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President's Message

BY BRUCE LAY • PMLA BOARD PRESIDENT

2012 - NEW BEGINNINGS, NEW CHALLENGES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES.

Our Association faced many challenges in 2011, and we look forward to a new beginning with the New Year. I am happy to report that 2011 saw great accomplishments for our Association with the dredging of our Lake and the upgrade of our Golf Course cart storage facility.

The completion of the Lake Dredging Project was an important maintenance goal and we were happy to finally get through the permitting process, and get the work done. As with most lakes, on-going maintenance is a priority and our management team is working on the sediment mitigation plan for the future.

Another important accomplishment was the upgrade from gasoline golf cart storage to an electric golf cart storage building. California's clean air laws put this project on the radar back in the late 90's, but cost-constraints kept the project on the back-burner until this year. This facility and the new electric carts brought the PML Golf Course in line with newer technology and the efficiencies it provides.

Your Board of Directors is fully aware of the on-going state of the economy and we are monitoring the finances for our Association closely. We expect the economic picture to remain static for 2012, but we realize our duty to ensure the maintenance and operation our facilities for the enjoyment of PML members and their guests.

Your Board of Directors and management team are dedicated to maintaining the high standard our members have come to expect, while keeping the costs as reasonable as possible. It is a tough balancing act and one that we take seriously.

During my nearly 3 years on the board of directors, I have observed the hard work and dedication of our management team and staff. They are professional and friendly and strive to achieve the goals and objectives we set for them. I am very optimistic that 2012 will be a productive and worthwhile year for our association.

I would like to take this time to thank our volunteer committee members that assist and advise the Board. Without their help, it would be much harder to govern PML in the efficient way that we do. Thank you ladies and gentlemen of the Budget and Finance, Covenants, Editorial, Environmental Control, Long Range Planning and Waterfowl Management Committees. Your service to our community is greatly appreciated.

2012 brings with it new hope and opportunity as well as more goals to accomplish. Starting in the spring, we are scheduled for more roads refurbishment. This is a major project as PML has more than 52 miles of roads to maintain. Part of this maintenance includes asphalt overlay, cut-outs and repair, and striping. We work with a professional roads engineering firm to plan and manage the project and have had great success over the years. A few years ago, we moved to combining two annual projects into every other year. This way, we get more



bang for our buck as the contractor can mobilize more equipment and get more done at one time.

During the coming months I will go into a more detailed account of what is being done and is scheduled for the coming year.

On a more personal note I want to express my hope for a much better year for all members.

I'll close with a quote by Thomas Jefferson.

"The only reward I ever wished on my retirement was to carry with me nothing like the disapprobation of the public."

On the Cover



Happy New Year from the entire staff of the Pine Mountain Lake Administration Offices

General Manager's Message

BY JOE POWELL, CCAM, CMCA, GENERAL MANAGER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On behalf of Pine Mountain Lake, I would like to wish all PML members and their families a Happy New Year!

Due to the continued state of economy, 2011 was a rough time for many of our members, staff and their families. PML was fortunate to end the year in decent shape, due in large part to prudent governance by the Board, cost savings by our management team and hard work by our staff. Many tough decisions were made and we navigated the mine-field successfully.

I would like to thank the membership for their continued support and positive comments. Those kind words go a long way, and my staff and I appreciate them. I am sure that 2012 will hold as many challenges as 2011, but we are prepared to meet these challenges head-on to achieve a successful outcome.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2011

2011 saw many accomplishments for our Association. The Lake Dredging Project, the Electric Golf Cart building and upgrade to the Driving Range, modification of the Marina boat berths, replacement of the Marina fishing dock, installation of new security cameras and monitors at the Main Gate and a new Association Website.

GOALS FOR 2012

Some of the Association goals for

2012 include completion of the Roads Refurbishment Project, and repair of the Marina Jetty. The PML Shooting Range was a controversial project and after much debate and member input, was approved and funded for 2012.

Work has already begun on the Sediment Mitigation Plan for our Lake. During heavy rainstorms, the inlets and coves to our Lake see an increase of the natural flow of sedimentation. This impacts the membership that live in these areas and those that use the Lake for boating, and fishing. We are committed to coming up with a cost-effective plan that will allow PML to perform on-going maintenance on the Lake to reduce the sediment impact to our members.

CC&R AND BYLAWS UPDATE

A very important goal is the update to the PML Bylaws and CC&R's. PML retained legal counsel in 2011 to prepare an update to the Association Bylaws and CC&R's. The Bylaws and CC&R's have not been updated in many years and several laws have changed during that time. These proposed updates will be presented to the membership in 2012 for review, comment and a subsequent vote.

We will present more information and schedule meetings to discuss the proposed changes. Every member will be given an opportunity to review and discuss the updates to

these important documents before they are put to a vote. We encourage all members to attend these meetings and get involved in this process.

VACATION RENTAL BY OWNERS

In the last two months, I have discussed the impact of PML homes that are used as vacation rentals by owners. So far, few of these members have responded to our letters and telephone calls. This is unfortunate as we are obligated to enforce the rules that have been adopted by the Board of Directors, and will be forced to turn over these violations to the Covenants Committee. Once a violation goes before the Covenants Committee, the member is subject to fines and other disciplinary action.

Members that rent out their house, condo or townhouse are required to register with the Association. It is also a requirement that all short-term renters purchase a vehicle access pass for every vehicle that is brought into PML.

The Vacation Rental by Owner, or VRBO, should not be confused with those properties that are managed by the professional real estate companies in Groveland. These folks are complying with the rules and the vacation rentals they manage provide an average of \$46K annually in parking pass revenue. These funds go to improve our amenities, services and roads for our members.

PML incurs time and labor costs, when our staff has to respond and deal with problems caused by poorly-managed properties. We encourage our members to utilize professional property management. It saves time and provides a service not only to the member/owner of the vacation rental, but to the neighbors and the Association. You can find information on our local vacation rental management on the PML website at www.pinemountainlake.com.

Any members that have questions about the rules are welcome to contact our Community Standards Director, Dennis Pipal at (209) 962-1240.

Submission Guidelines

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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.

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

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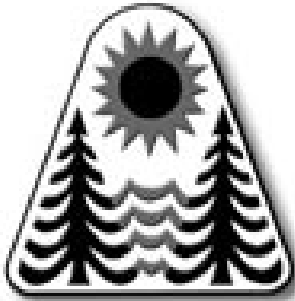
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Violations sent November 2011

Courtesy Notices	11
Notice of Non-Compliance	2
Final Notice	2
Fines Assessed	0
Violations Pending	24

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MON. 11/12	VETERANS DAY
THUR./FRI. 11/22 & 23	THANKSGIVING
MON./TUES. 12/24 & 25	CHRISTMAS
MON. 12/31	NEW YEARS EVE
TUES. 1/1/13	NEW YEARS 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.

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE
OF BOARD MEETINGS**

Meetings are held at the
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and start at 9 AM.
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JANUARY 21ST
FEBRUARY 18TH
MARCH 17TH
APRIL 21ST
MAY 19TH
JUNE 16TH
JULY 21ST
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OCTOBER 27TH Budget Meeting (4th Saturday)
NOVEMBER 10TH (2nd Saturday)
NO DECEMBER MEETING

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

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

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FIRE ASSESSMENT

We in PML depend on our incredibly dedicated and skilled Firefighters, EMTs, and First Responders, as all whose property and lives they’ve saved can attest. Recent negative claims about our fire protection assessment are troubling. Posters in Groveland claiming there was a survey NO “vote” on increasing our assessment for fire and emergency medical protection have no basis in fact. There’s been no election nor any vote on this issue. Over the past 10 years the single family base-line assessment increased from \$70 to \$83.64, based on the consumer price index (CPI). The baseline is further adjusted for individual properties at the GCSD Board meeting 16 June 2011, 88.4% of single-family homeowners in the Groveland Fire District supported the now current \$83.64 baseline. An increase of \$66.36 per year (\$5.53/month) to a total of \$150 baseline per year was still supported 62.2%, well over half, of the survey single family respondents. Actually, Groveland says YES to funding the fire department.

Our \$83.64 rate for FY 2011-2012 will maintain most, not all of our services. An increase would maintain and improve our current services and repair and replace outdated fire engines and equipment. The survey is only a guide to show GCSD what the majority of area residents want from the fire department. Let’s respectfully work with our great Groveland Fire Department and with GCSD for the best solution for our community – a reasonable amount to provide needed emergency response services.

Respectfully,
Carol Simpson
12/71A

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AN ATTA BOY

As a contractor for over 3 decades and a rental property owner I am not easily impressed but would like to say “good work” to a local PML contractor. I ran into Tom Katsovic/Pine Mountain Lake Electric a few years back when I needed some work done up on here on the hill. Tom or his son show up when they say they will and get it done!!! I then had a larger job in Twain Harte and an emergency in Sonora!!! It is been a real pleasure to work with him over the years and enjoy his good work intermixed with his upbeat sense of humor!!!

Keep it up TK!!

Tom/Lynda Duross
Unit 1/Lot 462

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PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND REVENUES AND EXPENSES
For The Eleven Months Ended Nov. 28, 2011

OPERATION OF AMENITIES	Revenues					Expenses				Budget	
	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	(NET COST) INCOME	Variance Bud - Act
Golf Course	\$ -0-	\$ 819,550	\$ 41,215	\$ 100	\$ 860,866	\$ 1,099,744	\$ (238,878)	\$ -0-	\$ (238,878)	\$ (196,712)	(42,167)
Restaurant & Bar	-0-	9,938	592,242	-0-	602,180	970,419	(368,239)	-0-	(368,239)	(399,752)	31,514
Marina	-0-	194,188	83,658	-0-	277,846	390,068	(112,221)	-0-	(112,221)	(82,574)	(29,647)
Snack Shack	-0-	-0-	36,480	-0-	36,480	58,497	(22,017)	-0-	(22,017)	(7,779)	(14,238)
Stables	-0-	65,134	-0-	2,478	67,611	180,707	(113,095)	-0-	(113,095)	(119,560)	6,465
Recreation	-0-	49,596	5,269	-0-	54,865	107,736	(52,870)	-0-	(52,870)	(41,163)	(11,708)
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	-0-	19,081	-0-	680	19,761	1,337,483	(1,317,723)	-0-	(1,317,723)	(1,348,579)	30,855
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES											
Safety	-0-	45,536	-0-	629	46,165	777,384	(731,219)	-0-	(731,219)	(745,907)	14,688
Administration	-0-	134,309	-0-	17,556	151,865	1,231,940	(1,080,074)	-0-	(1,080,074)	(1,090,564)	10,490
ASSESSMENTS											
Assessments	3,978,806	-0-	-0-	64,171	4,042,977	107,852	3,935,125	672,476	3,262,649	3,298,413	(35,766)
Totals	\$ 3,978,806	\$ 1,337,333	\$ 758,865	\$ 85,613	\$ 6,160,617	\$ 6,261,830	\$ (101,213)	\$ 672,476	\$ (773,688)	\$ (734,173)	(39,514)

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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*PLEASE NOTE: Prepayment Discount will only
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January 31, 2012. Postmark will prevail.*

PMLA Money Matters

BY KEN SPENCER, ASSOCIATION CONTROLLER

Happy New Year! Time to look forward to another amazing 12 months here in the beautiful countryside that is Pine Mountain Lake.

I recently received an email from one of my loyal readers (I know, it's amazing that I have loyal readers) wondering what steps the Association takes in attempting to collect assessment payments from those property owners that become delinquent in their financial responsibility to PMLA. This question is especially relevant in today's harsh economic climate.

As with most questions, the answer is not a simple one but it is an important one and is something we wrestle with constantly. Before I address the specifics of our process a little history might be in order. Prior to the recession, which has been with us for the last 3+ years, homeowners associations had a great deal of leverage when it came to collecting assessments. The ultimate "stick" HOAs held was the threat of a lien on a homeowner's property. In a time when most property owners

had a fair amount of equity in their property the threat of a lien was enough to encourage property owners to pay their assessment. In this time of lost equity, bankruptcy and bank foreclosure this tool is no longer as effective in pressuring individuals to make assessment payments. If they have no equity, and are behind in mortgage payments, then a past due assessment bill is not a high priority issue.

The first month that an assessment goes unpaid results in a statement of account being generated and mailed to the property owner. This statement indicates the amount owed and due date. In subsequent months additional statements are mailed. These statements not only contain all past due assessments but also include late charges and interest as provided for in the Association's approved collection policy.

Once an account becomes three months delinquent the amount owed is generally over \$500. At this point the property owner is sent a Notice of Intent letter. This letter explains

the seriousness of the delinquency and informs the property owner that an additional charge of \$35 has been added to their account. Finally, the letter informs them that failure to pay the assessment will lead to the account being placed with a professional collection agency. This step involves further costs to the property owner as all collection fees become the responsibility of the property owner. Just before this letter is sent the property owner receives a courtesy call from my staff advising them of the situation and offering them an opportunity to make a payment in order to avoid further steps.

Once the account is turned over to the collection agency all efforts to elicit payment comes from the representatives of the agency. In addition to demands for full payment, it is also possible for a property owner to agree to a payment plan that allows them to catch up on past due assessments without having to come up with a large, lump sum of money.

Finally, after all other efforts have been exhausted and the account is

now either 12 months past due or has a balance greater than \$1,600, we have the option of taking the drastic step of foreclosing on the property. This poses a whole new set of challenges to the Association and should be the subject of a future article.

As you can see, we take our responsibility to collect this money seriously and use every option at our disposal to see that property owners pay their fair share to support the ongoing costs to run PMLA. The last thing we want is to force other property owners to make up for the failings of a few members to live up to their responsibility.

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, or have specific Association related financial questions, please drop me a line at controller@pinemountainlake.com or give me a call at 962-8606. Thanks for reading and I hope you find this monthly discussion a little interesting, at least a bit informative, and mildly entertaining.

PML SAFETY REPORT

November – YTD			November – YTD			November – YTD			November – YTD		
Vehicles Refused	231	2549	Gate - Related	18	256	- Monitoring Control Burn	26	29	- Parking Warning	0	2
Phone Calls Received	4146	58123	Tamper	0	8	Fire Safety - Non-compliance	1	8	- Marking Tires	0	5
Residential Alarm	6	93	Follow Through	0	32	Hazard	10	196	- Accident PML	1	21
Amenity Alarm	5	77	Malfunction	9	120	Hazard - Tree Down	0	43	Patrolling Unit	515	4938
Animal Related	13	297	Struck by Vehicle	0	17	Suspicious Circumstance	27	356	Amenity Security Check	1964	22117
Animal - Loose	12	206	Unauthorized use of			Suspicious Person	7	71	Residence Security Check	229	3018
Impounded	2	46	Gate Card/Clicker	3	26	Suspicious Vehicle	5	68	Opening/Closing Buildings	208	3621
Dead/Injured	16	158	Confiscated Gate Card/Clicker	3	32	Campground Envelopes Collected	81	469	Opening/Closing Gates	318	3378
Disturbance	2	117	Mess/Pkg P/U or Delivery	24	161	Campground Dump Station	3	66	Posting Tennis	58	640
Dispatch Assist	75	927	Posting Flyers	88	938	Residential Disturbance	1	130	Monitoring Tennis Courts	1	10
Patrol Assist	182	2555	Posting Stop Work Orders	0	1	Amenity Burglary	0	2	Personal Injury PML Property	1	12
Complaint-Non PML Regulations	2	61	ECC Inspection	0	2	Residential Burglary	0	22	Weapon Violation	0	23
Public Assist Misc.	26	304	Miscellaneous	73	648	Petty Theft	1	6	Amenity Bank Deposit P/U/Delivery	72	884
Welfare Check	3	40	Monitoring Scanner Traffic	18	217	Malicious Mischief	0	12	Patrol Vehicle - Maintenance	4	87
Transport	5	49	Emergency Vehicle Entering PML	13	232	Trespassing	0	5	- Safety Check	117	1371
Civil Stand-by	0	3	Lost and Found	4	57	Law Violations - All Other	0	21	Vehicles Admitted	8965	132042
Traffic Hazard	0	7	Fire Safety - Patrol Assist	0	6	Law Violations - TCSO	0	2	Realtors Passes Issued	163	8667
Traffic Control	0	12	Fire Safety Violation	0	3	Malicious Mischief - Vandalism	0	14	Guest Passes Issued	1439	18313
Water Leak	2	56	Control Burn Reported	75	874	Property Damage - PML	0	27	Vendor Passes Issued	172	1798
Jump Start	4	34	Permissive Burn Day	19	147	Property Damage - Resident	2	11	Fixed Post	6	31
Water Main Shut Off	0	2	Non-Permissive Burn Day	11	187	PML Regs Violations Resident	3	99	Courtesy Notice Issued	4	53
Escorting Vehicle	14	126	Fire Safety - Hazard	3	11	PML Regs Violations Guest	5	51	Tennis Fees Collected	\$66	\$1,648
Report Writing	7	57	- Smoke Complaint	1	28	Vehicle - Citation Issued	1	28	All Other Fees Collected	\$2,175.25	\$75,882.27

Shades of Green

BY ALAN MACDONALD GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

HAPPY NEW YEAR. Here's wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2012, that will include many rounds of golf with your friends and neighbors.

