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President's Message

BY BRUCE LAY • PMLA BOARD PRESIDENT

As we begin the season of construction and maintenance, I am reminded of the importance of having a reserve account. Overseeing a homeowner association's finances to ensure proper maintenance of the common elements is a fundamental responsibility of the board. Funding reserves by regular and adequate contributions is the only fair way to fund reserves.

The goal of adequately funded reserves is to provide for the planned repair and replacement of common elements at recommended intervals, to distribute the costs equitably among all property owners, to eliminate the need for special assessments and to preserve and to protect the value and livability of HOA and member property.

This year we are slated to accomplish many goals, not the least of which is the much-needed roadwork. This is the largest project on our list of goals and objectives and we anticipate completion by

the end of this month (weather permitting). Other goals include: refurbishment of the Marina Jetty, completion of the Shooting Range and a changeover to a new communication system. All of these are important goals and our management team and staff are working hard to accomplish all of them within the required time frames.

It is that time of year when interested members throw their "hat in the ring" to campaign for positions on the PML Board, and this year, there will be two vacancies. The PML Administration office staff has the candidate information and necessary paperwork to get a campaign started. I encourage all interested members to step forward and have a positive effect on our community. Helping to keep PMLA a quality environment is a very rewarding experience.

On a personal level, I have inherited a flock?, brood?, bale?, rafter?, of wild turkeys. They roam my acreage and



my neighbors' properties as well, most every day. They are a beautiful addition to the hawks, deer, squirrels, fox, and an occasional bobcat. These animals are a major delight for Ginny and me.

Just a reminder; please obey the traffic signs within our community, and do not feed the wild animals.

"May the ten toes of your feet always steer you clear of misfortune."

On the Cover



PMLA would like to wish all mothers a very happy Mother's Day.

Photo courtesy of David Wilkinson Photography.

Editor's Note

We greatly appreciate your contributions but please note that the PML News fills up very quickly – often by the 7th or 8th of the month (long before the 10th deadline). To ensure that your submission is reviewed for publication please submit in full and as early as possible. Please remember that the PML News is limited in capacity and your submissions are reviewed on a first-come-first-served, space-available basis.

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

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.

General Manager's Message

BY JOE POWELL, CCAM, CMCA, GENERAL MANAGER

RESTATEMENT OF PML BYLAWS AND CC&R'S

The PMLA Covenants Conditions and Restrictions have not been updated since 1990, and the Bylaws of our Association have not been updated since 2005. The Civil Code, Corporations Code, procedures and practices have changed over the years, and these important Association documents are due for restatement.

Last year, the Board of Directors tasked management with the preparation of draft restatements of both documents. The criteria given was to update in accordance with current law, provide further clarification with regard to environmental control, enforcement and other issues that continue to raise questions with regard to interpretation. One of the highest priority goals is to resolve the continuing issues with lot mergers and the deterioration of the Association assessment base.

Our team worked with Association Counsel, and after a year of hard work, now have draft documents for member review and comment. The first of several meetings will be held on May 12th. This town hall meeting will be held just after the distribution of the drafts to the membership. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an overview of the changes, answer member questions and consider information.

The CC&R Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 9 a.m. and will be held at the PML Lake Lodge.

POSITIVE FIRST QUARTER RESULTS

At the April Board meeting, our Controller, Ken Spencer presented the Associations financial results for the first quarter of 2012. While we are concerned with the member assessment delinquency rate, we are working with professionals and taking the appropriate action to handle the situation. It appears that the rate is starting to flatten out and we are watching these numbers closely.

Even with the state and county-wide economic problems, we continue to operate better than budget and PML is strong financially. We have been able to downsize some positions due to cross-training and new technology, and this will result in a significant savings over time. My management team and I

are committed to keeping costs under control and managing Association funds effectively. Our mantra around here is "get the best bang for the buck", and it seems to be working.

CAMPAIGN ADVERTISEMENTS AND SIGNS

It is easy to see it is campaign season as politicians and political groups post roadside signs around PML. Every year we receive calls from members, upset that our beautiful, wooded environment is "being littered with all of these signs". PML usually does not get involved with the regulation of campaign signs if they are on private property or the County roadway. Ferretti Road is a Tuolumne County maintained roadway and this is the reason why campaign signs are allowed along the side of this road.

Posting political signs at amenities or on Association common ground are not allowed. This includes Federal, State and County elections as well as PML Board elections. There are laws and policies that govern this, and they are in place to reduce problems within the Association common area.

Political advertisements, with the exception of PML Board of Directors elections, will not be published in the PML News. This is in accordance with the PMLA Editorial Policy. The PML Editorial Committee is tasked with determining if an advertisement is political.

Legitimate campaign and political signs are allowed on a member's private property as long they do not pose a safety hazard or cause a real nuisance for the neighbors. Please note that dislike for a candidate or proposition is not a reasonable nuisance complaint. Members who are interested in more information on County elections should check out the Tuolumne County Website or call the County Elections Department.

ISSUES WITH LOT IMPROVEMENTS

Our Environmental Control department has seen an increase in home renovations and improvements on member properties. Some members choose to perform the work themselves and many use local contractors and vendors. Almost all improvements and renovations require approval from the Environmental Control Committee prior to starting the project. The reason is

that there are setbacks, drainages areas, easements, square footage, and other considerations that must be evaluated.

Many members, contractors and vendors, have been ignoring the rules and performing the work with no approvals from PML or the County building department. The member is ultimately held responsible for failure to get the required approvals. Failure to get approval can result in a stop-work order, fines and other actions against the member. Some members have been forced to remove unapproved concrete, walls and other structures. Something as basic as a tree removal can cost a member thousands of dollars in fines. Failure to get approval can result in a delay in the project, higher construction costs and possibly legal action.

So be sure to get approval before moving on a project. If you are unsure what is required, give us a call. Our Environmental Control Coordinator, Sandy Golden is available to answer questions and make the process as easy as possible for the member. She is very helpful and can be reached at (209) 962-8605 or by email at ecc@pinemountainlake.com.

VEHICLE SAFETY

We continue to receive complaints regarding vehicle safety violations. PML has a 25 mph. speed limit and it is often ignored. Members and guests are encouraged to observe the posted speed limits and obey all traffic laws. Speeding, blowing through stop signs without slowing down or stopping, driving in the wrong lane and not watching for pedestrians are the usual complaints.

Keep in mind that the California Highway Patrol and the Tuolumne County Sheriffs Officers help PML by enforcing the vehicle code and speed limit within PML. We work in partnership with local law enforcement and appreciate their efforts towards public safety.

THANK YOU!

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of the members that support our amenities and provide positive input. Your positive comments go a long way and I always pass them on to those employees that deserve the credit. Thanks again!

Submission Guidelines

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

The PML News is dedicated to reporting PML Association business and PML Association news to Pine Mountain Lake Property Owners.

The PML News receives more than 100 Tuolumne County/Groveland community related submissions each month. All such community related articles and notices will appear in the PML News on a SPACE AVAILABLE basis and at the DISCRETION of the PML News Publishing Editor.

DEADLINES

Advertisements must be received IN FULL (text, MLS info, images, logos, etc.) by the 10th of the month for the following month's edition. Only advertisements received in full will be guaranteed to be published in that month's edition. NO EXCEPTIONS.

MEDIA ACCEPTED

CD-R or email

SOFTWARE

InDesign, Microsoft Word, Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator or PDF.

TEXT/GRAPHICS

Handwritten text is not accepted. Material composed completely of capital letters is not accepted. Please use uppercase and lowercase letters in composition. Ink jet printed images are not accepted. Images are accepted ONLY as camera ready art, original photos (to be scanned) or as JPEG, TIFF or PDF files created with above listed software. All scans and bitmap images must be in TIFF or JPG format at 200 dpi at 100%. Ad files are stored for 90 days from first run date. Older ads must be resubmitted. (See Display & Insert Advertising Contract "Design and Preparation Charges.")

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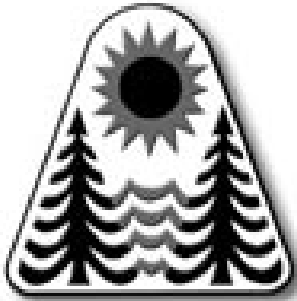
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Notice of Non-Compliance	0
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Pine Mountain Lake Web Site...
www.pinemountainlake.com

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- Campground (restrooms)
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OFFICE HOURS**

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MONDAY
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**ADMIN OFFICE
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MON. 5/28	MEMORIAL DAY
WED. 7/4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
MON. 9/3	LABOR DAY
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

NOTICE

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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
PML Lake Lodge
and start at 9 AM.
(Unless otherwise noted)

MAY 19TH
JUNE 16TH
JULY 21ST
AUGUST 18TH Annual Meeting/Election
SEPTEMBER 8TH (2nd Saturday)
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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GOT AN OPINION? GOT A COMMENT ON PML?
Let your voice be heard. Write a letter to the editor.

Horsing Around at the Stables

BY LESTER SCOFIELD

March was a wet one for us here at the stables and in the first part of April. On Friday the 13th of April we had a good snow storm in the morning. One good thing about these spring snow storms is that it melts fast. I have been in the Groveland area for over fifty years and have seen late snows before and we still can get more snow this spring.

This spring is looking good as far as events go. First is the Flea Market on May 12th and then on May 27th the Tioga High school will be putting on their first BBQ at the stables for Memorial weekend. The time of this BBQ is 5:00pm until 10:00pm. Cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Kids under 12. This will be a Tri-tip Dinner. The High School kids will be the ones benefiting from this BBQ. With all of their budget cuts most of their after school programs have had cuts. They need your support to help them out. These funs our for the students only.

There will be live music by Keith

Kennom and the Mountain Fever Band from 6:00pm until 10:00pm. There will also be a 50-50 cash raffle along with a silent auction. Hopefully we have good weather for this event. In the case of bad weather it might get canceled.

As summer comes the next event will be on July 6th. This will be a BBQ done by Country Mountain Riders. They are planning a lot of horse events along with their BBQ. As I get more info on the horse events I will let you know.

As summer time comes along so does the dry weather along with higher fire danger. Out here at the stables we keep the grass trimmed by the horses in the pastures. Also out on the property where we keep our trail ride horses they help keep the fire danger down.

As the weather does warm up we will be doing a lot more trail rides. During the summer months we do trail rides seven days a week for more info call the stables at 209-962-8667.

EASTER AT THE GRILL – WOW

After attending the Easter brunch at the country club yesterday the only comment my family could come up with was “WOW” and perhaps “DOUBLE WOW”!! Every part of it exceeded our highest expectation. The selection was amazing (the crab legs were a pleasant surprise), the presentation was great. The staff in both the buffet room and the dining room were starched, professional, and friendly. Thumbs up to everyone who made this great experience happen.

Patt Maly
13/294

We can do up to five riders at a time. Riders must be at least eight years old and at least forty-four inches tall. Kids under eight years old can be led around the stables if they like.

Happy trails to you.

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Independence Day Wristbands Now Available at the PML Administration Office.

Fireworks show is Saturday, July 7th, at dusk.

Property Owners receive 2 wristbands per property at no charge. Free wristbands are available through the Administration office only. Office hours are Mon - Fri, 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. To speed things along please be ready to show your PML Gate Card photo ID. Additional wristbands can be purchased at the Marina (beginning May 12th) and the Administration Office now. Adults are \$6 ea. and children \$1 ea. (8 yrs and under).

If you are unable to pick up your free wristbands at the Administration Office they can be mailed to you. In order to maintain a "free" status please mail in a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please include a brief written request, include your unit/lot, sign and mail in to the address below.

MAILING: Your signed request and

self addressed, stamped envelope must be received by Friday, June 22nd. Wristbands will be mailed to the address of record only. Envelopes received without prepaid postage will not be mailed back to you. PMLA is not responsible for delivery.

MAIL TO: PMLA Free Wristbands
ATTN: Nancy
19228 Pine Mountain Drive
Groveland, CA 95321

PICK UP: Free wristbands are available through the Administration Office until Friday, July 6th during regular business hours.

We're sorry but lost, forgotten or misplaced wristbands cannot be replaced.

The Administration Office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th.

PMLA WRISTBAND REQUEST

I hereby request that PMLA mail my two (2) free July 4th wristbands per property to me. Enclosed please find a #10 self-addressed, stamped envelope with required postage affixed. I understand my free wristbands will only be mailed to the address PMLA has on record as my mailing address.

I hereby accept responsibility for delivery of the wristbands and understand that PMLA will not replace lost or missing wristbands.

Any requested change of address must be submitted in writing and signed by a current property owner.

Requests for mailing of free wristbands must be RECEIVED in the PMLA Administration office by June 22, 2012.



Property Owner Signature

Property Owner Name

Date

Unit/Lot

Mail To: PMLA Free Wristbands – Nancy
19228 Pine Mountain Drive
Groveland, CA 95321

July 7th Marina Information

The Marina parking lot hours are from 6 am to 10 pm. Cars must be removed from all beach location parking lots after hours or they will be subject to towing.

On July 7th the Marina closes to vehicle traffic at 4 pm. The Marina parking lot usually fills up by 7 am. You will be allowed to drop off people & gear until 3 pm. The shuttle buses will begin running at 4 pm until 11 pm.

PARKING & TOW AWAY ZONES

Unfortunately every year we are forced to tow vehicles parked in marked tow away zones and unauthorized areas. It is costly to the owner (\$300, or more — cash or credit card only) and it is an unpleasant ending to a fabulous day at the Marina. To keep the tow zones clear we offer a FREE Marina Shuttle Bus with pick up from designated locations.

- NO HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE • NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL •
- NO ACCESS TO THE MARINA "BY ANY MEANS" UNTIL 6 AM •

2012 PMLA Board of Directors Election Calling All CANDIDATES!

Pine Mountain Lake Association is seeking candidates for two (2) positions on its Board of Directors. With this election, the Association seeks to fill two (2) open seats for three-year terms. This is a voluntary position.

Board application information is available at the PMLA Administration Office. Applications and nominations must be received no later than **4:30 PM, Friday, May 18, 2012.**

Serving on the Board requires a commitment to attend monthly Board Meetings, Executive Sessions and other interim meetings, as required, and to review materials diligently prior to taking Board action.

According to CAI (Community Associations Institute), characteristics of good Board members include being fair and impartial, detail-oriented, dependable, flexible, people-oriented, a team player, punctual and able to weigh the overall good for the majority of owners against the rights, freedom and the good of the individual.

If you are interested in becoming an active participant who makes decisions for the Pine Mountain Lake Association membership and you are willing to devote your time for this purpose, we encourage you to submit an application and nomination materials for candidacy to the Pine Mountain Lake Association

Administration Office by **4:30 PM, Friday, May 18, 2012.**

PML News Advertising

The Association offers each candidate one-half page (info and text to be supplied by the candidate) in the June, July, and August issues of the *PML News* in addition to a 450-word resume. Candidates may utilize the advertisement in any manner they choose, i.e., written statements, charts, pictures, letters of endorsement, etc. in accordance with the *PML News* policy.

The cost of the space in the *PML News* is \$200 per qualified candidate to be paid at the time the Petition of Candidacy is filed. **Ads must be submitted to the PML News by the 10th of the month for publication the following month (May 10 deadline for June edition, June 10 deadline for July edition; July 10 deadline for August edition).** For ad/article submission, please follow the *PML News* SUBMISSION GUIDELINES.

Candidates may also purchase a maximum of an additional half page of *PML News* space per edition (June, July, and August) at regular advertising prices.

For more information, please contact Debra Durai, Administrative Assistant, at 209-962-8627 or debra@pinemountainlake.com.

PMLA Money Matters

BY KEN SPENCER, ASSOCIATION CONTROLLER

Raise taxes (assessments)! Reduce expenses! These are the battle cries of two groups with different ideas on how to balance a budget. The budget involved can be as complex and massive as the Federal government or as relatively simple and minimal as a homeowners Association. Regardless of the size of the budget, the passion behind these two, seemingly opposite approaches is usually very strong and is supported by a deeply held belief and conviction (listened to the “debate” in Washington lately?).

As is the case in most vastly divergent approaches to an issue the real answer lies somewhere in between the two viewpoints. The trick is in finding that middle ground. It has been said that real compromise is only achieved when neither party is truly happy with the result. This means that neither side got everything they wanted, but each side achieved at least a portion of their goals. After all the dictionary definition of compromise is – “a settlement of differences by mutual concessions; an agreement reached by adjustment of conflicting or opposing claims, principles, etc., by reciprocal

modification of demands”.

I am a true believer in compromise. It really is the only way to get something accomplished (outside of a dictatorship). However compromise is never as easy as it would first appear to be. Strongly held beliefs lead to an entrenched position that is, by nature, resistant to change or “giving in”. Balancing these conflicting demands is a challenging and often impossible task.

All of this brings me to a brief explanation of how the PML budget for 2012 came together using the art of compromise. It is always a challenge for us when preparing the annual budget to balance our duty to provide service to property owners and maintain all of the facilities and infrastructure of the common areas (now and in the future) with the desire to be fiscally responsible.

Raising assessments is always the easy way to solve the need for additional funding. However raising assessments has a negative impact on the financial resources of all property owners and should be used sparingly and in consideration of its overall impact. Conversely it is always simple to say, just

cut expenses. Like raising assessments this approach has consequences as well. Such things as reduced service levels, deferred maintenance and reduced hours of operation are all considerations when making these types of cuts. Additionally we are faced with the choice of what to cut and where. To paraphrase an old saying one man’s fat may be another man’s muscle. No matter what or where the impact there will always be those that don’t want to see these changes affect an amenity or service that they use.

In preparing the 2012 Budget we achieved several significant financial savings. First, all non-union employees had their wages frozen. Next we were able to control our benefit costs by achieving a zero increase in premiums. Likewise we signed a 3 year lock agreement with our Liability and Property Insurance carrier that holds our costs constant for the near future. After several years of increase we are holding the line on the cost of Supplies in 2012 from 2011. Unfortunately some costs go up no matter what we do. The price of oil continues to negatively impact us on many fronts. The general economy situation means a higher level of uncollectible assessments which we must account for. While not a cost cutting move we have increased the revenue received from user fees and sales

in 2012. These increases serve to offset expense increases in other areas.

Finally, when all is said and done we are left with an increase in the annual assessment. While no one wants to pay more for anything it is a fact of life that prices do continue to go up. This is where compromise comes in. We have achieved what I think is a good balance between these two competing philosophies. In addition our efforts to closely monitor where your money goes continues throughout the year. We are always looking for ways to save money and do things more efficiently.

While it is never the perfect answer we need to remember that a true compromise is one where neither side is completely happy with the result. Our goal is to accomplish as much as we can while spending your money effectively and wisely.

