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The budget process that began in August has finally been completed.

I want to thank Joe, Ken, our amenity managers and all the staff for the hard work and many hours they put into making the 2007 budget a reality. I would also like to thank all my fellow Board members for their efforts getting this job done. To all I say, Good Show!

A major focus of this year's budget was the repair and refurbishment of our aging amenities. We added monies to repair the Marina docks, repair the Marina Store and Grill building and add new carpeting to both the Lake Lodge and the Administration buildings. Included in the budget are funds to complete the fencing project for the Equestrian Center and maintenance and improvement of the tennis courts 5 and 6. We also committed to repair the Country Club Kitchen flooring and install the ADA ramp for the pool. These are all ambitious projects but they have been put off too long and now need to be completed.

Another big change this year is the cancellation of the Restaurant voucher program. This program was originally designed as a marketing program to stimulate traffic in the Country Club. An analysis of the program indicated that the program was not meeting its original objectives. Our members did not use approximately 50% of the vouchers and those that were used did not create new business but actually cannibalized some of the business that we already had. Since results did not meet our expectations, the Board decided to drop the program.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Steve Margosian • Board President

Looking to the future, the Board has established a Long Range Planning Committee under the guidance of our Treasurer Mike Gustafson and Director Rita Hart. The committee will also include property owners and will be chartered to develop short and long-term plans for your Association. To assist in this effort, the 2007 budget includes monies to hire a restaurant consultant to work with our Club Manager on improving the operation. We also added funds to hire a marketing consultant to work with our Golf Professional and our Club Manager to develop new programs to enhance the revenue for both of these areas. Finally, we added funds to develop new ideas for the future layout of the Marina.

Mike and Rita have a tough job ahead of them so please give them your fullest cooperation.

Now here's a word from our bits and pieces file. The Lake Dredging project remains mired down in the permit process. We are rapidly being pushed into doing a full-blown Environmental Impact Report, which will also increase the cost by about \$60,000. Since the dredging must be done when the lake is at its fullest, we missed the window of opportunity for this year so this has caused the project to be delayed by a year. We will provide you with a full status update at the January Board meeting.

The new accounting package has been purchased and is currently being installed. It is scheduled to go live on January 1, 2007. We will be procuring the new point of sales (POS) software in early 2007 with a target of being fully operational prior to the peak season. The 2006 budget included \$100,000 for both packages and the accompanying hardware but that turned out to be about \$30,000 short of what is required. We have added the additional funds to the 2007 budget.

On the legal front, the court approved our motion to indemnify the existing directors in the Lett-Kauffman vs. Pine Mountain Lake suit. Other than that there has been no further progress on any of the legal matters.

General Manager, Joe Powell is currently putting together a legal cost summary that will be published to keep you informed of where your legal dollars are going.

I want to wish each and every one of our members and all our staff the very best of Holidays and may the New Year bring you only the very best.

The Cost to PMLA Members for Pending Litigation

In response to property owner concerns and questions regarding pending litigation and the costs to the Association, we have listed the current pending cases by title and the amount the Association has paid so far.

Ken Lett v. PMLA

(Arbitration)

\$44,185

Ken Lett and Mel Kauffman v. PMLA

(Member Lawsuit)

\$19,899.74

PMLA v. Thomas Huey

(CC&R Enforcement Lawsuit)

\$58,469.19

Dane Nielsen v. PMLA

(Lawsuit - Labor Code 132(a) Claim)

\$18,926



On the Cover Santa Arrives

Photography by: Terri Metz

Santa and Elf, Kay Graves, arrived at Mary Laveroni Park last December 2005. Enjoy Santa this December 9th starting at 3:30 pm.

Article on Page 18 .

