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*See page 11*

The Grill will be closed from FEBRUARY 18 thru MARCH 4 for maintenance. The Lounge will be OPEN during this time. See Grill Manager's article on page 15 for more details

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## President's Message

BY BRIAN SWEENEY • PMLA BOARD PRESIDENT

February is here and PML is moving "full steam ahead" on projects for 2013! The Restaurant will be closed for some much needed maintenance this month. Our Maintenance team chose this time of year to complete the repairs and some replacement of equipment, because it has the least amount of impact to our members. The Bar will be open and taking care of our folks and there will be limited food service on Friday and Saturday evening during the repairs.

Another project scheduled for this year is the start of the replacement of the Marina Store/Café building. The plan is to do all of the preliminary work and planning and begin the actual project right after the end of the summer season. Again, the goal is to minimize the impact of the construction on our members and guests.

The replacement of the Marina Store/Café has been a long, time coming. Over the years, PML has made repairs and upgrades to the building over the years to keep it up and running, and deferred replacement because of cost. Every year that we put it off, the more it will cost us to replace it. Given the number of

members, guests and employees who utilize this facility during the short summer season, the upkeep of this building is important to our Lake and Marina Operation.

For you golfers; Alan and his Golf Maintenance crew have already started working on Phase 3 of the Golf Course culvert repair and replacement. This has been an on-going project and we are already seeing positive results.

Don't forget to take your sweetheart to the PML Grill for their Annual Valentine's Dinner and Dance on February 16th. The event starts out with a gourmet meal, and then dancing to "The Beach Cowboys". Sounds like a lot of fun, so give Jay or Bambi a call and make your reservations before they are sold out.

At the January Board meeting, the Board appointed the various committee members for 2013. These committees included Covenants, Editorial, Budget and Finance, Long Range Planning and Environmental Control. Long Range Planning is looking for new members to serve on their committee. Interested members can get a committee application at the PML Administration



Office or on the Association website. I would like to thank our committee members for volunteering to serve their community. PMLA could not operate without you.

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

Don't forget! It is time for the Super Bowl! So stop by our 19th Hole Lounge on Sunday, February 3rd for some fun! Until next month, see you on the Course!

## On the Cover



In celebration of Valentine's Day we are featuring photos of some of our resident couples. Shown are:

Larry & Dart Woodruff – top left  
Paul & Cindee Pieretti – top right  
Joe & Joyce Smith – center photo  
Jim & Donna Thayer – lower left  
Bobbi Vandenberg & Don Knosp – lower right  
(Photos from 2012 Valentine's Day at The Grill)

Enjoy your Valentine's dinner by allowing the Grill to do the cooking for you. See page 14 for details.

Don't forget the Sweetheart Dinner Dance on February 16th at the Grill. Come out and have a romantic evening at The Grill. Details also on page 14.

# General Manager's Message

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

## Fire Abatement Plan Update

Over five years ago, PML initiated a new Fire Abatement Plan and formed a Fire Abatement Team to coordinate this work. The plan and work by the team has been a success and PML is now the example of how best to protect your community from the threat of wildfire.

I am proud to note that many of our sister communities have contacted us to ask for our materials, forms and planning tools to implement in their neighborhoods. I would like to thank PML Member, Ken Codeglia and my staff for their hard work over these past few years. The positive results will continue to help keep all PML members safe from the threat of fire. Keep up the good work!

My team will be providing a presentation on the fire abatement work that is planned for 2013 at the February 16th Board meeting. I encourage all interested members to attend.

## Veterans Mobile Outreach

In January, PML worked in partnership with our local Veterans Administration Coordinator to host a mobile medical outreach event at the Lake Lodge. The VA provides sorely needed medical and mental health services on site to help local veterans. This program was brought to our attention by PML member Tom Bickmore and his hard work and efforts made it a great success.

Tom has been an advocate for veterans for many years, and he has worked tirelessly on fundraising and awareness. The Veterans Day Golf

Tournament is a good example of an important annual event that Tom plans, leads and organizes. Tom's leadership and compassion for our local vets and those who currently serve is a testament to his patriotism. On behalf of all of the vets, thank You Tom!

## PMLA Member Survey

The Long Range Planning Committee is putting the finishing touches on a new member survey. The purpose of the survey is to gauge PML member's needs and wants for future planning. The information gleaned from the survey is used by the Committee in the formation of recommendations to the Board of Directors. These recommendations are then acted on when considerations are made for new projects, upgrades and budgeting funds. The Committee will be providing information in upcoming issues of the PML News and we encourage all members to participate in the survey. Let your voice be heard!

## Replacement of the Lake Swans

As I mentioned in my last article, the Association purchased a pair of swans for the Lake a few years ago. The main purpose for this purchase was to aid in the reduction efforts of the Canada goose population. Unfortunately one of the swans disappeared.

Many of our members expressed an interest in replacing the swan with another mated pair. Members of the PML Friends of the Lake group took on the project and persuaded the PML Board to fund a portion of the

purchase price. The PML FOTL then committed over \$1,000 to the fund. We were also encouraged by the ground-swell of donations by other members to the effort. I am happy to report that we took delivery of three new swans (3 for the price of 2) and they are in pens on the lake shoreline getting acclimated. We would like to thank Dick and Lois Rosenbaum for allowing us to use their property to temporarily house the swans on the Lake.

## Committee Volunteers Needed

The Association seeks volunteers for two of our committees. The Covenants Committee and Long Range Planning Committee all have open positions. Members who are interested should complete and submit the PML Committee Application to the Administration Office. A copy of the application is available on the PMLA Website at [www.pinemountainlake.com](http://www.pinemountainlake.com).

For more information, please contact my Assistant Debra Durai at (209) 962-8627.

## PML Annual Job Fair in March

PML is conducting its annual job fair for seasonal positions this year. The job fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd, from 9 am to 2 pm at the PML Lake Lodge. If you or someone you know is looking for a summer job, we encourage you to attend.

For more information regarding the job fair or open positions, please contact our Human Resources Administrator, Allie Henderson at (209) 962-8628.

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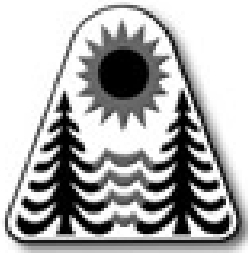
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- Lake Lodge

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**MON. 2/18 PRESIDENT'S DAY**

**MON. 5/27 Memorial Day**

**THUR. 7/4 Independence Day**

**MON. 9/2 Labor Day**

**MON. 11/11 Veterans Day**

**THUR. 11/28 Thanksgiving**

**FRI. 11/29 Day after Thanksgiving**

**TUES. 12/24 Christmas Eve**

**WED. 12/25 Christmas Day**

**TUES. 12/31 New Year's Eve**

**WED. 1/1/2014 New Year's Day**

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS

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

FEBRUARY 16

MARCH 16

APRIL 20

MAY 18

JUNE 15

AUGUST 17

*Annual Meeting/Election*

SEPTEMBER 14

*2nd Saturday*

OCTOBER 26

*Budget Meeting*

*(4th Saturday-Begins at 8AM)*

NOVEMBER 9

*(2nd Saturday)*

NO DECEMBER MEETING

## RULES ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Violations sent December 2012

Courtesy Notices	9
Notice of Non-Compliance	2
Final Notice	0
Fines Assessed	1
Violations Pending	40

## PMLA 2013 SCHEDULED EVENTS

### FLEA MARKETS

Saturday, May 11 & Sept. 7

### FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Saturday, July 6

### AARP COURSE

Saturday, November 2

### FISH PLANTS

Friday, May 3

Friday, September 20

### MARINA STORE

Opening: Sat. April 27 – Sun. May 12  
 (limited hours) — 8 am to 5 pm

Mon. May 13 – Mon. Sept 2  
 (regular hours) — 7 am to 6 pm

### MARINA CAFÉ

Opening: Sat, May 11 to Sun. May 19  
 11 am to 4 pm

Mon. May 20 – Mon. Sept 2  
 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

Tues. Sept 3 – Sun. Sept 15  
 FALL HOURS

11 am to 4 pm

Friday & Saturday 11 am to 6 pm

## SAND CASTLE CONTEST AND FUN & GAMES AT THE MARINA

Sunday, July 7, 9:30 to 11:30 am

Sunday, July 7, Fun & Games 1 – 3 pm

Saturday, Aug. 31, 9:30 – 11:30 am

Sunday, Sept. 1, Fun & Games 11 am to 1 pm

## FISHING DERBY – MARINA

Saturday, May 4 to Monday, Sept 2

*Prize for heaviest fish*

## POOL

Opening: Saturday, May 11 • Closing: Sun. October 27

Saturday, May 11 – Mon. Sept 2  
 (summer) 10 am to 9 pm

Tues. Sept 3 – Sun. Sept 15  
 (Fall) 10 am to 7 pm – weather permitting  
 Sept 16 – Oct 27, noon to 5 pm

## FISHING DAYS FOR KIDS

Saturday, June 15, July 13 and Aug 10

## 2013 FREE STATE FISHING DAYS

July 6 & Sept 7

Dates and times are subject to change without notice.  
 Watch the PML News for updates.



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TO THE PML  
MAINTENANCE DEPT.

Thank you for picking up and removing litter along Ferretti Road in December. It was a much needed task. If you had announced plans (day and time) for the pick-up, I would have helped. Thanks for seeing the need and doing something about it.

Joe & Joyce Smith  
Unit 3, Lot 436



GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

Let your voice be heard with a letter to the editor. Submit your letter to the editor by mail to:  
  
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WILL YOU & I EACH OWE  
\$2,260+ FOR GCSD?

The new GCSD Board members have uncovered a SHOCKING finding on “GCSD water payer” potential liability. From the CALPERS Annual Report dated June 30, 2011, under “Unfunded liability for Post Retirement Benefits” section, the GCSD section of UNFUNDED LIABILITIES states:

Retirement Medical (GCSD funded) = \$2,202,513 ; CALPERS Pensions (Misc.) = \$3,706,923 ; CALPERS Pensions (Safety) = \$943,118 for TOTAL UNFUNDED Liabilities = \$6,852,554

For this past year, the UNFUNDED LIABILITIES increased \$400,000+ although future \$ growth will be somewhat less with the Fire Dept. now under CAL FIRE.

What does this mean? With the Total >\$7,300,000 and presently 3,227 GCSD water payers, simple math means each “water payer” obligation could be \$2,260+

QUESTION: Is there another Santa Claus or will we go the way of Stockton? Have we been duped? Action is needed quickly!

Bruce Burman  
Unit 4, Lot 103

WHO IS THE GRINCH  
WHO STOLE CHRISTMAS?

For the past 28 years our family has gotten together at PML the weekend before Christmas. That’s the weekend that Santa makes his rounds behind a shiny fire truck with lights flashing and siren blaring. What a beautiful sight that was. With eager anticipation our grandchildren would scamper up the driveway to greet St. Nick. He would hold each on his lap and ask what they wanted for Christmas and present them with a candy cane. This was done with cameras flashing by the happy parents. The last few years our grandchildren would greet Santa at a predetermined location, Lake Lodge, Fire Station, or Main Gate. This year we called to find out when and where Santa would be. We were told there would be no Santa. When our Family arrived we had to bread the sad news. Thus, a family tradition was broken. We are not sure why this has happened but would like to see it resolved.

June and Walter Moore  
Unit 4, lot 436

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## Community Standards

BY DENNIS PIPAL, COMMUNITY STANDARDS DIRECTOR

If you haven't noticed, Bark Beetles are active in Pine Mountain Lake. We are experiencing groups of trees being infected in various parts of our community and while we are in no way at an epidemic level we have noticed an increase in their activity. This continues to be a statewide problem.

There are over 20 invasive species of bark beetles of which 10 have been discovered since 2002. The species we see most often in our area attacks our pine trees. The engraver beetle usually attacks trees near the top whereas the red turpentine beetle attacks the lower portion of the trunk. We are seeing activity from both of these species in our area.

So what's up with these beetles and why are they here? More importantly, what can we do to inhibit their destruction?

Without laboring you with a lot of technical jargon, there are a few

details most of us property owners can understand. First, bark beetles have a keen sense to recognize trees that are stressed or weakened in some fashion. They prey on these weak trees because they are easier to penetrate and more susceptible to attack. The main reasons some trees are in a weakened condition are cultural in nature.

### Cultural Control

Recent years of drought have created stress in many trees depending on their location so if you have trees that are not getting enough water, irrigation can help their strength. But far more often it is simply because we have too many trees for the area in which they are growing. Over the years new trees have sprouted up as nature works its wonders and we have allowed them to be packed in close together where

they are all fighting for sunlight and what little water and nutrients are in our soil. The obvious answer is to thin out our vegetation which will leave the trees we decide we want in a healthier condition. I'll bet you never thought that all those little start up trees were affecting the health of your big beautiful pines! Also, effective pruning by removing dead limbs increases their health too. By doing these two things (thinning and pruning) we allow our trees to thrive and have a better chance to ward off insects looking for a weak victim.

Almost without exception, the infestation I am seeing is located in areas where the trees are packed in like sardines. This is not only unhealthy for the trees but a significant fire hazard to boot. We will be looking for these conditions as we begin our inspections on June 1, 2013.

### Chemical Control

Unless trees are monitored regularly so that bark beetle attack can be detected early, any chemical spray application made once the beetles have aggregated and penetrated the bark is likely to be too late and ineffective. Treatment must target the adults by spraying the bark so that beetles are killed when they land on trees and attempt to bore into the bark to lay eggs.

High valued, uninfested trees may be protected by spraying their

bark with a persistent, registered insecticide labeled as a preventative spray for bark beetles. Protective spraying for bark beetles must be done by a licensed pesticide applicator. Spraying a persistent insecticide on valuable, uninfested trees near infested trees may be warranted to protect uninfested trees from bark beetles. However, do not substitute preventive sprays for proper cultural care. (see above)

### Hazard and Liability Control

Needles to say, a dead 50' to 100' pine tree is a threat to life and property. They are ready to fall down on homes with the next good wind storm or winter snowfall. Foresters are urging people to be alert to signs of beetle activity in their trees and take appropriate action quickly. That is why when we see a dead tree, we ask the owner to react as soon as possible to protect themselves and their neighbors.

This review is not intended as a complete dissertation or an authority on bark beetle infestation, but a simple review for the property owner as a means to start a discussion of this issue and to help you begin to develop a plan for your own investigation and implementation. Also, see your favorite tree expert in our area for an inspection and additional information on this subject. To see a more expansive review on this subject go to <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn7421.html>.

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# PMLA Money Matters

BY KEN SPENCER, ASSOCIATION CONTROLLER

Did you vote in the last election? No, not the election for president, the last election here at PML. The good news is that over 2,100 of you did vote in either the main election or one of the two extended balloting “windows” approved by the Board. The bad news is that almost 1,200 of you did not vote, despite being given three opportunities to have your voice heard.

The election of 2012 was different than most Association elections. Not only was it your chance to choose two Board members to represent you for the next three years but it was also an opportunity to revise and update the Association’s governing documents.

Over the prior 18 months the Administration staff spent a great deal of time combing through the CC&R’s as well as the Association Bylaws in an effort to bring them up to date, clarify some contentious issues and bring them into compliance with current law. This process is something that all Associations should go through periodically to keep these important

documents relevant to all members. A thorough review was also conducted by our attorney.

Finally these revisions were mailed to all property owners for your review and consideration prior to appearing on the ballot in July. We considered the changes included in these documents to be important for the Association as a whole and to you as an individual property owner. They represent the agreement between you and the Association as to how this community will operate.

One of the major items addressed in the CC&R revision (and the one that most directly affects the financial condition of the Association) was the treatment of merged properties. As I reported in my January article PML has seen a continued erosion of its assessment base over the years due to mergers. Over the past 20 years we have seen our total number of assessable lots decrease by 538 due to mergers. That is an average of almost 27 per year.

What does this mean to you? As

an example had these mergers not occurred your assessment for 2013 would have been \$1,643 per year instead of \$1,896, a savings of over \$250. This continued issue was one we attempted to address in the proposed revision to the CC&R’s. Unfortunately we are required to receive approval by 51% of the eligible membership for any change to this governing document.

Despite our best efforts which included three balloting periods, multiple mailings, articles in the PML news, contact via email and even personal phone calls we were unable to obtain the votes necessary for approval. In fact we were only about 200 votes short of achieving the necessary number to approve this important change.

The defeat of this revision is frustrating on several levels. It prevents us from updating this critical document to current standards and does not provide the clarification necessary in several important areas. It indicates a lack of interest by almost 36% of our property owners. Most importantly from my perspective is the potential for continued erosion of our assessment base due to mergers.

The hard work of the Board and staff of PML to control costs and keep your assessment at a reasonable level is often undercut by this reduction in assessable lots. As I told you in January this is fully illustrated by the 2013 budget which would have reflected a decrease in assessment (instead of an increase) had we restricted mergers as proposed in the CC&R revision.

What is the fate of this revision going forward? At this point there are no plans to revisit this issue in the short term. Preparing this revision, having it reviewed and communicating it to all members can be expensive and is not a cost we accept lightly. Hopefully all property owners will consider this the next time they review our financial results or annual budget, not to mention if another opportunity arises to close this financial loophole.