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

February – YTD			February – YTD			February – YTD			February – YTD		
Guest Passes Issued	989	2646	Water Main Shut Off	0	0	Fire Safety - Smoke Complaint	1	12	PML Reg Violations Guest	5	8
Vendor Passes Issued	126	371	Escorting Vehicle	24	60	- Monitoring Ctrl Burn	0	2	Citation Issued	0	2
Temporary Resident Passes Issued	21	113	Report Writing	18	32	- Non-compliance	0	1	Parking Warning	0	0
Vehicles Admitted	7854	22688	Gate - Related	50	77	Hazard	9	25	Towed	0	0
Vehicles Refused Entry	171	473	- Tamper	1	1	Hazard - Tree Down	1	1	Marking Tires	0	0
Phone Calls Received	4035	11178	- Follow Through	6	9	Suspicious Circumstance	43	99	Accident PML	3	5
Residential Alarm	15	33	- Malfunction	11	23	Suspicious Person	12	39	Patrolling Unit	316	1269
Amenity Alarm	2	12	- Struck by Vehicle	3	7	Suspicious Vehicle	16	17	Amenity Security Check	2541	6631
Animal Related	41	97	Unauthorized Use of Gate Card	5	9	Campground Envelopes Collected	30	87	Resident Security Check	403	1173
Animal - Loose	44	76	Confiscated Gate Access Card	1	7	Campground Dump Station	1	6	Opening/Closing Buildings	166	488
- Impounded	6	14	Mess/Pkg P/U or Delivery	38	88	Residential Disturbance	6	7	Opening/Closing Gates	342	939
- Dead/Injured	13	28	Posting Flyers	78	174	Amenity Burglary	0	0	Posting Tennis	44	161
- Disturbance	7	12	Posting Stop Work Orders	0	0	Residential Burglary	0	2	Monitoring Tennis Courts	3	6
Dispatch Assist	143	295	ECC Inspection	0	0	Grand Theft	0	0	Personal Injury PML Property	1	4
Patrol Assist	248	554	Miscellaneous	61	189	Petty Theft	2	4	Weapon Violation	2	7
Complaint-Non PML Regulations	0	1	Scanner Traffic	25	61	Malicious Mischief	1	3	Amenity P/U & Del to Bank	38	122
Public Assist Misc.	19	42	Emergency Vehicle entering PML	35	97	Trespass	0	0	Patrol Vehicle - Maintenance	10	16
Welfare Check	1	4	Lost and Found	7	18	Law Violations - All Other	0	0	Patrol Vehicle - Safety Check	110	330
Transport	3	8	Fire Safety - Patrol Assist	0	2	Law Violations - TCSO	0	0	Fixed Post	9	19
Civil Stand-by	0	0	Fire Safety Violation	2	2	Malicious Mischief - Vandalism	6	10	Courtesy Notice Issued	12	18
Traffic Hazard	0	0	Control Burn Reported	88	330	Property Damage - PML	8	10	Notice of Trespassing Violation	0	0
Traffic Control	0	0	Permissive Burn Day	25	61	Property Damage - Resident	1	1	Tennis Fees Collected	\$41.00	\$145.00
Water Leak	8	21	Non Permissive Burn Day	6	30	Training/Meeting	0	0	All Other Fees Collected	\$5,934.33	\$15,673.64
Jump Start	5	15	Fire Safety - Hazard	0	4	PML Reg Violations Resident	7	11			

PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION										
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND REVENUES AND EXPENSES										
For The Three Months Ended April 1, 2012										
OPERATION OF AMENITIES	Revenues					Expenses				Budget (NET COST) INCOME
	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	Variance Bud - Act
Golf Course	\$ -0-	\$ 176,047	\$ 3,084		\$ 179,131	\$ 314,068	\$ (134,937)		\$ (134,937)	\$ (174,989) 40,052
Restaurant & Bar	-0-	1,389	120,577		121,966	254,313	(132,347)		(132,347)	(135,618) 3,271
Marina	-0-	65,114			65,114	36,542	28,572		28,572	28,769 (197)
Snack Shack	-0-		3,671		3,671	9,465	(5,794)		(5,794)	(8,733) 2,939
Stables	-0-	8,569		1,080	9,649	39,368	(29,719)		(29,719)	(28,300) (1,419)
Recreation	-0-	10,099			10,099	7,781	2,318		2,318	(1,543) 3,861
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	-0-	534		240	774	363,671	(362,897)		(362,897)	(387,297) 24,400
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES										
Safety	-0-	11,238		465	11,703	211,322	(199,619)		(199,619)	(226,917) 27,298
Administration	-0-	34,124		1,380	35,504	374,924	(339,420)		(339,420)	(326,455) (12,965)
ASSESSMENTS										
Assessments	1,127,664			20,021	1,147,685	32,056	1,115,629	186,964	928,665	924,203 4,462
Totals	\$ 1,127,664	\$ 307,114	\$ 127,332	\$ 23,186	\$ 1,585,296	\$ 1,643,510	\$ (58,214)	\$ 186,964	\$ (243,178)	\$ (336,880) 91,702

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.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 3 Months Ended April 1, 2012			
	TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS	NEW CAPITAL ADDITIONS FUND	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL
2012 Beginning Fund Balances	\$ 888,418	\$ 21,819	920,235
Interest Income	882	8	890
Bank Fees/Discounts Taken	214		214
Assessments Earned	448,049 ⁽¹⁾	(7,355) ⁽²⁾	440,694
Income Tax Expense			-
PURCHASES BY AMENITY			
Golf Course			-
Country Club	(8,534)		(8,534)
Bar	(773)		(773)
Marina	(5,350)		(5,350)
Snack Shack			-
Swim Center			-
Stables			-
Recreation	(20,217)		(20,217)
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	(1,819)	(1,662)	(3,481)
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES			
Safety			-
Administration	(2,027)		(2,027)
Non-Capital Reserve Expenses	(47,997)		(47,997)
Total transfer to Operating Fund for property and equipment additions and reserve expenses	(84,717)	(1,662)	(86,379)
Adjusted Fund Balances	\$ 1,262,844	\$ 12,810	\$ 1,275,654

Notes to the Financial Statements

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

Financial Statements Correction

An error occurred in the presentation of the Association’s financial information in both the January and March editions of the PML News. This error occurred as a result of some final year end adjustments to our results that were inadvertently left out of the December statements and incorrectly included in the January statements.

Both of these errors have been corrected and the actual results are included in the Annual Report all property owners received with the April edition of the PML news. In addition the correct numbers are reflected in the year to date results for 2012 as presented in the April PML News. These changes occurred as a direct result of our review process which includes oversight by the Board of Directors, the Budget & Finance Committee and other concerned property owners.

Below is a recap of the numbers previously published, the correct amounts and the budgeted amounts as they are now reflected in our financial reports. All results include depreciation (a non-cash expense):

12/31/11 Year End Net Expense		
As Reported	Corrected	Budget
\$930,437	\$1,012,621	\$908,000
1/30/12 One Month Net Expense		
As Reported	Corrected	Budget
\$202,046	\$119,259	\$165,520

The net effect of this error is a reclassification of expense from 2012 into 2011 of \$82K. This reflects the proper treatment and recognition of this expense in the correct period.

We apologize for this error and assure all property owners that additional controls have been put in place to ensure this type of misclassification does not recur. In addition future year end results will not be published until we are 100% certain that all appropriate revenue and expense amounts are properly recognized in the appropriate period.

Specific details concerning these results are available at the Administration office. The Association Controller is prepared to discuss this situation with any concerned property owner.

QUESTION FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER

Do you have a question you would like to pose directly to Pine Mountain Lake Association General Manager, Joe Powell?

If so, compose your question (please, one topic per question) in 40 words or fewer and bring it to the Administration Office at 19228 Pine Mountain Drive, fax it to 209-962-8657, or e-mail it to: joepowell@pinemountainlake.com with "Q-4-GM" in the subject line of your e-mail.

Questions will be answered at the discretion of the General Manager. Not all answers will appear in the column. Please give your full name and telephone number in case there are questions about your question.



ASK THE GM

CANADA GOOSE PROBLEM

PML has formed a Waterfowl Management Committee. The quest of this committee is to control the growing Canada Goose population. Since we formed we have contacted others that have the same problem; Sequoia Woods and Lake of the Pines. We read about Turlock's problem in the paper. None have had any long term success. The geese nest in the early spring and have goslings in May. Spring is here. We welcome any suggestions you might have. Please email the Committee at: PMLAWMC@pinemountainlake.com

Community Standards

BY DENNIS PIPAL, COMMUNITY STANDARDS DIRECTOR

A Big Heads Up...

Fire Safety Update

Thanks to you we are taking our Fire Safety program to a new level for 2012, and this includes a reduction in expenses for our department. Most members have the annual lot cleanup responsibility well in hand. Some members utilize vendors who clean their Lots each year, and other members do the work themselves. In any event, by July 1, PML is looking great!

Starting July 1 we will be inspecting for Lots that have been overlooked. They won't be hard to find and these members will receive a Notice of Non-Compliance to encourage them to complete the work.

We understand that some members don't have the opportunity to visit their property very often. If this is the situation, members have two options to get this work completed each year. First, contract with one of our Preferred Vendors to have them schedule your work to be performed by July 1 of each year. The list of our Preferred Vendors is located on our website at www.pinemountainlake.com under the fire safety tab. Second, members can choose to participate in our New Auto-Cleanup Program where we will have the member's Lot cleaned from a pool of our Preferred Vendors according to our standards and have this approved amount added

to the member's account. May 15 is the deadline to sign-up. The sign-up forms are on our website too.

We have an opportunity to save \$10,000 at a time when tightening the belt is a necessity but we must count on members to follow through without any reminders. Our fire safety program cannot and will not be compromised. It's just too important. We are counting on all our members to comply without that friendly reminder, the Courtesy Notice.

By the way, do we have your email address? We have found this is the fastest and most effective way to communicate with members, so please help us help you!

MAKE PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE YOUR ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR ALL YOUR GIFT GIVING!

Pick up a gift card for:

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GOLF SHOP APPAREL
AND ACCESSORIES
A GREAT MEAL AT
THE GRILL • BOAT
RENTALS & GEAR AT
THE MARINA • SNACK
SHACK GOODIES**

**Stop by the Golf Shop
and pick up great gifts
and golfing gear for the
golfer in your family.**

KNOW A HUNTER OR FISHERMAN?

**Stop by the Main
Gate and pick up a
gift voucher from the
Department of Fish
and Game for the 2012
season. It works just like
a gift card. We can even
personalize it for you.**

(Gift cards are available at the Administration Office, The Grill, and the Pro Shop)

JULY 1 DEADLINE FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

**Please Have your Lot Cleaned
and Ready for Inspection**



PML Golf: Back to Basics

BY DAVID RAU, PGA HEAD PROFESSIONAL

We are heading full force into Peak Season here at Pine Mountain Lake Golf & Country Club and for those of you that have been playing all winter and spring the golf course is looking better than ever. Alan and his mighty crew have completed many course enhancing winter projects that have improved the overall condition of the golf course. Not to beat a dead horse but in order to continue to help course conditions I'd like to revisit some of the more basic cart etiquette "violations" that we witness continually that counteract the beauty, ascetics and playability of the golf course:

- **ALWAYS PARK GOLF CARTS ON THE CART PATHS AROUND TEE BOXES AND GREENS**
- **Never drive within 30-feet of a tee or green**
- **Yes, #10 Green Tees count as a tee box**
- **CARTS ARE TO REMAIN ON PATHS ON ALL PAR 3's (ALWAYS)**
- **NEVER DRIVE BEYOND CART SIGNS IN THE FAIRWAYS**
- **When you come to a cart sign; drive directly across to the cart path before moving forward**
- **These are not randomly placed signs to test your ability to follow instructions; these are boundaries that extend across the fairways and roughs placed to protect and enhance playability and promote the healing of damaged and/or sensitive areas on the course**

Let's all try and assist Alan and his crew in keeping YOUR Golf Course looking great by following these basic rules of cart etiquette.

LESSON CORNER – BALL POSITION

Most people I teach are surprised to learn the importance of ball position and its impact on every shot. An incorrect ball position can quickly turn a good swing into a bad shot. Here are a few fundamentals to guarantee that you have the correct ball position:

The first is when you are facing the golf ball, how far away should you stand? The way to establish this is by taking a good stance, heels of your feet should be at approximately shoulder width and your posture should be in a good athletic position, knees and hips flexed to create a good spine angle, well balanced, arms hanging straight down from the shoulders (think of a quarterback taking the snap or the baseball outfielder in ready position). Once in your athletic position, let your hands hang freely in front of you. Bring your hands together and grab a club. Hands and arms should be hanging directly below your shoulders with about six inches of clearance away from your body. Now, place the head of the golf club on the ground directly in front of you. The sole of the club should be flat on the ground (no

toe up, no heel up). With the sole of the club flat on the ground, you're in good athletic position, arms hanging straight down from your shoulders. The club's contact with the ground will be at the correct distance from your body.

The second consideration is where the ball should be relative to your stance (towards your left foot or your right foot). In general there is a simple way to find the right position. I like to think of my 5-iron or 6-iron as my middle club. I start with the ball position in the middle of my stance (between my heels). As you move into your longer irons and even into your fairway woods, your ball position will be farther away and your impact point or "moment of truth" will move slightly forward in your stance. It follows then that our driver would be played the furthest forward and the furthest away from you. It also follows that your 9-iron and wedges will dictate a ball position closer to you and back in your stance-towards your right foot (for a right-handed golfer).

Just as everyone's swing varies based on physical build, height, arm length, athletic ability, physical restrictions, injuries, etc., so will their ball position vary slightly from person-to-person. Try finding your correct position at your local practice facility or see your local PGA pro for additional instruction.

2012 PML CLINICS – 3:00 PM

MONDAYS "Putt for Dough"

Putting and Chipping – \$15 per person

FRIDAYS "Friday Night at the Fights"

Couples Clinic – Fundamentals

\$20 per couple

SATURDAYS "Saturday in the Park" *Full*

swing – \$15 per person

2012 PML JUNIOR CLINICS

COMING SOON!

BEGINNING INTERMEDIATE

9:00 to 10:30 am 11:00 to 12:30 pm

SESSION 1 June 27, 28, 29

SESSION 2 July 11, 12, 13

SESSION 3 July 25, 26, 27

CLASS SIZES ARE LIMITED

SO SIGN UP EARLY

NOTE: Reservations are required for all clinics so call us at (209) 962-8620 to sign up for weekly clinics or to get more information about Junior Clinics.

My door is always open and I am happy to meet, talk, play, and listen to any questions and/or comments you may have about how we can improve and serve. Contact me at 962-8622 or via e-mail at golfpro@pinemountainlake.com.

On the Shoreline

BY BRAD CRAWFORD, MARINA MANAGER

Greetings from the lake, my staff and I look forward to another fun summer season. Check your Activity Guide for upcoming events. This annual guide provides information on store hours, schedules and anything that has to do with fun at the PML amenities. This year's Guide will be packed with fun things for members to do all summer long.

At the Marina Store, you will find new PML logo merchandise for women, men and children. Don't forget the sunscreen when you take a ride in our new 6-passenger power boats or 6-passenger peddle boats. Peruse our selection of fishing equipment for purchase or rent. For your convenience, you may purchase your fishing license at the Marina Store. Did you know you can rent a water taxi driven by one of our two spectacular drivers, (Slim or Ernie) for an hour cruise from 6:30 to 7:30 pm? Bring 15 friends and enjoy the sights of the lake in early evening.

How about a wedding ceremony on the beach or water? Yours truly can accommodate your special occasion. The Lake Lodge makes a perfect spot for a reception or party. The sunsets are fantastic.

In the Café this year you will find an enthusiastic group waiting to ply your palates with our menu that will have specials during the summer as well as our famous burgers and fries.

The lake is very clear and we look forward to seeing you all out for break at the beach. Please take advantage of our beach volleyball and bocce courts.

For all of boat owners, just a reminder to bring all your new documentation for you vessels. You will find a list of required documents in the Activity Guide and on our website. We appreciate your cooperation as we try to get everyone registered in a timely manner.

May the wind be at your back.

2012 SCHEDULED EVENT DATES AND TIMES

FLEA MARKETS

Saturday, May 12th & Saturday, Sept. 8th

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

July 7th

MARINA STORE

Now thru May 11th (limited hours)
8 am to 5 pm

May 12th – Sept 3rd (regular hours)
7 am to 6 pm

MARINA LAKESIDE CAFÉ

Opening date: Saturday,
May 12th to May 18th

11 am to 4 pm

May 19th – Sept 3rd summer hours

Sunday to Thursday 11 am to 6 pm

Friday & Saturday 11 am to 7 pm

Sunday (holiday weekends)

11 am to 7 pm

Sept 4th – Sept 16th – Fall hours

11 am to 4 pm

Friday & Saturdays 11 am to 6 pm

POOL

Opening date: Saturday, May 12th,
Closing date October 28th

Saturday, May 12 – Sept 3rd, (summer)
10 am – 9 pm

Sept 4th – Sept 16th (Fall) 10 am to 7
pm – weather permitting

Sept 17 – Oct 28, noon to 5 pm

SAND CASTLE CONTEST & FUN AND GAMES

Sunday, July 8th, 9:30 to 11:30 am

Sunday, July 8th, Fun & Games

1 – 3 pm

Saturday, Sept. 1st, 9:30 – 11:30 am

Sunday, Sept. 2nd, Fun & Games

11 am to 1 pm

FISHING DERBY

Saturday, May 5th to Monday,
Sept 3rd

FISH PLANTS

Friday, May 11th & Friday,
Sept 21st

FISHING DAYS FOR KIDS

Saturdays, June 16th, July 14th
and Aug 11th

FREE STATE FISHING DAYS

July 7th & Sept 8th

AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

Saturday, Nov 3rd

For detailed, updated information
check the website

www.PineMountainLake.com

*Times & Dates are subject to change
without notice.*

Shades of Green

BY ALAN MACDONALD GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

Now May is here and we have completed most of our spring aeration projects. The fairways and roughs were completed in early April, and the greens a week ago. We appreciate your patience when we are doing these needed projects during your round of golf.

Why do we aerate and top-dress? Compaction occurs primarily in the surface of the turf. A compacted layer as thin as 1/4 to 1/2 inch can greatly impede water infiltration, nutrient penetration, and gaseous exchange between the soil and the atmosphere. When pulling plugs from the soil, it will create an artificial system of large pores, allowing the soil to breathe and to accept moisture and plant nutrients.

Why the need to top-dress? When we top-dress after greens aeration, we are filling the holes left behind. Around 20 to 25 percent of the greens surface is replaced during each aeration. Top-dressing the greens during the growing season is also an important factor of greens care. The grass on the greens produces large amounts of organic matter or thatch during ideal growing conditions. Numerous light, frequent applications of top-dressing are more effective in diluting organic matter than a single application of a large amount of top-dressing. Spot top-dressing the fairways is a great way to begin to change the profile of the soil, to help reduce compaction, and over time will build up a layer that will allow the water {irrigation or winter rains} to get into the soil quicker and provide a better playing condition. Doing all of these projects will continue to improve the golf course over time. {I can only imagine the top-dressing program at Augusta; did you see

the structure of their divots during the Masters?} These projects can impact your round, especially the frequent light top-dressing of the greens, please remember we are doing these to make conditions better. We will plan ahead and try to do these projects with as little impact on play as possible.

What else is ahead for our spring projects? Our mowing will be more frequent as the spring heads toward summer. We plan to improve some additional bunker edges, along with edging the cart paths again. We will continue to spray both a selective herbicide to control broadleaf's, and a non-selective herbicide to eliminate the weeds in our landscapes and common areas. It seems the warmer the water temperature gets, the more duck weed we get, so we will be skimming it out of the irrigation pond. Our pond on #1 is also becoming infested with the duck weed, and it will be controlled by an aquatic herbicide, as we do not use it for irrigating the turf.

Did anyone notice the latest improvement to the new wall near the upper tee at #12? The guys installed a split rail fence just above the wall to give a little protection from getting too close to the edge. It does look very nice and gives the area a look of completion.

It's been two years since David Rau, our golf professional has been here, we are lucky to have him. If David's been here for two years, then Mr. Murphy, our OLD pro must have been retired for two years. I hope Tony has enjoyed his retirement as much as we have enjoyed him being retired.

Have a great month of May, either on the course or out looking for that elusive pot of gold!

Rental Responsibility

BY DENNIS PIPAL, COMMUNITY STANDARDS DIRECTOR

With the decline in sales in the real estate market, came an increase in rentals. Currently, there are 400 registered rental properties within PML and these are tenant occupied, both short and long term. That's about 14% of our improved Lots. Of the current complaints which are under enforcement, 40% come from tenant occupied Lots.