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GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

By Joe Powell,
CCAM, General Manager

Administration

The 2007 Budget was completed and approved by the Board of Directors on Saturday, November 4th. Copies of the 2007 Pro Forma Budget Summary are already being mailed to members. If you do not receive a copy, please contact my Administrative Assistant, Debra Durai, at (209) 962-8627 and she will get a copy to you. I would like to thank Association Controller Ken Spencer and our staff for making this year's budget process easy and expeditious for our Board, managers and the Budget and Finance Committee.

Main Gate Entrance and Swimming Pool ADA Ramp Projects

On Friday, November 10th we met with our architect to go over preliminary plans for the Main Gate Entrance and Swimming Pool ADA Ramp Projects. We asked him to prepare additional designs and create some color conceptual drawings for the Main Gate Project. We are also gathering the necessary topographical maps and information for the Swimming Pool ADA Ramp. As these projects progress, we will continue to provide updated information in future issues of the PML News.

Long Range Planning Committee

At the October monthly Board meeting, the Board of Directors created a new Long Range Planning Committee. The Board is looking for applicants and PML members interested in helping plan for the future of PML are encouraged to apply. The Board is scheduled to select and appoint new committee members at the January 20th Board meeting. A copy of the Committee's mission statement is available at the Administration Office and will be published in the PML News.

Tennis Courts

Recently our Maintenance Department performed crack repair and painting at Tennis Courts 5 & 6 near the Country Club entrance and they look great. We plan to finish painting the outside court area when weather permits. Special thanks to Racquet Club President, Mark Noullian, and PML Board Vice President, Ron Maguire, for their input and support on this project.

Roads Asphalt Overlay

We experienced some real scheduling, bidding and logistical issues with the asphalt

contractors this year and we will be forced to move this work until the spring of 2007. Currently we are looking at combining the \$400K budgeted in 2006 with the \$600K in the 2007 budget year to get it all done when the contractor starts back up in the spring. A benefit will be better bargaining power to get more roadwork done for the money. We are very unhappy with the delay of the project this year and will be meeting with our contracted engineering firm to determine why this happened. For those members whose streets were scheduled for repair, we apologize for the delay.

Country Club 2-Hour Parking

The Department of Safety has stepped up their enforcement of the parking rules in front of the Country Club and will be issuing \$25 tickets to those that violate the rules. All members are asked to observe the parking rules and help support patronage at our Club.

Donations and Fundraisers

Every year we receive many requests for donations from different local charities and groups, we also receive requests for assistance with fund-raisers. Often we get the requests by telephone and it makes it difficult to monitor and track. We are asking all groups and individuals that are requesting donations and help to put their requests in writing to the Board of Directors and mark the envelope with my name on it so that I can ensure the request is considered in a timely manner.

Lake Dredging Project

In my report last month I mentioned the Lake Dredging Project was delayed due to the permitting process and detailed the variables that caused this to happen.

In an effort to push this project forward, we met with Moffit and Nichol, the contractor heading up our project, and determined what reports and studies would be necessary to comply with the agencies' environmental and permitting requirements.

We are required to conduct an environmental impact survey, biological and fisheries survey, CEQA document preparation and review of previous archaeological reports and surveys. All of these additional surveys and reports are estimated to add an additional \$60K to our project cost.

Annual Dam Gate Exercise and Water Release

On November 10th and 11th our Maintenance Department released water from Pine Mountain Lake. This is done annually to exercise the dam release gates in accordance with monitoring by the Division of Dam Safety, Fish and Game and our Limnologist. The goal is to release the lower layer of lake water that contains concentrations of naturally occurring hydrogen sulfide. Releasing

the lower layers of water helps keep our lake healthy and clean.

We time the release before the change in water temperature and rainfall because both are factors that cause the lower water levels to mix with the upper water levels. This would negate our ability to release the hydrogen sulfide laden water.

Notices were posted so that lakefront homeowners affected by the release and lower water level could take the necessary precautions by moving or removing their boats, boat engines and marina equipment.

