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President's Corner

BY IAN MORCOTT • PMLA BOARD PRESIDENT

The fall has arrived and we have had our first rain already. The rain was most welcome as it cleared the smoke, at least for a few days. Fall has arrived. The days are still warm and inviting

and I would highly recommend coming to the lake and enjoying these fine fall days. The nights are getting crisp and the fall colors are getting underway. The beauty of our community is still here. Thankfully. To that end, I would like to give a huge thanks to the fire fighters and all the support staff whose tireless efforts helped save our community. Their efforts continue to this day.

The Rim Fire was the third largest fire in California's history. While the fire is not completely contained and is slowly creeping into the high country, CDF and the NFS are focusing on the next problem of forest restoration and recovery. With the rains will come new growth and a large risk of landslides, erosion and resulting silt runoff into our rivers and reservoirs. The forest life cycle can be harsh and there is a palpable sense of urgency on managing the recovery of our forests. With any luck the rain will start slowly and allow the grasses to set root.

Special caution should be taken when driving near fire damaged hillsides during or after a rain.

Summer has passed and this is the time of year is when budget preparations shift into high gear. The Board and Pine Mountain Lake management are currently hard at work setting goals and objectives for next year. Fortunately, this board also has access to a freshly completed member survey. A big thanks to Gary Oing for heading up that effort. This survey will be put to good use to help guide the Boards priorities in the coming months.

Each amenity is analyzing their performance for the last year. In this process, evaluations are made on how goals were met, what worked well and what needs to be improved from both an operational and fiduciary point of view. Reviewing these lessons learned are necessary to optimize the performance of each amenity and the HOA as a whole.

Each year the Board has to grapple with how best to improve our amenities, maintain our infrastructure and deliver high quality services that our members expect. With rising costs of goods and services and the ever-present need to keep our assessments as low as possible the challenge is tough to do more with less. One of my focuses will be to try to implement more low cost activities such as hiking and biking trails in our green belts.

As the first step of this budgeting process, the Board in our last meeting, reviewed and approved a proposed 2014 fee schedule that will be used to develop the revenue projections for each amenity. The compromise is always between keeping fees as low as possible while keeping the assessment reasonable. This board made an effort to do both.

For this year's budget cycle, there is a new process that each amenity is using to determine how best to handle replacement



of capital equipment. The Budget and Finance committee, with a special thanks to John Loyd, developed a systematic way of determining what action should be taken when capital equipment is nearing replacement. This thoughtful analysis is a real step forward and meshes well with the reserve planning and overall budget processes.

Lastly, the October meeting is when the Board will attend an all-day budget meeting to have a final review of the 2014 budget plans.

The budget challenges this year are normal. It could have been a very different challenge without the all-out efforts fighting the Rim Fire.

I am thankful to be able to continue to enjoy the natural beauty of Pine Mountain Lake.

On the Cover



Airport Day presented by the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association will be held Saturday October 5th, 2013 at the Pine Mountain Lake Airport.

Photos are, clockwise from top, of airplanes flying over Pine Mountain Lake, a group of power gliders coming for a landing, and the motorcycle versus airplane race.

ADMINISTRATION

General Manager's Message

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

It's Budget Time Again!

August through November is budget season for PML management, the Budget and Finance Committee and the Board. The October Board meeting is a day-long event where the Board meets with each manager to discuss their respective budget proposals. Our Controller, Ken Spencer and I have conducted several meetings with each of the managers to discuss their individual budget proposals for 2014 prior to the October meeting. The Board and Budget and Finance provide their input into the final draft proposal that is reviewed at the October meeting. The Board works with management to set goals and objectives for the upcoming year and these goals are considered as part of our planning process for the budget.

Our goal as always is to prepare a budget that allows us to maintain the facilities, operate the Association and provide the service our members have come to expect. After all of the work by managers, the Board and Budget and Finance Committee is completed, the final budget is approved by the Board in November. We encourage

HOURS OF OPERATION

Please note the hours of operation for the following amenities:

COMPOSTING APRIL THRU OCTOBER 7 Days a Week — 9am to 5pm

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SHOOTING RANGE

Tues, Thurs, Sat — 10am to 4pm

PLEASE NOTE

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

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all interested members to attend these open Board meetings and observe the work that goes into this important financial planning tool.

Swimming Pool Pump Replacement

Back in July, our staff saw indications that the swimming pool pump system was about to fail. The pump failed before we could get the new pump components delivered. Our Maintenance staff immediately rebuilt an old pump and got everything back up and running in less than a few hours. We received the new components and planned to immediately replace them, but decided to wait until the Pool closes this month so that there will be no impact to our members. The new pump system will be more efficient and provide effective water flow for years to come.

Marina Jetty Project

The Marina Jetty is an outcropping that extends out from the end of the Marina near the boat ramp. The purpose of the Jetty is to provide a barrier to limit the impact of wave action on our boat slip area. The Jetty is also used as a lookout point and station for our flag-pole. The flagging system is used to alert boaters to traffic in the ski lane.

The Jetty has deteriorated to the point it became a safety hazard and simple repair was no longer viable. The project was funded for several years and scheduled for 2013. The design of the new Jetty calls for a textured block that fits into place like a puzzle. It is a very strong design that will provide a platform for fishing, sitting and enjoying the view and allow access to the physically-challenged.

The permits for this project have been secured and the ultra-blocks have been ordered and delivered. The excavator arrived on September 23rd and the project is scheduled for completion by the middle of this month. Given the water level, it does not look like we will need to lower the lake to accomplish the work.

Marina Store/Café Project

The Marina Store/Café building was funded for replacement this year. The project has been deferred for several years, and our maintenance staff did a great job keeping the building repaired, but it is time for an upgrade. The preliminary floor plan for the Marina Store/Café design has been finalized. Our architectural and engineering firm is now working on the elevations and other outer building features and we anticipate having those soon. The project got a little behind schedule due to the fire, but we are moving to get it back on track. Once the final plan is prepared and receives Board approval, we will move to secure the appropriate permits.

Tennis Courts 3&4 Resurfaced

The Tennis Court resurfacing project (3&4) was completed and maintenance also completed a laundry list of minor improvements around the Tennis Court complex. There are a few more improvements that are under review for the near future. Our Maintenance Manager Tom Moffitt and my Assistant Ivonne Deckard are working closely with the Racquet Club to finds ways to get the best bang for the buck. We appreciate the time and effort spent by PML Member Jerry DeHart in assisting us with maintenance planning and improvements. Jerry has been our maintenance liaison to the Racquet Club over the years and has provided on-going input and work on the courts. Volunteers like Jerry who provide positive contributions to our community, are one of the reasons that PML is a great place to live. Thanks Jerry!

Until next month.....

2014 ASSESSMENT/BUDGET PACKETS

The 2014 Assessment/Budget Packets will be mailed to members on December 2, 2013.

If you have moved or changed your address within the past year, please check with PML Administration to make sure we have your correct address on record.

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This will assure you receive your 2014 Assessment/Budget Packet in a timely fashion and save you and your Association money.

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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	4 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)

OCTOBER 26 Budget Meeting (4th Saturday-Begins at 8AM)

> NOVEMBER 9 (2nd Saturday)

NO DECEMBER MEETING

NOTICE

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

PMLA 2013 SCHEDULED **EVENTS**

AARP COURSE Saturday, November 2

POOL Now OPEN • Closing: Sun. October 27

Sept 16 – Oct 27, noon to 5 pm

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



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SHOOTING RANGE QUESTION

In reference to "Shooting Range Concerns" in the August issue of P.M.L. News: The reference to the deaths caused by .223 rounds and the 7.62×39 generates the following question:

With the death of millions of Asians, Native Americans, Africans, Australians, Greeks, Romans, Trojans, Saxons, and so on caused by arrows how does P.M.L. justify and condone an archery range?

William F Lane Unit 7 Lot 278

Guest & Renters Handbook Now Available Online!

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Go to *www.PineMountainLake. com* and click on the Important Information & Forms tab under the Resource Center title. Then click on Guest and Renters Handbook. This handbook has valuable information for Guests and Renters in Pine Mountain Lake.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

We would like to Thank all those helping to keep Pine Mt. From the fire, especially the fireman. We can't thank them enough. Thank all the security personal patrolling the gates and all of our homes making us feel good that our properties were safe and well taken care of THANK YOU THANK YOU. A big THANK YOU to Joe Powell and all his messages on facebook. Keeping us off-the-hill home owners well informed. He gave us so much up to date information that we were able to sleep at night. THANK YOU THANK YOU JOE. You don't know what you did for us here away from the fire we felt that we were there with you.. Thank you all. Pine Mt Lake and the Association are the best. That's why we love it there. We wish you all the best because you are the best,.God Bless you all.

Thank you so much (we can't say that enough)

Joe and Anita Munoz Unit 3 Lot 301

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THOUGHTS ON THE RIM FIRE

A couple of days ago, Cathy and I were talking with some friends about the Rim Fire and our thoughts regarding the events of the last few days. The conversation turned to what we had lost and how minimal it was in our lives compared to what might have been had the fire gotten past the courageous firefighters and raged into Pine Mountain Lake, burning many of our homes. At some point it occurred to us that the biggest loss wouldn't be our material things but our way of life.

Life is very special here in PML. We are blessed with a beautiful landscape, many affordable amenities, and we all have many friends that we enjoy. We play games together regularly, we drink and dine together and many go to their place of worship and pray together. The devastation of a fire would force most of our friends and families out of PML in search of our own paths of refuge, relying on those we know outside. Most of us would lose contact with many or all of our PML friends as we struggled putting our lives back to some form of normalcy. Then, what about rebuilding ones house? Even if ones Insurance would offer to rebuild your house on site, who would want to live in a place that is surrounded by charred landscape and fire gutted houses? Certainly not me. So in the process of relocating, temporary and eventually permanent, the wonderful social life we presently enjoy at PML would be lost forever.

Jack Leetham Unit 4 Lot 521



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For The Seven Months Ended August 26, 2013

			Revenues			Expenses					
	Members'						(Cost)/Income			Budget	
OPERATION OF	Assessments	User	Sales, Net of	Miscellaneous	Total	Total	Before	Depreciation	(NET COST)	(NET COST)	Variance
AMENITIES	Net of Discount	Fees	Cost of Sales	Income	Revenues	Expenses	Depreciation	Expense	INCOME	INCOME	Bud - Act
Golf Course	\$ -0-	\$ 589,002	\$ 26,548		\$ 615,550	\$ 829,918	\$ (214,368)		\$ (214,368)	\$ (243,609)	29,241
Restaurant & Bar	-0-	5,766	462,083		467,849	728,052	(260,203)		(260,203)	(255,243)	(4,960)
Marina	-0-	207,964	90,901		298,865	343,375	(44,510)		(44,510)	(26,355)	(18,155)
Snack Shack	-0-		21,405		21,405	35,872	(14,467)		(14,467)	(14,874)	407
Stables	-0-	48,850		1,900	50,750	130,664	(79,914)		(79,914)	(71,847)	(8,067)
Recreation	-0-	26,646	2,772		29,418	60,398	(30,980)		(30,980)	(33,440)	2,460
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	-0-	21,303		400	21,703	969,578	(947,875)		(947,875)	(1,049,575)	101,700
PROPERTY OWNER											
SERVICES											
Safety	-0-	66,138		584	66,722	550,320	(483,598)		(483,598)	(521,369)	37,771
Administration	-0-	109,715		11,293	121,008	809,862	(688,854)		(688,854)	(765,535)	76,681
ASSESSMENTS											
Assessments	3,114,760			44,727	3,159,487	121,603	3,037,884	533,664	2,504,220	2,520,760	(16,540)
Totals	\$ 3,114,760	\$1,075,384	\$ 603,709	\$ 58,904	\$ 4,852,757	\$4,579,642	\$ 273,115	\$ 533,664	\$ (260,549)	\$ (461,087)	200,538

Notes to the Financial Statements

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

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

		CAPITAL EXPENDITU	RES 7 Months	s Ended Aug	g. 26, 2013
DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN NOW MAKE YOUR PML PAYMENTS	MAKE PML YOUR ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR ALL YOUR GIFT GIVING! Pick up a gift card for: GOLF GOLF SHOP APPAREL &	2013 Beginning Fund Balances Interest Income Bank Fees/Discounts Taken Assessments Earned Income Tax Expense PURCHASES BY AMENITY Golf Course Country Club Bar Marina	RES 7 Months TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS \$ 1,119,316 265 1,194,800 (***********************************	S Ended Aug NEW CAPITAL ADDITIONS FUND \$ 4,840 32,160 ⁽²⁾ (886)	CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL 1,124,156 - 265 1,226,960 - (100,707) (6,165) - (13,613)
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PineMountainLake.com Pay via your credit card —quick & easy!	(Gift cards are available at the Administration Office, The Grill, and at the Pro Shop)	Total transfer to Operating Fund for property and equipment additions and reserve expenses Adjusted Fund Balances Notes to the Financial Stateme (1) The Budgeted Reserve Fund ass (2) The Budgeted New Capital Additi	essment for 2013 is		(451,451) \$ 1,899,930 150

PMLA Money Matters

BY KEN SPENCER, ASSOCIATION CONTROLLER

Life is full of choices. Go left. Go right. Eat the piece of cake or go for a walk. Buy that new car or pay off the credit card. Purchase a house or continue to rent. Take the umbrella or hope it doesn't rain. Some choices are easier than others. Some are more meaningful than others. Red shirt or blue shirt today. Get married or stay single.