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

## PML SAFETY REPORT

December – YTD			December – YTD			December – YTD			December – YTD		
Guest Passes Issued	1267	18072	Water Main Shut Off	0	2	- Monitoring Ctrl Burn	2	6	Vehicle – Citation Issued	0	18
Vendor Passes Issued	158	1976	Escorting Vehicle	23	195	- Non-compliance	0	7	Parking Warning	0	0
Temporary Resident Passes Issued	145	4401	Report Writing	1	72	Hazard	8	100	Towed	0	0
Vehicles Admitted	7904	133213	Gate - Related	22	384	Hazard - Tree Down	4	9	Marking Tires	0	0
Vehicles Refused Entry	177	3712	- Tamper	0	5	Suspicious Circumstance	30	381	Accident PML	1	18
Phone Calls Received	3626	63870	- Follow Through	0	42	Suspicious Person	6	142	Patrolling Unit	357	3711
Residential Alarm	7	128	- Malfunction	4	124	Suspicious Vehicle	7	85	Amenity Security Check	2456	27877
Amenity Alarm	12	98	- Struck by Vehicle	2	31	VRBO Violation	0	6	Resident Security Check	313	4195
Animal Related	8	355	Unauthorized Use of Gate Card	1	28	Campground Envelopes Collected	29	602	Opening/Closing Buildings	156	3920
Animal - Loose	22	275	Confiscated Gate Access Card	0	39	Campground Dump Station	2	59	Opening/Closing Gates	358	4238
- Impounded	0	73	Mess/Pkg P/U or Delivery	23	421	Residential Disturbance	1	58	Posting Tennis	60	699
- Dead/Injured	35	234	Posting Flyers	60	1007	Amenity Burglary	0	1	Monitoring Tennis Courts	1	27
- Disturbance	5	126	Posting Stop Work Orders	0	0	Residential Burglary	0	6	Personal Injury PML Property	0	13
Dispatch Assist	101	1400	ECC Inspection	0	1	Grand Theft	0	3	Personal Injury PML Employee	1	4
Patrol Assist	237	3232	Miscellaneous	33	532	Petty Theft	1	21	Weapon Violation	2	16
Complaint-Non PML Regulations	1	28	Scanner Traffic	20	269	Malicious Mischief	2	9	Amenity Bank Deposit P/U	11	373
Complaint-PML Regulations	2	127	Emergency Vehicle Entering PML	23	317	Trespassing	1	11	Deposit Delivered to Bank	6	137
Public Assist Misc.	35	312	Lost and Found	0	77	Law Violations - All Other	0	16	Deposit Delivered to Administration	7	83
Welfare Check	4	35	Fire Safety - Patrol Assist	0	5	Law Violations - TCSO	0	5	Patrol Vehicle - Maintenance	5	69
Transport	0	25	Fire Safety Violation	0	25	Malicious Mischief - Vandalism	0	24	Patrol Vehicle - Safety Check	126	1341
Civil Stand-by	0	0	Control Burn Reported	55	747	Property Damage - PML	1	31	Fixed Post	1	52
Traffic Hazard	1	7	Permissive Burn Day	27	172	Property Damage - Resident	0	9	Courtesy Notice Issued	3	75
Traffic Control	0	13	Non Permissive Burn Day	4	194	Training/Meeting	0	29	Notice of Trespass Violation Issued	0	1
Water Leak	6	81	Fire Safety - Hazard	0	10	PML Reg Violations Resident	0	84	Tennis Fees Collected	\$22.00	\$1,967.00
Jump Start	2	50	Fire Safety - Smoke Complaint	2	33	PML Reg Violations Guest	0	55	All Other Fees Collected	\$4,728.56	\$105,581.74



## Driving Winter Roads

BY TOM MOFFITT, MAINTENANCE MANAGER

Snow and ice make for some difficult driving and dangerous situations on our roads during the winter. The Maintenance Department has prepared for the winter weather in advance, have you?

Driving in winter conditions demands special attention to the vehicles

readiness, design, tires, traction devices, and controls. When the driving conditions demand tire traction devices, snow chains may be added for even more traction. Keep in mind that studded snow tires are allowed in Tuolumne County, from November 1st to April 1st.

Several of the PML Maintenance vehicles, especially the snow plows, are 4-wheel drive. Most of the trucks are equipped with snow tires, studded snow tires, and are prepared for driving on snow and ice. This allows our workers the ability to travel PML roads under the worst of driving conditions, safely, and securely. The



*Waldo was driving in a snow storm and missed the Big Creek Bridge. Where Is Waldo's car?*

ability to respond to storm duties, performing emergency situation tasks and keeping the roads cleared, are the Maintenance Department's foremost responsibilities.

Snow plowing within PML is performed by three snow plow units, one of which is also a road sander. The Association is divided into three sections; a single snow plow unit works a section. The sections are Northwest, Northeast, and the Southside of the lake. Ferretti Road and Clements Road are Tuolumne County serviced roads. The snow plow units work the main roads first, then they clear the intersections, they



*There's Waldo.*

work the secondary arterial roads next, the short connecting roads are next, then the courts and cul-de-sacs are plowed.

Clearing the roads for emergency vehicle travel is the first objective. An entire section takes about ten hours to complete, sometimes longer due to continuing weather conditions. When the roads are plowed, the sander will distribute sand to areas that are having ice and traction problems. Keep in mind, that the particulars of a storm may change the level of work we perform to keep the roads open and safe. In a winter storm event, the Maintenance Department staff

plans for continuous 24-hour duties when the road work is required.

All of us who live here in the beautiful Sierra Foothills know that winter weather can be enjoyable, sometimes brutal, yet manageable. Know the weather conditions before hand, have your vehicle winter

ready, always drive safely, and drive cautiously. Speed in winter driving is a critical factor; 15 to 25 mph is a safe range, sometimes slower, depending on visibility and road conditions.

If your vehicle is not properly equipped for winter weather conditions, please do not risk driving in severe winter road conditions. Winter driving in snow and ice conditions can be dangerous. Many times, the best decision is to just sit home and wait it out. Most of the winter weather events will pass in 24 hours, and the PML roads will be drivable.

## Special Residence Watches

BY DIRECTOR NATALIE TRUJILLO

In December I presented the membership with a list of services Safety currently provides for their assessment fee. This month I would like to touch on one of those services in particular: special residence watches. This service is provided for residents that will be gone for three days or more with a maximum of three consecutive months. There are a limited number of available openings on our special residence watch service, which operates in tandem with the number of Safety Officers on staff. The three month limit allows the special residence watch program to benefit as many homes as possible in any given year. Safety is unfortunately not staffed to provide each of the 2,814 homes in Pine Mountain Lake with individualized attention, which is why we employ a 24 hour roving patrol instead. On average, we are able to conduct about

350 residence checks per month. Although we strive to offer residence watches to as many property owners as possible, I would like to encourage all permanent Pine Mountain Lake residents to take advantage of this service while they are away. If you are planning to be absent from your home for periods of time longer than three months, you may want to consider installing a more single-minded security measure, such as an alarm system.

Safety Officers will periodically check the perimeter of your home for the duration of your absence. As the officer walks around your house he or she will note the condition of all windows and doors, essentially inspecting your home for signs of an intrusion. The Safety Officer will make an attempt to conceal door tags, packages, etc. in order to preserve the appearance that

the house is still occupied. If a Safety Officer discovers anything on your property that may need your direct attention we will make every effort to contact you or your emergency contact person by telephone.

If you wish to place your house on a special residence watch you can either stop by the Main Gate to pick up a form or go online to [www.pinemountainlake.com](http://www.pinemountainlake.com) to submit your request electronically. Please make sure that you fill out the form in its entirety. This enhances the effectiveness

of our special residence watches while also limiting the number of times we may have to disturb you during your absence. If you expect to return home earlier than you had originally intended please inform the Main Gate as soon as it is convenient so that we may remove you from our records. We would not want to unintentionally disturb you when you return home.

As always, please remember to contact the Main Gate at (209) 962-8615 to report any suspicious or objectionable activity. Thank you!

## NOTICE TO PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE MEMBERS

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

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

December 15, 2012 Regular Board Meeting – Agenda Items	Board Members*					COMMENTS	
SHOULD THE BOARD...	B.S.	I.M.	J.D.	R.M.	B.L.		COSTS
approve minutes of November 10, 2012 Board Meeting?	Y	/	Y	/	Y		
accept Board member resignation and interim member appointment?	Y	/	Y	/	Y	Dana Chavarria appointed as Board Treasurer	
approve Editorial Committee appointment?	Y	/	Y	/	Y	Ele Cox appointed to Editorial Committee	
approve expenditure to replace Lake Swans?	Y	/	Y	/	Y	Total to replace \$3,000 / FOL \$1,000	\$2,000
approve Pre Liens on properties with delinquent assessments?	Y	/	Y	/	Y	9 accounts	
approve donation request from Yosemite Chamber of Commerce	Y	/	Y	/	Y	Holiday Decoration of Groveland	\$25
						Total APPROVED Golf Donations this meeting (Retail Value)	\$0
						Total APPROVED Other Donations this meeting (Retail Value)	\$25
						Total APPROVED Expenditures (This Meeting)	\$2,025
* BS=Brian Sweeney   IM=IanMorcott   JD=Jerry Dickson   RM=Ron Maguire   BL=Bruce Lay   A=Abstained   /=Absent							
MINORITY VOTES HIGHLIGHTED							

NOTICE TO PMLA MEMBERS

2013 ASSESSMENT COUPONS  
AND PRO FORMA BUDGET PACKETS  
WERE MAILED DECEMBER 1, 2012

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

If you have not received your  
2013 Packet please notify the  
Administration Office at  
(209) 962-8627

PLEASE NOTE: Prepayment Discount only applies if the Annual Assessment was paid in full by January 31, 2013. Postmark will prevail.

PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE  
ASSOCIATION JOB FAIR

SATURDAY  
MARCH 23, 2013

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
PMLA Lake Lodge at  
20270 Pine Mountain Drive

JOIN OUR SUMMER TEAM!

THE GRILL  
Servers  
Line Cook  
Prep Cook  
Dishwasher  
Snack Shack

PRO SHOP  
Outside Services  
Shop Assistant

POOL  
Manager  
Attendants

MARINA  
Store Clerk  
Boat Patrol  
Beach Patrol  
Boat Handler  
Water Taxi  
Gate Guard

MARINA LAKESIDE  
CAFÉ  
Supervisor  
Line Cook  
Cashier

## Golf Shop Talk

BY EVAN BOONE, HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Hello Pine Mountain Lake Golfers. Its February already and so far we've made it through 3 cold months. Only 1 or 2 to go (hopefully) and we can get back to some spring golfing. Vicki and I will be heading down to the merchandise shows soon to buy some of our product for 2013 and I thought it might be a good idea to put together a survey asking all the members what direction they would like to see the Golf Shop go in terms of quality, price etc. I think I have a pretty good idea what we need and want but this would just give me a better idea of what your opinions are. The survey will be quite simple. It will simply ask how members would like to see the shop outfitted. Do you want mostly inexpensive, middle or higher end items, or a good mixture? And do you want flashy or conservative? Please keep your eye open for the survey in the shop and anytime you have a recommendation or a thought about our merchandise please share it with me.

I would like everyone to know that as long as I am here you'll have no reason to buy your golf equipment (clubs, bags, shoes etc.) anywhere else. The club needs your support and I absolutely, positively, 100% guarantee to match or beat any price you can find. So please, anytime you need anything come see us and

support Pine Mountain Lake CC. My new Ping Fitting System will be here soon and we'll be off and running getting everyone squared away with what they need.

A couple matters about pricing here in the Golf Shop. In the past the price tags showed a "price" on the top of the tag. This price was the non member, suggested retail price and this is what the system defaulted too. Since most of our sales are to members I thought it would be more efficient to have the system default straight to the member price so the employee wouldn't have to change anything. So, now you'll see that the tag shows an already built in "price" on the top. This is your member price with great discounts built in. (There is no need to ask us to make sure you're getting the member price.) On the bottom you'll see a "non member price" which of course is greater than your price. Also, the member discounts are no longer exactly 10% or 15% or 20% off (depending on what it is you're buying) but a more general dollar value. Rest assured that you're still receiving preferred "member" pricing and will never pay anywhere near suggested retail prices. Feel free to ask if you have any questions regarding the pricing structure and thank you for the support!!

## Shades of Green

BY ALAN MACDONALD GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

As winter heads towards spring, we must not forget to realize how much the elements control our course setup and projects. When the December rains disappeared, the clear skies during the night allowed the cold temperatures to settle in. There were days that some areas never thawed out; at times putting a tee in the ground was difficult. Most of the greens were frozen; the holes had to be changed later in the day, even that was difficult. This is the first year that we have placed a cover over a second hole on a few of the greens that freeze hard, so we can relocate the hole on that green without the need to create a new hole. The bunkers were frozen, some more than others. They are prepared for play as they thaw out. That old guy that rakes our bunkers and rolls our greens was coming to work [can't be Tony coming in when it is cold] one early January morning and it was 24 degrees near #one green and 38 degrees up in unit 13 that morning!

Trees! Trees are very important parts of golf courses. Not all trees are created equal. This is one of the reasons we removed the live oak located near the bunker on hole #5. Because it was trying to survive near a large valley oak, it was growing at an angle and it leaned over the bunker. The leaves and acorns would make a mess in the sand and it also restricted sunlight to the turf and impacted the irrigation there. Another tree that needs removing is near the back

tee on hole #13. It is limiting sunlight to the 12th green on these cold mornings. This tree along with others there that are not on the course have grown a lot over the years and the 12th green is now one of our last to thaw out and be ready for play at 11:00 o'clock. Removing these trees doesn't entirely eliminate all unfavorable conditions in these areas, but it will help. If you are concerned and thinking of protection from errant shots while on #13 tee, we will still have the front cypress tree there.

We do see almost all of the various playing conditions you will find on any golf course, except maybe for many days of windy conditions. During the winter we play on soft wet greens a lot. The rains, frost and older greens that do not drain to well can be damaged by the mower or deer or the incorrectly repaired BALL mark. So, for all of you who play, you should look for the damage your ball created and if you happened to just roll it up there, I am sure there are others to repair.

The first step in repairing ball marks is to take your ball mark repair tool and insert the prongs into the turf at the edge of the depression. Push the edge of the ball mark towards the center in a gentle twisting motion. Once you have worked around the rim of the ball mark, pushing the grass towards the center; then tamp down the repaired mark with your putter or foot to smooth the putting surface.

Enjoy your Valentine's day.

## Horsing Around at the Stables

BY LESTER SCOFIELD – STABLES MANAGER

Well, January was a cold one, but we made it without too many problems. When the weather is this cold, it slows down the amount of trail rides we do here at the stables, but we still do them on dry and warmer days. During the winter time we do trail rides on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays when we can. We will also do rides on other days when we have enough notice.

As time goes by, we are looking forward to the spring and summer time to get here. One of the first things going on out here is the spring flea market on May 11th. This event

is hosted by Tioga High School and Pine Mountain Lake Association and is the perfect time to go through all of your stuff and sell it to someone else who really wants it, just think of the extra money you can get. It also gives you more room to store all the new things you can buy at the flea market.

Tioga High School will also be doing their next BBQ fund raiser on May 26th here at the Stables, so please come on out and support our high school kids. The monies raised from this event do go directly to help the students.

For those of you who would like to use the stables for your event, be it small or large, we can help you out by giving us a call at 209-962-8667.

Starting June 18th, we will be starting our little wrangler camp. This camp is to help children learn about the horses and the western way of life. The camp is open for children, ages 7-13 years of age and is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays until August 15th.

Once the weather warms up, we will be holding a grand opening here at the Stables to show all of the new improvements that have taken place over the winter. I will let everyone know at a later time. I plan on having a lot of events going on for this, so look for more info coming to you.

# Want To Burn?

Call the Main Gate

Provide Burn Permit #

Burn Clean/Dry –  
**Burn Safe**



# ALL PMLA HOMEOWNERS EMAIL OPT-IN PROGRAM

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

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

to those property owners who sign up.

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

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

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

If these sound like good reasons to

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

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

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

Please review and sign below to agree to the Terms and Conditions as presented.

**Agreement To Terms and Conditions:**

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

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

**1. EMAIL ENROLLMENT**

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

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

- a. **Service Limitations:**

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

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

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

**3. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. **Notices:**

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

All terms and conditions set forth herein constitute the entire understanding between you and PMLA regarding email statements and documents.
- c. **Privacy:**

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

**4. CONTACT INFORMATION:**

For questions regarding these Terms and Conditions contact us at:

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

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

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

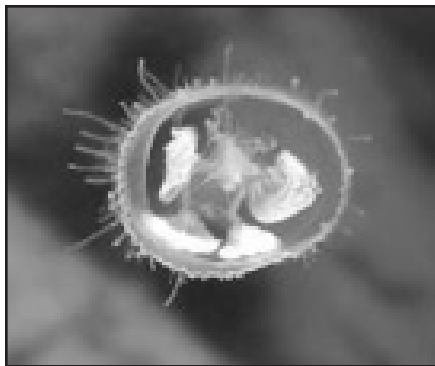
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## On the Lake: SpongeBob Lives

BY MIKE HORVATH, LAKE CONSULTANT/LIMNOLOGIST



A tiny jellyfish.



A sponge.

This time of year, the lake seems a little dead or neglected. The beaches are usually empty and only a few soles venture out in boats. However, with the lake already full, I'm sure this summer will be another wonderful year for recreating on the lake. And for any of you that are interested in the amazing creatures that live under the surface, I encourage you to get out with a mask and snorkel and check them out.

If you haven't already seen them, you might be surprised to know that we have sponges and jellyfish living in the lake. Yea I know, we usually associate both of them with saltwater. And yes, they are real jellyfish... complete with stinging tentacles. The whole jellyfish is only about the size of a dime and the stinging part of the tentacle is way too small to penetrate human skin. However, just like its big brothers in the sea, it does use its tentacles to capture and subdue tiny "bugs" to eat. They have even been reported to consume small fish eggs. I am not sure how they ended up in our lake, but my top guesses would be migrating waterfowl, aquatic plants, or with an aquarium fish that got released into the lake. They are of course non-native, but probably pose no threat to the lake's food web. So, as the water warms up, look just below the surface and you might be lucky enough to spot one. If you have a clear container or a ziplock bag, it's fascinating to watch them hover up and

down in the water.

As for the sponges, well... they're just kind of slimy; interesting, but slimy. Definitely not the kind you can dry out and use in the shower. I'd make the same guesses regarding how they got here. They produce spiny little reproductive cells that can catch a ride from place to place. As to why they're here, well, no self proclaimed environmentalist can pass up the opportunity to blame another phenomenon on global warming. It has certainly been suggested, but I'm not about to jump on that bandwagon regarding these species. I am more interested in the effect they have on the lake rather than why they grow here. They are filter feeders and there is good evidence that they can make the water more clear. On first thought, that sounds good. On the flip side, clearer water means that sunlight can penetrate deeper into the water and promote excessive plant growth.

So, although they are both non-native to this region, I don't think either one is a serious threat to the quality of our lake experience. It is however, a reminder of just how easy it is for new creatures to be introduced into our lake. As always, my advice is to enjoy the lake, but don't put any living thing into it except yourself. And while you might not want to jump in for a few more months, a stroll on the beach watching snowflakes melt away is always a magical experience.

## 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.

## PMLA Long Range Planning Committee Seeking Members

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

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

## PMLA Covenants Committee Seeking Members

The Covenants Committee is a committee comprised of Association members appointed by the Board of Directors from among the Association's membership to hear and decide any Governing Document enforcement cases that require a hearing.

If you would like to serve your community in this capacity, please

complete a Committee application Form (available on the PML website or at the Administration Office) and return it to the Administration Office. If you have questions or would like more information about the Covenants Committee please contact us at (209) 962-8600.