Food and Beverage Vouchers

As the end of the year draws near, members are encouraged to use their \$50 in food and beverage vouchers and patronize the Country Club. We recommend that you do not wait until the last week of 2006. Last December we were inundated by members trying to use their vouchers the last few days of the year and it caused a lot of difficulties for the Country Club staff as well as inconvenience for the members. If you have not had the opportunity to patronize the Country Club recently, we encourage you to redeem your vouchers and give the Club a try. Our staff looks forward to serving you.

Unit and Lot Identification Signs

In 2004 in response to requests by local emergency response agencies, the Board of Directors enacted a resolution that requires all members to post a sign that identified the members Unit, Lot and Street address. Lots without an assigned address were only required to post the Unit and Lot designation. Members are encouraged to post the appropriate identification signs on their lots. Our staff continues to inspect lots and we will be sending out letters to owners that have not complied. Help your emergency services by posting your signs.

Local Rainfall

by Jerry Dickson

Date	Rain, Inches (24 Hr. to 9 AM)	Season Total Inches
July 1, 2006		Season Start
Oct. 6		1.84
Nov. 2		1.86
Nov. 3		1.90
Nov. 4		1.95
Nov. 9		1.98

Prior years show great variation at October's end—1982 yielded 8.63" and 1995 only 0.01". Other years had 2 to 3 inches.

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Unit _____ Lot _____

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

All Ads and articles must be received by 4:30 PM on the 10th of the month!

Articles are accepted as an e-mail attachment, on CD-R, on disk, laser printed or in these programs
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- Campground (restrooms)
- Dunn Court Beach • Lake Lodge
- Main Gate (restrooms) • Marina
- PML Airport • Stables
- Tennis Courts (Pine Mountain Drive)

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- Golf Pro Shop...209/962-8620
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Country Club Reservations
HOTLINE...209/962-8638



Every third Saturday of the month at the PML Lake Lodge. Meetings start at 9 AM.

- December No Meeting**
- January 20, 2007**
 - February 17, 2007**
 - March 17, 2007**
 - April 21, 2007**
 - May 19, 2007**
 - June 16, 2007**
 - July 21, 2007**
 - August 18, 2007**
 - September 15, 2007**
 - October 20, 2007**
 - November 17, 2007**

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2006
ADMIN OFFICE
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
CLOSED

- Friday**
- December 15 Closed at 3:00PM**
- Monday**
- December 25 Christmas Day**
- Tuesday**
- December 26 Christmas**
- In Lieu of Christmas Eve (Sunday)

- 2007
- Monday**
 - January 1 New Years Day**
 - Tuesday**
 - January 2 New Years**
 - In Lieu of New Years Eve (Sunday)

Editor's
Note

We greatly appreciate your contributions but please note that the PML News fills up very quickly – often by the 7th or 8th of the month (long before the 10th deadline). To ensure that your submission is reviewed for publication please submit in full and as early as possible.

Please remember that the PML News is limited in capacity and your submissions are reviewed on a first-come-first-served, space-available basis.

