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**ONCE AGAIN MERGERS AFFECT
2015 ASSESSMENT INCREASE!**

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President's Corner

BY JERRY DICKSON • PMLA BOARD PRESIDENT

Alan MacDonald, our Golf Course Superintendent, told me a few years back that the end of 'oak leaf falling season' is December first. So, as you read this all the leaves have fallen and you can now go out and rake them up and take them to the compost area. Global warming and El Nino may have a few days affect the end of leaf falling, so it would be fine to wait a few months to do all the raking and hauling. I think Alan also told me that we need 12-14 good winter storms for an average rain year. As I write this, 3 weeks before you read it, we have had one small storm and one tiny storm. So, we still need 12-14 good winter storms for that average year. More would be better. Rain dancing continues to be the order of the day.

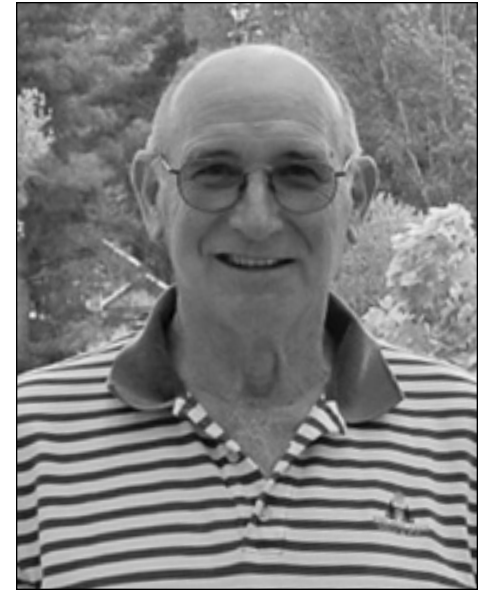
We have just gotten through Thanksgiving and are looking forward to Christmas and New Years. The Association has had a lot to be thankful for as 2014 is winding down. Financially we will have had a good year when the books are closed at the end of the month. The new Marina Café and Store, dedicated to our good friend Ron Maguire, has been a great success in its first year. Everyone raves about the pergola built from Rim Fire timber. I just love that word 'pergola' and I would hope all of you that read this would use that word at least once today in your everyday speech. I first learned of the word pergola about 20 years ago

on the news in Seattle. In Pioneer Square there is a side walk cover made of cast iron and glass that is called The Pergola. That day a truck backed into it and broke it in a million pieces. Thankfully it has been rebuilt. Ours is much more robust and it would take more than a backing truck to damage it.

The Great Recession is slowly receding in our rear view mirror and we are seeing more typical delinquencies in member assessments. The real estate closures that I read about in the newspaper seem to be picking up in number and my realtor friends are smiling more. Also the stock market has had two consecutive good years of gains. Hopefully, this means the corner has been turned and good times are ahead. I believe the glass is more than half full.

I'm personally thankful that I seem to be in good health and my family is doing well after a couple of challenging years. I hope the rest of you have similar good stories to tell with respect to your health and wealth.

Christmas is coming and it's the time of the year for us kids of all ages and especially grandkids to be happy. We get to and should spoil them even more than we do during the rest of year. Please accept my family's good wishes to all of you during this joyous holiday season with lots of snow. Merry Christmas everyone!



Jerry Dickson, PMLA President

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On the Cover



This month's cover features Pine Mountain Lake with a fresh snow fall and Santa Claus delivering packages to residents.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a very Happy New Year from the PMLA.

Photo by David Wilkinson
Photography

General Manager's Message

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

2015 ANNUAL BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT PACKAGE

After a final review and discussion, the Board of Directors approved the 2015 Annual Budget and Assessment at the November Board meeting. The 2015 Annual Budget and Assessment Package was mailed to the membership at the end of November in accordance with our governing documents and applicable law.

From time to time we will get a call from a member who changed their mailing address, but neglected to notify the Association. Members who do not receive their budget and assessment package by December 15th should give us a call here at Administration (209) 962-8600 and our staff will be happy to assist you.

LOT MERGERS AFFECT 2015 ASSESSMENT INCREASE

With the budget process put to bed and the mailing of the assessment and disclosure packet, I think it is useful to consider some of the factors that impact our annual assessment. One important factor is lot mergers.

Back in the early 70's the first lot merger occurred in PML due to a "loophole" in the CC&R language. As most members know, when two lots are merged, they legally become one lot. The affect is that the Association loses one additional annual assessment every year in the future for each lot that is merged.

Over the last 43 years, the Association has lost millions of dollars in assessment income due to mergers. PML averages 15 lot mergers per year and we anticipate

losing \$32,000 in assessment income in 2015 alone. The assessment increase for 2015 would have been 3.69% rather than 4.29% had it not been for lot mergers.

There are some members who are in favor of mergers as they believe the merging of lots provides more open space, and a reduction in the usage impact to the amenities. There have been several debates over the years, both for and against mergers.

In recent years, the Association Board presented a CC&R amendment to the membership that would correct this situation by allowing for mergers while maintaining a static number of assessable lots. While the return rate was 80% in favor of the ballot measure, there were not enough ballots returned by members to amend the CC&R's. PML went out with two additional ballot efforts, but the amendment failed due to member/voter apathy.

All of these facts are important and they are considered during the budget preparation process. Even before the Board and management team begins work on the budget, we start out knowing that we will have less funds to work with to provide for the operation of Association amenities and service to the membership.

SMOKE COMPLAINTS

For many years, PML has operated a compost site to dispose of brush and plant material gathered from lot clearing and fire abatement work. The Compost/Brush site is located up above and to the right of the PML Campgrounds. The Association has been allowed to burn brush and slash in accordance with a permit issued by the

County. The benefit of this site is that it allows members to dispose of material that would have been burned on their property within the development. By controlling a larger burn in a more remote location, PML has reduced the impact of smoke to the overall membership. Our staff is trained to burn only during certain conditions and in a way that reduces the impact of smoke on our members. The other benefit is that disposing of the material at this location is cost-effective.

Unfortunately PML is no longer allowed to burn at this location. The County Air Quality Control Board received multiple complaints from an Association member this year. Complaints were filed on days when our staff was not engaged in any burning activity and even days when the County inspector was onsite and observed no violations.

We worked with the County inspector to ensure we were following the requirements of the burn permit and could demonstrate that our staff was not generating large amounts of smoke, and that the complaints were erroneous. Unfortunately, the County Air Quality Control staff felt that there were too many complaints (erroneous or not) and decided to not renew our permit for next season. According to the County representative, their hands are tied by State regulation.

I am disappointed with the decision, but we must still be able to provide an area for members to dispose of this material as part of our fire abatement program. The end result of these complaints is a much higher cost to the membership. Reluctantly, the cost of disposing of this material through other methods was added to the 2015 Budget. This extra \$80,000 could have limited the increase in assessment.

The two issues above are just a couple of examples of factors that drive our assessment up each year. There are many more and I do not have enough space in my article to address them here.

We encourage members to attend important meetings like the preparation of the budget and provide input. Take the time to get involved in your Association in a positive way. Stay informed, vote on important ballot measures, and try to resolve personal issues in a positive way before filing complaints. This is how we improve our community. It takes teamwork.

On behalf of the PML Management Team and Staff, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

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THUR. 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY

FRI. 12/26 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

THUR. 1/1/2015 New Year's Day

FRI. 1/2/2015 New Year's Holiday

(Admin. office will be OPEN
 Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS

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

NO DECEMBER MEETING

January 17, 2015

February 21, 2015

March 21, 2015

April 18, 2015

May 16, 2015

June 20, 2015

July 18, 2015

August 15, 2015
 ANNUAL MEETING / ELECTION

September 12, 2015
 (2ND SAT-DUE TO 49ER FESTIVAL)

October 24, 2015
 BUDGET MEETING (4TH SATURDAY-
 BEGINS AT 8 AM)

November 14, 2015
 (2ND SATURDAY)

No December Meeting

RULES ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Violations Report – October 2014

Courtesy Notices	47
Notice of Non-Compliance	3
Fines	0
Violations Pending	80

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BOARD ACTION(S) VOTING RECORD

October 25, 2014 Board Meeting – Agenda Items	Board Members*					COMMENTS	
SHOULD THE BOARD...	JD	MG	WA	DC	BS		COSTS
approve the anticipated agenda?	Y	Y	Y	/	Y	A.I.F.	
approve the consent agenda?	Y	Y	Y	/	Y	A.I.F.	
approve fee waiver request from Soroptimist of Groveland?	Y	Y	Y	/	Y	A.I.F. Lake Lodge Fee Waiver – B.E.S.T. Day 2014	
approve increase non-union emp contribution to Health Insurance?	Y	Y	Y	/	Y	A.I.F.	
approve deletion of expenditure for Maint. Truck?	N	N	N	/	Y	Expenditure Maint. Truck remains in 2015 Budget	
approve adjustment in Marina revenue for 2015?	Y	Y	Y	/	Y	A.I.F.	
approve adjustment of the revenue target for The Grill in 2015?	N	N	Y	/	Y	Tied Vote – Motion Failed	
approve spending \$22K, unfunded expenditure for sound wall at the Shooting Range in 2014?	Y	Y	Y	/	Y	A.I.F.	\$22,000
approve increase to Guest Golf Fee revenue for 2015?	Y	Y	Y	/	Y	A.I.F.	
Total APPROVED Golf Donations this meeting (Retail Value)							\$0
Total APPROVED Other Donations this meeting (Retail Value)							\$210
Total APPROVED expenditures this meeting							\$22,000
/ = Absent A = Abstained A.I.F. = All In Favor o = No Vote							
* JD=Jerry Dickson MG=Mike Gustafson WA=Wayne Augsburger DC=Dana Chavarria BS=Brian Sweeney							
MINORITY VOTES HIGHLIGHTED							

November 8, 2014 Board Meeting – Agenda Items	Board Members*					COMMENTS	
SHOULD THE BOARD...	JD	MG	WA	DC	BS		COSTS
approve the anticipated agenda?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A.I.F.	
approve the consent agenda?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A.I.F.	
approve the proposed Golf Annual Medical Refund Policy?	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	4 Yes votes 1 No vote APPROVED	
approve proposed revisions to ECC Guidelines Book?	o	o	o	o	o	Item tabled until January 17, 2015 Board Meeting	
approve issuing a “Boat Access” wristband for 4th of July Holiday?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A.I.F.	
approve Organized Group Status for PML Pickleball Club?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A.I.F.	
approve PML Member Home Business Permit?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A.I.F.	
approve the proposed Election Procedural and Board Meeting Dates for 2015?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Correct deadline for returning nominating papers to Friday, May 15, 2015 A.I.F.	
approve Donation request from Sierra Red Hatters?	o	o	o	o	o	No Motion Made – FAILED	
approve the proposed 2015 Budget?	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	4 Yes votes 1 No vote APPROVED	
approve Resolution Levying General Assessment for 2015?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A.I.F.	
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Happy Holidays!

From the Pine Mountain Lake News & the PMLA Staff

PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND REVENUES AND EXPENSES
For The Ten Months Ended Nov. 2, 2014

OPERATION OF AMENITIES	Revenues					Expenses				Budget (NET COST) INCOME	Variance Bud - Act
	Members' Assessments Net of Discount	User Fees	Sales, Net of Cost of Sales	Miscellaneous Income	Total Revenues	Total Expenses	(Cost)/Income Before Depreciation	Depreciation Expense	(NET COST) INCOME		
Golf Course	\$ -0-	\$ 769,304	\$ 27,517	\$ 380	\$ 797,201	\$ 1,111,488	\$ (314,287)		\$ (314,287)	\$ (297,363)	(16,924)
Restaurant & Bar	-0-	17,406	678,277		695,683	993,685	(298,002)		\$ (298,002)	(320,621)	22,619
Marina	-0-	237,413	136,077		373,490	421,818	(48,328)		\$ (48,328)	(50,306)	1,978
Snack Shack	-0-		23,610		23,610	53,811	(30,201)		\$ (30,201)	(22,938)	(7,263)
Stables	-0-	63,668		2,500	66,168	169,016	(102,848)		\$ (102,848)	(111,240)	8,392
Recreation	-0-	39,340	4,157		43,497	95,460	(51,963)		\$ (51,963)	(71,509)	19,546
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	-0-	30,540		420	30,960	1,348,622	(1,317,662)		\$ (1,317,662)	(1,349,213)	31,551
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES											
Safety	-0-	77,296		1,621	78,917	709,278	(630,361)		(630,361)	(678,048)	47,687
Administration	-0-	119,258		19,825	139,083	1,063,494	(924,411)		(924,411)	(974,387)	49,976
ASSESSMENTS											
Assessments	3,942,720			56,266	3,998,986	113,687	3,885,299	648,792	3,236,507	3,162,720	73,787
Totals	\$ 3,942,720	\$ 1,354,225	\$ 869,638	\$ 81,012	\$ 6,247,595	\$ 6,080,359	\$ 167,236	\$ 648,792	\$ (481,556)	\$ (712,905)	231,349

Notes to the Financial Statements

- Total Revenues minus Total Expenses equals Net Income before depreciation. The annual budget for income before depreciation is \$0.
- The Association combined the Operating Fund and the Property and Equipment Fund into one fund effective May 1, 2001.

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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 10 Months Ended Nov. 2, 2014

	TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS	NEW CAPITAL ADDITIONS FUND	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL
2013 Beginning Fund Balances	2,243,037	\$ 19	2,243,056
Interest Income	2,334	2	2,336
Bank Fees/Discounts Taken	557		557
Assessments Earned	1,514,330 ⁽¹⁾	139,050 ⁽²⁾	1,653,380
Other Income/Expense	107		107
PURCHASES BY AMENITY			
Golf Course	(45,014)	(9,176)	(54,190)
Country Club	(43,340)	(1,283)	(44,623)
Bar	(2,284)		(2,284)
Marina	(573,436)	(10,257)	(583,693)
Snack Shack	(761)		(761)
Swim Center	(1,436)		(1,436)
Stables	(41,356)		(41,356)
Recreation			-
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	(3,975)	(5,221)	(9,196)
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES			
Safety	(8,765)	(1,398)	(10,163)
Administration	(11,380)		(11,380)
Non-Capital Reserve Expenses	(1,354,198)		(1,354,198)
Total transfer to Operating Fund for property and equipment additions and reserve expenses	(2,085,945)	(27,335)	(2,113,280)
Adjusted Fund Balances	\$ 1,674,420	\$ 111,736	\$ 1,786,156

Notes to the Financial Statements

- The Budgeted Reserve Fund assessment for 2014 is \$1,817,195
- The Budgeted New Capital Additions Fund assessment for 2014 is \$166,857

PMLA Money Matters

BY KEN SPENCER, ASSOCIATION CONTROLLER

By the time many of you read this you will already have received your Budget & Assessment package for 2015. I thought I would take this opportunity to address some of the items and assumptions contained in this financial blueprint for the Association's operations in the coming year.

As most of you know the budget process started several months ago and came to its ultimate conclusion at the PMLA Board's meeting on November 8. The Board and Management team worked together to craft a revenue and spending plan for 2015 that provides the expected level of property owner service and allows us to maintain and enhance the condition of our amenities and common areas. As always this discussion was balanced with an awareness of the overall financial climate within the Association and its members. Many compromises were necessary to reach a final financial package that the Board approved at its meeting.

In our continuing efforts to provide adequate funding for our future significant repair and replacement expenditures, the 2015 budget adds \$25,000 to the contribution to the Reserve Fund. This important aspect of our finances is part of the Board's goal to achieve 65% funding in

this account by the end of 2029. We are well on our way to reaching this target.

A number of changes to operations at the Marina were also addressed during the budget discussions. Additional beach patrol personnel will be available later in the day during the summer to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all property owners. In addition the season will be extended at this popular amenity. Services at the Store and Lakeside Café will be available until the middle of October to take advantage of the continued good weather at the Lake.

A new flotation is being considered for installation in the Marina swim area next year that will feature a more solid structure with slides on either side for the enjoyment of our younger (and young at heart) family members. In addition an employee could be assigned to this area to further ensure the safety of all.

With safety a primary concern of many residents, the Board has continued the funding necessary to install a comprehensive security camera system that will eventually encompass all of our entry gates as well as the majority of our most popular amenities. Installation of the first phase of this project will begin within the next few months.

With these and many other

improvements scheduled to happen in the next 14 months the total assessment dollars required for 2015 only increased by less than 3.7%. Unfortunately the impact of the continued shrinkage of assessable properties within the Association due to lot mergers caused the individual assessment to increase by just less than 4.3%.

Overall next year's assessment will be \$2,040 on an annual basis (remember that there is a \$40 discount off this amount for any assessment paid in full by January 31, 2015). This equates to \$170 per month. While no one likes to see the cost of things go up, I hope you will agree that the annual/monthly assessment for all that PMLA has to offer is well worth it. I encourage you to carefully review the budget package you receive in the mail so you can familiarize yourself with how your money is spent and all that the Association provides to all property owners.