## Canada Goose Problem

BY THE PMLA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Your Waterfowl Management Committee is beginning our second year looking for solutions to the Canada Goose problem. We learned so much about geese in our first year! Without the help of so many PML property owners, it would have not been possible to make as much progress as we have in our first year. We would like to thank the following property owners who have volunteered their time, whether counting the geese for us or doing the dog patrol on the golf course and beaches: Peggy Andrews, Roberta Bauer, Greg Billeb, Phyllis Bogen, Jim Brewster, John Case, Dan Colwell, Steve Depetris, Susan and Richard Fisher, Richard Fries, Larry Fuller, Judy Gross, Sara Hancock, Greg Jones, Lori Kenney, Sharon Kenyon, Bruce and Donna Klein, James Koster, Diane Kraft, Clarice Ligonis, Janet Masoni, Kay Meermans, Bryan and Beth Milano,

Anthony Murphy, Gary Nigh, Chuck Obeso-Bradley, John Parkin, Patty Peebles, Paul Pieretti, Lawrence Samec, Marilyn Scott, Richard Silverbrand, Marijke Spilman, George Springer, Kyle Thomson, Kathleen Williams, and Alex and Isobel Wylie. Your Waterfowl Management Committee members are Chairperson Iris Moffit, PML Lake Limnologist Mike Horvath, Marche Kizziar, Golf Course Superintendent Alan MacDonald, June Moore, Terre Passeur, Tony Pavlakis, Bruce "Red" Rossio, Director of Safety Natalie Trujillo, and Association Liaison Rick Whybra.

As always, please e-mail us at [PMLAWMC@pinemountainlake.com](mailto:PMLAWMC@pinemountainlake.com) if you and your dog can assist us in chasing the geese, or if you have any suggestions for discouraging the geese from living here.

# Healthy Eating at The Grill

BY CARRIE TAYLOR, HEAD CHEF, THE GRILL



Healthy eating is more of a lifestyle plan than a diet plan.

Nutritious eating is a good way to maintain good health. I hear lots of talk out there about

“clean foods”, “eating the rainbow” and “eating colors for health”. The line of thinking is that if you eat foods for their nutritional value then a healthy body will be the result. Eating ‘clean’ is to eat like your grandmother ate, and she made everything from scratch. She ate what was in her garden or what came from the root cellar. If it can’t be plucked or picked, hunted, fished or if it didn’t have a mom, don’t eat it. It’s that simple. No processed foods, no additives and no artificial ingredients. It’s eating clean, organic foods in their truest, most natural form.

Eating colors for health is making sure that your foods include the colors of the rainbow to get all the nutritious health benefits of food to stay healthy. The best way to get a healthy range of antioxidants (the good stuff our body needs to stay healthy) is to eat fruits and vegetables representing all colors of the rainbow. Antioxidants, natural chemicals found in plants, help protect the body from free radicals, compounds formed naturally in the body that damage tissues and may contribute to a variety of chronic conditions, such as heart disease, Alzheimer’s and cancer. Each color contains different antioxidants.

Here is a list as printed in Eating Well magazine:

**RED/PINK:** Great source of lycopene, which may protect against prostate cancer as well as heart and lung disease. Tomatoes and watermelon are two sources.

**ORANGE:** It’s easy to remember carotenoids, the class of antioxidant found in this color: just think “carotenoids.” Fruit and vegetables, such as carrots, mangoes and sweet potatoes, store beta carotene, which the body

turns into vitamin A.

**YELLOW/GREEN:** Get your lutein and zeaxanthin—two antioxidants linked with reducing the risk of cataracts and atherosclerosis—in honeydew, avocados and yellow corn. Many green cruciferous vegetables also contain indoles, another antioxidant, which helps fight cancer.

**PURPLE:** This color, common to summer treats like blackberries and eggplant, comes from a very powerful kind of phytonutrient: anthocyanidins, which may protect against heart disease by preventing inflammation. Since different foods contain different anthocyanidins, try to eat a range of purple and blue foods to benefit the most.

Follow these tips and you will not only find yourself losing weight, but you will also have more energy, less illnesses, decreased inflammation and better athletic performances.

It seems like eating out is an impossible task when eating healthy is your goal. It’s a matter of the choices you make on where to eat and what you order. At the Grill, we cook from scratch with a very few exceptions. We know what goes in to our sauces, side dishes, entrees and desserts because we make them in our kitchen. It is very easy for me to help someone with diet or allergy restrictions because we use simple, whole food ingredients. We offer a wide variety of sides so that our customers can make a perfect meal that suits them. A healthy choice might be our Red Brick Chicken with seasonal vegetable and cucumber salad.

We all know that vegetables and fruits are healthy but we also have to pay attention to where and how our food is grown. In keeping with our commitment to give our customers the very best, The Grill is using more locally grown produce, meats and sustainable seafood than ever before.

If you haven’t visited us in a while, here is my personal invite for you to dine with us. If you would like to be in the know email me at [kitchen@pinemountainlake.com](mailto:kitchen@pinemountainlake.com) and I will add you to the database. Until we eat together...

# Happy Valentine’s Day

BY TOM LOVE – FLOOR MANAGER

Happy Valentine’s Day everyone. Guys, I hope that you don’t forget the special person in your life. We finished up 2012 with a great New Year’s Eve party, thanks to all of you that attended.

We’ve got some great events for you this year starting with our Valentine’s Day dinner at The Grill. We also have our Super Bowl Sunday halftime bash at The 19th Hole Lounge on Sunday 2/3/13. The halftime buffet is only \$15.00 per person and includes Nachos, Sloppy Joes, Hot Wings and many other yummy finger foods for your enjoyment. I look forward to seeing all of you there rooting for your favorite team. Go 49ers.

We have some great bands for you this month that include Dynamo, The Beach Cowboys, and many others. The Beach Cowboys will be playing at The Sweethearts Ball on the 16th of February and you don’t want to miss this great band. They bring a lot of energy to the dance floor so I expect to see all of you guys out on the floor with your significant other.

Speaking of bands we have some new ones for you this year. In April on the 13th we have Stone Cold, in May on the 11th we have EZ Street, and I’m working on some other bands that I think you will really

enjoy. Please come out and support these new bands and be sure to give me your feedback on them as I need to know what everyone thinks about them.

As many of you know Jaime Wortmann has been acting as lead bartender at The 19th Hole Lounge. As of the 1st of January that position has been made permanent. Jaime has done a great job behind the bar and has some great ideas for improving our service to you our members. He has several years of management experience as well as bartending. I am so proud to have him on our team. On your next visit to The 19th Hole Lounge be sure to congratulate him on a job well done. Thank you Jaime for your dedication and hard work. I look forward to many years of working with you.

Next month is my one year anniversary here at Pine Mountain Lake. I have got to meet so many great people, have developed friendships with a lot of you and thoroughly enjoy my work. Thanks to all of you for your support this past year and I look forward to many more years of being a part of Pine Mountain Lake, The Grill and The 19th Hole Lounge. Again, Thank You.

See you soon at The 19th Hole Lounge.

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THE GRILL'S ANNUAL



# Sweetheart Dinner Dance

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH AT 7PM

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**The Beach Cowboys.**

## Valentine's Day 2013

### SWEETHEART DINNER

#### Salad

butter lettuce, avocado,  
navel orange supreme, pickled red onion

#### Seared Beef Tenderloin

applewood smoked bacon, shiitake mushrooms,  
potato au gratin, sautéed spinach

#### Dayboat Scallops

fried risotto corn cake, roasted red pepper puree,  
sautéed spinach, parmesan frico

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## COMEDY NIGHT

AT THE GRILL

**Saturday, March 16th**  
**Seating at 5:30 PM**



**Featuring  
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Dave  
Goodman**

### MENU

GUINNESS STOUT  
BRAISED BEEF  
BRISKET

BOXTY  
TRADITIONAL IRISH  
POTATO PANCAKE

SAUTÉED CABBAGE  
AND CARROTS W/  
BACON

GREEN SALAD  
BAILEY IRISH CREAM  
LAYER CAKE

**\$45.00**  
plus tax and gratuity



## The Grill will be CLOSED for Maintenance

BY JAY REIS, THE GRILL MANAGER



The Grill will be closed in February for 2 weeks for maintenance. I apologize in advance for any inconvenience that this may cause, but the Grill will be closed for two weeks for some much needed maintenance in the kitchen from February 18th to March 4th. We will reopen for normal business on Tuesday March 5th. During this time the 19th Hole Lounge will be open from 10am daily, we just won't be serving food. We will still have live music on Saturday February 23rd and March 2nd starting at 8pm.

In an effort to provide our members with some dining choices, Duet Catering's owner and Pine Mountain Lake property owner Stacie Brown and I have come up with a solution for Friday and Saturday evenings while we are closed. I am happy to announce Duet Catering, in partnership with The Grill, will be offering Dinner service on Friday's February 22 and Friday March 1st and Saturday's February 23 and March 2nd, details to follow on our website.

Winter is typically the off season for most but for the Grill we continue to exceed my expectations. The weekends are still very busy and during the week it is hit or miss. We have monthly wine

tasting dinners planned which are very popular. These dinner events are so popular that we have had to schedule two in one month. We tried a beer tasting Dinner and it was so successful we have planned to do this regularly as well. Let me know if you might be interested in a Tequila, Scotch or even Bourbon tasting, we may plan one or all of these in the future as well. Remember to sign up for the Eclub to receive monthly emails as reminders for our events.

In 2013 we have booked several new bands, check our website for the entertainment schedule. We try to change it up once in a while but Dyna-Mo and Rockslide are still the most popular bands so you can hear them every month. As we wrap up the football season with our Superbowl Party, the 19th Hole Lounge is still the perfect place to watch your favorite sports team. Plus our free Wi-Fi lets you browse the internet, check your email or do some work on your laptop.

Chef Carrie has changed the menus slightly. The dinner menu now has two of my favorites the Boneless Beef Short Ribs and Lamb Shanks. Also on the small plate menu, she brought back the Sirloin Steak and added the grilled Skirt Steak. The Lunch menu has a 1/2 sandwich and

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## Love is in the Air at The Grill

BY BAMBI JOHNSON, HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR



Love is in the air and in the food! Chef Carrie puts her love into every meal that is served at The Grill! Every course of our Annual Sweetheart Dinner and all of our special menus that Chef Carrie creates have her love and passion behind it. And it shows in all of her amazing creations. I invite you all to come to one or all of our special events and taste the love that Carrie puts into her work!

### Coming this month:

#### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3RD

##### Super Bowl Halftime Tail Gate Party

Join us at The 19th Hole Lounge for the fun as we host our best half time tail gate party ever! Watch the two top NFL's teams battle it out on the gridiron. Expect to see all your game time favorites and more on the buffet line such as, Baked Potato bar, Nacho bar, Miller all beef hot dogs with all the fixins', Super bowl Sloppy Joes, and Hot Chicken Wings. The half time buffet is only \$15 plus tax. We look forward to you and your friends joining us for the fun!

### Let Cupid and The Grill be Your Chef!

Order your romantic Valentines dinner packages to go! Choose from

crab stuffed pasta shells, with vodka sauce and sautéed spinach \$25, or grilled beef tenderloin dusted with porcini mushrooms and topped with a whiskey peppercorn sauce, twice baked potato and asparagus \$32. or Cornish game hens, mixed grains and dried fruit, with a chardonnay cream sauce served with sautéed spinach \$22. Top this passionate dinner off with a trio of romantic cupcakes \$6. All dinners include a split of champagne to set the mood. XOXO

#### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14TH Valentine's Day

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

#### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16TH Annual Sweetheart Dinner Dance

This romantic dinner and dance is always very popular, it is the perfect "Valentine's Date". The fun starts at 7pm. Chef Carrie will be preparing romantic plated entree choices for you and your sweetheart to enjoy! This special dinner includes a starter of butter lettuce,

See **GRILL EVENTS** on page 17

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avocado, navel orange supreme and pickled red onion. Then choose between seared beef tenderloin with apple wood smoked bacon, shiitake mushrooms, potato au gratin, sautéed spinach, or Dayboat scallops, fried risotto corn cake, roasted red pepper puree, sautéed spinach, and parmesan frico. Finish your night with a romantic trio of cupcakes; milk chocolate, white chiffon and red velvet. After dinner, swing your sweetheart to the sounds of The Beach Cowboys. We hope you will join us for this fun and romantic evening. Call today to make your reservations for this event. The price is only \$75 per couple, plus tax & gratuity. Seating is limited so make your reservations early!

**Coming next month:  
SATURDAY MARCH 16TH  
Comedy Night at The Grill**

In honor of St. Patty's Day The Grill will be hosting a fun filled evening with lots of blarney & grog. Join us for an Evening of Improv and dinner. Chef Carrie will be preparing, stout braised brisket, braised with Guinness beer, spices and onions. To accompany this traditional Irish feast she will prepare Boxty (Irish potato pancakes), sautéed cabbage, carrot and bacon. Then she will top off your evening with a dessert that would satisfy any leprechaun with Irish cream layer cake! The price of this event is only \$45.00 plus tax and gratuity. What a deal for unlimited laughs and a wonderful dinner too! Reservations are required for this prepaid event, so call 962-8638 today to make yours. Seating time is at 5:30pm.

**THURSDAY MARCH 21ST  
Wine Tasting and Dinner Buffet  
5:00pm – 7:00pm.**

We will be featuring varietals from Langetwiins family winery and vineyards,

located in Acampo, California. Chef Carrie will be preparing a delicious buffet dinner including, Beef Bourguignon, a classic French braised beef, mashed potato, roasted carrots, & green salad. To top off this fun filled evening with friends, we will surprise you with one of Carries culinary creations for dessert. All of the wines are offered for sale at discounted prices this night only. The price of this social, fun filled, relaxing event is only \$23 plus tax. Reservations are required, so make yours today by calling 962-8638.

**SUNDAY MARCH 31ST  
Easter Buffet!**

This is a very popular event so make your reservations early. Seating's are at 9:00am, 11:00am, and 1:00pm. Expect to see all of you favorites like carved prime rib, old fashion baked ham, omelet station, and an amazing assortment of entrees, salads, and baked goods, and desserts. All for only \$32.00, guests 65 and better only \$25.00, and kids 6-12 are only \$15.00, with the little ones 5 and under free! Call today 962-8638

I would love to plan your next event at the grill. However, I do recommend calling and scheduling an appointment in advance. By doing this, I can better serve you by being prepared with available dates, creative menu selections with pricing. I can also address the details that are specific to your event, there by maximizing your valuable time spent in planning mode. You can always contact me at my email address at: [cluboffice@pinemountainlake.com](mailto:cluboffice@pinemountainlake.com) or call me at The Grill at 962-8638. So remember your Grill staff when planning your next wedding, anniversary, memorial, reunion, golf tournament, birthday party, etc! Leave the work to us so you can enjoy your friends and loved ones! We promise a memorable event! Hope to see you at The Grill soon, until then, Bon Appétit!

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soup or salad and we will be serving Raul's Chili through the winter again. For breakfast you will notice a couple of new additions, she added Crab Eggs Benedict and Yosemite Joe's. Both of

these were very popular during our Saturday Brunches during the summer so now you can get them year round.

We are constantly trying to keep things fresh and updated and will continue to improve the Grill for our members. Please drop me an email if you have any suggestions or comments, [clubmgr@pinemountainlake.com](mailto:clubmgr@pinemountainlake.com)

**Quilters' Corner**

BY SANDY SMITH

February is usually a great month for quilting. So keep in mind that the stroll is right around the corner. You have 5 months to make something spectacular to show off your skills. Also you might think about making a civil war quilt to hang in the community center. Plans for the stroll are coming together and the excitement is building.

The Pine Needlers Guild will meet on Feb. 19th under the library at 6 p.m. Come on and hang out with us. We will have a wonderful guest speaker, Rami Kim. Her passions are wearable art, quilts, cloth dolls and bags. She is also a well known author. Save the date and see you there.

Also the Block Party will be on Thursday Feb. 21st, 1 p.m. at Deanas. We have several little quilts ready to take down to CNVC, and need to tie several more. Bring your machine and lets get these ready for the end of this months delivery! My peresonal thanks to Judy McKinnon, Carol

Willmon, Mary Brown, Jodi Poulin, and Carol Archeleta. It is very fulfilling to be a part of this community outreach program. Want to help, give me a call, 4950, I can set you up to sew or tie.

Did you know that rainbows are formed by light refracting off water droplets that are constantly in motion. No two people will see exactly the same rainbow. Makes it easier to understand how sometimes choosing colors is difficult. Have you ever been fabric shopping with a friend and disagree on color? This is a good explanation, don't you think?

Hobbies come and go, remember quilting is your hobby not a race, enjoy the process. Spending 20 minutes quilting everyday is a source of healing from stress, and anxiety, even if it takes awhile to complete the project. It is the process that is important.

See you on the 19th, and the 21st.

**Men's Nine Hole Golf Club**

BY WALT BALES

The Wednesday Men's Nine Hole group is always open for new members. To play just sign your name to the signup sheet at the pro shop. The staff at the pro shop will assign you to a foursome for that weeks play. The Nine Hole Group does

not require a handicap for play. Yearly membership dues are twenty five dollars and you can join at any time during the year. Buy a round of drinks at the end of the day and have at least twenty new friends for life. Now how nice is that?

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# PML Men's Golf Club

BY DICK FAUX, SECRETARY

Since the Men's Golf Club had no golf tournaments scheduled in December, there are no results to print. The Men's Club has two tournaments scheduled for January (presuming that the January weather is cooperative). After the January events, the next scheduled tournament will be the Ice Breaker Tournament which is March 30th.

If you have not downloaded your 2013 Tournament Schedule you can access that information and/or tournament entry forms at [www.pmlmgc.com](http://www.pmlmgc.com).

With the change in the PML annual golf fee schedule, in 2013 we have reverted back to having a majority of the Men's Golf Club tournaments scheduled for Saturdays to allow the off-the-hill players to more easily participate.

## RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM JOE SMITH...

As we Senior Surfers know, sometimes we have trouble with our computers. I had a problem yesterday, so I called Eric, the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control and asked him to come over. Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, 'So, what was wrong Eric?

He replied, 'It was an ID ten T error.' I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, 'an, ID ten T error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again.'

Eric grinned... 'Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?

'No,' I replied.  
'Write it down,' he said, 'and I think you'll figure it out.'

So I wrote down:  
ID10T  
I used to like Eric....

## DO YOU KNOW THE RULES OF GOLF?

Q #1. During a stipulated round, a player runs out of golf balls. May he borrow one or more golf balls from another player? What about other items such as gloves or tee's?

Q #2. In a match between A and B, A holes out for a four. B has already played four strokes and his ball lies in a bunker. Thus, the hole has been decided. If B plays from the bunker, would the stroke be considered a practice stroke.

A #1 Yes. Rule 4-4 prohibits a player from borrowing a club from another player playing on the course but the rules do not prevent a player from borrowing other items of equipment (balls, gloves tee's etc.) from another player.

A #2 No. Strokes played in continuing play of a hole, the result of which has been decided, are not practice strokes.

# Garden Club Clippings

BY JOYCE SMITH

We have had some good rains, a little snow earlier and now beautiful but very cold nights and cold days. Yes it's winter! Christmas has come and gone, everything put away and we have ushered in the New Year. We are thankful for the rains but we are eager to have more moisture in whatever form. Garden Club is preparing for the new year and although we did not have a regular meeting in January, we had a meeting of the Board and plans for the year have been finalized. We start off with our 1st meeting on Feb. 11th.