So, 14% of our Lots are causing 40% of the complaints. That said, there are many property owners that take the time to screen renter applicants properly and follow up to make sure the renter knows and understands the rules. If the renter violates the rules, the owner or property manager quickly resolves the situation. Unfortunately, we still have members that are ignoring this responsibility.

Enforcing the rules with tenant occupied Lots can be difficult at times for PML staff. In fact, many renters feel our rules and regulations don't apply to them. It is up to property owners to resolve these situations.

Our Governing Documents are very clear as it pertains to the Owner's responsibility for the violations of their tenant. Section 6.02 of the Second Restated Bylaws states..."at all times the Owner shall remain responsible for compliance by the Owner's lessee

or tenant with the provisions of the Governing Documents."

Our CC&R's, Article II, Section 3 (b) states..."in the event that any tenant or lessee fails to honor the provisions of any Governing Document, the Association shall be entitled to take such corrective action as it deems necessary which may include...the imposition of fines and penalties against Owner or tenant."

Property owner/landlords, are expected to handle the responsibility of ensuring their tenants follow the rules. Owner/landlords have more leverage, as there is normally a contractual agreement with their tenant. The Owner/landlord can, and should make compliance with PMLA rules and regulations part of the rental contract.

If you rent your home or use a rental management company, please make sure you communicate the importance of making PMLA rules and regulations part of the tenant orientation. The next step is to include language in the rental contract that addresses a tenant's responsibility to comply with our governing documents.

The quality of life in our community is influenced greatly by how well we live together. Complaints about rules violations are frustrations we can all avoid with a little communication.

DON'T FORGET JULY 1 DEADLINE FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Please Have your Lot Cleaned and
Ready for Inspection



PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE
GOLF SHOP



NEW IN 2012

MEMBERSHIP HAS
ITS REWARDS!

PML PROPERTY OWNERS/MEMBERS
RECEIVE

15% OFF GLOVES

20% OFF GOLF BAGS

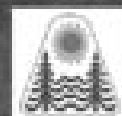
20% OFF HEADWEAR

25% OFF ACCESSORIES

PLUS YOUR USUAL

15% OFF CLOTHING
& SHOES

DISCOUNTS ARE OFF OF
FULL RETAIL PRICES



2012 Roads Project

BY TOM MOFFITT

It has been three years since the last major road construction project was here within Pine Mountain Lake Association. The road repair project in 2009 was performed in Unit 1, Unit 7, Unit 8, Unit 13, and on major sections of Pine Mountain Drive in Units 3 and 4. The 2012 Roads Project will continue on sections of Unit 8, and Unit 10, which remained from the 2009 Project; with road construction on Mills Street, Alcan Court, and McKinley Way.

Road construction engineers have been evaluating our roads for several years. From their on-site evaluations, a 5-year study is produced. This study creates a long-term schedule of which roads require the most work, the deterioration of the asphalt pavement, the condition of the road base, and the application of road work construction to be performed. Add to this, we do have roads which receive a greater volume of vehicle traffic use. These high use roads do receive preferential attention.

Our high volume roads are marked with double-yellow median lines. Pine Mountain Drive, Mueller Drive, Pleasant View Drive, Golden Rock Circle, and Hemlock Street, are all high use roadways. The section of Mueller Drive from Ferretti Road to Gate 3 is a high priority road slated for re-construction this year. With part of the road being Tuolumne County, and the majority of the road belonging to Pine Mountain Lake Association, we will be performing major repairs to the roadway this year. The engineers white markings on the pavement tell

the tale, and this will be a lasting improvement.

The road construction this year will be done primarily in Unit 12. There is a section of Hemlock, between Hillcroft and Yorkshire, which will require road re-construction and asphalt overlay. Two other roadways in Unit 12 are high priority for re-construction; these roads are Clifton Way and Jimmersal Lane. The repairs will involve asphalt grinding, section repairs, and asphalt overlay. When completed, the roads will look brand new, and will last for many years to come.

The 2012 Roads Project is planned for this May and into June. There will be traffic controls in the road construction areas, please drive safe, and obey the instructions from the flaggers. This is the list of roads to be worked on within this 2012 Roads Project:

- **Unit 5** - Mueller Drive, from Gate 3 to Tannahill Drive
- **Unit 8** - Mills Street, upper section, and Alcan Court
- **Unit 10** - McKinley Way
- **Unit 3** - Cresthaven Drive, between the Green Valley Circle intersections, Green Valley Circle
- **Unit 12** - Hemlock Street, between Hillcroft Drive and Yorkshire Drive, Clifton Way, Jimmersal Lane, Hillcroft Drive, Yorkshire Road, Woodside Way, Beaver Court, Mule Court, Larkspur Court, and Iris Court.

Fawn Times My Deer

BY SERGEANT NATALIE MOFFITT

As many of you Pine Mountain Lake residents already know, we have deer here. We have a lot of deer here actually. Visitors to Pine Mountain Lake are oftentimes struck in awe of the docile deer we have roaming through our community. Why they're just so cute!

Our resident deer herd here in Pine Mountain Lake is a distinctive group in and of itself. Deer naturally travel between different territories depending on the season. In the winter deer migrate to the lower elevations and in the spring they migrate to the higher elevations. This migration allows deer to seek out sufficient cover and food. In point of fact, cover is more important than food during the harsh winter months. By contrast, our deer herd for the most part remains in Pine Mountain Lake throughout the year. This unfortunately, is partially due to human interaction with the animals. Feeding the deer, either by accident or from a misplaced desire to do good, is actually harmful to the animal's ability to survive. This practice diminishes their natural instinct to migrate. The perceived overall safety and readily available food sources cause the deer to remain in an area with insufficient coverage for survival where they have a higher chance of succumbing to the elements.

Deer have grown accustomed to our human population in Pine Mountain Lake. They do not have the same reverence for cars or people that truly wild deer typically have. Perhaps they got a hold of Resolution 89.15 that names Pine Mountain Lake as a private refuge with no hunting allowed? Perhaps it's just good ol' animal intuition. Whatever the case, the abundance of available food and the safety that our community provides has led to a higher density population of deer here in Pine Mountain Lake. They are very much aware that this is a safe haven.

With a higher density population come a variety of issues. The number of vehicle collisions rise, as does the predator count. Does become unusually aggressive to pedestrians and pets alike in an effort to defend their young. The spread of disease also increases, sometimes with devastating effects on the herd's population. Case in point: In 2009 we witnessed a virus, more commonly known as Blue Tongue Disease, sweep through the deer population here. A majority of the deer did not possess the natural ability to fight off the disease and died. In addition, the higher the population spikes the more of a challenge they can present for the human residents living here in Pine Mountain Lake.

This brings us to the topic at hand. As spring rapidly approaches does will be fawning here in our community of Pine Mountain Lake and the surrounding region. We all enjoy watching the adorable, dappled fawns run around on their wobbly legs. The Safety Department however, often receives reports about deer that have been involved in collisions with vehicles and are left with severe and sometimes grotesque injuries. As a member of this department, it is still very hard to come across an injured fawn that has been hit by a vehicle. Moreover, as long as a deer is able to maintain walking, the Department of Fish and Game will not authorize its euthanization. Be on the lookout as deer cross the road. Where there is one: there are usually more. Even a seemingly low-speed collision with an adult deer can cause major damage to your vehicle, not to mention the deer. Please remember how important it is to keep your speed down to 25 miles per hour and to exercise caution while driving in Pine Mountain Lake.

If you see someone feeding our resident deer herd or come across an injured deer, please do not hesitate to contact the Main Gate at (209) 962-8615.

Pine Mountain Lake Association Board of Directors Town Hall Meeting for the proposed Governing Document Revisions

Saturday, May 12, 2012 9:00 am at the PML Lake Lodge

A presentation on the proposed Governing Document Revisions will be provided, and time will be set aside for members' comments and questions. Please plan on attending! The Board wants to hear from you.

In the Kitchen with Carrie

BY CARRIE TAYLOR, HEAD CHEF, THE GRILL



I have always looked forward to May, with its crisp mornings, warm and sunny afternoons and cool evenings. In later years it has become even

more of a special month to me with two of my favorite guys, my son and husband's birthdays.

May is the beginning of the summer fruit season. It is the time of year that Strawberry shortcake eagerly makes its way on to the table. Strawberries from the fields in Oakdale are so much better than store bought; it is worth the 40 minute drive to make delicious shortcake.

May also brings us cherry season, my absolute favorite fruit. Frog Hollow Farm in Brentwood is one of my favorite farms, it is part owned by a childhood friend and they grow THE most amazing fruit. Have you ever had a piece of fruit that makes you grin from ear to ear while eating it? My friend Sarah's fruit will! Last May, I picked up a huge bag of those garnet gems at the Danville Farmers Market; I was smiling and spitting the pits the whole way back up to the mountains. Cherries, nectarines, peaches and apricots are only some of the fruit they produce. When I say it is the best, it is the BEST!! If you visit the website you can order the fruit and save yourself a trip to the farm. The fruit comes impeccably packed and pick at its best. Each piece is better than the last and the Ruby Grand nectarines are extraordinary. www.frogbollow.com.

I am waiting to order the apricots this year. Sarah says it been two years since the last crop of apricots. Fresh apricot jam on warm biscuits in the morning or even better over vanilla ice cream for dessert is so wonderful. Simple and perfect. Those flavors are bright and intense and so pleasing. I have said in the past, if I don't get my fill of the summer fruits whether it be cherries, strawberries, watermelon, peaches, nectarines or plums I feel that I cheated myself from the pleasures of summer.

Our mission at the Grill is to bring our guests the crops that are in season. I like to buy as local as I can. An important part of buying local is

making an effort to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables when they are in season in our area. Although today's global marketplace allows us to buy foods grown virtually anywhere in the world all year round, these options are not the most sustainable. By purchasing local foods in-season, you eliminate the environmental damage caused by shipping foods thousands of miles, your food dollar goes directly to the farmer, and your family will be able to enjoy the health benefits of eating fresh, unprocessed fruits and vegetables. Buying seasonal produce also provides an exciting opportunity to try new foods and to experiment with seasonal recipes. And it simply tastes better! Even if you don't want to change any of your eating habits, you can at least make sure to buy local produce when it's available, rather than purchase the same type of food from 3000 miles away! For an added challenge, try to eat most foods only when they are in season, or can seasonal food in order to eat and enjoy it all year round.

Recently, The Grill guests have enjoyed microgreens. What are micro greens? These are very trendy these days, all the rage with those fancy city chefs. Microgreens are tiny leafed vegetables that are grown from seed and require very little space. Microgreens are not sprouts or simply young vegetables but grown from plant seeds such as beets, broccoli, Chinese cabbage, kohlrabi, mustards, herbs, lettuces or radishes, then harvested when less than two inches tall. They are grown hydroponically, so no dirt. They provide a punch of flavor and a nice crunch to whatever they are used with. We have used Sango Radish which adds a nice bite of heat, as a radish would, to a special and added beautiful color. Basil Microgreens have topped our Cioppino for a final fresh taste. I am very excited to use many more kinds of microgreens giving The Grill guests even more opportunity to try these miniature taste sensations.

We have lots of exciting food events coming your way; Mother's Day Brunch Buffet, summer wine tastings, Saturday Champagne Brunch, and new menu additions. I invite you to come to The Grill at see what's cookin'

Until we eat together....

The 19th Hole Lounge

BY JAY REIS, GRILL MANAGER



Our featured wine this month is from Haraszthy Family Cellars. The Haraszthy family has been in the wine business in Sonoma for six generations.

Today, Haraszthy Family Cellars specializes exclusively in the production of hand crafted Zinfandels.

2009 Amador County Zinfandel

Birthplace of the California gold rush – circa, 1840's Amador County is located about 50 miles southeast of Sacramento in the Sierra Foothills. The region is renowned for producing outstanding Zinfandels dating back to 1856. The county was created in 1854 from parts of Calaveras and El Dorado Counties and was named in honor of the early Spanish gold miner and rancher, Jose Maria Amador. It is common that many of the Zinfandel plantings in the area are well over one hundred years old. Forget 'Old Vine' Zinfandel – Amador is 'Ancient Vine' Zinfandel country.

The area enjoys a variety of growing conditions helping to define this appellation (growing region). Vineyard elevations range from 250 feet on the western slopes of the foothills up eastwards along Sierra Nevada range to around 3000 feet. Similarly, assorted soil types ripple throughout the region imparting flavor nuances specific to that area. Delta breezes provide the ideal cooling conditions needed in this region where temperatures during the growing seasons range from the eighties to over one hundred degrees. Haraszthy Family Cellars Amador County Zinfandel is produced from grapes grown in the Shenandoah Valley and the Fiddletown sub-regions of the Sierra Foothills appellation.

Stylistically, Amador County Zinfandels exhibit deep rich concentrated fruit forward flavors with a bouquet described as "holiday spice"- nutmeg, cedar, vanilla. Our Amador County Zinfandel is not over ripe or extracted. Please refer to our tasting notes for specific details about

our Amador County Zinfandel.

The Bear Label

Extinct in California since the 1920's, the image of the California grizzly bear (*Ursus Arctos Horribilis*) proudly adorns the California state flag. It was first flown in Sonoma where the so-called "Bear Flag Revolt" played itself out over 160 years ago.

War between Mexico and the United States seemed unavoidable. Events in Texas (the Alamo) had cemented strong sentiment among western immigrant settlers rallying for independence from Mexico. In California, U.S. Army Major John C. Fremont had been regularly fomenting rebellion against Mexico.

Sonoma resident Mexican General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo had long sensed the inevitability of California's annexation by the United States. In his heart he wanted to be part of America but was nonetheless arrested at gunpoint at his home in Sonoma on June 14, 1846. Vallejo was willing to negotiate only with authorized representatives of legitimate governments and refused to acknowledge or negotiate with the thirty-three Sonoma roughnecks claiming California as republic of their own. He was roughed up and arrested and sent to jail at Sutter's Fort near Sacramento.

The California Republic lasted only 25 days. On July 7, 1847, United States Navy Captain John D. Sloat entered Monterey Bay. Following a minor brief skirmish against the Mexican Presidio and he declared California officially part of the United States.

We are always changing and trying new wines, I try to keep the wine list fresh and different. If you have suggestions about your favorite wine, just let me know, and I will see if it is available to us. You can contact me at clubmgr@pinemountainlake.com.


As always, we will feature some of your favorite bands throughout the summer. Here is a list of bands for May:

May 4th – Showtime Karaoke

May 5th – Dynamo

May 12th – Rockslide

May 26th – The Hills Brothers Band



ANNUAL *Mother's Day* CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH!

May 13, 2012

Seatings at 9 am, 11 am & 1 pm

\$35.00

plus tax/per person

\$29 – Guests 65 & better

\$15 – Children 6 through 12

FREE! – kids 5 years old & under

All-you-can-eat buffet

Carved Prime Rib

Old Fashioned Baked Ham

Eggs Benedict

Omelet station

Assortment of salads

Sides, baked goods

Desserts

Complimentary glass of champagne

for each guest over 21 years of age



at Pine Mountain Lake

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

May is the Unofficial Kick-off to the Summer

BY JAY REIS, THE GRILL MANAGER



May is the unofficial kick-off to the summer. The days are getting longer and the weather is getting warmer. The weeds are getting longer and I can feel that pollen in the air. May at the Grill means that we can enjoy a nice meal or drink out on the terrace. We start the month with our special Mother's Day Champagne Brunch and then we finish May with Memorial Day weekend.

May also means that taxes are done and forgotten and we can plan which weekend we are coming up to the cabin. Or if you are one of the few lucky ones at Pine Mountain Lake full-time and everyday is a weekend, you can sit back and relax. Golf or tennis or fishing in the morning, cruise the lake in the afternoon, then join us at the Grill for a nice dinner. The Grill is here to make your life easier, enhance your property, and give you one more reason to visit PML.

The Grill's menu has a great variety of food for every appetite. No matter what your taste buds crave our menu has something for everyone, seafood, prime rib, roasted chicken, pasta, gourmet burgers the selection so big that you can have

something different every day of the week. Whether you're not a big eater and just need something to hold you over, we have a whole section of small plates. You get the same great taste in a smaller portion for an even better value. If you're just looking for a snack our appetizers are great too, from light Flat Breads to the fried Calamari everything is better with a glass of wine from our ever rotating wine list. Our wine list has many wines from local wineries. To keep it different and fresh we change some wines at least once a month. And every great dining experience has to end on a sweet note, and Chef Carrie has some wonderful desserts. If you're too full from dinner, we can pack it to go.

The 19th Hole Lounge has live music every Saturday night and the ever popular karaoke is still standing room only the first Friday of the month. You can watch your favorite sports team or event in HD on one of the 3 flat screens or the Big Screen. If you're looking to stay connected or need to do a little work while you're here we have free WiFi as well.

Please mark your calendars on Saturday May 19th we will not be serving Dinner or having live music. Both the restaurant and bar will be

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Spring has Sprung at The Grill

BY BAMBI JOHNSON, HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR



Greetings from the Grill, Spring has sprung and the Grill is buzzing with activities! Along with golf tournaments and weddings almost every weekend in May, here are a few of our events you may want to attend:

Champagne Brunch!

Every Saturday From 9am to 12:30pm
Reservations are recommended.

Cinco De Mayo – Saturday, May 5th

Come celebrate Mexico's victory at the battle of Puebla, and Mexican heritage, with some of our house specialties. For lunch try our famous house taco's (available for dinner too). And for dinner try the Rib Eye with chimichurri sauce. Accompany any of these meals with a Mexican cerveza or a margarita. And then top off your celebration with a Mexican Coffee. We look forward to sharing in the festivities with you! Call to make your reservations today at 962-8638

Annual Mother's Day Champagne Brunch! – Sunday, May 13th

Expect to see all your favorites like carved Prime Rib, Old Fashioned Baked Ham, Eggs Benedict, an omelet

station, and an assortment of salads, sides, baked goods, desserts, and a complimentary glass of champagne for each guest over 21 years of age. The price of this wonderful all-you-can-eat buffet is only \$35 per person. For guests 65 and better the price is only \$29. Children 6 through 12 are only \$15, and kids 5 years old and under Eat Free! Seatings for this incredible feast are at 9 am, 11 am, and 1 pm. This event is very popular and fills quickly so call today for reservations at 962-8638.

Wine Tasting and Dinner Buffet – Thursday May 17th, 5pm-7:30pm!

Young's Market will feature Wines from various wineries and regions. Chef Carrie will be preparing a wonderful Cuban style pork buffet dinner and dessert that would satisfy even Rickey Ricardo! All of the featured wines will be available for purchase at discounted prices this night only. The price of this fun-filled evening is only \$23 plus tax. Reservations are required, so make yours today at 962-8638.

Memorial Day – Monday, May 30th

Yes, we are open!! We will be serving breakfast from 9 to 11am and lunch from 11 to 2pm.

I hope to see you all at some or all

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Wine Tasting & Dinner Buffet

Hosted by Youngs Market
Featuring Wines from various wineries & regions

May 17, 2012 5 pm - 7:30 pm

MENU

Cuban Style Roast Pork Loin
Steamed Rice, Salad with Corn,
Black Bean, and Avocado
House made Dulce de Leche
with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream

\$23.00

plus tax/per person
All wines are offered
at discount prices
for sale this day only

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





**Saturday
Champagne
Brunch**

**Every Saturday
from 9 am - 12:30 pm**

Limited seating available
Reservations required
call **962-8638**

THE GRILL
at Pine Mountain Lake

Pool Antics

BY THERESA VAN ROSENDALE



Can you bring your pet seal to the pool? Well, no, but...

Opening Day is Saturday, May 12th and everyone else is invited!