The golf course has experienced wild, wet, and windy conditions this year. The snow and wet conditions earlier this year brought down trees and limbs throughout the course. More recently, in early December, the wind storm knocked down trees and a lot of debris. Trees not only uprooted but snapped in half in many instances. The large oak on #18 had considerable damage to it. A few balls will now be able to go through the tree instead of around it. I certainly hope the redwoods grow fast there.

Due to the cold weather and frost each morning, we must wait to be able to access some areas of the course, so cleanup will take a little more time this time of year. We are fortunate to have the equipment to get the course back to "normal" fairly quickly.

We use three sweepers and one tractor blower daily, along with two mulching mowers to assist cleanup, along with raking and picking up the sticks by hand. The larger pieces are cut into pieces we can handle and taken out to the compost area. Remember to come by the yard and pick up a wood permit, so you can go out and get some of the oak and pine, for your firewood needs.

We were open for play the day after

the wind storm, yet many courses across the west were not. Some lost hundreds of trees and damages were in the millions. After the hurricane went through the northeast this last summer, one course that existed, no longer existed, others lost entire greens or complete holes. We are extremely fortunate that our major storms are not as costly or damaging as others in our country.

The reserve projects for the golf course during 2011 are complete. The new drainage is in across #18 and that will allow us to improve both lateral hazards on each side of the fairway. Other completed reserve projects are: new irrigation controllers for the front nine, to complete the entire front nine with new controllers, new netting was installed along the range for added protection from wild shots off of the range, along with some new landscaping around the east and south sides of the new cart barn, a new retaining wall was built for the upper tee on #12, a new chemical injection pump was installed on our irrigation system.

Another completed project that was not a reserve project was to remove the duck weed from the irrigation pond on #9 and keep it off.

Come out and visit us often in 2012, we want all of you to enjoy the course, make a lot of birdies, and lower that handicap. For that one sandbagger out there, I know who you are.

Community Standards

BY DENNIS PIPAL, COMMUNITY STANDARDS DIRECTOR

Winter weather can bring about some troubling occurrences. Our recent windstorm and the damage it did to our trees is a good example of what weather can do. An especially heavy snow fall stresses out our trees and like last year creates a mess of downed limbs, entire trees and even can cause damage to our structures.

One of the most head scratching occurrences is when your neighbor's tree/limb falls on your Lot. Who cleans this up? Who is responsible for the damage it may have caused?

First of all, this is a civil matter between you and your neighbor. We, as an Association, can and will provide contact information so you can contact them to start the conversation about who is going to do what.

Second, we recommend you work something out between yourselves. If you are the type who likes to use your computer to gather information, Google this scenario, TREE FALLS ACROSS PROPERTY LINES. The miracle of the internet will give you a feel for the rights and responsibilities of the parties involved and it may surprise you!! However, this education is no replacement for the counsel of your licensed attorney.

Another interesting topic is tree removal and tree limbing. When do you need approval and when don't you?

PMLA rules require you to ask for approval on any tree or limb 5" in diameter or larger. It's as simple as that. The US Forestry Service has rules also. If you intend to sell, barter or trade any of the wood from your tree removal then you need to apply for a permit. If you intend to use the wood for personal use such as, firewood for your own use, taking to the compost dump or donating the wood, then no permit is required.

We are here to help you in this process whether you want to eliminate trees for fire abatement purposes such as dead trees or the thinning of live trees, or because they are diseased or damaging your property, we can help you through the process of getting the right approvals. Our beautiful trees are an important natural resource and these rules are in place to make sure we don't artificially alter the beauty of our landscape.

And last, for those of you who are using these winter months for continued Lot cleaning. Good For You! I think you figured it out that it's easier to do this in the winter months. We encourage your efforts and remember, KEEP IT SIMPLE.... Get rid of the dead stuff, thin out the live stuff, and limb up those trees.

Horsing Around at the Stables

BY LESTER SCOFIELD, STABLES MANAGER

Well it looks like a new year is here. All of us at the stables hope you had a very Merry Christmas and have a very happy New Year. As we go through the winter months it is important for us to keep a close eye on the horses that we board here. They need to have a clean and dry stall and plenty of fresh water that is not too cold to drink. When the water is too cold to drink they don't drink enough to keep them healthy. Also, outdoor pets need water to drink that is not too cold.

The stables came in under budget for the year of 2011. My staff and I work hard throughout the year to keep our

budget under control. It is not that hard to do when you plan your budget and then stick to it.

I have now been Manager at the Stables for almost seven years. In that time period I have been able to replace the old and very dangerous fencing around the stables facility [the old fencing was only one pipe around the stables anywhere from 32 inches high to 4 feet high; there was always a problem with horses going under it or over it]. Thanks to PML having a good reserve plan in place I was able to install new vinyl fencing around the stables facility.

Also the barn had its siding replaced and a new roof put on using reserve funding. A new well was drilled to supply water to the fields and water troughs. The old well would not keep up with the demand. Around the Picnic and BBQ area there used to be four old and rotten buildings which have been torn down to make room for new buildings. The saloon building that is now in place was also done by the reserve funding. Coming this year will be a new storage building for our equipment. Then next year we will replace the old tack room building.

All of the new buildings will have

the same western theme as the saloon building now in place. I have worked hard trying to make this facility look good for the property owners and be very useful for the events that we have out here. Keep in mind that all of this is possible due to the reserve funding. Most of this facility is now over forty years old.

There were also two new pieces of equipment purchased and then, in December of 2011, the stables got a new pickup. I would like to thank the board of directors and upper management for their support behind me and the Stables facility.

Welcome to the Pine Mountain Lake Golf & Country Club 2012 Golf Season!

BY DAVID RAU, PGA HEAD PROFESSIONAL

Shotgun Season

We are well under way into the winter season and we've had great weather and turnouts for our 11:00 a.m. shotguns. As a reminder we ask that everyone sign-up for the shotguns no later than 24-hours prior to. In addition, in order to facilitate a timely start and to ensure a smooth and enjoyable round, we ask that all cancellations be phoned in by 1:00 p.m. the day prior. And finally, it is extremely helpful if everyone checks in the Golf Shop no later than 30-minutes prior to the shotgun. Again, this enables us to pair everyone up, properly ensuring a well organized and orchestrated start. We appreciate everyone's assistance and timeliness in showing up at least 30-minutes prior to the shotgun starts.

For those of you that did not sign up for the 2012 Annual Golf Memberships, please remember to check

out our new ten (10) and twenty (20) round punch cards available for purchase anytime during the 2012 golf season. The punch cards (introduced in 2011) have been a welcomed additional option for all those Property Owners that cannot take advantage of our Annual Golf Memberships but still play a fair amount of rounds. Punch cards are also available at a discounted rate for Guests of Property Owners. The price breakdowns for the punch cards are as follows:

Property Owners

- 10 Rounds \$330.00 (\$33.00 per round for a savings of 15%)
- 20 Rounds \$640.00 (\$32.00 per round for a savings of 18%)

Guest of Property Owners

- 10 Rounds \$525.00 (\$52.50 per round for a savings of up to 9%)
- 20 Rounds \$1,000.00 (\$50.00 per

round for a savings of up to 13%)

NOTE: All Punch Card Prices Include Green & Cart Fees and sales tax and are valid from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Guests of property owners must be sponsored in advance of time of purchase.

In addition to the punch cards we also have a Range Membership (introduced in 2011) available so that all of you "range rats" can sharpen your skills and lower those scores. The Range Membership prices are as follows:

Property Owners, Guests & Public \$450.00

Property Owners with a Golf Annual Membership \$375.00

(Note: Range Memberships are limited to 4-tokens per day)

We are extending the "Bring Your Guest" special through March 31, 2012. This is a steal of a deal for you to bring your guests out to Pine Mountain Lake Golf & C.C. and dazzle them with one of the "Hidden Jewels in the Sierras". Your guests will enjoy these great low rates:

\$45 Monday-Thursday, \$50 Friday-Sunday

We've finalized the 2012 calendars for all of the Men's and Ladies Groups and we've got a fun and exciting year ahead of us. There is still a lot of room in the Ladies and Men's Clubs so, if you're thinking of joining, there is a great group of golfers of all skill levels that would love to have some new blood to enjoy all the fun events and camaraderie here at Pine Mountain Lake Golf & Country Club.

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at 962-8622 or via e-mail at golfpro@pinemountainlake.com.

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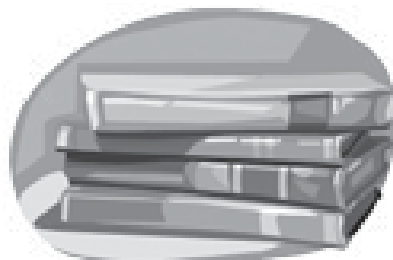
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Severe Storms and Disasters

BY TOM MOFFITT

You can say our lifestyles in the Sierra Foothills are often weather driven. The repercussions of a severe storm can impact us for days, and even weeks. We have now witnessed the elements at every extreme this past year. Heat, cold, heavy rains, snow, ice, and even high winds, have at times crippled our travel, robbed our utilities, and created local emergencies.

When weather emergencies or local disasters strike, the Pine Mountain Lake Maintenance Department, along with the Safety Department, has jumped into high gear. The Maintenance Department staff goes on to storm duty 24/7 schedules. Many weather and disaster situations do require immediate action, and our personnel have stepped up to meet the challenge. Working with our local agencies, utility companies, fire departments, and emergency response units, we are diligent to correct these situations.

The greatest problem has been the loss of electric service within our community. Falling trees, tops of trees, and tree limbs busting off, have brought electric power lines down, disrupting service, sometimes for over 24 hours. In some situations the power poles have been broken, transformers ruined, and power lines are down on the roads for an extreme amount of time. Emergency situations demand immediate action. Whenever and wherever these lines are down, they are always treated as live. The roadway will be closed, barricades placed, signs placed, and traffic control measures will be implemented at these

sites to protect people and property.

In the windstorm of early December 2011, trees, and tops of trees were falling onto the roadways. The Maintenance Department staff, which included many of our Golf Maintenance staff, jumped to the task of removing these trees. We practice a method of cut and drag to get the roadways reopened as quickly as possible. The trees are cut into sections, dragged to the sides of the road, warnings are placed, and the lanes are made safe to drive in once again. The crews then return later, when the clearing is completed, and will remove the debris.

Whenever the power lines are down, the trees will not be cleared until PG&E has taken over the situation. Specialized PG&E line crews will be required to rebuild the lines. Patience and understanding must be respected in these serious situations. A lack of regard for the warning signs, barricades, and to the persons performing traffic control, can jeopardize the safety for everyone at the scene.

During this major wind storm, Pine Mountain Lake had three major power lines down. The roads were closed to traffic to all but those who were allowed necessary entrance. Still, we had some people who walked or drove around the barricades, went among the work crews, and created a serious safety situation. Please keep a safe distance in these dangerous situations, respect the barricades, honor the caution tape, and follow the instructions at the scene...because you only get one whoops.



Broken pine tree laying across the major power lines on Mueller Drive.

**Pine Mountain Lake Association
would like to congratulate
all of the businesses
that won awards in the
Chamber decorations contest.
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PML Organized
Groups & Clubs

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Aviation Association	
Marle Hewett	962-0701
Computer Users Group	
Frank Perry	962-0728
Cooking Class	
Tom Knoth & Paula Martell	962-5838
Country Mountain Riders	
Holly Foiles	962-4434
Crafts Guild	
Lee Isbell	962-5727
Dance Party	
Carol Stevens & Bob Digby	962-7254
Duplicate Bridge	
Bobbie Vandenberg	962-6965
Exercise	
Barbara Elliott	962-6457
Friends of the Lake	
Richard Hathaway	962-7595
Garden Club	
Louise Turney	962-0609
Guardians of PML	
Brian Sweeney	962-5737
Ladies Club	
Catherine Santa Maria	962-7904
Ladies Golf Club	
Diane Lloyd	962-4386
Marathon Bridge	
Joe Sousa	962-5708
Men's Golf Club	
Gus Allegri	962-6915
Men's 9-Hole Golf Club	
Wally Child	962-0723
Monday Bridge Club	
Bill Parker	962-5957
Non-Residents' Club	
Kathy Coon	(510) 656-0162
Pine Needlers Quilt Guild	
Lillian Cravens	962-4301
PMLakers RV Club	
Ned Nuddelman	925-371-2287
PML Niners	
Geralyn Dielman	962-5818
PML Shooting Club	
John Graham	president@pmlsc.com
PML Waterski & Wakeboard	
Tom Duprey	(510) 796-4180
Racquet Club	
Emily Van Vleet	962-0930
Residents Club	
Dick Faux	962-4617
ROOFBB	
Rita Hart	962-0670
Sierra Professional Artists	
Heinie Hartwig	(209) 586-1637
Sunday Couples Golf	
Alma Frawley	962-5578
Windjammers Sailing Club	
Fred Mecum	962-7989

PML Aviation Association

BY LARRY JOBE, PMLAA PUBLICITY

Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association wrapped up the year with its traditional Christmas party hosted at the Buchner's hangar. What a terrific year it was.

Led by our president, Wayne Handley, and his team of volunteers, we all enjoyed to the max one of our great benefits - the airport. From being blessed with speakers that most would have to pay a larger honorarium to hear, to an airport day event that the entire community enjoyed, it was, by any standard, a very successful year for the aviation contingency of our little town.

The pilot group was called upon to open several events, from community Barbecues/fund-raisers to the 49er Days parade, with a fly-over - something that is rarely done anywhere else.

Our Pine Mountain Lake EAA

chapter 1337 introduced 65 local young men and women to the wonders and pleasure of flight in a light airplane through the Young Eagles program which is sponsored by the EAA. Efforts are being made to extend this program to a larger portion of our community in the future. To give you some feeling for the uniqueness of the Young Eagles program, this author was 25 years old before he had his first ride in a light airplane and then he had to pay for it. Thanks to the generosity of our local pilots, all Young Eagles flights are without charge.

Marle Hewett is our president for 2012 and we anticipate another "blue skies" year under his leadership. The monthly speaker list is impressive. Marle has an enthusiastic board of volunteers and we are always looking for new blood and ideas to

make our aviation association even better. We don't schedule a meeting in January so our first meeting will be February 4th at 6 PM at Kay Meermans' hangar. Our speaker is Colonel Joe Kittinger, USAF Retired. It will be our traditional potluck, so mark your calendars, make a dish, and plan to attend.

Membership renewal is upon us. Please help our volunteers by renewing early (due by February 28th); and if you are not already a member of the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association, 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.

PML Men's Nine Hole Golf Club
Annual Meeting

BY BOB OAKLEY

Thirty of the Men's Nine Hole Golf Club's fifty-one members attended their annual meeting and breakfast Nov 30, 2011 at the Grill at Pine Mountain Lake.

The meeting began with David Rau, PML's head golf pro, explaining the new green fees, etc. for 2012 and a summary of last year's golf course improvements.

After eight years as the club's president, Wally Child retired but will remain active with the group. Election of the new club officers was by unanimous vote. New board members are Walt Bales as Secretary and Rick Robenseifner as Vice President. Walt and Rich were sunning themselves in Mexico and missed the meeting. However both have graciously accepted their assignments. In addition Bob Oakley was elected President and Dick Dentino was reelected Treasurer.

A review of games and by-laws



resulted in a change in the clubs definition on "mulligan's" and change to the by-laws reference to the discontinued Ladies Niner's tournament. The "Four Clubs" game was challenged and retained by a 20 to 7 vote. The "Beat the Pros" game

was voted out 28 to 2. A new addition to the games, "Tee to Green" was voted in 20 to 2.

Though a few members were camera shy 26 members are shown in the photo.

Santa Joined the PML Ladies Club!

BY DAR BROWN, PUBLICITY CHAIR



The new incoming board from left to right: Maddie Sousa, Rae Ann Bozzo, Sheila Cenicola, Virginia Bent and President Sonja Palmer.



The outgoing board from left to right: Catherine Santa Maria, Paula Stoner, Chris Balek, Linda Hunter and Rae Ann Bozzo.