The Covers will be with us telling us about house plants and as usual, they will be bringing plants you may purchase. The Covers have remarkable success with their plants. Plants need love, care and water and their plants get a lot of all three. We look forward to having them as our Guest Speakers for our meeting. Meeting is on February 14th, 1:00 P.M. at the Lake Lodge. If you are interested in coming, be our guest. Should you want to join our group, dues are \$15.00 a person or \$20.00 for a family.

Hope to see you at the Lake Lodge.

# Lady 9ers Golf

BY KAREN DICKSON

Pat VanGerpen and Stacie Brown welcomed all of us with champagne and wine. Appitizers were made by Pat VanGerpen, Karen Dickson, and Nancy Whitfield yummy!

Great Start!!!!  
Stacie Brown our captain had gifts for all of us. Then she presented thank you gifts to her 2012 officers. We presented our captain Stacie Brown with gifts for a year well done and for deciding to be our captain again. Then came lunch made by Deanie Martini from Duet Catering. Soup was served in beautiful tea cups. The soup was so good that I think we could of just had the soup! Next was Stuffed Pork Tenderloin with spinach and creamed corn. Dessert did MELT in your mouth, wonderful Carmel Flan. Great lunch Deanie! !! Thank you.

Next we had a White Sale to end our party. Our famous auctioneer Linda Craig auctioned off the items we had brought



from our homes. All the items brought sold. Linda always does such a fantastic job and makes it so much fun that we made a lot of money. This year was even better and more fun. Great for our club. Well done! THANK YOU LINDA! What a great way to end the year!

Hope to see more of you out golfing. I can say when the sun shines here it really makes it a nice day of golf!

Happy Golfing !



## PML Racquet Club News

BY KEN STEINER

First report for 2013 from the Racquet Club Scribe.

Holiday Party and Election of New Board Members. The club holiday party for members and Fourth Quarter Board Meeting was held at the Grill on December 12. It was an excellent combination of good food, good drink, good friends and holiday cheer. The 2013 Board of Directors was enthusiastically nominated and elected as follows: President: Larry Santa Maria; Vice Presidents: Tom Hernandez and Dave Rauch; Secretary: Joanne DeHart; Treasurer: Joe & Maddie Sousa; Director: Jim Hassay; Facilities: Jerry DeHart and Past President: Emily VanVleet. Emily was presented with a lovely clock by Larry on behalf of the club for her service as President for the previous two years (see picture). Larry also initiated a discussion among the members of the pros and cons of possibly converting one of the existing tennis courts into two Pickle Ball courts.

The following individuals agreed to remain committee chairs for 2013: Roster: Dotty Davis; Men's Day: Jack Linaberry; Scribe: Ken Steiner, Webmaster for the Racquet Club website at [www.pmltennis.webs.com](http://www.pmltennis.webs.com): Bob Oakley.

2013 Roster. Dick and Dotty Davis did a bang-up job on this year's Racquet Club Roster. In addition to including the names of all current members and the 2013 Board of Directors, it also includes the 2013 calendar of events, including scheduled tournaments, barbecue socials,



*Emily VanVleet with clock presented by Larry Santa Maria.*

quarterly meetings and hours for the weekly Thursday Men's Day.

Dues for 2013. The Racquet Club is always interested in having new members. Dues are \$10 per member per year. Dues checks should be mailed to: PML Racquet Club, PO Box 534, Groveland, CA, 95321. Unfortunately, if you haven't joined at this time, it is too late at this time to get your name included in the 2013 Roster.

PML Tennis Court Fees. Racquet Club members are reminded that you need to renew your tennis court privileges for 2013 by purchasing the annual pass from the PML Administration offices.

Hope to see all of you out there on the courts and at the Tuesday evening Barbecues this coming year. Members will certainly be raising a racquet at the Cinco De Mayo tournament that Tom and Gina Hernandez will be organizing this coming May.

## Pine Mountain Lakers RV Club

BY NED NUDDLEMAN, PRESIDENT

The Pine Mountain Lakers RV Club held their Annual Holiday Party at the Groveland Hotel with 25+ members feasting on excellently prepared Chicken, Steak or Salmon.

The New Board for 2013 was presented and approved by the members: Ned Nuddelman, Pres., Willie Boatman, VP., Maddie Sousa Sec., & Lee Isbell, Tres. Donations to the Food bank as well as personal donations to charities of choice were made by the members.

The preliminary 2013 calendar of events is as follows:

**Jan 20 Pizza Party 5:30 at Two Guys**  
**Feb 17 Potluck 5:30 at Lake Lodge**

**March 17 Potluck 5:30 at Lake Lodge**

**April 9-12 French Camp RV Park**

**May 7-10 Cal Expo RV Park**

**June 4-8 Angels Camp**

**July 7 Picnic on the lake**

**Aug. 6-10 Half Moon Bay (not yet confirmed)**

**Sept. 10-14 Jackson Rancheria**

**Oct. 20 Potluck 5:30 at lake Lodge**

**Nov. 17 Potluck 5:30 at lake Lodge**

**Dec 15. Annual Holiday Party**

Anyone that would like to join us for any of our events please call: Maddie Sousa at 962-5708 or Willie Boatman at 962-7032.

## PML Ladies Golf Club Events

BY SUE PERRY

Ho Ho Ho....it was a very merry but rainy month for golfing. I think those that braved the mud and cold to play in the following events deserve a big Hurrah!

### DEC. 6TH 1 BEST BALL AND 1 BEST PUTT

1st Place with 86 points...Jenny Dwaileebe, Eleanor Ellis, Thelma Faux, Janice Mussatto; 2nd Place with 89 points...Sara Hancock, Clarice Ligonis, Yvonne Mattocks, Sue Perry

### DEC. 12TH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEETING

We had a good turnout for our annual Christmas Luncheon, general meeting and toy drive this year. Eleanor Ellis had the tables festively adorned and surprised us with a fun "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" type golf game. We were divided into teams and given questions to test our golf knowledge. It was a lot of fun but I guess I better start paying a lot more attention to golfing news and players. A wonderful luncheon was served. Our general meeting followed. Our new board was installed. Thanks to Yvonne Mattocks our 2013 Captain, Elisa Hoppner Co-Captain, Barbara Connelly Secretary, Virginia Tallman Treasurer, and Tournament Chairs Linda Johnson & assistant Sara Hancock. Check your new rosters and calendars for all our other volunteers for the upcoming year. Heartfelt thanks to Judi Maguire for serving as our Captain for the 2012 year. She did a magnificent job and her efforts made our golfing experience that much better. Our hearts and prayers are with you Judi! Highlights of our meeting included the awarding of the Northern Medals that went to Barbara Connelly for Handicap 13-27 with a 70 and to Jodie Awai Handicap

28-39. Ace of Aces went to Barbara Connelly with a 69 and Putter of the year went to Jodie Awai with 26 Putts. Most improved player for 2012 was Jennifer Dwaileebe whose index improved from 21 to 17. CONGRATULATIONS LADIES!

### DEC. 13TH JINGLE BALLS

1ST Place 129 points...Kitty Edgerton, Priscilla Park, Helena McMillan, Paula Vautier; 2nd Place 129\* points... Sara Hancock, Yvonne Mattocks, Linda Johnson, Jeanne Pacco; 3rd Place 132 points...Mona Tompkins, Kathy Shehorn, Sue Perry, Jodie Awai...BIRDIES: Patty Peebles #11, Thelma Faux # 7, Janice Mussatto # 17

### DEC. 20TH HO, HO, HO

1st Place 140 Points...Jodie Awai, Sara Hancock, Yvonne Mattocks, Anne Peterson; 2nd Place 141 Points...Helena McMillan, Priscilla Park, Marjorie Rich. No Birdies.

### DEC. 27TH AFTER CHRISTMAS BLUES

1st Place 78...Kitty Edgerton, Helena McMillan, Linda Wall, Sara Hancock: No Birdies

I am wishing you all adio after being Publicity Chair for these past 6 years and two months. You now will be enjoying articles in you PML News written by our new chair, Sara Hancock. Thanks Sara and welcome! Please remember that Sara can only write about what she receives from you. So if you are a tournament chair or in charge of an event, please email her your report as soon after the event as possible at [fnsbhancock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fnsbhancock@sbcglobal.net). It has been a great pleasure to have served my club and I am looking forward to playing golf with you all in 2013.

## PML Ladies Club Good Deed and a New Board

BY BEVERLY OAKLEY

January 9, 2013 the PML Ladies Club had their first Luncheon with a new board. The new board members are: Beverly Oakley as President, Dawn Silva as Vice President, Connie Buchner as Secretary, Maddie Sousa the Treasurer and Sonja Palmer as Parliamentarian.

The Grill served delicious hot squash soup, with a fresh salad and a hot roll. After lunch our ladies tied two layers of fleece together to make eight blankets

that will be given to the Child Protection Services. We not only warmed our tummies, we also warmed our hearts.

On February 6th we will be doing the Wine and Chocolate event. It is always a hit. Who doesn't like chocolate? A flyer will be going out on that soon.

If you would like to get in on the fun, join the PML Ladies Club by calling Maddie Sousa at 962-5708 or Barbara Coldren at 962-5168 to find out the details.



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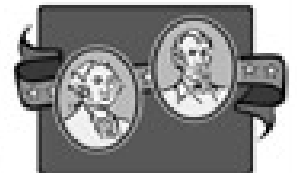
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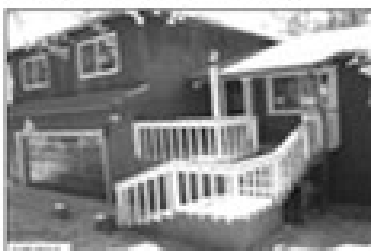
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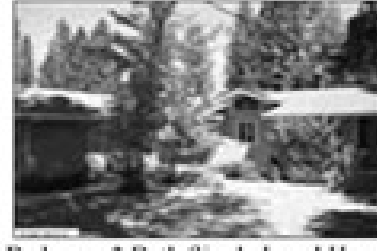
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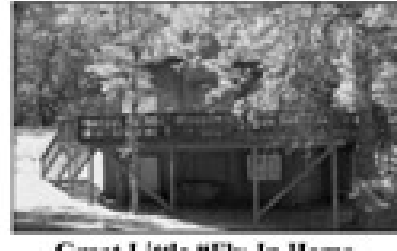
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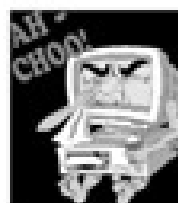


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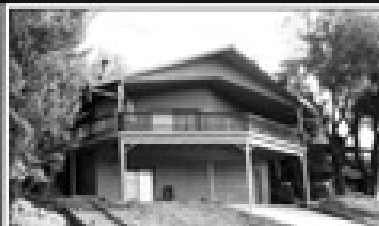
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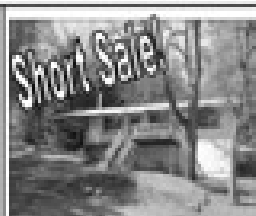
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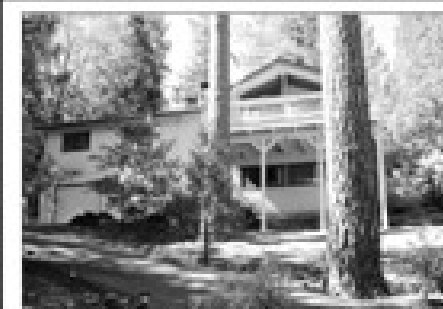
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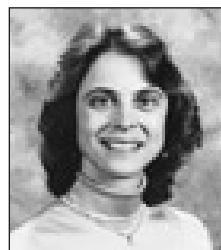
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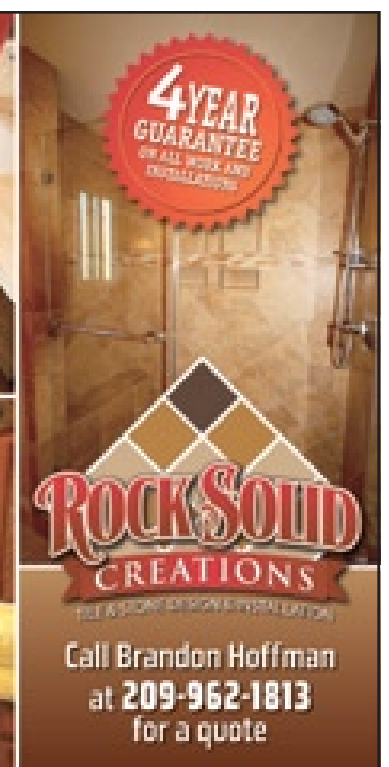
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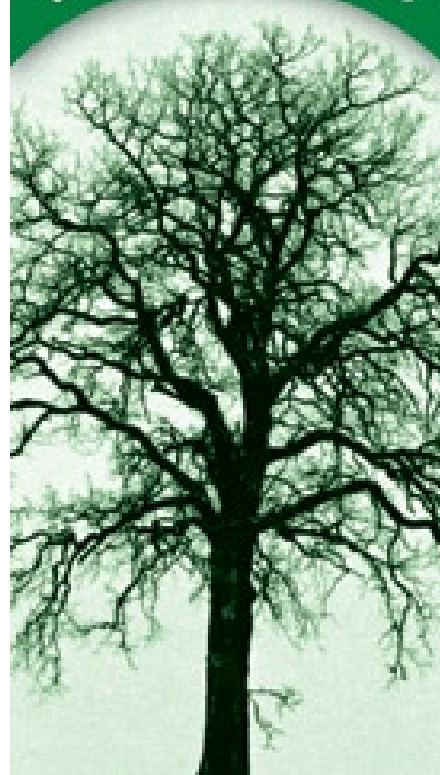
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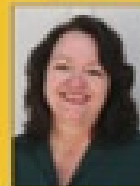
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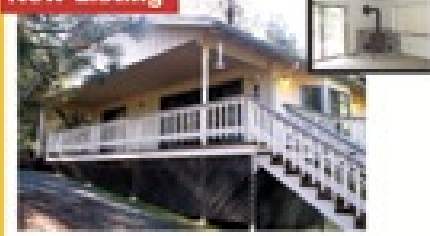
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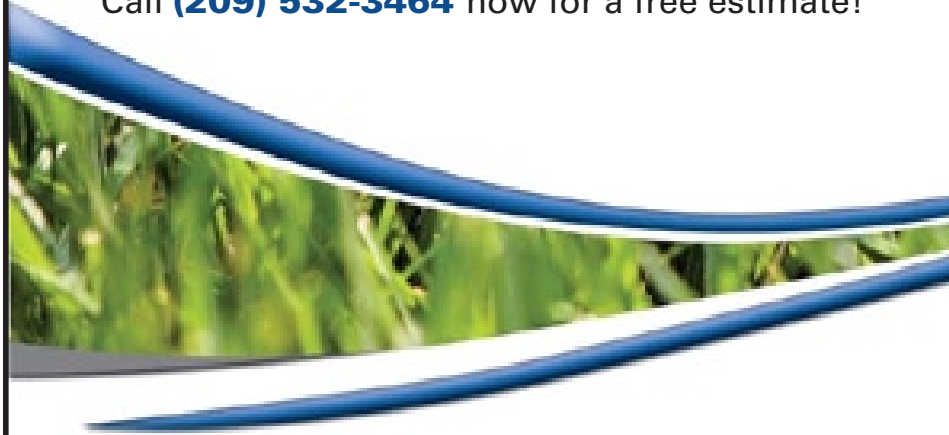


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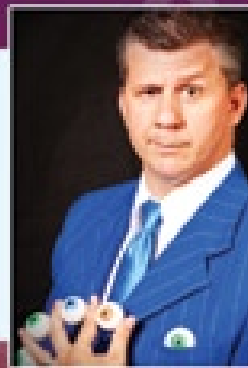
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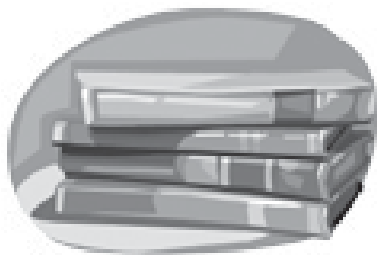
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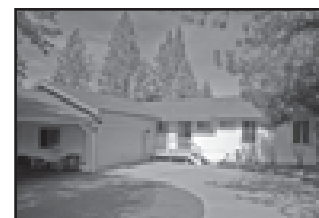
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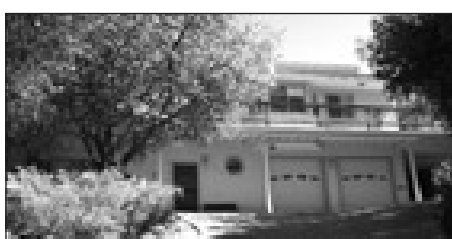
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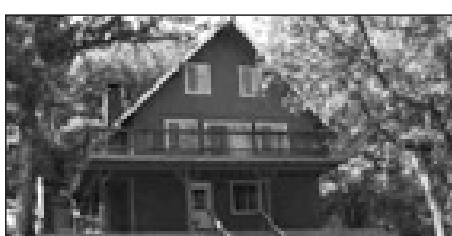
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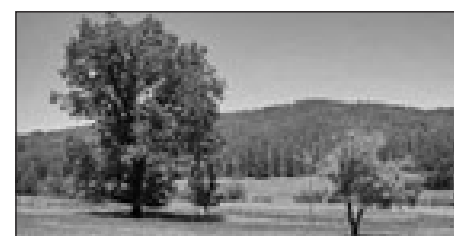


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**BANK OWNED HOME....**2 bedrooms with large bonus room and bath downstairs. Both bedrooms on the entry level are very large and have access to a bathroom. Call David Lint or Ron Connick, \$79,900 3/339 MLS#20120223



**30 ACRES RANCH/HORSE PROPERTY....**Fenced X fence. 2500 sq ft home with upgraded amenities. 4 bd 2.5ba, 3 car garage. Separate in law quarters. 17 Security camera systems on property. Call Zane McDow, \$160,000. 5740 Shillings Rd. MLS20120882



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



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Realtor of the Year



Linda Willhite  
Realtor,  
2002 Realtor of Year



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Realtor



Zana Looney  
Office Assistant

# Students of the Month

## January Tenaya Elem. Student of the Month



Jacey Hawkins

Jacey Hawkins is Tenaya's Student of the Month. Jacey is a fourth grader in Mrs. Hilton's class. Jacey is an exemplary role model for her classmates. She is always willing to assist a friend

in need and is a dedicated student who consistently does her personal best! Jacey's parents are Shane and Kelly Hawkins of Groveland.

## January Tioga High Student of the Month



Gabby Costa

Gabby Costa simply excels; she has no option but to get A+ on paper after paper and project after project. In her low-key, good-humored way, she is constantly thinking about subjects in school

and life in general. While she is still deciding what her major will be in college, her natural disposition is that of a philosopher – she's interested in things.