Rise and Shine...Morning water aerobics will begin Monday, May 14th from 8-10 a.m. for all PML Owners and

accompanied guests, and can't come a moment too soon. So for those of you who really thrive when you rise and shine to a morning workout down at the pool, 'is it time, is it time', yes!!!!... it's so good to feel good, isn't it.

Since school is officially out for

On the Lake WONDERFUL WONDERFUL WATER

BY MIKE HORVATH, LIMNOLOGIST/LAKE MANAGEMENT

Water. From the moment of our conception, we are bathed in it. It protects us, nourishes us and sustains our life. Is it any wonder that many of the "white noise" machines that are supposed to relax us and help us sleep feature sounds of rainfall, ocean waves and burbling streams. It's featured in many of our great religions and spiritual ceremonies to signify the cleansing, healing and renewing power of a "Higher Being." Throughout our history it has played a prominent part in all forms of art. From Homer's Odyssey to Henry David Thoreau's observations on Walden Pond, it has provided the backdrop for stories of heroism, adventure and reflections on our very lives. It inspired Leonardo da Vinci to refer to it as "vetturale di natura" (the vehicle of nature).

Aside from the natural uniqueness of water, its physical properties are like nothing else on the planet. It is the only natural substance on earth that exists in all three states; solid, liquid and gas. The bond that holds the hydrogen and oxygen atoms together gives water unique properties that allow insects to walk on it and plants to transport it up through their stems and carry nutrients to all its parts. That bond is also responsible for the phenomenon of solid water (ice) being lighter than

the liquid form. Dick Button wouldn't have much to talk about at the Winter Olympics if ice sank to the bottom. OK, that's a bit of a stretch. The fact remains that water is heaviest at about 40 degrees Fahrenheit. On our lake, even in August, all of the water below about 40 or 50 feet is that cold.

When we consider the scarcity of freshwater on our planet, it becomes even more precious. Of all the water on Earth, only 2.5 percent is classified as fresh. Of that, only about 3 tenths of 1 percent is "available". Much of the rest is locked up in glaciers and groundwater. And of that available water, almost 40 percent is located in just two places; Lake Baikal in Siberia, and the Great Lakes. I don't know if you can visualize the scarcity of freshwater available to us, but try this. If all the hair on the average human head represented all the water on the planet, you would only be left with about 10 hairs to represent the available freshwater.

So, here's the take home message. Enjoy your lake, get involved, and do everything you can to protect it and keep it healthy.

LAKE FACT: On April 13th, there was enough water flowing into the lake to fill an olympic sized swimming pool every 4 minutes!

the summer by the first week in June, our Swim Lesson Placement Tests will be held June 8-10. Our team will construct class levels and sizes according to the outcome of those sessions, and classes officially begin that following week. There are classes for several different levels of swimmers, so mark your calendars and come on down! Our wonderful, talented Swim Instructors have taught countless people of all ages how to swim and become 'water safe'. Whether you want to learn for the first time or just keep getting better, this local, affordable program is for everyone! Call with questions or come by to see us.

Pool Party!!!! What could be better than summertime pool parties with your family and friends? Held once a

month (June July August), there will be games, food, music, and fun. Watch for details on the website, upcoming issues of the PML News, and at the pool.

Regular Swim Hours

M – F 10am – 9pm

Water Aerobics

M – F 10am and Saturday 9-10am

(for owners and escorted guests)

Swim Lessons

M – F 10am – 2pm

(part of the pool roped off for students) * Saturday morning class may be added if enough students sign up

Life is short...Make a splash!

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closed for a private event. So joins us at the Grill in May and let's kick-off the summer in style. Don't forget to make those reservations early. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at clubmgr@pinemountainlake.com.

JULY 1 DEADLINE

**Please Have your Lot
Cleaned and
Ready for Inspection**

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of our special events. Please consider stopping by and having breakfast, lunch, champagne brunch or dinner on the terrace. We have something to satisfy everyone in the family from children's menus, to small plates, to hearty meals! And after dinner let us tempt you with a luring look at our dessert cart filled with tantalizing creations made fresh daily by Chef Carrie. The views of our Championship Golf Course and the surrounding Sierra's are amazing! Feel free to come by our sales office anytime to see me in person or email me 24/7 at cluboffice@pinemountainlake.com. Let our experienced, professional staff tend to all of your food and beverage and special event needs, large or small, on site or off. You will not be disappointed! See you soon. Bon Appétit!

NOTICE

**Main Gate personnel are
available to issue gate cards
on Saturday and Sunday
from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.**

**Please call in advance to
schedule an appointment at
209-962-8615**

2012 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Stop by the main gate to get your Deer, Pig, Bear, Waterfowl, or Fishing license and all supplemental stamps today!

Need the Perfect Gift? Pick up a Gift Voucher. It works just like a gift card. The recipient can redeem their gift at any California licensing agent. We can even personalize the voucher with "Happy Birthday" "Happy Anniversary" or any other special note. For questions, please call the Main Gate at (209) 962-8615

Paint Discount Program

Kelly-Moore Paint Company has been serving Pine Mountain Lake for 40 years. They want to remind PML property owners of the discount program that has been established for them. This program offers a generous discount on Kelly-Moore paint and accessories such as rollers, brushes, tape, caulk, etc. Delivery is available on orders of 10 gallons or more.

This special discount opportunity is available with proof of Pine Mountain Lake membership (Member ID Card) on a cash or credit/debit card basis only (no checks please).

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

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

IS IT TIME TO CLEAN OUT THE GARAGE?



May 12, 2012 at the PML STABLES
on 13309 Clifton Way

- Spaces are first come-first served on the day of the event
- Please bring your own tables, tarps, blankets, etc.
- Space set-up starts at 7 am
- Space fee is \$7 per space. Pay in advance at PML Admin Office or at the Stables the day of the event



Tioga High School Fundraiser
ENJOY

Hamburgers • Hotdogs • Donuts • Coffee • Juice



Hosted by the
Pine Mountain Lake Association

Check out *your* Groveland Library

Tuesday – Thursday 1:00-6:00 pm and

Friday – Saturday 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Visit the Library:

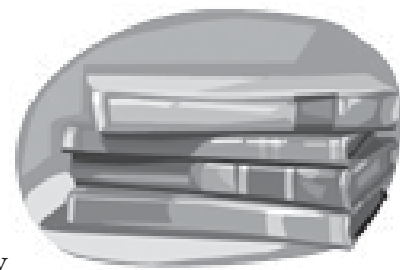
- Great selection of books, magazines, newspapers, videos, DVDs, CDs
- Computers, copy machine, free Wi-Fi

Special Events:

- **Children's Story Time**
Every Friday at 10:30 am

BookNook – Book Sale

10:00 am – 2:00 pm every Saturday



PML Organized Groups & Clubs

Contact the individuals below if you are interested in joining!

Aviation Association	
Marle Hewett	962-0701
Computer Users Group	
Frank Perry	962-0728
Country Mountain Riders	
Dorothy Scofield	962-8667
Duplicate Bridge	
Bobbie Vandenbergh	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	
Bob Oakley	962-4799
Monday Bridge Club	
Bill Parker	962-5957
Needle Crafts	
Lee Isbell	962-5727
Non-Residents' Club	
Kathy Coon	(510) 656-0162
Pine Needlers Quilt Guild	
Susan Halstead	878-3111
PMLakers RV Club	
Ned Nuddleman	925-371-2287
PML Niners	
Geralyn Dielman	962-5818
PML Shooting Club	
John Graham	president@pmlsc.com
PML Waterski & Wakeboard	
Dean Floyd	(408) 378-7725
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 Racquet Club News

BY KEN STEINER

Spring has arrived and we are looking forward to seeing old and new friends on the PML tennis courts.

The Racquet Club held its annual first quarter pot-luck dinner/board meeting at the Lake Lodge on March 27. The 2012 Club directory was distributed at the meeting or mailed out to those not in attendance. Several significant items were discussed at the meeting, including:

Cinco De Mayo Tournament/Celebration: Tom Hernandez and Gina Hernandez were drafted, er volunteered, to run this year's Cinco De Mayo Tournament/Celebration. Racquet Club members may play in the tournament and partake in the food and beverages, while guests may participate in the beverage and food consumption portion of the event. Tom and Gina have asked members to RSVP by April 6, but may accept late submissions. Weather permitting, the tournament will be held on Cinco De Mayo (*which for those of us who are Spanish-language-challenged*

is Saturday May 5). Prizes will be awarded to the bracket winners (coveted PML Racquet Club towels) and it is anticipated that Tom will once again award himself with the best costume.

New Awning: Jim Hassay and Jerry DeHart have used Racquet Club funds to purchase and install a new awning for Court 3. It is a thing of beauty and will be most welcomed by those tennis players on Court 3 who like to sit down and take a breather when they change sides. See the picture of Jim and Jerry's handiwork nearby.

Tuesday Night Socials: The second quarter Board Meeting of June 5 will kick off this year's summer season of Racquet Club Tuesday night socials (behind courts 3 and 4). Tuesday night socials are open to all PML residents. You can



The new awning at Court 3.

come early and play some tennis with the Bar-B-Que starting at about 5:30 pm. The Club sells excellent burgers with all the trimmings and beverages for cheap.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Racquet Club, call my wife, Emily, at 209-962-0930.

Remember, it is important when playing tennis to give your opponent lots of love.

Annual PML Boat Parade July 7 at 6:00pm

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON



Greased Lightning scored high in the 2011 Boat Parade.



Practice makes perfect.

All PML boat owners are invited to participate in the annual PML boat parade around the lake on July 7. Our theme this year is *an historic event*. We're expecting boats depicting Christopher Columbus, the Golden Spike, the first man on the moon, the Boston Tea Party, discovery of gold in California, and who knows what else! Of course, patriotic decorations are also

welcome. Should be a great parade!

Prizes will be awarded in four categories: 1.) pontoon boats; 2.) fishing or ski boats; 3.) antique boats, and 4.) non-motorized boats such as canoes, sailboats, pedal boats and kayaks. Trophies for the best decoration in each category are on display in a trophy case at the Grill. You can sign up at the Marina store

starting in June. There's no charge.

This year, watch for a special addition to the Independence Day fun on the lake. For a clue, see the accompanying photo of Silvano Gai and Mike Gustafson practicing.

The annual PML Boat Parade is organized by Friends of the Lake. If you have any questions, please call 962-6336.

PML Ladies Club April “Flowers” and Silent Auction

BY DAR BROWN, PUBLICITY CHAIR

On April 4, the PML Ladies Club held its monthly luncheon themed “April Showers Bring May Flowers”. Luckily, the rains held off and it was a lovely day at the Grill. Besides the amazing show of daffys on the golf course, the decorating committee had beautiful vases of spring flowers adorning every table and chocolate goodies to tempt even the most stoic and resolute. There was an amazing and varied choice of items on which to bid in the silent auction, and some of the bidding got lively as ladies were trying to outbid each other before the closing bell. Besides being a fun event with a delicious lunch provided by the staff at the Grill, all the money collected during the auction will be used to reduce the cost of other Ladies Club events. Huge kudos to the committee for all their hard work. If



you would like to join in the fun, dues are only \$15 annually. Mail your check along with a note with your birth date so we can sing you happy birthday to P O Box 100, Groveland, CA 95321.

Garden Club Clippings

BY JOYCE SMITH

We had a great trip to Ironstone Vineyards/Gardens on April 9th. We met at the Jail at 9:00 to carpool, and were on our way by 9:30. Our conducted tour by their Master Gardner was set for 11:00. We were treated to a lovely display of spring blooms and colors. Wish all Garden Club members could have gone on this outing. Thanks to Sharon Hunt and Arlene Vorce for arranging this very special day for us.

Our next meeting is on Monday, May 14th, 1:00 P.M. at the Lake Lodge. Harold Basey is our speaker. He will tell us about one of his favorite topics, Wildflowers. You will surely want to be here for this talk. Also, our new Rosters will be handed out at this meeting.

AND NOW, GET READY FOR OUR REALLY BIG EVENT! I’m talking about our Garden Tour on June 11th...Lovely Tables, Lovely

Gardens, Great Salad Buffet, and Lots and Lots of Raffle Prizes. All for \$20.00 for members and \$22.00 for guests. (Raffle tickets are purchased separately.) We will follow the same format as prior years. For Tickets/information: call 962-0609 or 962-1980. This event is our only fundraiser of the year. Proceeds allow us to create and maintain our beautiful Jail Garden. This event has always been a sellout,. so don’t put off making reservations too long.

Jail News: Have you been to the Jail lately? The daffodils are a lovely sight. The Pet Waste Management Station has been installed and is being used. Hopefully the sprinkler system will be repaired/completed before the workday in May. Linda Flores is in charge of the Jail upkeep, more on this later or see her at the May meeting.

See you at the May Meeting.

PML Men’s Golf Club

BY ROY CONLEY, SECRETARY

The Ice Breaker was held on March 30. In Flight 1, first place went to Al Saisi and Ron Saisi with 59, followed by John Wilkins and David Rau with 60. Flight 2 winners were by Bob Stock and John Petkewich with 60, followed by Charlie Stoll and Dave Rauch with 61. First place in Flight 3 went to John Baker and Joe Vautier at 62, followed by Gene McDowell and Dan Shuey also at 62. The Green Flight went to John Thomas and Bob Ells with 57 followed by Jack Linaberry and Dave Penning with 60. Chuck Ross won closest to the pin at 2’ 4”.

We have 3 tournaments scheduled for May. The first is the *Spring Mixed Partners* on May 4. This is a four-person scramble. Sign-up deadline is May 2, with a dinner on May 3 to select teams. Next is the *Wednesday Sweeps* on May 16. This is a Shamble. No, I didn’t make that up. Each man on the 4 man team plays a tee shot. The team selects the best shot, then everyone plays in from there, and the best 2 of the 4 count. (No, really, I didn’t make that up.) Deadline for sign-ups is May 14. Finally, the *NCGA Zone Qualifier* is on May 26. See the registration form for details. Deadline is May 24.

Now for another rules quiz, prompted by bad advice I’ve been given on the course.

Your ball is on the green on number 3. You make a stroke with your putter, and to the amazement of the rest of your foursome the ball rolls smartly to the cup and drops in. You then lift up your putter and walk to the cup to retrieve your ball, only to find that the head of the putter is now detached from the shaft. What are your options?

Since the club was damaged in the normal course of play, Rule 4-3 allows you to use the club in its damaged state, or repair it or have it repaired, providing that can be done without unduly delaying the round. In this case using the club is not practical, but since it is unfit for play, you also have the option of replacing it, again providing you can do so without unduly delaying play. If you had started the round with fewer than 14 clubs (and had not added enough clubs to reach 14), Rule 4-4 would allow you the right to add additional clubs up to 14 in any case.

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

PML Sailors Start the Season

SUBMITTED BY TANIA MADFES, PUBLICITY CHAIR

The lake is one of the most beautiful amenities that we have at PML and sailing is a wonderful way to experience the lake. If you are interested in sailing, whether or not you have your own boat, the Windjammers Sailing Club offers you an opportunity to cruise the waters with experienced sailors who can also teach you to sail. This year, under the leadership of Commodore Larry Cullers, the Windjammers have again embarked on a full schedule of events (see chart below). This year’s officers also include: Eric Hein, Vice Commodore; Sue Petersen, Treasurer; and Tania Madfes, Publicity.

If you are interested in joining one of the PML sailing activities, show up at Dunn Court beach on the afternoon of one of the group’s scheduled events. You can also check out the Club on the PML website where “Windjammers Sailing Club” is listed under “Organized Groups,” or contact the Commodore at thecullers@juno.com or 209-962-6150. Yearly membership dues per family are \$15 and provide for refreshments at events and awards given to winners of sailing competitions.

2012 Windjammer Schedule of Events

- Saturday, May 5** – 9:30a.m. Boat Launch; 11a.m. Organizational Meeting
- Sunday, May 27** – Opening Sailing Event (Memorial Day is Monday)
- Saturday, June 16** – Open Sail Day
- Saturday, July 7** – Move boats off the beach by noon
- Sunday, July 8** – Independence Day Event/Move boats back to beach
- Saturday, July 21** – Open Sail Day
- Saturday, Aug 11** – Open Sail Day
- Sunday, Sept 2** – Labor Day Event (Labor Day is Monday)
- Saturday, Sept 22** – Open Sail Day
- T.B.A.** – Move Boats Off Beach
- Saturday, Dec ?** – Holiday get together

Pine Mountain Lakers RV Club April Event

BY MADELAINE SOUSA

Our Pine Mountain Lakers RV Club April Event was a trip to Angels Camp RV Park. Our members toured Ironstone Vineyards, shopped in Angels Camp and Murphys, played Mexican Train, Pinochle, and swapped many a good story! We had an excellent dinner Thursday night at the Murphy's Hotel. The Riggs and the Sperry's were extra special hosts, fixing us all a delightful breakfast Tuesday & Wednesday and coordinating a great Tuesday Potluck. There were 14 members attending our outing. Members included the Boatman's; Meyer's; Sperry's; Riggs; Nuddleman's; Morgan's; Sousa's and the Sousa's grandson, Christopher making it 15 in total.



The event for June will be an outing to Columbia State Park, with Nancy & Bob Myer to be the hosts and Betty & Willie Boatman as co-hosts. The July event is will be a Pot Luck Picnic at the PML Marina with boat tours of the Lake for anyone interested.

May 7-11 — Morro Bay — Nuddleman

June 7-10 — Columbia State Park Meyer / Boatman

July 15th — PML Marina Pot Luck / Boat Ride

Aug 27-31 — Smithwood *Need Host* / Hoagland

Sep 18-21 — Jackson Rancheria Sousa / Hoagland

Oct 11-18 — Manchester Beach Sousa / Cluffs

Nov 4 — Pot Luck At Lake Lodge

Dec 2 — Holiday Party

Our next outing will be at Morro Bay, May 7th thru May 11th. Ned & Pat Nuddleman will be our hosts. Call Ned at: 925 371-2287 or Maddie at 209 962-5708 for more information on events or to join our Happy Campers!

PML Ladies Golf

BY SUE PERRY

Well I am not sure if we want to describe this month as the "Miracle March" or just "March Madness" but we finally got a good dose of winter. Rain, snow and some cold weather graced our links but in spite of it all we still got to participate in the following play days.

March 1st — Cancelled due to bad weather

March 8th...U PICK ' EM

1st Place 57 points..Kitty Edgerton, Thelma Faux, Helena McMillan, Sue Perry

2nd Place 61 points..Eleanor Ellis, Clarice Ligonis, Yvonne Mattocks, Anne Peterson; **3rd Place** 62 points.. Jennifer Dwaileebe, Janice Mussatto, Patty Peebles, Virginia Tallman

BIRDIES: Jennifer Dwaileebe #14... Helena McMillan #17..Clarice Ligonis #10.. Linda Wall #10 & 17

March 15th — EVERYONE'S IRISH

11 Brave Lassies' played the "greens" on the wearing of the green day....**1st Place** 55 points.. Kitty Edgerton, Lynne Dust, Helena McMillan, Kathy Shehorn, **2nd Place** 52 points..Clarice Ligonis, June Moore, Mona Tompkins:

BIRDIES: None

March 22nd — CHA — CHA — CHA

1ST Place 136 pts..Mary Houser, June Moore, Mona Tompkins, Linda Wall **2nd Place** 138 pts. ..Dotty Davis, Joyce Smith

3rd Place 139 pts. .. Linda Johnson, Iris Moffit, Jeanne Paco, Marilyn Scott

4th Place 139 pts..Eleanor Ellis, Alma Frawley, Ann Hankin, Anne Peterson

BIRDIES: Marilyn Scott #17

March 29th — INDIVIDUAL POINT BOGIE

PURPLE TEES

1ST Flight handicap 16-24...Priscilla Park 27 pts.