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

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

PMLA Department
of Safety Report
As of October 2006

CLASSIFICATION	MONTH	YTD
Phone Calls Received	4,721	55,782
Alarms Res.	1	39
Animals - Loose	22	206
Animals - Impounded	5	63
Animals - Dead/Injured	21	161
Animals - Disturbance	12	188
Assist - Dispatch (Gen.)	81	654
Assist - Patrol (Gen.)	138	1,340
Complaint - Non PML Res.	2	78
Illegal Burn/Fire	2	49
Report Writing	8	57
Gate - Tamper	1	14
Gate - Follow Through	7	51
Gate - Malfunction	9	89
Confiscated Access Card	1	37
Mess/Pkg P/U - Delivery	34	565
Posting Fliers	10	100
Miscellaneous	329	2,671
Lost and Found	5	42
ECC Inspection	1	102
New Sale Inspection	0	31
Hazard	14	144
Suspicious Circumstance	15	197
Suspicious Person	9	62
Suspicious Vehicle	2	81
Tennis Fees Collected	\$196	\$2,634
All Other Fees Collected	\$1,206	\$21,090
Camp Envelope/Dump St.	\$47	\$408
Amenity Burglary	0	6
Residential Burglary	0	15
Grand Theft	0	12
Petty Theft	0	18
Malicious Mischief	6	67
Trespass	2	38
Law Violations - All Other	1	39
Law Violations To TCSO	1	54
Training/Meeting	11	61
PML Reg Violation - Res.	7	276
PML Reg Violation - Guest	5	51
Vehicles Refused	209	1,938
Vehicles - Illegally Parked	9	70
Vehicles - Citation Issued	1	28
Vehicles - Parking Warning	0	5
Vehicles - Towed	0	3
Vehicles - Marking Tires	2	7
Vehicles - Accident - PML	1	20
Vehicles Admitted	8,448	115,231
Security Checks - Amenity	1,760	12,440
Security Checks - Res.	407	3,894
Opening/Closing Buildings	362	2,763
Opening/Closing Gates	272	2,458
Posting Tennis	60	562
Monitoring Tennis Courts	6	90
Personal Injury - PML Prop.	0	7
Weapons	4	27
Amenity P/U & Del. to Bank	92	1,186
Patrol Vehicle - Maint.	11	84
Patrol Vehicle - Safety Ck.	96	827
Hetch Hetchy Realtors	281	8,357
Passes Issued	1,954	22,709
Fixed Post	27	98

PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION											
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND REVENUES AND EXPENSES											
For The Ten Months Ended October 31, 2006											
OPERATION OF AMENITIES	Revenues					Expenses	(Cost)/Income			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	Before Depreciation	Depreciation Expense	(NET COST) INCOME		
Golf Course	\$ -0-	\$ 785,398	\$ 81,219	\$ 515	\$ 867,132	\$ 984,645	\$ (117,513)	\$ 181,407	\$ (298,920)	\$ (264,837)	(34,083)
Country Club	-0-	-0-	308,121	839	308,960	624,516	(315,556)	27,234	(342,790)	(281,349)	(61,441)
Campgrounds	-0-	30,617	-0-	-0-	30,617	21,662	8,955	1,770	7,185	3,159	4,026
Marina	-0-	172,525	56,185	284	228,994	240,298	(11,304)	44,725	(56,029)	(42,256)	(13,773)
Lake & Dam	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	70,114	(70,114)	1,729	(71,843)	(51,772)	(20,071)
Lake Lodge	-0-	1,200	98	-0-	1,298	38,224	(36,926)	7,230	(44,156)	(37,862)	(6,294)
Swim Center	-0-	10,354	3,139	6	13,499	60,670	(47,171)	24,767	(71,938)	(60,306)	(11,632)
Equestrian Center	-0-	67,539	111	10	67,660	142,734	(75,074)	10,377	(85,451)	(65,367)	(20,084)
Tennis	-0-	9,190	-0-	-0-	9,190	9,158	32	10,834	(10,802)	(8,052)	(2,750)
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	-0-	20,195	-0-	4,105	24,300	720,653	(696,353)	123,282	(819,635)	(862,774)	43,139
Country Club Building (3)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES											
Membership and ECC	-0-	68,132	-0-	8,484	76,616	98,162	(21,546)	1,014	(22,560)	14,338	(36,898)
PML News	-0-	122,912	-0-	-0-	122,912	83,957	38,955	328	38,627	17,840	20,787
Safety	-0-	59,412	64	152	59,628	489,854	(430,226)	12,434	(442,660)	(460,623)	17,963
Administration	-0-	(4,630)	112	7,640	3,122	867,042	(863,920)	9,233	(873,153)	(814,810)	(58,343)
ASSESSMENTS											
Assessments	2,830,246	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	2,830,246	-0-	2,830,246	2,619,383	210,863
Totals	\$ 2,830,246	\$ 1,342,844	\$ 449,049	\$ 22,035	\$ 1,813,928	\$ 4,451,689	\$ 192,485	\$ 456,364	\$ (263,879)	\$ (295,288)	31,409