No, really, he DID! Christmas Coffee chairs Jane Hansen and Harriett Wallace promised us that Santa was coming to their "Here Comes Santa Claus"-themed Christmas Coffee, and he arrived just as promised. Following a social hour which allowed the ladies to share holiday stories and shopping adventures, wish each other a Merry Christmas and just enjoy being in each other's company at this festive time of year, the ladies were treated to a lovely plate of treats provided by the staff at the Grill and bartender Jeff cheerfully provided

any desired libation. Everyone's favorite crooner, Mike Bozzo, sang solo and then asked the ladies to join in with several favorite carols. MC Jim Soderberg, our Christmas Elf, was wonderful as always on the microphone and everyone loved his dancing hat that he claims Connie "made" him wear. And then Santa arrived (was that Paul Purifoy under that voluminous red suit???) and was invited by Jim to share his "Naughty or Nice List" for 2011. It seems Jane Hansen led the Naughty side of his list and PML's newest pilot and the La-

dies Club Historian, Catherine Santa Maria, headed the Nice List.

January is the beginning of the new fiscal year for the Ladies Club and there are many wonderful events being planned, including the always favorite Wine & Chocolate, Day at the Marina, Fashion Show, Home Tour and much more. New members are always welcome, so if you would like to join one of the most social and fun clubs in PML, please mail your check for \$15 payable to the PML Ladies Club to P. O. Box 100. We'd love to have you!

Lady Niners November Golf

BY CYNDY KROUT

The golf games continue while the leaves are falling and the weather turns colder. There still are quite a few ladies out there enjoying the game and taking advantage of the good weather. On November 3 we had 14 players for putts day and for our Ace of Ace play-off. Marilyn Alexander took first place in putts with Linn Faler in second. Third place was a tie between Pat Price and Pat Van Gerpen while fourth was shared by Linda Craig, Barbara Haiges, Linelle Marshall and Nancy Whitefield. Marilyn and Sarah Zimmerman got pars on #13 and Marilyn Alexander was

Low Net for the day. Ace of Aces for the year will be announced at the Christmas party.

On November 10 we played Red, White & Blue with 12 players. Shirley Colley was out there and tied for first place with Flo Jansen, Nancy Whitefield and Stacie Brown. Second place was shared by Karen Dickson, Wanda Patterson, Pat V.G. and Sarah Z. Karen D. and Nancy W. each got a par on #14 and Flo was Low Net for the day.

We played Turkey Dinner Tic-Tac-Toe with 11 ladies on November 17. Flo J. and Wanda P. each got a black out while

Pat V.G. and Nancy W. came in second. Faye Buckley was in third place. Karen D. got another par on #14 and Wanda P. was Low Net for the day.

November 24 we were celebrating Thanksgiving with friends and family. Each of us had something to be thankful for including all of our golfing friends and our beautiful golf course. In December we will celebrate the Christmas season on the eighth with a luncheon at the Charlotte Hotel. We will hopefully get in a few good golf days depending on the weather. Hopefully we won't be blown off the course.

Garden Club Clippings

BY JOYCE SMITH

And away we go! Happy New Year!

The first meeting of 2012 will be in February. Watch your Email or your Newsletter for details. We have a new President, Louise Turney, and a new slate of supporting Board Members, all eager to begin the year. Louise and her Board were installed on December 11th at The Grill. It was a lovely evening and a delicious dinner.

December started off with a bang, or maybe howling wind would be more descriptive. Leaves were blowing everywhere, sticks and twigs falling, some large limbs broke and some trees were blown over. It really was quite a happening. Many of us were without power for hours and some were without for many hours (like overnight). We realize how much we take for granted when this happens. Glad that system has passed. Hopefully we will be seeing rain soon.

Again I am inviting you to think about joining the Garden Club. We meet the second Monday of the month. You don't have to have a formal garden to join. We learn a lot from our Horticulture Chairperson and our speakers. We are a group interested in the joy of gardening, civic beautification, conservation of natural resources and protection of our environment. Our special project is the Jail Garden.

Hope to see you at the February meeting.

Baby New Year Tradition

DID YOU KNOW? The tradition of using a baby to signify the New Year was started by the Greeks around 600 B.C. They would carry a baby around in a basket to honor Dionysus, the God of Fertility and symbolize his annual rebirth.

Great Food to Come in 2012

BY CARRIE TAYLOR, HEAD CHEF, THE GRILL



Another great year at The Grill has passed; the restaurant sales are up and we are looking forward to a grand 2012. I would like to highlight some of the things that we have done and some of the things that we are working on for the New Year. Our efforts have always been focused on keeping our members happy. Jay has his finger on the pulse of our clientele with the surveys that come in on a daily basis. This is a great tool that he uses to make the changes to our menus, service, and general member satisfaction.

In 2011, we have added to and changed the menu twice in order to add more variety and to keep the members satisfied. We will continue that trend in 2012 to add variety and freshness to the menu. Old favorites will surely stay, but you will be delighted with the new additions to come. I am looking forward to putting some of my ideas on the spring menu that will showcase your talented kitchen staff and make coming to The Grill more exciting in 2012.

Fabulous Grand Buffets - as I am writing this article, we just completed another wonderful Thanksgiving Buffet. Our customers have compared us to such grand buffets as the Awahanee Hotel and the Claremont Hotel. I would venture to say that we do put on the biggest and best buffet in the county. Easter and Mothers' Day will be here before you know it. We are taking reservations now; we sell out seating early, so plan ahead!

Sold out events - Our New Year's Eve Extravaganza is behind us and over the last year we have hosted not only the grand buffets but also many successful sold out events. These are designed to give our members a wonderful evening out with friends enjoying what the club has to offer. These events sell out quickly as well so I encourage you to make your reservations early. I look forward to these events because it allows me to prepare a menu that is my style of cooking and I can push the choice ingredients and preparation to a higher level.

Staying Trendy - I attend all the food shows I can. For a Chef, it allows me to see and taste new products that our suppliers have, I can get revenue boosting ideas as well as cost cutting ideas. It provides inspiration for specials and new menu ideas. Our members have benefited from each food show I have attended. The next one is the National Association for the Specialty Food Trade Fancy Food Show in January at the Moscone Center, San Francisco. This show is one of the industries' biggest with 1,300 exhibitors from 35+ countries and over 80,000 products. Talk about inspiration! It is my Disneyland.

If you haven't visited us in awhile, this is my personal invitation to you to dine with us, please let your server know and I will be happy to come out of the kitchen and introduce myself. If you have any questions or suggestions send me an email at kitchen@pinemountainlake.com.

Until we eat together...

Happy New Year from the 19th Hole Lounge

BY AARON HAMBLIN, ASST. GRILL MANAGER



The Holidays are behind us and we wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. At the Lounge we saw many familiar faces and a few new ones. We are glad you could join us during the festive Holiday Season. Now it's time to look forward. We are working hard to ensure that the service, food and beverages, as well as the entertainment, remain top notch. We love to see all of our dancers on the floor each weekend. Once our regulars begin dancing, others follow. As always there will be live music in the Lounge each Saturday night. And don't forget Showtime Karaoke on the first Friday of each month. Karaoke night has grown into an enormous amount of fun for all ages. If you've been here for Karaoke in the past, we know you will not want to miss it. If you haven't been to Karaoke, stop by, you will surely have a great time.

FEBRUARY ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY FEB 3rd - SHOWTIME KARAOKE
SATURDAY FEB 4th - DYNAMO
SATURDAY FEB 11th - ESP BAND
SATURDAY FEB 18th - HIWAY 99 BAND
SATURDAY FEB 25th - ROCKSLIDE

In addition to great entertainment at the lounge, The Grill has some exciting events coming up. Our February Wine Tasting will feature Young's Market. As

usual, they will bring several wines and will answer any and all questions you may have. Our Sweethearts' Dinner will be on Saturday February 11th. The night will feature the music of The ESP Band. They will be playing some old favorites, some new favorites and a lot of dance music. If you haven't reserved your table yet, it's not too late.

In an effort to add more variety to your dining experience, I have been changing our wine list frequently, so if we are out of your favorite wine, let me know and I can order it again. In addition, if there is a wine that you enjoy feel free to let me know and I will research it to see if they sell wholesale. Not all wineries distribute to restaurants, for example, Ironstone Vineyards just changed how they distribute and we can no longer order from our distributor. One of our new additions is 14 Hands Winery out of Washington State. This winery was recommended by one of our members and has been very popular.

"14 Hands Merlot begins with distinctive aromas of dark fruits, baking spice and earth which are typical of the variety when grown in Washington. Subtle flavors of boysenberry, pie crust and allspice, surrounding a bright cherry core, are supported by a framework of supple tannins and culminate with a lengthy, lush finish"- Keith Kenison, Winemaker (sounds pretty good to me).

Enjoy the New Year, and we hope to see you soon at the Lounge.

HOURS OF OPERATION

THE GRILL RESTAURANT*

BREAKFAST

SATURDAYS . . 8 AM TO 11 AM
SUNDAYS . . 8 AM TO 12:30 PM

LUNCH

TUESDAY - SUNDAY . . 11 AM TO 3 PM

DINNER

TUE. - THU. . . 5 PM TO 8 PM
FRI. & SAT. . . 5 PM TO 9 PM
SUNDAY . . 5 PM TO 8 PM

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THE LOUNGE**

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SAT. & SUN. . . 8 AM TO CLOSE

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Sweet Heart

DINNER & DANCE

February 11th

Salad

Romaine Heart Spears with Green goddess Dressing and feta

Turned potatoes, baby carrot, asparagus

Entrees

Braised Short Ribs
Twice Baked Potato
with Truffle Butter

Baby carrots and Asparagus

Chicken Paillard

Oyster mushrooms, sherry, cream
Turned potatoes, baby carrot,
asparagus

Seared Scallops with Lemon Buerre
Blanc, topiko caviar

Dessert

Chocolate and raspberry mousse
in a Chocolate cup
with chocolate dipped strawberry

Dinner reservation times
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A New Year to Look Forward To

BY BAMBI JOHNSON, HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR



January brings the start of a New Year, fresh starts, new beginnings, goals and resolutions! That has always been our focus here at The Grill! Always setting new goals and raising the bar a little higher each time. This year one of our goals is 100% customer satisfaction every visit! I think this is definitely achievable with our professionally trained staff here to serve you! So come on down and give us a try! And while you're at it, why not consider one of our fun filled events to attend. Here are just a few you and your friends won't want to miss.

February 2nd, Thursday Wine Tasting and Dinner Buffet

"Southern Wine and Spirits" – one of our major wine distributors will be hosting this very popular event for the month of February. They have never disappointed us with their representation of wineries at their tastings. All wine will be offered at discounted prices this night only. Chef Carrie will be preparing a wonderful dinner to accompany this tasting. Tasting will start at 5:00pm and the dinner buffet will be served at 6:00pm. The cost of this fun night is only \$23 plus tax. So, make your reservations now by calling 962-8638.

February 5th, Sunday Super Bowl Halftime Party

Join us at the 19th Hole Lounge for the fun as we watch the two top teams battle it out on the gridiron. Expect to see all your game time favorites on the buffet line such as: hot dogs, chili, nachos, and more. The half time buffet is only \$10 plus tax. We look forward to joining in the fun with you and your friends.

February 11th, Saturday 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", where we offer the special romantic entrees listed below.

SWEETHEART DINNER Salad

Romaine Heart Spears with Green goddess Dressing and feta

Entrées

Braised Short Ribs

Twice Baked Potato with Truffle Butter

Baby carrots and Asparagus

Seared Scallops with Lemon Buerre Blanc, topiko caviar

See **NEW YEAR AT THE GRILL**
on page 17

Happy New Year from The Grill

BY JAY REIS, THE GRILL MANAGER



It must be true what they say, that time flies when you're having fun, because I can't believe that another year has gone by. And I am truly having fun. I have put together the dream management team to help me better serve you. I think we have the best employees in the foothills which has helped us to be successful this past year. And it all starts with my dream team looking for ways to improve your restaurant.

Bambi has continued to organize some great special events, focusing on ways to make this the social club that it should be. Her monthly wine tasting dinners continue to be extremely popular. The annual dinner dances, including the New Years Eve party, the February Sweetheart dinner and dance, and the Murder Mystery dinner in October, have sold out early this past year. Over the summer she organized bus trips to Black Oak Casino, all this in addition to coordinating the monthly Ladies Club luncheons and numerous golf tournaments and weddings that we host at the Grill as well.

The two things that have improved

the most over the previous years are the service and the food. Sara has done a tremendous job with the service staff. Her staff really stepped it up this past spring and summer when we were overwhelmed with business on almost every night. It was most challenging for her to serve almost twice as many guests each night from the previous year (something that is unheard of in this economy). She hired some new servers and trained them without skipping a beat.

The food, thanks to Chef Carrie and Raul, our Sous Chef, has been outstanding. Their culinary team has been serving consistently great food. Their challenge as well this past year, was dealing day in and day out with our success. As hard as it has been for her to plan, because we are now doing twice as many covers as in previous years, Carrie and her staff have risen above and beyond my expectations to keep our standards high and deliver to your expectations.

Finally, I couldn't have made it through such a busy year without Aaron. Aaron and I make a great team. Together we strategize and make adjustments from our guest surveys and other comments that we receive from you. He is dedicated to ensuring

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WINE TASTING

& Dinner Buffet

February 2 5 PM TO 7:30 PM

Southern Wine & Spirits hosts an array of wine, Ports and Sparklers. Chef Carrie is preparing a wonderful dinner to accompany this tasting. Tasting starts at 5:00 pm / Dinner buffet served at 6:00 pm

\$23 plus tax per person
All wine is offered at discounted prices this night only.

Buffet Dinner

Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls
Mixed Green Salad
Seasonal vegetables
Rice pilaf
Carrie's Chicken Cordon Bleu
Dessert
S'mores Coffee and Fudge Ice Cream Cake



Reservations are required, so make yours today! 209-962-8638



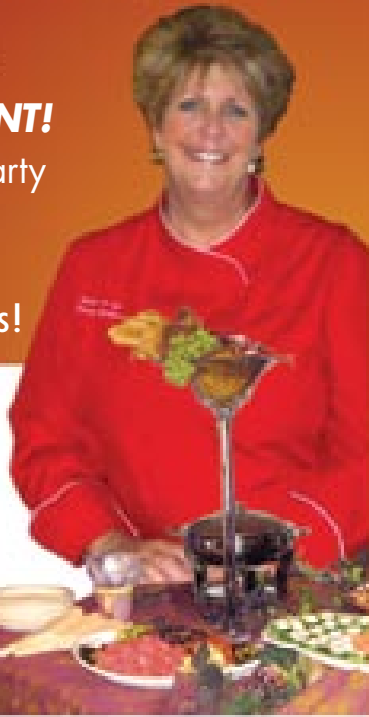
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Chicken Paillard

Oyster mushrooms, sherry, cream
Turned potatoes, baby carrot, asparagus

Dessert

Chocolate and raspberry mousse
in a Chocolate cup with chocolate dipped strawberry

After dinner swing your sweetheart to the sounds of the E.S.P. Band!

We hope you will join us for this fun and romantic evening. Call today to make your reservations for this pre-paid event. The cost is only \$50

inclusive, per person. The dinner reservation times are at 7pm, 7:30pm, or 8:00pm so, make yours today! This event is always a sell out! 962-8638.

**February 14th, Tuesday
Valentine's Day**

In celebration of Valentine's Day itself, 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.

Planning an event? Look no further! Let our staff handle all your food and beverage needs. We cater off-site events as well. Large or small, any and all occasions! Contact me 24/7 by e-mail, cluboffice@pinemountainlake.com, or by phone at 962-8638.

Until we meet again, I wish you all a very blessed and prosperous New Year! Bon appétit!

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that your dining experience will not be rated anything but "Excellent" on our guest surveys.

Because of all of my team's efforts and hard work, I'm sure that you will need to make a reservation a week or two in advance in order to get a table

this spring and summer. By making reservations at least a day in advance it helps my team better prepare and make your dining experience a positive one. So, here is goodbye to 2011 and to a happy and successful 2012.

Any questions or comments you can email me at clubmgr@pinemountainlake.com.

THE BIG GAME

Sunday Football Halftime Party

February 5, 2012

At the 19th Hole Lounge

Watch the two top football teams battle it out on the gridiron

All your game time food favorites on the buffet line:

• hot dogs • chili • nachos • and more!

The half time buffet is only

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Pine Mountain Lakers RV Club

BY MADDIE SOUSA, SECRETARY



Our Pine Mountain RV Club meeting was held Dec. 4th at the Hotel Charlotte. We enjoyed drinks and conversation and then had a delightful dinner cooked by Groveland's very own Lynn and Victor.

After dinner we had a very short meeting to discuss upcoming plans for next year's schedule of events. Nancy Meyer updated us on the progress of the Travel Committee and informed us that they will be sending an email

questionnaire to be filled out by our members and returned to the Travel Committee.