2nd Flight handicap 25-30...Anne Toner 34 pts, Jeanne Pacco 31 pts., Ann Hankin 30 pts. Alma Frawley 28 pts

3rd Flight handicap 31-39.. Jodie Awai 35 pts.

COMBO TEES

1ST Flight handicap 16-24 .. Janice Mussatto 34 pts, Sara Hancock 33 pts., Mona Tompkins 31pts., Thelma Faux 30 pts.

2nd Flight handicap 25-30 ..Yvonne Mattocks 37 pts.

3rd Flight handicap 31-37 Sharon Kenyon 34 pts.

GREEN TEES

Joyce Smith 15 pts.

BIRDIES: Thelma Faux #10, Alice Stoll #14

June will be a very busy month at PMLGC...Men's Club Mother Lode Tournament 7-8-9th and Ladies Club Pine Tree Invitational 21-22nd. Welcome to summer!

PML Aviation Association News

BY LARRY JOBE, PMLAA PUBLICITY

Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association fourth meeting of 2012 will be May 12th, 6 PM at Norm and Patty Peeble's hangar. Standard Pot Luck so bring a dish to share, main courses are always welcome and appreciated. Our speaker will be our own Dr. Ken Orloff, speaking on recent aviation case accident studies. Dr. Orloff has the unique ability to put his skill as an accident investigator into a presentation that always connects with the general

aviation pilot while at the same time entertaining us. I have been flying for almost 50 years and every time I have had the privilege of listing to Dr. Orloff I have learned something and more importantly I have changed the way I do and teach some things. Even you co-pilots will learn some things that might help your personal Captain.

Ever want to learn to fly? Then you need to become a member of our Pine Mountain Lake flying club which

owns a Cessna 172. This is a great training aircraft and is also useful for flying to all those faraway places you have always dreamed about flying to. Sound interesting? Then check out their web site at <http://www.pmlaeroclub.com>.

Our June meeting is planned for Saturday, June 2nd, at Mel and Suzanne McGowans hangar, 6 PM, also a pot luck. Commander Kenny Fields USN retired & Colonel George Marrett USAF retired will speak on

The Rescue of Streetcar 304.

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

Friends of the Lake May Plans

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON

Rich Hathaway, presided over Friends of the Lake's first event of the season on April 15th at Lake Lodge. We had a delicious potluck dinner and enjoyed an excellent presentation on the geology of PML by local geologist Jim Goodrich. Jim explained how millions of years of geological turmoil resulted in the land we have today, and the gold that was found here. It was a very interesting and educational evening.

Now that it's May, we all look forward to getting back on the lake. Be sure to register your boat or get your fishing license and be ready to go!

The next Friends of the Lake event is Sunday, May 20 at 5:00pm at Lake Lodge. Our topic will be the amphibians of the Tuolumne River and water flow is managed to protect them. Our speaker is Bill Sears from SF Water. Bill is the Tuolumne River Science and Policy Analyst for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. Those of you who heard Bill speak last year know how knowledgeable and entertaining his presentation will be.

On July 7, Friends of the Lake is organizing the annual boat parade



Bill Sears speaks on May 20.

on Pine Mountain Lake. This year the theme is "an historic event." Registration forms for the boat parade will be available at the marina store in June.

We invite you to join Friends of the Lake. Membership is open to anyone interested in the health, safety and equitable use of Pine Mountain Lake. Annual dues are just \$10/single or \$20/family. Please mail your check with your email address to Friends of the Lake, PO Box 591, Groveland, CA 95321, or you can join at the May meeting.

PML Lady Niners Looking for Women Golfers

BY CYNDY KROUT

The Lady Niners are looking for women golfers who would like to play nine holes of golf on Thursdays with a great bunch of ladies. One has to be a resident of PML and has to have a score of 80 or less for nine holes. Yes, I said 80 on 9 holes. We invite you to come play with us as a guest and you can also play to establish your handicap. Establishing your handicap is easy

as you just play 10 rounds of nine holes and turn in the cards.

We have a lot of fun as a group and this includes occasional breakfasts or lunches and the opportunity to play others courses and participate in Team Play with other nine hole clubs.

If you are interested in learning more or joining please contact Nancy Whitefield (962-5348) or Stacie Brown (962-5129).

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
TO ALL MOMS!**

PML Lady Niners for March

BY CYNDY KROUT

As they say March came in like a lion and went out like a lamb. We were rained out on March first and then again on the ninth. A couple of hardy people showed up to play on those dates but not enough for an official game. So, on March sixth we had putts day as well as playing the combo tees with 12 players. In order of place first thru fifth was Stacie Brown, Sarah Zimmerman, Barbara Haiges, Pat Van Gerpen and a tie for fifth with Linda Craig, Darlene Haagland and Pat Price. While out there putting Sarah also got a par on #14 and was low net for the week and Stacie on got a par on #16. Darlene Hoagland got a birdie on #14.

Next day we got to play was on the 22nd and we played Bingo. First place of the 12 players with each having a blackout included Darlene H., Flo Jansen, Bev Oakley and Cyndy. Second place with 6 Bingos was Judy Michaelis and Pat VG. Low net for this week was shared by Darlene H., and Flo.

And then on the 29th we played Odd Holes with 16 ladies. Karen Dickson came in first and Marilyn Alexander in second. Third place was a tie with Linn Faler and Bev O. and another tie for fourth with Barb H., Darlene H. and Cyndy. Flo came in alone in fifth. Stacie got a par on #17 and Bev O chipped in on #15 while Karen D. was hitting low net.

We had a meeting following play that Stacie called to go over a lot of current happenings with the Niners. There is a lot going on in the next few weeks and all the officers and chairs updated us on these events.

In May we will be at 8 AM tee times and will be starting Eclectic on the 10th. The 18-holers have invited us to a tournament on the 17th starting at 9 AM with lunch following. Another date to watch for is on the 23rd when we play at 8 AM on Wednesday. Then we will be hosting Team Play on the 31st. Be sure to check the board and sign up in advance for all these events.

PML Men's Nine Hole Golf Club

BY WALT BALES



I think I found why PML has so many deer. Is it just me or does the Buck have a smile on his face?

Sorry guys, I don't have any information on the rules of the game or instructions on how to play a better game of golf, except maybe to keep your head up. You probably won't play better but you will enjoy the views.

MARCH RESULTS

3/07/12 Par Three

First flight: Roger Peterson and Felix Gshwend

Second flight: John Klink and Rich Eckmand

3/14/12 Rained out

3/21/12 Four Man Best Ball

First: Bob Oakley, Felix Gswend, and George Young

Second: 11 way tie

3/28/12 Rained out

MAY EVENTS CALENDAR**Cinco De Mayo – May 5th****Mother's Day Brunch – May 13th****Wine Tasting & Dinner Buffet – May 17th****5-5****SATURDAY****Cinco De Mayo at The Grill**

Come celebrate Cinco De Mayo with lunch and/or dinner at The Grill.

Famous house tacos, Rib Eye with chimichurri sauce, Mexican cerveza, Margaritas, and Mexican Coffee. Call 962-8638 for reservations.

5-12**SATURDAY****PML Flea Market**

Come celebrate Cinco De Mayo with lunch and/or dinner at The Grill.

Famous house tacos, Rib Eye with chimichurri sauce, Mexican cerveza, Margaritas, and Mexican Coffee. Call 962-8638 for reservations.

5-13**SUNDAY @ 9AM, 11AM, 1PM****Mother's Day Champagne**

Brunch – Prime Rib, Baked Ham, Eggs Benedict, omelet station, salads, sides, baked goods, desserts, and glass of champagne (21+). All-you-can-eat buffet \$35 pp. 65+ \$29. Children 6 – 12 \$15, kids 5 and under Free! 962-8638 for reservations.

5-13**SUNDAY • 6PM****Benefit Concert for the**

Little House – At Groveland Seventh Day Adventist Church. Enjoy an evening of music. Money raised will benefit the Little House programs and is sponsored by the Groveland Seventh Day Adventist Church and Mountain Lutheran Church.

5-17**THURSDAY • 5-7:30****Wine Tasting & Dinner Buffet**

Young's Market will feature Wines from various wineries and regions. Cuban style pork buffet dinner and dessert. Featured wines available for purchase at discounted prices this night only. \$23 plus tax. Reservations are required, so make yours today at 962-8638.

5-19**SATURDAY • 4PM****8th Annual STCHS Wine Cruise**

STCHS will host its 8th Annual Wine Tasting Cruise with all proceeds to benefit the Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum and other STCHS projects. The cost is \$45 per person (Tickets must be purchased in advance.) Available at the Museum and Yosemite Bank.

5-25**FRIDAY****Joni Morris' salute to Patsy Cline**

At the Groveland Hotel. Tickets are \$19 each for this more intimate, acoustic style show. This show has won standing ovations in Las Vegas. Come for an intimate night with the Music of Patsy Cline as only Joni can deliver! Call 962-4000 for tickets.

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**COMING IN JUNE****June 1st & 2nd**

Friday & Saturday

Styrofoam Collection Days
at Groveland Fire Department

June 3rd

Sunday

Where the Hell is Groveland Car Show
at Mary Laveroni Park

June 7, 8 & 9th

2012 Mother Lode Invitational Golf Tournament

June 23rd

Saturday

2012 Music Festival
at The PML Stables

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE LOUNGE**MAY**

Friday, May 4th
Showtime Karaoke

Saturday, May 5th
DYNAMO

Saturday, May 12th
ROCKSLIDE

Saturday, May 26th
THE HILLS BROTHERS BAND

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

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 Michelene at 209/962-4467.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM

Groveland Christian Church

Foote Street, Groveland

Blood pressure readings

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

Book Sale

Every Saturday 10am - 2pm

Downstairs at the Groveland Library

Gently used books at great prices; all proceeds benefit the Groveland Library.

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.

Bridge (Duplicate) at the Lake Lodge

2nd & 4th Thursdays

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

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

“High Country Line Dancers”

The High Country Line Dancers meet every Tuesday at the Community Hall at 7:00 p.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) 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the transient parking at the PML Airport. Contact Ken Helling at 962-7597 if you have questions.

Kiwanis Meetings

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

Library Hours

The Groveland Branch Library is open

Tue-Thu: 1:00-6:00 pm; Fri-Sat: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

CLOSED Sunday and Monday

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

Sonora Senior Center

Lunch Served Weekdays from 12:00 to 12:30

No Reservations Required

533-2622

540 Greenley Rd., Sonora

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.

Strength for Life

Every Tuesday and Thursday

at The Little House at 10:30 am

List your On-Going Activity here. (Nonprofit, PML Clubs or activities, and Community Organizations only)

Benefit Concert for The Little House

BY SYDNEY AVEY

Groveland’s faith community continues to be avid supporters of The Little House. On Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 13 at 6 pm, the Groveland Seventh Day Adventist Church will co-host a concert to benefit The Little House, The concert will be held at the SDA church on 19585 Elder Lane. Mountain Lutheran Church in Groveland is the other co-host. The Little House stands to get a big boost from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, who have agreed to match the funds raised at the event up to \$1,000! Thrivent provides funding for community care programs and has contributed thousands of dollars over the past nine years to The Little House and its parent organization, Southside Seniors.

Carl and Louane Anderson are the concert organizers. The musical evening will feature pianist Ed Wagner of Mariposa and other musical talent. Following the free concert refreshments will be served and a LOVE offering will be received with 100 percent of the proceeds going to The Little House. The money will be used to operate the two-year-old center that provides health, recreation, learning and social activities to the senior and active adult members of our community.

While the County provides the building that houses The Little House programs, it falls to our community to fund the operating expenses. The Little House has a modest operating budget

Where The Hell is Groveland Car Show

BY CAROLE SMITH

The eleventh annual “Where The Hell is Groveland” Car Show will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2012 beginning at 8:00 a.m. As usual, we expect to have lots of fun (despite any rain that might fall!).

We will be having a Poker Run on Saturday, June 2, 2012 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Mary Laveroni Park. We will travel to Evergreen Lodge and back, making several stops along the way. Our current Plans are to have a no-host lunch

of approximately \$25,000 a year. The initial grant that got the facility up and going has run out and sustaining the organization is a challenge.

Come enjoy an evening of music. Make it a family night, a date night

at Evergreen Lodge. Further details will be forthcoming on this.

Sunday, we will have music, food and fun. Come join us for this popular event and remember that all monies raised during this event are given back to the community. Last year we contributed to our pre-school and this year we will contribute to scholarships at our elementary and high school. Visit GrovelandCarShow.com for more details.

or an evening out with friends. Your generous donation will ensure that programs that help people stay vibrant and healthy will continue to exist on the hill.

From Your Tuolumne County District Supervisor

JOHN GRAY, TUOLUMNE COUNTY 4TH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

At the April 2nd Board of Supervisors meeting, County Administrator, Craig Pedro, delivered a multiyear forecast in an attempt to indicate what the county might expect by way of the economy and our future financial performance.

Mr. Pedro cited several sources to obtain a general gauge as to the course of the national economy. The bottom line is that economic recovery on the national level is still a ways off. The housing market is showing slight improvement and it may take well into 2013 and perhaps even into 2015 for us to see the signs of recovery.

At the state level, the experts feel that unemployment will remain elevated for the next couple of years. Governor Brown's solution to solve the state's estimated \$9 Billion deficit involves three components:

- Ask the voters to approve a 1/4 percent sales tax increase which would "sunset" after 2016
- Increase the income tax rate on upper income Californians through 2018 (It's worth noting that the top 1% of personal income tax filers currently pay around 40% of the State's total income tax)

(Both #1 and #2 will appear on the November 2012 ballot and would solve approximately \$4.7 Billion of the projected deficit.)

- Make several program cuts, the most significant of which would be CAL Works, a program that provides cash for financial assistance and employment services for low income residents and to subsidize child care programs. This program has been very successful in getting people off welfare and back to work. In my opinion this cut will cost more than it saves.

Over the past four years the community (both the public and private sector) have worked individually and collectively to improve factors to make Tuolumne County a more attractive place in which existing businesses will thrive and new businesses will invest. Evidence of this came in the recent California Association of Local Economic Development (CALED) Professional Advisory Service Report which praised the advances our community and county government have made in this area. There is indeed a sense that the local economy has begun to stabilize. Visit

the Tuolumne County web page at www.co.tuolumne.ca.us to review the report in its entirety.

Even with a little light at the end of the tunnel it does not mean that all local economy is healthy but we are going in the right direction. We need to continue to follow the strategies that our combined efforts have outlined and set forth as a plan for the future. The Board of Supervisors has had to make difficult decisions. The hard work and sacrifices made by our managers, employees and other elected officials are paying off. We will be ending this budget cycle with a surplus of approximately \$2.9 M.

It is anticipated that \$514,000 of the "one time" money will be used to do additional road repair. Because of sound fiscal management, the County is facing a relatively small deficit in fiscal year 2012-2013, but, we may have larger problems in following years if the economy does not rebound.

The Board of Supervisors has agreed on the following strategies:

- Redouble our emphasis on a commitment to economic development
- Pursue our legislative platforms and to continue to pursue road funding
- Pursue key elements of the 5 Year Plan
- Continue to follow Board adopted budget policies
- Balance annual operating budgets without use of "one time" money
- Use "one time" money for "one time" things (i.e. debt, reserves, liabilities, equipment, plant infrastructure)
- Maintain non earmarked General Fund Contingencies
- Prioritize public safety and road maintenance services
- Match Federal and State funding reduction with commensurate cuts
- Follow the plan/ strategies that have guided us this far
- Economize wherever possible
- Target reductions where volume dictates

- Eliminate services the private sector can provide

- Streamline and cut costs by reorganization

- Reduce costs of the existing labor force through bargaining

- Program and labor force reductions

We will move forward in all 5 major categories listed above to form the 2012-2013 County Budget. This approach has been successful over the last 3 budget cycles.

There is no easy fix but we are ever aware of the needs of the community and are constantly on the alert in seeking ways to improve our situation. Prior actions have not solved the entire problem and more actions will be needed to ensure that the county budget remains balanced as we move forward. A strong economy will help.

We have been notified by the State Finance Department that the sale of approximately 5 acres of Justice Center property to the State has been approved. The Justice Center and its related activities have been a topic of conversation for many of our County residents over the past several years. It is very important for everyone to understand that the building of the new court house on the Justice Center property IS NOT a County project. The State will own the property and the court house and the State will fund the project and pay all costs for the construction and on-going maintenance elements for this facility. The land, approximately 5 acres in size, will be purchased from the County by the State for approximately \$800,000.

Some recent good news from California Dept of Transportation is that they will be doing about \$10,000,000 in road repair work in Tuolumne County. The following list shows scheduled improvement areas.

- Intersection lighting at the intersection of Chicken Ranch Road and Highway 108
- Intersection lighting at J59 and Highway 108, with an east bound acceleration lane to be added
- Turn out on Highway 49 from Moccasin to Mariposa
- Culvert replacement in Groveland

and Big Oak Flat

- Highway 132 pavement overlay from Stanislaus County Line to Highway 49

We have been working on the intersection lighting for nearly 3 years and are seeing this project agreed to and scheduled on the calendar...We are pleased with the announcement and find that although it seems that requests can fall on deaf ears, there are those behind the scene that have taken our requests to heart and produced positive results...

The State does listen sometimes!

As always, please feel welcome to contact me to discuss matters that are important to you.

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Grandparenting

BY DR. ETTY GARBER

It is not uncommon in many parts of the world today and in the past for grandparents to raise their grandchildren. Parents facing economic difficulties, job loss, drug or alcohol problems and relationship turmoil can create an unstable and unhealthy home life for their children. It is painful for parents to recognize that their children cannot thrive in that type of atmosphere and often as a last resort go to their parents for help. Sometimes the separation of children and parents can be just temporary depending on the nature of the problems. Unfortunately, sometimes the placement with the grandparents is long term. This may also include very little or no contact between parent and child. In either case, this creates painful separation anxiety and depression for both. Often times children are too young to be told or would not understand what or why this happening. Their emotional responses and behavior reflect their feelings of anger, confusion, resentment and a great deal of fear. Their parents' emotional responses are much the same with the addition of guilt.

The parents are very fortunate if they have parents who are physically, emotionally and financially capable of providing a comfortable home for their grandchildren. Sadly, this may not always be the case, but when there are few or no other acceptable options, grandparents will take the children in anyway. Cynthia and Don loved their grandsons dearly and when their daughter told them that she was homeless and addicted to drugs, their response was, "We will not let our grandsons live on the street with you and your drug

friends and we don't want to have them put in foster care with people they don't know, so we will take them home with us."

Their decision is made out of love and self sacrifice. They soon recognize it means starting over raising a child/children when they are not as young as they were the first time around. One grandmother lamented, "Been there, done that and now I have to start all over again. I know that I will have less energy and stamina to deal with all that goes into raising a child. "

They face internal emotional conflict providing full time care for grandkids, between wanting to help their own child in a time of need and their own plans for retirement.

This requires a complete change in thinking, life direction and added responsibilities. The time clock is turned upside down.

They know this is crucial because the child's welfare is at stake and there could be life long negative consequences.

A major adjustment must be made by all parties concerned. It will not be easy or smooth but they are willing and hopefully able to do what needs to be done, even if it is difficult or inconvenient.

Remember you have more wisdom and experience now. You have done it before and you can do it even better now. What can compare to the happiness and love of a child? Ultimately, the rewards may be worth more than the cost.

You are not alone. There are many grandparents in the community who are raising their grandchildren. It may be helpful to form a support group. If you are interested I would be happy to help.