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Total Revenues minus Total Expenses equals Net Income before depreciation. The annual budget for income before depreciation is \$0.
2. The Association combined the Operating Fund and the Property and Equipment Fund into one fund effective May 1, 2001.
3. The Country Club Building is fully allocated to the Country Club and Golf Course.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 10 Months Ended October 31, 2006					
	RESERVE FUNDS			NEW CAPITAL ADDITIONS FUND	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL
	AMENITY REFURBISHMENT FUND	CAPITAL EQUIP. REPLACEMENT FUND	TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS		
2006 Beginning Fund Balances	\$ 919,199	\$ 144,953	\$ 1,064,152	\$ 42,554	\$ 1,106,706
Interest Income	39,707	5,135	44,842	899	45,741
Less Bank Fees	(30)	(105)	(135)	(30)	(165)
Assessments Earned	631,968 ⁽¹⁾	329,207 ⁽²⁾	961,175	2,753 ⁽³⁾	963,928
Income Tax Expense					-
PURCHASES BY AMENITY					
Golf Course	(12,932)	(128,448)	(141,380)	(1,588)	(142,968)
Country Club			-		-
Campgrounds			-		-
Lake and Marina	(53,025)	(14,940)	(67,965)		(67,965)
Lake Lodge	(53,040)		(53,040)		(53,040)
Swim Center	(9,845)		(9,845)		(9,845)
Equestrian Center	(814)	(67,040)	(67,854)	(1,741)	(69,595)
Tennis	(37,178)		(37,178)	(6,692)	(43,870)
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	(14,964)	(50,251)	(65,215)		(65,215)
Country Club Building			-		-
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES					
Membership & ECC			0		0
PML News			0		0
Safety	(282)	(31,469)	(31,751)		(31,751)
Social Activities			0		0
Administration	(2,299)	(51,952)	(54,251)	(4,567)	(58,818)
Total transfer to Operating Fund for property and equipment additions	(184,379)	(344,100)	(528,479)	(14,589)	(543,068)
Adjusted Fund Balances	\$ 1,406,465	\$ 135,090	\$ 1,541,555	\$ 31,587	\$ 1,573,142