President Louise Turney turned over the reins to our new officers: President, Ned Nuddelman; Vice President, Dennis Hoagland; Secretary, Maddie Sousa; Treasurer, Lee Isbell.

We then engaged in a rousing round of "Yankee Trading," stealing each other's Holiday Gifts and wishing everyone Good Holiday Cheer!

PML Men's Golf Club

BY ROY CONLEY, SECRETARY

There was only one Men's Club tournament in November, the Turkey Shoot on Saturday the 19th. In Flight 1 first place went to Paul Purifoy, Wayne Handley, Al Craig and Jim Soderberg with 113, followed by Steve Margosian, Dan O'Connor, Bill Hippe and a Blind Draw also with 113. First place in flight 2 went to Tom Pennybacker, John Thomas, Bob Ells and Marty Ruter with 120, followed by Bob Stock, John Valenzuela, Milt Foster and Dick Mat-tocks with 123.

There is one tournament scheduled for January. On Monday the 16th there will be a 4 Club Tournament. You pick 4 clubs to use for the whole 18 holes.

Here are the answers to last month's

trivia questions:

(1) Who was the first US-born winner of golf's British Open? Walter Hagen.

(2) Golfer Bobby Jones was born in which state? Georgia

(3) Which golfer said, "Grey hair is great. Ask anyone who's bald"? Lee Trevino

(4) Which US President said, "I know I'm getting better at golf because I'm hitting fewer spectators"? Gerald Ford

(5) Which golfer became only the fifth in history to win both the British and US Open championships in the same year, in 1982? Tom Watson

Until next month, put your drives in the fairway, your putts in the hole and have fun out there.

PML Aero Club

BY CATHERINE SANTA MARIA



Mike Gustafson and Catherine Santa Maria celebrate the completion of Catherine's training.

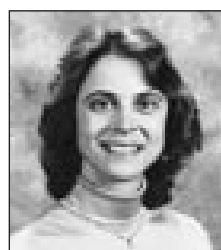
December 5, 2011 was an exciting day for Mike Gustafson because he finally completed the long arduous task of the final training for Yours Truly. Yes, that's right, I got my Private Pilot's license on that wonderful winter afternoon. Went over to Calaveras and did my check ride with Robert Davids and flew back as Pilot In Command for the first time.

Larry Jobe, with his camera, and many of our Pine Mountain Lake neighbors were out in full force to greet the new pilot. The Champagne was flowing and I received lots of hugs and congrats from everyone. I immediately came home after that and took a nap.

The Aero Club student pilots are working hard to finish up on their training. Becoming a private pilot is a rewarding experience and if you decide to go this route, be prepared to spend lots and lots of time studying and flying. It is hard but well worth the experience. You learn a lot more than just flying, this is truly a life experience.

Thank you to the PML Aero Club members and my trainers Dick, Bob, and especially Mike for all of your support and experience. If you are interested in this challenge please contact Dennis Smith at 962-4950.

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Country Mountain Riders Have Their 2012 Slate of Officers

BY LYNNE ORLOFF

The following bravely "stepped to the plate" to represent the Country Mountain Riders in 2012. We didn't even have to wait for them to leave the room to nominate them, either! President for a second term will be Dorothy Scofield. Vice-President will be Deborah Kalkowski, who also configured and maintains our website. Sharon Volponi will be the new Secretary and Delia Self is again our able treasurer. Ann Woolsey, Lynne Orloff and Barbara Lacy will represent the members on the advisory board.

Riding is an athletic sport. You have to balance yourself on the horse, and therefore, help the horse to balance himself. Either one of us becoming unbalanced can lead to some untoward adventures. Let's face it, most of us living up here, and riding, are no youngsters. A few of us contribute to the welfare of our local chiropractors and massage therapists who help keep our bodies tuned to continue riding into our octogenarian years. We benefit greatly from continued support and input from better riders than ourselves. Some of us attend clinics, read books, or better yet, hire a professional. Lately, a few of us took to the trails with Joan Geisler, a local rancher and horse-woman, a real cowgirl. We chose a longer ride than usual where we could all work individually on our varied issues. The terrain meandered through large Redwoods and Pines, fields of Manzanita, and changed between forest service roads and single-track trails with many hills, some water and hoof-grabbing pools of mud to traverse. It was a very successful ride, with each of us feeling we had built on our confidence founda-

tion. Joan is a consummate professional, very kind and capable of helping a rider build their skill set and tools for working with their horses. Besides that, just having her along made us feel it would be a safe ride and should anything happen she would know just what to do to help our horse or ourselves through it.

It is very important to pick your riding companions carefully. All of us can tell you stories about the wan-a-bee "cowboy or girl" that gallops off from the other riders, leaving a flurry of dust, whinnies, and riders in various stages of dismount, terror or anger, promising never to allow that rider to join them again. Trail etiquette is important. Choosing your trail partners well will go a long way towards a safe outcome to the ride. If it's not fun, we won't do it, right?

If your horse is sitting around your pasture and has not been ridden in some while, think about sending him out to Joan (or a professional of your choice) for a tune-up, and then having her help you to build your confidence for getting back in the saddle. It is not uncommon for one incident to change forever your love of riding and the horse then becomes a "pasture ornament". And, it's never a good idea to just go saddle a horse and take off on the trail unless you like the unknown, can ride a jig or a buck every time. Mentally preparing you and your horse for a ride is just as important as getting your body ready to sit the ride. We have so many horses in our valley and foothills that we are fortunate to have many excellent professionals available to us. Go for it...Hope to see you on the trail!

November 2011 PML Ladies Golf Club

BY SUE PERRY

Turkey month allowed us to "gobble" up some fun golf days with the following results:

Nov. 3rd Team - Point - Bogey

1st Place score 135...Diane Lloyd, Alice Stoll, Mona Tompkins, Draw; 2nd Place score 130...Dotty Davis, Ginny Lay, Sue Perry, Jane Reynolds; 3rd Place score 125...Joanne Foster, Corky Graham, Clarice Ligonis, Kathie Wood; 4th Place score 119*...Jodie Awai, Judi Maguire, Jeanne Pacco, Marilyn Scott; 4th Place score 119*...Kitty Edgerton, Sara Hancock, Yvonne Mattocks, Paula Vautier; BIRDIES: Kitty Edgerton #3, Ginny Lay #10.

Nov. 7 & 8th Sassy Sixties

Held at Lake Merced & Crystal Spring Golf Club

Congratulations to the team of Paula Vautier and Anne Hankin for winning 5th place low gross and taking home a silver medal. Great job representing PMLG!

Nov. 10th Turkey In The Hole - Team

1st Place score 25*...Kitty Edger-

ton, Helena McMillan, Priscilla Park, Paula Vautier; 2nd Place score 25*... Barbara Davis, Lynne Dust, Thelma Faux, Jeanne Pacco; 3rd Place score 27...Eleanor Ellis, Ginny Lay, Leanna Matea, Anne Peterson; 4th Place score 29...Alma Frawley, Mary Houser, Sharon Kenyon, Mona Tompkins.

Nov. 17th 3 Legged Turkey Shoot

First Flight 13-20..1st Place 67 Marjorie Rich, 2nd Place 73 Janice Mussatto, 3rd Place 74 Shirley Vaughn, 4th Place 77 Priscilla Park; Second Flight 21-24..1st Place 68 Lynne Dust, 2nd Place 75 Kathy Shehorn, 3rd Place 76 Linda Wall, 4th Place 78 Judi Maguire; Third Flight 28-30..1st Place 71 Yvonne Mattocks, 2nd Place 73* Joanne Foster, 3rd Place 73* Alma Frawley, 4th Place 73* Corky Graham; Fourth Flight 34-39..1st Place 68 Mary Houser, 2nd Place 74 Dotty Davis, 3rd Place 77 Sharon Kenyon, 4th Place 78 Joyce Smith; BIRDIES: Lynne Dust #10, Janice Mussatto #6 & #10, Paula Vautier #3, Marjorie Rich #10.

Nov. 24th...Turkey Day...no play

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL...hope you all resolve to play lots of golf in 2012!

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FEBRUARY EVENTS CALENDAR



Wine Tasting Dinner Buffet – Feb 2nd



Halftime Party – Feb 5th



Sweetheart Dinner/Dance – Feb 11th

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THURSDAY

Wine Tasting Dinner Buffet

Hosted by *Southern Wine & Spirits*

Where: The Grill

Tastings: 5:00 • Dinner: 6:00

\$23 per person/plus tax. Wines will be offered for sale at a discount price during the event.

Reservations required.

Call 962-8638 to reserve your spot.

2-5

SUNDAY

The Big Game Halftime Party

Where: The 19th Hole Lounge

Expect to see all your game time favorites on the buffet line such as: hot dogs, chili, nachos, and more. The half time buffet is only \$10 plus tax. Join in the fun with your friends & neighbors.

2-11

SATURDAY

Annual Sweetheart Dinner Dance

Where: The Grill

Seatings: 7:00/7:30/8:00

\$50 per person includes Romantic Dinner & Dancing with your sweetheart. Featuring the music of E.S.P. Band. Reservations required. Call 962-8638.

2-14

SATURDAY

Valentine's Day Dinner and Dancing

Where: The Grill

Dinner: 5:00–8:00

Special romantic dinner specials in addition to our regular dinner menu. Please make reservations early by calling 962-0638 now.

Happy New Year!

SEE YOU AT THE GRILL AND 19TH HOLE LOUNGE

NOTE

There will be no cooking class in January. See you next month!

Add Your Event to Our Calendar Page!

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

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE LOUNGE

THIS JANUARY

Friday, January 6th
Showtime Karaoke
(Always A Good Time)

Saturday, January 7th
HIWAY 99 BAND

Saturday, January 14th
ROBBIE ALLEN AND
THE OUTER EDGE

Saturday, January 21st
ESP BAND

Saturday, January 28th
ROCKSLIDE

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

BRIDGE at The Grill

Mondays at 9 AM

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

Soroptimist Meetings

The Soroptimist International of Groveland meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the Hotel Charlotte at 12 noon. For information regarding membership, please contact Jeanne Brunk at 962-6276.

Aerobics & Sculpting

Exercise by Video

Mondays, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 AM. Reach your fitness goals! These classes are suitable for all fitness levels. Classes are free. Join us at the Lake Lodge to be led by a variety of videos featuring certified fitness instructors. For more information and scheduling contact Barb at 209/962-6457 or Micheline at 209/962-4467.

Meals-on-Wheels

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

Strength for Life

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

Sierra Professional Artists

Meetings the second Friday of the month at the Yosemite Vista Estates Club House in Groveland - 10:00 am. Contact Jean & Bill Hammond 209-962-6477.

Sierra Club Hike of the Week

Thursdays at 9 AM

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

Bridge (Duplicate) at the Lake Lodge

2nd & 4th Thursdays

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

Mah-jongg

Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00 to 4:00 at The Little House. Newcomers should call ahead to arrange for introduction to the game before 1:00. Call 962-7303.

Kiwanis Meetings

Kiwanis meet every Tuesday at 5:30pm at the Pizza Factory.

Library Hours

The Groveland Branch Library is open Tue-Thu: 1:00-6:00pm; Fri-Sat: 10:00am - 2:00pm CLOSED Sunday and Monday

Senior Lunches

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

Chair Dancing

Every Monday at The Little House at 10:00 am

Garrotte Lions Bingo

Come and Enjoy! You could be a winner 1st Thursday of every month 6:30 Early Bird Bingo and 7:00 Regular Bingo

Blood pressure readings

Blood pressure readings are First and Third Thursdays from 11:00 to noon at The Little House

"High Country Line Dancers"

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

Historical Aircraft Display

Every 3rd Saturday (except September - 4th Saturday) 9a.m. - 1 p.m. at the transient parking at the PML Airport. Contact Ken Helling at 962-7597 if you have questions.

Sonora Senior Center

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

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American Cancer Society Daffodil Days

BY JUDY MYERS

Don and I have been very proud to chair this event in our community for over 15 years and now it's time to pass the 'bouquet'. We will continue to support the American Cancer Society and the 2012 Daffodil Days campaign, just not in the capacity of coordinating the event. The tradition of displaying the bouquets around town is unique and a wonderful way to greet Spring each year. We hope that some one or a group will come forward to continue this worthwhile project. Because the tradition of decorating and displaying the bouquets is beyond the scope of the

ACS there is some expense involved (ribbon, tape labels, etc) which is not reimbursed. We have been proud to donate those supplies as part of our commitment to ACS, but it should be a consideration for those interested in taking over the coordination of this project. We hope that Daffodil Days will continue in some meaningful way and that this community will continue to support the American Cancer Society in the generous way it has for so many years. Please give us a call at 962-5157 if you are interested in coordinating the 2012 campaign.

Hotel Charlotte this Winter

BY LYNN UPTHAGROVE

We have wrapped up another delightful Holiday Season with the town decorating team, Pine Cone Singer's cast party, club holiday lunches and special event dinners and really had a good time with all of our friends at the Charlotte this Holiday season. Thank you for brightening our December.

This winter, Victor and I will

close the restaurant while we are on holiday, opening again for Valentine's Day and the following weekend. We will be around town more this year and plan to handle all our catering commitments. If you have a special party need for 15 or more people during our down time, please feel free to contact us at (209) 962-6455.

Helping Hands by the Numbers...A 2011 Summary

BY PATTI BEAULIEU, STORE MANAGER

Statistics, facts and figures can sometimes be arduous, but since nearly everyone in the Groveland, Big Oak Flat, Buck Meadows and surrounding areas are aware of Helping Hands Thrift Store and Furniture Barn, these numbers might be of interest. If you're reading this, you probably take an interest in Helping Hands as either a volunteer, a shopper, a donor or a neighbor who benefits from our financial assistance – or all of the above. To all of you, thank you for making Helping Hands what it is today. Hopefully this information will assist you in making your decision to continue to support our organization.

We're the epitome of how 'recycling' benefits everyone. Here's our cycle – a donation of used, clean merchandise is made to either the Thrift Store or the Furniture Barn. Each day our dedicated team of volunteers (of which we are 80 in total) clean, sort, price and display and sell the items. When a customer purchases something, this completes the cycle of the donation. Since all the members are volunteers, except our custodian, and all we pay out are operating expenses – rent, utilities, supplies, repairs, garbage, etc. - we are very fortunate to be able to give most of our proceeds from purchases back to the community. We're asked many times "Where does your money go?" Because of your donations, our volunteers who process and sell them, and those of you who purchase them, here is what we've been able to accomplish this year alone.

Here is a list of the financial assistance we were able to give in 2011.

- Rent free space in Furniture Barn for Sierra Senior Providers See's Candy booth – priceless
- First Baptist Church Food bank - \$3000
- Evangelical Free Church Food bank - \$4800
- Groveland Fire Dept (for equipment) - \$5300

- Groveland Fire Continuing Education program - \$600
- Groveland Fire Cadet Program - \$500
- Sierra Sr. Providers (Meals on Wheels) - \$700
- Special Olympics - \$250
- Chamber of Commerce – '49er Festival Sponsorship - \$500
- Chamber of Commerce - Town Christmas Tree lighting and Santa arrival - \$300
- Chamber of Commerce - Groveland Community Halloween - \$150
- Groveland Halloween Candy for trick or treaters - \$125
- Student of the Month (\$25 Pizza Gift Certificate to each student) - \$500
- Rotary Easter Egg Hunt - \$300
- GAINS sponsorship - \$100
- Kiwanis 'Tenaya Back to School Shopping Spree' - \$5000
- Kiwanis Coat Drive – Donate coats
- STCHS BBQ Sponsorship - \$250
- Pine Cone Performers - \$200
- Support the Troops Program postage - approx. \$2000
- Tee sponsorships for various Golf Tournaments (charitable) - \$200
- Tuolumne County Lifeline Emergency Phone Service for 8 individuals - \$900.00
- BOFG School District Classroom teachers - \$2700 (\$100 each to spend on their classroom supplies)
- Tenaya Parent Pre-School - \$100

- Tenaya Elem - approx. \$9587.00 (field trips, snack program, dental program, STAR testing)
- Tioga HS - approx. \$1525.00 (field trips, basketball camp, misc educational expenses)
- Tioga HS & Lake Don Pedro HS Scholarships Liability (awarded & budgeted) - \$24,500
- Tenaya Academic Achievement Awards - \$300

- In addition, twice a year, we give away (free) all of our 'out of season' clothing/shoes, furniture, etc, and inventory overflow at the Spring and Fall Seasonal Giveaways.

So, thanks to all of you who so generously donate to our shop at Helping Hands. Please be assured that you, or someone you know, has benefited from our financial assistance this past year. We look forward to being able to provide similar community assistance in 2012 and many years to come.