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.

PML Safety Report

	October	YTD
Guest Passes Issued	975	14982
Vendor Passes Issued	146	1505
Temporary Resident Passes Issued	228	4829
Vehicles Admitted	9301	125150
Vehicles Refused Entry	242	2751
Phone Calls Received	3583	52171
Residential Alarm	9	98
Animal - Loose	11	187
Animal - Impounded	3	48
Animal - Dead/Injured	25	286
Animal - Disturbance	10	157
Public Assist	31	234
Welfare Check	1	24
Transport	1	39
Traffic Hazard	1	20
Traffic Control	0	1
Gate - Tamper	0	3
Gate - Follow Through	3	25
Gate - Malfunction	29	119
Gate - Struck by Vehicle	4	23
Control Burn Reported	0	358
Smoke Complaint	1	32
Residential Disturbance	3	68
Amenity Burglary	0	3
Residential Burglary	0	8
Grand Theft	0	3
Petty Theft	2	27
Trespassing	2	33
Vandalism	0	12
Property Damage - PML	1	22
Property Damage - Resident	1	11
PML Reg Violations Resident	3	44
PML Reg Violations Guest	0	52
Vehicle - Citation Issued	3	49
Vehicle - Accident PML	2	14
Patrolling Unit	446	4734
Amenity Security Check	2531	24480
Resident Security Check	201	2201
Monitoring Tennis Courts	0	16
Weapon Violation	1	16
Fixed Post	3	32
Courtesy Notice Issued	4	40
All Fees Collected	\$6,031.08	\$122,222.28

PMLA AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PROGRAM

Taking the time to write a check for your monthly assessment payment can be time consuming and costly. You can avoid this burden and eliminate the potential for late payment charges by enrolling in PMLA's Auto Payment Program. By completing the form, which can be found at www.PineMountainLake.com under the Financial Information tab, and returning it to the Administration Office, you can have your monthly assessment automatically deducted from your checking account or charged to your credit card. This means you never have to remember to write a check and mail it each month. The peace of mind that comes with knowing your payment will always be made on time is easy to attain. We can also arrange to have any other regular payment you make to the Association (such as golf membership, horse boarding fees, etc.) paid in the same way.

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OPERATIONAL LOSSES

Dear PML Board of Directors:

Many suggestions have been made to control the continuing huge operational losses that raise our annual fees. Year after year, various people have suggested that the restaurant be turned over to a private operator,

but nothing is ever done. How about starting by placing an ad in this newspaper, offering "Free restaurant business, prime golf course location, fully equipped turn-key facility, free rent, just pay for the utilities."

Thanks,
Dave Armstrong
Unit 5 Lot 276-7

2015 ASSESSMENT/BUDGET PACKETS

The 2015 Assessment/Budget Packets will be mailed to members on December 1, 2014.

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.

If you are participating in the Email Opt-In Program, please verify your email address with PML Administration to make sure we have your correct email address on record.

This will assure you receive your 2015 Assessment/Budget Packet in a timely fashion and save you and your Association money.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR 2015 PACKET BY DECEMBER 15, 2014, please contact the PML Administration Office at (209) 962-8600

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Community Standards

BY DENNIS PIPAL, COMMUNITY STANDARDS, DIRECTOR

PROTECT OUR TREES

Last month we talked about the drought and the bark beetle and if you missed this article I encourage you to dig it out and read it or find it online at www.pinemountainlake.com.

This month I'd like to continue on this same theme, protecting our beautiful trees. We still see too many Lots with too much vegetation all growing too close together. We just don't have the water to support everything that sprouts up in this forest.

In our fuel reduction inspections of last year we tagged certain trees and brush that we recommended for either removal or pruning up the limbs. We still see some of these tags right where we left them with no action taken by the owner.

If you haven't noticed, we are losing trees a lot faster than what would be normal. The cedar trees are particularly struggling due to lack of water. The lower limbs are dying which is not common for cedar trees. And as we have mentioned in prior articles, our pine trees become especially susceptible to a bark beetle attack when they are in a weakened condition.

THINNING

A full grown pine or cedar tree has about a 10 foot umbrella. This is the width of the limbs from tip to tip. Ideally, there should be nothing else growing within this 10' radius. As we inspect Lots we see a lot of vegetation growing too close together. We have seen ten or more trees within this 10' radius. They are small trees at this point but as they grow all these trees become a mass of vegetation and they are all fighting for what little water we have in the ground.

Very seldom do we see a dead tree that doesn't have a lot of other trees/brush in close proximity to it. Many trees are dying because they've lost the fight for adequate water.

A good exercise would be to walk your Lot with the idea that it is 20 years from now and

all your trees are 20 years larger. That pine tree which is 4" in diameter and 10 feet tall today is now 18" in diameter and 50' tall.

I guess our point is...be a good steward for your little part of the forest. Thin your trees out using a 20 year vision. You will do a huge service to the health of your trees and provide a solid foundation for fire safety in the years to come.

PRUNING

Another area where we can improve the health of our trees involves removing the lower limbs which in many cases, are dead anyway. This is not only a health issue but a fire safety issue. The winter time is an excellent time of the year to perform this kind of work. The colder temperature hardens the sap in the trees so the sap doesn't flow as easily and won't attract the bark beetle.

The CalFire requirement states: remove all dead limbs up to 15' from the ground. In addition, prune the live limbs up 1/3 the height of the tree to a maximum of 15'. Let me do the math for you. A 20' tree should have its lowest limb at least 6'-7' off the ground.

There is a lot of opportunity in PML for pruning our trees to the above guidelines.

We see a lot of dead limbs in our inspections. Much of this type of work can be done by the Owner if you have a few simple tools. A pole saw is required if you have a lot of tall trees due to the 15' requirement. And of course, we have many qualified vendors in the area who do this kind of work. A list of these folks is available on our website under the fire safety tab.

The health of our trees has never been more important than it is today. The drought has caused great stress to our trees and we need to help them out in any way we can. Please evaluate your trees this winter. Keeping PML beautiful in the future just may depend on the action you take today.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON YOUR LOT

The Declaration of Restrictions (CC&Rs) states that no construction of any type (new construction, driveways, grading, lot clearing, etc.) can be performed without prior approval from the Environmental Control Committee (ECC).

Failure to obtain approval could result in the stoppage of work or even fines, and nobody wants that to happen. Inspections are made every Tuesday and reviewed by the Committee every other Thursday, so we can accommodate our members.

Please contact ECC before you begin any type of construction at

209-962-8605

That Burning Question

BY TOM MOFFITT

For several years there have been discussions and arguments concerning debris burning within Pine Mountain Lake Association, or should I say smoke discussions and arguments. The burning of woody debris is a common practice throughout the Sierra Foothills, and is fully endorsed by the governing agencies. Local debris burns are regulated by Cal Fire and the Tuolumne County Air Pollution Control District, and are allowed only when conditions are suitable for burning. Debris burning is on approved burn days only, and must be conducted under the approved guidelines.



Debris pile burning on the greenbelt along Big Creek

This article is to provide information and understanding of the debris burning conducted by the PMLA Maintenance Department as part of the PMLA Fire Abatement Plan. Calls and messages come into the Safety Department and the Maintenance Department frequently by property owners who believe that there is NO debris burning within PMLA. This is simply not so. Property owners are allowed to burn woody debris on their owned properties, while meeting the Residential Burning Regulations, conditions permitting and exercising sound debris burn practices. These practices are published and readily available to all PMLA residents on the Pine Mountain Lake association website –

<http://www.pinemountainlake.com/page/21389-334985/Fire-Safety>

The PMLA Maintenance Department and contractors practice debris pile burning with directives and permits through PMLA, Tuolumne County, Cal Fire and by the State of California Air Resources Board. The work is part of the Fire Abatement Plan, and is an effective method for reducing woody debris. The piles are constructed from cut slash, brush and woody ground debris. The piles are capped with a paper hat to protect the core of the pile from rainwater, and identifies the piles as a forest debris burn pile. The piles will set for a time to dry, and are only burned when the materials are dry. Dry woody materials will burn quick and produce far less smoke, and will not constructed piles containing wet leaves and pine needles.

We construct debris piles in the greenbelts and common areas, the piles are burned only when the conditions are favorable and permissible for the debris burn. Favorable conditions are well outlined by the California Air Resources Board and the information is communicated to the community. The piles are not burned during periods of fire danger or when weather presents a dangerous situation.

Most burn conditions are during the rainy season, when the ground is wet or covered in snow, and a storm front is moving in. These conditions allow the smoke to be minimal, rise straight up, and the upper air movements will clear the smoke. The weather front will douse the ground and lower the fire danger levels significantly. The high ground moisture levels will contain any embers from the debris pile.

Since forecasting burn days is critical to planning, executing the debris burns plan is crucial to the window of opportunity. The crews are sent out early morning to burn when the conditions are correct, warning signs are placed at the roadways, equipment is placed at the site, and the Safety Department is notified. Staff in protective clothing, fire gear, tools and safety equipment, trucks, 2-way radios, a water truck, and if necessary, a bull dozer will be on site. The debris piles are ignited and monitored, with no piles being lit after 12 noon.

The debris pile burns are not a Controlled Burn or a Prescribed Burn; which are usually conducted on large areas with large amounts of vegetation being burning, along with the huge clouds of smoke. The debris piles may number from 1 to 120 piles in a treated area. The 81 acre greenbelt above Big Creek had 120 piles burned in four days one year, seemingly no one noticed, and no one complained. A couple of weeks later? A burning operation outside the area created a smoke layer that filled Pine Mountain Lake with smoke. A cold air inversion layer trapped the smoke and choked everyone...residents complained that someone was burning, and alerts went out.

When conditions are favorable, and the crews are sent out to burn, we do not wish to create a smoke problem for anyone. The perfect days are welcomed, and the smoke rises straight up and disperses quickly in the air above. The debris pile burning reduces the risk of future wildfires in the treated areas, and are a normal practice in fire abatement work.



Former Board President, Ian Morcott, accepts recognition for his years of service to PML from current Board President, Jerry Dickson at the Committee Lunch on October 23.



The Board of Directors honored our many volunteer committee members with a wonderful lunch at The Grill on October 23.

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

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

Vehicle use:

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

On the Lake: Was the Lake Naughty or Nice?

BY MIKE HORVATH-LAKE CONSULTANT/LIMNOLOGIST

With that lead in, the next question is; what could you get the Lake for Christmas this year? Most of you are probably thinking that water would be a much appreciated gift. Unfortunately, that



serious subject... the bag of dirt.

In past articles I've talked about dirt, or sediment that gets into the lake. During storms, a lot of sediment enters the Lake from the greater watershed

outside of the Association boundaries. However, too much sediment still runs off of poorly maintained lots and especially those without vegetation or ground cover. The picture included with this article isn't a view of the Martian landscape... it's a view of a lot with no landscaping, no ground cover, and no

terracing that would slow the erosive forces of water running across it. This probably isn't the season to get all "preachy" about rules and codes, but it is the season when we typically get enough rain to cause erosion problems.

The Association's environmental codes include a statement that says "Lots shall be planted or maintained by the Owner or resident in such a manner to prevent or retard shifting or erosion of soils." And that really isn't a hard requirement to comply with. Yes, I know that it requires weed whacking before summer, but that's not only good for the Lake, it's also good for the local economy. And I know that it all turns brown and crunchy for the rest of the summer, but the soil binding

roots are still there and after the first rains it greens up pretty fast. Alternatively, a good layer of bark or even gravel will slow the movement of water and prevent erosion.

So, do the Lake a favor and instead of a bag of dirt, get a bag of a good seed mixture. The feed store in Oakdale used to sell a "foothill" blend that included grasses, clover and even some poppy and lupine. It's an inexpensive gift that would greatly benefit the Lake. As I've mentioned before, in 300 years or so, the Lake will be completely filled with sediment if we don't do something about it. And if 300 years is beyond your imagination, the effect on coves, beaches and shoreline will be seen much sooner than that. If you have one of those lots that is more dirt than grass or landscaping, do the Lake a favor and get some seed mix.

Have a wonderful holiday season. Until next time, SPLASH!

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.

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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 #: _____

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Signature: _____

Shades of Green

BY ALAN MACDONALD, GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

A couple of projects mentioned last month have been completed. Widening the fourth tee has been completed, along with enlarging the front bunker at the lower practice area. The back bunker there was removed and that area was seeded. We will mow that area at collar height to give you more room to practice your short game. See your local PGA pro for further short game assistance. [Especially Uncle Milt]

While we did not gain a lot of area with the expansion of the fourth tee, it does provide a little better angle for the tee shot. The rocks we used as a small retaining wall were brought to us by our street maintenance department. Thanks to these guys for their team work.

Water? What are we going to do? We used approximately 11 inches off of the surface of the lake in 2014 and backed that up with effluent water that GCSD provided for us to irrigate the course. You know that we eliminated watering many areas out of play, and reduced irrigation run times in our roughs and perimeters all around the course. Will we have the same amount of water available to us in 2015, or will we be required to cut back more? The lack of early rains is kind of scary to say the least. Not knowing what Mother Nature has in store for us, I think it wise to be prepared to plan again to eliminate areas of irrigated turf that we would typically water.

There are numerous ways to make water go further or last longer in the soil. There are wetting agents and other surfactants that assist in reducing soil tension that we now use. One of the best ways is to solid tine aerate. That is using solid tines that makes holes and does not pull the core out of the soil. This procedure allows the water and air in to the root zone. We typically do this once or twice a season, but as this drought persists it needs to be done at least monthly. [Due to the makeup of our soil, this procedure is very hard on the machine that performs this task] Another way to promote stronger roots is to deep water infrequently. This is hard to do with the nature of our soil and keeping the course playable. More on this subject as we head towards our rainy season.

Let's hope that by the time summer rolls around in 2015, we have had an above average snow and rainfall winter of 2014-15. Regardless, if it is a normal year or a drought year, we must always find other ways to conserve the way we use our water.

Have a wonderful winter of golf. Enjoy the holiday season. See you in 2015!

2015 Greens Aeration Dates

April 20,21 and September 28,29.

The Golf Course will be closed for greens aeration during 2015.

Guest & Renters Handbook is Available Online!

You can now view or print the Guest and Renters Handbook from the PML Website. Go to our website at: 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.



From The Fringe

BY MIKE COOK

Since the first week in November we have been starting all play on the golf course in an 11:00 Shotgun Start. We experience frost almost every morning during the Winter Season (except when it rains), the 11:00 Shotgun Starts allow the maintenance staff enough time, after the frost clears, to get the course ready for the days play. If you are not able to play at the 11:00 time and would like to play 9 holes later in the afternoon, we can usually find a spot around 3:00 pm for you to get in a quick 9 before it gets dark. Call the Golf Shop and we will do our very best to find room for you to play.

December Calendar

- **Christmas Eve;** Golf starts at 10:00 am Shotgun.
- **Christmas Day;** Golf course will be closed.

Golf Shop Merchandise

The golf shop is fully stocked with a wide variety of golf merchandise for your Christmas shopping needs, and don't forget as a Property Owner you will receive a 15% discount on in stock clothing and footwear. If we don't have what you are looking for we will be happy to order it for you.

Titleist Golf Balls

Titleist has a special promotion during the Christmas Season. They offer FREE PERSONALIZATION on any golf ball in their line when you order at least 1 dozen. An order that is placed by December 10 is GUARANTEED to arrive by December 24th. See the Golf Shop for more details.

Fence on Hole #4

In an effort to stop balls from rolling out of bounds on the left side, we have put up a short fence just inside of the out of bounds stakes. The fence and stakes are considered an "Immovable Obstruction" and you may take

relief from the fence or stakes if it interferes with your stance, area of intended swing or lie of the ball. Rule 24-2.

Annual Golf Memberships

The contracts are available in the Golf Shop for the Annual Golf Memberships. Please fill the contract out in full and turn it into the Golf Shop, noting which payment option you select, by December 21. This will enable us to get you into the system as an annual member before the end of the year so you will be ready for January 1, 2015.

Punch Cards

Punch card contracts are also available in the Golf Shop. You do not need to pay for or turn in the contract until the first time you play in 2015.

Property Owner Golf Cart Rental Agreement

To comply with our insurance company policy, anyone who rents a golf cart at PML is required to sign the Cart Rental Agreement Form before they go on the course. If you have signed up for an Annual Membership with Cart, you will sign the agreement on the contract. For all other Property Owners we will have a form for you to sign prior to your first round in 2015 that will be valid for the entire year. If you have any questions please see any Golf Shop Staff Member.