Oftentimes making a choice is not easy since the ramifications of the choice are unclear or uncertain. For an Association like PML one of the choices we have to make each year involves our annual budget process. Deciding where the money should come from to pay for all the things we do is never easy. No one wants to pay more for something but we all realize and understand that the cost of things tends to go up.

I think by now each of you understands the financial responsibility that comes from owning property in a homeowners association (HOA). The annual assessment is designed to offset the remaining costs to maintain the Association after accounting for all other sources of income (sales, service based revenue, etc.).

Here is where the subject of choice comes in. Do we raise fees at an amenity to help defray the costs of running that amenity or do we simply make these excess costs part of the annual assessment and allocate this expense to all property owners? The answer to this question obviously depends on a number of factors. How much does each property owner use the amenity in questions? How much is the additional allocation? What impact does raising (or lowering) a particular fee have on the total revenue? On the individual users?

These are just a few of the factors that enter into any discussion and resulting decision on fee levels. It would be easy to take an extreme view of these choices and make the user of the amenity bear the entire cost. On the other hand one could argue that this is an association, therefore the cost should be borne equally by all property owners. This is the black or white, left or right answer to the issue. As with most situations the real answer generally lies somewhere between these two extremes.

It would not be reasonable for any user of a particular service to expect that their cost would remain static for an extended period of time. Just like buying groceries or paying your electric bill, it is just a fact of life that things cost more, therefore, as a consumer, we should be ready to pay more. Logic would seem to dictate that the users of a product or service should pay for that product or service. Asking others to pay for someone's usage of a facility would not seem to make much sense.

On the other hand we are a community and an HOA governed by our CC&R's and By-laws. As such it is reasonable to expect that the total cost of running this community would be shared by all members, not just a few.

Where ever you stand on this issue it is critical to understand that, in the end, these services and amenities must be paid for. Either by individuals or the membership as a whole.

Choices. They are not always easy to make or simple in their ramifications.

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* 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.



For the remainder of 2013 all in stock golf clubs will be an additional 10% off of our already low member prices!!

Choose from Taylor Made, Ping, Adams, Titleist and a wide variety of putters!

And don't forget to take advantage of our free club fitting when your ready for that new set

Complete Election Results

Due to an error the election results provided in the September issue of the PML News omitted the vote tally for Wayne Augsburger. We apologize for any inconvenience. The complete results are below:

> DANA CHAVARRIA 865 VOTES

BRIAN SWEENEY 739 VOTES

MIKE GUSTAFSON 731 VOTES

> BRUCE LAY 668 VOTES

WAYNE AUGSBURGER 630 VOTES

TOMAS HERNANDEZ 569 VOTES

PML Safety Report

A	August	YTD
Guest Passes Issued	1712	12090
Vendor Passes Issued	155	1527
Temp. Resident Passes Is		3939
Vehicles Admitted	17764	102537
Vehicles Refused Entry	401	2839
Phone Calls Received	13929	54542
Residential Alarm	8	107
Animal - Loose	7	164
Animal - Impounded	4	37
Animal - Dead/Injured	25	169
Animal - Disturbance	27	103
Public Assist	23	203
Welfare Check	5	37
Transport	3	39
Traffic Hazard	0	11
Traffic Control	0	4
Gate - Tamper	0	2
Gate - Follow Through	1	24
Gate - Malfunction	20	86
Gate - Struck by Vehicle	3	16
Control Burn Reported	0	601
Smoke Complaint	3	31
Residential Disturbance	10	67
Amenity Burglary	1	1
Residential Burglary	1	5
Grand Theft	0	1
Petty Theft	6	18
Trespassing	4	14
Vandalism	0	26
Property Damage - PML	4	14
Property Damage - Resid	ent O	3
PML Reg Violations Resid	ent 3	42
PML Reg Violations Guest	2	37
Vehicle - Citation Issued	14	68
Vehicle - Accident PML	2	9
Patrolling Unit	301	2436
Amenity Security Check	2010	18174
Resident Security Check	445	3030
Monitoring Tennis Courts	5	31
Weapon Violation	0	12
Fixed Post	1	41
Courtesy Notice Issued	5	37
All Fees Collected	\$11,533.48	\$89,255.02

Canada Goose Problem

BY THE PMLA WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Thank you to George Navarro for volunteering to make the "Do Not Feed The Geese" signs! Here he is with one of the signs.

They have been installed on the beaches, so look for George's handiwork the next time you are at one of the beaches.



Some of our Deputy Dogs and their two legged counterparts (l-r): Nancy Moffett's daughter, Judy Gross, Marjorie Rich, Chuck Obese Bradley, Kathleen Williams, Janet Masoni and Larry Fuller.

If you would like to contact the Waterfowl Committee, please email us at *PMLAWMC@ pinemountainlake.com*.

Shades of Green

BY ALAN MACDONALD

These turkey's were having a bite to eat near the 7th tee waiting for the smoke to clear for takeoff.

Our annual United States Golf Association visit is scheduled for 8:00 am on Tuesday, October 1st. Come on out to meet and ask questions of Brian Whitlark, the agronomist for the southwest region of the U.S.G.A. This will be Brian's fifth year in a row to be here. He brings many helpful ideas to his half-day visits, along with his experience in golf course maintenance. Brian was involved this summer with the U.S.G.A. junior amateur in the Lake Tahoe area, with course setup and preparation.



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.

Please read the Terms & Conditions for the email opt-in program on the website, www. pinemountainlake.com under the Resource Center Header > Important Information & Forms > Forms > **Opt-In Email Program.**

Mail form below to:

Pine Mountain Lake Association • 19228 Pine Mountain Drive • Groveland, CA 95321 Q

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

PMLA Account Number:	_ Unit/Lot #:
Name:	Phone #:
Address:	
Email Address:	
Signature:	

Marina News

BY JIM DAHMS, MARINA MANAGER

Hello everyone, we had a fantastic season until mid-August when the Rim Fire created many problems and issues for all of PML. We are extremely thankful to all of the fire and police personnel for their combined efforts to save our community.

We have exciting news for the 2014 season! Our Marina Store and Lakeside Café will be demolished and replaced by new facilities. This is something all of us have been

anticipating for a long time.

Also new for 2014 will be the addition of Stand Up Paddle boards that will be added to our rental fleet and the removal and replacement of the rock jetty adjacent to the boat launch area. The new jetty will add a much needed fishing and sitting area to our marina.

So, come spring, come on down and check out the latest improvements.



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

ptember 14, 2013 Board Meeting – Agenda Items Board Members* COMMENTS							
SHOULD THE BOARD	IM	JD	MG	DC	BS		COSTS
approve minutes of July 20, 2013 Board Meeting?	Y	Y	M	S	Y	A.I.F.	
approve Anthem Telecom Cell Tower Proposal?	Y	S	M	Y	Y	A.I.F.	
approve Amendment to Reso 85.07-PML Bulletin Boards?	Y	M	S	Y	Y	A.I.F.	
approve Amendment to Reso 04.04-Cards and Clickers?	Y	S	Y	M	Y	A.I.F.	
approve 2014 Amenity and Services Fee Schedule?	Y**	Y**	Y**	Y**	Y**	A.I.F. **See website for voting details	
affirm Covenants Committee Fines from 9-5-13 hearing?	Y	Y	M	S	0	A.I.F.	
approve recording property liens on delinquent assessments?	Y	S	M	Y	0	A.I.F.	
approve PML Member Home Business Permit?	Y	Y	M	S	0	A.I.F.	
approve Sponsorship Request from 49er Festival?	Y	S	M	Y	0	A.I.F. – Silver Sponsorship	\$250
approve Donation Request from PML Ladies Club?	Y	Y	M	S	0	A.I.F. – \$20 Gift Cards X 5	\$100
						Total APPROVED Golf Donations this meeting (Retail Value)	
						Total APPROVED Other Donations this meeting (Retail Value)	\$350
M = Motion S = Second A = Abstained A.I.F. = All In Favor o = N	o Vote				То	tal APPROVED Expenditures (This Meeting)	\$0
* IM=IanMorcott JD=Jerry Dickson MG=Mike	Gustafs	on D)C=Da	ına Ch	avarri	a BS=Brian Sweeney /=Absent	

MINORITY VOTES HIGHLIGHTED

Fire Safety Update

Fuel Reduction Program

Starting October 1, 2013, our Fire Safety team will be inspecting Lots by Unit number for fuel reduction opportunities. The purpose of these inspections is to let members know what areas of their properties need additional fire safety work.

Inspection Schedule:

October	Unit 1
November	Unit 2
December	Unit 3
January	Unit 4
February	Units 5 & 6
March	Units 7 & 8
April	Units 9, 10, 11, 12
May	Units 13 & 15
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Lots that are found to need additional work will receive an inspection report with the work required to be completed by July 1, 2014.

For more information, please contact our Community Standards Director, Dennis Pipal at (209) 962-1240.

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

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

1. Exceeding the posted speed limit

- 2. Driving in a reckless manner
- 3. Following another through an access gate or allowing others to follow you through

4. Parking on street (road shoulders OK) **Personal Conduct:**

1. Allowing loud music

- 2. Uttering abusive language or conduct that would
- be offensive to a reasonable person 3. Using the property Owner's gate card or clicker
- Work Related Conduct
- 1. Starting work before 7am or continuing after 7pm
- 2. Allowing dogs at construction sites
- 3. Performing work on Sunday
- 4. Cutting down a tree in excess of 5" without PMLA approval
- 5. Trespassing on neighboring property
- 6. Using neighbors water or electricity without written permission
- 7. Leaving construction signs longer than 5 days after work has been completed
- 8. Nailing signs to trees
- 9. Storing building materials on street or easement
- 10. Beginning exterior construction without PML Association approval

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

Community Standards

BY DENNIS PIPAL, COMMUNITY STANDARDS, DIRECTOR

Fire Safety Recap

By the time the Rim Fire started we had completed our fire safety work for 2013. That's a good feeling and members are to be commended for a job well done. Fortunately, the sparks from the fire did not reach us as our firefighter partners were able to prevent this from happening.

One key focus this past year has been the 30' defensive space around structures. This is a CalFire requirement that all dead material (needles, leaves, pine cones) be removed within this 30' range. This becomes a fire break as any fire will run out of fuel if this defensive space is clean.

Many members participated in cleaning this area. Some of you didn't. We want to get to a point where everyone is on board with the 30' defensive space so we will continue in our efforts to educate and coach all members to achieve this goal.

Roofs and gutters are included in this 30'

defensive space. Sparks from a fire miles away can land in dead debris and start your house on fire. This job is much more difficult as it typically requires crawling up on a ladder and walking on your roof. There are vendors in our area who can do this work for you. Whoever does your windows may also be able to help with this annual job.

We still have a few pockets of dense brush areas which need to be cleaned up. We will be working with members this winter during the burn season to eliminate these areas through a cut and burn program. We will be contacting members on an individual basis to get this work done when it is more cost effective in the winter and spring months.

Again, thank you for your fire safety efforts this past year. We dodged another bullet with the Rim Fire but this only reinforces the importance of, and why we place so much emphasis on, limiting our risk through an effective fire safety program in PMLA.

WINTER IS COMING WITH RAIN, SNOW AMD ICE PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY

On the Loch: What??

BY MIKE HORVATH, LAKE MANAGER/LIMNOLOGIST

I'm in Scotland this month, so I thought I'd dwell a bit on Britain's natural lakes. Before I do, let me just add a couple of tidbits about the Rim Fire. I heard a few folks talking about how much water the helicopters were taking from the lake. In reality, if ALL of the water that was dropped on the fire had come from our lake, it would only have dropped about half an inch! Another concern about dipping from lakes is the possibility of introducing invasive species. Most of the agencies involved in the fire fighting effort have policies to prevent this from happening. They do the same thing for vehicles coming in to work on the fire. There is a vehicle wash station on the Cherry Lake Road where they all get washed off. I thought I could forget about the fire while on vacation in Scotland, but every time I open my suitcase, the smell of smoke reminds me of how close we came.

During a recent visit to John Muir's birthplace in Dunbar, I was reminded of something else... his insight into how everything in nature is so interconnected. And so it is with Lakes, Lochs and Llyns. As most of you know, lakes are referred to as lochs in Scotland. And who hasn't heard of Loch Ness and the famous monster? While that might not provide a very strong interconnection to those of us in California, Loch Leven certainly does.