Holiday Decorating Priest Station to PML

BY LYNN UPTHAGROVE

What a blessing it is to live in Groveland! This year's volunteers were extremely generous with their time and those with years of experience were very gracious in bringing our new helpers up to speed. Again, my warmest heart felt thanks to all that came out. As I could only "watch" from afar with all the photos Jack kept sending me and not actually be here for the big dressing of town days, I was truly delighted with the depth of support by so many people this year. Thank You Team Groveland Decorators! I must add a few special thanks to Kay Graves for being here and helping us with her constant advice, Marie Dean for wrapping the ribbon for days and days and Mike Millard for managing the garland with weaving the new lights, adding timers and extension cords and checking that they are working as they should, every night. Always notable is Dave "Stilts" Volponi who each year puts on a very exciting show, high above the highway, hanging seemingly miles of garland. I can't forget Jack Slocombe, man on the spot, leader and chief photographer and Linda Struhm who guided folks in her low key fashion from the front desk of Decorating Central, Hotel Charlotte.

This year was a special year in that we were able to replace all of the lighting on the garland and town really does glow. The team decorating of town, along with the individual enhancements for the decorating contest, makes Groveland stand out beyond any other holiday decorated village I have ever visited. Congratulations to the Yosemite Chamber of Commerce for growing this event each year. I hope our many wonderful photographers are able to capture this year's beauty for long time memories!

Funding for the Holiday decorations has typically been done through private donations from people and businesses throughout Groveland. If you love how town looks and want to support continuation of the program, won't you take a moment today and write a check of support to: Yosemite Chamber of Commerce, Holiday Decorating, mail to PO Box 1263, Groveland, CA 95321.

I am told that the de-decorating takes place 12 days after Christmas. Won't you join me at the Hotel Charlotte at 9am to begin that process on Friday, January 6th? I understand this typically goes much quicker than the foiling & wrapping. See you in January!

From Your Tuolumne County District Supervisor

JOHN GRAY, TUOLUMNE COUNTY 4TH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

The start of a new year brings new opportunities and the ability to reflect on those successes and challenges of the previous year. This reflection permits us to better address those new and continued challenges that we will see in our future.

Apparently in my most recent article, I struck a chord with one reader “about my being too optimistic” about jobs and our County’s improving economic health. I don’t want to take up a lot of space or time to “beat up” on the critic but I would like to offer a few comments as to the inaccuracies of his writing and the obvious lack of knowledge that this one individual has about Tuolumne County. It would be inappropriate to withhold comment on the letter published in a local newspaper as that action would only add credence to his mistaken position and misguided remarks.

The letter submitted by this individual starts off by criticizing the jobs that have been created citing especially the Lowe’s Home Improvement Center and the County’s Big Box Ordinance. A little research by the writer would have enlightened him as to additional facts in the matter. One of which, is that the current Board of Supervisors had voted to remove the size requirement in the Big Box Ordinance. Secondly, although this business and store is located within the City of Sonora, the county benefits from its success as a portion of the sales tax generated is distributed to the County...and don’t lose sight of the fact that new jobs were created here.

Future research by the critic would have shown that both the Gottschalks and Mervyns retail department stores closed due to influences outside of the County and beyond any local control. Their parent companies made the decision for their closures and, from the local standpoint, nothing about their departure was positive. When they left our area empty buildings remained and the loss of jobs was felt throughout our communities. The retail businesses that have opened in these same facilities provide the same type of jobs that were held there by the former retail businesses. While not all of the employment positions in these new businesses may be “full-

time”, neither were the ones with the previous businesses. Most retail stores have a compliment of both full and part-time employees. All employees have the opportunity to “move up” in the work force by seeking a higher level of responsibility, benefits and pay. Part-time positions offer flexible jobs with flexible hours which may be preferred by some. This might be employment of choice for mothers, fathers, students, and both youthful and experienced mature workers.

Even in the best of times we see the closure of businesses. Long time business owners retire and close their doors. Competition for the spendable income that members of the public may have is great and the spendable income...not so great. When a business exits, we hope that new ones will come to replace them. I am thankful that we are actively and aggressively working to gain jobs in Tuolumne County. I am not willing to throw in the towel and give up...Facts are facts and I will always back them up and bring them before you. The facts are simply that we are in much better condition than several of our neighboring counties and that we have seen a “net gain” in jobs. (More jobs were gained than were lost.)

At the opening of the Sierra Pacific Mill, George Emerson-Vice President SPI, personally thanked Tuolumne County and Larry Cope, our Economic Development Director, for the help and assistance they received on their project. Those jobs could have gone to other locations...but with hard work and a cooperative effort between business and County-they stayed here to benefit our residents. Yes, we lost these jobs once...but now “they’re back”!

If you want more information and to learn what is really happening on the job and business front, I encourage readers to find out more about the Business Alliance of Tuolumne County, which is a partnership of the Tuolumne County Economic Business Development Authority, the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce and the local Service Corp of Retired Executives and Small Business Development Center Chapter. The combined efforts of these organizations have helped more than 700 small businesses in our county over

the past 18 months.

I welcome constructive criticism but that which is given without research and real time facts is useless to us all. While the facts about the State and National Economy may not be positive, at least we have some things to be positive about in Tuolumne County at the onset of this New Year!

The California State Association of Counties held its annual meeting in San Francisco November 29th through December 2nd. This was my fourth annual meeting and as with the former events, I came away much more informed on County Government.

With the realignment process in place, Public Safety Services are changing dramatically. This process, as you may recall, deals with the early release of low-risk inmates from our state prison system and their reintroduction into local communities. The key to a successful outcome will lie in the ability to adequately fund the program.

A bit of news for those readers living along Jack Ass Creek Road—we have received notification from the Bureau of Land Management that their crews will be blading the entire 5 miles of roadway and replacing and/or repaving the base on approximately 3 miles of the road. The work will be completed in the 2012 work year.

My thanks go out to the County Staff and Former Director of Roads, Peter Rei, for their continued diligence leading to this positive result. Peter has accepted a position with our neighboring county and is now the Director of Roads for Mariposa County. May he enjoy success in his new position. Mariposa County will benefit from his experience and knowledge.

Have you been concerned about the speeding traffic through the Groveland Corridor? Good news. We have been notified by Cal Trans that they will be conducting a field review to study the situation. My suggestion is that they begin by installing an interactive speed limit sign on each end of town for a start. There’s nothing quite like a visual reminder to encourage a driver to watch their speed and slow down.

One of the 2011-2012 goals for the Board of Supervisors is to develop Tuolumne County’s Vision, Mission and Values Statement and to complete

the 5 year plan. This is a “first” for our county.

The Vision Statement reads as follows: “We commit to providing exceptional services that protect the health and safety of our citizens, promote stewardship of our natural and cultural resources, enhance our rural quality of life and stimulate economic prosperity for our community”.

From the Vision Statement we have proposed a draft 5 Year Plan to help develop goals for the year. Please follow the process on the County web page and give us your input.

The medical marijuana issue is still “on hold”. It is clear that the US Attorney General is serious about their position on marijuana distribution. It’s illegal.

More on the State Responsibility Fire Fee...The Board of Supervisors has unanimously opposed the fee on the following points:

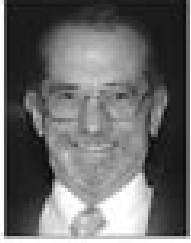
- The legality of the fee-does it meet the definition of a fee versus a tax under Prop 26?
- The gross inequity of the fee borne exclusively by rural residents
- The double taxation of some property owners within fire districts with their own special assessments without additional benefit provided by the state
- The threat the fee poses to our existing cooperative fire response system.

Keep pressure on the Governor...this was a bad idea!

Finally, if you have questions about county government or on the position I have taken on a matter, please contact me. I would be happy to meet with you. Putting thought to pen without adequate research is not the way to approach an issue. Let’s try to find an agreeable solution without personal attacks and finger pointing. As always, please feel welcome to contact me to discuss matters that are important to you.

John L Gray, Supervisor 4th District
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FEATURED HOMES OF THE MONTH

PRIME DEEP WATER LAKEFRONT HOME



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\$425,000 15/73A - 20240 Lower Skyridge.



VERY NICE RENOVATED HOME

Recent updates make this home a prime candidate for your primary or vacation home. 2,312 sq. ft. 2 Bd 2 Ba on Main Level. Private entrance to Second level with Bonus/Pool Room/3rd sleeping area, Utility Room/Office area & 1/4 Bath. Many updated features. Hardwood Floors, Tiled Bathrooms, Concrete Tile Roof. Spacious decks with Privacy. Single level entrance through Breezeway. Level Parking in front at Garage. Circular Driveway around home/lot making access to this home very easy. Extra RV parking areas. **\$275,000** 8/290 - 19753 Butler Way.



PRIME LOCATION VERY CLOSE TO THE MARINA

Many renovations featured throughout this 2,342 sq ft home. Complete separate living quarters downstairs. Single level living upstairs. 3 Bd, 3 full Ba. 2 car attached garage. 2 separate zones for AC and Heating. Completely enclosed game/workout room downstairs. Plenty of Parking on this property. A must see. **\$288,450** 1/470 19759 Pine Mountain Drive



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Major renovation completed in 2005, including new roof, new decks, new interior & exterior paint, new floor coverings, new cabinets, new bathrooms, new lighting, new vinyl dual pane windows. Two propane free-standing fireplaces. Very nice location. Close to Lake Lodge and Beach.
\$219,000 4/322 - 20771 Big Foot Circle

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\$249,750 1/209 - 19675 Golden Rock Circle

SINGLE LEVEL MANUFACTURED HOME

3 Bd, 2 Ba all on one level. 1,500 Sq Ft. Recent updating by Owner. Set back on the lot for privacy and for the landscaped front yard. AC & forced air heat. Free standing wood burning Fireplace.
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\$168,000 13/318 - 20283 Marina Court

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Single level living with vaulted Knotty Pine ceiling in open spacious great room. 3 Bd, 2 Ba. 1,580 sq ft. Unattached 2 car garage. Covered front deck and entry. Country Mountain decor throughout. Very close to Tennis Courts, Fisherman's Cove & Lake Lodge Beach.
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\$875,000 1/279-19745 Pleasant View Drive

FINAL TOUCHES BEING PUT ON THIS NEW HOME

Spectacular designer features throughout this 1,870 Sq Ft Home. 3 Bd 2Ba Plus Unfinished 1,000 sq ft Basement. Two Car Garage. Gourmet Kitchen with Granite Counter tops and top of the line Cabinets. A Must See.
\$265,000 2/83 - 12942 Mueller Drive.

"Happy New Year to All"

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1.88 Acre. Prime Horse Country Lot Next to the Bass pond. Close to Stables/Airport. Seller fin. avail. **\$175,000** 12/173 - Clements Road

Very nice lot w/Seasonal Creek. Very close to all PML amenities. Seller Financing Available. **\$21,000** 1/307 19545 Pleasant View Dr.

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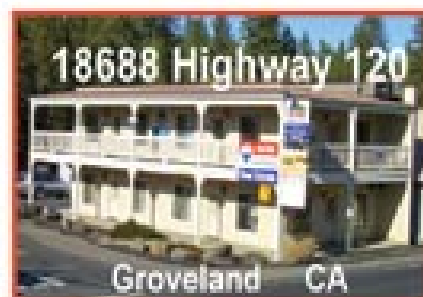




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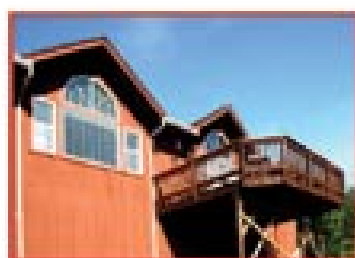
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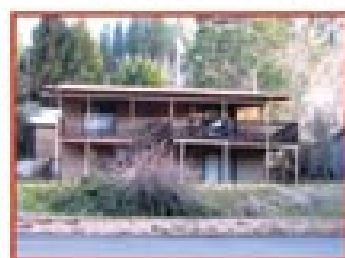


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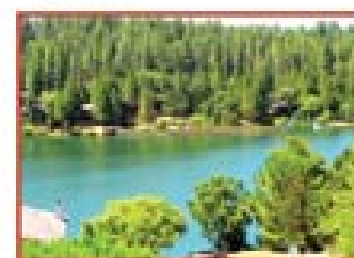
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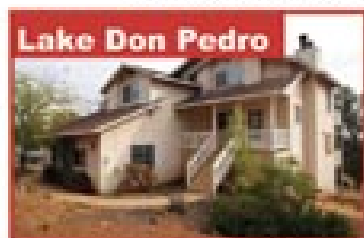
COMMANDING VIEWS Single level beauty shows like a model. Dual decks off of the dining room & master suite take in Southeast vistas of the Groveland forest & Yosemite peaks. The perfect floor plan - the master at one end & guest bedrooms at the other end. 3bd/2ba w/in kitchen plus formal dining. 8-163 \$279,000



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Lake Don Pedro

VALLEY VIEWS this cutie is bank owned and renovation financing is available with as little as 3% down. Split level floor plan has 2124 sq ft, a double garage, with the master and main living areas upstairs and guest rooms, plus a family room on the lower level. 1.5 acres Arbolada

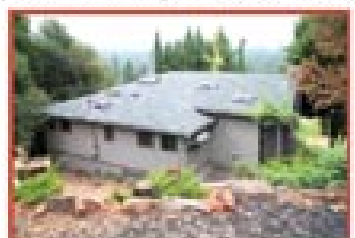
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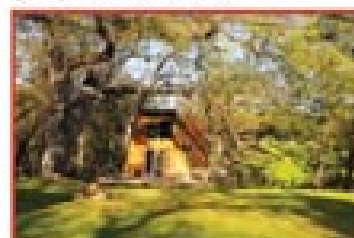


WINTER WONDERLAND VIEWS through floor to ceiling windows in this cedar home overlooking PML Golf Course & beyond. There's a bit of work to be done here but it offers the chance to "customize" the rustic cabin design to suit your own personal taste. Financing is available. Take a look today & use your imagination! 5-135 Mueller \$140,000



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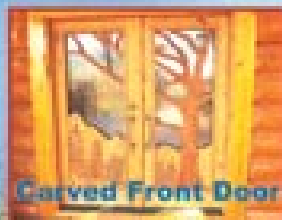
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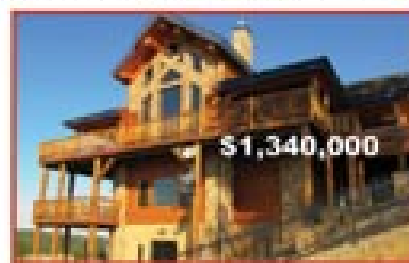
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LAKE FRONT

Helping Hands "Support Our Troops" Program – The Year In Review

BY DAR BROWN, PROGRAM CHAIR



Helping Hands received the above in thanks for the program.

Following the passing of the torch for the "Support Our Troops" program from ROOFBB's to Helping Hands, the Helping Hands Executive Board and General Membership voted in July to provide \$650 for posting of the care packages to our brave men and women overseas, and when that funding was depleted, they once again voted, this time an additional \$1295. I want to personally thank everyone at Helping Hands for their caring support for this program.

The first packages using Helping Hands funds were mailed July 19, and by the end of December, a total of 150 boxes were mailed to soldiers in all branches of the service. In addition, numerous boxes were sent to two orphanages in Afghanistan where our soldiers are caring for children orphaned by the war; we provided boxes of Thanksgiving sides for Thanksgiving dinner in the desert, and we even supported a canine unit. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who has donated items for the care packages or given me cash to be their personal shopper to purchase needed items. Thanks also to the department managers at Helping Hands who helped keep my donation box filled.

Here are just a few of the comments received in letters and email and the Certificate of Appreciation shown was sent by the men and women of Operation Tiger Shark:

"I wanted to say thank you for all of the support you provided to all our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guard members. Your support brought smiles to so many faces."

"Your box of school supplies arrived and we are extremely grateful for your unwavering support. A big thank you from the children here in Afghanistan."

"I wanted to say that we really appreciate your package here within the Wounded Warrior program. The books were more than enough for some of the guys and the PJ's were welcomed with smiles."

"Our soldiers have been greatly blessed by what you've sent. Your generosity has been much appreciated by all the soldiers of our battalion."

"I can attest to the awesome morale

Pine Cone Singers' Christmas Gift of Music to Groveland

BY LINELLE MARSHALL



Pine Cone Singers in rehearsal for "Holiday Reflections" concert, photo courtesy of Miguel Maldonado.

The foothills were alive with the sound of music last month! The Pine Cone Singers' winter concert, "Holiday Reflections", under the direction of Dennis Brown, brought holiday spirit to packed houses on December 9th-11th. The concerts were dedicated in loving memory of friend and colleague Dennis "Woody" Wood, who passed away on November 18th.