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Museum Happenings

BY PEGGY ANDREWS

Daylight Savings Time brought us longer days and new spring and summer hours for the museum. New hours are Sunday to Thursday 1pm to 4:30 pm, Friday and Saturday 10 am to 4:30 pm. With the extended hours comes the need for more docents. Your commitment can be once a month or as often as you have time and will be greatly appreciated.

The museum now has a new Point of Sale System, making sales and record keeping much easier. Mother's Day is just around the corner and the museum store has wonderful gifts for the mothers on your list.

Those of you who missed Marc Fossum's program on the Well Fargo/ Gamble Block can, in the near future, check out or purchase the DVD copy. The museum has copies of most, if not all, of the STCHS' past monthly

programs to purchase or borrow. They make great gifts for friends who have moved off the hill or for the Gold County historian in the family.

Also available at the museum are Memorial Paver Bricks, a thoughtful and lasting way to honor loved ones and friends and support the museum. The bricks form a pleasant an outdoor sitting area to the right of the walkway to the main entrance.

Order forms are available in the museum store for the 8th Annual STCHS Wine Tasting Cruise. Tickets must be purchased in advance, no tickets will be available at the door.

If you haven't visited the museum in a while, come in and see the changes that have been made in the last few months. Also pick up your mail in order forms for the 8th Annual STCHS Wine Cruise on May 19th.

May Birding Trip

BY JEANNE RIDGLEY

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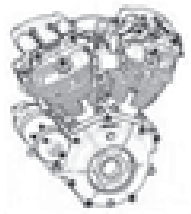
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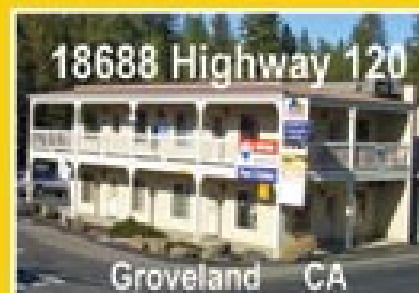
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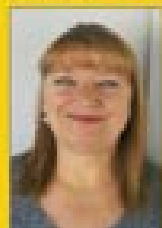
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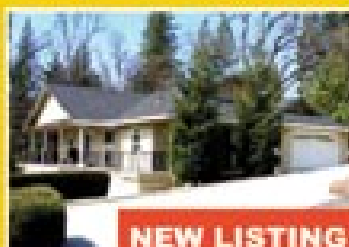
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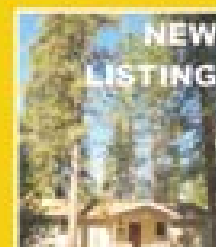
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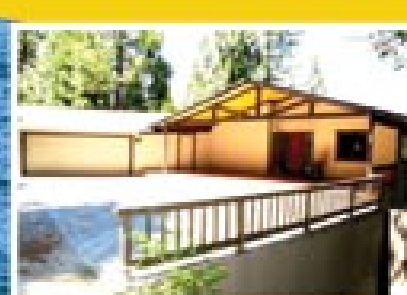
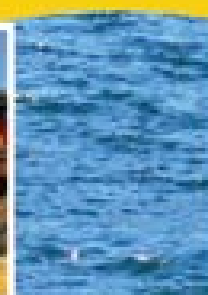
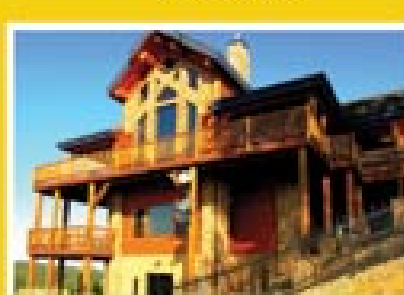


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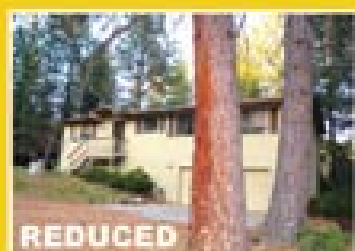


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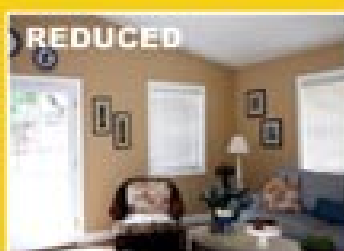
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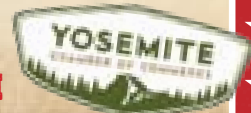
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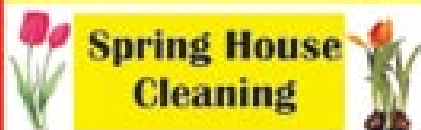
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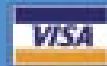


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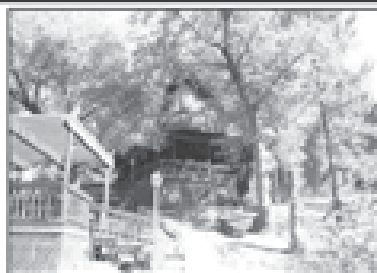


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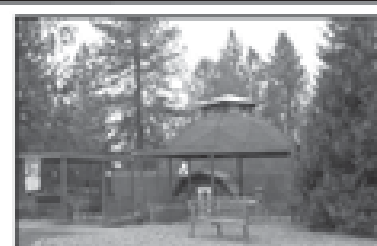
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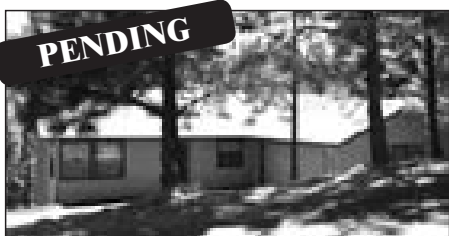
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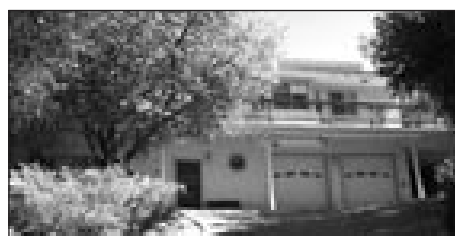


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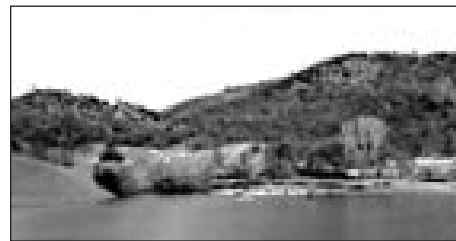
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May is for Mothers and Memories

BY JONI GERKING

May is another one of my favorite months of the year. Yosemite Valley is lovely with dogwood blossoms, waterfalls and fine temperatures. Most of the time all the pieces come together; we spend part of Mother's Day in the park, then return for a celebratory meal. I'm a happy momma having spent the day with the people I love best.

That's the whole point, isn't it? Mother's Day is all about giving recognition, sharing gratitude and joy with one who helped us grow into healthy adults. Perhaps the person is someone other than a biological parent. The opportunity stands to show our appreciation to the woman or women who influenced our lives.

If the special woman in your life enjoys eating out with the people she loves, The Cellar Door Restaurant's

Chef Michael has prepared a spectacular menu for Mother's Day Brunch Buffet from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and equally delicious Mother's Day Dinner from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Mothers receive a fresh rose, and brunch begins with roast beef or ham carved to order, lemon butter prawns, roasted rosemary red potatoes, eggs Benedict, omelets to order, Yukon potatoes and gravy, seasonal vegetables, Belgian waffles, strawberry and asparagus salad, strawberry shortcake, house made decadent brownies, juices, coffee and a sparkling Mimosa for each adult. We've ordered nice weather for the day in hopes you may relax in our lovely Courtyard Garden, but if Mother Nature disagrees, we'll have plenty of room inside. Find the full Mother's Day Brunch and Dinner

menus on our website at: <http://groveland.com/events>

The end of May brings the tourist season and warm summer nights are close behind. Each year The Groveland Hotel provides concerts via its Yosemite Courtyard Cabaret. The 2012 season begins Friday night, May 25 with Joni Morris' salute to Patsy Cline. This year's show is a more intimate, acoustic style. Hear Joni's tribute to the Music of Patsy Cline as many heard her in the early years accompanied only by guitar. This new and more acoustic version of the show has won standing ovations in Las Vegas. Come for an intimate night with the Music of Patsy Cline as only Joni can deliver! Dance to your best loved songs!

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Cellar Door Restaurant opens at 5:30; make it a real night out with dinner and the show!

Upcoming concerts are: June 16 - The Beatles Experience with Paperback Writer, July 27 - Eagles Tribute by Life In The Fast Lane, August 10 - The Perfect Gentlemen's hilarious Vaudeville Show, and September 7 - Tribute to Tim McGraw with Tom Drinnon.

You will find the Yosemite Courtyard Cabaret schedule with a complete listing of ticket prices, dates and times on our website at: <http://groveland.com/events> Make your concert picks and get your tickets early! Each concert has just one ticket price and early reservations get choicest seats. Contact us for reservations online, by email: guestservices@groveland.com and by phone: 209-962-4000 or 800-273-3314.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Tandoori Chicken

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

Our latest of many diets that we have been on is the "Dukan Diet", which starts out with an "attack phase" of eating nothing but lean and low fat proteins. We were inspired to try this diet by a couple of gals who work in town (Shari and Nancy) that are both slimming up very quickly. The tough thing about this diet, though, is keeping your meals interesting when you can't cook with fats, oil, sugars, or carbohydrates. But we like a challenge, and we found some great Indian cuisine recipes that work well for this diet; this is one of our favorites.

INGREDIENTS

2 Tbsp Canola Oil
6 med Garlic Cloves, minced or pressed
2 Tbsp Fresh Ginger, grated
1 Tbsp Garam Masala (see note)
2 tsp Ground Cumin
2 tsp Chili Powder

1 cup Plain Yogurt
4 Tbsp Lime Juice- divided
2 tsp Salt
3 pounds Bone-in, Skin-on Chicken Thighs; or Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breasts

DIRECTIONS

1 Heat oil in small skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add garlic and ginger and cook just until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add garam masala, cumin, and chili powder; continue to cook until fragrant, 30 to 60 seconds longer. Transfer half of garlic spice mixture to medium bowl and stir in the yogurt and 2 TB lime juice and set aside.

2 In a large bowl combine remaining garlic spice mixture, 2 TB lime juice, and salt. Using a sharp knife, lightly score skinned side of each piece of chicken, making 2 or 3 shallow cuts about 1 inch apart and about 1/8

inch deep; transfer chicken to large bowl with spices and rub the slat spice mixture evenly on all pieces of chicken. Let sit at room temp for 30 minutes.

3 Adjust oven rack to upper middle position and heat oven to 325 degrees. Pour yogurt mixture over chicken and toss until chicken pieces are coated with thick layer. Arrange chicken pieces, scored side down on wire rack set in foil lined cookie sheet. Discard excess yogurt mixture. Bake chicken until instant -read thermometer inserted into thickest part reads 125 degrees for breast and 130 for thighs, 15 to 25 minutes. Smaller pieces take longer so transfer then to a plate while the other pieces bake to their needed temperature.

4 After removing the chicken from the oven turn oven to broil and heat 10 minutes. Once broiler is heated



flip chicken pieces over and broil until chicken is lightly charred in spots and the instant-read thermometer registers 158 for breasts and 170 for legs and thighs, 8 to 15 minutes. Remove from oven and light cover chicken with foil and let it rest for five minutes before serving.

Note: If you cant find Garam Masala, substitute with 2 tsp ground coriander, 1/4 tsp ground cardamom, 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon, and 1/2 tsp ground black pepper.

If you have questions about this recipe, contact Tom Knoth of Two Little Pigs Catering at 209-962-5838.

Mother Lode 2012 News

BY TOM BICKMORE

All competitors in the past few years have had an opportunity to reserve their spot in this year's event! As the recent articles have stated it's time to think outside the box. As of now all flights are open to Property Owner and if you have additional non-property owner friends you can advise them we will accept teams of guests. The Guest teams will pay an additional \$100.00 for their entry. We will fill the field this year (72) teams. Don't miss out! Postmarks will determine your spot.

Platinum Division Challenge

The Saisi Brothers (AKA Ronnie and Big Al) have issued a challenge to all the low indexes out there, they will prevail in this years as Ron coined it Brother Lode!

Questions/Contact:

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Relay For Life

BY SANDY SMITH

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY is sponsoring Relay For Life at Sonora High School this year on Saturday May 5th and Sunday May 6th. The theme is international family. Groveland Kiwanis team will be represented by Gloria Stevens, Jim Litke, and Sandy Smith. They will be walking for survivors, those fighting, and family & friends who have lost their battle with cancer.

One of those whom we will be walking for is little one year old Kailey

who has been in the hospital for 3 months fighting leukemia, and still has 3 months to go before she can go home. The opportunity to help, using your pledges is most gratifying. Thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to sponsor one of the team members, there is still time. Checks are to be made out to American Cancer Society. The donation is tax deductible. Please contact Sandy Smith at 962- 4950

Quilters Corner

BY SANDY SMITH

The Pine Needlers Quilt Guild meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. We meet under the library at 6:00p.m. The meeting this month will be on the 15th.

Have you ever had trouble choosing just the right color white for a quilt? Here is a rule of thumb, ideally it should not be whiter than your teeth. Interesting?

A helpful hint: One drop of sewing machine oil on the screw assembly of your scissors make them just like new.

Have you noticed where "Opie" the opportunity quilt is residing this month? Take a little stroll downtown in the fresh air and see if you can find him. Opie has been to the banks, Rebekah breakfast, Bearly Quilting as well as other places.

The Block Party will be on Thursday May 17th @1 p.m. Come and join us at Deanas while we make the little quilts for CNVC. A real pat on the back for Kyle Shatraw and her daughter Savannah for all the quilts they have sewn, put together, and tied. Thanks also to Mary Brown, Judy McKinnon, and Carol Willmon. Call

me if you need directions.

Speaking of blocks here is block #4 - Louisiana. By 1860, the population of Louisiana exceeded 700,00, and a class system based on plantations with slave labor had developed. Plantation grown crops included indigo, rice, and tobacco. Indigo-blue became a popular dye for quilt fabrics because of its colorfastness.

Determined to establish themselves outside the confines of slavery, many blacks began to emigrate west, but even greater numbers came after the Civil War.

The wheel in the block gives a sense of movement as in slow-moving wagons and by the blowing wind.

Come on out to Guild meeting on the 15th, at 6 p.m. under the library. Great group of ladies, wonderful show and tell and cookies too!

Only a year to go until the 2013 Stroll. Seems like quite a ways away but it will be here before you know it. Enjoy the process! See you on the 15th.

2012 MOTHER LODE INVITATIONAL JUNE 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH ENTRY FORM

**Property Owner _____ Unit/Lot _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Home Club _____

*GHIN/NCGA # _____ E-Mail Address _____

Guest Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Home Club _____

*GHIN/NCGA # _____ E-Mail Address _____

*Note: Your low index from 7/1/11 – 6/01/12 will be used for Tournament Handicapping (Gold and Silver Flights)

Entry Fees Deadline is May 1, 2012. No refunds after May 15, 2012

Team Entry Fee: \$500.00 (\$476 w/cart annual)

****\$600.00 (Guest/Guest Team)**

Extra Dinners: _____ @ \$ 35.00 _____

Total Paid _____

Registration for the Horse Race will be before your Practice Round on Thursday, June 7th in the Golf Shop

Make Checks Payable to:
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The Soroptimist Scene

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

Mark Truppner of radio station KVML recently interviewed SIG Past President and chairperson Linda Hunter regarding our recently held Family Wellness Faire. On April 10, nearly 300 people from our community took advantage of obtaining free medical advice and screenings by our generous exhibitors from the medical community. In addition to our SIG team who organized this event, Tioga's "S" club members took time out of their Spring break to help serve refreshments to our visitors. These young women included Brianna Deckard, Sabrina Deckard, Katelyn Douth, Sam Hindle, Kristi Mitchell and Taylor Powell. We thank them for their great service and terrific attitude.

In order to present community services, such as the Family Wellness Faire, we need your support for our next event – the second annual "Summerfest." We think you will be anxious to attend, so mark the date on your calendar.

SUMMERFEST

DATE: Saturday, July 21, 2012



The Wellness Faire was a big success again this year.

TIME: 4:00PM – 8:00PM

LOCATION: PML Stables

- Food & Beverages
- Games for kids of all ages
- Great auction items
- Great setting for a folks to eat and enjoy the company of family and friends
- Dancing
- And, of course – a great way to contribute to the many community services presented by SIG

Each month, we invite ladies to attend our meetings, meet our members



and get a feel for our organization. This summer we will be meeting at a temporary venue.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Location: Library Lower Level

Date: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month

Time: 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Luncheon: We will be "sharing our goodwill" by inviting several of our local caterers to rotate providing meals. Although you are not obligated to dine with us, but we would love to see you

there to learn more about Soroptimist.

SIG's annual Award Luncheon on May 15 is shaping up. The committee has interviewed candidates and notifications have been sent out to the winners. We don't want to give away any secrets – look for our winners in next month's article.

SIG has thrown their hat in the ring for the '49er Festival – now the churning of ideas begins for our parade entry. We also will have an informational booth at the festival.

The year is winding down for President Jeanne Brunk and her board. There are members filling scrapbooks with pictures of the events this year, there are roasts being written, there is a newly elected board – and the beat goes on for planning our service projects for the Groveland community.

Our mission is improving the lives of women and girls in our community and throughout the world. If YOU have an interest in helping your community, in meeting some really terrific women and having a great time, call Jeanne Brunk at 962-6276.

27th Annual Coyote Howl & Car Show

BY DALE SILVERMAN

The 27th Annual Coyote Howl & Car Show is just a few weeks away! There are still a few days left to sign on as a sponsor or to obtain a booth, join the parade or enter the car show. Advance registration ends May 5th. Just call 209-878-3015 or email info@coultervillemuseum.org or download the appropriate form at: coultervillemuseum.org.

The fun gets started early on Saturday, May 19th at 10 a.m. beginning with a parade down Main St., ending at the Coulterville Park where you can check out the various antique and classic cars and vote for your favorite, keep time to the music of Keith Keenom and the Mountain Fever Band, check out the various vendors, and pit your personal best coyote howl against those of other coyote howlers! All this takes place from 10 am 'till 4 pm, with free admission for

Golf Tournament Benefits Free Mobile Clinic

BY GAIL WITZLSTEINER

Sonora Regional Medical Center's 16th Annual Golf Classic will be held on Wednesday, June 6 at Saddle Creek Resort in Copperopolis. All proceeds from the tournament go toward funding Sonora Regional Medical Center's Project HOPE, a free mobile health clinic serving people in the community who typically do not have health insurance. The clinic is available twice a week at the Crossroads Shopping Center in Sonora and once

everyone! In addition to the various food and soft drink options available, this year the Thom Jenkins VFW post 9454 will have a beer booth in the park...just the thing to get some of our adult participant's vocal cords warmed up!

Top the fun filled day off with a night of dining and dancing starting at 5:30 pm in the Coulter Café's garden, where the Dyna-Mo band will be belting out hip hoppin' vintage Rock 'N Roll.

a week during the school year, for students, at Columbia College.

"This year's tournament is shaping up to be one of our best ever," says Gail Witzlsteiner, Sonora Regional Medical Center Foundation director. "Many sponsors are stepping up early to lend their support to Project HOPE." Witzlsteiner says that anyone interested in participating in the tournament by playing or forming a foursome should contact her soon. "This is a very popular event, as players are guaranteed a great day for a great cause."

The 2011 Golf Classic raised more than \$47,000 for Project HOPE and included more than 144 golfers and 60 sponsors. Early sponsorship commitments have been received from:

Tournament Sponsors Black Oak Casino and Sonora Hills; Corporate Sponsors Adventist Health, Affiliates in Imaging, Chicken Ranch Bingo, Clarke Broadcasting Corporation, Oak Valley Community Bank and

Sierra Cardiology; Major Sponsors Blue Mountain Minerals, Eric Freedman, MD-Advanced Urology, Front Porch and Sierra Emergency Medical Group.