If you've ever fished for brown trout, you might know that that they are sometimes referred to as German brown trout. That might lead you to believe that all of the brown trout in America originated from German stocks. Not so. Trout from Loch Leven were also imported to get the American brown trout fishery going. The Loch Leven browns are unique in that they only have black spots, whereas the German browns also have red spots. In California, the strains are all intermingled. As a result, red spots are seen on just about all brown trout in California.

In Wales, Llyn is the name for lake. The largest in Wales being Llyn Tegid (Lake Bala). The town on the shores of Lake Bala grew partially as a stronghold against an uprising of Quakers who were spurned on by rebellious

GOT YOUR PIN?

Since PML is a private gated community, we want to offer our property owners a secure way to call in quests. When you become a member of PML you are assigned a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to utilize either when calling in a guest pass or using the Gate Access Internet program. This PIN identifies you to staff without you having to be present. This is a confidential number and should **not be shared**. When you call the Main Gate to authorize a guest or vendor access into PML, you will be asked for your PIN. The staff will look up the number in the computer and use it to confirm your identity before entering the guest information. You must have this number to utilize the Gate Access Internet program as well. If you do not know your PIN or have any questions, please contact the Administration Office at:



Monday through Friday, from 8 am to 4:30 pm. and we will gladly supply this information to you.





Puritans. I'm not sure how many of them fled directly to America to avoid persecution, but the connection is certainly there Friends.

In England, Lake Windermere is the largest natural lake. For those of us that study and practice limnology (lake stuff), Windermere is the crown jewel. If you want to understand the effects of atmospheric pollution, nutrient runoff, oxygen depletion, sedimentation, invasive species, climate change etc, etc, chances are it has been studied on Lake Windermere. What can I say? I'm a Lake Geek. I try to visit some of the classic lakes on all my journeys. The good thing is, just about everybody (family included) enjoys time spent on a lake. So should you.

A bit short on words this month because I'm off to explore another unique property of water that the Scots have perfected. To keep it geeky, I'll only refer to it as "The Science of Single Malt."

SPLASH (that was the ice... on malt)



PML Organized Groups & Clubs

Conta	ct the individuals below if	F
you a	re interested in joining!	

Aviation Association Eric Henderson	962-0832	
Computer Users Group Frank Perry	962-0728	
Country Mountain Riders Dorothy Scofield	962-6902	
Duplicate Bridge Bobbi Vandenbergh Bill Parker	962-6965 962-5957	
Exercise Barbara Elliott	962-6457	
Friends of the Lake Mike Gustafson	962-6336	
Garden Club Louise Turney	962-0609	
Guardians of PML Dan O'Connor	962-5770	
Ladies Club Beverly Oakley	962-4799	
Ladies Golf Club Yvonne Mattocks	962-4165	
Men's Golf Club Michael Guess	962-4970	
Men's 9-Hole Golf Club Bob Oakley	962-4799	
Monday Bridge Club Bill Parker	962-5957	
Needle Crafts Lee Isbell	962-5727	
Non-Residents' Club Kathy Coon (510)	656-0162	
Pine Needlers Quilt Guild Irene Rhyne	878-3569	
PMLakers RV Club Miles (Ned) Nuddleman 92	5-371-2287	
PML Niners Stacie Brown	962-5129	
PML Shooting Club Steve Chapman	962-1896	
PML Waterski & Wakebo Dean Floyd (408	a rd) 378-7725	
Racquet Club Larry Santa Maria	962-7904	
Residents Club Dick Faux	962-4617	
ROOFBB Corky Graham	962-7816	
Sierra Professional Artists Heinie Hartwig (209) 586-1637		
Sunday Couples Golf Alma Frawley	962-5578	
Windlemmers Calling Cl.		

Windjammers S	ailing Club
Eric Heim	962-5401

Community Airport Day is October 5th

FLYING EXHIBITIONS AND AIRPLANE DISPLAYS

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON



Power glider pilots land at PML Airport.

The Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association invites the whole community to our annual Community Airport Day on Saturday, October 5th from 12:00 - 3:30pm at the Pine Mountain Lake Airport. This is a great fun and free way to see our airport and lots of interesting aircraft.

After the experiences of the Rim Fire, we all know how very, very important having an airport close by is. What would we have done without all the firefighting aircraft based and refueling at PML Airport! Join PML's pilots in celebrating our airport and the importance of aviation to our community.

After the opening flag jump, the day's special events start with stunning formation flying by the "Beech Boys" Bonanza flying team and the West Coast Ravens (RV airplanes formation flying). Hollywood stunt professional Pete Swan follows with an extraordinary demonstration of "wingsuit" flying. Pete holds the world record for the longest freefall – over 9 minutes – and the furthest distance flown in a wingsuit – over 16 miles.

We'll also have radio-controlled model aircraft demonstrations, and PML pilots competing in flour bombing and precision landing contests, and more flying demonstrations and skydivers.

Jim Miede, an extraordinary air-show announcer will be describing the events. Jim is a walking encyclopedia of aircraft and makes the show interesting and educational. In between special events, visitors can see lots of current and vintage planes up close.

This is a great opportunity to check out your county airport, see the aircraft on display and meet our local pilots. PMLAA will be selling hot dogs, chili and soft drinks for your convenience. Admission is free. Please use the Elderberry Way entrance to the airport. Bring sun hats and folding chairs.



Bonanza pilots in formation over PML.

In addition, the local chapter of EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) is providing Young Eagle free introductory flights for kids (with parental permission) from 9:00-11:00am. Please see article below or *www.eaa1337.org* for all the details.

PML Airport is home base to over 100 local pilots, and is a valuable community asset. As we recently saw, the airport serves as an emergency staging area for CalFire, PG&E, and emergency medical transport, and is also used by DEA and Hetch Hetchy.

Free Airplane Rides for Kids, Oct. 5th

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON



"Young Eagles" enjoy their introductory flights with local pilots. Photos by Danielle Coelho.

Give your child a thrill! On Saturday, October 5th, from 9:00-11:00am, Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) local Chapter 1337 members are offering free introductory flights for kids 8-17 at Pine Mountain Lake Airport. Kids get the excitement of an airplane ride, meeting local pilots, and the chance to see the world in a new and exciting way. Participating in a Young Eagles flight can show youngsters different ways to see the world and new possibilities for their lives.

The EAA Young Eagles program began in 1992 to give young people, ages 8 - 17, an opportunity to experience flying. These flights are offered free of charge and are made possible through the generosity of EAA member pilot volunteers. Over 1.5 million kids have taken their first airplane ride with Young Eagles. Many have gone on to become pilots themselves.

PML pilots are eager to share their love of flying with the next generation. To participate, just come and sign-up at the PML Airport at 9:00am on October 5th. Parents should accompany the kids and parental/guardian permission is required.

For more information, please contact Young Eagles Coordinator, Ed Sunday by email at esunday@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 533-1405.

Following the Young Eagles Rally, PML Aviation Association presents "Community Airport Day" with a variety of free exhibits and flying demonstrations at the airport from noon – 3:00pm. There is no charge and the public is invited. See separate article for all the details.

PML Ladies Golf Club Events

BY SARA HANCOCK

What a month this has been. A very special thank you to the all the fire crews and personnel who helped save our community. Also, we want to thank law enforcement, pilots, PML Safety and administration for answering our questions. We are ever so grateful. God bless you all. Through it all, we missed only one play day.

August 1st Alternate Shot

1st Place...101/65..Joyce Smith and Marcee Cress; 2nd Place...97/68... Kathie Wood and Corky Graham; 3rd Place...90/71...Marilyn Scott and Linda Johnson; 4th Place...103/73...Kay Bettencourt and Jeanne Pacco. There was a 3 way tie @73 broken on the last 6 holes of the back nine. Birdies: Scott/Johnson #17.

August 8th and 15th our 30th annual Birds and Butterflies Match Play Tournament

The birds were victorious this year with a win of 34 points to 14 points. The team of Marilyn Scott and Linda Johnson won the maximum of 6 points in their matches for the birds. The teams of Jane Reynolds and Alice Stoll along with Jeanne Pacco and Marcee Cress won 3 points each for the butterflies and were presented "crying" towels.

Day 1 closest to the pin for the

birds...1st Place...Linda Wall 8'3"; 2nd Place...Barbara Connelly 30'8". For the Butterflies...1st Place...Dotty Davis 14'10"; 2nd Place...Jeanne Pacco 16'2". Day 2 closest to the pin for the birds...1st Place...Kathy Egan 17'6"; 2nd Place...Sandy DeRodeff 20'1". For the Butterflies...1st Place...Marjorie Rich 3'9"; 2nd Place...Jane Reynolds 10'2".

Day 1 closest to the line on hole #5 for the birds...1st place... Lynne Dust 2'3"; 2nd Place...Marlene Drew 4'. For the Butterflies...1st Place...Alice Stoll 1'7"; 2nd Place...Helena McMillan 5'. Day 2 closest to the line for the birds...1st Place... Mona Tompkins4'; 2nd Place...Marilyn Scott 6'. For the birds...1st place...Yvonne Mattocks 1'9"; 2nd Place...Marjorie Rich 2'.

Day 1 Birdies: Mona Tompkins #17, Kathy Shehorn #14, Helena McMillan #3, Linda Wall #14, Marcee Cress #10. Day 2 Birdies: Kathy Egan #17, Jane Reynolds #17, Kitty Edgerton #12.

A big "Thank You" to Kathie Wood and Linda Johnson for running this tournament.

General Meeting

Captain Yvonne Mattocks called the meeting to order. Treasurer reported a balance of \$5,813.40. Tournament Chair, Linda Johnson, asked members to give a show of hands if they wanted to have the first day of the Birds and Butterflies tournament changed to tee times with the second day a shotgun. The majority voted to have tee times the first day. We also voted to change the beginning times from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Linda also presented the need for a study in handicapping the holes. Awards Chairman Alma Frawley presented two awards. Jodie Awai for breaking 90 back in December 2012 and Marcee Cress for breaking 100. A nominating committee consisting of Sara Hancock, Yvonne Mattocks and Marcee Cress will gather a slate of officers for 2014 to be voted upon at our next general meeting. Captain Yvonne Mattocks would like your input regarding playing the purple/green combo tees or going back to playing the purple tees. She will report the outcome at the October General Meeting.

August 29th Red, White and Blue

1st Place...124...Marcee Cress, Alma Frawley, Corky Graham and Joyce Smith; 2nd Place...134...Kitty Edgerton, Marjorie Rich, Sue Perry and Helena McMillan. Birdies: Helena McMillan #17 and Corky Graham #1.

Coming up in October is our Halloween Tournament followed by our General Meeting and election of officers. See you on the course.

Garden Club Clippings BY JOYCE SMITH

Thank you firefighters and everyone that worked so hard in keeping the fires from coming into the more populated areas. We will never forget your time here keeping us safe. Thank you just doesn't seem adequate for all you did. We feel deeply sorry for those who lost their homes and possessions and know that all that could be done, was done.

Life goes on and we return to our routines. The STCHS held their Annual Labor Day Event at the Stables. The 49er Parade happened as scheduled. Did you see our Garden Club entry? Terre Passeau was our Parade Chairperson. She is a fun person and full of energy We Garden club members have a good time no matter what we do. We even have fun doing our "Jail Time". (working at the Jail Garden) We are so proud of our Garden. It is a quiet peaceful place. We invite you to stop in when you are downtown. We will be at the Jail giving out treats to our little 'spooks' for the Halloween event. It's a real family fun time. Garden Club Members are asked to leave candy at Linda Flores house.

I am writing this prior to our September meeting date, so can't report on our program, but I know it will be interesting. I'll tell you about it later.

Watch for your Newsletter telling of upcoming meetings and events.

See you at the Jail!

Quilters' Corner

BY SANDY SMITH

The Rim fire was an experience none of us will ever forget. Our continued thanks to the many firefighters, pilots, law enforcement officers, bulldozer crews, and PGE crews, who helped to save so many in Tuolumne County. Real live heroes for sure.

That being said come and join us at our Pine Needlers Quilt Guild on Tues Oct. 15th, we will be having a "feet" demonstration. Drop in from 6 p.m. to 8 and see what we are all about. We will see you under the library.

Each month we supply 12 (1) block kits that can be chosen by a member to take home and finish for the next month. At the beginning of the meeting a name is drawn and the winner takes home all 12 blocks to make a quilt with. Also each meeting are raffle drawings, lots of neat prizes. Then we have a sharing time which is always wonderful. And finally we have "goodies" too.

We participate in 2 community outreach programs every month. IMVO (Its My Very Own), works with county agencies both in Mariposa and Tuolumne counties. They make bags of love with a matching quilt. The bags are filled with age appropriate "stuff" and given to children as they are removed from their homes by law enforcement. In 2012 there were 100 bags given out. The group who sews them together meet the 2nd Friday of each month, 10 a.m. at the 7th Day Adventist Church in Groveland. If you would like to help out please contact Sue Halstead 878-3111.

