the member to see, instantly and in quantifiable terms, her strengths and weaknesses.

"The CurvesSmart technology offers women the benefits of a highly skilled personal trainer without the expense," said Erna Joncich, owner of Curves of Groveland, located at 18000 Main St.. "It's the world's most advanced fitness training system. We expect our members to be thrilled with how this amazing workout will help them achieve their goals even faster."

Curves of Groveland is taking new appointments to get started on the CurvesSmart workout on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please call 209-962-4908.

# OBITUARY

## Marjorie May Ward

MAY 20, 1929 - OCTOBER 30, 2012

In Love and Gratitude we remember Marjorie. Marjorie May Ward, 83, passed away Tuesday night, at Sonora Regional Medical Center, where she had been surrounded by the comfort of many loved ones.

Marjorie's journey began in Salt Lake City Utah, on May 20th 1929 and ended in Sonora, California on October 30th 2012. Marjorie is survived by Her son--Craig Carlisle, three grandchildren, Afton Holister, Robin Carlisle, and Luke Carlisle as well as her great grand son Reese Kahn. And three siblings Betsy Campbell, Paul May and Doug May.

Marjorie was a loving mother and grandmother, strong eldest sister and most recently, an adoring "Greaty Gran" Along with being the rock to her family she was a great support to her community here in Pine Mountain Lake/Groveland. She volunteered her time and resources to many causes, passionate about politics, education and people she was happy to lend a hand. As a Licensed Clinical Marjorie offered wisdom and direction to those in need of guidance. Marjorie was a dynamic woman who over came tremendous adversity in her lifetime and also gave flight to her passions. Having out lived two children Steven Carlisle and Cynthia Foster and her husband Rod Ward, this woman's wit never wavered and if anyone were driven by the joys of life, she was.

Marjorie was many things to many people but she was also a shining example of a brave independent woman, weather it was while presuing a masters degree at Columbia University in New York City during her 20's or taking her fist solo flight after receiving her pilots license here in Pine Mountain Lake in her 60's, she was always driven by curiosity and a thirst to learn and explore the world,



Marjorie May Ward

she surly loved life and she knew how to live it! Marjorie was an avid reader, she probably read more books than we have cells in our bodies. So it is no surprise that she had a gift for writing as well. A long time contributor to the Yosemite Highway Herald, she shared her love of words with all of us in her monthly article, Long View From the Hills where she gave us stories from her own life experiences. We will miss her deeply but the impression she has made on our lives is indelible and the love and appreciation we have for her will live on and continue to guide our journeys.

A memorial service was held for Marjorie May Ward on Saturday November 3rd at the Pine Mountain Lake Country Club (The Grill)

In you are wanting to honor her life by supporting an organization that she believed in, you may make a donation in her name, to the Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum.

## Medicare Chiropractic Coverage Q & A

BY PAM OLER

### Are Chiropractic Services Covered by Medicare?

If you have Medicare Part B, the answer is yes. Part B pays for chiropractic manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation (when one or more of the bones of your spine move out of position). Medicare will pay to treat both acute and chronic conditions. This includes coverage for low back, pelvic and sacral pain, neck pain, headaches, mid back pain and many times pains in your legs, feet, arms or hands.

### How much will Medicare pay?

After you have met your deductible Medicare will pay 80% of the Medicare allowed charge for chiropractic spinal manipulation. If you have additional insurance they may pay the remaining 20%.

### Do I need a referral from an M.D. to see a Chiropractor ?

No

### Is there an annual limit for Medicare covered chiropractic care?

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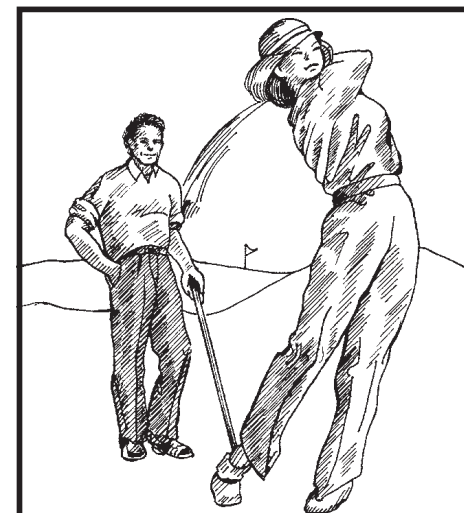
### I have a Medicare Advantage policy. Does it cover Chiropractic care?

Medicare Advantage policies are required to cover the same services as Medicare, however, they do not have to cover them in the same manner. Check with your Medicare Advantage policy or call our office if you have questions about chiropractic and your Medicare Advantage policy.

Chiropractors will readily refer patients to the appropriate health care provider when chiropractic care is not suitable for the patient's condition or the condition warrants co-management with other members of the health care team.

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hot and cold savory hors d'oeuvres, as well as some sweet treats to finish off your evening.

Space is limited, so reservations are required. The cost is \$25/person, which must be paid at the time reservations are made. For more information or to reserve your space, call 962-5300.