In addition, Sonora Subaru will sponsor the Hole-in-One Contest, in which Golfers will play to win a 2012 model Subaru. Delta Blood Bank will sponsor the Longest "Blood Drive."

The 2012 Golf Classic organizing committee is chaired by Joe Silva, County Superintendent of Schools, and includes the following local business and community leaders: Bill Brandt, Katie Dunn, Larry Jobe, E.J. Jones, Bob Laukat, Lisa Mayo, Jim Mele, Lisa Melville, Tom Nischwitz, Anne Patel, Mark Steichen, Gail Witzlsteiner and Cindy Zelinsky.

Businesses and individuals who would like to sponsor, play, donate and/or volunteer to work at the event should call Gail at Sonora Regional Medical Center's Foundation Office at 536-5029.

Your Community Fire Department

BY FIRE CHIEF SHANE WARNER

Let's reflect back on some of the great progress our community fire department has made since its inception. From its earliest history, the towns of Groveland and Big Oak Flat were served by an all-volunteer fire department. As the population and needs increased, and through the community's support, we now have a full-time, full-service fire department.

In 1986, a used fire engine was acquired and for the first time a full-time fire chief was hired to manage the fire department and its volunteers. As money allowed, we began to upgrade the apparatus and equipment. Fire station 1 was constructed in 1988, and the first full-time firefighter was hired. Additional equipment was needed, and in 1989, a used 1969 fire engine was purchased.

A second full-time firefighter joined the ranks in 1990 and both firefighters became qualified as driver/operators to transport the engine and operate the pump on the fire apparatus. The full-time staff set up training standards for the volunteers to be achieved as they had time in their busy lives. The fire department was re-evaluated by the Insurance Service Office (ISO). The ISO rating was protection class 7/9. However, with the full-time personnel and the newer apparatus, the ISO protection class rating was lowered to 5/9. This was great news because of the potential savings for homeowner's insurance rates. ISO assigns public protection class with a numbering system from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents an exemplary fire suppression program (typically, a well-funded urban department) and a Class 10 indicates that the area's fire

suppression program does not meet ISO's minimum criteria (many rural volunteer fire departments fall into this category).

The following items are what ISO considers during their evaluation.

- Fire alarm and communication systems, including telephone systems, telephone lines to dispatch, staffing, and dispatching systems (10% of the score)
- The fire department, including equipment, staffing, training, and geographic distribution of fire companies (50% of the score)
- The water supply system, including condition and maintenance of hydrants, alternative water supply, and a careful evaluation of the amount of available water on hand compared with the amount needed to suppress fires up to 2500 gallons per minute (40% of the score)

In the years between 1990 and 2000, a new engine was purchased to replace one of the engines in the aging fleet of apparatus. Other equipment was found to be a safety issue so new self-contained breathing apparatus and personal protective clothing were purchased in an effort to keep the firefighters safe

during emergency calls. A small rescue squad was purchased to carry special tools, such as the Jaws of Life, low angle rope rescue gear, and swift water rescue equipment. A third full-time engineer was hired based on the increasing call volume and the firefighters began 24/7 coverage with one lone firefighter per shift. This was a huge step for the fire department and the community

because it enabled the fire personnel to respond more quickly to emergency calls.

In October of 2007, it had been seventeen years since ISO had evaluated the fire department. Even though there were now stricter guidelines due to state and federal mandates, the fire department kept its rating of 5/9. This was great news because in a Fire Master Plan performed earlier that year by Citygate Associates they thought we would not keep our ISO rating. However, with dedication and perseverance, the staff improved the fire department programs and staffing between the time the Master Plan was published and ISO did their inspection, enabling the department to keep its current rating.

In late November of 2007, the Fire Department began a reserve firefighter program. These firefighters fill an important role by providing a third, part-time firefighter on each shift. Some reserves come to us highly qualified from CAL Fire, the

Forest Service, the City of Sonora, Tuolumne County Fire Department, and other Special Districts or Fire Departments. Others come as recent graduates of fire academies looking for experience to apply what they have learned. This reserve program makes it possible to stay within the budget while maintaining the high level of service attributed to the Groveland Fire Department. Having a third person on duty has broadened the scope of what the fire department can do on initial attack in fire situations, vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, public service assists, and the day-to-day operations of the fire station.

In, March of 2008 the fire department submitted a vehicle acquisition grant request through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). We were notified on November 28, 2008 that we were successful in receiving the grant! The fire department then released bid documents to 11 manufacturing companies for bid proposals. Pierce Manufacturing built our engine in 2009 at their Appleton, Wisconsin plant.

Currently, the Groveland Fire Department's full-time staff is assisted by a vital and active volunteer and reserve program. The department covers 14.7 square miles including Groveland, Pine Mountain Lake, and Big Oak Flat. Groveland Fire responds to medical aid calls, vehicle accidents and fires, structure fires, smoke checks, vegetation fires, all other types of fires, and offers public education and assistance. Let's continue to work together for our community.



Annual Rotary Music Festival

BY RUDY MANZO

The annual Rotary Music Festival is right around the corner. Save the date of June 23, as this is when the event will take place out at the PML Equestrian Stables. Come on out and have a great time and listen to some outstanding music. The fun begins

at 2:00 PM and continues until 7:00 PM.

The price of admission is \$25 for adults and \$5.00 for children (10 and under), which includes pulled pork sandwich, chips and beverage. There will also be the usual famous

Rotary Beverage Tent for adults. We will have some excellent wines available for sale by the bottle or by the glass. If you don't like wine then you can purchase your drink of choice. Soft drinks will also be available. Rotarians aim to please.

This year's bands will be the Grammy Award-winning *Now You Have Jazz* and *Remedy* out of Oakdale. This band has been the

opener for bands such as *Papa Do Run Run*, *Mongtrose* and *Eddie Money*. This is a great band and we are certain that you will enjoy their music.

Come out and have a pleasant afternoon and enjoy another Groveland Rotary Fund Raiser. For further information, call Rudy Manzo at 962-5219.

Pine Cone Singers Present "Let There Be Music!"

BY LINELLE MARSHALL

What better way to celebrate Spring than to come to the upcoming Pine Cone Singers concert this month? You have 4 chances to catch one of the choir's performances – Thursday and Friday, May 17 & 18, 7:30 PM, or Saturday and Sunday, May 19 & 20, 2:00 PM. All concerts are at the Groveland Evangelical Free Church on Ferretti Road. Tickets are \$10 advance donation, available in Groveland at Yosemite Bank, Hotel Charlotte, Dori's Tea Cottage, Marijke's, and from any Pine Cone Singer, or \$12 at the door. Children 12 and under are admitted free of charge.

Due to the great response from audiences at the December performances, choral selections will include many numbers that will make use of the musical talents of local musicians Gordon Giedt, Lawrence Drummond, Fred Faiella and Allen Cordle. This talented quartet will also be playing great arrangements

of familiar standards during the intermission. Director Dennis Brown has programmed favorite songs like "Nice and Easy" and "Embraceable You", among others, while a selection of American and folk tunes like "Deep River", "Home on the Range" and "Danny Boy" will take you back to nostalgic days of yore. The chorus will channel the spirit of Marilyn Monroe and Hollywood with "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend", and the audience will be dancing in their seats listening to rhythmic arrangements of "Fly Me To the Moon" and an African-inspired "VoiceDance III"! As always, a number of chorus members are also preparing individual solos and ensemble pieces as an added treat for the audience.

So come help us celebrate the lovely month of May with some great music! For additional information, please contact board President, Gloria Marler, at 209-962-5005.

The Little House Explores The Village Program

BY SYDNEY AVEY

As one of its 2012 initiatives, The Little House is exploring the need for and feasibility of the formation of a "Village" to serve the greater Groveland BOF area. To that end, committee of SSSI board members visited the Ashby Village in Berkeley to learn more about the issues and challenges faced in the formation of that Village program.

"We had a great opportunity to meet with the Executive Director of the Ashby Village in Berkeley to discuss their experience in developing a Village," said Board President Ron Harms.

Ashby Village is one of the Northern CA "villages" that has been operational for two years. The "Village" concept is about people

helping people to continue living in their homes and their communities as they age. The "Village" assists people by coordinating a range of services that are delivered by volunteers and/or paid professionals. Examples of the services provided include transportation, yard maintenance and home services, assistance with computers and technology, shopping, and many others.

More information about Villages that have been formed across the country can be found at vtvnetwork.org.

If you are interested in learning more about the Village program, or if you would like to volunteer to assist in this project, please contact Luci Tyndall at The Little House.

Helping Hands Happenings

BY JOYCE SMITH

We hope you had a Happy Easter. Remember us for your Easter needs next year. We are putting out spring and summer items now that Easter is over. We completed another successful Spring Clothing Giveaway on April 13th & 14th, our 8th year to have this twice a year event. Thanks to participants and Volunteers for making this event possible.

If you need something for the 4th of July, we will have red, white and blue items, so check us out first.

April 13th - 21st was National Volunteer Appreciation Week. Our Helping Hands President Linda Flores gave all volunteers a special thanks for their time and dedication to our organization.

A word or words to our contributors, Thank you. We really do appreciate your clean, in good condition, usable clothing, furniture and household items. You help make all what we do possible. But please, do not leave any items outside the Store or Barn. This is not a pretty sight or a good image for

out town. Donations may be dropped off at Store and Barn during business hours from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.m. (Store, Monday thru Saturday, and Barn, Wednesday thru Saturday.) Thanks for your help!

May already, it is almost time for our Snowbirds to return and we always look forward to their homecoming. We welcome back Karen Dickson after her time off for surgery and welcome new volunteers Ann Toner and Diane Shelby. Ann will work in back and Diane will work 1 day in back and 1 day at the Barn. We are glad to have you join us. Thanks to Volunteer Jan Dycus, who resigned recently to take a full time position elsewhere. We will look forward to seeing Jan when she stops in from time to time.

Dar Brown, "Support our Troops", Chairperson is one busy lady, 52 boxes have been mailed and she is taking on a new project, "Coupons for Troops", for families of active military.

See you in the Store or Barn.




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Photographing the Nighttime Sky – Revisited

BY EDDIE PAVLU, WWW.GROVELANDASTRO.COM

Last month I wrote about a “Nighttime Sky” photograph that featured the alignment of the moon and two bright planets, Jupiter and Venus. This month I will feature a photograph with a well known constellation hanging just above my observatory dome.

Many of the images from the articles that I write in the Pine Mountain Lake Newsletter are taken with the aid of an array of telescopes, telescope mounts, and cameras – but anyone can take beautiful pictures of the evening sky with just about any camera. Taking a photograph after sunset requires some special considerations. First of all, in order to collect enough light, the exposure time will be greater than day-time photographs. Longer exposure times require a very steady camera so the image doesn’t come out blurry. The best way to accomplish this is by using a tripod. If a tripod isn’t available, try setting your camera on a steady location, like a wall or chair, and use the “countdown timer” feature for your camera shutter. Using the countdown timer on your camera will also minimize the shaking that would normally occur when you press down on the shutter button.

Another challenge when taking photographs in low light conditions is camera focus. The auto-focus feature on your camera requires a minimum level of light to operate properly. One trick that I usually use is to focus on a distant bright object so the camera can focus, and then use that focus setting when taking photographs of dim objects that are a similar distance away. If you happen to be using a camera with a manual focus, you can set the focus to infinity.

I took the photograph that’s printed in this newsletter in February 2012 from where my observatory is located in the Groveland area. I used a DSLR digital camera mounted on a tripod. The exposure time was 25 seconds. With this wide field view (24mm focal length, 38mm equivalent on a APS-C sized sensor), 25 seconds is about as long of an exposure that can be used before the stars become elongated. Remember that the sky is in constant motion as the Earth rotates – most



visible as you see the sun move from east to west during the day. This same movement is still happening during the night, it’s just a little harder to notice. If you watch a bright star (or planet) you will notice that it’s moving at about the same pace that you see the sun move across the sky during the day. The one caveat is that objects in the sky that are near our poles don’t move as much as objects that pass overhead. Think about the star Polaris (the North Star), it really doesn’t move at all – at least not an amount that can be perceived with the naked eye.

This is because the poles of the Earth don’t move as fast as the equator. It’s similar to spinning a basketball at the end of your finger; the point where your finger contacts the basketball is almost stationary as the rest of the ball rotates around it.

This photograph shows my observatory dome with some very well known nighttime objects in the sky. Directly above the dome is the Orion constellation. Orion, sometimes called “the hunter”, is one of the most recognizable constellations in the night sky. Its

name refers to Orion, a hunter in Greek mythology. Some of the most prominent features of Orion are the 3 bright stars in a row that form the “belt” of Orion. Surrounding the belt, at about the same distances forming a rectangle, are four bright stars, which are considered to represent the outline of the hunter’s body. The stars in the Orion constellation vary in distance from the Earth. The furthest is about 1,400 light-years away and the closest is about 240 light-years away. Light travels 186,000 miles per second – a light-year is the distance that light travels in one year (about 6 trillion miles).

Also visible, above the dome and to the left, is the star Sirius. Sirius is the brightest star in the night sky. It is almost twice as bright as the next brightest star. The name “Sirius” is derived from an ancient Greek word that means “glowing”. It appears so bright because it is both large (about twice as massive as our sun) and relatively close as far as stars go (about 8.5 light-years from Earth).

You can take similar photographs with almost any digital camera that will allow you to control the length of time that the shutter is open – grab a tripod and give it a try!

Newspaper print, like the PML Newsletter, doesn’t have nearly the resolution or color range to show all the fine details in this image. Please visit my on-line astrophotography gallery at www.GrovelandAstro.com to view a higher resolution version of many of my astrophotography images.

Here are some more details about the image:

Camera: Canon Rebel T2i DSLR
Total Exposure Time: 25 seconds
ISO: 800



Rotary Speech Contest – Take Three

The Rotary Club of Groveland would like to correct the winner of the Speech contest as being David Pennington. Sometimes passing information via the internet creates problems and this was one of those times. We want David to get all the credit he deserves for presenting a wonderful speech delivered from the heart. Please read his speech carefully and you will see that the youth of today do have feelings and true emotion.

Taking the time to sort things out is sometimes what we need to do. It may have only been a high school speech contest to some but to the individuals who participated, it was much more than that. It was digging deep in this day and age and finding something that isn't always readily available for some, humanity. I would like to say that all the boys which competed in the Tioga High School Rotary Speech Contest did an amazing job. It was refreshing and inspiring to watch such youth speak about humanity, knowing that it came from within the depths of who they are. It didn't really matter who won that day because in my eyes, they all did. David Pennington, who did walk away with first place, went on to the County level competition in Sonora. David tied for first place at the County contest but after a tally of points was awarded second. David, just as all the other students who competed, spent hour upon hour preparing for the delivery of his speech. A good speech will outlast the hours it takes to prepare it; it will leave you with feelings that go beyond its delivery. If you take the time to read David's speech you might just find that it does just that. Never Forget....

HOW I EMBRACE HUMANITY

BY DAVID PENNINGTON, STUDENT AT TIOGA HIGH SCHOOL

I am here today to speak to you about a characteristic that I found hard to find in today's society. A society where greed, ill will, and vicious acts are showcased and put on display for the whole world to

see. On any given day you can open the paper, turn on the TV, or hear on the radio that someone has fallen victim to an instance of a malevolent crime, or misfortune. Because of these things, I found it hard to find humanity amongst us today. I asked myself, how could you embrace something if it seems so illusive and non-existent? Then I looked more closely, read between the lines, and looked at everyday life with a more observant eye. I found... it does exist. It exists in even the smallest gesture of good will, something as insignificant as holding the door for someone, picking up a piece of litter drifting in the street, or even the ol' cliché' of helping old granny across the busy intersection. I found it does exist and cannot be overshadowed by the constant negative media. It is all around us, you need only look closely enough.

Humanity can be found in those whose everyday endeavors are viewed as acts of heroism. Those such as Firefighters, Police Officers, EMS, and Military but humanity can also be found in everyday people. It is through the stories of everyday people that I have found MY WAY of embracing humanity. I can think of no greater display of humanity than the unselfish acts of everyday people on September 11th 2001.

- It was the day our Nation held it's breath as the anticipation of the inevitable collapse of the Twin Towers grew closer.

- It was the day when men and woman found strength and courage and lent a helping hand even if the price to pay was their own life.

- It was a day when last words exchanged were to encourage loved ones that everything would be okay and that they loved them.

It was in this time of disaster that humanity shined bright and spoke volumes, even after.... the towers fell silent.

Edgar Emery was in his office on the 90th floor when the plane hit and sent a massive fireball billowing across the West Façade. Emery escorted five of his co-workers into a stairwell and then down twelve floors before reaching a crowded lift. He made sure

everybody got on board safely and then watched as the elevator doors shut before him. Emery went back up to the 97th floor where he rescued another 6 people. When entrapment was upon him, Emery made one last call to his wife.

A few minutes after the impact of the second plane, Judy Wein awoke to a surreal nightmarish sight. All around her were wounded and deceased. The room was filled with smoke which burned her lungs with every breath. Although disoriented, she saw a ghostly image of a man whose identity was hidden behind a red handkerchief. The man had tied the handkerchief to cover his nose and mouth in order to shield himself from the thicket of smoke. The man with the red handkerchief then made a life saving statement....

"Anyone who can walk, get up and walk now," as he pointed to a nearby stairwell. He continued, "Anyone who can help others, find someone who needs help and head down."

In groups of two and three, the survivors began the deadly, congested decent down the stairwell. Ling Young, who was amongst the survivors, recalls seeing the man with red handkerchief carrying a woman on his back down 12 floors in order to place her in clearer air. The man with the red handkerchief encouraged the remaining survivors to continue their descent as he turned and went back up the stairs... disappearing into the howling darkness. He was never seen again, as the tower collapsed 24

minutes later.

A quote was made by President George W. Bush that encompasses everything that the man with the red handkerchief stood for and which I believe represents his actions and memory. It is as follows:

"Now, we have inscribed a new memory alongside those others, it is a memory of tragedy and shock, of loss and mourning but not only of loss and mourning it is also a memory of bravery and self sacrifice and the love that lay down its life for a friend- even a friend it never knew."

Humanity comes in many different forms and undoubtedly evolves from the most tragic of times. It can be found all around us, even in our community. The Rotarians are responsible for prompting this speech and are a group which displays a prime example of humanity by helping those in need, or those who are unable to help themselves. They even help students discover humanity and embrace it. I embrace humanity by remembering those who gave their lives to a cause greater than themselves and whose self sacrifice will not be forgotten.

Humanity is not learned from a book, given to you in an e-mail, or randomly posted on Facebook. Humanity is felt, resides within, and exists in all of us no matter what we do or say. People can spend their lifetime trying to tuck it away but it's still there.... between the heart and soul.

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Jon Hilton is Tioga Student of the Month

Tioga High School's May student of the month is Jon Hilton. Teacher Jude Hawkins says Jon has been quite an asset to Tioga High School. He is an athlete to watch whether it be on the field or on the court and Jon is a top student in the classroom. Jon has a sense of humor that can match wits with any comedian out there, and has a kind heart to match. She really enjoyed having Jon at Tioga. Jon is the son of Wynette Hilton of Groveland.



Jon Hilton

Free Computer Classes

Come take a free computer class at The Little House! GAINs has 8 laptops for these classes and the instructors, and The Little House provides sign up and the location. Barbara Broad is teaching this month. She has been leading MS Office classes for the County Office of Education for fifteen years. Sign up early because space is limited! And bring a friend! AND, if you have ideas for other classes, let Barbara know.