The second one is CNVC (Center For A Non-Violent Community). We make and tie small quilts to be given to the children who come to the center. The Block Party meets each month at Deana's home from 1 - 3 p.m. You do not have to be a guild member to help, if you are interested please call Sandy at 962-4950.

This month is the Independence Hall Quilters show at the Ironstone Winery in Murphy. Friday Oct. 11th & Saturday the 12th 9 a.m. to 4p.m. and Sunday the 13th 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Always a great show.

I won't be able to be there because I will be in Washington DC. So have a great time for me too, thanks

PML Ladies Club was Off to See the Wizard

BY DAR BROWN, PUBLICITY CO-CHAIR

On September 4, members of the Ladies Club visited the Wizard of Oz to celebrate the Ladies Club 40th 'Ruby' anniversary. The Ladies Club was founded on October 30, 1973 with the first meeting held in the home of Madalynne de Temple. Given the first meeting was almost a Halloween event, it was only fitting that for the 40th many wonderful witches hats were on display. There were several "Dorothys", a greenfaced Wicked Witch, and a wonderful Scarecrow. While enjoying the delicious lunch provided by Bambi and the staff in the Grill, the guests poured over Wizard of Oz Trivia. Do you know Toto's real name?? Vice-President Dawn Silva used her amazing creative talent on the decorations, which included melting witches on the tables and a replica of the house that killed the wicked witch, complete with the ruby slippers just ready to be taken back by Dorothy. After the horrors of the Rim Fire,



it was terrific fun to be celebrating with friends. Click your heels!!!

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News from The Grill



BY JAY REIS, THE GRILL MANAGER

be called Azzo) is a

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couple other foothill

golf courses, starting at Saddle Creek

Golf Club in Copperopolis and some of

you may have run into him at Greenhorn

Creek Golf Club in Angel's Camp as well.

But more recently, most of you will know

him from his very popular restaurant named Azzo's in Jamestown. Azzo will be

a great addition to our team. So the next

time you visit the Grill introduce yourself

I say Thank You to all the firefighters

and law enforcement that kept our houses

safe from the Rim Fire. I can't express

enough gratitude for all their hard work

October. First on Thursday the 10th is

the Oktoberfest Beer tasting this year

we will be featuring Beers for Widmer

Brothers Brewery. Chef Carrie has a great

German themed dinner planned. And

We have two popular events in

I know that I speak for all of you, when

and give him a warm welcome.

in keeping our community safe.

The Grill has a then on Saturday the 26th we have our new Floor Manager; Murder Mystery Dinner and Dance. This his name is Ron event always sells out so make your plans "Azzo" Azzopardi. For all you sports fans October is the

For all you sports fans October is the best and my favorite month of the year. There is something for everyone. Baseball will be wrapping up with the playoffs and World Series. Basketball and Hockey are just getting started. And college and pro football is in full swing so join us at the 19th Hole Lounge to cheer on you favorite team. Monday Night Football is very popular and although the Grill kitchen is closed the ROOFBB club has their dinner buffets for your enjoyment every Monday night.

As we move into the fall months our hours for dinner service may change slightly so be sure to call ahead for reservations. The hours for lunch and breakfast will not change, and even though our hours for dinner change we will still be open Tuesday through Sundays for dinner service at 5pm. We may close earlier depending on business.

The Grill staff has been working hard to meet your expectations and we do appreciate your business. I also encourage you to keep emailing me your questions and suggestions at *clubmgr@ pinemountainlake.com*.

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See page 28 for the upcoming Entertainment Events in the Lounge



PML Nine Hole Men's Club

BY WALT BALES

We all know how much we are indebted to Cal Fire for saving are homes, but I would like to thank the employees of PML for keeping us so well informed during the fire, and also keeping are amenities in such amazing condition even though you have had to deal with all this smoke. Thanks again.

8/14/13 LOW PUTTS

First: Bob Haliwell Second: Wally Child Third: Rich Robenseifner

8/21/13 LOW NET PLUS PUTTS

First: larry Culler Second: Larry Fuller Third: Jack Leetham

8/28/13 Four Man Scramble

First: Larry Fuller, Steve Engstrom, Kurt Peterson, and Loyd Case. Second: Larry Culler, Jack Leetham, John Klink, and blind draw. Third: Rich Robenseifner, Walt Bales,

PML Men's Golf Club

BY DICK FAUX, SECRETARY

The PML Men's Golf Club had two tournaments scheduled for August but both of them were canceled due to excessive smoke from the Rim Fire. They have been rescheduled for September and the results will be published in next months PML News.

The annual PML Men's Golf Club business meeting is scheduled for October 5th with a free breakfast followed by a golf tournament. At the business meeting, we will be electing three new Board members replacing

Tom Carman, Ed Edgerton and Michael Guess. We thank them for their service.



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Tom Polek, and blind draw.

The PML Men's Golf club has three additional tournaments scheduled for October:

Oct. 16th Red, white and blue format with a four man team

Oct. 19th & 20th 2-man member guest or member/member.

Oct. 26th The Italian Open followed by an Italian dinner at the Lake Lodge.

If you want to download tournament entry forms or your 2013 tournament schedule, you can access that information at www. PMLMGC.com.

Hole In One:

Congratulations to Dave Nilan and Matt Campi for achieving a hole in one.

Life's observations by Joe Smith.....

1. Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it.

2. When you wallow with the pigs, expect to get dirty.

3. Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.

4. Don't argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

Do you know the rules of Golf?

Q#1 Is grass covered ground within a bunker considered part of the bunker.

A #1 No. Grass covered ground within a bunker is NOT considered part of the bunker.

Q#2 A ball lies just outside of a bunker. The player takes his stance in the bunker. May the player ground his club on the sand in the bunker or touch the sand during his backswing?

A #2 Yes. Since the ball was not in or touching the bunker rule 13-4 does not apply. However, the player may ground his club only lightly (whatever that means).

PML Lady Niners

BY KAREN DICKSON

We had our "Tournament of Play golf day this year. Championship" the gals had to play three rounds of golf. The tornament format was Gross score and also Low Net score.

PAT VAN GERPEN won with gross score of 117 for all 3 rounds. Congratulation Pat on being our 2013 Club Champion. Great golfing!! FIRST FLIGHT:

1ST PLACE: Shirley Haliwell 2ND PLACE: Marilyn Hathaway 3RD PLACE: Geralyn Dielman SECOND FLIGHT: Wanda Patterson THIRD FLIGHT: Pat Price CONGRATULATIONS!!! To all of you!!

Now these six Niners will go to Merced and compete for the A & B DIVISIONS for WHGNAS TOURNAMENT Of CHAMPIONSHIP.

GOOD LUCK to all of you. Have fun, enjoy all the great Ladies playing and of course the great lunch.

On August 1st we hosted the last "TEAM PLAY TOURNAMENT" for 2013!

We had all the Divisions here. GREAT JOB TEAM PLAY CHAIRS GERALYN DIELMAN & LINN FALER.

Everyone of the Niners had a job and worked hard to make this day a wonderful and fun tournament

A big Thank you for all the hard work that went into making this one of the best Team

We had so much fun and really good food! Our ELECTIC TOURNAMENT which

started way back in May finished on August 29th. This is a wonderful way to help each player improve their game. You only compete with yourself. EACH WEEK (only on the back nine holes). You only count the holes best score for all 8 weeks!

Here are the final results: FIRST FLIGHT: 1ST PLACE: Carrie Carter 2ND PLACE: Pat Van Gerpen 3RD PLACE TIE: Mary Houser & Linnelle Marshall SECOND FLIGHT: 1ST PLACE: Wanda Patterson 2ND PLACE: Linn Faler 3RD PLACE: Marilyn Alexander THRID FLIGHT: 1ST PLACE: Nancy Whitefield 2ND PLACE: Pat Price 3RD PLACE: Flo Jansen

GREAT JOB to all of you who came out and worked so hard on your game. We all seem to enjoy this tournament because it helps us improve our game. Thanks to Linnelle Marshall for getting this started and keeping track of each person scores!

ACE OF ACES FOR AUGUST 2013: BEVERLY OAKLY

GREAT GOLFING BEV! !!!! SEE YOU OUT ON THE COURSE!!

Friends of the Lake Celebrates the End of Summer

VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON

Friends of the Lake members were really sad to see the end of this summer. The fire seems to have cheated us out of several weeks!

In early September, we met at the marina for a potluck dinner and "bingo on the beach." Larry and Dart Woodruff led us through some rousing games. Some people hadn't played since grade school, but we were all soon in the swing of it.

Virginia Bent won the first round, Dar Brown won the second, and Larry Santa Maria was the big winner with

a "blackout" for the final round. Winners received PML gift certificates.

Friends of the Lake is a social club, open to anyone interested in the health, safety and equitable use of our lake. We meet



Dart and Larry Woodruff lead Bingo on the Beach.

monthly from May through September for social events at the marina or Lake Lodge. Guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Cindi Goodrich, membership chair, at 962-4660.

Pine Mountain Lakers RV Club

BY MADDIE SOUSA, SECRETARY

For our September meeting the Pine Mountain Lakers RV Club traveled to Jackson Rancheria Casino.

It is truly a beautiful park with green grass all around and paved RV parking pads. The swimming pool is inviting and the 2 spas are great. Mini buses pick you at your campsites with free rides to the Casino or Store.

We were delighted to have Bruce and Joan Mosby stay at the hotel and attend our "Fiesta Potluck" and Thursday night dinner out. We hope they accompany us again.

Our "Fiesta Potluck" was very good and we all played "left-right-center" afterwards. Chuck Pesha and Maddie Sousa were the big winners. Only two members had any luck at all at the Casino.

The last night out we went to the Jackson Rancheria Restaurant for their buffet dinner and unfortunately found that the quality has faded fast in the last two years.

Attending were: Willie & Betty Boatman; Dennis and Darlene Hoagland; Dave & Carol Morgan; Ned & Pat Nuddleman; Paul & Jane Sperry; Bruce & Joan Mosby and Joe & Maddie Sousa.



Pine Mountain Lakers enjoying themselves on an outing.

Most of our members went in to Jackson to visit the "Kitchen Store". Everything you could possible want or need for your kitchen at home or on the road.

Our October meeting will be a Halloween Pot Luck Party Oct. 20th at the Lake Lodge. Costumes are encouraged, but optional. Come have a spooky good time, guest are welcome.

For more information on our group and/or scheduled outings please call Ned Nuddleman at (925) 371-2287 or Maddie Sousa at (209) 962-5708.



PML Action Heroes: Groveland Fire Department

BY JANET GREGORY



All of PML and Groveland send out our deepest gratitude to the incredible efforts of the many local and out-of-the-area firefighters that worked the RIM Fire.

The Groveland Fire Department has 5 fulltime Cal Fire staff and 20 part-time reserves through GCSD. They played a critical role in protecting our community during the Rim Fire. A strike team of reserves spent 15-days firefighting in Packard Canyon and Spinning Wheel. Our team was trapped at Spinning Wheel in the heat of the day, when things exploded. Thanks to all the training a potentially bad situation did not get worse. Cal Fire staff at Groveland F.D. worked around the clock on task forces during the peak of the incident.

Standing ready, on alert, 24/7. Groveland F.D. does more than just fight fires – homes, structures, vehicles and wildfires. They are a backbone and lifeline of the community. The fire department is first responder, EMS (emergency medical service). They provide educational services to schools, homeowners, businesses and the community. Their essential services cover all aspects from awareness, assessment and pre-planning to response and mitigation. "We are the 'Swiss Army Knife' of public service" said Jon Rock, Fire Captain & Training Officer.

Doesn't every kid want to be a fireman when they grow up? Jon Rock, Joey Hall, Patrick Kerrigan and Matt Burton provided some insight into the life of a firefighter. Jon was drawn to the challenge and thought it would be a lot better than some monotonous tech job. Patrick got interested when firefighters spoke to one of his classes at Tioga High School. Joey had seen them in action as first responders to his home and captured the sense of "family" among the guys that he sought in a job. In college Matt wanted to be an expert in every class he attended but didn't want to sit behind a desk. Joining the fire department combines challenge, community service, camaraderie and skill.

Training is essential. The job of a firefighter is mentally and physically demanding. Each firefighter builds expertise in a wide variety of areas from handling ropes, ladders, hoses and stretchers to handling hazardous materials. Working with residential and commercial structures requires knowledge in materials, alarm systems, electrical, building codes and more. EMS work involves continuous training with multiple levels of certification available from basic support to paramedic. Firefighters also learn to work in any situation from confined spaces to high altitudes. Groveland search-and-rescue demands expertise for mountain, cliff, water or urban rescues. They even provide general maintenance on department vehicles. Training is formal and informal, classroom and self-paced continually building experience and proficiency so that proper response to a situation becomes automatic.