The audience was treated to a wonderful array of Christmas favorites, inspiring classics, poignant melodies and soulful tunes. Pine Cone Singers members Shirley Brasesco, Frank Jablonski, Gloria Marler, Linelle Marshall, Gail Perlee, Jackie Sample and Kathy Seaton performed solos and duets as an added treat, and the concerts were made extra special by the contributions of Allen Cordle, drums; Lawrence Drummond, bass; and Gordon Giedt, woodwinds. Accompanist Dorothy Maechler did a superb job of playing for many of the ensemble pieces and the multi-talented Dennis Brown tickled the ivory keys for the evening's solos as well as for a rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus that brought the house down.

These concerts become a reality because of many volunteers within the chorus: Sandra Menacho as rehearsal pianist and holding extra rehearsals for sections; Mike Kambeitz for conducting sectionals; Sally Salinas as

Production manager; Barbara Klahn and Susan Fisher, music librarians; Anne Mingus, ticket sales; Bonnie Phillips, Master of Ceremonies; Richard McKey, sound technician; Miguel Maldonado, videographer; and many of the choir members who volunteer their time assisting in rehearsal and concert set-up, putting up flyers in town, and bringing refreshments for rehearsals. The chorus gratefully acknowledges the Evangelical Free Church for the use of their facilities for these performances.

We would like to express our deep appreciation to the following local sponsors, without whose support these concerts would not be possible: Antique Clock Shop, Black Oak Casino, Body Beautiful Salon, Groveland Pharmacy, Helping Hands, Frank & Karen Jablonski, Jim & Jan Knudson, Pine Mountain Lake Association, Priest Station Café, Sierra Sounds, Yosemite Bank and Zoophonics, Inc. Hotel Charlotte has become a Lifetime Sponsor through Mayor Goose's generous support of the chorus.

Be sure to save the dates of May 18, 19 and 20, 2012, for our Spring concert! Rehearsals for that concert set will begin on Tuesday, January 31, 2012. For more information, contact board president, Shirley Brasesco at 209-962-4815.

boost that your package brings and can say without a doubt that your generosity and love has made things a lot easier for all of us out here"

"Many of our Airmen here are on their first deployment and will

spend their first holiday season away from home. We really depend on people like you to brighten our spirits during this trying time."

God Bless Our Troops and God Bless America.

Friends of the Groveland Library

BY NADINE PEDRON



FOGL officers are installed for 2012: President, Virginia Gustafson; Vice President, Harriet Codeglia; Secretary, Barbara Coldren; Treasurer, Phyllis Gschwend.

A GOOD YEAR BEHIND – A GOOD YEAR AHEAD

Friends of the Library members enjoyed a festive holiday luncheon at Camp Tuolumne Trails in December. The meeting included a review of the year's goals and their outcomes. Financial goals were met allowing significant donations to the county library system, funding for library enhancement, literacy outreach programs and donations of new children's books for the Christmas Basket program. Membership goals were surpassed with a record number of 101, including 36 new members. A literary event, "Local Writers: First Works" was held and met with enthusiastic response. The Book Nook had a very successful year in participation and sales. Carole Pennachi, local artist, donated the copyright to one of her pictures to FOGL, thereby increasing our fund raising avenues. Other sources of funding included a percentage of artwork sales revenue, a large donation from Carmen Anderson's mayoral campaign and personal memorial dona-

tions. Literacy outreach programs included the Summer Reading Program, Bookleggers Program at Tenaya, volunteer staffing at Tenaya's library and participation in the Brainy Groveland Reading Incentive Program. And to add frosting to our FOGL cake, our Trivia Bee team took first place in the annual county library event.

The year ahead promises to be every bit as successful, if not more, with our new officers at the helm: Virginia Gustafson, President; Harriet Codeglia, Vice-President; Barbara Coldren, Secretary and Phyllis Gschwend continuing as Treasurer.

Many thanks to the community for your support and participation, making possible our rewarding achievements.

The Friends meet every fourth Tuesday at 2:00 downstairs at the library. We welcome visitors and love new members. Next meeting is January 24th, 2012. For further information please contact Nadine Pedron at 962-6953 or email: epedron@att.net.



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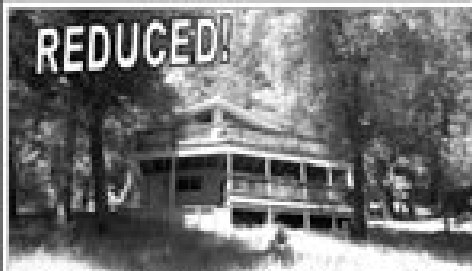


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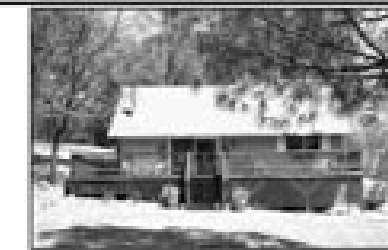


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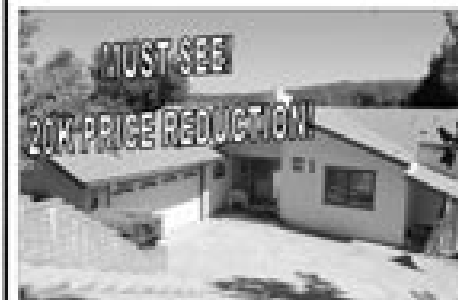
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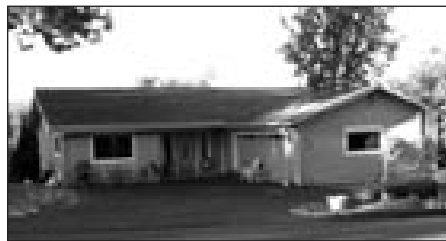
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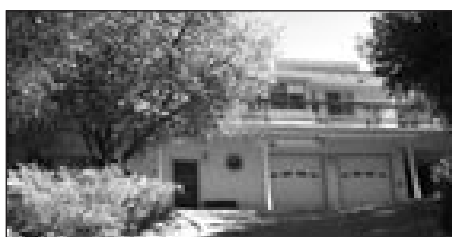
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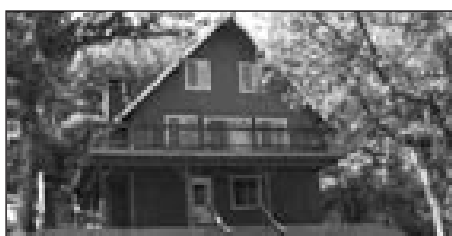
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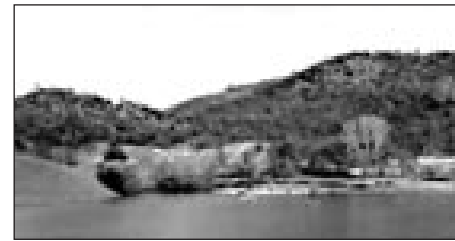
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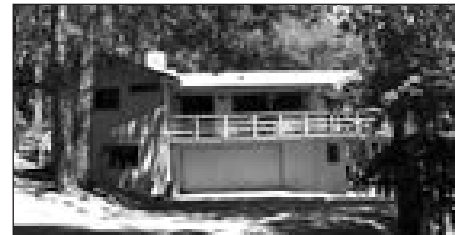
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Columbia College Graduates 12 Fire Technology Participants

BY CONI M. CHAVEZ, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

Columbia College's Fire Academy will hold its graduation ceremony and presentation of Certification of Completion to 12 successful students of the Fire Technology Program. The event, which is open to the general public, will be held Monday, December 12, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Dogwood Forum.

The certificates will be awarded based on the student's successful completion of the academic and manipulative training as mandated for a California Firefighter Level One. The students must still complete six months of full-time or one year of part-time field experience before applying to the state for Firefighter I Certification. "Some of the graduates have obtained paying positions at local fire departments since entering the academy" said Joe Doherty, college fire technology instructor. "Most will continue their studies at Columbia College to pursue associate degrees".

In addition to the "routine" fire train-

ing classes, specialized training was delivered involving vehicle extrication class at Ahearns Towing, basic wildland fire fighting classes, and indoor live fire suppression training which was conducted at the Modesto Junior College's Fire Training Center.

A welcome message will be delivered by Dennis Gervin Ph.D., recently appointed President of Columbia College. The Keynote Address will be delivered by Faylan and Bruce Cannon, parents of recent academy graduate Jordan Reyes, for whom this academy class dedicated their efforts toward success. Closing thoughts will be presented by Fire Captain Matt O'Donnell, Ebbets Pass Fire Department.

Family and friends will view a student produced audio visual presentation of their intensive 16 weeks of training. The rigorous training is designed to help serious candidates meet the requirements for demanding careers as professional firefighters, including over 300 hours

of academic and manipulative training, according to Professor Doherty. The academy students have also completed over 100 hours of community service at local agencies as part of their community sensitivity training.

The newly created Jordan Reyes Memorial Fire Academy Scholarship will be awarded to Steven Klith, while the Fire Academy Instructors Scholarship is being awarded to Jared Personius.

The Columbia College Fire Academy graduates and their hometowns: Lindsay Barreras, Fremont; Brandon Brockmire, Sonora; Shelby Burkin, Murphys; Steven Delgado, Oakhurst; Ernie Dixon, Columbia; Jeff Harvey, Sunnyvale; Kyle Hukkanen, Arnold; Kurt Johnson, Manteca; Steven Klith, West Point; Noah Munds, San Luis Obispo; Kenneth Peasae, Redwood City; Jared Personius, Dana Point.

For further information contact Joe Doherty, Fire Technology Program, at (209) 588-5244.

NEWS IN BRIEF

IS YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION "LOSE WEIGHT & EAT HEALTHY"?

BY SHIRLEY COLLEY

Attend an info meeting January 4th, 2012, 6PM at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 19585 Elder Lane, Groveland.

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Basmati Rice Pilaf

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

We are not big rice fans and we never eat green peas, but combined in this wonderfully spiced Indian dish, they make an unforgettable combination. I am yet to be able to resist a second helping on this one.

The basmati rice is known for its "nutty" flavor, and you should not substitute any other type of rice for it. The mustard seeds, cardamom pods and cloves (and many other herbs and spices) can be purchased more reasonably from the bulk food jars at "Nature's Whole Food Depot" in Standard (adjacent to Sonora). You will pay three times as much if you buy these spices by jar in a supermarket.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 Cups Basmati Rice
- 1 1/2 Tbsp Vegetable Oil
- 1 1/4 tsp Black Mustard Seeds
- 1/2 Cup Yellow Onion, finely diced

- 6 Green Cardamom Pods
- 4 Whole Cloves
- 1 (3-inch) Cinnamon Stick
- 2 1/4 Cups Simmering Water
- 1 1/2 tsp Kosher Salt
- 1/4 tsp Freshly Ground Black Pepper
- 2 tsp Fresh Lime Juice
- 3/4 Cup Green Peas, frozen

Directions

Put the rice in a mesh strainer and rinse with cold water several times. Set aside and let drain.

Heat the vegetable oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat until it begins to shimmer. Add the mustard seeds and cook until they just begin to pop, about 20 seconds. Add the onion and sauté until lightly browned, about 3 minutes. Add the cardamom, cloves, cinnamon, rice, the simmering water, salt, pepper and lime juice,



and bring to a boil.

Reduce the heat to medium and cook until liquid is nearly absorbed, about 10 minutes. Fold in the peas, then reduce heat to low, and cook 8 to 10 minutes longer. Remove from the heat and let stand for 5 minutes, uncovered. Remove and discard the cardamom, cloves, and cinnamon and fluff with a fork. Transfer the pilaf to a serving dish and serve.

Serves 4

Quilters' Corner

BY SANDY SMITH

It is 2012 and it is going to be a FABULOUS year!!! We have a whole year to get ready for the Quilt Stroll in 2013. Remember, consider making a quilt with civil war fabric for the community hall display. Eleanor Burns has a great book about that era, and Timeless Calico has fabric, books, and lots of information too.

Pine Needlers Quilt Guild meeting is always the 3rd Tuesday of the month under the library at 6 p.m. except this month. There is no regular meeting. We will be having our holiday party at the Grill. Remember those of you who are members, 6:00 at the Grill. See you there on the 17th. Be sure to have your check to Lonnie Roman by the 10th and if any questions give her a call.

How about these 2 websites to browse while you enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, coffee, or tea and the slowed down pace of January: *mysewingbooty.com* or *blockablock.com*.

NCQC is planning an outing to the San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles with a special guided tour by the curator. Talk to your friends – plan to come with a carload – the meeting is open to all guild mem-

bers at no charge. Remember, if you are a member of the Pine Needlers guild you are a member of Northern Calif. Quilt Council. Jan 18th at the museum @ 10:30 a.m. RSVP to Diane Leighton if you are going to be there - diane.leighton@comcast.net. Get a couple of quilt buddies and plan a trip. Sounds really interesting.

Here is a quote from Nancy Monson: Time heals all wounds. But until that "cliche" kicks in, what are we supposed to do while we're waiting, huh? Wring our hands in well manicured angst? Pretend cocktail hour starts at noon? How can we relieve stress and decompress from everyday pressures, ease pain, distract our minds, soothe our souls? If you are like me and – I know you are – you quilt! Sounds like good advice, don't you think?

A little snippet about chocolate - the word chocolate comes from the Mayan word *tchocolatl*, the drink of the Mayan gods. However the first chocolate factory, in what would become the United States, didn't open until 1765 in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. So now you have a little history of chocolate.

Christmas Craft Faire

BY SANDY SMITH

A huge thank you from Juli and I for the support you have given the Groveland Christmas Craft Faire over the last 32 years. It is truly a community effort. Even in economic hard times you have proven that the Christmas spirit is alive and well in Groveland.

We have been asked many times, where do the monies go from the booth fees? Right back into the community. We are able to give back to our wonderful fire department, as a thank you for all they do for us, and to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, too. Also to the Rebekas (for scholarships) and Center for a Non-Violent Community in Sonora.

We thought you would like to know how the vendors feel about participating in the faire, so here are a few comments: "A real community feel and love the fact everything is

homemade"; "We have so much fun doing this"; "Really gets me in the holiday mood"; "Well organized"; "One of the best things is seeing the friends made over the years"; "Wonderful community feeling"; "Nice warm atmosphere and everything is made by an artisan"; "Brings us together as a community"; "Associating with other crafters, meeting new people each year, feels like family"; "Everyone seems to enjoy getting out after their big family meal and doing some local shopping"; "How great it is to be a part of a close knit caring community"; and to sum it up, "A wonderful community supported event, a cooperative group of hands on artisans."

So now you have it from the crafters point of view. Groveland, you rock!!! Thank you again from our hearts to yours.

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Soroptimist Establishes Diane Lynn Pre-school Scholarship Fund

BY DORI JONES



For the photo, left to right: Jeanne Brunk (Soroptimist president), Soroptimist Sally Salinas (Center) and Penny Shuey (teacher/director Tenaya Parent Pre-school). Photo by Dori Jones.

Last year, Jeff Lynn – son of Jerry Lynn and the late Diane Lynn (a former Soroptimist) – was instrumental in procuring a \$2,500 donation to Soroptimist from Stellar Solutions Inc. in memory of his mother. To fulfill Soroptimist International's mission to 'improve the lives of women and girls' and in keeping with the international emphasis on education, Soroptimist International of Groveland (SIG) subsequently presented the donation to Tenaya Parent Pre-school for young girls who needed financial assistance for pre-school tuitions.

Recently, Jerry Lynn – Jeff's father – has informed SIG that he wants to see the scholarship fund continued. Mr. Lynn has committed to providing a donation to extend the scholarship.

In light of this announcement, Soroptimist International of Groveland has established the Diane Lynn Pre-school Scholarship Fund.

SIG would like to invite anyone in our community to contribute to this endeavor by making a donation to the scholarship fund in memory of a loved one, to honor someone, to celebrate a special occasion or just because they believe in the importance of early childhood education. Donation cards can be picked up at The Little House, Carron Tax Associates, Dori's Tea Cottage and Coldwell Banker Realty. For additional information, call SIG President Jeanne Brunk at 962-6276. Soroptimist International of Groveland is a 501c3 organization.

2012 A New Beginning

BY ETTY GARBER, PHD • MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST

2012. A New Year. A new beginning. Think of the new year's resolutions you have made in the past. Which ones did you keep and which ones did you forget about?

Now is the time to take a good look at your life. Are there unresolved issues sitting on the back burner? Is it time to wrap those up; forgive those who have wronged you; make amends for your transgressions and forgive yourself for having made them? Are you ready to go forward and plan the life you really want? Give yourself permission to make changes, explore new interests, make new friends and develop an exciting hobby.