From The Lesson Tee

During the winter months the air is cooler and as a result the ball does not fly as far. If you are at a yardage that puts you between clubs, use the club that you are sure is enough club. Adjust your grip by gripping down on the club and make a shorter backswing, but make sure you swing through the ball and finish your follow through. By making these adjustments the ball will not fly as far as if you took a full swing. Usually this type of swing

WELCOME TO PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE STABLES

Jeanna Santalucia – Our New Stables Manager

BY IVONNE DECKARD – ASSISTANT TO THE GENERAL MANAGER

I would like to welcome Jeanna Santalucia to our Pine Mountain Lake Stables as our new Stables Manager. Jeanna is presently living in the Sonora area. She has owned horses and has been competing since the age of 7. She is experienced in Hunt Seat, Western Riding, Jumping, Dressage and Endurance. Having grown up in an equestrian community within Monte Sereno, California, she began giving riding lessons at the age of 15, and is a CHA Certified riding instructor. She has also journeyed out to Nevada and Idaho to fulfill a dream of living and working on the range for cattle and alfalfa farms. She created a business of producing training clinics for World Class horse trainers in Nevada, Idaho and Virginia. Please stop by the Stables and welcome Jeanna to our beautiful community.

In October we had the Equine Dentist Jerry Pohan out to do dental work on the horses and we had a great turnout. Several horses got their teeth floated and some got their vaccination shots by the Vet Rod Eck. He also was there to assist Jerry with the shots to sedate the horses for dental work.

High Sierra Construction has built additional lockers for the boarders, which is great since we have some new horses coming in.

We would like to welcome Jackie Orton who has a home in PML and her two horses Breezona and Jewel.

We also welcome Paul Abreu and Carol



New Stables Manager, Jeanna Santalucia

Segler, also property owners in PML, and their 3 horses Darth, Breeze and Rocco.

We still have Trail Rides on weekends, weather permitting, so please call for reservations. Sometimes we have to cancel if we feel the trails are too slick to ride on or we feel it is just not safe. You can also e-mail the stables to reserve your rides at stables@pinemountainlake.com or call 209-962-8667.

Winter is coming and it is time to make sure all pipes are wrapped. When it gets below 30 degrees the water troughs will freeze so we have to break it for the horses to be able to drink. So there is a lot to do here at the stables, cleaning stalls and making sure all horses and their owners' needs are met. I would like to thank our stable hands, Linda Amos, Dave Balek, Eric King and Amy West for all their hard work and keeping our Stables so clean.

Wishing all a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

will be smoother and you will make better contact because you are not trying to hit the ball so hard. If you are continually coming up short use more club, remember "most of the

balls that don't get to the hole don't go in".

Have A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year! The Golf Shop Staff

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

The Board is seeking members for the following Committees:

***Budget & Finance • Covenants • Environmental Control
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Interested members can get more information by visiting the PML website at:
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Season's Greetings

BY JAY REIS, THE GRILL MANAGER



The holiday season is approaching fast. Time seems to go by faster and faster each year. If you're looking for that last minute gift, we do have gift cards available. Our gift cards can be redeemed at the pro shop and Marina and at the Grill. And for your convenience we can mail them to you or for you.

The forecast for 2015 by some reports is very positive. According to the Nielsen Global Consumer Confidence study, 31 percent of consumers reported spending their discretionary income on vacations in the second quarter of 2014, that's up from 22 percent in the second quarter of 2013—and the trend is expected to grow. Another factor driving positive growth is an increasing consumer desire for gathering places within their communities, serving as a counterbalance to ever-increasing digital interactions. Nielsen reported on this in its "2014 State of Shopping Centers" study, and this desire for physical gathering spaces extends from malls to restaurants. This is particularly true in Pine Mountain Lake where gathering spaces are few and far

between, and residents look at the Grill as more than a place to eat but also the place to meet with friends and celebrate occasions. The Grill in the winter months is a great place to play cards, check emails on our WiFi or watch your favorite sports team.

Another positive report states that restaurant traffic increased in October for the first time in almost three years, this according to the performance tracking service Black Box Intelligence. The rise in guest counts for restaurants open for at least 12 months was slight. Same-store traffic for October rose year-over-year by .4 percent and a .6 percent gain over September's results. Sales were also encouraging, according to the service. Same-store sales across Black Box's survey climbed 2.8 percent year-over-year and .7 percent month-to-month.

I mention these two reports because they are very close to the trends that the Grill is currently experiencing. However for every positive report, I'm sure that there are others that show less favorable trends. Our goals for 2015 remain the same that is to have consistently good food and maintain a level of service that exceeds your expectations.

In December we have quite a few holiday parties so make sure that you make reservations. We will be open for lunch on Wednesday

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December 1st MIAMI @ NY JETS

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December 8th ATLANTA @ GREEN BAY

Guest Chefs - Tom Knoth & Paula Martell
BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Macaroni & smoked cheese, baked beans, Dessert

December 15th NEW ORLEANS @ CHICAGO

Guest Chefs - MNF Team
Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Vegetable, Slaw, Rolls, Dessert

December 22nd NO MNF - Christmas Week!

Come out and watch the games on the big screen TVs in the 19th Hole Lounge

December 24 from 11am until 2pm. We will be closed for dinner on Wednesday December 24 and all day on Thursday December 25 for Christmas. And this year New Year's Eve is on a Wednesday and we will not be serving

our full dinner menu but you can order from the Bar menu in the bar. So from all us at the Grill, Season's Greetings. We hope that you all have a safe and fun holiday.

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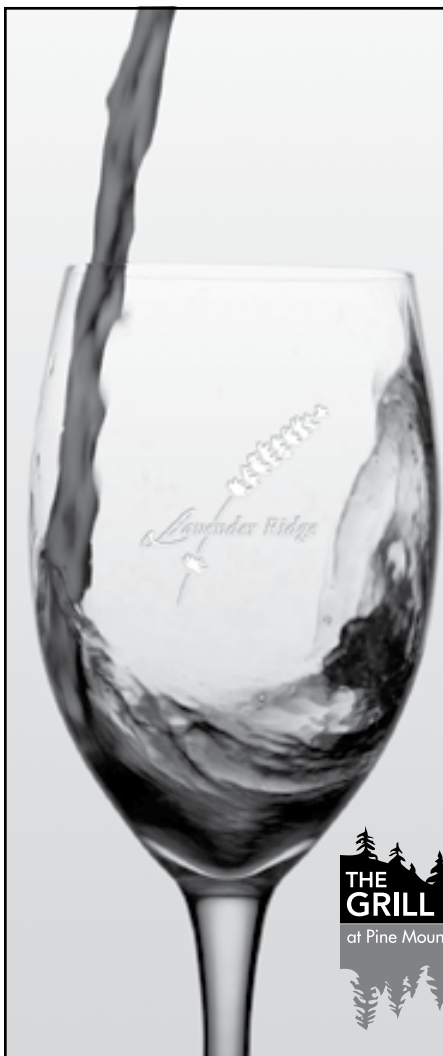
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Friday December 19th

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Saturday December 20th

Santa will be at Pine Mountain Lake main gate at 5pm and begin making his way up Pleasant View stopping at Dunn Ct. He will exit the Mueller gate passing through Cottonwood Street. He will then enter Pine Mountain Drive making his way to a stop at the Lake Lodge. From there he will continue back to the Main Gate.

GOT YOUR PIN?

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PML Shooting Club and Range News

BY CAROL SIMPSON

Today as I write this on 11 November we are honoring our veterans. We continue to welcome new members to the Shooting Club. Our range is the envy of shooters from other locales, set far away from the road and residences, in the woods with covered shooting benches, safe shooting lanes 25 yards, 50 yards, and 100 yards, and our Club range safety officers (RSOs) to ensure safe operations.

We held our annual meeting in October at the range, along with a BBQ lunch compliments of the Club, for members renewing and new and are looking forward to a new year of shooting for all –

experienced shooters, beginners, children aged 12 or older and accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and all who want to maintain proficiency. A Club membership applies to your entire family residing at PML, and if you join 1 October or later of the current year, your membership is valid for the rest of that year plus all of the coming year.

All PML property owners may use the range. See the PMLA website link <http://www.pinemountainlake.com/Shooting-Range-430522-21389.htm> for range rules, fees, and operations times. Shooting Club members get a discount on range

fees paid to PMLA. Annual Club dues are \$20. See the Club website www.pmlsc.com for information on joining the Shooting Club, serving as an RSO, and to download the California Handgun Safety Certificate Study Guide and other useful documents. With over 200 members so far, we hope to see more PML Residents join. The Club staffs the range with trained range safety officers (RSOs). Whether you are an experienced shooter, want to get back into shooting, or are just learning, we welcome you and offer camaraderie and a safe place to shoot. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

PML Men's Golf Club

BY WAYNE DOTY

Early this month I was in the hallway outside our locker room when I took a few minutes to look over our members NCGA Handicap Report posted on the wall. I'm sure it comes as no surprise to anyone else, but I was struck by the fact that we really do have a number of very talented golfers here at PML. I thought it fitting that from time to time our ten best players be recognized in our newsletter, and that this month might be a good time to start. As of October 1st, the top nine amateur members of our club with the lowest NCGA index numbers were:

- #1 Dennis Scott (-2.3) index
- #2 Steve Grant (-2.9) index
- #3 John Winkenbach (-4.0) index
- #4 John Wilkins (-4.9) index
- #5 Al Saisi (-5.1) index
- #6 Tony Murphy (-5.3) index
- #7 Chuck Obeso-Bradley (-5.8) index
- #8 Spiro J. Pettas (-5.9) index
- #9 Dana A. Solomon (-5.9) index

As it should be I suppose, the #1 ranked Member of our club is our PGA professional, Mike Cook. He is after all a professional, right? If you haven't yet had the opportunity to play alongside Mike, let me simply say, his smooth repeating golf swing and the resulting accuracy of his shots is a pleasure to watch. If you do have an opportunity to play golf with Mike, don't pass it up. He is great company, and as a bonus you might learn a few things by being up close to that kind of performance. It's almost like getting a free golf lesson.

In recent weeks, dodging the mud plugs on the course, and sandy dimples on the greens has been a challenge, but

the positive benefits are beginning to be seen. Right after our golf course was plugged, sanded and fertilized, Mother Nature provided us with over an inch of rain followed by some warm but not overly hot sunshine. A perfect formula for the grass. It seems that Alan and his crew synced up perfectly with Mother Nature and our course is reaping the benefits.

Our LAST tournament of the year was the TURKEY SHOOT which was held on Saturday November 15th. With November 15th being several days past the deadline for submission of this month's newsletter, the results will be published in December. In October our club offered two terrific golf tournaments. First was the Couples Championship held on October 15th and the second was the Italian Invitational held on October 25th. Both are great events but the Italian Invitational is something truly special. Golf and great fellowship, followed by food and wine, how can you beat that? Congratulations to the winners of both of these fun filled tournaments. The winners were:

COUPLES CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

- #1 – Gus Allegri & Susan Dwyer (83) points
- #2 – Tom Connelly & Barbara Connelly (79) points
- #3 – Dick Mattocks & Yvonne Mattocks (76) points
- #4 – Joe Vautier & Paula Vautier (74) points
- #5 – Fred Hancock & Sara Hancock (73) points

Honorably mentioned are Leroy & Eloise Gregory who also scored (73) points but lost the playoff to the Hancocks'.

ITALIAN INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Gold Flight #1

1. Ron Saisi, Ron Binsfeld, Dave Linney, Rich Cortese (58)
2. John Wilkins, Terry Butterfield, Dave Butterfield, Tony Martin (61)
3. Tony Murphy, Rod Rain, Gary Deckard, Dave Egan (61)

Gold Flight #2

1. Eddie Wright, Joseph Ward, Stephen Aker (59)
2. Dave Conley, Ken Humel, Paul K. Huppe, Casey Conley (63)
3. Paul Funston, Gary Funston, Jeff Funston, Blake Funston (63)

Purple/Green

1. Rich Martinez, John Baker, Richard Kennedy, Rob Ells (56)
2. Gus Allegri, Dick Faux, Norm Peebles, John Lloyd (57)
3. Dan O'Connor, Douglas Schmiett, Derrol Beaulieu (60)

Italian Invitational Closest to The Hole Winners:

- Hole #3 - Ed Wright
- Hole #7 – Will Hoppner
- Hole #14 – Joe Ward
- Hole #17 – Dan O'Connor

GOLF QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening – and it is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented.

– Arnold Palmer

PML Organized Groups & Clubs

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(All numbers are 209 area code unless noted otherwise)

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49er Golf Club

BY STEVEN C. ENGSTROM

The little rain we got in October has helped the course some and the month was filled with warm, but not hot, days that are perfect for golf. Indeed, Fall is a great time to golf at PML. On November 19th we will have our yearly breakfast and dinner meeting, followed by golf. Officers will be elected and the games and rules we play by will be reviewed and voted on for any changes. I will report on the results in the December news article. Last month's teaser: "Who holds the record for most PGA tournaments won in a year?" The answer is Byron Nelson who won 18 times in 1945. This month's teaser is "The PGA tour record for winning the same event the most time is eight. Who holds the record?" October's game winners are:

10/1 Two Man Scramble

First: Frank Biggs and Dick Eckman
Second: Walt Bales and Steve Aker

10/8 Yellow Ball

First: Rich Robenseifner, Jack Leetham, Bob Oakley and a Blind Draw
Second: Steve Ojeda, Lonnie Parmalee, Fred Mecum and a Blind Draw
Third: Bob Haliwell, Harold Reno, John Olsen and Dick Eckman

10/15 Par 3

First (Tie): Bob Haliwell, Walt Reimers and Bill Beasley
Fourth (Tie): Jack Leetham and Dick Dentino

10/22 Red, White and Blue

First: John Cress, Jack Leetham, Walt Reimers, and Malcolm Brown
Second: Bob Oakley, Rich Robenseifner, Bob Bangs and a Blind Draw
Third: Bob Haliwell, Steve Engstrom, Fred Mecum and John Olsen

10/29 4 Man 2 Best Ball

First: Kurt Petersen, Jack Leetham, Walt Reimers and Steve Engstrom

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PML PickleBall Club

BY KAREN SEALS

So what is PickleBall???

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Just use a paddle to keep a plastic ball going back and forth over a net until somebody messes up. Simple right? People love the social aspects and the ability to stay active and fit in towns and retirement villages in every state.

Tennis, racquetball, squash and ping pong players love the competitive nature



of it in competitions and tournaments all over the world.

Pine Mountain Lake now has a PickleBall Club! Come on out and join the fastest growing new sport in America today. We are located at Court 6 over by the Golf course. Free Lessons and equipment to use every Saturday from 9-11 AM. For more information you can go to our Facebook page or check us out on MeetUp. Pickleball @ Pine Mountain Lake, email us at PMLPickleball@gmail.com or call Karen Seals at 962-6657.

Come on out and Join the Fun!!

Garden Club Clippings

BY JOYCE SMITH

This is my last article for this year, but I'll be back. Gotta say thank you for the patience and kindness extended to me from the PML News and Highway Herald Papers. They have been great. Thank you Miguel and David.

November was a busy month for Garden Club. Our meeting was held at the Lake Lodge on November 10th. Our speaker was Linda Reavley, President of the Tuolumne County Master Gardeners. Linda is an expert on Bees and knows her subject well. Bees are so necessary to all our plant life. We were happy to have someone of her expertise as our guest. On November 17th we met at the Jail for the Annual Trip to Duarte's Nursery. They grow poinsettias and it is quite a sight to see. After Duarte's of course lunch, and on to Morris Nursery to "Visit Christmas". This was an extra outing for Garden Club members who wanted to do this. Later in November, Jail Chairperson Linda Flores called her Jail Committee together for a workday. I sure hope they were able to get Thanksgiving in somehow. It's all about

liking what we do.

We are coming to the year's end and time for our December 7th Installation Dinner at The Grill. We will be installing our new officers for 2015 at this event. I'll tell you who was installed in my next article. We always have a good turnout for this evening and hope to see you there.

Did you remember to give money to Barbara for the Macaroni and Cheese for the Christmas baskets? Also, a reminder dues are due by January 30th. You can send a check to PML Garden Club, P. O. Box 167, Groveland. \$15.00 per member or \$20.00 per family.

Garden Club members furnished the candy and members are at the Jail on Halloween night to give it out. Happy to report we had plenty of candy and the GC members handing it out had a great time as well as the kids. Halloween in Groveland is a real Family Event.

Merry Christmas and a Rainy, snowy New Year!

See you at the Grill, Jail or Lake Lodge.

PML Sailing Club

BY SUSIE AND WALT BALES

The PML Sailing Club has been losing members over the last few years so Bob Haliwell had taken it upon himself to reverse that trend in 2014. This year the Sailing Club has new members and a renewed interest in rebuilding the club.