"Helping people is the best part" said Joey. They all agreed. Matt added, "I enjoy everything as a whole; even if something isn't fun we talk about it and learn from it." The variety and continuous learning is a big part of what they like about being firefighters. They work a 3-day shift living at the firehouse 24-hours-a-day, on-call. Jon and Joey commented that "being married to a firefighter isn't easy," there is disappointment with cancelled vacations and the need to be independent "because we are away for many days at a time." Congratulations to Matt and Jacob who are about to take on the challenge of marriage!

What scares a Groveland firefighter most ... a home with wood shake siding, a blanket of pine needles on the ground and without 100' clearance. Please make your home a defensible space.

BIG thanks to our PML Action Heroes in the Groveland Fire Department. We appreciate that they are there for us every day.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR 28 **OCTOBER EVENTS CALENDAR**



Community Airport Day – October 5

0-5**SATURDAY @ PML AIRPORT**

COMMUNITY AIRPORT DAY

PML pilots put on a show for the whole community. Highlights include aircraft displays, formation flying, model airplane demonstrations, skydivers and much more. Free admission. Hot dogs and sodas for sale. Bring a chair and enjoy the show. Parking on Elderberry.

0-16

WEDNESDAY @ THE LITTLE HOUSE

Wii BOWLING

To introduce Wii bowling, we will be having a Wii Bowling Open House and "hands-on" demo. 5:30 to 8:30pm. Please plan to join us, learn what Wii bowling is and what a good time you can have. Please contact Paul Klahn at 962-6404 if you have any questions.



STCHS OCTOBER PROGRAM

Author, educator, and hiker, Sharon Giacomazzi will share the history of Yosemite and the Sierra in here three books. 7pm at the Groveland Community Hall. Admission is Free and Donations are Welcome.



Oktoberfest Dinner Buffet – October 10



Murder Mystery Dinner – October 26

0-12 SATURDAY @ THE STABLES

FLEA MARKET

The PMLA presents a flea market at the PML Stables. This event was postponed from September due to the Rim Fire. Spaces first come - first served and are \$7. Set-up begins at 7am and flea market runs until 1 or 2 PM. Tioga High will sell refreshments as a fundraiser.

THURSDAY @ DOWNTOWN

GROVELAND'S GHOSTS & **GOBLINS HALLOWEEN PARTY** From 5-8 PM the Yosemite Hwy 120 Chamber of Commerce presents the annual Spook Fest. Trick or Treating, games, prizes, arts & crafts, Spook house, storytelling, photo ops and S'mores! And don't forget to come by

MYSTERY DINNER DANCE Figure out whodunnit while enjoying a wonderful meal of Minestrone Soup, Cavatelli with Sunday Gravy and Meatballs, Italian Bread, and dessert

0-10

OKTOBERFEST DINNER

The Grill presents Oktoberfest

featuring Beer from Widmer Brothers

Brewery. A buffet of Sauerbraten,

Rippchen, Sausage & Wurst, Rotkohl

and apples, and Beehive Cake for

dessert. \$23 per person plus tax.

MURDER & THE MOB MURDER

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SATURDAY @ THE GRIL

THURSDAY @ THE

BUFFET

sampler of Tiramisu, Amoretti cookie, Cannoli, and Lemon Gelato. \$50 per person inclusive. We've made you an offer you cannot refuse! Reservations required. 962-8638

the "Old Jail" to see what's up there. Bring out the whole family!

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE LOUNGE

Friday, October 4 **SHOWTIME KARAOKE**

Saturday, October 5 **DYNA-MO**

Saturday, October 26

COMING IN NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 2 **AARP DRIVER'S SAFETY** COURSE

PML Lake Lodge 20270 Pine Mountain Drive, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. \$12 each if you are an AARP Member (bring your AARP Member number to obtain this rate) \$14 each for Non-AARP Members. FREE to veterans. Class limited to 25 people, sign up early!

Thursday, November 28 **THANKSGIVING BUFFET** The Grill at PML Lake

Carvign Station with turkey and all the trimmings. Slow Roasted prime rib, Holiday sides and salads. Dessert station. Seating times at Noon, 2 and 4 pm. \$32 adults, \$25 Seniors, \$12 for kids 6-12, Under 5 free with purchase of adult buffet. Call 962-8638 for reservations.

Saturday, October 12 **STONE KOLD**

Saturday, October 19 **HILLS BROTHERS BAND**

EZ STREET BAND

0-5

SATURDAY @ PML AIRPORT

YOUNG EAGLES

PML pilots will provide free airplane rides for kids, ages 7-17. Come to PML Airport by 9:00am. Parents must accompany to sign permission forms.

Tenaya Elementary Student of the Month



First grader, Wyatt Dowling has been named Student of the Month for Tenaya Elementary School. Wyatt was nominated by Mrs. Hilton, his first grade teacher. Wyatt is an excellent student with a huge heart! He is always

Wyatt Dowling

willing to help a friend or teacher in need. Wyatt makes our classroom a better place. Wyatt lives in Big Oak Flat and is the son

of John Dowling.

Tioga Fall Sports

BY RYAN DUTTON

With the beginning of school in the fall brings a new season of high school sports. Our offerings at Tioga in fall this year are volleyball, soccer, and cross country. Tioga has a strong group of athletes this year helped by the addition of a number of new transfer students along with a large incoming freshmen class. Stop by the school to pick up your fall sports schedule or keep an eye on the school marquee to come up and support your local high school sports teams. Our volleyball and cross country teams are attempting to defend league championships so some support in the stands could help propel them to another title! Thank you for all your support Groveland!!

2013 49er Festival Award Winners

PARADE

Best Equestrian - Junior #21 Jenna, Jace & Joanie Best Equestrian – Adult #1 Sierra Cowgirls Best Walking - Junior #15 Tenaya Parent Pre-School Best Walking – Adult #14 Pine Mountain Lake Garden Club Best Motor Vehicle - anything with a motor #2b The Emergency Services Vehicles Best Community Service - #11 Soroptimist of Groveland Best 49er Theme - #20 Dave Holcomb, Groveland Kiwanis Club, as Abe Lincoln Best Float – #12 Pine Mountain Lake Float Best Musical - Adult or Junior #18 Orange Crush Band/Summerville H.S. Most Unique – #16 John Kiefer Insurance Float Best of Parade – #2b – Grand Marshalls, The Emergency Services Vehicles

CHILI & SALSA COOK-OFF

JUDGES CHOICE CHILI AWARDS 1st: Pizza Factor - Kick A** Chili Chicks 2nd: Red Hot Hot Chili Chicks 3rd: KBK Homes

PEOPLES CHOICE CHILI AWARDS 1st: Red Hot Chili Chicks

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JUDGES CHOICE SALSA AWARDS 1st: Pizza Factory - Salsa King 2nd: KBK Homes

PEOPLES CHOICE SALSA AWARDS 1st: Pizza Factory - Salsa King 2nd: KBK Homes

BEST DECORATED BOOTH: Red Hot Chili Chicks

A big THANK YOU to our official TASTING JUDGES, who had the difficult task of tasting chili and salsa all afternoon and picking the winners: Terry & Rick Clayton with the Sonora Union Democrat; Jed Wannarka with Yosemite National Park, and our local own Brown Brothers.



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INCOME TAX PREPARATION AUDIT REPRESENTATION

From Your Tuolumne County **District Supervisor** BY JOHN GRAY, TUOLUMNE COUNTY 4TH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Hopefully by the time you read this article the "Rim Fire" will be out and all of our energies will be generated toward recovery.

As many of you know, I have lived in Tuolumne County nearly my entire life. I have vivid memories of the 1987 Complex Fire that burned nearly 150,000 acres. This figure seems small in comparison to the Rim Fire at over 255,000 acres. The Stanislaus Forest has been my backyard. I have hunted, fished and back packed in many of the remote areas that have seen damage from this fire. Like all of you, it saddens me to see the devastation.

It took over 25 years for a partial recovery after the Complex Fire and it leaves me with an empty feeling to think that I will never see the full recovery of the damaged land in my lifetime.

You can hardly pick up a newspaper or "surf" social media and NOT find something about the Rim Fire Event. There is an abundance of opinions on how such a terrible thing could happen. The widespread effects are being felt around the county, state and beyond...

Over the past 5 years as your Supervisor, I have attended many meetings that focused on "forest health" and I have gathered numerous printed pieces that have been full of information on forest management. Before sitting down to write this article, I spent an hour or so just reviewing the collection of forest management materials.

One interesting statistic mentioned has to do with tree density. The information was provided in an article written in 2000 that stated that since 1940, the tree density in many federal forests had increased from 50 trees per acre to 500 trees per acre. I would attribute this dramatic increase, in part, to "spotted owl" protections, other acts, laws, regulations and policies introduced to direct Forest Service on how to manage our forests. Maybe the good intentions of the rules and regulations have caused us to "love our forest to death".

We will ponder the cause of the fire...an illegal campfire. As one of the Team 1 Management members stated, "It's impossible to teach stupid". We will never understand why anyone would light a fire in the tinder dry conditions.

Following the containment & conclusion of the Rim Fire, the main focus will shift to be centered on reconstitution.

What's the answer for the future? I can just offer my opinion and promise to work toward

fundamental changes in the way our forests are managed. What we are doing now is obviously not working.

If we want to improve the health of the forest, we need to commit to a policy of reducing fuel loads. This does not mean we need to clear cut the forest but in order to lessen the financial impact to the taxpayer, we need to promote controlled commercial harvesting. Seeking a balance between Environmental Management and Forest Health will have to be accomplished. If not, another Rim Fire will occur.

We must remember to thank local community members that came together to support one another in ways both large and small. From those that helped their neighbors pack for evacuation and even offered their own homes as a temporary safe place to stay, to animal control and humane society personnel for bringing distressed family pets into their shelters. Others, like local rancher Joan Gisler, who opened her property to large animals that needed a place to stay.

Red Cross Emergency Assistance, evacuation centers, local businesses, camp-sites for RV's and campers, churches donating time and energies and other resources. Our communities pulled together in ways that many might not expect to see in larger more populated cities. We are fortunate indeed -----Neighbors helping neighbors!

Thanks also to all Law Enforcement, County Staff and my fellow Supervisors for their commitment and monumental effort. I hope that the citizens of Tuolumne County appreciate that work that they do.

On the media front, I would like to recognize local Radio Station KVML, www.mymotherlode. com, the Union Democrat Newspaper and our own Groveland Facebook page, manned by Christina and David Wilkinson, for providing the best up-dated information during the crises.

In closing, I want to acknowledge the work of all emergency response people - those from Yosemite National Park, Cal Fire, BLM and U.S. Forest Service locations - and all personnel that came to us from across the nation to gain control of the fire. I cannot say enough about their dedication and tireless efforts.

They all deserve our thanks and all have earned our gratitude.

As always, please feel welcome to contact me at my office number (209) 532-5526.

* No office hours in October.



Helping Hands Happenings

BY JOYCE SMITH

Hello all! Thankfully, we were spared. Our thanks and gratitude to the firefighters and all the other support personnel involved in this heroic saving of our community. We have so much to be thankful for. We must be mindful of those who were not as fortunate as we have been. Some people lost homes and all their possessions, businesses lost much of their needed tourist trade, and the list goes on. The fire is not yet over, for now, it has moved on. Those who fought so hard to keep us safe are still at work, only in a different area. The danger is the same. Be safe!

We started our 3:00 P.M. closing time on Monday Sept. 30th. Opening time is the same at 11 :00 A.M. We now have a Facebook Page with this and other pertinent information. You can reach us at HELPING HANDS THRIFT STORE AND FURNITURE BARN OF GROVELAND. This is not as complete as our web site but gives quicker info. You can also get information on "Troop Updates" on www.helpinghandsofgroveland.com. There is always need for snack food, beef jerky, granola bars, nuts, chewing gum, hard candy, hand sanitizers, foot powder, lip balm, razors, shaving cream and any personal hygiene items. If you want to help in this effort, leave items at store, marked for Our Troops. Shirley Carman is now taking care of this program.

Our Bylaws Committee members: Kay Ayers, Patti Beaulieu, Tom Carman, Dale Elliott and Gene Fiance have been working hard on the revision of our bylaws. Members have had their opportunity to read proposed revisions, as posted at the Store, and were voting on them at the Sept. 12th General Meeting.

Remember us for Halloween Costumes and all things black and orange.

Volunteer Information: We are sending speedy recovery and best wishes to our volunteers who are ill: Jackie Baker, Wanda Day, Sandi Graham, Karen Dickson and Susanne Woods. Welcome to new volunteers: Valerie Kelly to work in back; Karen Seals to work in front and barn and Kathie and George Sumpter for barn. Nice to see Mary Bruha back with us again. And thanks to John Klink and Judy Walsh for their time with Helping Hands. With a volunteer group this big, someone or something is going on all the time. Thanks to each and every one of you. You are appreciated!