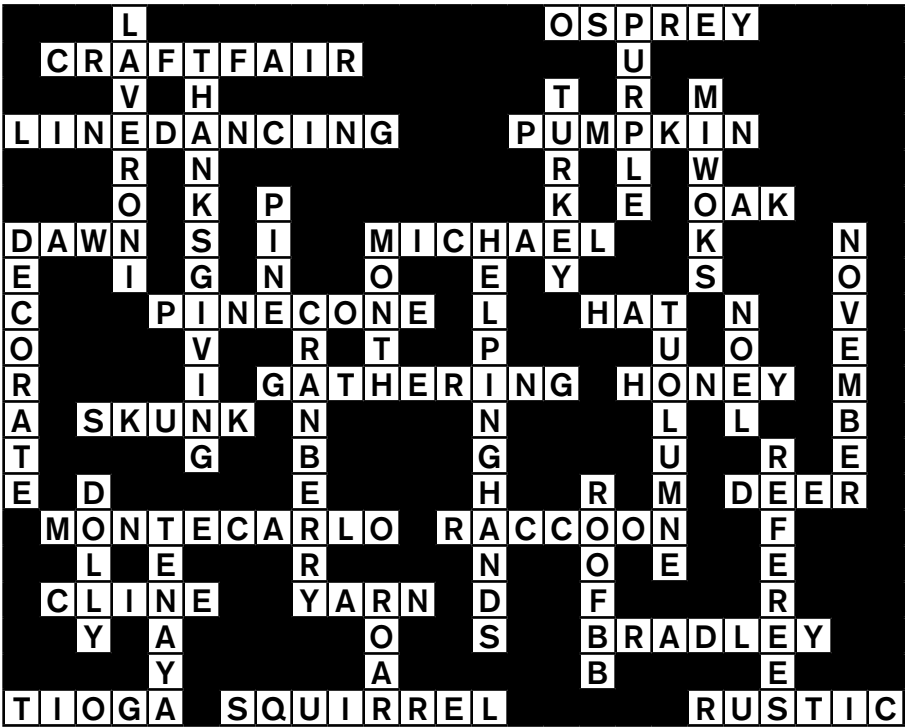
Notes to the Financial Statements

- (1) The Budgeted Amenity Refurbishment Fund assessment for 2006 is \$757,500.
- (2) The Budgeted Capital Equipment Replacement Fund assessment for 2006 is \$394,600.
- (3) The Budgeted New Capital Additions Fund assessment for 2006 is \$3,300.

Important
Reminder

Property owners
please write your five digit member
number on the
lower left corner
of your payment checks.

Crossword Solution for November





Don Pedro Dry Storage

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Ala Carte - December '06

by Sharon Volponi

Holiday Holidays! To set the tone for the Christmas season we are presenting Joni Morris in "A Patsy Cline Christmas Show" on Saturday, December 2. Joni Morris is a nationally acclaimed entertainer, songwriter and recording artist. Joni is a fabulous entertainer with a "double-barreled voice". Unforgettable, classic music from yesterday and today comes alive through Joni's performances. You won't want to miss this one! For more information and tickets please call 962-8638.

Many Pine Mountain Lake clubs and members are celebrating the season with us this month. They include the 1928 Birthday Club, the PML Garden Club, 9-Hole and 18-Hole Ladies Golf Clubs, PML Ladies Club, the Line Dance Club, R.O.O.F.B.B., Country Mountain Riders, PML Racquet Club, and PMLA Employees. Additionally, Tioga High School is holding their Winter Formal at our beautiful facility on December 9. If you plan to join us for dinner on a Saturday night this month, please call to check our booking schedule and make reservations for times that are still available. There are many special holiday events and we want to ensure you will have an enjoyable evening.

If you still have some of the 2006 PML Food and Beverage Vouchers left, please use them as soon as possible. Remember, they expire December 31, 2006. We recommend that you do not wait until the last week of 2006. Last December we were inundated by members trying to use their vouchers the last few days of the year and

it caused a lot of difficulties for the Country Club staff as well as inconvenience for the members.

Help us make your dining experience more enjoyable. When you make reservations ahead of time, whether for lunch or dinner, (or to use up your remaining vouchers) we can plan our menu choices and adjust our service schedule to make your dining experience the best it can be.

Sunday, December 31st, lunch will end at 2:00 pm so that we can clean and decorate for our New Year's Eve party that evening.

Our New Year's Eve party is slated to be the best one yet! Chef Orpheus has designed a gourmet menu and we have booked great dance band. The evening includes a dinner, dancing, party favors, hats and a champagne toast. Call now and book your reservations to spend the final hours of 2006 dining and dancing to the fantastic music of The Hills Brothers Band. The Hills Brothers Band formed in 1995 with Jon Sepulveda and Neil Fromm and was subsequently joined by Steve Foiada, Doug Casner and Mike Rodriguez to become the sound we hear today. Their music is an assortment of classic rock, soul and blues, mixed with tight, streaming originals. All members comprise over 100 years experience in studio and live performance. Come eat, dance and ring in the New Year with us! For more information regarding the menu and event, see our ad in this issue of the PML News or Call 962-8638 for reservations and ticket information. 🎵

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Sat. Dec. 23
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Spaceheaters 8-12
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Sun. Dec. 31
Hills Brothers Band
9 pm – 1 am
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Pine mountain Lake Country Club

New Years Eve Dinner

Sunday December 31 • 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Salad course

Spring mix tossed with fennel, carrots, and raspberry vinaigrette
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And chilled poached Australian green lip mussels

Entrée course

Black pepper and thyme roasted venison loin
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Dessert course

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PML Racquet Club

by Al Peirona

The Holiday Party at the Country Club on Saturday, December 16, will bring the curtain down on 2006 activities. Judi Maguire is in charge. As always, this is an eagerly awaited event and a good turnout is expected.