A year ago, Gabby decided she was going to Ireland – and so she did. She spent several months fund-raising and attending meetings in Modesto in order to participate in the People-to-People Student Ambassador program, and was able to spend last summer touring the British Isles.

She brought her interest in Ireland to school, using Irish literature for book reports in AP English and research into the history of the Irish Republican Army for a county History Day project. Her insights and interests enrich the school; Tioga is lucky to have had her as a student.

Gabby has several options available for next year. She's already been accepted to King's College in New York and is waiting to hear from the University of Minnesota where she plans (as of this week) to major in Anthropology. She's a rare student and any college will be the better for her presence.

## February Tenaya Elem. Student of the Month



Sienna Fong

Sienna is a terrific young lady with a confident smile and quiet manner. Sienna excels in academics and as an athlete. She maintains a 4.0 grade point average and yet is always pushing

herself to do even better. One of Sienna's greatest strengths is her willingness to always help others. She does so in a quiet, friendly way that allows anyone to feel that she is a friend. Sienna is a great pleasure to teach and to have as a student in our classroom. Congratulations, Sienna. Sienna is the daughter of Mike and Kristie Fong of Moccasin.

## February Tioga High Student of the Month



Samantha Hindle

The Tioga Staff is proud to select Samantha Hindle as our February Student of the Month. Her chemistry Teacher Gordon Giedt describes her leadership ability as "take charge- get things

done- keep everyone smiling!" Sam has contributed to our school for four years on student council, in S-Club and on the volleyball and softball squads. One of our most active seniors, Sam still maintains a rigorous academic schedule and received Straight "A's" this fall. Her parents Tammy and Patg Laeng are proud of Sam's Many achievements.

*Note: Due to an error in last month's listings that lead to the students being misidentified we are running January's Student of the Month bios and photographs again this month. We apologize for the error and congratulate the students on their achievements.*

# Valentine Rose Sale

BY TENAYA PARENT PRESCHOOL

Tenaya Parent Preschool is having their annual Fresh Rose Sale! Buy a beautiful bouquet for your sweetheart or send a 'flower gram' to any student at Tenaya Elementary School. Tenaya Parent Preschool has been helping children within our community for nearly three decades. We rely heavily on the support of the community to continue providing each child with

a quality educational foundation to ensure success throughout their educational careers. Be sure to place your order early! For further information please contact Penny @ (209) 962-7559.



# Exercise Equipment Needed

BY DAWNELLE DUTTON

Tioga High is in need of exercise bikes/treadmills. We put a lot of use daily in our cardio equipment for our physical education classes and athletics. We have worn down most of the machines we have. It is a tax write off if anyone in the local area has a good

working piece of equipment to donate. We have had a lot of non working items donated in the past and we have had to pay to get rid of them, so please only working items. Thank you in advance. Please call the school and we can arrange a pickup if needed. 962-4763

# Blankets Still Available from Tioga S Club

BY DAWNELLE DUTTON

We had a low attendance at our blanket giveaway this past weekend. We are choosing to hold on to our leftover blankets that we worked so hard to collect. We are holding them so that if you know a family in need or if you

are in need of some warm blankets this winter we'd like you to call Tioga High and arrange a time to drop by and pick them up. Please don't hesitate if you know someone in need. We are a service club, here to serve this community!

# Tioga S Club Valentine Balloon Bouquets

BY DAWNELLE DUTTON

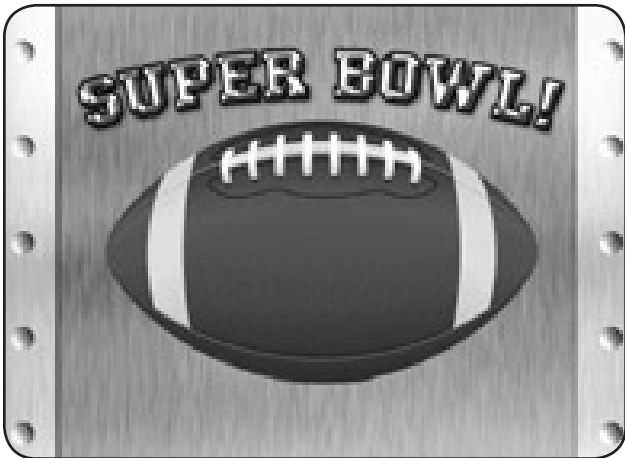
Tioga S Club girls will be holding their annual Valentine Balloon bouquet fundraiser. We are selling 2 types of bouquets, one with a stuffed animal for \$6.00 and the elite bouquet with a beautiful flower vase full of Valentine candy for \$12.00. Each can be picked up at Tioga High. If you were to buy these retail they would cost you a minimum of \$30.00 - so great deal on the hill! Please call the high school @ 962-4763 to get your order



in today! We will take orders up to February 11th. We sold out the past 2 years, so get your order in early. We can only accommodate up to 60 orders. If you have a student at Tioga or Tenaya these can be personally delivered to them at school. If you have a student receiving one, then they will need a ride home from school that day because balloons aren't allowed on the bus. Happy Valentines Day from Tioga S Club.



# FEBRUARY EVENTS CALENDAR



**Super Bowl Halftime Tail Gate Party – Feb 3**



**Valentine's Day – Feb 14**



**Annual Sweetheart Dinner Dance – Feb 16**

**2-3**

**SUNDAY IN THE LOUNGE**

**SUPER BOWL HALFTIME TAIL GATE PARTY**  
Join us as we host our best half time tail gate party ever! Watch the two top NFL's teams battle it out on the gridiron. Buffet of Half time favorites. The half time buffet is only \$15 plus tax. We look forward to you and your friends joining us for the fun!

**2-7**

**THURSDAY 10:30AM**

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**  
Hospice of the Sierra will offer a 10-week grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one. The group sessions are free and will start on Thursday, February 7, at 10:30am. Pre-registration is required. Please call Shauna Burrow, Bereavement Coordinator, at 536-5687.

**2-13**

**WEDNESDAY**

**ASH WEDNESDAY AT MLC**  
Lent begins on Ash Wed., February 13, 2013 with a 7:00 Evening Service at Mountain Lutheran Church. This service focuses on repentance & receiving God's Gifts of Grace & Forgiveness.

**2-14**

**THURSDAY @ 5-8PM**

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

**2-16**

**SATURDAY @ 7PM**

**ANNUAL SWEETHEART DINNER DANCE**  
Romantic dinner and dance is the perfect "Valentine's Date". Romantic plated entree choices for you and your sweetheart! Wwing your sweetheart to the sounds of The Beach Cowboys. \$75 per couple. Seating is limited! 962-8638 for reservations.

**2-20**

**WEDNESDAY @ 5-8PM**

**TUOLUMNE RIVER PLAN PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**  
Open house, presentation, and opportunity to discuss the Tuolumne River Plan with Yosemite National Park staff members and to provide comment on the plan at the Groveland Community Hall.

**2-22**

**FRIDAY @ 7PM**

**WINTER MAGIC!**  
Magician John Gardenier brings his astonishing close-up slight-of-hand and stupendously entertaining magic show with BIG laughs and high energy to the Groveland Hotel. Dinner Show begins at 7pm. Close-up magic performed at each table. The Stage Show follows at 8:30 p.m.

**2-23**

**SATURDAY @ 5-7PM**

**KIWANIS FAMILY NIGHT**  
Spagetti Dinner at the Groveland Community Hall. This will be a new fund raiser to help with our Community Service projects. We invite you to come and bring your families. Drawing for raffle prizes.

MAR ENTERTAINMENT AT THE LOUNGE

**Friday**  
**February 1**  
**SHOWTIME**  
**KARAOKE**

**Saturday**  
**February 2**  
**DYNA-MO**

**Saturday**  
**February 9**  
**HIGHWAY 99**

**Saturday**  
**February 16**  
**BEACH COWBOYS**

**Saturday**  
**February 23**  
**HILLS BROS BAND**

COMING IN MARCH

**March 16th**  
 Saturday at The Grill  
**COMEDY NIGHT AT THE GRILL**  
 In honor of St. Patrick's Day  
 The Grill will host an evening of Improv and Irish dinner. Featuring comedian, Dave Goodman.

**March 21st**  
 Thursday at The Grill  
**WINE TASTING & DINNER**  
 Featuring varietals from the Langetwins winery, Acampo, CA.

**March 31st**  
 Sunday at The Grill  
**EASTER BUFFET**  
 Seatings at 9am, 11am, & 1pm.  
 Expect to see all of you favorites like carved prime rib, old fashion baked ham, omelet station, and an amazing assortment of entrees, salads, and baked goods, and desserts.

# Friends of Groveland Fire Department

## THE TRAGEDY OF THE GROVELAND FD - PART 1

BY CAROL SIMPSON

Friends of Groveland Fire Department, with contributions over \$11,000 from our GCSD Community, spent the summer of 2012 trying to save our Groveland Fire Department (GFD). We lost our local community GFD and our Fire Chief. Ironically, our dedicated firefighters will be better paid with better benefits under CAL FIRE, still at our expense. Tragically, in the Greek sense, we did not prevail. So, what happened?

Some history: Our 10-year supplemental fire tax, technically a “benefit assessment”, on our property tax bills as “Groveland Fire Par Tax”, expired in 2012. It was passed in 2002 by a 61% vote of the community property owners (the ones who were to actually pay it) to cover an operating deficit due to decreased property tax revenues, improvements in fire and medical service (See GCSD Fire and Rescue Assessment – Engineer’s Report FY09-10), and repayment of Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) monies allocated by State of California to GCSD in error during the 1990s. The tax started at \$60 per year with a cost of living adjustment (COLA). By 2012 it was \$83.64 for most property owners.

In 1990-2000 we still had a mostly volunteer fire department with a core of full-time staff – fire chief plus three fire

engineers. Ranchers and self-employed business owners could tolerate a worker as fire volunteer leaving to fight a fire immediately. Over time, our economy changed, as did the demographics, along with the younger residents working off the hill. This left fewer volunteers available to the GFD. See Fire Department Evaluation for the Groveland Community Services District-Final Report, Citigate, 2007, [http://gcsd.org/reports/fire\\_master\\_plan.pdf](http://gcsd.org/reports/fire_master_plan.pdf). We also acquired more retired residents, many of whom gladly participate in our incredible range of volunteer organizations but who cannot pass the rigorous physical requirements for volunteer fire fighting. Our average age is about 55.

In 2004 the State forgave the remainder of the ERAF repayment. However, only 7% of the \$250,574 2004 assessment revenue (\$17,540) was allocated for repayment with 93% needed to cover GFD operations and rebuilding of reserves. A Union Democrat article on 12 August 2004, stated about \$5 of each \$71.73 per single family dwelling of the assessment had been budgeted for ERAF repayment. The property owners passed the assessment mainly to provide funds to improve the response ability of our fire department by hiring more full-time, immediate-response fire fighters. The funds went to maintain and improve

our fire department over the ensuing years. In 2011, our GFD total budget of \$1,220,367 was covered by \$891,581 in property tax revenue, \$297,986 in fire assessment revenue, and \$30,800 in other revenue.

In 2011 the GCSD Board of Directors Joe Riley, Roy Conley, Herman Schaap, John Armstrong, Steve Perreira, and then Acting General Manager Fire Chief Shane Warner, commissioned a survey of the GCSD Community to determine community preferences for a replacement tax to continue to fund the FD. SCI Consulting Group was awarded a contract. They chose a stratified sample survey design that would have been appropriate in a laboratory setting but led to misunderstandings in the community. Residential and commercial property owners were surveyed separately, for a range of possible tax amounts, some relatively low, some relatively high. Each person who got a survey saw only one amount. In discussing the survey, folks were concerned to hear different amounts for properties that seemed similar. Because each person saw only one amount, individuals were led to believe that the Board had already decided the amount of tax to propose. In fact it was just a survey to see which amounts

received greater or lesser approval by the community so as to guide the Board. Had the survey shown all the amounts to each surveyed community member, it would have been clear it was just a survey. Sentiment against the fire tax began to grow. There were even large signs posted stating, essentially, “You asked and we voted No to new fire taxes”.

The results were reported at the GCSD Board Meeting on 16 June 2011. In fact, according to the survey results, 88.4%, well over 2/3 of the single family dwelling property owners were willing to pay essentially the same \$83.64 tax as they had been paying for the expiring fire assessment. And, 85.1% of all property owners were willing to pay \$83.64. Registered voter support for \$83.64 was even higher at 91.1%!

In contrast, only 55.2% of the property owners were willing to pay \$150 per year to keep our fire department as is and make some improvements. Only 65.9% of registered voters agreed with the \$150 tax amount. SCI Consulting Group recommended “For the greatest likelihood of success, the special tax or assessment rate should be at or near the District’s current rate of \$83.65 for a typical single family home.”

So, while the survey actually provided good predictive data, namely that an \$80 tax would be accepted and a \$150 tax would likely fail, it also planted the seeds for an organized opposition to any tax.

Please read Part 2 next month

## Sheriff’s CSU Office Now Open In Groveland

The Groveland branch of the Tuolumne County Sheriff’s Community Services Unit is now open in Groveland to serve the needs of the community in the Groveland and Big Oak Flat areas. The office is located at 12720 Par Court in Groveland, adjacent to the Pine Mountain Lake golf course. The phone number is 962-6974. The office is open on Wednesdays, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. During office hours you can order address signs, request vacation checks, special event requests, and get fingerprinted for job applications.

If you’re not familiar with the CSU, it is a civilian branch of the Tuolumne County Sheriff’s Office. Tuolumne County encompasses more than 2,000 square miles of territory. The ability of the Sheriff’s Office to provide law enforcement services over such a wide area is severely limited. The county continues to grow in population and

law enforcement needs. The ability of the Sheriff’s Office to meet the rising need for service has become more difficult with the current budget limitations. The increased need for services by the Sheriff’s Office requires increased personnel and added expenditure of public funds, which are not always available. A partial answer to this problem is the utilization of the volunteer pool of talent and experience in the community. One of the ways this is accomplished is through the Community Assistance Patrol (CAP), which performs a multitude of duties which may include serving subpoenas, vacation checks, handicap parking enforcement, motorist assists, victim witness transport, crime scene security, property bookings, etc. CAP members receive special training in order to drive a CAP patrol car. In addition to the Groveland office, the CSU also

has offices in Sonora, Jamestown, Tuolumne City and Twain Harte. It is the goal of the CSU to work with the Sheriff’s Office to help make Tuolumne County a safer and more enjoyable place to live, work and visit. Some of the events that the CSU helps out with locally in our community are the 49er Parade and Chili Cook-Off, Halloween night treat-or-treating in town, and traffic control for the Christmas Basket Project on pick up day.

The Groveland branch of the CSU is greatly understaffed and could really use your help. If you have some free time, won’t you please consider volunteering? CSU volunteers are both women and men, and prior law enforcement experience is not necessary. For more information, please contact Mike Cunningham at 962-8955.

## Genealogy Workshop

BY PEGGY ANDREWS

If 2013 is the year you’ve decided to begin researching your family tree, let me suggest you come to the Genealogy Workshop now meeting in the History Resource Center upstairs in the Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum from 1 to 3 on the 4th Friday of each month.

As a beginner you may need suggestions on where to begin and how to organize your material. We can help get you started in the right direction. If you are more experienced you may want to use one of the subscription websites we offer or a “boost” over a “genealogical brick wall”. Again we’re eager to help.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Peggy Andrews at 209-962-7264 or [pmlandrews@sonnet.com](mailto:pmlandrews@sonnet.com).

## 6 Things to Get Excited About in Groveland Before the 4th of July

BY SUE DONEM AT THE GROVELAND HOTEL

Now that the new year is officially under way and our regular routines are back in place, perhaps like me you are looking for something interesting and fun to do. If that sums up your thoughts, let me gently direct you to the Groveland Hotel and Cellar Door event calendar.

Valentine's Day is approaching and a romantic dinner out may be the perfect way to let your special someone know how much they mean to you. Because Valentine's Day falls on Thursday this year, our mouth watering menu is available from Thursday night through Saturday night, February 14 - 16. The three course dinner is \$39 for Adults and \$18 for Children aged 5 to 12 years. Four course dinner is \$49 for Adults and \$28 for Children aged 5 to 12 years. Children 4 years and younger eat free.

Our Wine Spectator Best of Award of Excellence wine list has a selection to tempt any palate. Ask your server to recommend the perfect wine to accompany your dinner. You may also choose from a selection of beers, spirited mixed-drinks, non-alcoholic drinks and soda from the Cellar Door's full-service bar.

After dinner plans? Oh yes! Get a room! We'll help you arrange for your own private bottle of bubbly! Reservations email: [guestservices@groveland.com](mailto:guestservices@groveland.com) or phone: 209-962-4000

Friday, February 22 is the Last of the

Winter Magic! Magician John Gardenier brings his astonishing close-up slight-of-hand and stupendously entertaining magic show with BIG laughs and high energy to the Groveland Hotel.

Gardenier loves to present his regular show to rave reviews at the Bay Area's California Magic Dinner Theater. Everything becomes magical in his hands. Let television and audience favorite stage show magician John Gardenier "twist your reality" with stunning mayhem as he baffles all five senses! Even the most skeptical audience members say, "How did he DO that?"

Make your reservations early! All the Winter Magic shows have been full or near-full capacity and we just hate to turn guests away at the door. The Dinner Show begins at 7:00 p.m. and is available with purchase of an entree and \$10 Cover Charge per person. Personal and close-up magic is performed at each table during dinner. The Stage Show follows at 8:30 p.m. Call now to reserve your table! 209-962-4000 or 800-273-3314.

Looking forward, Easter arrives on March 31 this year and May brings Mother's Day. We're already thinking Spring menus for Easter Dinner and Mother's Day Dinner, and Memorial Day on May 27 is close behind.

On May 10, 2013, the Iron Door, Hotel Charlotte, the Groveland Hotel and the Pine

Mountain Lake Grill request the pleasure of your company at Groveland's Progressive Dinner! This is definitely a delicious way to take a taste adventure tour of four of Groveland's longtime restaurants.

First on the list, as befits California's oldest continuously running bar, is The Iron Door where you'll start with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Then take a quick step across Main Street to the Hotel Charlotte for tasty soup and salad. Make your way to The Groveland Hotel and toothsome entrees. Finally, top off your evening at the Pine Mountain Lake Grill for a sweet ending with dessert and dancing. Pricing for this culinary exploration will include tax and gratuities, making it an easy way to enjoy an evening out.

On Sunday, June 2, the weekend after Memorial Day is Groveland's own "Where the Hell is Groveland?" Car Show in Mary Laveroni Park. This means Saturday, June 1 is the perfect day to introduce Vintage Day in Groveland.

Back in the day, the 1930s to be more precise, Curry Village in Yosemite was filled with tourists, tents, music and entertainment. In 2006 Tom Bopp and the Ahwahnee Hotel hosted Heritage Holidays to celebrate the Art Deco heydays. Sadly, the annual gaities were cancelled in 2010 due to the twin elements of the recession and the remodeling of the Ahwahnee.