I know that there are experience sailors in PML who are not members of the Sailing Club and I would like to make them feel a little guilty about not being a member. Even if you are not interested in the regatta's the Club needs experienced sailors that can teach, or to take someone out sailing for the first time. The Sailing Club is all about helping someone learn how to sail, help with their rigging, or to help launch their boat. I started sailing at a young age, and sailing has been a very

rewarding and fun experience over the years. Luckily for me, I had mentor's that gave up their free time to teach me how to sail. So if your reading this article and your starting to feel a little guilty, then join the Sailing Club, and you too can be a mentor for the sport of sailing.

The Sailing Club officers for 2015.
Commodore – Bob Haliwell
Vice Commodore – Kurt Peterson
Secretary – Walt & Susie Bales
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There is nothing more beautiful than seeing sailboats on are lake. So if you are wanting to learn how to sail or are an Old Salt, join the Sailing Club in 2015.

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The ROOFBB Caring Heart Golf Tournament For Charity

BY ELEANOR ELLIS-MURPHY

This year's ROOFBB golf tournament was less golf and more of a charity event. Like last year, the tournament was called due to an electrical rain storm. The 92 players were only able to play six or seven holes. So it's being said, when in a drought have the ROOFBB's host a golf tournament; we're certain to expect a downpour!

The event was chaired by Kathy Egan, Eleanor Ellis and actively assisted by Anne Peterson with forty-three % of the ROOFBB membership helping in some way. Our PGA pro Mike Cook and his staff were helpful and supportive. In fact Mike and the asst. pro Doug Schmitt participated in fun challenges on the course. We can thank Alan McDonald for his expertise in keeping our golf course in great condition during months of drought, and his staff for putting things in place for the tournament. Thanks also go to Tony Murphy and Dave Egan for setting up a very fun obstacle putting course; to Rick Hicks for making a "wacky putter" to use on fun hole #2; and to Johnny Wilkins, four time PML Men's club champion, for doing a drive for charity on hole #10.

The purpose of a ROOFBB golf tournament is to raise money to help those in our community who need financial assistance and provide educational and personal assistance to our school children. The end result of this event shouted out "SUCCESS." There are raffles, and then there was the 2014 ROOFBB Raffle. Everyone wanted to purchase raffle tickets for quality items that returned much more than the cost of tickets; especially when they could make their own choice of items they hoped to win. In addition, there was a silent option that offered more choices; items of more value were live auctioned. Since all the professional auctioneers were busy, our own Kathy Egan went on-line and got cued as to the "hows" and gave it a try; and a fine job she did.

It can be said, the downpour on that September 27th day came in two forms: Rain and Success. When the dinner was over and the raffle and auction items had mostly been picked up, Mother Nature turned off the lights and power. It was good night and good-bye. We thank all



of you who participated and supported the ROOFBB's Caring Heart's Helping Others Golf Tournament and Event. The following is a list of local businesses that donated to our tournament.

A&E Auto Parts, Applebee's, Wayne Augsberger, Auto B Craft, John&Jackie Baker, Banks Auto&Tire, Bella Donna

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Quilters Corner

BY SANDY SMITH

Wow! Can you believe it is December already? Amid all the hustle and bustle, family and friends, take a deep breath and wish someone a Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah, it feels so nice and you will get a smile in return. Enjoy the holidays and we wish safe journeys for all of those of you who are traveling.

The 3rd Tuesday of each month is always Pine Needlers Quilt Guild meeting, held under the library, at 6 p.m. Drop by and see us on the 16th. We have a great time, plus show & tell is always wonderful. Thursday the 18th there will be no Block Party, everyone is just too busy.

Have you ever wondered about labeling your quilt, how big should it be, what should be on it, etc. Or wonder how you could chronicle the quilts you have made?

Just browsing the other day I found a great website, quiltalbum.com. It was quite interesting and I thought you might enjoy browsing their site.

Another site I thought was cool was buttercupquilts.com. I loved the Pioneer Christmas quilt, and the miniature Minuet quilt. Really nice, hope you enjoy.

Speaking of Christmas quilts, reminded me I have to finish mine for The Stroll in June. Ladies only 6 months left to get everything finished. It will be here in no time flat. And here is a reminder for you, "as ye sew...So shall ye rip!"

Check out our website, Pineneedlers.com. Informative and nicely done.

Enjoy family and friends, parties, dinners, and each other, Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

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PML Ladies Golf Club

BY SARA HANCOCK

Along with our beautiful weather, we have been enjoying the beautiful fall colors. Four of our members competed in WGANC Sassy Sixties at Auburn and Granite Bay. Congratulations to Marjorie Rich and Jodie Awai for winning 3rd Low Gross in Flight B and Kitty Edgerton and Paula Vautier for winning 3rd Low Net in Flight A. They all won beautiful Sapphire Medals!

OCTOBER 2, 2014 ALTERNATE SHOT

1st Place...99 Gross 65 Net...Clarice Ligonis and Sandy DeRodeff
2nd Place (Tie)...87 Gross 73 Net...Marjorie Rich and Kitty Edgerton
2nd Place (Tie)...111 Gross 73 Net...Joyce Smith and Marlene Drew.

OCTOBER 9TH HOME AND HOME

Invitations were sent to a number of our neighboring clubs. We had players from Phoenix Lake and Mountain Springs. Lunch and awards followed play. Thank you to Iris Moffit for chairing this event.
1st Place...87...Alba Rodriguez, Toni Butler, Susan Dwyer and Alma Frawley
2nd Place...88...Sara Hancock, Heidi Russell, Clarice Ligonis and Marlene Drew
3rd Place...90...Marilyn Scott, Linda Newkirk, Corky Graham and Barbara Pryor
4th Place...91...Bev Olson, Jeanne Pacco, Lynne Dust and Sue Zunino

CLOSEST TO THE HOLE FOR PML

1st Place...Yvonne Mattocks 5'11"
2nd Place...Marlene Drew 6'9"

CLOSEST TO THE HOLE FOR GUESTS

1st Place...Heidi Russell 21'5"
2nd Place...Alba Rodriguez 37'4"
Birdies: Marilyn Scott #14, Marlene Drew #14, Thelma Faux #14, Paula Vautier #10, Jeanne Pacco #17, Helena McMillan #17.

OCTOBER 16TH GROSS, NET, PUTTS

Ace of Aces...Marcee Cress...66
1st Flight Handicaps 14-20...Low Gross...87...Kitty Edgerton, Low Net (Tie)...73...Patty Peebles and Linda Johnson
2nd Flight Handicaps 21-25...Low Gross...90...Marcee Cress, Low Net...72... Sue Perry
3rd Flight Handicaps 26-30...Low Gross...99...Jeanne Pacco, Low Net...75... Lynne Dust
4th Flight Handicaps 31-37...Low Gross 100...Corky Graham, Low Net...71... Kay Bettencourt. Putter of the Month... Lynne Dust...32
Birdies: Kitty Edgerton #5 and #10, Marcee Cress #14.

OCTOBER 23RD 2 BEST BALLS ON ODD AND 2 BEST PUTTS ON EVEN

1st Place...83...Kay Bettencourt, Linda Johnson, Alma Frawley, Blind Draw
2nd Place...87...Kathy Egan, Eleanor Ellis-Murphy, Anne Peterson and Alice Stoll
3rd Place...90...Kitty Edgerton, Helena McMillan, Paula Vautier, Blind Draw
Birdies: Paula Vautier #13.

OCTOBER 30TH HALLOWEEN – TWO BEST BALLS

The Niners joined us in a fun tournament of all 18 holes played as Par 3's. Lunch and awards followed play. Thank you to Eleanor Ellis-Murphy for chairing this event.
1st Place...76...Helena McMillan, Kathie Wood, Anne Peterson and Florence Jansen
2nd Place (Tie)...82...Kitty Edgerton, Virginia Tallman, Leanna Mattea, Trudy Reid
3rd Place (Tie broken on back nine)...82... Paula Vautier, Kay Bettencourt, Eleanor Ellis-Murphy, Faye Buckley
4th Place...84...Sara Hancock, Clarice Ligonis, Sandra DeRodeff, Blind Draw.

CLOSEST TO THE HOLE FOR NINERS

Shirley Halliwell 18'5".

CLOSEST TO THE HOLE FOR 18 HOLERS

Linda Wall 2'9". Birdies: Kitty Edgerton #13, Eleanor Ellis-Murphy #3 and #7, Linda Wall #4, Terre Melinn #7, Trudy Reid #5, Ann Toner #7.

GENERAL MEETING – OCTOBER 30TH

Captain Yvonne Mattocks called the meeting to order. Virginia Tallman gave the Treasurer's Report. Awards Chair Alma Frawley presented Paula Vautier with a medal for breaking 90. Captain Yvonne announced that Mike Cook would like to establish a course record for the 18 hole ladies. He is asking for the lowest score from the purple tees and from the combo tees. A change in our by-laws was voted on and passed which would allow women with property owner's rights in PML to become members. The Slate of Officers for 2015 was presented: Lynne Dust – Captain, Marcee Cress – Co-Captain, Corky Graham – Treasurer, Clarice Ligonis – Secretary. It was moved and seconded to accept the slate of officers.

Coming up in December is our Christmas luncheon and General Meeting which will be held on the 10th. We always have a fun time at this luncheon with lots of information for the coming year. Please note our turnover meeting has been changed to December 17th at 9:30. See you on the course.

PML Lady Niners

BY SHARON KENYON

ACE OF ACES FOR OCTOBER is Judy Michaelis with 33. Congratulations Judy!

WEEKLY PLAY RESULTS

October 2 "Low Net with 2 Putt Max"

1st Place: June Moore-Low Net 32
2nd Place Tie: Marilyn Alexander, Sharon Kenyon, Nancy Whitefield-Low Net 33
3rd Place Tie: Wanda Patterson, Faye Buckley-Low Net 34
4th Place: Marsha Martinez-Low Net 35
5th Place Tie: Dotty Davis, Pat VanGerpen-Low Net 36
True Pars: #14 Faye Buckley and Sarah Zimmerman, #15 Carrie Carter
Chip-in for Birdie: Pat VanGerpen. Nice shot Pat!

October 8 "Bingo"

1st Place: Sarah Zimmerman-Black Out
2nd Place: Carrie Carter-6 Bingo's
3rd Place Tie: Faye Buckley and Anne Toner- 4 Bingo's
Pars: #12 Carrie Carter, #14 Stacie Brown, #17 Dotty Davis
Chip-in: #15 for a 5 Faye Buckley. Brilliant performance Faye!
Low Net: Carrie Carter and Anne Toner 38

October 16 "Putts Day"

1st Place: Anne Toner-15 Putts
2nd Place Tie: D. Davis, S. Haliwell, L. Marshall, J. Moore, S. Zimmerman - 16 Putts

3rd Place: Faye Buckley-17 Putts
4th Place Tie: Mary Houser and Flo Jansen-19 Putts

Pars: #14 S. Haliwell, L. Marshall, P. Price, W. Patterson, & S. Zimmerman
Birdie: #14 Carrie Carter. Great precision!
Low Net: Sarah Zimmerman with 35. Nice game!

October 23 "Point Par"

1st Place Tie: Judy Michaelis and Sharon Kenyon with 42 points
2nd Place: Flo Jansen with 38
3rd Place Tie: Trudy Reid, Nancy Whitefield, Anne Toner with 34
Pars: #3 Nancy Whitefield, #9 Sharon Kenyon
Chip-ins: #1 Judy Michaelis; #2 Marilyn Alexander. Nice work ladies.
Low Net: Judy Michaelis with 33. Outstanding play!

October 30 "Halloween Play Day with the 18-Hole Ladies"

Niner Shirley Haliwell won Closest to the Pin on #4.

The Humane Society of Tuolumne County authors Sharon Kenyon & Beth DeLuca are offering a new children's book for sale this season for \$10, all of which goes to benefit the animals at HSOTC. A copy is posted on the bulletin board in the golf ladies lounge. Contact Sharon at 962-6197 to place your order. Dues are overdue!



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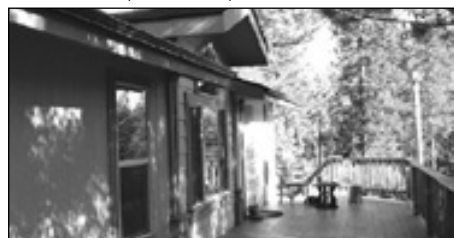
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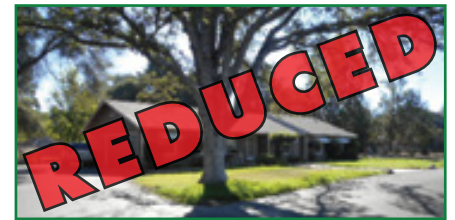
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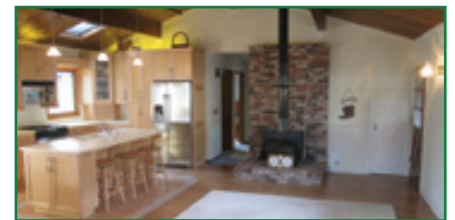
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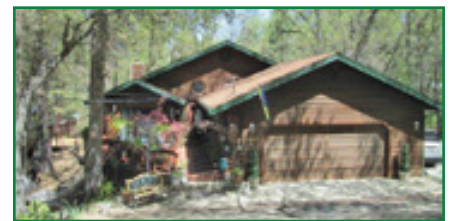


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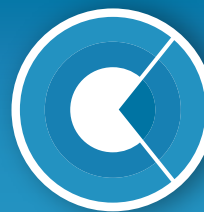
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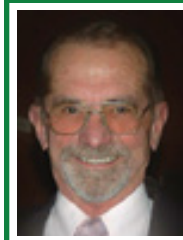
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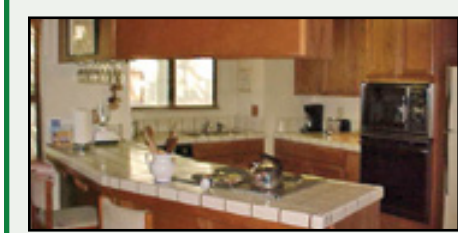
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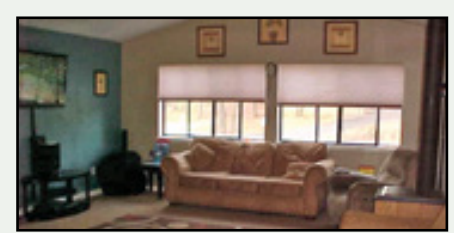
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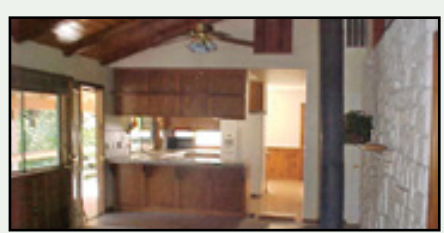
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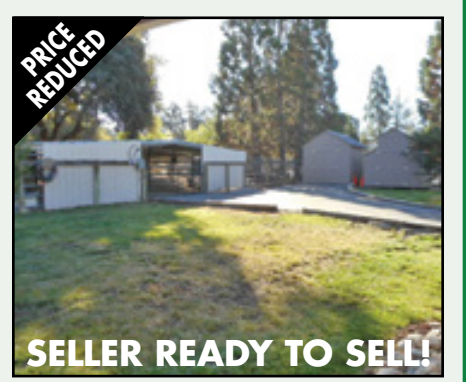
COUNTRY CLUB VILLA # 21
Very close to Grill, Pro Shop, Tennis and Pool. Perfect for the vacation get-a-way and Vacation rental. 1,900 sq. ft w/4 bedrooms 4 baths. Separate/Private Suite downstairs. Golf Course and Mountain views. Has Vacation Rental History. **\$157,000** CCV # 21 12735 Junipero Sera



PERFECT STARTER OR VAC HOME
Very nice, cute & cozy. Nice decks. Free standing wood burning fireplace & fenced area for pets. 1,404 Sq Ft of upgrades. 3bd/2ba & attached 2 car garage. **\$260,000** 13/354 12800 Cresthaven Drive



LOVELY OPEN FLOOR PLAN MOUNTAIN HOME
1,408Sq.Ft. 3b/2.5ba Knotty Pine Bm Ceilings. New paint, Wash/Dry, DW & remodeled Mstr Ba. Open Grt Rm. FP & Bay window. Cvr'd decks. Septic **\$195,000** 2/362 19358 James Cir.