A little business will be conducted. Foremost will be the announcement of the Board of Directors for 2007. The new Board will then get busy on the 2007 schedule. Typically the first tennis get-together is in March as is the initial quarterly meeting.

The outgoing Board consists of: Mark Nouillan, president; Larry Santa Maria, VP; GERALYN Dielman, secretary; Judi Maguire, treasurer and Dennis DeCant, director.

2006 has been a good year. Courts 3 and 4 at the Tennis Center were resurfaced and painted by an outside company at considerable expense. The bad cracking at Courts 5 and 6 have been very well repaired by our Maintenance Department.

• *Reporter's goof* – Omitted in last

month's PML News was the Women's Doubles Lower Bracket winners. Dorothy Broderon and Ann Hankin won the honors.

• Another thing that should have been mentioned was the big surprise upset in Men's Doubles. The team of DeCant and Peirona defeated Dick Davis and Harold Basey, 8-5.

• Gene and Wanda Patterson hosted a birthday party honoring long-time resident Leo Hornback. Leo turned 87 on November 7. Twenty-one friends attended the party. Leo has lived in PML since 1981. He was the original President of the Racquet Club when it was first formed in the early 80's.

• Another example of tennis keeping people active and happy is Jean Hammond, age 83. She and husband Bill, have lived here for years. Both are also active in the Art Community.

• Happy Holiday Season and New Year for everybody! 🎉

Computer Users Group

by Tom Carman

Well, here it is, December. I can't believe the year is almost over. This has been a very good year for the Users Group. We've had some really good programs. There were presentations on Power Point & PP Tips & Tricks, Round Table Discussions on Computer Issues, The trials of the installation of the PML Gate Card Computer, Excel Basics & Excel Tips & Tricks, Using the Web to improve Business, Broad Band Internet in Groveland & Networking Using Wireless Routers, Turbo Tax software, How to build a "Cheap" Laptop & Methods of Purchasing Inexpensive Computers, and of course, our wonderful BBQ in August. A new SIG was established on Multi-Media issues and has been very popular. If you are new to computers or have and interest in learning more about your computer, the above programs are an example of people helping people by sharing experiences and ideas to further your knowledge about computers, a good reason to join the PML Computer User Group. If you have an idea or suggestion for a program you would like to present yourself or have presented, please share those with any member of the Board of Directors.

December is a very busy month for everyone sharing the Holidays with family so there will not be a User Group meeting in December. We will return to our regular scheduled meetings in January. Our long time member and presenter Janice Mussatto will have the presentation in January. Look for the topic in the January newspaper.

The CUG is composed of members at all levels of computer experience, and guests are always welcome. Remember, you do not have to be a resident of Pine Mountain Lake to attend the CUG meetings. For non-PML residents, please contact Gerald DeHart or Bob Oakley if you plan to attend so PML Safety Department can issue the proper pass. To learn other information about the CUG, such as past meeting content, monthly newsletters, club by-laws, and officer info, check out the club's website listed in this article.

We look forward to seeing you in January 2007. Be sure to check out our CUG Web Site at <http://www.geocities.com/pmlcug>.

Further information about the CUG may also be obtained from Bob Oakley at 962-4799 or Gerald DeHart at 962-7429. 🎉

Men's Nine-Hole Golf Club Announces 12th Annual Membership Meeting

by Phil Hickerson

This year's annual General Membership Meeting will be held on December 6th at 9:30 a.m. in the Country Club Banquet Room. The club will elect officers for 2007 and hear a presentation from the Pro Shop. At 11:00 a.m. we will have a shotgun start for a regularly scheduled game of four-man scramble. Your participation in this meeting is needed. This is your chance to have your opinions heard and acted upon. Do your part to keep the Men's Nine Hole Golf Club active and growing. Please show your support by attending this meeting and letting the Board know what you would like to propose for the club in 2007.