Saturday, June 1st, Groveland's Vintage Day is planned to be a celebration of the Art Deco era to include the 1920s to the 1940s. Costumes are encouraged from Flappers to Zoot Suits, Vamps, Bootleggers, Gangsters and Molls. On the schedule of events are a Costume Contest, Free Vintage Dance Lessons and Saturday night dance, Live dance band - Ginger and the Hoosier Daddys, Professional Photographer for photos with a vintage car and an authentic 1930s Dinner Menu. Vintage Day organizers are working on the possibility of a Speakeasy, but please don't tell!

Mark your calendar for this event! The 150th Anniversary of then President Lincoln's signing of the Yosemite Land Grant in 1864 is coming up in 2014. To begin the festivities, The Groveland Hotel is offering "Way Out West in 1864 with Mark Twain" performed by Pat Kaunert and Dave Rainwater. The show features authentic music of the period (Rainwater) combined with Mark Twain's (Kaunert) stories of Yosemite and traveling the Sierra Nevada in the 1860s. The show is part of The Groveland Hotel's 2013 Yosemite Courtyard Cabaret season.

Reservations for Lodging, Dinners and Shows are available now by phone: 209-962-4000 or 800-273-3314, email: [guestservices@groveland.com](mailto:guestservices@groveland.com) and online: <http://groveland.com>

## From Your Tuolumne County District Supervisor

JOHN GRAY, TUOLUMNE COUNTY 4TH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Whew!! It's now officially 2013...

The ringing in of the New Year has taken place and the first week of January brought us back into chambers as we welcomed our two new County Supervisors to the Board, Karl Rodefer (district 5) and Sherri Brennan (district 1). Randy Hanvelt, Evan Royce, Karl, Sherri and I will be working together with resolve as we strive to improve conditions in our County and County Government.

Remember that Fiscal Cliff we talked about in last month's article? Well, we haven't fallen off .... Maybe just "sort of". As anticipated, a "deal" was struck at the 11th hour, but now California Counties are waiting for the other shoe to drop so that we can learn what effect this "deal" will have on our finances.

Congress must still figure out how to cut at least \$85 billion toward the ultimate goal of reducing spending by \$2.1 trillion over the next 10 years. Those are pretty

big numbers in anyone's checkbook. The outcome will not be known until March at the earliest.

To help put this in perspective inasmuch as Tuolumne County is concerned, we find that our balanced budget is not based upon the hope that Congress or the State will forward more funds our way. These elusive funds could be used to reinstate service levels up to what they were four years ago but there is no guarantee that we will see them. It has always puzzled me as to why Counties are legally obligated to operate under requirements to balance their budgets but State and Federal Government can work without one at all....or one that doesn't balance.

No matter how we feel about taxes, some are necessary. I have friends that say "we pay too much" and others that say everyone "should pay a little bit more". My position is that whatever we pay in taxes must be spent wisely.

On the County level, these taxes fund law enforcement, road maintenance and County offices-such as Tax Collector, Assessor Department and the Clerk-Auditor Department as well as Health Services, to name a few. You may find it interesting to note that only about 24 cents of every dollar received into the County stays here. Counties suffer financially because as a subdivision of the State we are not "first in line" to decide where our tax dollars should be spent. We are required to spend only what is given back under the rules established by the State or Federal Government and even then it can only be spent in specific categories or upon specific projects.

If you are one that doesn't think that you're getting your 24 cents worth, I'd like to offer a few things for you to consider.

There is a cost to government and government is needed. If everyone was a good guy, respectful of individual rights, worked for the common good and always

did the right thing, maybe we could do away with it. Not going to happen! Government rules and regulations are here to stay. It's my job and your job as responsible citizens to make sure that the rules and regulations are fair and reasonable. Public participation in local government is important. You can help by asking questions, voicing your concerns, offering suggestions, showing up at community events, and attending Board of Supervisor meetings... My promise to you is that "I will listen".

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

You may contact me by calling (209) 533-5521 or email me at: [jgray@co.tuolumne.ca.us](mailto:jgray@co.tuolumne.ca.us)

Office hours in Groveland the last Wednesday of the month from 9-11

Office hours in Don Pedro the last Thursday of the month 9-11 by appt



# A Huge Thank You!!

## 2012 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BASKET PROJECT UPDATE

BY PATTI BEAULIEU

As we begin a new year, co-chairs Patti Beaulieu and Dar Brown cannot close out 2012 without thanking all of the greater Groveland community for their participation in the Christmas Basket Program again this year. We have such a caring, giving community, and at no other time of year is it as apparent as during the holidays. This year we serviced 153 adults and 126 children by providing each family with a bounty of food, produce, a Mar Val Gift Certificate, a donated Helping Hands Gift Certificate, a donated Pizza Factory Gift Certificate and gifts for each of the children. This is all done through volunteerism, community donations and contributions.

Preliminarily, applications were taken in early November and specific gifts were purchased. The food barrels were put at MarVal Market and Hetch Hetchy Water District in Moccasin. These were emptied periodically throughout the month by our local Groveland Firefighters and Derrol Beaulieu. The firefighters also stored the food and brought it down to the Community Hall when needed.

Our special Gift Angel, Cathie Hart, had purchased carloads of gifts and had them delivered to us by Peaches Sponseller in late November.

We started the countdown to the project on Wednesday, December 5th, when the PML Ladies Club hosted their Christmas Coffee and asked each attendee bring an

unwrapped gift. Many brought more than one, so we ended up with quite a haul – Santa was proud and oh, so grateful.

Once the gift lists and clothing sizes were organized, the competent group of Shopping Elves set off on their mighty task of finding just the right gift for the right child. These shoppers included: Toni Augsburger, Jackie Baker, Chris Balek, Susie Bales, Faye Buckley, Linda Child, Juli Citarelli, Geralyn Dielman, Sandi Fiance, Shirley Haliwell, Cheryl Hernandez, Karen Jablonski, Flo Jansen, Amanda Klaahsen, Linelle Marshall, Sue Peterson, Syd Robenseifner, Linda Struhm, Donna Thayer and Claudette Williams.

On Thursday, December 6th, the shoppers delivered their gifts to the community hall and a group of elves spent most of the day wrapping them. They were Susie Bales, Linda Child, Charlie Fratus, Karen Jablonski, Amanda Klaahsen and Sue Peterson. The following week they were joined by many other wrappers - Jackie Baker, Chris Balek, Betty & Willie Boatman, Mary Brown, Faye Buckley, Sandy Fiancé, Katrina Olson, Dorothy Parker, Dawn Silva and Dea Thomas.

Monday, December 10th, began our 'basket week'. We stage the community hall for the week of assembly and even more wrapping, that ends on Saturday, December 15th with our pick up day. This is when everything is distributed to the

applicants. Throughout the week, we had the invaluable assistance of Mal Brown, Charlie Fratus, Bob Haliwell, Mike Ireland, Karen Jablonski, and Ron & Carole Smith.

As you can see from the lists below, many businesses and nearly every church, organization and club in the community contribute in some way to this project.

ADVERTISING: The Pine Mountain News and Yosemite Highway Herald for publishing the important dates to remember and updates on the project.

Food Donations: MarVal Market for allowing the food donations to be purchased at cost, Diestel Turkey Farms (who once again, donated all the turkeys); Yosemite Bank; RaboBank; Foothills Community Church; New Life Church; 7th Day Adventists Church; Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints; Mountain Lutheran Church; Buck Meadows Community Church, Big Oak Flat Baptist; Evangelical Free Church; Kiwanis Club of Groveland, Groveland Rotary Club; Rebekah Lodge 259; Garrote Lions Club; Tuolumne County Association of Realtors; Hetch Hetchy Water District; Liz and Donald Lilly; Joan and Bob Herron; Groveland Highlanders 4H Club; CA Dept of Forestry; and the following Pine Mountain Lake Organizations - RV Club; Resident's Club; Garden Club; ROOFBB's; Men's 9-Hole Golf Club and Racquet Club. Linn Faler was the elf in charge of verifying the food deliveries.

Gift Donations: Cathie Hart; FOGL (donated money for book purchases and wrapped them all!!); PML Ladies Club; PML 18-Hole Ladies Club; PML 9-Hole Ladies Club; PML Aviation Association and various generous neighbors.

Cash Donations: 'Santa John'; Mary Brown and Jerry Weese; Curves of Groveland; Rob and Kerri Fratus (in honor of Rick and Charlie Fratus), Sean Harrington (in memory of his late wife Annette); Leahy and Sons Construction; Kay Meerman; Moore Brothers Scavenger Co., Pine Mt Realty; Precision Optics; Wrighton Construction.

PICK-UP DAY CREW: Jim Knutson and Steve Salnick- who get up at the crack of dawn to pick up the turkeys in Chinese Camp; Chuck Bush from MarVal Market who has the produce and perishables delivered, also BEFORE the crack of dawn; Mike Buckley; Wally & Linda Child; Dick Faux; Otis Fender; Karen Jablonski; Kay Graves; Bob Haliwell; Rudy Rich; FOGL Volunteers- Mary & Stan Bruederle and Linda & Ron Roberts and the Community Service Unit Officers Mike Cunningham and Jim Duncan to bring order to Main Street that morning, and of course, SANTA and MRS. CLAUS!!

From the bottom of our hearts, Dar and Patti thank each and everyone in the community who contribute financially, with food donations or their precious time to make this such a worth while endeavor.

# Helping Hands Happenings

BY JOYCE SMITH

It's January 1st, Christmas decorations are down and hopefully all things Christmas are now out of the Store.

We had so many Christmas items this year, we started putting them out earlier than usual. We thank you for helping us get rid of a lot of stuff. Now, we are on to February. Do you need some little something for someone for Valentine's Day? We have a number of "heart" things. We try to keep theme items together when possible. Check us out!

Do you have something for the Barn? Call the Barn first to see if we have room to take your items.(962-7014) Second, bring someone with you to help you with heavy lifting. Items must be at the Barn by 2:30 PM. Items could be refused if they are not in good condition. Just so

you know, we have pictures, skis, lamps, exercise equipment, crutches, walkers, luggage and tire chains, to name some of our items. We do appreciate your donations.

The Boatmans were honored at the December Meeting by being named "Extra Mile" Award Recipients. Willie comes in every Monday picks up and checks out electronics, appliances, cameras, etc. and fixes them. He also assembles Bicycles for the Christmas Basket Program. Betty comes in every Monday to work on linens. Sometimes she takes home items that are worthwhile and makes repairs. She takes collected baby items and assembles them to make lovely layettes for either boy or girl babies. They are

really lovely and much appreciated. She and Willie have been longtime volunteers and they are there for many extra work day duties. Besides all they do, they still enjoy their RV. These are great people and we are happy they enjoy their work for Helping Hands. Congratulations!

Welcome back to Nola Nunes, Julie McVicker and Lorraine David. All had to leave us but are now able to return. Really glad you are back!

One of Helping Hands Founders and longtime volunteer Betty Moisenko passed away in November. She was a constant volunteer and held many offices in our organization. Our sympathy to her family.

Thanks for bringing your Holiday visitors to our businesses. You helped make 2012 a good year.

See you soon at the Store or Barn. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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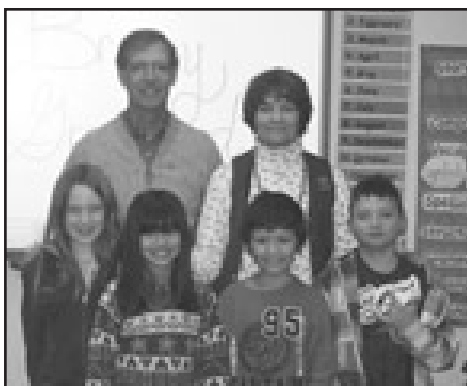
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## Third Grade Readers Rewarded

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON

The Brainy Groveland reading program held an award ceremony for Mrs. Jeffrey's third graders just before the Christmas break. The students were recognized for their accomplishments in reading lots and lots of books during the fall term. In total, the 25 kids read 382 books in three months. Each child received a dollar for each book they successfully read and discussed with a Brainy Groveland volunteer. Cookies and juice added to the celebration.

Champion readers this semester included Dakota Strickler who read 22 books, Ricky Perez with 20, and Lianna Lim and James Hobbs who each read 19 books in the fall. Brainy Groveland volunteers meet each week with the third graders to encourage them to develop good reading habits, which we know leads to better results in school and in life. For more



*Top readers Dakota Strickler, Lianna Lim, Ricky Perez and James Hobbs celebrate with Brainy Groveland founder Steve Ryan and teacher Ellen Jeffrey. Photo by: Virginia Gustafson*

information or to become a volunteer, contact Virginia Gustafson, 962-6336.

## "Support Our Troops" 2012 Summary

BY DAR BROWN, PROGRAM CHAIR

THANK YOU to all the Helping Hands volunteers and members of our very generous community who support this program. In 2012, we shipped 300 boxes, with 87 of them being part of the "Making

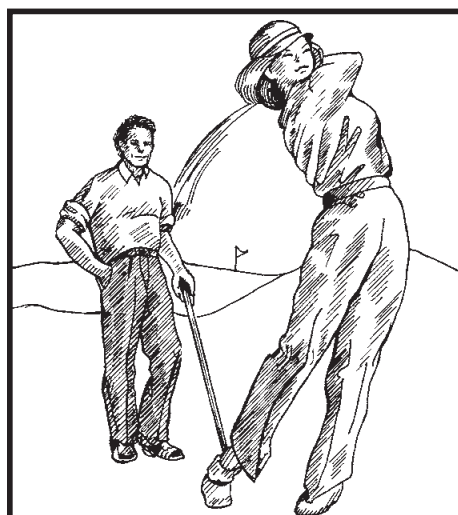
It Home For Christmas" campaign. I was happy to be able to ship necessities such as toiletries that our soldiers cannot readily obtain, but it was also a thrill to ship holiday goodies as well as DVD's, books and magazines to fill the rare down time our soldiers have. We also continue to support operationpaperback.org shipping books to both active military and to their families. Here are some quotes from thank-you letters/cards received in December:

*"Your loyalty and support of our nation's deployed service members is a tribute to your commitment and love of our great country."*

*"The boxes were greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the men and women of the US Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines."*

*"Thank you so much for your kind thoughts and gestures. Everything you've done is greatly appreciated. We love the support."*

I am pleased to report that Helping Hands has allocated funds in the 2013 budget to continue this program. Donations can be left to my attention in Helping Hands, dropped at my home, or I will be happy to pick your donation up. I am also happy to be your personal shopper if you would prefer to donate cash. I can be reached at [dar\\_pml@hotmail.com](mailto:dar_pml@hotmail.com) or 962-5930.



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## Pat Price's Art on Display

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON

Beautiful paintings by PML resident Patricia Price are on display downstairs at the Groveland Library.

Pat began painting in 1975 and served as president of the Danville Gallery, a cooperative art gallery. Her work has been exhibited in galleries and art shows in California and Wyoming. She has won several awards, including two "first place" awards in watercolors.

Pat says, "My art is my teacher, it reaches me to experience the joy of color, to see the same thing in different ways, and to read beyond the surface. My art is my connection to you."



*Works by artist Pat Price on display at the Groveland Library*

Stop in at the Book Nook on Saturdays and enjoy Pat's work.

## Friends of the Groveland Library

BY NADINE PEDRON

### DID SANTA BRING YOU AN E-READER?

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You can check out up to two titles at a time. At the end of the lending period the books will be automatically removed. Some titles can be returned before they expire. Also, up to two titles can be placed on hold. You are sent an email when a title becomes available.

This wonderful new service is made possible in large part by funds obtained through Friends of the Library in Tuolumne County. The Groveland Friends contribute 1,000.00 each year to help build the collection of available titles.

Friends of the Groveland Library meet every 4th Tuesday at 2:00 downstairs at the library. We welcome visitors and

## Pine Cone Singers Begin Rehearsals for Spring Concert

BY LINELLE MARSHALL

By the printing of this issue, Pine Cone Singers will have just had our first rehearsal after a nice break over the Christmas holidays. Music Director Dennis Brown has lots of great tunes chosen for our next concert set – "From Berlin to Broadway" is the tantalizing title! We will celebrate music from the greatest shows on the "Great White Way" as well as the musical heritage that inspired writers like Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Rogers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Lowe, Stephen Sondheim, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Marvin Hamlisch.

So if you're dreaming of joining us this semester, we rehearse on Tuesdays, 3:00 – 5:30 PM, at the Community Hall in Groveland. You still have time to become a Pine Cone Singer! For more information, contact Shirley Brasesco at 209-962-4815.

If you are one of our many concert-goers, mark your calendars now for our 4 concert dates: May 30, 31 (Thursday and Friday, 7:30 PM), and June 1, 2 (Saturday and Sunday, 2:00 PM).

especially new members. For further information about our group please contact President Virginia Gustafson at 962-6336 or email: [v\\_richmond@yahoo.com](mailto:v_richmond@yahoo.com).



## Christmas Donations Arrive at the Groveland/Big Oak Flat School District



Dave Lint & Tioga Superintendent/  
Principal Dave Urquhart



Dave Lint & Tenaya Principal Susan  
Moffitt



Dave Lint & Don Pedro Secretary Vickie  
Bradshaw



Dave Lint & Pre-School Teacher/Supervisor  
Penny Shuey

### The Groveland Area Realtors held their 12th annual Golf Tournament, on July 13th, 2012

\$1,500.00 was donated to Tioga High School. David Urquhart, Principal/Superintendent says this donation will be used for physical exercise equipment and field trips, to help defray transportation cost.

\$1,500.00 was donated to Tenaya Elementary School. Susan Moffett, Principal, says she will use the funds to purchase physical exercise equipment.

\$1,500.00 was donated to Don Pedro High School. David Urquhart, Principal and Vickie Bradshaw, Secretary says this years donation will help the Agriculture Program by supplying their new propagation and shade houses. Some of the money will go towards purchasing a state-of-the-art digital water system, benches, trays,

pots and other needed supplies. The students and staff is excited to move forward with this project and appreciation for this generous donation and continued support from Groveland Area Realtors.

\$500.00 was donated to Groveland Pre-School. Penny Shuey, Teacher/Supervisor says this year's donation will be used for academic rewards and standard supplies needed for their operation.

These donations to the schools for the past 12 years have totaled approximate \$44,000.00

The 13th Annual "Groveland Area Realtors Golf Tournament" will be held on Friday, July 12th, 2013

The four schools want to thank David Lint and Ron Connick for all their hard work on the 12th Groveland Area Realtors Golf Tournament.