You don't need to hang on to people, places, or things that brought you down. You have the power to become and remain a positive energy in your life which may even inspire others. You've heard the clichés, "Life is short," and "You only have one life to live so make it count." They're true. If your time on earth is limited, as it is for all of us, why not have a good one? You want to be able to say as you take your last gasp of breath, "I did the best I could and it was okay."

Most of us think only of our own comfort but it has been shown that when we help others it gives us a greater sense of satisfaction. What can you do that will benefit someone else's life?

An elderly lady had a health issue and she refused to let anyone help her. When she was asked by a friend, "If I needed your help, would you help me?"

Her response was, "Of course, I

wouldn't hesitate for a minute."

"How would it make you feel to help me?" the friend asked.

"I would feel happy that I could help you," she responded.

"Then why would you deprive me of that feeling by not letting me help you?"

We don't live in isolation. Our lives are intertwined. We need each other. There are many ways we can help others and give ourselves a psychological boost at the same time; volunteer your time at a school, a hospital, a library or mentor a child.

There are many ways you can help the elderly; drive them to their doctor's appointments, grocery shop for them, fix some meals, clean their homes, care for their pets, help them with their paper work, etc. Some day you may be in need of someone's help, so pay it forward.

We have a purpose. Find out what yours is and go for it. You will be as happy as you want to be. Yes, we all have our bumps in the road but we learn to cope and then we make the best of what we have or we find other options. Be realistic and plan positive goals for the new year. Write them down and read them daily. Remind yourself that you are entitled to the life of your choice and you are willing to make it happen. You choose the life you want to live. Make it a good one.

I WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY AND A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH LOVE, GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

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Assemblymember Kristin Olsen Visits Groveland

BY JEANNIE TASKER

California Assemblywoman, Kristin Olsen, R-Modesto, spoke to residents of Groveland and Sonora, at a Town Hall Meeting on December 9, 2011, at The Grill at Pine Mountain Lake. Stating that it was her first visit to Groveland since she took office in 2010, she began by outlining her background and what caused her to run for public office.

Born and raised in Modesto, she traversed Highway 120 often on her way to Yosemite. Her work background included both the private and public sectors, first working for a state senator, then for the California Restaurant Association, where she developed an appreciation for small businesses and the restrictions government places on their operations. She ran the Office of Public Affairs at Cal State, Stanislaus, and assisted her husband in his real estate business. She served on the Modesto City Council and the Modesto Planning Commission, prior to running for the state assembly.

Olsen maintains a strong belief that the state of California retains too much restrictive control over local communities. She also believes that partisanship for the sake of partisanship is strangling government effectiveness.

Citing that her father was an immigrant from Norway, who initially worked the fields of Mission San Jose, Olsen believes in the American Dream of opportunities and success through working hard and getting a good education. She feels that those opportunities are becoming less achievable and that future generations of Californians deserve the ability to get a good education, jobs and housing.

Olsen serves on several committees in Sacramento, including the Agriculture and Water committees which are key for the rural areas she represents,

and which are so often overlooked by the highly populated areas of the state. The Insurance committee, on which she also serves, deals with issues key to small businesses. She sees small business as the lifeblood of the economy and the only way to develop future jobs in California.

Her legislative priorities this year focused on three priorities: local control, job creation, and reform. She has crafted legislation to allow cities, counties, and school districts to manage their resources as they see fit, in order to match the demographics of their communities and the demands of their citizens. Regarding job creation, Olsen intro-

duced two bills, including the reintroduction of flexible workweeks. Also, she crafted AB 991, to set up a virtual, one-stop permit and licensing bureau, to streamline the cumbersome and lengthy process for obtaining permits and licenses. A predictable process would allow California to be more business friendly, although regulatory reform must accompany it.

Perhaps the most critical area of her influence is in the area of reform. Olsen serves on the Joint Sunset Review committee which is modeled after a successful program in Texas. The committee periodically reviews each agency's missions, goals, objectives, and measurement of each, recognizing that many agencies have "mission creep," enlarging their missions over time, and creating redundancies with other agencies. The outcome of these reviews can be as dramatic as the elimination of an agency.

Olsen's number one priority for 2012, behind balancing the budget, is to create private sector jobs, through regulatory and tax reform. Her Legislative Transparency Act requires quarterly public reporting of member office

budgets in simple, available form. Another reform requires bills to be in print 72 hours prior to voting, to allow final form review. She believes education controls should be localized and that teachers and principals should be evaluated similarly to private sector employees.

Olsen is opposed to the new fire tax passed by the majority party of the legislature. She believes that it is illegal, according to Proposition 26, passed in 2010. The new fees will be \$150, plus \$25 for additional structures, less a \$35 discount if you already pay into a local fire district. The revenues generated will be deposited to the general

fund, not allocated directly to fire protection. She expects a lawsuit to challenge it.

Williamson Act funding was eliminated, so Olsen co-authored a bill allowing counties to renegotiate contracts with landowners, preserving agricultural lands, and allowing new revenues to pass to the counties. Olsen was also instrumental in bringing the Amgen Tour of California to Sonora, as a start site for Stage 4, on May 16, 2012.

To conclude, Olsen called for a return of the Republican Party to a party of ideas and reform, in order to bring people together and bring economic prosperity back to California.



Assemblywoman Kristin Olsen speaks to local residents at The Grill

Genealogy Workshop

BY PEGGY ANDREWS

Plans are underway for the group to take a field trip to the Family History Library (FHL) at the Church of Latter Day Saints on Old Highway 120 in either January or February.

The FHL has a DSL connection through the Family History Library portal with access to several subscription sites including Ancestry, Footnote and Heritage Quest. It is currently staffed on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and Sundays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm with the hope of eventually staffing ten hours a week.

If you would be interested in visiting the library with us, please contact Peggy Andrews at 962-7264 or pmlandrews@sonnet.com.

Also, if you're interested in researching your family and would like help getting started, or have already done research and would like to meet people who share your interest, please come to our monthly workshops held in the downstairs meeting room of the Groveland Branch Library at 1:00 on the 4th Friday of each month (excluding November & December.)

Styrofoam Collection Days

BY PEGGY ANDREWS

Tuolumne County Master Gardeners are at it again, collecting Styrofoam at the Cal Sierra Waste Management facilities at 14959 Camage Ave. off Tuolumne Rd. in Sonora. Master Gardener Styrofoam collection hours will be Saturday, January 14th 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. and Sunday, January 15th from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. Groveland and Big Oak Flat residents will once again be able to drop off their Styrofoam at the Groveland Fire Department on Friday, January 13th and Saturday the 14th.

For collection purposes we can only take clean number six Styrofoam.

Examples of #6 Styrofoam are packaging used for electronics, food or drugs that must be kept frozen or cold for shipping. If possible please remove all tape and labels. We cannot take peanuts but Pac & Copy in the Junction Shopping Center will be glad to take them for use in their shipping.

In past years our communities have made me proud with their support for this project. Thank you in advance for your help in keeping Styrofoam out of the landfills. If you have questions please email me at pmlandrews@sonnet.com or call Peggy at 962-7264.

Helping Hands Happenings

BY JOYCE SMITH

Welcome to the New Year! We extend to you a big Thank You for your patronage and your donations. You are a big part in the Helping Hands success story. "People helping people" has been the mission of Helping Hands since it was first founded in 1982. We are here to offer that extra helping hand to the community. With your continued support we will always be there with our Helping Hands. Next time you are in, ask for our brochure to see the Services we support. The brochure was revised last in 2008, so there are other areas we have added since then. One of those being packages to our troops. There have been 75 boxes sent to date. Thank you also to our many volunteers for your dedication and sense of pride in believing in our mission. You make this all happen.

We were filled almost to the rafters with Christmas 'stuff'. We had just about anything you could be looking for. But we are now in the New Year and we want to remind you of a few requirements. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS OUTSIDE THE STORE OR BARN. You

need to bring donations DURING BUSINESS HOURS ONLY. Bags sitting out in front of the store or furniture sitting outside the barn are unsightly to our town and businesses.

We will be closed Thursday, January 12th for the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at The Grill.

I told you about our kitchen getting some attention when our dishwasher had to be replaced. This brought about other good things, like new cabinets and a new counter top. It was a welcome makeover and provides us with needed storage space.

Congratulations to Judi Wilkinson, our latest Extra Mile Award winner. Judi has been an active volunteer for at least 8 years. She has worked in back, front and Barn. She has been a Board Member for 6 years and Board President in 2006 and 2007. She is currently Board Treasurer, and has been serving in this capacity since 2008, a very difficult and time consuming job. Thanks, Judi, and congratulations for your good works. You are very deserving.

See you at the Store or Barn.

SRMC To Offer New Classes & Support Groups in January 2012

BY GAIL WITZLSTEINER, DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Sonora Regional Medical Center will be offering the following classes and support groups in January 2012.

The Marvelous Mind class will be taught on Tuesdays, January 10 through March 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in conference room four. The class focuses on understanding and responding to depression, using a whole person approach. Space is limited so call now at 352-8776.

Hospice of the Sierra will host two upcoming **grief support** groups to meet on 10 consecutive Thursdays, beginning January 12, 2012, to be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and also from 6 to 7:30 pm.

The free grief support groups provide a safe and supportive environment for people grieving the loss of a loved one. Pre-registration is required. For more information, location and registration, call Judy

Myers at 536-5687.

The Celiac Support Group is for individuals in our community with gluten allergies or intolerance. The Support Group will meet quarterly, the first session on Thursday, January 19 from 5-6 p.m. at the Live Well Be Well Center. Each session will include specific topics, focusing on nutrition and highlighting gluten-free foods, giving participants a chance to share and exchange information. For more information or to register, call 536-3727.

Learn about the 10 weight loss tools and the 55 foods in your grocery store that can help you lose weight! The new Full Plate Diet Class starts January 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m. for eight weeks. Cost is \$60 per person or \$100 per couple, which includes a diet book and work book. Class is limited to 15 people so call 532-9538 or 536-9248 or jdnord@sbcglobal.net.

Rotary News

BY JOHN BRUNK

December brought our club three additional members. John Gray, Joe McGrath, and Tim Hallock. All three are business persons...Congratulations to the three of you. Gray and McGrath are returnees.

January brings the Red White and Blue Ball to be held at PML Grill Jan. 28, 2012. Ten years ago Sept. 11, 2001 reminds us of 70 years ago Dec. 7, 1941.

Rotary's Red White and Blue Ball is a

reminder that we must always be alert and keep our country strong...never resting on our laurels, always vigilant. Rotary welcomes all to this event. A black tie optional evening, which includes dinner and dancing to Home Grown. Doors open at 5:30, dinner at 6:30, for a mere cost of \$35.00 per person. Get your tickets early...it will sell out. For more information on membership or this event call 962-6276.

Nordic Ski Outings

Ski Day Outing to Dodge Ridge, Crabtree Road

Sunday, January 22, Beginner and Intermediate Nordic Ski Tour on Crabtree Road By Dodge Ridge Ski Area

A 6-mile round trip tour to Aspen Meadow along the snowbound Crabtree road. Be prepared for icy or soft snow conditions, dependent on recent storms. Carry extra clothing, lunch and sufficient water for the 800 foot climb.

For further details and to reserve a space, contact leader, Frank Oyung, 209-962-7585, or email frank-oyung@sbcglobal.net

Ski Outing Day Trip at Crane Flat, Yosemite National Park

Saturday, Feb. 18, Beginner Nordic Ski Tour to Crane Peak Lookout and Heliport Base

An easy 2-mile ski tour from the Tuolumne Grove parking area to the abandoned lookout. This is an easy and scenic ski tour to a high point on the west end of Crane ridge, with a climb of less than 500 feet. All vehicles driving in Yosemite during the winter must carry tire chains.

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Chloe Rau is Tenaya Student of the Month

Tenaya Elementary School's Student of the Month for this month is Chloe Rau.

Chloe Rau is an outstanding student. She always goes above and beyond in order to perform at the highest level. Chloe's parents are David and Kelli Rau of Groveland



Chloe Rau

Shauna Diaz is Tioga Student of the Month

Tioga High School's Student of the the Month For this month is Shauna Diaz.

Senior Shauna Diaz was selected for Tioga High's Student of The Month by her English teacher Mrs. Hawkins. "Shauna is a wonderful student to have in class" says Mrs. Hawkins. Shauna is always prepared, well read and has learned to share her opinions with her teachers and classmates. Though life has dealt her some lemons, she continues to make lemonade with a beautiful smile on her face. Shauna's Grandmother is Jean Carmen of Groveland.



Shauna Diaz

Tenaya First Trimester Honor Roll/Honorable Mention

BY RHONDA CROW

4TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

4.0 GPA or Above

Chloe Rau, Riley Hessler, Sienna Fong, Keri Miller

3.5-3.99 GPA

Ailee Lim, Melanie Radanovich, Jaydon Spires, Ivana Aguirre, Josh Kappl

3.35-3.49 GPA

Kira Radanovich, Jillian Radanovich, Sierra Kersey

7TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

4.0 GPA or Above

Ian Campbell

3.5-3.99 GPA

Angel Mendoza, Savannah Sutor, Emma Williams, Adrianna Albanez, Curtis Zwinge, Domonic Juarez, John Dauth, Heidi Miller, Rhett Oellrich, Laura Smith

5TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

4.0 GPA or Above

Trey Hawkins

3.5-3.99 GPA

Merana Haven, Levi Izzo, Shyann O'Neal, Akira Loh, Sha'nece Martinez, Virginia Oellrich, Josh Harrison, Mikayla Kaufhardt, Neilson Holland

3.35-3.49 GPA

Jocelyn Mendoza-Alecio, Grace Lloyd, Nicole West

8TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

4.0 GPA or Above

Elizabeth Brouns, Isabella Costa, Jacob Smith, Sarah Morcott

3.5-3.99 GPA

Cassidy Sewald, Ashley Harrison, Christopher McKinsey, Jessica Davis, Gabriella Timmins, Valerie Beaudreau

3.35-3.49 GPA

Christopher Morey, Jennafer Harvey

6TH GRADE HONOR ROLL

4.0 GPA or Above

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3.5-3.99 GPA

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Early Morning Lunar Eclipse

BY EDDIE PAVLU, WWW.GROVELANDASTRO.COM

Last month, during the early morning of December 10th, our most recent total lunar eclipse unfolded in the western portion of our sky. The celestial show began at 3:34 a.m. PST as the edge of the Moon began its journey through the lighter portion of the Earth's shadow. Observers wouldn't notice any change in the appearance of the Moon until the moon reached the darker section of the

Earth's shadow at 4:46 a.m. The entire Moon was covered by the Earth's shadow at 6:06 a.m. which is when the moon appeared a rusty orange color. The sun rose at about 7:15 a.m., by which time the Moon was no longer visible as it set in the west.

Our Moon is about 2,160 miles in diameter. The distance from the Earth to the Moon is about 239,000 miles. It has no light of its own but shines by sunlight reflected from its surface. The Moon orbits Earth about once every 29 1/2 days. As it orbits our planet, the changing position of the Moon with respect to the Sun causes the different phases of the Moon – from full to a small crescent.

An eclipse of the Moon (or lunar eclipse) only occurs during a full Moon and only if the Moon passes through some portion of the Earth's shadow. This can occur only when the Sun, Earth, and Moon are aligned exactly, or very closely, with the Earth in the middle.

The Earth's shadow is composed of two cone-shaped components, one nested inside the other. The outer or penumbral shadow is a zone where the Earth blocks part but not all of the Sun's rays from reaching the Moon. The inner or umbral shadow is a region where the Earth blocks all direct sunlight from reaching the Moon. It takes the Earth's shadow a little over an hour to totally envelop the Moon.

Because the Moon's orbit around Earth is tipped about 5 degrees to Earth's orbit around the Sun, the Moon spends most of the time either above or below the plane of Earth's

orbit. During most full Moons, the orbit passes above or below Earth's shadows, and no eclipse takes place. But two to four times each year, the Moon passes through some portion of the Earth's penumbral or umbral shadow, and a lunar eclipse is visible somewhere on Earth.

When an eclipse of the Moon takes place, everyone on the night side of Earth can see it. About 1/3 of lunar eclipses are total eclipses – that is, the Earth blocks all direct sunlight from reaching the Moon. The Moon does not completely disappear, even during a total lunar eclipse because of the refraction of sunlight by the Earth's atmosphere.

During a lunar eclipse, the Moon can appear various shades of yellow, orange, and red because sunlight reaching the Moon must pass through a long and dense layer of the Earth's atmosphere, where the light is scattered. Shorter wavelengths are more likely to be scattered by the small particles, and so by the time the light has passed through the atmosphere, the longer wavelengths dominate. This resulting light we perceive as red. This is the same effect that causes sunsets and sunrises to turn the sky a reddish color. The amount of refracted light depends on the amount of dust or clouds in the atmosphere. For example, total eclipses tend to be very dark after major volcanic eruptions since these events dump large amounts of volcanic ash into Earth's atmosphere.