Thanks to all our customers for stopping in during our "National Thrift Store Day" on August 17th.

Great fun, Sales galore and drawings for Helping Hands gift certificates. Fun, Fun, Fun.

Fall Giveaway on October 11th and 12tn. See separate article.

See you at the Store or Barn.

Friends of the Library

BY ETTY GARBER

The Tenava School library is up and running as of September 16th. Notices were sent to teachers to choose the times and days they would be bringing their classes to check out books, ask questions and have some reading time. This is due to the dedication and preparation of Phyllis Gschwend, Joan Mosby and the community volunteers who work a couple of days per month. If you have a love of children and books, we recommend you come and join us as a volunteer. Young children may check out 1 or 2 books, dependent on the grade and age level of the child. Older students may take out 2 books and all books must be returned in 2 weeks. The process is set up just like a regular county library; each child gets a library card which is scanned at check out and check in. Books arranged by age groups in fiction and nonfiction. This will allow children to know and use any library they go to.

Many of the children sent thank you notes to Brainy Groveland, Steve and Kathy Ryan, Friends of the Library and the Parents Club for donating lots of beautiful new books for the new school year. The school also accepts donations of gently used books. Phyllis reported she heard one student say, "I just love how the library smells." Now, that's worth it.

Another bit of news: Friends of the Library will again host a literary event - a mega-book club gathering featuring the theme, "Every Book Club Has A Story." Each of the six book clubs in Groveland will describe and discuss their particular group and offer their favorite book picks of the year. Also on the program will be two local authors, Sydney Avey and Nadine Pedron, who will do readings from their books soon to be published. Refreshments and a Book Swap will complete the afternoon. If you aren't a book club member but would like to join in the book banter and reader revelry, please come: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 4-6 downstairs at the library. For further information please contact Nadine. (epedon@att.net) or 962-6953.

Seeking Candidates for Open GCSD Board Seat

Directors govern Water, Sewer, Parks, & the Groveland Fire Dept.

Mail or drop off resumes to 18966 Ferretti Road, Groveland, CA 95321 or Email to: *iflores@gcsd.org.*

DEADLINE: Friday, October 18, 2013 by 4:00pm.

CANDIDATES FORUM: A public meeting forum for candidates will be held

on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 10:00am at the Tioga High School Gym for Q&A from members of the public and the Board. The Board will make a decision in public, that evening, based on candidate qualifications and after considering a measure of public sentiment via a written survey collected after the candidate interviews are completed.

For more Information go to *www.gcsd.org*.

STCHS October Program BY PEGGY ANDREWS

STCHS is proud to present author, educator and hiker, Sharon Giacomazzi as our October speaker. Sharon has spent nearly a lifetime hiking and sharing the history of Yosemite and the Sierra in her three books Trails and Tails of Yosemite and the Central Sierra, Exploring Eastern Sierra Canyons: Sonora Pass to Pine Creek, and Exploring Eastern Sierra Canyons: Bishop to Lone Pine, published by Bored Fee Press and now in her weekly columns in the Union Democrat. For many years she had a month column in the Yosemite Highway Herald entitled "Romancing the Sierra".

Sharon Giacomazzi is a Sierra hiker who happens to be an avid history buff and born storyteller. Sharon's love affair with the Sierra Nevada began early. She grew up on a large ranch in the foothills below Kings Canyon National Park. When she wasn't asleep or in school, she wandered the hills, wild and free, on foot or horseback. Mountain life got into her blood and stayed, even during years away at college and in the city earning a living as a teacher. The urban setting always made Sharon feel like and alien, a stranger trapped in a strange land. Finally in 1980, after 22 years of teaching, she decided to go home to the mountains where her spirit could be nurtured by the Sierra's natural rhythms and cycles.

Sharon bought property close to Yosemite and reconnected with her sense of place and her spiritual home. After building her house, she created ways to eke out a modest living, then began walking, and she hasn't stopped. In the past 28 years, Sharon has trekked more than 7,500 miles in the Sierra Nevada. She has been an outing leader for several environmental organizations and community colleges, as well as leader of her own history hikes. She has read and re-spread scores of history books about the Sierra, finding they tremendously enriched her hiking experiences. Treading a trails certainly rewarding, but Sharon found it a bit one dimensional. Knowing each place's background and nuances takes a hiker to another level of intimacy that is very gratifying.

Sharon started writing about trails and tails in the Sierra Nevada in 1992. Like walking, once she got going she couldn't stop. Since then, her articles have appeared regularly in Sierra Heritage and California Explorer magazine. Much to her amazement and delight, she encountered many people eager for something more.

Please join STCHS, Saturday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Groveland Community Center. Admission is Free and Donations are Welcome.

Wii Bowling at the Little House

Upcoming Wii Bowling event at the Little House, October 16, 5:30 to 8:30.

The Little House is the home of Groveland's Wii Bowling Leagues. Currently we have three Leagues, each consisting of several teams. One League bowls on the First Tuesday of the month, one on the First Thursday, and the third League on the Second Thursday.

We are always looking for new bowlers, people that are interested in having a good time bowling with their friends and neighbors. Wii Bowling doesn't require a "heavy" bowling ball, special shoes, or a long trip off of the hill. You can even Wii bowl from a chair.

To introduce Wii bowling to everyone, we will be having a Wii Bowling Open House and "hands-on" demonstration. This Wii Bowling Open House will be held at the Little House on Wednesday October 16. Time: 5:30 to 8:30. Please plan to join us, learn what Wii bowling is and what a good time you can have. Please contact Paul Klahn at 962-6404 if you have any questions.

GAINs and YES

BY BARBARA BROAD

GAINs is collaborating with the YES Partnership in Sonora to establish programs in the south county to discourage drug abuse and suicide among our youth at Tioga High School, Tenaya Elementary School, and Don Pedro High School. The Partnership has experience and a wealth of knowledge in programs for young people.

The YES Partnership was established in Sonora in 1986 in response to a spike in local teen suicides. Now in its 22nd year it continues to pursue its mission to support Tuolumne County youth and families and prevent substance abuse, suicide and child abuse.

The Partnership has a number of successful programs from which we can pick the best one for the Groveland area. We will work with school personnel and will hire professionals who are specialists in this field. The results of the local California Healthy Kids survey will indicate what substances our youth are using and provide other information specific to our communities.

GAINs was invited to join the YES

Coalition and will draw on the knowledge and experience of the coalition groups. YES will prepare a proposal for the Federal community program for \$125,000 a year beginning in 2014 that is renewable for five years. They have just been awarded a \$70,000 grant from Sonora Area Foundation to help us develop a project specific to the south county and prepare that proposal. The grant will include payment for a professional, and GAINs will recruit volunteers from the community to work with the project.

The YES project will be able to suggest several approaches and provide information for resources that will help develop the program for our community. GAINs will work with a coalition of local groups and a working committee to pull it all together and make sure it fits the needs and requirements of our youth and our communities, as well fulfilling the Federal requirements.

We are appreciative of the YES Partnership taking an interest in our community and we will work with them.

FREE Computer Classes at The Little House and the Library Cosponsored with GAINs

BY BARBARA BROAD

More free computer classes from The Little House and GAINs. The classes using computers on Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Facebook will be at The Little House, and Facebook and Searching the Internet will meet at the Groveland Library Meeting Room.

How to Keep Records in Excel

10 am to noon, Monday, October 7, The Little House. An introduction to spreadsheets and some ideas of what to use them for, learning the basics of Excel.

Using Facebook Safely

1 pm to 3 pm, Monday, October 14, Library Meeting Room. How to enjoy Facebook contacts with family and friends and not expose yourself to others. An online tutorial will be used, and you can continue using it at home.

Letters, Fliers, and Graphics in Word

10 am to noon, Monday, October 21, The Little House. Learn how to format letters and fliers and to use graphics in MS Word.

More Ways to Use Excel

10 am to noon, Monday, October 28, The Little House. Learn more ways to use Excel for record keeping, calculating gas mileage, addresses, gifts given, etc.

Finding Information on the Internet

1 pm to 3 pm, Monday, November 4, Library Meeting Room. Tips for finding all kinds of information on the Internet efficiently and great ways to use the Internet.

Veteran's Day, November 11, no class.

marching in the 49ER Parade.

Ups will be Thursday, October 17th, 3:PM



Design Your Own Slide Show

10 am to noon, Monday November 18. The Little House. See how easy it is to set up a slide show, and then add movement, graphics and sound. Make one for the last big trip you took, then mail it to your family and friends.

Formatting Newsletters, Using Mail Merge, and More

10 am to noon, November 25, The Little House. Learn how to use text boxes for newsletters and how to send your Christmas letters to a group of people, as well a much more in MS Word.

Barbara Broad is leading these classes. She has been offering adult MS Office training classes for the County Office of Education and elsewhere for sixteen years. Sign up early because space is limited! And tell a friend! AND, if you have ideas for other classes, let Barbara know.

For information or to reserve a space, contact Barbara Broad, 962-7730 or bbroad226@gmail.com. Please leave your name, phone number, and email address.

FREE! FREE! FREE! FALL Give-Away Coming This Month BY PATTI BEAULIEU

Helping Hands Thrift Store will, once again, be having it's twice yearly give-away on Friday and Saturday, October 11th and 12th. This is the time when we clear the store of summer clothing, shoes, household items, purses and linens that are out of season or have been in our inventory for a while. We also will have tables of overstocked merchandise for all seasons.

We open the doors to the Groveland Community Hall from 10 a.m – 4 p.m. on both days and allow all who enter to take black bags and fill them with as much as they want. We clear the way for fall and

winter items to fill the store and allow the community to 'stock up' on last season's clothing and what ever else is available. This time we expect to have some books, VHS tapes, luggage, home décor items, housewares, linens, purses and much more, in addition to the clothing and shoes.

Mark your calendars and be sure to come and get what ever you and your family can use in the coming months. We ask that it be for your personal use, and not used for resale.

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Hill Top Kids Musical

BY LOUISE TURNEY

Groveland's own "Musical Hill Top at the Groveland Library. Auditions will Kids" have recently completed their 2nd. be Wednesday, October 23rd.3:PM, at Musical and once again it was a huge the Groveland Library. We will be doing success. These kids gave up many summer "Charlie and the Cherub Cheerleaders", written by Sharon Turney and Music by fun hours to rehearse and the results were wonderful. If you were lucky you saw them Don Turney. Their musicals are produced as far away as Australia. No child will A new school year has started and we be turned down. There is something for are getting ready to have sign ups and everyone to do in this musical. Come join auditions for our Christmas Musical. Sign "The Hill Top Musical Kids."

The Soroptimist Scene

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

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

WOMEN'S OPPORTUNITY AWARDS

Recipients to receive cash grants for educational expenses

Women who serve as the primary wage earners for their families and seek financial assistance to attend school can now obtain applications for the Women's Opportunity Awards, a major service project of Soroptimist International of Groveland since 1972. The Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Awards program has provided women, who serve as the primary wage earners for their families, with the financial resources to offset costs associated with their efforts to attain higher education or additional skills and training. The award can be used for tuition, books, childcare, transportation or any other education-related expense. Applications are available at the Groveland Library, Columbia Community College, or by contacting Donna Thayer at (209) 962-5007. Completed applications must be returned to Soroptimist International of Groveland by December 1, 2013.

Since our founding in 2000, SIG has funded 12 Women's Opportunity Awards totaling more than \$22,000.

Like everyone else, we have had to rearrange our scheduled events. But, thanks to the skills of our firefighters - that is the very least of our worries. We will just reschedule and continue to provide services to our community.

Live your Dream event will be rescheduled. Personal invitations will be sent out with a revised date. Please check vour email for updated information. October 24th is the date planed for the rain (fire) check.

Our favorite - B.E.S.T. Day (for the 7th and 8th grade girls) must be cancelled; the students have so much classroom time to recover in their academic year. We will look for advice from the teachers and administrators regarding holding this event.

The Kiwanis back to school shopping for K - 8, youngsters will be on our agenda. Hygiene items will be purchased and assembled in parcels, and Soroptimist members will assist some of the youngsters in the shopping.

SIG will encourage awareness for Think Pink throughout October.

The Winter Tea is confirmed for November 19, 2013. Such a great time, and so many opportunities to contribute funding for the scholarships and services SIG provides.

SIG's 13th birthday will be celebrated 9-17-2013. If you are not a member, you will have missed this celebration. But, we would love to have you make the 14th birthday....

Our meetings are held in the lower level of the library (usually the 1st & 3rd Tuesday) at noon. We would like you to visit one of our luncheon meetings. If you want to make a positive impact in this community, call Liz Mattingly at 962-1129

Groveland's "Ghosts & Goblins" **Halloween Party**

BY LINDA FLORES

Date: Thursday, Oct. 31st - 2013 Place: Downtown Groveland & Comm. Hall **Time**: 5-8p.m.