## Poetry Anthology for Big Oak Flat/Groveland School District Students, 2013

BY RACHEL PHILLIPS

Poetry is alive! Once again the Groveland community is pitching in to sponsor the second annual poetry anthology written by students from the Big Oak Flat/Groveland School District. Students have shown points of brilliance in last year's anthology and it is hoped that this year's production will shine even stronger. Students are to give poems and art to teachers before spring break and will be published sometime in May. Each student is encouraged to enter up to three poems with three haiku counting as one. Each student will have at least one poem published and a copy of the anthology as a souvenir. Students' poems must be their own work. Students are also encouraged to enter doodles and art work including photos to add a visual interest to the pages of the anthology.

*Poetry is a packsack of invisible keepsakes.* —Carl Sandburg

*Poetry is a deal of joy and pain and wonder, with a dash of the dictionary.* —Kahlil Gibran

*Poetry is the language in which man explores his own amazement.* —Christopher Fry

Poetry is a way to express what is in the heart in just a few words. It is a means to creativity seldom given as an assignment, rising from a deepness of human expression. We hope this opportunity for publication will encourage our students to experience another venue for creativity.

Thanks to FOGL, GAINS, Groveland Lions, Soroptimists, Rotary, and Kiwanis for their offered support. Without them, the student anthology could not be published and distributed to each student. We look forward to an even better publication this year.

## A New Support Group for Women 60+

BY LUCI TYNDALL

### LIFE CHANGES AND CHALLENGES

Each stage of life presents us with changes and challenges. All of the life stages can be difficult as well as invigorating. It depends a lot on the support of family and others who are important in our lives at the time and the specific problems we are facing. It also depends on our own attitude and self-esteem.

The senior stage can go either way; manageable or difficult. If we look at all the successes we have had in our lives and feel great satisfaction in having done a good job, then the latter part of our lives can be a great joy. If there are many regrets or feelings that we weren't good enough or we have resentments from the past, then we will not allow ourselves to

enjoy our remaining days.

This stage of life also has many facets that may include personal health issues, death of a spouse or family member or friend, budget and financial adjustments. Our major challenge may be accepting our own or our loved one's mortality.

If you'd like to participate with a group of women 60+ who are interested in sharing their experiences and their wisdom, exploring strategies to overcome challenges and discovering the happiness you deserve, contact Etty Garber, professional counselor. The group will be starting in March. Meeting dates and times will be determined by the members of the group. Call Etty at 962-5205 to sign up for this free support group to be held at The Little House.

## Join Friends of the Library

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON, FOGL

Do you use the Groveland Library? Do you take out books, read newspapers, use the Internet, make photocopies, or borrow DVDs or audio books? Do your kids or grandkids come to Story Time, Summer Reading Program, or participate in reading programs at school? Or are you just glad to live in a town that values

literacy and has an active library?

If you think the county pays for our library, think again. Friends of the Groveland Library make up the difference with our Saturday book sales and our volunteer efforts in the library and the elementary school.

We invite you to show your

support for our library and all the services it provides in our community. Join Friends of the Groveland Library. For just \$20 a year, you will help provide kids' reading programs, buy new books and eBooks, and keep the library open five days a week (the county only funds four days).

Please stop by the library and pick up a membership form, or mail your name, address and email address with your \$20 check to PO Box 43, Groveland, CA 95321.

FOGL meets at 2:00pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the library. We invite you to join us.



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## A FUNdraising Opportunity

BY YOSEMITE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Is your business, non-profit organization, or sports team looking for a FUN way to raise money? Then we have the best FUNdraising program for you!

The Summer 'Movies in the Park' project is available and seeking a manager. The Yosemite Chamber of Commerce will not continue to run Movies in the Park for the upcoming 2013 season, and is trying to locate someone to take it over so that our local youth and community does not lose this FUN summer activity.

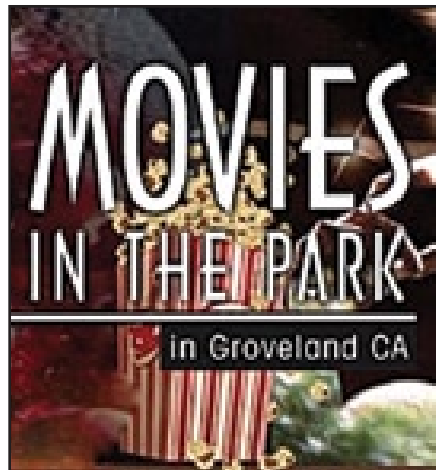
To ensure another great movie season, planning should begin right away. The work is hard but the rewards are greater. Very little is required up front, and the potential for a significant fundraiser is definite. The new organization will be given ample instruction to help maximize profit in a great summer fundraising environment. We will put you in contact with the (required) movie licensing company for pricing and titles, the average cost of a movie is \$300 to \$400. There is also a small County permit fee for use of the Snack Shack in the park. All help each weekend has been volunteer based in the past.

You will also have admin rights to:

[moviesonthebill.blogspot.com](http://moviesonthebill.blogspot.com)

[www.facebook.com/GrovelandMovies](http://www.facebook.com/GrovelandMovies)

The movies start at sundown (when it gets dark enough, usually between 8:30 and 9:00) at Mary Laveroni Lower Park in downtown Groveland. In past years they have run each Saturday night from June



1st through September 7th, excluding the 4th of July weekend. This venue is a family event and even with inflation YCC was able to keep the admission costs the same as they were 7 years ago: \$4 for 13 and older; \$3 for 6-12 year olds and 5 and under are free. The concession costs have also been kept low over the years, so that it is an affordable event, with a family of 4 being able to dine on hot dogs, beverages, popcorn and candy for \$15 or less. If the organization that takes over Movies in the Park opted to make admission free, concession sales would likely increase, perhaps making for even more fund raising opportunity with less staffing.

If this sounds like something your business, non-profit organization, or sports team would be interested in taking on, please contact any member of the YCC Board of Directors or the YCC Office by email [info@groveland.org](mailto:info@groveland.org) or phone 209-962-0429.

## Santa Claus Came to Town!

BY YOSEMITE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



*Santa & Mrs. Claus visited Groveland.*

Though the weather outside was frightful, the kids were so delightful! Youngsters eagerly gathered on the afternoon of Saturday December 1st to await the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, who magically appeared at 4pm and treated the children to colorful Elf hats, candy canes, and presents. Thank you to the Groveland Fire Department for providing a haven from the storm for Santa's arrival and our local children's fun, and for helping with set up and clean up too!

The kids were invited to sit on Santa's knee for a heart to heart about their Christmas wishes, and to have their photograph taken. Special thanks to Rudy Manzo, Digipix Photography for providing the pictures. If you did not pick up your photo print(s) yet, they are available at the Yosemite Chamber of Commerce until February 15th.

Everyone was offered delicious Hot Chocolate, courtesy of the Garrote Lions Club, which was served by elves Wanda Day, Cathy Leetham and Erma Millheim, while Shirley Brasesco and several other members of the Pine Cone Singer entertained the crowd with Christmas Carols.

### HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST!

The 2nd Annual Highway 120 Holiday Decorations Contest extended from Big Oak Flat all the way to the Yosemite Country Store at Yosemite Lakes Road, and of course included many points in between such as the Pine Mountain Lake Deli and Yosemite Bank. Thanks to all who participated!

This year there were 2 categories of entry, Exterior and Interior/Window Decorations, with 9 participating businesses. The panel of judges, Norma Powell, Patti Beaulieu and Rick Whybra, toured the entries on December 17th, and it was a very tight race with the winners of the Cash Prizes being: Exterior Decorations: 1st place Down to Earth Hardware, 2nd place Groveland Hotel, 3rd place All Seasons Groveland Inn. Interior/Window Decorations: 1st



*Exterior 1st Place – Down To Earth Hardware.*



*Interior/Window 1st Place – Precision Optics.*

place Precision Optics, 2nd place Miss Kailey's Consignment Boutique, 3rd place Hotel Charlotte.

A special nod goes out to the Fulton Family and to Don & Pat Harris for adding to the area's Holiday Spirit with their wonderful, personal decorations and displays.

The Yosemite Chamber of Commerce would like to say a Special Thank You to the sponsors of the annual Santa & Decorations events, we could not do it without you! 4C Properties - Accounting Plus - All Seasons Home Maintenance - Chris Lake, Realtor, CBMLP - Evergreen Lodge - Groveland Hotel & Cellar Door Restaurant and Bar - Helping Hands - Hotel Charlotte, Charlotte Bistro & Bar - Liz Lilley, Yosemite Area Realtors - Liz Mattingly, Realtor, Coldwell Banker MLP - Miriam Martin, Realtor, RE/MAX Yosemite Gold - Moore Brothers - Milt Lake, Parrot Plumbing - Pine Mountain Lake Realty - Precision Optics - Premier Valley Bank/Yosemite Bank - Rabobank - RE/MAX Yosemite Gold - Rotary Club Groveland - Joanne Scott, Mary Kay Cosmetics - SoulBGood - Thousand Trails/Yosemite Lakes - Wrighton Construction - Yosemite Region Resorts, CBMLP - Zoophonics

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deposit. You can name your partner at a later date. We are hoping for a full field of 72 teams and once again we will tee off with a shot-gun start both days. The Mother Lode Invitational is one of the premier golfing events at Pine Mountain Lake each year so make your plans early and don't miss out on the fun. If you have any questions, contact Tom Bickmore at (209) 962-5517, Frank Jablonski at (209) 962-4375 or the PML Golf Shop (209) 962-8620

## Tuolumne River Plan Public Information Meeting

### Groveland Community Hall-Wednesday, February 20

Yosemite National Park has announced the release of the Draft Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (TRP) and invites you to attend an interactive public information session at the Groveland Community Hall on Wednesday, February 20th from 5-8 pm. The meeting will consist of an open house, presentation, and opportunity to discuss the Tuolumne River Plan with park staff members and to provide comment on the plan. The public comment period for the TRP is open through Monday, March 18, 2013 and the document can be viewed by visiting the planning website at <http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/trp.htm>.

The TRP presents the environmental

analysis of four alternatives the National Park Service is considering for the Tuolumne River Wild and Scenic Corridor, including Tuolumne Meadows. The Preferred Alternative seeks to retain a traditional Tuolumne experience while reducing development and making visitor use more sustainable. Specifically, the alternative will allow for the restoration of informal trails, replanting of native vegetation, and the restoration of natural hydrologic conditions; continue to provide visitor access to the Tuolumne River; repair damaged riparian areas near the river and in meadows; maintain the health and integrity of the river system, while still providing access to the river without damaging sensitive areas.

## Healthy Habits from Pine Mountain Therapy

BY JULIE TANAKA, PT

### YOUR MEDICARE THERAPY BENEFIT FOR 2013

On January 2, 2013 the American Taxpayer Relief Act was signed. This new law prevented a scheduled 26% cut in Medicare reimbursement to physical therapy clinics and physicians. We understand the need to cut spending but that cut would have been devastating to privately owned practices like ours. As it stands, with the changes that are included in the Act we will see about a 2% reduction.

Breaking down your Medicare benefit for rehab services in 2013 is as follows:

\$1900 base benefit for physical and speech therapy, and \$1900 for occupational therapy.

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Services received at hospital based outpatient (ie Sonora Regional) and clinic outpatient (ie PMT) are combined.

#### **\$3700 cap**

Therapy can exceed the \$1900 level to the \$3700 cap as long as functional improvement is documented. Medicare is requiring a new "functional limitations reporting system". We are compliant with the new program at PMT.

Once the \$3700 cap is met the records go through a mandatory manual audit process to determine if more therapy is indicated.

What you as the consumer need to know:

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## You Can Get a Good Workout Without Leaving the Hill!

BY DAWNELLE DUTTON

Recently I have spoken to many community members who drive off the hill to go to the gym or attend a fitness class. I would like to take the time to inform everyone that I offer fitness bootcamps right here in Groveland. I've been a fitness instructor for 10 years now along with having a career. I love inspiring and motivating others to find it within them to get healthy. During bootcamps that

last a month we meet 2x a week where participants do a wide variety mix of cardio, strength, and use new innovative exercise tools such as kettle bells, dynamax medicine balls, and TRX straps. Why drive off the hill to get an amazing workout that you'll love? Give me a call for more information. Our next bootcamp will start in March. Call Dawnelle at 962-0615 or email [dawnel24@hotmail.com](mailto:dawnel24@hotmail.com)



# February 2013

BY ETTY GARBER, PHD – MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST

February is one of the most interesting months of the year. It has the fewest number of days than the other eleven and it adds a day every four years, calling it leap year. Then there is Ground Hog day where allegedly, Punxsutawney Phil predicts the weather. If he sees his shadow there will be 6 more weeks of winter. If not, there will be an early spring.

There are 2 major presidents' birthdays; Abraham Lincoln on the 12th (mine, too) and George Washington on the 22nd. Both are celebrated together as a federal holiday on the 3rd Monday of the month.

And then there is Valentine's Day which began as a Christian holiday to honor Saint Valentine who was persecuted under the Roman Empire. This morphed into a romantic holiday during the middle ages. Lovers expressed love with flowers and sweets and sending greetings of love which were later called valentines. Giving valentines expanded in the 1800's to giving valentines to not only wives and husbands but to family members and friends. School children exchanged valentines with each other and their teachers. It has become a means of expressing feelings of love, human kindness, compassion and affection.

In modern times love refers to a variety of different feelings, states and attitudes, ranging from pleasure (I love ice cream) to interpersonal attraction of romance (I love my wife/husband). Love also refers to emotional closeness of family and friends, country, religion, music and art among others.

Throughout history many cultures and scholars have attempted to define and describe love. Psychologist Erich Fromm wrote that love is not merely a feeling but a living action toward another, oneself or many others over a long period of time. Evolutionary psychologists believe love is a survival tool to reproduce the species. However you define it, the feelings and

actions of love are a constant. We feel it from our parents when we are born as they cuddle and care for us. We find it as children when we choose a favorite toy or pet. As we grow we expand our feelings to best friends, school, our work and finally to someone other than our family that we want to share our lives with and then to our children and grandchildren.

The universal desire of all human beings is to love and be loved. When that is missing from our lives we suffer from the emotional pain of our loss by the lack of self- confidence, low self- esteem, and fear which underlies anger and rage. Unfortunately, we have seen how that is manifested. Too many people have been harmed and suffered directly or indirectly from the absence of love and compassion.

How can we find the love that we need to be happy? Regardless of our past we have the option to make choices that can lead toward this end. When you find the qualities and values you have or would like to have you can begin the process of appreciating your "self". When you can do this you will be able to truly love someone and have someone who will love you. When you open your heart you can develop a relationship built on honesty and commitment. You've heard the saying, "What you give is what you get." You decide how you wish to be treated and apply it to how you treat everyone else.

Love can take many forms; showing kindness to others (even if you disagree with them), helping someone in need, forgiving someone who has hurt you, being patient and considerate of others. In this unique month of February, the month of love, challenge yourself to see how many ways you can express your feelings of love to yourself and others. Remember it is an action word too, so be proactive and double the pleasure. In the words of Mae West, "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."

# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## Grilled Steak Nachos

RECIPE PROVIDED BY TOM KNOTH AND PAULA MARTELL

Unfortunately, nachos have gotten a bad reputation. Convenience store or ball-park nachos typically are ruined with stale store-bought chips and canned processed cheese sauce. Those served with meat typically have overcooked ground meat, usually with fillers, in a sauce that makes the chips soggy.

Well, this recipe will give you a newfound appreciation for Nachos, and although more time consuming, it is a nice way to fight "cabin fever" on a cold winter day, and the resulting dish is well worth the time invested. This is a great recipe for leftover steak, and don't forget to try this dish on Super Bowl Sunday!

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb Tri-Tip Roast, Rib-eye Steak, or New York Steak, grilled to medium rare (you can substitute grilled Chicken, if preferred)
- 6 Small Corn Tortillas, quartered
- Oil for deep frying (Canola, Corn, or Vegetable)
- 2 Cups Grated Monterey Jack and/or Sharp Cheddar Cheese
- 1/4 medium Red or White Onion, thinly sliced or chopped
- 1/4 Cup Black Olives
- 3 Fresh Jalapeno Peppers, sliced into thin rings
- 1/4 Bunch Cilantro
- 1 Roma Tomato, chopped
- 1/2 medium Avocado, chopped
- 1/2 Cup Sour Cream



### DIRECTIONS

Use your favorite recipe for grilling steak; we like to use "Santa Maria Valley Style" seasoning for tri-tip roast, and start by searing the roast on high heat, then move to medium heat until internal temperature of the roast is 127 degrees. Rest steak for at least 15 minutes and then slice into bite sized pieces. Sample the steak pieces and season to taste (if needed) with salt and/or pepper (note: you may grill the roast/steak ahead of time or the day before).

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Heat an inch of oil in a frying pan to 350-365 F range. Deep fry tortilla quarters to a golden brown, drain on a paper towel, and salt to taste immediately. Arrange the fried tortillas on a baking sheet or oven safe serving pan/dish. Top with cheese, steak, onion, olives, and then jalapeno slices. Place in oven for 5 to 8 minutes, until cheese is fully melted. Top with Cilantro, tomato, avocado, and small dollops of sour cream and serve.

**Serves 6 as an appetizer**

# VETERANS' DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT 2012

Once again we enjoyed another wonderful Veterans' Day Golf Tournament! We raised over \$4K for the Fisher House in Palo Alto. I would like to thank everyone for your help in making this such a successful event.

Many thanks go to our Air Force (Allen, Michael, Norm, Vickie and Wayne) for a really beautiful fly-over up the first fairway. Also I'd like to thank Jackie Baker, Marche Kizziar and Dave Lint for their help with all the raffle prizes. Many thanks to Firefall Roasting Company for the donations on the 11th tee along with the helpers Dj, Laura, MaryAnn and Michele. They helped warm up the day. Also I would like to thank all of our many tee sign donators and Tenaya Elementary for their support.

Listed below are this year's winners.

### Low Gross

Jon Caviani, Tom Nischwitz, Chris Niehaus, Mike Armstrong - 62

### Red Flight


**1st Place** – Jay Warshauer, David Bealby, Dennis Pipal, Tony Pavlakis - 65

### White Flight

**1st Place** – Eleanor Ellis, Steve Bennett, Tony Murphy, Dave Berthold - 65

### Closest to the Pin

**Men** – Bill Wrighton, 3' 9"  
**Women** – Eleanor Ellis, 4' 0"



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Groveland, California a community with heart and soul which travelers pass though on Highway 120 in route to Yosemite. If you have not taken the time to Stop for a visit, well maybe you should, advises Karen Mazzola owner of Bodymind & Spirit Connection. Karen made the connection two years ago on such a visit to Groveland, only just passing through mind you, a stop which changed her life. Karen say's the friendly community and hospitality touched her heart and left her with a feeling of wanting to belong, a feeling of arriving home. In the last two years Karen has been busy establishing her home and opening her shop. Bodymind & Spirit Connection is located in the heart of Groveland at 18743 Main Street (Highway 120) where you can find mystical gift items, books, gluten free and organic foods, aura imaging readings, a full line of massage services and reiki energy healing. Her customers will tell you a true body, mind and spirit connection. Karen's focus is to provide therapeutic massage and bodywork to reconnect with vitality and radiant health.