COUNTRY RANCHETTE ON LVL 1.49 AC
Everything ready/setup for toys, RV's & Horses. Fenced/cross fenced. 2 paved drives each end of home - easy access to 4 horse paddock w/auto water system, lights, electricity, covered hay storage & 2 lg stor. sheds. Spacious 1,741SqFt. 4bed/2ba of room for family & friends. 2 car attached garage & extra storage/pantry rm add to home. Renovation throughout entire home. Kitchen renovation w/kitchen sink, granite counters, hickory cabinets, (dual fuel) gas/ electric oven/range & microwave. Free standing propane f.p. Covered Patio. Water well for Irrigation Nice fenced back yard for pets. New Roof & Exterior Painting **\$319,000** 12/164 - 13334 Clements Road



CUTE/COZY MTN CHALET CABIN
Very close to PML Amenities. 1,280SqFt. Huge Loft w/Half ba. 2 bdrms & full bath on main lvl. Updated. Stainless appls, lam. flrng, tankless water htr & vinyl windows. **\$160,000** 2/2 - 20270 Pleasant View Dr.



3BD/2BA SINGLE LEVEL CUSTOM
Single-level, built in 2005, with 2-car garage, attached by breeze-way. Great room has vaulted, knotty-pine ceiling. Granite counters, laminate flooring. Jetted tub, separate shower & double vanity in main bathroom. Guest rooms access decks. **\$275,000** 7/228 - 19092 Digger Pine



BEAUTIFUL HOME & TWO LOTS
5b/3.5ba 2,144Sqft 2 lots, not merged, total 1.02 acres. Free-standing FP, trash compactor, wet bar, jetted tub, 4 new window sliders on main lvl. Lake access via the Lake Lodge inlet. Short distance to Lake Lodge & Beach. **\$595,000** 4/59 & 60 - 20238 Pine Mtn Dr.

LOTS & LAND

Large Merged Lot .87 Acres Very close to Tioga High School. Easement off Ferretti Rd for easy access **\$9,600** 7-281 Ferretti Rd.
Easy Build G.C. Lot 13th fairway. Close to Dunn Ct. Beach. Seller financing available. **\$125K** 5/100A 12716 Mt Jefferson St.

Prime Gentle Slope Lot Touching the 6th fairway. Easy Access outside the gates. **\$24,000.** 5/201 Mueller Drive.
.7035 Acre Gentle Down slope Parcel Very Close to the PML Lake Lodge/Beach. W/Stately Oaks & on Quiet Street. **\$49,000** - Parcel 378 Big Foot Circle



Prime 5 ac. in Yosemite Acres w/well and storage bldg. **\$168K - REDUCED**



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BEAUTIFUL HOME 7 YEARS NEW WITH VIEW! \$479,500

12094 HILLHURST CIR., Unit 8 Lot 146
 4 Bd 3 Ba 2car appr. 2700sf .60ac Quality built in '07. Granite cntrs, stainless kit appl, pntry, brkfst bar, engineered wd flooring, grt rm w/ firpl, lg dnstr fam/game rm, cement driveway, tall tree views, synthetic decking w/decorative mtl rail, custom interior doors, dual/sep flr HVAC units, landscaped grnds, stamped concrete, <http://www.tourfactory.com/1182734>



BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM LAKE FRONT CABIN HOME - 2 LG DECKS W/BOAT DOCK, LV RM, FAM RM & 3 BONUS RMS \$899,000

12435 CASSARETTO CT. Unit 1 Lot 462
 4Bd 2.5Ba, 2 car gar, ~4000sf 100 yds to Marina. 1018sf deck/3 lvls, dock, built-in BBQ, int hnd-peeled log rail & stair, 60' knotty pine clngs, rv rck f.p., cust.kit.cab/mtch aplanc, lg island butch blk, lg tile fam rm w/bar, 3 gst rms ent lvl, 3 bon. rms Lg MBed w/3X size walk-in clst + addl clst & heat stove, ctrl vac, lg Indry, patio w/clng fan & misters. <http://www.tourfactory.com/1170123>



GORGEOUS GREAT ROOM WITH BEAUTIFUL VIEW \$384,000

12660 EAGLE CT. Unit 4 Lot 492
 App. 2400sf cul-de-sac, dbl lot w/views. RV + boat prkg. Courtyrd, 2 decks, hot tub, wd fp in Grt Rm & MBdrm. open beam tall clgs, .5ba on main lvl, 10' isld, tile & hardwood flgr, Mbdrm upstrs lg ba, sep tub/show & dbl van + Indry chute. 2nd Mbdrm dnstrs + Family Rm w/wood flrs, bonus enclosure off of garage w/bench. See virtual tour at <http://www.tourfactory.com/1167703>



FRONT STEPS TO DUNN CT. BEACH, LAKE VIEW FROM KITCH, LIVING RM & 2 DECKS-4TH FRWKS VIEW \$549,000

19881 DUNN CT. Unit 1 Lot 269 .52 acres
 Dbl mrgd lot to crnr, 3 car gar. Towering open bm knotty pine clngs, open kitch. dining & lvng rm w/brick gas f.p. w/lake views! Huge pantry rm, 3 Mstr Bd, wd kitch. flrs, tall windows to middle atrium, cntrl H/AC, 3 car gar + paved extra prkng, circular drive, dbl mrged lot, cvrd frnt deck patio overlooking Dunn Ct. Beach! New lvng rm carpet. <http://www.tourfactory.com/1154708>



NEXT TO GOLF COURSE \$125,000

12699 Junipero Serra #3
 Approx 1516 sf w/2 Mstr Bdr + additional Full Bath Spacious Townhome w/Golf and Tennis, Swimming pool and Country Club steps away from your front door in beautiful PML, near Yosemite. Enjoy the lake & PML amenities full-time, part-time or have as investment rental just a short drive from busy Bay Area. Lg open kitch/sep dining, lg living rm w/stove wood burn f.p., 2 MBdr + full guest bath, 3 decks, Central H/AC, Tri Level. <http://www.tourfactory.com/1248349>



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BEAUTIFUL BUILDABLE LOT IN PML \$35,000

20520 Ferretti Rd. Lot for sale. U3 L29
 Two lots merged into one .474 acre very nice buildable lot with nice landscape, just near Pine Mountain Dr. up off main road on easement. Water & electricity available and can be on septic subject to verification from Groveland Community Services District. Asking \$35,000 or make offer.



11950 MOUNTAIN SPRINGS CT. Unit 13 Lot 226 in Beautiful PML on .80 ac on quiet Cul-de-sac. 4Bdr 4Ba for vacation, full-time or vacation rental income. Spectacular mtn & tree panoramic views from 3 levels. Lg open living rm w/tile & wood flr beautifully inlaid, stone hearth fplc w/custom wd mantel, formal entry w/elevator to 3 flrs. Lg kitch w/SS appliances incl Jenn Air 6 burner gas stovetop + food warmer, dbl ovens, granite cntrs, lg pantry, stained glass accent lighting, garden window. Sep exercise rm, indoor swim pool rm w/heated "Endless Pool", lawn & flower garden bkyard & wd playhouse. 4 car gar w/dbl depth to fit 4 cars tandem or motor home on upper prkg. 1 lg & smaller car or trailer pkg in lower gar + extra prkg. TimberTech® decking. 690 sf workshop. Mbr w/flr to clg stone gas fp, private deck & 6 person hot tub, dbl shwrs, skylight, glass bowl sinks, tile flr, dbl closets. Beautiful wd flrs, high clngs, stained glass accent lighting. Scenic views from 3rd level "cupola" with elev. access. <http://www.tourfactory.com/1218839>

BEAUTIFUL VIEW AND LARGE LOT \$192,000

19781 Cottonwood St. U6 L81
 1838 sf 3Bd/2 1/2 ba, 2 car on septic w/LvRm & Fam Rm, beautiful natural landscape lot backs up to trees & creek in PML. Long flat driveway away from street, serene surroundings. Main lvl living, grt rm w/open kitch, brkfst bar & garden window. Wood burning free standing f.p. Tile entry, sep laundry rm w/lg pantry stor. Lrg Mbdr walk-in closet and French door to back deck. <http://www.tourfactory.com/1248347>



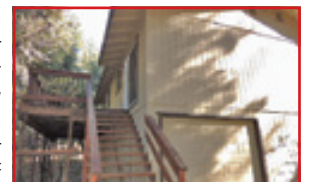
NEAR GOLF AND BEACH \$234,000

19452 Pleasant View Dr. U1 L115
 2062sf 3Bd/2ba 1 car, septic, deep circular paved driveway w/private garden & beautiful private landscaped yard close to golf & Dunn Ct Beach. LvRm, Fam Rm, Sun Rm, granite kitch cntrs, tile flrs & carpet. Wood burning f.p. stone hearth, vaulted clng, indoor laundry, central Heat/AC. Remodeled MBath, Lg shop/storage area off garage. Lg front terrace deck/patio. 5yr old 30/yr roof, cell phone svc & Hspeed internet Avail. <http://www.tourfactory.com/1248342>



MOVE IN READY - OUTSIDE OF PML \$162,500

18548 North Dome Ct. Groveland
 1147sf 3Bd/2Ba, 1 car .42ac, septic. New paint inside/out, kitch new w/granite cntrs, maple color cabnits, new sink, faucet & disp, new elec stove, new recsd light, new flng, new LvRm clng fan. New lighting & doors, carpet, roof, deck rail front at front cement patio, ctrl heat, sinks, shower/tub, wtr htr. Lg deck off kitch. Cement drive to 1 car garage. Natural landscape, just a minute drive from downtown. Ready to move right in! <http://www.tourfactory.com/1248346>



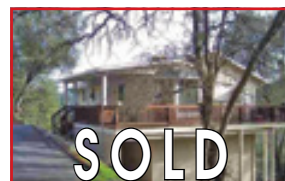
BEAUTIFUL LAKE VIEW HOME!!! \$285,000

20287 PINE MOUNTAIN DR. Unit 3 Lot 207
 Everyone Loves a Lake View! 3Bd 2 Ba 2 car, extra paved prkng/across from Lake Lodge Beach & Playground. Covered deck, tall 20ft + knotty pine ceiling grt rm w/f.p., open kitch, skylights, cntrl H/AC, lvl back entr, single flr lvng + downstairs gar. bonus rm. Lots of windows w/open & spacious flr plan. <http://www.tourfactory.com/1176623>



MOVE IN CONDITION & INCREDIBLE VIEW \$184,900

20600 QUAIL RIDGE LANE, Unit 3 Lot 146
 3Bd/2Ba. Grt rm concept w/mstr bd on main lvl w/access to balc/deck. 2Bd & full ba on lvr lvl, strg in & under, grt for canoe for Fisherman's Cove nearby. Covered porch front deck. Many improvements made, home well taken care of. Has Inside Indry, free standing fplc, plus room to bld gar & plans available. See virtual tour at <http://www.tourfactory.com/1117400>



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\$189,000
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12725
Cresthaven
4-510
\$229,000

3 Bd/3 Bths, 0.60 Merged Lot. Open beamed ceilings, split level, Shop & lots of extra storage area for boat or other toys. Heat pump for heating & Cooling.
MLS# 20121545



Spacious Ranch Style Home
21179 Hemlock
12-124
\$395,000
MLS# 20130073

4 Bd/3Bth/2 Car Attached Garage, 2760 Sq Ft, Single Level, Flat 1.60 acres, Great Rm, Cathedral Open Beam Ceiling, Large Kitchen, Breakfast Area, Sun Rm, Guest Suite, AC, Central Vacuum, Zoned for Horses .



Fantastic Mountain Chalet

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1-326

2 Bed + Lrg Loft for Add'l Sleeping & Family Rm Combined, Extra Large Master Bdrm on Main Level, 2 Car Garage, Located Close to All the Amenities on an Extra Lrg Lot w/Seasonal Creek & Beautiful Rock Formations.
Only \$179,900. Be Quick it Won't Last !!!



For Your Golf Course Dream Home!
12630 Mt Jefferson
5-109
\$49,000
MLS#20140895

Beautiful Lot w/Views of 11, 12 & 13 Fairways. This Super Price may allow you to build a new Home to your liking, rather than buying an existing Home. Ck out cost per SqFt for nicer Golf Course Homes Sold or Listed to confirm this. We can help you do this!



Clean & Neat Single Level Cabin
\$149,999
12400 Tannahill Drive 1-52
MLS#20131661

2 Bd/2 Bth, 2 Car Garage, Approx. 1248 SF on 0.26 Acre, Built 1979, Great Rm, Central Propane Heat & Air, Inside Laundry, Septic. Near Main Gate and Easy Access to all Amenities.



Great Little Fly-In Home
Near Pine Mountain Lake Airport
20843 Ferretti Rd
3-490
\$164,000

3 Bdrms/3 Bths, Approx 1744 Sf, Built in 1981, .39 Acre Lot, Built-In Breakfast Bar, Wood Burning Stone Fireplace, Open Dining Rm & Kitchen, Very Large Family/Game Rm or 3rd Bedroom Downstairs. Some Furnishings Included. Peaceful Surroundings!



Custom Home/ Airport - Quiet Back Taxiway
\$599,000

Lovely 3 Bed/ 3 1/2 Bath, Gourmet Kitchen, Upper level Wet Bar with Icemaker & 360° View. Three Sided Decking, 4 Car Garage. Hanger with Bed & Bath Apartment with a 42' Hanger Door. RV Parking with Hookups.

21101 Jimmersall Lane 12-51



Cozy Log Cabin!
\$119,000

MLS#20131745

12804 Cresthaven 3-353
Adorable 2 Bd/2 Bth, Single Level, Approx 1026 SF, Approx. .40 Acre Home, Built in 1989. Great Room, Large Kitchen, Central Propane Heat, Evaporative Cooler, Inside Laundry, Covered Front Porch, Deck in back.

LOTS for SALE!!

- 3/489 - \$5,000 Close to Airport & Stables
- 5E/17 - \$49,000 Sale by Owner Golf Course Lot
- 5/109 - \$49,000 Great Golf Course Lot with Views of Three Golf Course Holes
- 6/146 - \$12,500 Very Buildable-Quiet Surroundings
- 7/275 - \$29,900 3 Beautiful Merged Lots, Quiet
- 8/136 - \$6,500 Good Buildable Lot
- 8/137 - \$7,999 Nice Lot in a Good Location
- 10/07 - \$12,000 View of Greenbelt
- 12-45 - \$275,000 Good Buildable Taxiway Lot
- 13/257A - \$149,500 3 Merged Lots - Beautiful Setting & Backs Up to Greenbelt



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20914 Big Foot Court, 4-77 \$1,150,000 MLS#20141134



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Very Merry Christmas
& all the Happiness in
the New Year!



1965 Butler Way 8-211

Lots of charm and a Warm Feel.

This is a Great Get-A-Way Cabin. Single Owner, Near the Main Marina & Most Amenities. 4 Bedrms (2 w/o Closets) 2 Baths, 1 Car Garage, Living Room w/Pellet Fire Place, Upper Level Central Electric Air/Baseboard Heating, Master Bedroom with Walk-in Closet, Open Beam Ceiling, Inside Laundry, Special Touches, Great Views from Deck. \$169,000 MLS#20140900



Short Walk to Lake/Beach

Enjoy this Peaceful Setting!

12597 Cresthaven 4-429

3 Bed/2 Bath, Approx. 1,488 SF, 0.49 Acre, Sits back from the Road, w/a lot of Parking. 2 Levels, Central Propane Heat/AC, Great Rm, Wet Bar, Fireplace, Knotty Pine Ceilings, Large Master Bedrm w/private Balcony, Walk-in Closet, Patio and Separate Entrance. Great Home and Location for a Vacation Rental. Furniture Included. \$199,999 MLS#20131098



A Rare Find!

19800 Elder Lane

\$125,000

MLS#20141914

Groveland 2.55 Acre Property

This Beautiful Pine & Oak Forested Property is completely fenced w/wildlife fencing. 2 Driveway Accesses. Property borders BLM land and a 15 acre parcel. Zoned RE-1 which allows for 2nd home. This 1 Bdrm/1 Bth Home was Built in 1953 & Remodeled in 1997 w/permits. 2 Sunrooms. A fixer Upper w/great Potential. AT&T internet Access in place. 1 car Detached Garage w/220 Outlet, storage shelves, work bench & heavy duty storage cabinets. Koi Pond, Chicken Coop, Sold "AS-IS" Come See!



Ranch Style Home

Room for it All!

13360 Clifton Way
12-156
\$475,000
MLS#20141581

4 Bed/2 1/2 Bth, Approx 2000sf, Approx 1.09 Acres, 2 Car Attached Garage, Cov'd Deck. Great Rm, Kitchen Island & Breakfast Bar, Inside Laundry, Central Propane Heat, Evaporator Cooler, Walk-in Closet & Dual Lav in Master Suite, Ceiling Fans. Plus a 2500sf Shop Fully Equipped for Auto Restoration w/heated Office area & 1/2 bath. Portion of shop is 14' High. 34 Ft of heavy duty work benches & 23 ft of floor to ceiling shelving. On premises gate allowing direct access to the horse trails. A Must See!! Listed by Barry Scales.