# Mountain Lutheran Church

BY DOROTHY PARKER

As we approached and passed Reformation Sunday it was suggested that we read 2 Corinthians chapters 8 and 9. This reading encouraged our thankfulness and generous way of giving back to the Lord who has given us so many gifts and blessings. Our pledge cards were given to the church November 4TH and a lovely Pot-luck Lunch was served. It was a joyful day for all of us.

Our Bible Study days for December are the 6TH and the 20TH at 1PM at the church. We are studying the bible from scratch and it proves to be an interesting study. All are welcome to join us for these lessons.

November 25TH was Christ the King Sunday—the last Sunday of the church year. The first Sunday in Advent is December 2ND when the first candle will be lit. Our first Advent Banner will also be hung.

On December 5TH at 6PM we will have a Soup Supper with a variety of soups, breads, desserts and coffee.

Following our supper there will be

the Holden Evening Prayer Service with prayers and singing.

The Community Christmas Basket Giveaway will be held on Saturday December 15TH at the community Hall from 10AM to 1PM. This is a community wide effort to help families in need at Christmas time.

Throughout the week our church will be decorated with a lovely Nativity Scene in front of the alter, a gorgeous lighted tree and many beautiful Poinsettias placed throughout the church.

On Sunday December 23 our choir will sing a special song—“Holy Child Within the Manger” in celebration of Christmas Eve. On December 24TH at 7:30 PM there will be a candlelight service at our church. You will enjoy the telling of the Christmas Story and the singing of Christmas Carols.

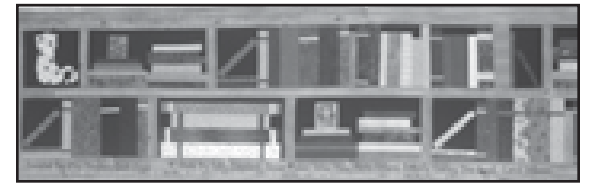
Everyone is invited to attend our church. We have a Worship Service every Sunday Morning at 10AM.

We are located at 13000 Down to Earth Court just off Ferretti Road, Groveland.

# Choose Your Book on Quilted Bookshelf

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON, FOGL

Our beautiful quilt Bookshelf is filling up! Many thanks to almost 100 Groveland area individuals, companies and clubs who have “bought” a book and had their names permanently embroidered on the bookshelf on display at the Groveland Library.



Add your name to the Bookshelf quilt.

In this holiday season, there are even more reasons to support your local library.

- You can express your thankfulness this Thanksgiving by permanently inscribing a loved one’s name on the Bookshelf Quilt.
- At this time of holiday giving, give a loved one a permanent gift. Purchase a book on the Groveland Library’s Bookshelf Quilt and add your own inscription.
- Remember a deceased friend or family member by purchasing a book on the Groveland Library’s “Bookshelf Quilt and add your own inscription

Come into the Groveland Library, view the beautiful quilt, and choose the book and inscription of your choice. Tax-deductible donations to buy a book range from \$25-50.

The quilted bookshelf was made by

members of the Pine Needlers Quilt Guild. All proceeds benefit the Groveland Library and allow us to purchase more books and eBooks for your enjoyment.


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Old Hwy. 120 & Buck Meadows 209/962-5789  
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### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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### Grace Episcopal Mission

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### Groveland Christian Church

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### Mountain Lutheran Church

13000 Down to Earth Court (off Ferretti)  
Pastors: Ralph B. Herman and Ginger DuMars  
209/962-4064 • Sunday Service 10:00 am, Bible Study 1st and 3rd Thurs at 1 pm  
MountainLutheranChurch.com

### Northside Church of Christ

18584 Main Street, Groveland  
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Located behind Yosemite Bank  
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Sunday Worship 11 AM  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 PM

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church

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# The Soroptimist Scene

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

**Our mission: improving the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world.**

Well, how remiss am I – I love Thanksgiving and managed to forget to wish everyone a really fine Thanksgiving. So belatedly -- hope you had great memories with friends and family. Enough about turkey and stuffing.

Thanksgiving would have been extra special if you attended the SIG Winter Tea. The tables, decorations, and auction items were a wonderful sight – and so were the ladies who showed up in their dresses for high tea. Did you get all the treasures and homemade goodies you wanted? We do need to recall that all

this fun and charm has a special purpose – community service.

B.E.S.T. Day was a hit. This is our chance to give the young girls a day of their own. This is a day to remind them that they are their own person. There should be a separate article – more details and pictures.

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We want to welcome Diane Weisenburger to our membership. And we want to welcome back Gladys Sherman – she spends much of her time in Arizona but wants to help when she is here. It will be grand to see these two members at the meetings and events.

All the best wishes from our Soroptimist members to you and yours....