Bodymind & Spirit Connection's website is at [www.bmsconnection.com](http://www.bmsconnection.com) where you can order from 300 different Gluten Free and

Organic Food items. Delivery and pickup is at the store every other Saturday. If your favorite item is not listed on the website you can email them the brand and name of the item and they will add it to the website. A monthly healthy eating potluck will be held at Mountain Sage and is in the process of be set up. During the potluck the attendees can share recipes and learn about the latest healthy food information For more information on the potluck or any of the other services and events you can check it out on the website.

For those that are interested appointments with an intuitive reader is available on Wednesdays. Also, Connecting to Spirit is a free classes held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6pm to 8pm. Connecting to Spirit will explore Reiki Energy Healing, Meditation, and general information on expanding your awareness of connecting to the spirit within yourself.

Bodymind and Spirit Connection is located at 18743 Main Street, Groveland, California and the phone number is 209-962-0341. During the winter months the store is closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The summer months the store is closed Sunday and Monday.

## The Soroptimist Of Groveland Present The 2013 Wellness Faire

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

March 26, 2013 at Tenaya School 8:00AM to noon.

The Faire is early this year and we don't want you to miss the information.

Those of you who have been to the Faire in past years, you know what a major contribution this is to the community.

Medical professionals contribute their time

and resources, providing the wonderful gift of health information to our population.

For those of you that are new, you can look forward to both medical and holistic information and advice.

Letters of invitation have gone out and there will be an article next month providing more information.

## Kiwanis Family Night Event

Kiwanis Club of Groveland is planning a Spagetti Dinner February 23, 2013 at the Community Hall from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.. This will be a new fund raiser to help with our Community Service projects. We invite you to come and bring your families. We will have

a drawing for raffle prizes. Tickets will be \$10.00 in advance or \$12.00 at the door for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. We are offering a special family package for a family of four purchased in advance for \$30.00.

## February Bird Walk

BY JEANNE RIDGLEY

The monthly Bird Walk at the Groveland Community Services property in Groveland will be led by Jeanne Ridgley on Feb 6. The property encompasses an area of more than

200 acres and 132 species of birds have been seen there since November of 2007.

Meet in the GCSD parking lot at 8AM. Bring binoculars and a birding field guide if you have one. Rain will cancel the trip. The walk will last about two-three hours. If you have any questions, call Jeanne at 962-7598.

## Museum Happenings

BY PEGGY ANDREWS

2012 was a great year for your Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum. We welcomed over 5800 visitors. This was an increase of about 800 visitors from the previous year and included visitors from 43 states and 30 foreign countries. As you might expect, July was our busiest month with June and August close behind.

If you have never been in the Museum, stop by and let one of the friendly volunteer docents share some of the rich and fascinating history of our area with you. Our exhibits change periodically as does the topical historical literature and Museum Gift Shop offerings. So, if you haven't visited us in a while, we encourage you to come in and see what is new. The Museum and Gift Shop is open every day from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Are you looking for a unique item for that special Valentine? We have the perfect gift for your big or little sweetheart. With

many items on clearance, the gifts will be easy on the budget and you never have to leave the Hill to shop. The Museum Gift Shop offers many regional historical books and DVD's, unique jewelry, hiking sticks, puppets, stained glass, children's books and souvenirs, one of a kind handmade pine needle baskets and historical Groveland and Big Oak Flat art, just to name a few.

Your Museum Gift Shop purchases help support the Southern Tuolumne Historical Society's (STCHS) dedicated efforts to preserve the history of the lives and possessions of the people who have lived in Southern Tuolumne County and to preserve our heritage for future generations.

The STCHS monthly speaker program will resume in March 16th featuring Jack Burgess, on the Yosemite Lumber Company and Yosemite Valley Railroad. We look forward to seeing you then.

## The Soroptimist Scene

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

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

February is Healthy Heart month. You know what that means – the time we encourage you, and those around you, to assess your diet and activities. Some easy changes may make you a healthier and happier person. Soroptimist is going to have a healthy heart program at their meeting 2-19-2013. You are encouraged to join us. Be good to yourselves and have a Happy Valentines.

Speaking of heart – our members are all heart. They presented the Encore luncheon in January. This event provided comfort food, socializing with friends, and funds for our future community projects. Thanks to all of you who attended.

Chinese Auction is back. March 3, 2013 at the Grill. This is a major fund raiser for the Wellness Faire. This is an evening of giggles and more giggles. Look for the flyers in the near future. The evening is always interesting. Please plan to join us.

Moving right along ..... The Wellness Faire is Tuesday March 26, 2013 at Tenaya School. Invitations have gone out to many people and services in our wellness community. Next month we will be able to elaborate on the medical professionals that will be attending.

### HAPPY HEART MONTH HAPPY VALENTINES

If you would like to visit one of our luncheon meetings, and if you want to make a positive impact in this community, call Bonnie Phillips at 962-4760.

## Pine Cone Players Seek New Director for Plays

BY LINELLE MARSHALL

Have you always dreamed of sitting in a director's chair and yelling, "Action!" or of discovering "new" talent destined for the lights of Broadway? If so, you can get your start in selecting a production, auditioning cast members and working with other

creative individuals to bring drama, comedy or melodrama to enthusiastic theater-goers in Groveland. For more information or to submit your name for consideration, please contact Pine Cone Performers board president, Shirley Brasesco at 209-962-4815.



# LENT at Mountain Lutheran Church

BY PASTOR GINGER DUMARS

Lent begins on Ash Wed., February 13, 2013 with a 7:00 Eve. Service at Mountain Lutheran Church. This service focuses on repentance & receiving God's Gifts of Grace & Forgiveness. We will host 2 Soup Suppers at 6:00 on Feb. 20 & 27 and 2 more on March 13 & 20. The Holden Village Eve. Prayer Service begins at 7:00 following the Soup Suppers. Everyone is welcome to enjoy good soup & bread, fellowship & the beautiful music of the prayer service on those Wed. evenings at Mountain Lutheran. The prayer service will be led by Tom Carman, Pastor Ginger and Anita Millard, pianist. Many Christians set aside the 40 days of Lent to reflect on God's purpose for sending Jesus to earth as well as a time to reflect on God's purpose for us on earth. Essential to these reflections is contemplating Jesus' death on the cross & our relationships with God.

On January 6, Epiphany Sunday, Mountain Lutheran's Council met at the DuMars' home for a Thank You Dinner & for January's Council Meeting. 2013 Church & Council Officers were elected: President – Tom Carman, V.P. – Ron Roberts, Secretary – Kay Smith, Treasurer – Elden Bruha, Financial Secretary – Stan Bruederle, Members at Large – Mary Bruha & Dorine Smith. These Council Members were officially installed during Jan. 6's Sunday Morning Worship.

We always enjoy greeting, worshipping with & visiting with guests at Mountain Lutheran! We're known for delicious snacks & warm fellowship after 10:00 Sunday Morning Worship. Everyone is welcome! We're at 13000 Down to Earth Ct. – just off Ferretti Rd. & next door to Down to Earth Nursery & Landscape Supply yard. Come & worship & be blessed!

# OBITUARY

## William (Bill) Charles Anderson

William (Bill) Charles Anderson, Charming neighbor, husband, father to four daughters and longtime Groveland resident, passed on to heaven December 30, 2012, near Kemah, Texas.

Bill was as amazing athlete, a lover of life, swimming, fishing and boating. Bills ashes will be scattered over the ocean he so cherished. Please do contact Norma Jean @ (281)804-5075; 1225 Lawrence Rd. #914 Kemah, Texas 77565 and Paula Jean in Groveland; 962-5488



William Anderson

# RELIGIOUS SERVICES

<p><b>Big Oak Flat Baptist Church</b> Wards Ferry Rd., 3 blocks from Hwy. 120, Pastor: Jim Lowe • Sunday School 9:45 am, Worship 11 AM &amp; 6 pm;</p> <p><b>Buck Meadows Community Church</b> Old Hwy. 120 &amp; Buck Meadows 209/962-5789 Pastor: Josephine Ellis Sunday School &amp; Worship 10 am Food Pantry Open each Sun before &amp; after service Potluck 3rd Sunday after service</p> <p><b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints</b> 19870 Hwy. 120, Groveland 209/962-5345 Branch President: Vern Shumway, 209/962-6955 Sun. Sacrament 10 am, Sun. School 11:15 am Sun. Prsthd Mtg. &amp; Women's Relief Soc. Noon</p>	<p><b>Evangelical Free Church of Groveland</b> 19172 Ferretti Rd., 209/962-7131 Senior Pastor: Ron Catty • Services: Traditional 9:30 am, Contemporary 11 am, Adult Bible Class 11 am, Mid-week Bible Studies (please call for information)</p> <p><b>Foothills Community Church</b> 18717 Main St., Groveland Sunday Worship 10:45 am; Christian Ed. Hour (groups for all ages) 9:45 am, Child care provided at all services. Weekly Home Bible Study, call for times</p> <p><b>Grace Episcopal Mission</b> At Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Hwy. 120, Big Oak Flat Fr. Jim Stout 209/962-1899 or 209/768-0450 Services 2nd &amp; 4th Sundays 4 pm</p> <p><b>Groveland Seventh-Day Adventist</b> 19585 Elder Lane, Groveland Pastor: David Bello • Sabbath School 9:20 am; Worship 10:50 am • Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Groveland Christian Church</b> (Non-Denominational) 18829 Foote St., Groveland, 209/962-7654 Pastor / Elder: Jack Woodland, Dennis Smith Sunday Worship 11:00 AM; Bible Study 9:30 AM; AA Tuesday &amp; Thursday 7 PM • Ladies Bible Study Monday 4:00 PM • Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 PM Call 962-4950 for directions</p> <p><b>Jewish Services</b> Call 209/962-5995 for more information Friday 7 pm followed by Kiddush Saturday 10 am followed by Kiddush &amp; Kibbitz</p> <p><b>Mountain Lutheran Church</b> 13000 Down to Earth Court (off Ferretti) Pastors: Ralph B. Herman and Ginger DuMars 209/962-4064 • Sunday Service 10:00 am, Bible Study 1st and 3rd Thurs at 1 pm <a href="http://MountainLutheranChurch.com">MountainLutheranChurch.com</a></p>	<p><b>Northside Church of Christ</b> 18584 Main Street, Groveland 209/878-0263 Located behind Yosemite Bank Sunday Bible Study 10 AM Sunday Worship 11 AM Wednesday Bible Study 7 PM</p> <p><b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church</b> Hwy. 120, Big Oak Flat, 209/532-7139 OLMC Parish Services - 209/962-1030 Pastor: Fr. Ray Abella Mass Saturday 4:45 pm, Sunday 9:15 am</p> <p><b>Unitarian Universalist Fellowship</b> Groveland Community Hall Contact Kathleen 209/840-4777 Service 5th Sunday, 10:30 am, at the Groveland Library</p>
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## NOTICE

The Pine Mountain Lake News, established July 25, 1973, is printed monthly for residents of Pine Mountain Lake and sold in the Groveland, CA 95321 area. Members can access the PML News monthly edition online at [www.PineMountainLake.com](http://www.PineMountainLake.com). Every month the newest edition of the PML News is posted online before the first of each month. Interested parties can subscribe to the traditional "hard copy" and receive a copy by mail each month.

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

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

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## Nominate a Volunteer

Outstanding volunteers and volunteer organizations will be honored at the annual Heart of Tuolumne County Volunteer Awards Luncheon April 19, 2013 from noon to 1:30pm at the Sonora Elks Lodge. All agencies, private individuals and business' are requested to nominate one or more exceptional people who support the community in extraordinary ways in one of our five categories:


- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Extra Mile Award
- The Volunteer's Champion Award
- Community Excellence Award
- Never Too Young Award (6 to 16)

The award winners will receive a gift basket, a plaque, and a money to donate back to the nonprofit of their choice or pro bono hours.

Nomination forms and more details are available at [www.sierranonprofit.org](http://www.sierranonprofit.org), the Sonora library, all community service units of the sheriffs department and Tuolumne County schools. To receive a nomination form by mail or fax please call 533-1093.



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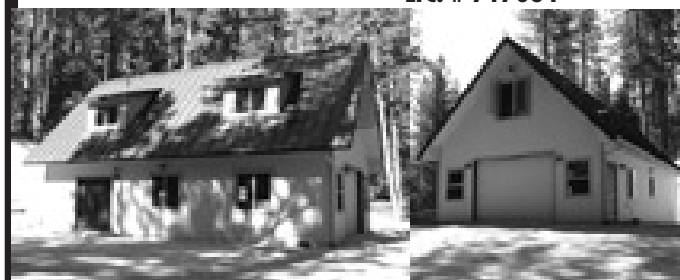
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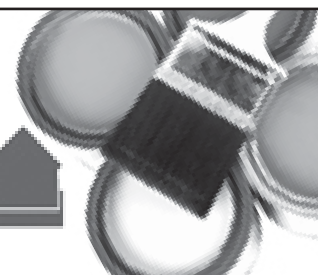
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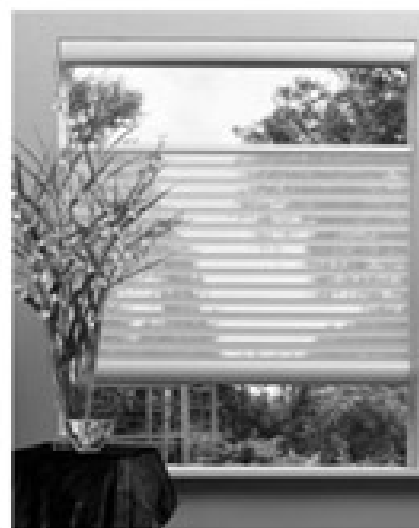
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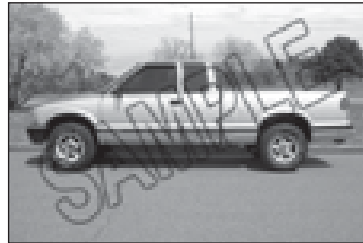
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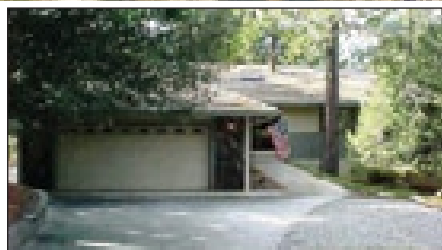
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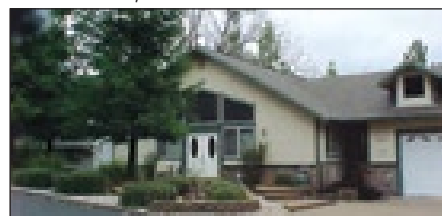




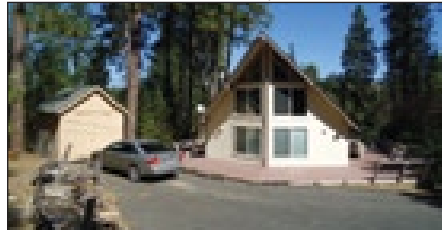
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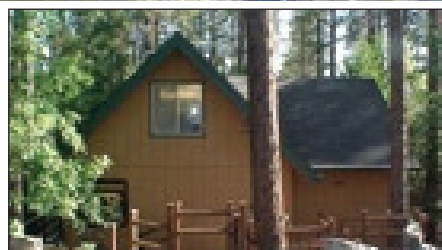
**19264 James Circle-2/351 CHARMING CHALET** on extra-large lot. Bamboo floors, vaulted, open-beam, wood ceilings. Wood-burning stove and central propane heating & air. 3bd, 1ba, & loft area. \$135,000 #20121720



**19558 Cottonwood-6/199 SINGLE-LEVEL RANCH.** 2bd, 2ba, country kitchen with knotty-pine cabinets & newer tile counters. Newer carpet throughout. Wood-burning stove. 2-car garage, with spacious storage rooms and work bench. Short sale! \$89,000 #20120061



**19331 Reid Circle-1/68 PINE MOUNTAIN CHALET** on a level, wooded lot, near Dunn Ct Beach, County Club, pool & tennis. 4bd, 3ba & loft. Large windows, ample closet space. Wrap-around deck. Some furnishings negotiable. \$175,000 #20121737



**13097 Mueller Dr-2/159 COZY CABIN RETREAT** completely made-over. 2bd, with additional sleeping area, 1-1/2ba. New addition has vaulted ceiling, picture windows and slate flooring. Stackable w/d, corner hutch in dining room, furniture (except personal property) & appliances incl. \$168,000 #20120937



**19664 Pine Mtn Dr-1/434 DEEP WATER, LAKE-FRONT.** Each level has fireplace & deck w/lake views. Country kitchen, downstairs bonus room, with bar, bed, bath, utility and storage rooms. Cement stairs to dock. 4-person paddle boat incl. Pest work completed. \$440,000 #20120802



**12312 Tower Peak-13/369 CUTE & COMFORTABLE.** Home has been renovated throughout. Great room, with free-standing fireplace. Granite counters. 2bd, 2ba, 1249sf, with 2-car garage. Short Sale! \$158,000 #20121370



**20284 Pine Mtn Dr-3/201 LAKE-FRONT COTTAGE** with 164-feet of water frontage. Single-level, 2bd, 2ba, 1100sf. Vaulted pine ceiling & skylights, central H/A. Granite counters. Dock & water trampoline. Interior renovated in 2009. \$575,000 #20120726



**19947 Ridgecrest-13/158 BANK-OWNED A-FRAME** on 1/3 acre, near the Lake Lodge & beach. Extra-large sleeping loft and open-beam Great Room. Large downstairs has full bathroom. Being sold "As Is". \$99,275 #20121671

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**12780 Mt. Jefferson-1/245 NEAR DUNN CT BEACH.** Vinyl exterior siding & concrete shingle roof. Two levels, with living room, master bedroom & bathroom on each level. Pantry, storage, large closets & bonus room. Garage w/storage & work space. Pool table incl. \$279,000 #20120117



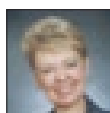
**20736 Forestwood-4/408 MOVE-IN READY!** Single-level, w/stunning mtn views. 3bd/2ba, 2-car garage. 3rd bdrm has folding doors opening to the large kitchen (great for office or den). Expansive deck for entertaining. Near the Lake Lodge, tennis courts & Fisherman's Cove. \$150,000 #20121946



**12704 Mueller-5/203 LET'S GO GOLFING!** Charming home, near the golf course. Natural stone tiles, stainless appliances, kitchen island w/pot rack & bar. Laminate flooring on lower level. Gas fireplace, over-sized jetted tub. 2-car garage. \$214,995 #20120111



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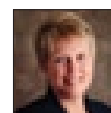
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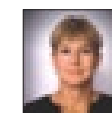
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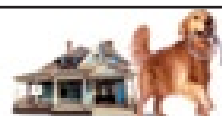
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