Unlike solar eclipses, lunar eclipses are completely safe to watch. You

don't need any kind of protective filters. It isn't even necessary to use a telescope. I decided to take a series of photographs to document the lunar eclipse event. Watching a lunar eclipse is a spectacular experience. It's amazing to watch the Moon go from full, to a small crescent, to total eclipse. This lunar eclipse was especially interesting because the eclipsed moon was setting in the western sky as the sun rose in the east.

As most people know, the sky is in continuous movement. The most obvious indication of this movement is the movement of our sun during the day – rising in the east and setting in the west. Our entire planet rotates around the north and south pole axis. For the lunar image printed with this article I wanted to track the movement of the Moon across the sky as the eclipse took place. Therefore all I needed was a sturdy tripod and my camera.

To create the image printed with this article, I set up my DSLR camera on a tripod and took photographs about every 5 minutes. The exposure time varied from 0.4 seconds to 30 seconds as the moon became darker during the eclipse. Then, I took the best 14 photographs and "stacked" them on top of each other to create this time-lapse image. The clouds near the horizon obscured the moon as it set. You'll also notice that I needed to over expose the Moon, which is why you don't see any detail other than a bright round sphere, to be able to trace its path in the dark sky. What appears in the image as a

brightening blue sky is actually a dark sky to the naked eye – it's the 30 second exposure that brightened up the sky and the surrounding landscape. Also printed with this newsletter is a close-up photo that I took of a previous lunar eclipse so you can see more detail of how the moon actually appears during the eclipse.

Details about the time-lapsed image:

Date: December 10, 2011
Time: 5:15 AM to 6:30 AM PST
Location: Groveland, CA
Camera: Canon 300D Digital SLR
Telescope: none
Mount: tripod
Individual Exposure Times: 0.4 to 30 seconds.

Details about the lunar eclipse close-up image:

Date: August 28, 2007
Time: 3:30 AM PDT
Location: Groveland, CA
Camera: Canon 300D Digital SLR
Exposure Time: 2 seconds.
Telescope: Orion ED 80 mm Refractor.
Mount: Orion SkyView Pro GEM





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Remembering Jane Townsend

BY JANET ZIERENBERG

The Tenaya Elementary School family was stunned to hear that its beloved 7/8th grade teacher, Mrs. Jane Townsend, had suddenly passed away Wednesday evening, December 7th. Jane had been a member of the Tenaya community for more than twenty years. She started as a substitute teacher and was soon hired as full-time once she completed her credential. Jane had also worked as an instructor at the Sierra Conservation Center in Jamestown.

Mrs. Townsend's keen intelligence and creativity made her classroom an energetic, dynamic environment for young learners. Innovative projects were always under construction, and Jane's infectious laughter could easily be heard above the busy hum of activity. A devoted professional, Jane dedicated her summers and vacations to participating in a variety of grant-funded projects. She was well-known throughout the county and region for her contributions to science and mathematics education. Mrs. Townsend will be missed by everyone who knew and respected her.

Jane is survived by her husband,



Gary, and sons Chris and Ryan. She had a daughter-in-law, Sarah and grandsons, Kai Anderson, and Benjamin Townsend, as well as two sisters and a brother in the mid-west and Arizona. A memorial service is being planned for Saturday, January 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the Tenaya Gym. A reception will follow in the cafeteria.

New "Healthy Living" Classes

BY MARY GAIL CRIPE

Enjoy life "On the Hill"? Want to know more about how you can live a longer, healthier life? An article in Time Magazine's June 22, 2009 issue states that "90% of Americans fall short in getting essential nutrients in our diets" and that "Proper nutrition and a healthy lifestyle can prevent many major diseases (such as heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, certain cancers, and Alzheimer's disease) 60-90% of the time."

On the 2nd Wednesday and Thursday of each month we will be focusing on different aspects of living a healthier life. This month we are discussing How You Can Stay Off the Center for Disease Control's Top 15 List. The first two of these presentations will be on Wednesday, Jan. 11th,

from 7-8 p.m. and Thursday, Jan 12th from 1-2 p.m. in the Large Studio at The Little House.

The latest research suggests you can positively influence your health every day through lifestyle changes you make and through the quality of your nutritional intake. Richard & Mary Gail Cripe will present research done by the Shaklee Corporation, the largest Natural Nutrition Company in the U.S. This is a company of great integrity, setting the highest standards of safety, quality and effectiveness in the industry for over 50 years! Come and hear about Natural Solutions that can make a big difference for you and your future enjoyment of "Life on the Hill"!!

Three Weekend Radio Drama Class to be Offered at Columbia College

BY CONI CHAVEZ, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

Columbia College will offer a 3-weekend short course - Exploring Radio Drama - beginning on Saturday, January 21 and running through Sunday, February 5. The class will meet in the Dogwood Forum Building on campus from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday of the first two weekends. On the third weekend, the class will be held in a local sound studio where the scripts will be recorded. Ellen Stewart will teach the class in Radio Drama, which has become an annual Columbia College event, having been offered each year for the past decade.

Stewart states, "This year we will break into small groups to create new scripts written in the vein of specific genres, such as adventure, western or science fiction. Then we'll refine the scripts, rehearse them, create the sound effects, find appropriate music and ultimately record the completed production."

She continues, "Each script will be a mini-production company of its own, with sound effect artists, actors and a director."

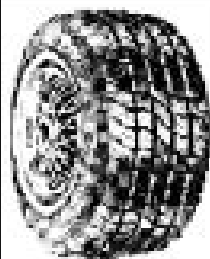
Stewart adds, "We always have great

fun working on these productions. It's a wonderful opportunity to focus on the voice as well as the imagination without having to worry about memorization. And working collaboratively as playwrights, while creatively challenging, is often amazing in terms of the results."

Stewart is a professor emeritus at Columbia College where she taught for many years in the drama and speech departments. For the past ten years she has been part of the National Audio Theatre Festivals held in Missouri each June. This past year she produced the annual NATF performance of a number of audio productions. In previous years, she has directed plays and acted in many, including Leap for Freedom, nominated for an Audie Award for best original audio play in 2010. Currently, she serves on the Executive Board for the National Audio Theatre Festival.

Adult actors of all ages are welcome to enroll for the course for which 1.5 units of college credit is offered, either as DRAMA 19 or SPCOM 19.

For further information regarding the class, contact Ellen Stewart at 532-1006. To register, contact the College Admissions and Records office at 588-5231.



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Mountain Lutheran Church

BY DOROTHY PARKER

The Blessed Christmas Season began on November 27, 2011, the first Sunday in advent. Banners were hung and a candle was lit on the altar. Every Sunday following another candle was lighted. This was the advent season designed to help you prepare for the coming of Jesus—the light of the world.

A soup supper was held on December 14th at 6 PM. The Holden Evening Prayer service followed at 7 PM. On December 24th at 7:30 PM a candlelight Christmas Eve worship service with communion was held. Christmas carols and hymns were enjoyed by those who attended. On Christmas Day, December 25th, a worship service and communion was held at 10 AM.

On December 9, 10, and 11th the Pine Cone Singers gave a wonderful performance. Each day an enthusiastic crowd attended and enjoyed their delightful program.

Lest we forget the Christmas Season extends from December 25th

to January 6, 2012. January 6th is a church festival day commemorating the arrival of the three Wisemen traveling to see Jesus in Bethlehem.

We continue to be busy in our Bible Study class, learning new lessons from First Corinthians. Our meeting days for January, 2012 are the 5th and 19th at 1 PM at Mountain Lutheran Church.

On January 8, 2012, Church council members will be meeting at Pastor Ginger's home to vote on our new slate of officers. Dinner will be served and a joyous evening is expected.

Our latest 2nd Mile offerings are to Lutheran Campus Ministry. These funds are above and beyond the weekly donations and they are so greatly needed.

We offer an invitation to all to visit Mountain Lutheran Church. Our Worship Service starts at 10AM with refreshments and fellowship following. We are located at 13000 Down to Earth Court, just off Ferretti Road, Groveland, California.

Little House Programs

BY LUCI MORRIS TYNDALL

First and most importantly, we want to thank you for making so many of the 2011 programs successful. Many of you participated in Wii bowling, communal lunches, Strength for Life and chair dancing exercises, art/painting classes, mah-jongg, knitting (and other hand crafts), computer classes, HICAP counseling, yoga, veteran's programs, and much more. The recently added Zumba class is starting to build up a following and the Al-Anon group is providing a valuable service to people with family or friends suffering from addiction. By the end of December we will have had more than 5,000 visits to The Little House in 2011 by people attending programs! What a great year!!

Some groups have taken a brief break over the holiday season but will be starting up again soon. Keep a look out for more art and painting classes offered by Jim Leitzell as well as computer classes starting up

again in February thanks to Barbara Broad. And, if you're looking for a way to share your knowledge or expertise, now is the time to contact us and let us know what you'd like to offer. Perhaps you could host a GPS class. Or maybe you could provide a course for those of us with digital cameras who are digitally challenged. Picasa anyone? Maybe you're really good at using Droid or iPhone apps and would be willing to share your knowledge. If you have a creative bent and want to share your talent we'd love to host your class. How about a beading class? And if you'd just like a place to play pinochle or other card games on a regular basis, drop us a note.

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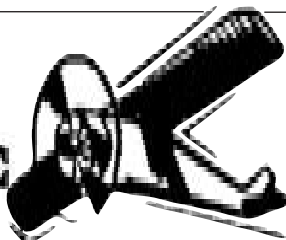
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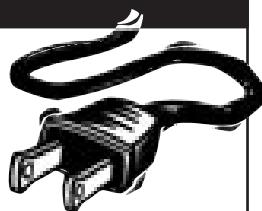
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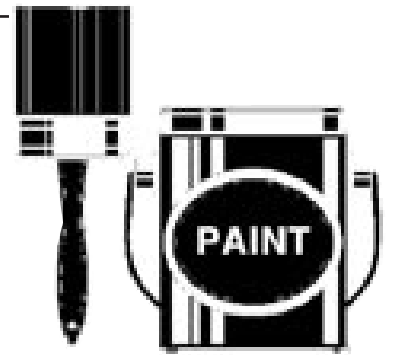
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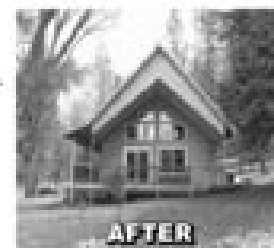
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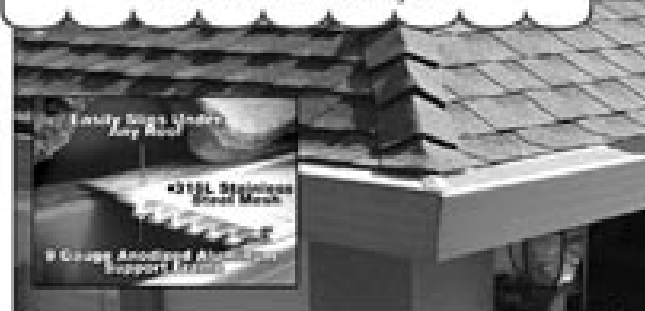
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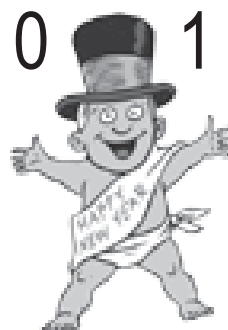
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7/283	Ferretti Road	\$1,000

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Dennis "Woody" Wood

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Words cannot express how deeply we appreciate the kind expressions of Prayers and Sympathy, all the beautiful cards and loving sentiments, the help at the services, the beautiful words and stories spoken at the Celebration of Life, the Music and Voices of the Pine Cone Singers will be remembered by all, the Donations made to charities, the calls with the kindest of words, contributions to the family, food, flowers, the overwhelming attendance at the services and the warmth and love that has been shared these past weeks. It is so comforting to know that Woody was so loved by so many and his kind ways and great humor was enjoyed by all. I am truly blessed to be able to call you all my friends and family.

Sincerely and with Love, Kathie Wood and all the Family of Dennis "Woody" Wood.

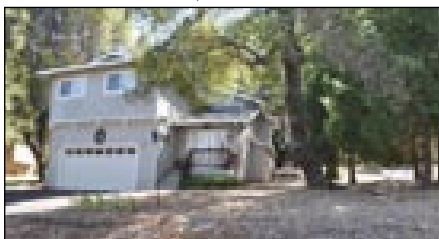




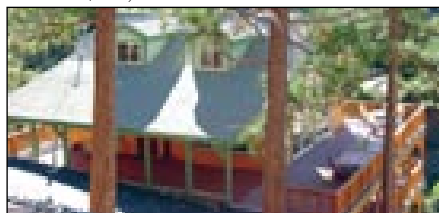
19572 Cottonwood-6/196 TURN-KEY CONDITION! Well-maintained, conventional-style home, with landscaped yard and garden. New roof and interior/exterior paint. Pest, septic & home inspection work already completed. \$159,800 #20111882



20749 Hemlock - 11/1 NEAR THE AIRPORT and not far from the charming, gold-mining town of Groveland and Yosemite Park. 2bd, 2ba, 1-car garage. Enjoy all the amenities of the Pine Mountain Lake Association. Lots of potential with a large lot. Utilities available. \$75,000 #20111977



20740 Rising Hill-3/338 SPLIT-LEVEL DESIGN. 3bd, 2ba, 1694sf and 2-car garage. Hardwood floors and large, redwood deck. Woodsy setting. Located near tennis courts, Fisherman's Cove and the Lake Lodge & beach. \$195,999 #20111602



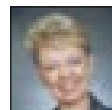
20018 Lower Skyridge-15/129 EXQUISITE MOUNTAIN CHALET with 2bd, plus loft sleeping area, gourmet kitchen, oversized pantry, spa-type bathroom w/steam shower & jetted tub. 2300sf of deck, overlooking the creek. This has done well on the vacation rental program. \$289,000 #20111633



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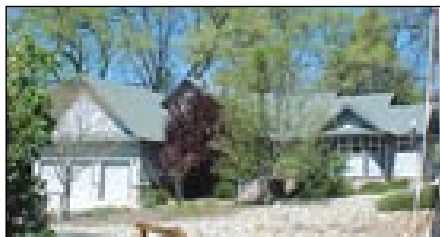
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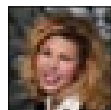
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12580 Fountain Cir-5/304 NEXT TO THE 3rd GREEN. 3bd, 2-1/2ba, skylights in family room & dining room. Kitchen features a large eating nook, island, pantry and two sinks. Built-in outdoor BBQ w/sink and 3-car garage, with plenty of storage. \$299,000 #20110700



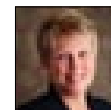
19082 Jimmie Bell-7/161 SPACIOUS, WELL-KEPT home on nearly 1/2 acre. Open floor plan offers 3bd, 2-1/2ba, bonus room & family room. Private exits from all bedrooms, extra storage & workshop w/utility sink below. Expansive decks overlook a wooded creek. \$359,000 #20111875



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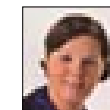
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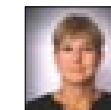
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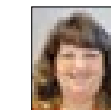
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20707 Point View-4/262 NEWLY RENOVATED kitchen and sun room enhance this charming mountain home. 3bd, 2ba, 2276sf and attached 2-car garage. Many custom features. Private deck with hot tub. Short Sale situation. \$189,000 #20103883



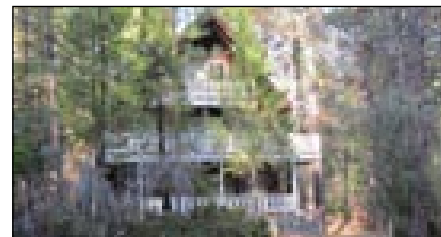
20631 Nob Hill-3/106 NEAR FISHERMAN'S COVE. One-level, 3bd, 2ba, 1580sf, unattached 2-car garage. Great room w/knotty-pine ceilings. Covered Trex deck & entry. Some furniture/furnishings available on separate bill of sale. \$214,500 #20103423



20795 Non Pareil-4/29 CUSTOM CEDAR HOME set back on a 1/2 acre w/views of mountains. Mountain-style decor and room for all. Huge family room & private 3rd sleeping area for guests. The beauty of this home brings the expansive living area to all but retains its warmth and serenity. \$325,000 #20104112



20240 Lower Skyridge-15/73 PRIME LAKE-FRONT. 4bd, 3ba, 2304sf, and large workshop under home. Nice views of the lake & mountains. Extra parking for boat or RV. New asphalt driveway and concrete parking pad. \$425,000 #20111039



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