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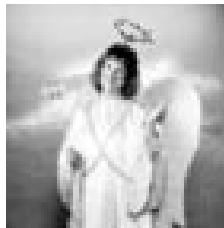
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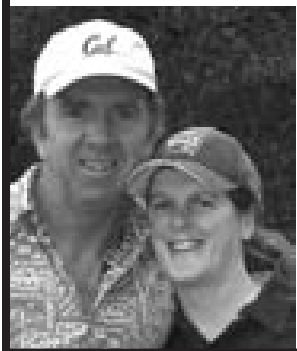


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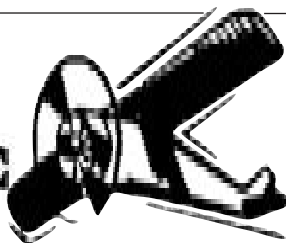
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6/118	Ferretti Road	\$500
7/283	Ferretti Road	\$500

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**Pine Mountain Lake Association**  
19228 Pine Mtn. Dr.  
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**19264 James Circle-2/351 CHARMING CHALET** on extra-large lot. Bamboo floors, vaulted, open-beam, wood ceiling gs. Wood-burning stove and central propane heating & air. 3bd, 1ba, & loft area. \$135,000 #20121720



**13521 Clements Rd-12/199 BACKS TO RANCH LAND.** Bungalow/cottage is the last home on Clements Rd, backs up to Graham Ranch. Approx. 3/4 acre lot, on sewer. Majestic oaks. Single-level, "starter" w/ 2bd/1ba, detached 1-car garage. Some hardwood flooring. \$80,000 #20121779



**13320 Clifton Wy-12/160 GORGEOUS, SINGLE-STORY** near Stables. 3bd/2ba, 1814sf. Attached 2-car garage & separate 2-car garage w/workshop. Enclosed sitting room off kitchen, plenty of cabinets, skylight... much more! Professionally cleaned. Fenced & manicured grounds. \$325,000 #20120734



**20284 Pine Mtn Dr-1/201 LAKE-FRONT COTTAGE** with 164-feet of water frontage. Single-level, 2bd, 2ba, 1100sf. Vaulted pine ceiling & skylights, central H/A. Granite counters. Dock & water trampoline. Interior renovated in 2009. \$575,000 #20120726



**12704 Mueller-5/203 NEAR THE GOLF COURSE.** Charming curb appeal. Natural stone tiles, stainless appliances, kitchen island w/pot rack & bar. Laminate flooring on lower level. Gas fireplace, over-sized jetted tub. 2-car garage. \$226,000 #20120111



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**20046 Pine Mtn Dr-13/281 SPACIOUS HOME** with open floor-plan. Large kitchen, granite counters and kitchen island, facing dining area. Fireplace in living room, laminate flooring & bay window. Large deck and patio. Oversized 3-car garage. Bank-owned. \$139,900 #20121573



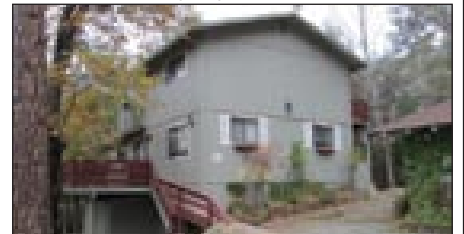
**20643 Longview-3/263 SINGLE-LEVEL HOME** with 3bd, 2ba, great room. Downstairs bonus room has built-in beds & entertainment center plus propane fireplace with river rock. Over-sized 2-car garage with easy access to the kitchen. \$205,000 #20120193



**19947 Ridgecrest-13/158 CHARMING A-FRAME** on 1/3 acre, near the Lake Lodge & beach. This is a bank-owned property, being sold "As is". 3bd, 2ba, sleeping loft and open-beam, great room. Large downstairs with full bathroom. \$110,000 #20121671



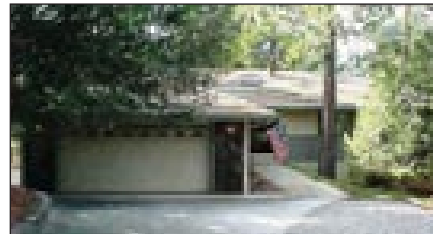
**19331 Reid Circle-1/68 PINE MTN LAKE CHALET.** 4bd, 3ba, plus loft. Large windows, ample closet space. Large wrap-around deck. Situated on a level, wooded, lot near Dunn Court Beach, the golf course, Country Club, pool & tennis courts. Some furnishings negotiable. \$175,000 #20121737



**19740 Cottonwood-6/155 BANK-OWNED!** Tri-Level home on almost 3/4 acre. 3bd, 2ba, open-beam ceiling, double-pane windows, stone fireplace and some hardwood flooring. Additional bonus room on lower level with 1/2 bathroom. Detached 2-car garage. \$105,000 #20121781



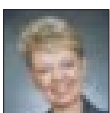
**20450 Rock Canyon-3/177-5 DEEP-WATER VIEWS!** Lakefront w/great room, formal dining, tiled kitchen w/island, pantry & sitting area. Main bdrm has propane stove & deck with lake view. Main bath has jetted tub. Bonus room w/full bath. \$729,000 #20120770



**12071 Breckenridge-13/40 CUSTOM RETREAT.** 4bd, 4-1/2ba, living room w/fireplace, breakfast nook & large kitchen, with Thermador appliances. Downstairs 1600sf great room has full bath, wet bar, wood-burning stove & pool table. Redwood decks. \$345,000 #20120011



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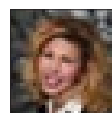
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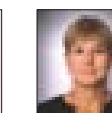
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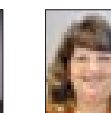
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