It's that time again folks! Our annual "Spook Fest" will be sponsored by the Yosemite Hwy 120 Chamber of Commerce and as usual spearheaded by the dedicated Ghosts & Goblin's Committee. We welcome back all our hardworking Volunteers, local businesses, Service Organizations and Community leaders.

There will be many games, prizes, arts &

crafts, storytelling, photo ops and "S'mores"! Our Spook House should be a little different this year. And don't forget to come on by the "Old Jail" to see what we're up to there!

Our 1st Committee Meeting will be Monday, Oct. 7th, 6pm at Tony and Linda Flores' home (962-0824). Your fresh ideas and new energies can't help but bring our remarkably costumed "Trick or Treaters" a night to remember!

Committee Chairs – Linda & Tony Flores

Writing Class at Groveland Library BY LYNN MCCORMICK - YOUTH, LITERACY, & OUTREACH LIBRARIAN

Due to the Rim Fire, Bill Manville's writing class will begin Saturday, October 12th.

The published author and columnist Bill Manville has once again agreed to teach his popular and free Writing to Get Published class at the Groveland Branch of Tuolumne County Library. Bill's writing classes will run for six Saturdays starting October12 through November 16, 2013. Classes begin at 2:00 PM and end at 3:30 PM.

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

...the work I know best is your novel Goodbye, which I edited. What first attracted me was the dazzling prose; I was equally impressed by plot and characterization. A considerable literary accomplishment but also a Book of the Month choice, bringing an impressive price at paperback auction. What may also interest your students, I've heard you in discussion with writers like loe Heller, Patricia Bosworth, Lois Gould and Gay Talese, and remember thinking more than once, Bill ought to be teaching...

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

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

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



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Friends of Groveland Fire Department GCSD – UNSUNG RIM FIRE HEROES

BY CAROL SIMPSON AND JOHN ARMSTRONG

Our community is eternally grateful to firefighters from all over the country, both ground and air, to law enforcement, and to the several utilities organizations who together under Unified Command of US Forrest Service and CALFIRE battled the Rim Fire. Thanks to their outstanding skill, teamwork, and professionalism, our homes, families, pets, and cherished possessions are safe. The behind-the-scenes story of Groveland Community Services District's (GCSD's) role in this battle is phenomenal.

The fire started Saturday 17 August 2013 at approximately 3:15 PM near the confluence of the Tuoloumne and Clavey rivers and grew to 442 acres, then to 812 acres Sunday and by Monday 19 August had exploded to 4342 acres, had crossed Hwy 120, threatened Buck Meadows and Ferretti Road, and was burning up the Pilot Ridge area southeast of Buck Meadows. (Sources: *http://www.inciweb. org/incident/3660/* on 19 Aug 2013 and Rim Incident Progression Map – CA-STF-002857, 26 Aug 2013). The temperature at the PML airport Monday reached 103.1 F (*http://www. schaapworld.info/)*.

Monday GCSD employees started Rim Fire support for all base camps, all fire engines, and all water distribution and gray water reclamation needs for the 120 side of the fire from Groveland out to the Yosemite Park entrance. They began keeping all water tanks full - at the spill over level - to have maximum water available for fighting the fire.

Tuesday at 6AM employees began monitoring the entire GCSD system 24/7. The fire was still burning westward from Buck Meadows and starting to move westward down the Tuolumne River canyon, driven by prevailing winds. GCSD continued to supply water to strike teams (fire crews) coming in from all over California and supported the fire base camp on Cherry Lake Road at the Miller Ranch.

Tuesday, Ferretti Road east of Clements Road was closed. At the Pine Mountain Lake (PML) Airport, a Phos-Chek mobile batch plant for retardant was set up on the east "27 numbers" end of the runway. Support vehicles including a water tanker were parked on the ramps of local PML pilots Ian Morcott and of Alan Gaudenti. Tuesday afternoon the airport was closed to become an air attack helicopter base. GCSD began supplying all the water to support air operations and the retardant batch plant.

Wednesday the fire increased to 16,204 acres and threatened PML airport and the PML community. Helicopters dipped water and fire retardant from huge tanks at the end of the runway and flew to the now nearby fire to drop. By Thursday the helicopters with their crews and fuel trucks simply set up operations at PML Airport to shorten the time to take water and retardant to the fire. Each helicopter was assigned a landing heli spot along the runway by the temporary control tower operated by CALFIRE from a custom van parked on local pilot Lee Behl's hangar ramp. Tanker trucks drew GCSD water to fill the retardant and water dipping tanks, keep down the dust for landing helicopters so the pilots could see to fly, and to periodically wash down the helicopters covered in retardant, dust, and ash.

GCSD's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) software monitors and controls water and sewer plant performance. It is critical to the continued functioning of our water and sewer systems. GCSD moved extra laptops with SCADA out of the GCSD district to protect this capability, also vehicles and equipment needed to repair infrastructure if necessary and staged these in areas that would be safe from a fire overrun of the district. The portable water treatment plant (normally used when the Hetch Hetchy tunnel is shut down to draw water from PML Lake) was up and running, ready to go. Some of the GCSD staff had been told to evacuate their own homes. All of them stayed on the job, keeping up with all the water demands. They did everything they could to ready the district for the worst case scenario.

Thursday, 22 August, was a bad day. The fire started to threaten the Big Creek water plant and tank. This plant supplies water directly to the airport, which was serving as the air attack helicopter base. The fire had more than tripled in size since Wednesday to 53,829 acres. GCSD was still supporting base camps and all fire suppression efforts for the south and east sides of the fire, including air ops, strike teams, and fire trucks. They were also receiving all the grey water from the base camps, via truck, and processing that. Many new strike teams were arriving, blanketing our community and airport - all needed water. The stress on the water system resulted in failures in two main water lines. A break in the line at Jackson Mill and Mueller put associated PML hydrants out of water. GCSD staff restored service to this area with a temporary bypass until permanent repairs could be made later that evening. Also, leaks developed in the line at Ferretti and Elderberry. That line was still supplying the hydrants at the airport and PML Units 11 and 12; but it potentially could have undermined Ferretti Road making passage and residents' westward escape impossible. Had the leak worsened, fire hydrants in the direct path of the fire would have been without water. There were several hydrants on Ferretti Road that would have gone out of service had this leak worsened. GCSD employees and General Manager (GM) Jon Sterling worked 18 hours straight, even though they were supposed to be evacuating their own homes, to repair the

The Labor Day BBQ was a Huge Success!

Over three hundred people attended the Labor Day BBQ held Sunday September 1, 2013 at the PML Equestrian Center. Despite the temptation to cancel the event as many others did during the Rim Fire period the Southern Tuolumne County Historical Society (S.T.C.H.S.) Board of Directors decided to hold the event as planned, as opposed to cancel or postpone. The consensus was it would be good for the community during this trying time even if it turned out not to be a significant fundraiser. To everyone's, surprise it turned out very well with a good turnout of generous people and the participation of many dedicated volunteers.

The weather was near perfect with not a hint of smoke. The food was

excellent thanks to our the PML Grill Chef Carrie. The bake sale was yummy and a sellout, \$700; the silent auction raised a record setting amount over \$2,000; The raffle netted over \$1,200 with the \$500 award from the drawing going to Gary Pluckhan who was contacted by cell phone, came to site and was handed the cash.

The band, "Dyna*Mo" was excellent, not too loud, just right! A watermelon eating contest was a hit and awards given the

water lines. They worked along side fire fighters in the direct path of the fire when it was less than a mile away.

By Friday, The air battle had become a regular "dog fight" A hot spot would light off and build, then get cooled down by an air drop and the cycle would begin again. By end of the week, Jon Sterling and some of the employees had worked straight 90 hours with no sleep other than cat naps. Thankfully the weather had started cooling Thursday evening and continued to cool Friday and through the weekend. The Incident Management Team held a town hall meeting at Tenaya Elementary School Friday evening and told residents that while the fire was still only about 2% contained, the efforts of the day had stopped the advance of the fire toward the airport, the stables, and the Graham Ranch Road area. The mandatory evacuation for Units 11 and 12 was lifted about 6:30 PM Saturday.

The battle continued into a second week





winning adults and kids. Kids tried to wear out the bounce house. Where do they get that energy? A water balloon tossing contest was as always a hoot. Contest winning kids received Gold dollars as awards.

Thanks to our event Gold sponsors; Black Oak Casino, Golden State Cellular, Helping Hands, Moore Brothers and Yosemite Bank: Silver Sponsors; Crook Logging, The Grill at PML, Pizza Factory, Sabre Design, and The Union Democrat Newspaper.

with GCSD supporting this side of the fire, including a newly established PG&E base camp abeam Hells Hollow Rd at 120. Our own GFD CALFIRE and Reserve firefighters had been involved from the beginning of the fire, pulling 20-hr shifts on Clements and Ferretti, manning our local Groveland Fire Station and Merrill Road Station, as well as manning the Jamestown fire station. By the end of the second week, some had been on duty straight for up to two weeks, had been on the front lines protecting structures and still serving the community for its needs. They provided crucial local knowledge to the Strike Teams who had come from all over the country. GCSD had by end of the second week supplied well over 1 million additional gallons of water for the fire, over and above water to the GCSD community and had played a crucial role in the defense of our homes and community. Thank you to GM Jon Sterling and his entire crew at GCSD for a job well done!

Museum Happenings BY CARRIE CARTER

Like any good story, it starts with a dream. Kathy Brown's dream for museum visitors was a touch screen computer. Easy enough for a child to use, this computer would let you browse through a variety of topics about our rich history, flora, fauna, early settlers, and much more.

With a mere touch of the computer screen (no keyboarding necessary) you can let your fingers do

the walking through a wealth of data and beautiful photography.

Through Kathy's efforts, the computer was donated and with Gail Lewis' programming skills, is ready for our visitors to use. Remember, this is a work in progress and is designed to be updated and expanded as time and resources allow. We invite you to come to the museum to give it a try and tell us what you think.

Two great community events in September gave us all a chance to come together and express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the Rim Fire Crews and Law Enforcement. The STCHS Labor Day BBQ and Groveland's 49er Festival were a success because of strong community support and the efforts of countless dedicated volunteers. Thanks to all of you!

Many were stumped by last month's historic archive photo of a single story stone building. The building is the Odd Fellows



(IOOF) Hall in Big Oak Flat.

It is actually two separate stone buildings with an added second story. The west half of the lower story was constructed for Michael Gilbert in 1854. The slightly larger east half, erected circa 1852, housed Kent and Grant's Mercantile. After the great fire of 1863, the Odd Fellows acquired Grant's store for a meeting lodge and by the 1880s purchased Gilberts old store. The upstairs was added in 1924.

Don't forget to visit us on Facebook!

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS BUILDING?

If you can identify this month's historic photo from the STCHS archive you will receive a colorful coffee mug from the Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum gift shop during the month of October (one gift per family).

Pine Cone Singers in Full Holiday Mode - Already?!

BY LINELLE MARSHALL

The Pine Cone Singers gathered on September 3rd for our first rehearsal for our annual Christmas program, scheduled for December 12, 13, 14, and 15, 2013, at the Groveland Evangelical Free Church.

Somehow it always seems that musicians also love good food and drink, so after rehearsal, the Community Hall was quickly transformed into a dining room where everyone happily shared a bountiful array of delicious dishes.

Former member Mike Kambeitz, who has many years of experience in music education, has graciously offered to serve as interim conductor for the December concerts. In addition to many familiar holiday pieces, Mike has added a few new traditional spirituals and two fun songs from "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" to the mix. So make sure you mark your calendars now, so

you don't miss our concerts, a great holiday tradition in Groveland.

We are also pleased to announce that we now have a second portable electronic keyboard and compact speaker, which allows the group to "take the show on the road" much more easily! We thank our supporters and donors, whose contributions have helped Pine Cone Performers to continue providing great music to the community. Questions? Feel free to call any Pine Cone Performer board member for more information: Bob Swan, 962-6535; Shirley Brasesco, 962-4815; Sandra Menacho, 962-4238; Anita Millard, 962-7514.

The board has begun a formal search for a new music director for the Spring concerts in 2014. Inquiries should be made to Bob Swan at 209-962-6535.

First Wednesday Bird Walk

BY JEANNE RIDGLEY

The first Wednesday of the month Bird Walk at the Groveland Community Services property at 18966 Ferretti Road, Groveland is led by Jeanne Ridgley. The property encompasses an area of more than 200 acres of oak, pine and willow habitat with three water storage ponds. 133 species of birds have been seen there since November of 2007

Dates for upcoming trips are Oct 2, Nov 6 and Dec 4.

Meet the group in the GCSD parking lot at 8:00 AM. Bring binoculars and a birding field guide if you have one. Rain will cancel the trip. The walk will last about two-three hours. If you have any questions, call Jeanne at 962-7598.