Starting in PowerPoint

9 to 11 am, Thursday, May 3.

Learn the basics of creating a presentation for a hobby or project or even for showing off your vacation photos.

Basics of MS Excel

9 to 11 am, Thursday, May 10.

An introduction to spreadsheets and what to use them for, and learning the basics of using Excel.

Getting Started in Facebook

9 to 11 am, Thursday, May 17.

How to enjoy Facebook contacts with family and friends and not expose yourself to others. An online tutorial will be used, and you can continue using it at home.

Basics of MS Word

9 to 11 am, Thursday May 24.

Introduction to formatting, making a poster, inserting graphics, and more. Learn how easy it is to create nifty documents in Word.

Internet Searching

9 to 11 am, Thursday, May 31.

Tips for finding all kinds of information on the Internet efficiently.

For information, contact Barbara Broad, 962-7730 or bbroad226@gmail.com. To reserve a place, contact Luci Tyndall at 962-7303 or email info@thelittlehouse.org. Please leave your name, phone number, and email address.

Something New Has Come to Groveland!

BY RACHEL PHILLIPS

The Big Oak Flat/Groveland School District will have a chance to celebrate creativity through poetry, art, and short stories written by students of all grade levels and collected in an anthology. This anthology is being supported by the Groveland Rotary Club and the Friends of the Groveland Library. Contributions have been collected, judged and selected by a committee of six, and the booklet is in the process of being published. Each student selected to be published will be awarded a copy

of the anthology. A huge thanks goes to the administrators and teachers who have supported this project. At this printing deadline, it is not yet set how these books will be distributed, but parents should keep an eye out for notification soon. We had over 200 poems and short stories from which to choose, and are quite impressed with the quality of the items produced by the students of Groveland. We are hoping to make this a yearly project and look forward to future entries.



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Ode To Lynn And Victor

BY SHARON VOLPONI

The Hotel Charlotte
retained its name,
but with Lynn and Victor
came a whole new game.

Not satisfied
with a quaint B&B,
they set out to change
Groveland's history.

Yes, we'll miss them,
but they promise to stay
in our little community
in a new (yet-to-be-determined) way.

So to Lynn and Victor
for your community attitude
you have now and always
our collective gratitude.

Through their hard work
(you may check the log)
the whole darn place
soon went to the dog.

They fed us
(or dined us).
They cocktailed
and wined us.

They catered to groups
(think Rotary & Soroptimist)
With a (pasted) smile on her face,
Lynn ever the optimist.

They served us locals
in groups large and small
as well as their guests
who slept down the hall.

Always great food
and a warm atmosphere,
and the mayor to greet you;
they had it all here.

To any who asked,
they were quick to share.
All community groups benefitted
with the two of them there.

Lynn is fun,
and we'll miss her quick wit.
And the food Victor cooked!
Just why'd he have to quit?

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BY LINELLE MARSHALL

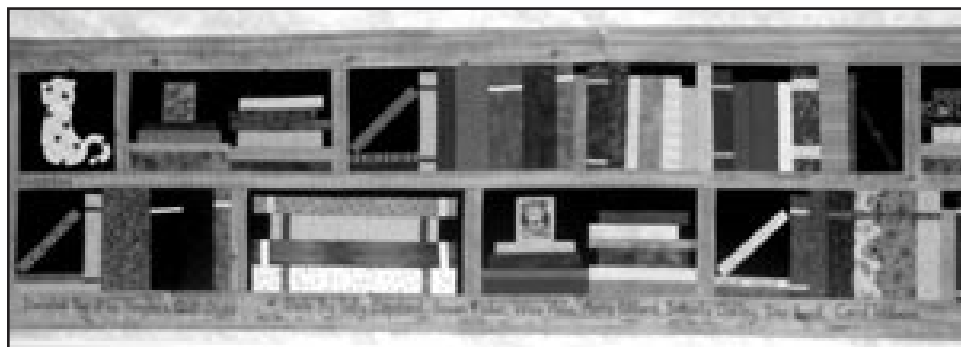
Writer/director Ruthann Peirona has written another riotous comedy which is in full rehearsal for performances June 21 & 22, 7:30 PM, June 23 & 24, 2:00 PM matinee. Everyone in the audience will definitely find this story too close to home, as we have all experienced disastrous vacations in our lives! You'll thank your lucky stars that you aren't personally sharing a vacation with Edgar and Louise Martin, played by Greg Jones and Sally Salinas! Their dream vacation to the Islands quickly becomes one unfortunate (but comic) event after another. The Martins will cross paths with a host of characters played by some of your favorite "usual suspects" in Groveland, including: Nadele

Manzo, Bob Swan, Anita Millard, Bill Mingus, Barbara Klahn and Sandra Menacho. Behind the scenes, crew members include Mike Millard, Sharon Volponi, Luke Sullivan, Ann Mingus, Marijke Spilman, Paul Klahn and Al Peirona.

So bring your flip-flops and come share the Martins' pain in paradise! The tropical theme will also include a luau with entertainment and refreshments. The buzz from the "Big Kahuna" is that tickets will go fast, so you'll want to get yours early! Tickets are \$10 in advance, available at Yosemite Bank, The Hotel Charlotte, Dori's Tea Cottage, Marijke's or from any cast/crew member. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 962-4240.

New Addition at the Library!

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON, FOGL



Place your name on this beautiful book shelf!

There's a brand new addition at the Groveland Library! Our eBooks offerings are pretty exciting and are getting lots of attention, but this is also something more tangible and much more beautiful.

Members of the Pine Needlers Quilt Guild have created a stunning wall hanging of a book shelf with books of all sizes and colors decorating it. Anita Millard chaired the project along with talented quilters Sally Copeland, Susan Fisher, Wina Helm, Beverly Oakley, Dee Small and Carol Willmon. They paper-pieced the books and finished the project with "stitch in the ditch" sewing.

Be sure to visit the library and take a personal look at this amazing

and lovely piece which will be permanently displayed in our library for all to appreciate.

There's more – Friends of the Groveland Library has an opportunity for you to be a permanent part of this great wall hanging. For a donation to the library, your name will be embroidered onto one of the books and displayed in the library. You can put your name on a book, or your grandchildren's names. What a great way to encourage them to love to read.

Your name on a quilted book means we can purchase more books and eBooks for everyone to enjoy. Come to the library, fill out an order form, and select your book! First come, first served.

Styrofoam Collection Days

Tuolumne County Master Gardeners will be collecting Styrofoam in conjunction with the Cal Sierra Recycling and Waste Management Hazardous Waste Collection Day on June 2nd and 3rd at their facilities at 14959 Camage Avenue off of Tuolumne Road in Sonora. Master Gardener Styrofoam collection hours will be Saturday 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. and Sunday from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. Groveland and Big Oak Flat residence will once again be able to drop off their Styrofoam at the Groveland Fire Department on Friday, June 1st and

Saturday, June 2nd.

For collection purposes we can only take clean #6 Styrofoam. Examples of #6 Styrofoam are packaging used for electronics, food or drugs that must be kept frozen or cold for shipping. 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.

Thank you for supporting Master Gardeners in their effort to keep Styrofoam out of the landfills.

And the Winner is ...

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON, FOGL

Friends of the Groveland Library thanks everyone who purchased tickets for our gift basket raffle in conjunction with our big Easter book sale. The beautiful baskets garnered many admiring looks and lots of raffle tickets. We also had a drawing for a charming Leslie Rolfe print of the old Groveland school house (now Yosemite Bank).

Winning tickets were drawn on April 7 and the lucky winners are:

Italian Feast basket – Kitty Edgerton

Mexican Fiesta basket – Erin Serra

Chocolate Heaven basket – Jeannie Hoover

Leslie Rolfe print – Mary Brown



Erin Serra and son Joe won the overflowing Mexican Fiesta gift basket.

Sierra Club Program

The Sierra Club will present "Of Alta, Svalbard, Ice, and Isbjorn" on April 26, 2012, 7 pm at Delta Blood Bank, Sonora.

Presenters: Richard Anderson and Lynn Hansen

In July 2011 Richard and Lynn eco-toured the sea ice and fjords of a Norwegian island 10° south of the North Pole. Enjoy with them stills and videos of massive glaciers, marine birds, walruses, tundra, and Isbjorn, the ice bear. Effects of global

warming will also be illustrated. We'll also visit the World Heritage site of 6,000 year-old petroglyphs at Alta, Norway.

Richard and Lynn are both retired Modesto Junior College instructors. Richard also taught at Columbia College. Their presentations are both informative and interesting.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Questions? Call 209 928 3010

Free Writing Class at Groveland Library

The published author and columnist Bill Manville has once again agreed to teach his popular and free Writing to Get Published class at the Groveland Branch of Tuolumne County Library. Bill's writing classes will run for six Saturdays starting May 5, 2012 through June 9, 2012. Classes begin at 2:00 PM and end at 3:30 PM.

Here is what Michael Korda, Editor in Chief, Simon & Schuster, says about Bill:

...the work I know best is your novel Goodbye, which I edited. What first attracted me was the dazzling prose; I was equally impressed by plot and characterization. A considerable literary accomplishment but also a Book of the Month choice, bringing an impressive price at paperback auction. What may also interest your students, I've heard you in discussion

with writers like Joe Heller, Patricia Bosworth, Lois Gould and Gay Talese, and remember thinking more than once, Bill ought to be teaching...

This free class is open to students of all ages and participants do not need to attend all of the classes. The only requirement is a desire to learn how to write. Sign up at the library or phone 962-6144.

Bill is asking that participants email him at wbmanville@yahoo.com when they register at the library so that he can get to know his writers before the first class. So sign up at the Groveland Branch, and let's get started.

For further information contact: Michalene Martin, Groveland Branch (209)-962-6144 mmartin@co.tuolumne.ca.us www.tuolcolib.org

VirtualTourist.com Contest Winner



Carmen Taira aka Groveland Rose won an Ipod and other prizes from VirtualTourist.com with this picture.

The picture shows Carmen and her

dog Boyzie at Glacier Point. Carmen is a member of VirtualTourist.com, a worldwide social travel network that she uses to help promote Tourism in Groveland.

OBITUARY

Jerald Keith Dickson

Feb 7, 1922 – March 19, 2012

Long time Pine Mountain Lake resident Jerald Keith Dickson died March 19 at Sonora Regional Medical Center. He was 90.

Mr. Dickson was born in Yuma Colorado to Lester and Margaret Dickson on the family farm where he was raised.

He graduated as valedictorian of his high school class and attended Colorado A&M (now known as the University of Northern Colorado) and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and an ROTC Commission.

He married Johnnie Grace Dodson in 1944. He served in World War II in China, Burma and India. Upon returning home he settled in Palo Alto and later moved to Los Altos and began his career at NACA (became NASA later) at The Ames Research Laboratory at Moffett Field in Mountain View. He worked with many astronauts including all of the original 7 Mercury astronauts. He retired in 1977 and moved to Pine

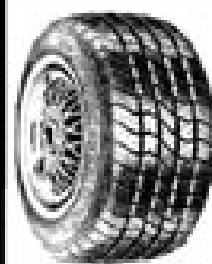
Mountain Lake. He enjoyed camping with his family in the Emigrant Basin Wilderness, golf, bowling, bridge, woodworking, and writing the monthly rain totals column in the Pine Mountain Lake News.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Johnnie Grace Dickson. He also leaves his son, Jerald L. Dickson (Karen) and his daughter, Janet L. Cox (James). His grandchildren are Daniel W. Cox, Matthew D. Cox, Erin G. Vujasinovic (Robert) of New Jersey, Christy Buhler (Michael) of Enumclaw, WA, Brian Parker of Chico, CA and Emily G. Parker, of Pacifica, CA. He also leaves a great granddaughter, Morgan Buhler and his older sister, Marjorie Timbrook of Denver, CO.

Mr Dickson was preceded in death by his oldest daughter Judith D. Parker.

A memorial was held March 31st at the Groveland Evangelical Free Church and was followed by a celebration of life at the PML Grill.

Editor's Note: We had the great pleasure of working with Mr. Dickson for several years. He was always able to take the rain totals and put a relevance to the numbers beyond just the amounts. We will miss him and remember his contributions to the PML News fondly.



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Mountain Lutheran Church

BY DOROTHY PARKER

We can continue to celebrate the Easter Season since it continues on for seven weeks. The church is now decorated with fresh Spring flowers and bright banners,

The 5th Sunday Gospel Sing is April 29th at 6 PM at the Evangelical Free Church on Ferretti Road. Don't forget to come and enjoy the music. Refreshments will be served at 7 PM.

A concert and community sing will be held Sunday May 13th [Mother's Day] at the 7th Day Adventist Church, co-hosted by Mountain Lutheran Church and Thrivent Financial. This is a fund raiser for Groveland area's

Senior Programs at the Little House. On Sunday May 27th it is Pentecost Sunday. It is appropriate to wear red on this day to help celebrate the birth of the Christian Church.

Our Bible Study days for May are Thursday May 3rd and Thursday May 17th. Visitors are always welcome. The sessions are held at 1 PM at Mountain Lutheran Church.

Our 2nd mile giving for April was Tornado Disaster Relief. For May it will be South Side Seniors. In June it will be Feed the Children-USA.

Transportation services for Senior Tuolumne County residents, who

mostly have medical appointments have been funded through Catholic Charities recently. This service may go as far as Sacramento and the Bay Area. Legal appointments may also be included. This service can only be provided in the Groveland area if there are volunteer drivers there. Call Catherine Driver at 532-7632 if you can help or if you need this service.

Mountain Lutheran Church is planning a Parking Lot Sale at their church on Friday July 14th and Saturday July 15th. If you have any items you no longer use put them aside for our sale. Call Shirley Carman

at 962-5647 or Dorothy Parker at 962-6248 and they will be glad to pick them up. There will also be some new Nike clothing for sale. Their cost is 3 for \$20.00 and some for \$10.00 each. There will also be a bake sale and lunch will be served. The hours of the sale will be 8 AM to 1 PM.

We hope that you will visit our church and enjoy the friendship. Our worship service starts at 10 AM every Sunday morning with refreshments and fellowship following. We are located at 13000 Down to Earth Court just off Ferretti Road, Groveland, Ca.

Church in The Park

BY SANDY SMITH

Church In The Park begins on June 10th. at 10 a.m. Join us at Mary Laveroni Park for the unique experience of worshipping outdoors

in God's creation. Whether you are local or traveling you are welcome. Worship service will continue thru the summer until Labor Day.

New Hike Meeting Time

BY JOHN KINNEAR

There will be a new meeting time for Frank Oyung's weekly Thursday Sierra Club hikes. On May 3 the meeting time will change to 8:00AM

at Mary Laveroni Park in Groveland. Please make note of the new meeting times for subsequent hikes.

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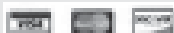
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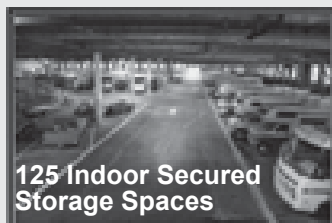
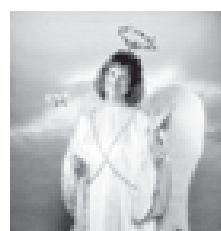
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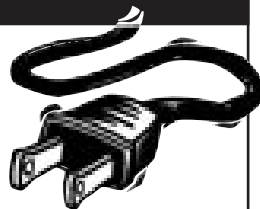
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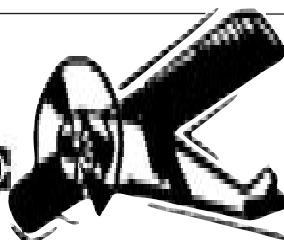


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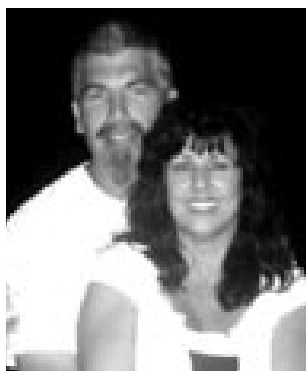
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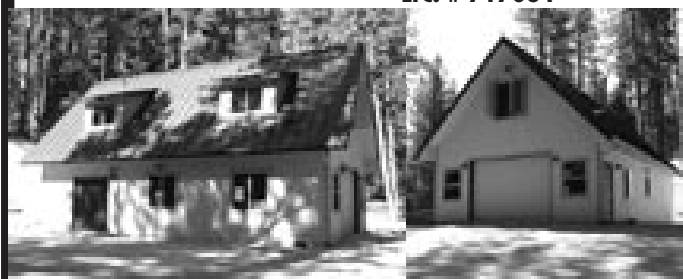
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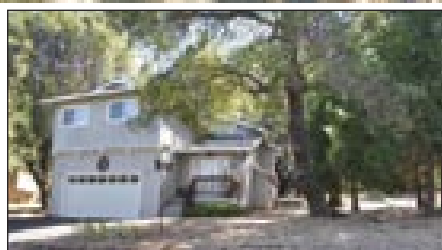
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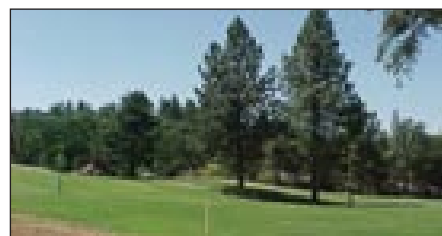


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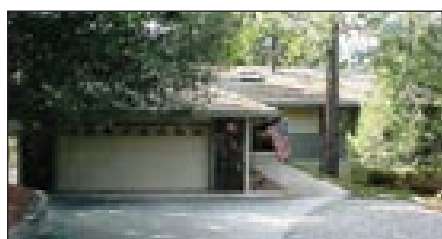




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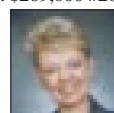
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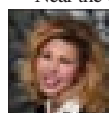
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19675 Golden Rock-1/209 GOLF COURSE & MOUNTAIN VIEWS from the covered deck of this 3bd, 2ba, home. Decks are water-proofed. Hot tub on concrete patio. Oversized 2-car garage. Near PML amenities. Exterior of home painted in 2011. \$225,000 #20103512



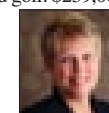
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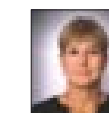
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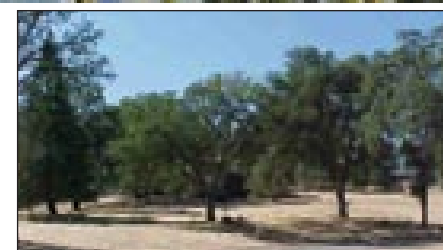
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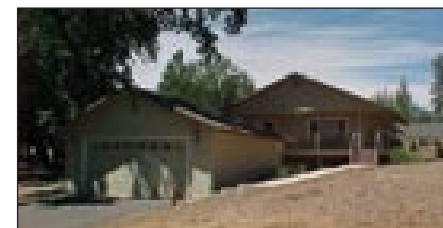


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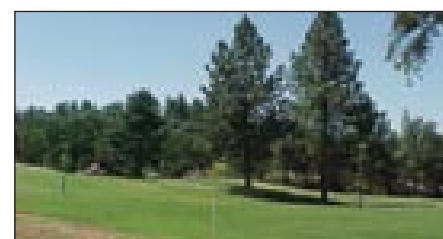
20631 Nob Hill-3/106 SINGLE-LEVEL HOME with great room and knotty-pine ceilings. 3bd, 2ba, 1580sf and 2-car garage. Covered front deck & entry, all done in Trex decking. Near tennis courts, Fisherman's Cove and the Lake Lodge/beach. Furniture/furnishings available on separate bill of sale. \$214,500 #20103423



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