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It's a Cutie! Hexagon Style, 3 Bed 2 Bath, and Den. Finished Loft Accessible by Ladder, a Great Kids Hide-a-way. New Upgrades: Windows, Evap AC & Water Heater. FS Fireplace, Cathedral Ceilings, Skylights, Ceiling Fan, Inside Laundry, Open Kitchen, Refrigerator Included, Dining, Living Room.

19631
Cottonwood St
6-38
\$149,000
MLS#20140610

LAND FOR SALE!

- 2.3 Acre Parcel - Reduced! \$75,000 Whites Gulch
- 4/128 - \$110,000 Lake Front with Beautiful View!!
- 6/231 - \$15,000 Septic Lot- Nice View
- 6/183 - \$35,000 1/2 Acre + Easy Build
- 8/71 - \$15,000 Beautiful Lot - Good Location
- 8/226 - \$4,800 Beautiful Lot **SOLD!**
- 8/137 - \$7,999 Butler Way
- 12/101 - \$125,000 1.09 Acre Beautiful Level Lot near Airport & Stables

DECEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR



**ROOFBB's Present
Monday Night Football
December 1, 8, 15**



**Light the Season
at the Little House
December 1, 8, 15**



**Pine Cone Singers
Holiday Concert Singers
December 11-14**



**New Year's Eve
at The Grill
December 31**

12-4

THURSDAY - THE GRILL @ PML

ROOFBB's MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Miami @ NY Jets. Guest Chef - Brian Sweeney. Beef Stroganoff, Noodles, Vegetable, Salad, Rolls, Dessert. \$12. All money raised goes back to the Community of Groveland. Tickets go on sale at 5:30 and dinner is at 6:00. Dine In or Take Out.

12-7

SUNDAY - THE LITTLE HOUSE

3RD ANNUAL LIGHT THE SEASON

5PM at the Little House on the corner of Merrell and Hwy 120. Holiday treats and beverages served and caroling lead by the Pine Cone Singers, with tree lighting to follow. Tax-deductible donations for people you wish to honor. Forms available at www.thelittlehouse.org.

12-8

MONDAY - 19TH HOLE LOUNGE

ROOFBB's MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Atlanta @ Green Bay. Guest Chefs - Tom Knoth & Paula Martell. BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Macaroni & smoked cheese, baked beans, Dessert. \$12. All money raised goes back to the Community of Groveland. Tickets go on sale at 5:30 and dinner is at 6:00. Dine In or Take Out.

12-11 THRU 14

THURSDAY THRU SUNDAY

PINE CONE SINGERS' HOLIDAY CONCERT SERIES

December 11th & 12th at 7:30 PM, and December 13th & 14th at 2:00 PM. Holiday favorites, ranging from traditional melodies and nostalgic favorites to fun and silly versions of familiar songs, all accompanied by our very talented local musicians.

12-15

MONDAY - 19TH HOLE LOUNGE

ROOFBB's MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

New Orleans @ Chicago
Guest Chefs - MNF Team. Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Vegetable, Slaw, Rolls, Dessert. \$12. All money raised goes back to the Community of Groveland. Tickets go on sale at 5:30 and dinner is at 6:00. Dine In or Take Out.

12-19 AND 20

FRI & SAT - EV FREE CHURCH

HILL TOP MUSICAL KIDS PERFORM

Josie and the Jinglicious Dream Lamp
Christmas musical performed by the talented young performers will be at 7PM on Friday night and 2PM on Saturday afternoon. Admission is FREE, donations gladly accepted. For more information contact Louise Turney at 962-0609.

12-24 AND 25

WED & THURS - 5:30 TO CLOSE

CHRISTMAS FEAST AT THE GROVELAND HOTEL

Enjoy a feast of Bourbon Glazed Ham, Peppered Prime Rib, Herbed Sea Bass, and Roasted Duck Pappardelle and all the fixings at the Groveland Hotel. Call 962-4000 for more information or to make reservations.

12-31

WEDNESDAY - THE GRILL @ PML

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE GRILL

Enjoy an exquisite four course dinner featuring beef tenderloins and bacon wrapped colossal shrimp and more. The cost is \$75 inclusive per person. Dance in the new year with the music of The Crocodiles. Reservations are required so call now at 962-8638.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE LOUNGE

**Friday, December 5
SHOWTIME KARAOKE**

**Saturday, December 6
ROCKSLIDE**

**Saturday, December 13
TWO STEPS DOWN**

**Saturday, December 20
ESP BAND**

**Saturday, December 27
HILLS BROTHERS BAND**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
Saturday, December 31
THE CROCODILES**

SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, January 10th
STYROFOAM COLLECTION**

Once again Tuolumne County Master Gardeners will be collecting "polystyrene", we can no longer call it Styrofoam, on Saturday, January 10th and Saturday, January 17th, 2015 from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Waste Management, 14959 Camage Ave in Sonora.

**Saturday, January 17
WINTER MAGIC SERIES -
MARSHALL MAGOON**

Known for his stage acts as seen in Tahoe casinos, on cruise ships, the Oakland Coliseum, and on TV. Has also served as a magic consultant for TV, film, and theatrical productions, and has created illusions for the Broadway shows Spamalot, Shrek the Musical, and Spider-Man.

Helping Hands News

Helping Hands Happenings

BY JOYCE SMITH

Hope you had a great Thanksgiving. This is a lovely time of year, fall colors everywhere and rain. I am writing this on November 1st and we are thankful for the nice rain last night. It's a good start to the month.

Our October giveaway was well received. We had many other things besides the usual items, a lot of dishes and other kitchen "stuff". We thank you for coming to help us out in this way. We have to make room in the store for seasonal changes.

I can't say enough about our volunteers and how they respond to changing the store from season to season. It's Halloween on Saturday and then on Monday it looks like Christmas. The transformation happens on Sunday with about 14 of our volunteers making the change. A great group that knows exactly what they need to do. Thanks to you and also thanks to Patti for the nice lunch she provides.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: December 11th - Store & Barn Closed. General Meeting/Volunteers Christmas Party.

January 8th - Store & Barn Closed. Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, The Grill

Congratulations to Susie Bales! Susie was awarded the Extra Mile Award at the October Meeting. Susie has been a volunteer since 2006. She has chaired our Parade Entry, Nominating Committee for several years, works several days in front, seldom misses the General Meetings, a willing substitute and works on Sunday when we make store change overs. Thanks Susie.

Lonnie Roman is resigning this month.

Lonnie has been a dedicated volunteer for a long time. We will miss her but hopefully we will get to see her often. We wish you well.

To one and all, We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you at the Store or Barn.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

– Helping Hands Thrift Store is now closed on Mondays. The operating days for shopping and donations are Tuesday – Saturday from 11 – 3 (shopping) and 11 - 2:30 (donations). The Furniture Barn days remain Wednesday – Saturday with the same hours.

2014 Christmas Basket Project

BY PATTI BEAULIEU

I suppose summer is finally over and it was one for the records, Sky high temps for extended periods of time. We'll have to see what kind of winter Mother Nature has in store for us. With winter comes the time to think Christmas. The Christmas Basket applications have been taken, plans are being finalized, volunteers have been recruited, schedules are double checked and several of the countless lists and details are being made. Later this month, however, is when all the magic happens. Food and gifts that have been bought will be wrapped, sorted and distributed into designated boxes at the Community Hall for about 100 local families that need some help this year. We've made sure Santa and Mrs. Claus are available for our pick up day. This is the way we show what our wonderful, giving community is all about.

In our local area, we continue to have many families that need our assistance. We

always hope to make the holiday season joyful and memorable for these families.

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

Any new gifts that you or your organization would like to donate can be dropped off at the Community Hall on Thursday, December 4th after 10 a.m. If you can't make it on that day, we can make arrangements to pick them up or suggest a different delivery date. We'll have a team of wrappers with their assigned gifts on that day, so if you LOVE to wrap presents, please come join us. We supply the paper, tags, tape and all we need is your wrapping skills. They'll be plenty to do. We may have to extend our wrapping to Friday, depending on the progress that's made on Thursday.

Most local businesses, churches, organizations and clubs have stepped up again this year and will be donating their assigned food, gifts or make a monetary contribution, even in these difficult financial times. Our local MarVal Market is providing the donated food at cost to the purchasers, which is also very generous.

We have the food donation barrel at MarVal Market again this year so please pick up an extra can or box of non-perishables when you're doing your shopping and drop it in the barrel. The contents will be picked up throughout the month and brought to the Community Hall on December 15th.

If you'd like to come and help wrap presents, distribute food, or any of the other numerous tasks needed to pull

this event together, please stop by the Community Hall the week of December 16-19. We'll be wrapping gifts periodically throughout the week so feel free to call either Dar or Patti for days and times. We should be there from about 9:00 a.m. each day. There will surely be something you can do to help and your participation will be appreciated.

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

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

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

Troop Update

BY MARY BROWN

Thank you to all who brought items in this past month. There was a lot of Christmas cards, which I'm sure will be appreciated. Powdered drink mix, bar soap, deodorant, foot powder, razors and shave cream, toothpaste and tooth brushes, and a lot of pepper jack sandwich crackers (yummy). Keep up the good work. It is the cold season now, so troops are asking for stocking caps (they need to be black) and warm socks, dark green or black please. Hot chocolate and coffee are often requested along with protein bars and healthy snacks to help keep them warm. Keep bringing your items to Helping Hands store and I'll keep sending them out, thank you all and Happy Thanksgiving.

Help Needed From All of Us to Secure A Doctor For Groveland

BY DOTTY DAVIS

We are ALL interested in securing another doctor here at the Groveland Medical Clinic! In speaking with Andrew Jahn, the president of Sonora Regional Medical Center, we understand that he and the hospital staff want exactly the same for Groveland. They are in fact actively recruiting for a doctor as we speak.

So, NOW WE NEED A SPECIAL KIND OF HELP from our community, not to solicit the hospital, but instead to

use another approach. The hospital needs from our community any possible names and addresses of doctors with ties to the area and who might be interested in coming to Groveland. The hospital needs names - from us - of doctors who might want to relocate. An example might be a Bay Area physician who loves to ski, hike, fish, golf or enjoy the outdoors in this wonderful locale we have. If you have personal contact with any such physician, would you please contact that

doctor yourself, to inform him or her of this opening at the Groveland Medical Clinic. Alternatively, submit the name and address of that doctor to the individual below:

Kathrina McRee, (Physician recruiter for Sonora Regional Medical Center) at: kathrina.mcree@ah.org

Thanks for any help you can provide for this project. Who knows – maybe one of us can provide the spark to bring a new doctor to Groveland!



SOUTHERN TUOLUMNE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Museum Happenings

BY CARRIE CARTER



Shopping locally this holiday season is one way everyone can boost our local economy. When you shop at the Museum gift shop your money stays close to home, supports projects that make this community a great place to live, and you save gas and contribute less to pollution. As a non-profit organization, the Museum can offer lower prices on unique gift items that reflect Groveland's distinctive character. I encourage you to come in and enjoy the Museum this month and check out the one-of-a-kind items we offer in our gift shop.

Becoming a member of STCHS (Southern Tuolumne Historical Society) is another way to share in efforts to protect and preserve our area's rich heritage. Consider giving a friend the gift of a STCHS membership.

A perfectly painless way to donate is to obtain and show an eScrip Community Card every time you shop at Mar-Val. Pick up a form at the Museum or at Mar-Val and STCHS can earn up to 5% of your monthly purchases. You can do the same thing with a S.H.A.R.E.S. card if you shop at Save Mart, Food Maxx, or Lucky stores.

Last month's historic building photo was the Martinez House which sits on property that was homesteaded in the 1880's by Caroline and Elias Martinez. But the house was not originally at this location and it wasn't first used as a house. The Martinez House embodies the characteristics of utilitarian construction and is a wonderful example of deconstruction and re-purposing.

The original building was built about 1900 and served as a church, located near the Divide (Oak Grove) Cemetery. In about 1906 Elias Martinez purchased the Methodist Episcopal Church and with his two sons, Ernest and Phillip dismantled it

and moved it in pieces to its present location on Highway 120 on the rise separating Groveland and Big Oak Flat. A metal barn, directly across the road from the house, was once part of the original property.

Carlo De Ferrari says, "There had not been enough parishioners in the area so the church was discontinued and the building sold. The church was historic as it was the farthest east of any local Protestant church south of the Tuolumne River at that time." The steeple was removed and parts reconstructed to become a five-room home for the Martinez family. A porch, sunroom and stairs were added to the house in the 1930's.

In 1920, while in San Francisco, Elias was hit by a streetcar and fatally injured, dying at the young age of 48. Elias' son, Ernest married native Grovelander Elizabeth Meyer. Ernest was a trucker for the Hetch Hetchy project and was noted for the pristine and always polished Reo sedan that he drove about town.

In 2004, Ernest's grand-nephew purchased the property and family home and restored it to its present state. One hundred-year old grape vines on the property have been nurtured back into production with new vines added. In 2014, the Rossini Family Vineyards continue the legacy of pioneer farm production on this historic property.

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 20% discount on any single item from the Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum gift shop during the month of December (one gift per family).

FRIENDS OF THE GROVELAND LIBRARY Book Lovers Convene

BY NADINE PEDRON

Did you know there are seven book clubs in Groveland? Indeed there are and they met together in October to review favorite books, discuss plots and characters, authors and styles and the psychological/intellectual impact of good literature. The books discussed were *Still Alice*, *Season of the Witch*, *The Handmaid's Tale* and *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*. A list of other recommended books was compiled from each club's suggestions and this list is available at the library. The evening concluded with a Book Swap and excitement about next year's gathering. FOGL thanks GAINs for their support as Co-Sponsor of the event.

FOGL's BOOK NOOK is also popular with book enthusiasts. Not only can you find gently used book bargains, videos, CDs and DVDs, but a community gathering where folks chat over complimentary coffee, tea and home made nibbles, swap

book suggestions and enjoy the ambiance of art and quilts on the walls which are contributed by local artists. We need book donations on an ongoing basis to fill our well organized shelves, so bring your contributions on any Saturday or leave them in the book bin outside. We can't use textbooks, encyclopedias or damaged books. Please help us by not bringing in those items. A huge thank you to those who regularly contribute. All proceeds are used for the library and literacy outreach programs. The Book Nook is open every Saturday from 10 – 2, downstairs at the library.

The Friends of the Library meet every second Tuesday at 2:00 downstairs in the community meeting room. We welcome visitors and new members. For further information please contact President Harriet Codeglia (962-6270 or email: hcodeglia@gmail.com).

Sounds of the Season Concert

BY BARBARA BROAD

Sounds of the Season Concert

The Columbia Community Chorus with a twenty-member orchestra will inspire and delight audiences with their annual Sounds of the Season concert at the Opera Hall in Sonora. Concerts are December 5, 6, and 7, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 and Sunday afternoon at 3. This year's program includes pieces familiar, unique and classical with the ever-popular caroling with the audience and ending with Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

Highlighted at this year's performance will be three renditions of Mary's Song, also known as the Magnificat. Mary sings praises to God for the gift of the Messiah she will bear. The Chorus and orchestra will present pieces from three different eras; the Renaissance version by Thomas Tallis, the Romantic version by Franz Schubert, and the Contemporary version by the new director of the chorus, Daryl Hollinger.

A new inclusion will be two pieces from the African American spiritual tradition, "Walk in the Light" and "Go Tell it on the Mountain." In the early years of American slavery, slaves were required to attend plantation-owner church services where they learned the Christian religion.

Prohibited from dancing and playing drums, many slaves would continue worship in their own style with dancing, singing and playing drums in the woods at "camp meetings." Drums and bells follow with "African Noel", "Do You Hear What I Hear", "Carol of the Drum" and "Carol of the Bells." And there will be familiar contemporary works.

New to the Chorus is Dr. Daryl Hollinger, who recently joined the adjunct faculty at Columbia College. He is also Director of Music at First Congregational Church of Stockton. Dr. Hollinger recently served for 14 years as Dean of the Chapel, Seminary Musician and Adjunct Professor of Worship and Music at Lancaster Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania. He also was Minister of Music at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Lancaster. He directed the Ephrata Cloister Chorus for 18 years and has given concerts in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, England, Bulgaria as well as parts of the US.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, \$5 for children up to 12 and will be available at the Manzanita Bookstore, Mountain Book Shop, and Murphys Music. For information, please call 586-5965.

Soroptimist Scene

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

Our mission: "Soroptimist improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment"

We asked you to save the date of November 12, 2014. Hope you did do that. Right now the members are running around like Santa's elves. Next month we be able to report how the event went. Since it is one of the more popular fundraisers, I am sure you all responded nicely.