Living History Day

Living History Day, an annual event sponsored by the Southern Tuolumne County Historical Society, is being held October 5, from 10 am to 2 pm. The event takes place in the courtvard of the Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum in downtown Groveland. This is an interactive and educational experience for the whole family. Attendees may participate and try their hand at gold panning, candle making, weaving, spinning, butter churning, acorn grinding, rope making, quilting and children's games of the 1800s, just to name a few of the activities being demonstrated. Luke Sullivan will be playing guitar and singing frontier songs. Linelle Marshall will play classic tunes on the old pump organ inside the museum at noon time. Movies of local interest will also be playing in the museum theater. Delicious food and baked goods will be for sale. Admission is free.







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Healthy Habits FROM PINE MOUNTAIN THERAPY

BY JULIE TANAKA, PT

Healing Time

A frequent question from our patients is "how long is this going to take to heal?"

That is the million dollar question. Countless studies have done to figure out healing time for different diagnosis. The truth is that there are so many components that go into healing there isn't a simple answer. But there are guidelines and we can improve healing time and quality by respecting the healing process.

Soft tissue healing is estimated at 6-8 weeks. Soft tissue is ligament, tendon, and muscle. In the first phase the area will swell. The body does this to bring blood and nutrients to the area and support the injured joint. In the second phase the inured area starts to form collagen bonds, these bonds start to repair the injured tissue. Our general health will affect this process. Smoking and sedentary life style results in decrease circulation and slows healing. Medical conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure, as well as medications will affect healing rate also. All these variables need to be taken into account as we guide the healing process towards the best outcome.

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Rim Fire 2013

BY ETTY GARBER, PHD, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST

For the first time in my life I had to evacuate my home. On Wednesday, August 21, 2013 I was strongly advised to pack my essentials and leave Pine Mountain Lake and seek shelter elsewhere. The day before I had just returned from Southern California celebrating my great-granddaughter's third birthday and had not heard that a fire had started in Yosemite National Park. I grabbed my 2 dogs and a few important documents and family pictures and headed down the grade. On the way to the animal shelter reality struck and I realized that I might lose all my possessions including my home of ten years. I pondered that for a short way and decided that there was nothing I could do about it and that my dogs and I were safe and that was most important.

When I arrived at the crisis shelter at the fairgrounds in Sonora I sort of felt like the immigrants that first came to this country. I was in a strange place with many people I didn't know and no idea how long I would be there. When I registered I was reminded that I had been a Red Cross volunteer in the past and was much needed in this crisis to provide mental health services to the other evacuees. I was given a Red Cross vest and told to go to work. I ran from building 1 to building 2 and building 3 and back again 24 hours for 4 days. I forgot my own fears and concentrated on the many people who needed support and reassurance. I was allowed to return home on Sunday August 25th with my dogs. It was great to return home to familiar surroundings but it was short lived. Starting the following Monday through Friday I returned to the crisis shelter on the day shift to continue working for the Red Cross. I concluded my assignment on Friday August 30th. I want to tell you how impressed I was

with the whole Red Cross operation. All the volunteers were so caring and worked so hard to accommodate all the evacuees needs. They were friendly, supportive, patient and kind. It is a wonderful organization with extraordinary people.

Another important part of the response to the crisis was the community. Many businesses, large and small, donated food, clothing, bedding, hygiene essentials, books and toys for adults and children. Individuals and families brought in goods and offers to pick up pets, large and small animals and house them for the duration. Children came and gave some of their own toys to the other children. What a wonderful learning experience for everyone.

The greatest gift was from the men and women who came from many local counties in California as well as from faraway places to fight the fire. Conditions were very difficult with hot weather and hard to reach terrain, but they carefully saved our homes in Pine Mountain Lake and we are forever grateful. Their perseverance was heroic. The leaders gave updates daily and answered all the questions asked and kept us informed of their progress.

I feel so privileged to have experienced the wonder of the human spirit. We need to celebrate ourselves, each other and the kindness of strangers. We came together and it was good.



Groveland: Still Standing Strong!

BY WILLOW POLSON

Groveland's history is full of fires, and our little town has survived them all! We laugh at fire, haha! What's not so funny, however, is how much of a hit our businesses have taken due to the smoke, evacuations, media reports, confusing highway signage, and, most importantly, visitor access to Yosemite being completely blocked off for a time.

With that in mind, many of our merchants are having "Rim Fire sales," so now's the perfect opportunity to shop local and encourage your friends and family to visit Groveland too. We're cute! We're quaint! We're historic! And now we have great savings that everyone will enjoy.

Here are just some of the specials happening now:

THE GROVELAND HOTEL is offering a 3-course dinner for just \$20. This includes: house salad with your choice of dressing; choice of 6 oz. prime top sirloin with honey bourbon steak sauce or stuffed chicken parmesan with choice of garlic mashed potatoes, creamy parmesan polenta or wild rice pilaf and farm fresh vegetables, or Mediterranean vegetable pasta; plus a brownie for dessert (beverage not included, excluding special events and holidays, through Dec. 31).

THE HOTEL CHARLOTTE is giving away a free glass of wine or local draft beer a food purchase of more than \$10. They're also discounting gift certificates. You can get a \$50 gift certificate for \$40 or a \$125 gift certificate for \$100 (valid through Oct).

THE CUB INN B&B has gone to "winter" pricing two months early for "The 2013 Rim Fire Winter Event." If you need a getaway stay, or know someone out of the area who would like to come visit Groveland, let them know about this great deal.

THE IRON DOOR "We Survived the Rim Fire" special is a cheeseburger, fries and a PBR for \$10.00. They're also giving a discount on gift certificates, so that you can get a \$25.00 gift certificate for \$20.00. (until Dec. 15)

THE PIZZA FACTORY is offering a free appetizer or salad with any pizza or pasta purchase.

DORI'S TEA COTTAGE & CAFÉ is offering a free regular coffee with any breakfast menu item for the month of October.

PRECISION OPTICS has sunglasses for 25%-80% off, and \$50 Gift Certificates for just \$40 (through Dec. 31).

SERENDIPITY will have a variety of items including furniture, gifts, jewelry, and art on sale in October and November, just in time for you to help them celebrate their 5th anniversary.

FIREFALL COFFEE is doing a special blend of coffee, The Rim Fire Dark Roast, and if you buy a \$10 dollar gift certificate, Firefall will pitch in \$5 for a total of \$15.00 (through Dec. 31).

OLER CHIROPRACTIC & WELLNESS is giving away a free 360 tablet Whole Food Multivitamin (Catalyn by Standard Process), a \$38 value, with any paid half hour nutrition consultation. Just mention this article. (through December 31, 2013).

PINE MOUNTAIN DELI has two specials. Rent two DVDs and get the third free, plus the third night is free on Friday nights. In addition, they have a Rim Sandwich special for \$8.00 including a side and drink. This fiery sandwich has turkey, avocado, jalapenos, pepper jack cheese, lettuce and tomato on your choice of bread.

MISS KAILEY'S has an across-the-board special. If you mention this article, you get 25% off your entire purchase for the month of October!

Come shop local and support your community. Now, more than ever, Groveland's businesses can use your dollars, which go right back into making our community healthy and vibrant. You can make a difference!

Celebrating Hope, Winter Magic & Holidays BY JONI GERKING

After the flaming uncertainty, ash and dust in August and September from the Rim Fire, we're looking forward with hope to better things. All of us united in efforts to help each other and the firefighters; now we look toward new beginnings for our community, beloved forests and park.

The fire kept many of us glued to the internet for crucial news and constant updates. Many people on Facebook and other sites did a fantastic job of keeping us informed. Your diligence with photos and information was an incredible gift! To each one who participated, we are so very thankful!

October is an exciting month for many of the "small people" in my extended family, and for several adults, too. It's not really a surprise because Halloween ranks a bare step behind Christmas as the favorite holiday of the year. Halloween is viewed as a peculiarly American holiday by most of the rest of the world and we continue to support the status quo with treats for each creatively costumed caller on October 31.

Only three months remain on the 2013 calendar. Traditionally, Thanksgiving and winter holidays point us toward gratitude, joy, peace and hope. This year is no exception!

Winter Magic returns with Master Magician Jimmy H. on Saturday, October 12. A dynamic artist, Jimmy H.'s list of well known venues includes Hollywood's Magic Castle, Disneyland, The Queen Mary and Sea World. Along with several television appearances, his list of awards also comprise those from The Society of American Magicians and two-time winner of the Best Manipulation Act. Come see Jimmy's unique style and magic techniques. You'll be captivated and amazed in this lighthearted and completely entertaining show.

We have three more upcoming Winter Magic Shows scheduled for November, January and February. Bryan Gilles is a second-generation illusionist, performing since the age of five. Saturday, November 16. Gilles will entertain with tricks and illusions learned from his study of David Copperfield and Doug Henning.

Saturday, January 18 we welcome comedy magician Heather Rogers. Heather has a variety of experience and her background includes circus, mime and dance. Heather performed at President Obama's Inaugural Ball in January 2013.

The Winter Magic Finale is Saturday, February 22 when Robert Baxt returns by popular demand! Baxt's show last winter was a complete sellout. We had to turn away some disappointed people at the door. This is your chance to see his innovative magic showmanship and comedy!

All Winter Magic Shows begin with dinner seating at 7:00 p.m. The stage show follows at 8:30 p.m. Choose from your favorites on the Cellar Door Restaurant menu. A \$10 cover charge is added for the Winter Magic show. Make your reservations now for our popular Winter Magic shows!

Autumn is here and Thanksgiving is just one calendar page away. It's time to think about the big feast, the relatives and how many can fit around the table. Bring your family, your guests and your appetite to the Cellar Door Restaurant's Thanksgiving Feast. We'll fill your traditional cravings and offer plenty of choices. We're taking reservations, just phone or email us to save your place!

The countdown is on; Christmas is only 85 days away. Let us help with holiday dinner and party plans and accommodations. Enjoy your guests and the holidays!

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Our monthly e-newsletter gives information on local activities, what's new in Yosemite National Park, videos and news from The Groveland Hotel and Cellar Door Restaurant. Sign up for the e-newsletter online at: www.groveland.com/join-ourmailing-list or call us at 209-962-4000 and give our front desk staffer your email address and we will do the rest!

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Mountain Lutheran Church

BY DOROTHY PARKER

The second "Thrivent Builds" Lutheran work day was held September 14th at 22185 Parrots Ferry Road in Columbia. Local Lutherans, St. Paul's members from Lodi, and Thrivent members worked on the project. Some workers were responsible for supplying a delicious lunch. It consisted of salads, Subway sandwiches, chips, and cookies which everyone enjoyed. Tom and Brenda Sweeney are in charge recruiting volunteer construction workers from our Church.

Mountain Lutheran Church enjoyed Pastor Kay Doyle on September 8th. Her message was interesting and challenging. Our Guest Preacher for October 20th will be Pastor John Van Dyck who is well known to our congregation. His sermon is always an enjoyable blessing.

Bible Study sessions for October are Thursday the 3rd and Thursday the 17th at 1:00 p.m. Our study from scratch will be from the Bible book of Numbers. Our attendees are finding these lessons very interesting. All of our friends and neighbors are invited to attend.

The Sierra San Joaquin Conference Assembly for seven Lutheran Churches will be held on October 20th, 2013. We will meet at Murphy's for dinner and hear a report on our nationwide ELCA Assembly held in Pittsburg, PA, this past August, when a new ELCA Bishop was elected, Pr. Elizabeth Eaton from Ohio. We will also consider helping to start a new mission church somewhere in the foothills.

All of you are welcome to attend Mountain Lutheran Church. We have Worship Service every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. After the service refreshments are served and fellowship is enjoyed by all. We are located at 13000 Down to Earth Court, just off Ferretti Road.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's 2013 Christmas Faire

THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!!

Mark your calendars and reserve this important date – Saturday, November 9th, 9am to 4pm for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's fantastic Christmas Faire at the Groveland Community Hall. As you enter your senses will be treated to the wonderful aroma of delicious homemade baked goods, jams and jellies. Looking around you will be amazed to see so many beautifully filled baskets and handcrafted "xtreme Crafts to make your holiday gift-giving a joy. Continuing your BY DIANE K. ABDELNOUR

stroll, you will find a perfect treasure waiting for you at the "Re-gifting" table. As you listen to the Christmas music don't forget to check out the lovely "Once-loved" Jewelry.

We will have wonderful raffle items this year, with a first prize of \$500. and our ever popular "Mountain Treasures". All drawings will be held at the close of the Faire and you need not be present to win. Tickets will be on sale at the Faire and also look for us in front of the Groveland Community Hall in the coming weeks. Hungry?? Starting at 11:30am, a grilled sausage combo lunch will be available until "sold out". The cost is \$6.00 for a grilled sausage sandwich, chips, soda or water.

Please come, bring the whole family and join us at the Faire on Saturday, November 9th to enjoy shopping, and just being with family, friends and our awesome community. Know we truly appreciate and thank you for your support in our goal to raise money for special projects and to continue to provide scholarship funds for active Catholic high school students.

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