But, we can report on B.E.S.T Day. We hosted 31 female students from the 7th & 8th grade of Tenaya. The agenda is usually a mix between "it's all about you students" and a project for others. There was an interactive workshop on bullying. Carol Willmon led the girls in making 14 fleece blankets – they were so cute! These soft, huggable blankets will be given to MVO, My Very Own. This group will give these blankets to kids who have to relocate to foster care. The girls were also given journals and encouraged to use these journals in the future. (Guess we used to call ours diaries). Of course, there was some "me time" – lovely hair styles. This was provided by long time friend of B.E.S.T. Day, Cheri Rickett (owner of Body Beautiful). It is always a pleasure to be surrounded by those energetic girls. Sure hope to see those faces in "S" Club in the coming years.

Soon we will be able to determine some of the scholarship awards.

By now you should have digested your turkey dinner and lost the weight from

Thanksgiving. So it is time to plan the Christmas season. Our members are doing just that. Many members will be involved with providing the Community Baskets. Other members will be bringing joy to the community by participating in the Pine Cone Singers. The message is.. our members are involved in multiple, local activities.

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SHARE HAPPINESS
WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

Can you imagine what Groveland would be without the Soroptimist organization? We would truly like to have your involvement with our group. President Liz has persevered and has successfully gotten an evening meeting for the convenience of the ladies who work during the day. These members are productive and have great ideas.

Our evening session is held on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:00PM at the Library lower level. The daytime group continues to meet on the 3rd Tuesday, at noon in the Library lower level. Members are invited to attend both meetings. We would encourage you to call Liz Mattingly at 962-7648. We want you to become an active member of this community.

Groveland Kiwanis Club News

BY SANDY SMITH

The Groveland Kiwanis wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah. Enjoy the holiday.

Kiwanis is all about kids, all over the world. Have you ever heard of Dorka Center? Me neither. Before I tell you where it is, let me tell you about it. In December of 2007, a once deserted building became home to the Dorka Center.

The Dorka Center offers emergency housing for families and children in crisis, a place for those looking to find their way. Some residents are children who have been taken from their biological parents due to a host of reasons, including poverty, neglect, abuse, crime, substance abuse or family disintegration. Some are people needing

temporary shelter.

It is busy there always changing. The work is very important. There are many families who stay here, they rely on the center and its staff for everything from a roof over their heads to food, to counseling. Right at the center of their journey is KIWANIS.

In the past 13 years, the Kiwanis Club of Kosice (Slovakia) members have raised and donated to Dorka about 1 million Euros. As I said in the beginning Kiwanis is all about Kids, all over the world. Groveland has a small but growing Kiwanis Club. We meet at 4:30 p.m. for 1 hour each Tuesday, at the Pizza Factory. Join us and help your community.

3rd Annual Light the Season

BY JUDY GRAVINO

Please join us as we Light the Season, at 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 7th at The Little House, on the corner of Merrell Road and Highway 120.

This very special event allows each of us the unique opportunity to honor and remember loved ones who are no longer with us, as well as those who are with us still, recognizing family and friends who have blessed our lives in loving and meaningful ways.

Holiday treats and beverages will be served and several talented members of the Pine Cone Singers will lead us in caroling, as we welcome the holiday season and illuminate our remembrance

tree at the entrance to The Little House.

Your \$10 per light donation, for each person you wish to honor or remember, will add another glowing light to our tree.

Tax-deductible donation forms are available through The Little House website, at Dori's Tea Cottage or through any SSSI Board Member.

We hope you will join us again this year as we gather to...Light the Season!

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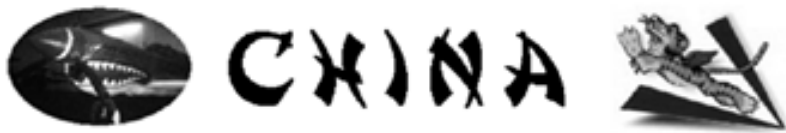
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Be Water Wise, Winterize!

BY GCSD

As we move closer to winter, we need to pay particular attention to our home water systems. In early December 2013, our community experienced a cold snap that produced over 50 water line breaks over a period of 2 weeks. This resulted in a loss of over 3 million gallons of water which was a devastating blow to our current drought situation. Virtually 90% of all the water line breaks were due to customers not shutting off their water when away from home. These breaks are wasteful and expensive, but more importantly they are preventable.

Home Winterizing Checklist

First, if you haven't done it yet this year, you should have your pressure regulator checked by a plumber. This should be an annual homeowner task. With the mountainous topography that makes our area beautiful comes the risk of water pressure fluctuations. The valve is usually located where the water service enters the house and protects your water pipes and appliances from high water pressure.

If you are going to be away from your mountain home for more than a day or two in the winter, the water should be turned off. Homes usually have a shut off valve where the water line comes into the house from the street. The best scenario is to have a Customer Shut Off Valve installed on the property owners side, just outside the District's meter box.

If you do not have a customer shut off valve, we recommend you call the District to turn your water off. Please remember that only authorized District personnel may turn the water meter off and/or on, and may not be immediately available to shut off your main. For this reason, we highly recommend installing a Customer Shut Off Valve as it offers you the best protection.

Disconnect and drain all outside hoses. Detaching hoses from outdoor faucets allows water to drain from the pipe.

Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas. If you have pipelines in an unheated garage or cold crawl space under the house, wrap the water pipes before temperatures plummet.

Styrofoam Collection Scheduled

BY PEGGY ANDREWS

Once again Tuolumne County Master Gardeners will be collecting "polystyrene", we can no longer call it Styrofoam, on Saturday, January 10th and Saturday, January 17th, 2015 from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Waste Management, 14959 Camage Ave in Sonora.

Please make sure you have #6, think light weight coolers, electronics packaging and egg cartons. For Dart Industries to take the polystyrene, it must be clean with tape and labels removed. This year

Dart Industries is also requiring us to put the polystyrene in large clear plastic bags, clear plastic preferred, or large black plastic trash bags and to separate food containers and colored polystyrene from packing material. Please no peanuts, peanuts may be taken year round to Pac N Copy and UPS Store in Sonora.

If you will be unable to take it down to Sonora, on the above dates, please contact Peggy Andrews at 962-7264, for help.

The Hill Top Musical Kids

BY LOUISE TURNEY

It's almost Christmas and The Hill Top Musical Kids are busy rehearsing for their 3rd. Christmas Musical and "Boy, do we have a talented group"! This Christmas Season we will repeat "Josie and The Jinglicious Dream Lamp". It was our first musical and many of you requested a repeat. There are new performers and old ones too. We always have room for more kids. There is no charge to join.

Do come and see us. It is a wonderful way to start your Christmas Celebration. Performances are Friday, December, 19th, 7:PM and Saturday, December 20th, 2:PM at Groveland Evangelical Church on Ferretti Rd. in Groveland. There is no admission charge. We work on donations. For more information call Louise Turney, 962-0609.



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Volunteers Rock at Camp Tuolumne Trails

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON



Paul Sinclair & Vince McNamara installed safety railings.



Linda Flores made chili for all the hungry workers.



Janet Gregory & Pam Curtis organized the craft room – one of the most popular sites.

Wow, what a day! Camp was buzzing on a bright November morning with almost 90 volunteers, including nine families from Mountain View who came to spend the weekend and build a four-station Challenge Course. We got so much done and had fun too.

The kitchen crew of Karen Hopkins, Lonnie Roman, Sally Salinas and Linda Flores cooked up a hearty camp lunch for everyone. Pat Fernandez single-handedly rearranged and cleaned our decorations closets, while Janet Gregory and Pam Curtis tackled the crafts room. After a summer of campers who all like to do crafts, you can imagine that job! Meanwhile Dar Brown cleaned all the baseboards in the Great Hall, and Susie Horvath and Michele Roberts washed every window – inside and out. Karen Handley and Anne Meyers organized the library and shampooed the upstairs carpets.

Tony Gai led Larry Meyers, Vikki Garrett, Cori Blasi and Silvano Gai in cleaning up the Dedication Garden and planting hundreds of new bulbs for spring. An energetic crew of Joe Hopkins, Mike Horvath, Ralph Hengel and David Roberts brushed and cleared a new trail area. Meanwhile, Don and Kathy Brown and Bill Bent pulled out yards of old fencing and cleared debris from the trail. At the creek, Kay Meermans, Karla Campbell and Dwight Follien weed-whacked and cleared brush for another new trail area.

Judy Michaelis and Norma Lella did a great job painting trim on the camp office, while Mike Lella power-washed the entire



Karen Handley & Anne Meyers cleaned the camp library.

downstairs deck at the Great Hall. Petra and Amelia Henderson, Sandy DeRodeff and Lynette Wilson seeded and mulched an open area near the fishing pond.

Austin Parlette and Doug Wilson constructed footings for a shade area at the archery range, and the volunteers from Hope's Landscape and Tree Service did a fantastic job cutting down trees burned in the Rim Fire last year.

Jerry Baker, Vince McNamara and Paul Sinclair added safety



Volunteers from Hope's Landscaping cut down trees burned in the Rim Fire.

railings to our wheelchair-accessible observation deck over the canyon, and a hardworking crew of Ed Gregory, Mal Brown, Ann Sinclair, and Steve and Sue Salnick, led by Tony Flores, made great progress caulking the Great Hall in preparation for a big staining project. Camp director John Infelise was everywhere – helping, organizing, delivering tools and supplies, and answering questions.

Camp Tuolumne Trails thanks everyone who participated. Your support means so much to our special campers!

The Very Best Time of Year! – Get Ready for Your Dose of Good Cheer!

BY LINELLE MARSHALL

Are you ready for Christmas? It's closer than you think, and your Pine Cone Singers are hard at rehearsal every week, getting ready to present another fabulous concert for our community! Be sure to mark your calendars NOW for our very popular holiday concert series – December 11th & 12th at 7:30 PM, and December 13th & 14th at 2:00 PM. Our director, Ron Randall, has chosen a great selection of holiday favorites, ranging from traditional melodies and nostalgic favorites to fun and silly versions of familiar songs, all accompanied by our very talented local musicians. The choir is excited to be singing "Little Tiny Child", a lovely piece composed by our own director! Audiences will have an

opportunity to join in the annual sing-along segment of the concert, and members of the choir will be featured in solos and ensemble pieces – always a highlight.

This is also the time of year that the Pine Cone Performers ask our community to help support our artistic efforts. Our substantial operating expenses include compensation for our music director, accompanist, and musicians, as well as insurance, sheet music, publicity, printing and facility usage.

We hope we can count on your sponsorship this year. All donors giving at the Gold \$150, Silver \$100, or Bronze \$75 levels will be acknowledged in the Spring and Winter 2015 concert programs and flyers, as well as the



program for the Pine Cone Performers' play. Gifts of any size are welcome and appreciated. Checks made out to "Pine Cone Performers" can be mailed to P.O. Box 1222, Groveland, CA 95321. Thank you for your

valued support!

So don't miss this annual tradition of holiday cheer and warm wishes from your Pine Cone Singers. We look forward to seeing your cheerful faces this month!

Groveland's Halloween Happenings THANK YOU!

BY TONY & LINDA FLORES, COMMITTEE CHAIRS



Photos by Rudy Manzo



We had another Safe & Successful year for our local "Trick or Treaters".

Regardless of the weather, the downtown was alive with squeals of delight (or fright). The costumes were unreal from the oh so cute to the very, very scary! A Wonderful time was had by all – children and adults alike.

This annual celebration is sponsored by the Yosemite Chamber of Commerce with the help of our downtown businesses and many of our local service organizations. The Ghosts & Goblins Committee received a great deal of support (time, money & supplies) not only from our local merchants but with the help of many service organizations as well. (Helping Hands, Pine Mtn. Assoc., Garden Club, Lions Club, Rotary, The ROOFBB's, Tenaya Elementary, Down to Earth Nursery, PML Hardware and more. Best of all, absolutely EVERYTHING was free to the public.

We had new and returning community volunteers for the activities inside the Community Hall from the Photo Area to many different games with lots of prizes. Whole families manned the S'more's fire pit and another the Spook House.

There are far too many to name individually but you know who you are and how very much you are all loved and appreciated. It really does take a Village.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

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Groveland Area Involved Neighbors

BY BARBARA BROAD

The GAINs Board has welcomed new members, Nick de Porcel, Wynette Hilton, Erna Joncich and Rachel Phillips, joining Barbara Broad, Etty Garber, Frank Oyung, and Sharon Volponi, representing community groups and services in the South County. And it still serves as fiscal agent for Brainy Groveland, the Dog Park Committee, and the Skatepark Committee. Board meetings are open, on the fourth Monday, 1:00, Library Meeting Room.

The GAINs Mentor Project is working with the seniors at Tioga as they make decisions about what they want to do after graduation and complete applications to colleges and trade schools. GAINs started a fund to help students who cannot afford to apply to more than one school. The Garrote Lions Club and ROOFBB have contributed, and Emily Hanchett at Tioga is working with the students on this. In addition, seniors are completing applications for career mentors to work with this school year.

The Coalition Against Substance Abuse is working with the Groveland Youth Center and Tioga High School to develop active,

healthy activities for the local youth. They did not get the Federal Drug Free Community grant but were told most groups are not successful the first year they apply. So the coalition will be applying again in March.

Meanwhile coalition members are helping with activities at the Groveland Youth Center, which is rapidly expanding under the new leadership of Jacque Rose Pullen, and GAINs is helping with funding for some special activities. Jacque has two regular volunteers to help keep a variety of events going. The Friday Night Live staff from Sonora is providing lots of ideas and help for drug-prevention activities as well as social activities.

The coalition meets monthly, and at the November 18th meeting, Melissa Wiika, the new counselor at Tenaya and Tioga, talked about her experiences here and the activities of the student groups. She will guide us in ways we can support these activities. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month, 9:00. Contact us for the location, grovelandgains@gmail.com.

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Healthy Eating

BY ETTY GARBER, PHD, LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST

Just the mere mention of food makes our mouths water as we think, "When is our next meal? What snacks can I eat now? Can I eat whatever I really want?" Our lives are segmented into eating times and non-eating times. We are told we need to have 3 meals a day, breakfast, lunch and dinner. We are told what we can eat and what we shouldn't eat. Do you ever wonder why we are being dictated to about something so personal as to what we put in our bodies?


In ancient times people ate what they grew or traded. They did not have the infinite choices that we have in our modern society. We are constantly bombarded with advertisements tempting us with mouth-watering pictures all over the air waves persuading us to spend our money on food that may have no nutritional value.

Today's message from nutritionists is: Eating healthy gives you more energy, prevents illness, manages weight, increases brain power and prolongs life. Sounds pretty reasonable doesn't it? So what is the problem? Why do we struggle? One reason is that eating has become the focus of nearly all our activities. We have lunch and dinner dates, pot lucks, parties, family and friend visits, etc. It is the center of our social lives. The quality of our food is far different from the food of our parents and grandparents. Much of the food we are encouraged to buy is made up of little real or pure food. Processed food is an

invention of the 20th century.

The advertised advantage of these foods is: It's quick, little preparation (if any), immediate gratification and readily accessible. The downside, of course is: they are made mostly of excess sugar, fat, salt, and are very addictive. The more you eat, the more you want to eat which leads to mindless eating, weight gain and increased cost. The food production companies and fast food restaurants spend a great deal of advertisement money to persuade you of the benefits of their products. They are the financial recipients of your choices.

What is most important here is that you make mindful choices, asking yourself, "What is best for my health?" Eat the food that nourishes your body and energizes your mind. You don't need to diet. You need to change your food choices and your eating style. Shop for fresh vegetables and fruit, 100% whole grains, olive oil, and protein (chicken, turkey, lean beef and fish). Drink water instead of sugary drinks and use condiments for flavoring. Remember to eat slowly as it takes about 20 minutes for your food to inform your brain that you are full, otherwise you will continue to eat to the point of discomfort. I know, I know we've heard all of this before, but sometimes we need reminding. Don't beat yourself up if you indulge in a favorite food once in a while, no one is perfect, just return to your healthy routine and love who you are.



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Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to One and All

BY SANDY SMITH

A big thank you to the community of Groveland for coming out to the Christmas Craft Faire held Thanksgiving week-end. Juli Citarelli and myself are always impressed with the genuine friendships developed over the years between vendors and the community. It is a pleasure to be co-chairpersons of this

event sponsored by the Groveland Kiwanis. Because of the Faire we are able to donate back to the community thru The Little House, CNVC, Groveland Firefighters Assoc., and the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Thank you again, and Santa sends a warm wish for a healthy, happy, new year.

Healthy Habits FROM PINE MOUNTAIN THERAPY

BY JULIE TANAKA, PT

A Walking Vacation

I recently read the book "Wild" about a woman who backpacked the Pacific Coast Trail, alone. Sounded like way more than I could or wanted to do. But the alternative of going on a cruise and gaining 6 pounds (did that a few years ago) didn't sound right either. So my sister and I found a wonderful combination of the two extremes, a walking vacation along the Amalfi Coast.

This is how it works: the tour company moves your luggage from town to town and you walk. The walking portions vary greatly in levels of difficulty and can be adjusted to many levels of fitness. We worked with the On Foot Tours company out of the UK. (There are several companies that provide similar tours, Back Roads Tours, On Foot Tours) We choose On Foot because we could customize the places we stayed, days in each place and go at our own pace. The tour company provided us with reservations at hotels in each town of our choosing, maps and written directions from one town to the next and emergency contact information in case we got lost or needed help. Since they transported our luggage from hotel to hotel we walked with day packs only. Other than that we were on our own!

The trek we choose along the Amalfi Coast was strenuous. We hiked up and down ancient stairs and trails used long ago to transport goods from cliff towns to coastal towns. The written instructions at times were like a scavenger hunt of directions, and yes we did get a bit lost but the phone contact got us right back on track. We used trek poles which were very helpful with all the stairs, especially down hill, and carried water. (A little wine also. After all we were in Italy.) We had options along the way to shorten hikes by catching a bus or choosing a different route.

The overall experience was wonderful and amazing. The views from high on the cliffs to walking through ancient ruins of paper mills in the valleys. Surprising gems along the way, a cliff top monastery, a hidden fiordo with sea washed pieces of tile to collect, lemon groves, olive orchards and vineyards everywhere. And everyday when we arrived at our destination tired and sweaty our luggage was waiting for us at wonderful tile floored hotels.

I don't recommend the Amalfi Coast tour for any of our patients with knee or hip issues, just too many stairs. But there are tours all over the world, for all levels. Check out the web sites for these companies to see all the options. (Some of them are guided groups also.) I highly



recommend this type of vacationing. Time slowed down as we walked and enjoyed, stress dissolved. It was awesome!!!

Best wishes for a very healthy and happy holiday season and new year!

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Making Christmas Memories at the Groveland Hotel

BY CRAIG POLSON

Perhaps more than any other time of year, Christmas season is a time that memories are made. Visiting relatives, decorations at home or school, cutting a tree (or even retrieving a dusty box from storage and putting a tree together... branch "C"... I need a branch "C" now...), a warm fire perhaps... or a wintry holiday meal surrounded by friends and family. So many of us have vivid holiday memories that we make over the years, and carry with us all the way from our childhood into adulthood. This year, come celebrate the holidays at the Groveland Hotel and make some new memories to cherish through the years!

We hope you'll come in and spend your Christmas holiday with us this month. Enjoy our annual Christmas Feast during our regular dinner hours on December 24th and 25th, featuring the culinary creations of our chef, Andre Muller. Dinner is a tiered menu priced according to the entrée, and includes starter, entrée, and dessert. Starter choices are Spiced pumpkin and butternut squash soup, or spinach apple walnut salad with blue cheese, tossed in a light champagne vinaigrette. Entrée choices are roasted duck pappardelle with pinot noir reduction for \$33, herb-crusted sea bass with wild heirloom rice pilaf and grilled broccolini for \$34, pepper-crusted prime rib with garlic butter mashed potatoes, green beans, mushroom cabernet au jus, and horse radish cream for \$31, honey bourbon glazed ham with sweet potato and bacon hash, and caramelized onion and spinach for \$28. Please ask about our vegetarian options. For dessert, relax and enjoy some of our chocolate molten lava cake, or New York cheesecake with wild berry sauce.

We will also be celebrating New Year's Eve with a special selection of dishes – please see the Events page on our web site for the menu.

The Groveland Hotel's "Winter Magic"

entertainment series continues for a third exciting season! You'll be treated to world-class illusionists performing right at your table for a modest \$10 cover charge with your dinner entrée. Just like at the world-famous and exclusive Magic Castle dinner club in Hollywood, this year the dining selections will be offered in a tiered pre-fixe menu to better expedite table service.

In the new year, on Saturday, January 17 is the night Marshall Magoon makes his appearance as the next magician in our Winter Magic series. Ordinarily, Marshall is known for his stage acts with big set pieces as seen in Tahoe casinos, on cruise ships, at the Oakland Coliseum, and on television. Somehow, however, he has found a way to pack that star power into the much more intimate setting of the hotel's Cellar Door restaurant. Marshall has also served as a magic consultant for TV, film, and theatrical productions, and has created illusions for the Broadway shows Spamalot, Shrek the Musical, and Spider-Man.

Finally, on Saturday, February 21, the season concludes with a return performance by the dynamic and hilarious Jimmy H., who has also performed at Disneyland, Hollywood's Magic Castle, Sea World, and The Queen Mary, and many other venues.

"Winter Magic" will feature a different magician every month (except December, which has no show), with all dinner shows beginning at a single 7:00 pm seating time. The stage show follows at 8:30 pm, at the conclusion of dinner service. The capacity of the dining room is just 46 seats, so reserve early to avoid missing out on this truly exceptional and unique family-friendly entertainment series. Call 209-962-4000 or email guestservices@groveland.com. For more information about each act, including videos, visit www.groveland.com/events.

Ben Stuth, Pine Mountain Lake Airport's New Airport Manager

STORY & PHOTO BY JOE DE NUNZIO

The Tuolumne County Airport Advisory Committee met on November 5th in the campground Pavilion at Columbia Airport to discuss the pending draft for a snow removal plan for Pine Mountain Lake and Columbia Airports, the reinstatement of the hangar waiting list at Columbia Airport and to hear from pilots and airport tenants from both Columbia and Pine Mountain Lake Airports.

Sitting on the committee was District 4 Supervisor John Gray, District 5 Supervisor Karl Rodefer, and appointed representative pilots and members at large from both airports. Committee chair Greg Thompson from Aero Resources called the meeting to order and welcomed all who attended. The audience was a mix of Columbia and Pine Mountain Lake pilots, tenants and residents from both airports.

On hand at the start of the meeting was Tuolumne County Administrator Craig Pedro who welcomed the new airport manager, Benedict Stuth. This was the first time that the public had an opportunity to meet and hear from Mr. Stuth.

During the public forum portion of the meeting, some members of the audience expressed very deep concerns for the lack of response to the hangar rules at Columbia Airport. Some of the concerns expressed seemed to be abuses of the rules and rules not being enforced. Complaints alleged favoritism, improper storage of items that had been banned, hanger tenants using hangars for personal storage, and some tenants still having possession of hangars after they



Supervisor John Gray welcomes new Airport Manager for the PML Airport, Ben Stuth.

had sold their aircraft. The committee put this issue on the agenda and Mr. Stuth is committed to making this issue one of his major concerns to address.

Benedict Stuth, or "Ben" as he likes to be called, presented his new views for both airports. He spoke on improving communications with all users, planned capital improvement projects, maintenance projects, and economic development for both airports.

An open house was held in November at the Groveland Community Hall for the Pine Mountain Lake Airport. This will give the general public an opportunity to meet the new Tuolumne County airport manager for both airports.

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Mountain Lutheran Church News

BY PASTOR GINGER DUMARS

DECEMBER AT MOUNTAIN LUTHERAN CHURCH

December is a special & spiritual time as we celebrate the delightful seasons of Advent & Christmas! Advent begins on Nov. 30 as a New Church Year & focuses on Jesus coming back in the future as well as the ways Jesus comes to us every day! Jesus comes to all kinds of people in the ordinary aspects & persons of daily life as well as in magnificent & monumental ways! So, Advent helps us to celebrate "Emmanuel" – God is always with us & to prepare for a Christian Christmas as well as helping us to prepare for the 2nd Coming of Jesus! Each Sunday in Advent we will light another candle on our Advent Wreath at Mountain Lutheran Church & hang a corresponding banner with the *theme for that week* written on it: **Watch, Prepare, Rejoice, Glory! Come & See & Worship on Sundays at 10 a.m.**, 13000 Down to Earth Ct., just off Ferretti Road.

The first special event for Advent this year is the **5th Sunday Gospel Sing on Nov. 30 at 6:00 p.m.**, at Groveland's **7th Day Adventist Church**, 19585 Elder Lane. Mountain Lutheran's Choir has been invited to sing a couple special numbers that evening.

Most of the singing will be with the whole group singing together as the Groveland Area's Christian Community – from many churches in the area – with the group gathered there choosing the hymns they want to sing! Refreshments are at 7:00.

Mountain Lutheran will host our **Annual Advent Soup Supper on Wed., Dec. 3 at 6:00 p.m.** *Marty Haugen's Evening Prayer Service (set to music) will be offered at 7 p.m.* Everyone is most welcome to participate in this evening of simple food, fellowship, music & prayer at Mountain Lutheran Church. **Bible Studies continue on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 1:00** at the church. Call the church for more information: 962-4064.

Our **Traditional Christmas Eve. Service begins at 7:30 on Wed., Dec. 24.** This is a service of Christmas Carols & Hymns, Scripture Lessons & Reflection, Prayer & Holy Communion. The service concludes in candlelight as we sing "Silent Night". We'll continue celebrating Christmas for 2 more Sundays at 10:00 a.m.! **Come & experience the Christmas Blessings God has planned for YOU! Everyone is most Welcome at Mountain Lutheran Church.**

Tenaya Elem Photo Contest

VISIT THE MUSEUM & CAST YOUR VOTES

BY BONNIE BELISLE

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

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

In mid-October student participants (5th – 8th graders) were loaned (or used their own) digital cameras. A big thank you to our community and friends who donated to STCHS the digital cameras. Bonnie Belisle, STCHS Representative and Warren Belisle, Photography Advisor, conducted a meeting with the 11 students who participated in this year's contest. Our first meeting was to give photo tips and inspiration to capture scenes through the eye of the camera. Cameras were distributed and operational instructions given.

At the second meeting, held two weeks later, students chose their entry for the contest. Each student wrote a couple of sentences with thoughts about their photo in addition



to coming up with a title. Thank you to Judi Maguire for assisting with this part of the program and to Barbara Broad and GAINS (Groveland Area Involved Neighbors) for loaning us the laptop computers for the students to review their photos.

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

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

Our Awards Ceremony will be scheduled sometime in February, with the exact date and time yet to be determined. Stay tuned! First, second and third place winners will be determined by the votes cast at the Museum and awarded cash prizes. All photographers will receive a Certificate of Participation and photo key rings which will include a copy of their photo.

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Tioga High School Student of the Month



Sabrina Deckard

Sabrina Deckard is a senior at Tioga High. She is a four year member of the service club, a four year participant in all three sports. Sabrina is nominated by her teacher, coach and club advisor, Mrs. Dutton.

She excels in all of her classes school wide. Sabrina is easily one of the most coachable athletes we have on this campus. She always works hard at everything she does and doesn't complain. She is willing to help in any given situation and she doesn't give up. She is going to be successful in life because of her hard work

ethic. We are all gonna miss her here at Tioga! Her parents are Ivonne and Gary Deckard of Groveland.

Tenaya Elementary Student of the Month



Natalie Harris

Tenaya Elementary School's student of the Month is Natalie Harris. Mrs. Smith says Natalie is an exceptional student with a kind and caring heart. She is responsible about

doing her school work and being a good citizen. She is always respectful to her peers and adults. Natalie is the daughter of Mandalynn Sudberry of Groveland.

Kinder Christmas at Tioga High

BY DAWNELLE DUTTON

Here at Tioga we are hosting an event called Kinder Christmas Celebration. It will be held on Dec. 19th. Kindergartners will be bussed from Tenaya to Tioga for the morning where we will have Mrs. Claus & Santa, decorate cookies, have arts and crafts and sing. We are asking our Tioga High students to purchase a gift for them (5.00-10.00) each. Some of our students

can't afford to buy their Kinders a gift. We are asking any community members that would like to give back this Christmas if they would like to purchase a gift and drop it off at Tioga before December 12th. You can pick a boy or a girl to buy for and age 5-6 appropriate. Thank you for making it easier for our high school students to connect with the little ones and feel no financial burden!

Northside Pet Connection News

BY TOM GRAVE, NPC VICE PRESIDENT

We continue to follow the progress of our NPC colleague and former Board Member, Lorrie Sue McCleary, who was seriously injured when she was pinned under her utility tractor and sustained major fractures. She is still watched over very carefully by her three adopted dogs, Sport, Leroy, and Pretzel. In fact, Lorrie Sue cannot utter the word "help" without all three canines moving to her defense!

Initially, Lorrie Sue was told that she would need a ramp in order to enter and leave her home. She did not have any money available to pay for a ramp to be built. Fortunately, the installation of a lift was an alternative. A non-profit organization, DRAIL (Disability Resource Association Independent Living) donated a lift. Now, the only challenge was

to put the lift in place at Lorrie Sue's home, which required money. It turned out that funds were provided by *gofundme.com*, the Don Pedro Lions Club, the Coulterville Community Center, as well as private individuals. Installation is set for November 20. Lorrie Sue would like to make a donation to the DRAIL organization by selling afghans she has made by hand. Some are small and some are large. If you are interested in learning more, call Lorrie Sue at 878-0722.

During the course of our coverage of Lorrie Sue's story, a surprising number of people have learned about NPC and our support of spay/neuter for dogs and cats. If you would like to obtain a voucher to help with the price of spaying or neutering your pet, call Kathleen at 732-6194.

Tioga Spirit Week

BY RYAN DUTTON, STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR

Last month, Tioga High School students got a chance to show some school spirit and get involved in Halloween activities! The Student Council planned a great week of dress up days that consisted of class color day, twin day, pajama day, school spirit day and of course costume day on Halloween. The classes competed in a themed relay race that involved tossing pumpkins, mummifying teachers with toilet paper, and bobbing for apples. The students who were dressed up walked the catwalk for the crowd to show off their costumes! Student body voted on the best overall costume, which went to Faith Blueford! The rally finished up with students carving pumpkins judged by the staff. The junior class pumpkin was the winner! This was a lot of fun put on by our Student Council and a great job of diving into spirit week by our students! Next up is our annual Turkey Feast and Powderpuff Football game prior to Thanksgiving break!



Dig Pink

BY DAWNELLE DUTTON

On October 20th, a Tioga High School senior in Service Club (run under the Groveland Soroptimist and committed to serving others), held a Dig Pink Volleyball Game against Delta Charter to raise money for a local cancer fighter who needs the funds for their cancer treatment.

At Dig Pink, we recognized cancer survivors or women currently fighting cancer, who then received a white rose and a card. Along with the volunteering of our staff, Service Club members, the 2014 volleyball team, and parents, this event was highly successful!

Together, we raised over six hundred dollars for the cancer patient. We had a few gift baskets to raffle off and silent auction, all donated by local businesses. All who made a donation automatically got a bracelet, baked good, and a ticket to enter our raffle. Our girls from the Service club made breast cancer decorated baked goods for the event. We also want to thank our local businesses who made generous donations to this event: Mar-val Market, Two Guys Pizza Pies, Firefall Coffee Co., Helping Hands Thrift Store, Dori's Tea Cottage, Pizza Factory, Miss Kailey's Consignment Boutique, Down to Earth Nursery, Tenaya Parent Club, and Evangelical Free Bible Study, Kim Granger, Omi Tortelli, Jennifer Smith, Sandra Derodoff, Cindy Green, Farm Girls, Rachel Pearlman, Sandra Derooff of Silpada Jewelry, Savannah Metz, and



The 2014 Tioga Timberwolves Varsity Volleyball team.



Krysti Mitchell giving a cancer survivor a rose.

Kay Crook from the Bella Donna Salon. Thanks for all the folks who came out and supported our girls at this game! The girls fought hard and came out victorious in all three matches!

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- Did you contact the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) to check the status of the contractor's license?** Contact the CSLB at 1-800-321-CSLB (2752) or visit their Web site: www.cslb.ca.gov.
- Did you get at least three local references from the contractors you are considering?
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- Did you read and do you understand your contract?
- Does the 3-day right to cancel a contract apply to you?
- Does the contract tell you when work will start and end?
- Does the contract include a detailed description of the work to be done, the material to be used, and equipment to

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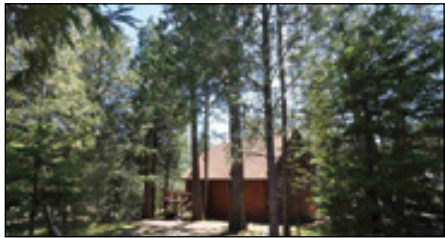
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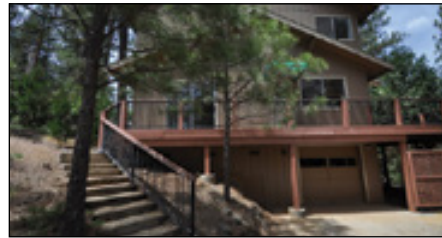
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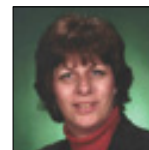
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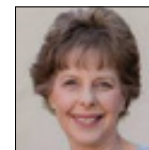
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