Look for upcoming announcements concerning the annual December General Membership Meeting in the Pro Shop and on our website at: <http://www.freewebs.com/pmlm9h>.

We welcome and encourage all you golfers and "want-to-be's" who are looking for a club to play, learn and enjoy the fellowship of a great group of guys. We always enjoy a few adult beverages and a good attitude adjustment at the 19th hole, (or in our case the 10th hole) at the end of each round.

Membership in the Men's Nine Hole Golf Club is open to any man who is a member in good standing of the Pine Mountain Lake Association. If you are new to Golf or returning to Golf after an extended absence, please consider the Niner's as an alternative to playing 18 holes.

Please contact Wally Child 963-0723, Bob Oakley 962-4799, Bob Cowley 962-6245 or Steve Thompson 962-6154 for further information on how to join us for our weekly games.

We are currently teeing off from a shot-

gun start at 11:00 a.m. during the winter season. We will return to our normal noon tee time in the Spring.

Games scheduled for December are:

December 6	Men's 9-hole Meeting followed by Four Man Scramble
December 13	Three Blind Mice
December 20	Four Clubs
December 27	Four Man Best Ball

The club members would like to thank Chris Borrego and Tony Murphy for their good humor and sportsmanship in the recent Beat the Pros match. Tony played with one arm and still managed to win.. Hit 'em straight, repair your ball marks and divots, count all your strokes and keep up with the group in front of you. See ya on the Links ☺

PML Garden Club Clippings

by Joyce Smith

—We met at the Lake Lodge on October 9th. We were pleased to have Val Wyreck, a Master Gardener, present our program. Plants were provided by Columbia Nursery for the demonstration. Val told us how to plant for fall color and planting in pots, plus a wealth of other planting information.

The presentation was well received and many questions were asked.

—November 20th we went to Duarte's Greenhouse to tour, see and buy poinsettias. The Greenhouse is open to the public and it is really a sight to see. Lunch was provided by the Fruit Yard.

—You need to send in your reservation for the December 3rd Installation Dinner. It will be held at the PML Country Club. You should have your reservation form as it was included with your information regarding the November 20th outing. This promises to be a very nice evening with your guest and fellow "green thumb" friends. Lonnie Roman and her committee had been hard at work to make this a special time. Hope to see you there. ☺

PML Ladies Golf Club

Pine Mountain Lake Ladies Golf Clubs have made the pages of a national golf magazine for women. In July we held a Rally For A Cure tournament event and in the latest issue of Golf For Women on page 105 you will find a picture of Pine Mountain Lake Lady golfers who helped make this event a very large success. Thanks again ladies. ☺

—MARCHÉ KIZZIAR, TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON

New Automatic Debit Payment Option for Property Owners

by PMLA Controller, Ken Spencer

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tain. You can even enroll now and have your entire annual assessment (less the early pay discount of course) deducted at one time. 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.

I encourage you to take advantage of this simple, effective and time-saving plan and make it one less thing you have to worry about each month. Forms are available at the PMLA Admin Office or online at the PML website at pinemountainlake.com.

If you have any questions about the program or how it works please call me at (209) 962-8606. ☺

PML Organized Groups & Clubs

Contact the individuals below if you are interested in joining!

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Ladies Golf News for October

by Joyce Smith

Our 1st playday of the month, October 5th was rained out. It should have been Gross, Net, Putts.

October 12th twenty-six of our ladies played in an Open Day at Oakdale. We did have a playday here for the ladies who chose to stay here.

The game was "Red/White/Blue". Winners were: 1st Place: J. Awai, J. Magurie, A. Toner, Blind Draw. 2nd Place: P.

Breece, L. Johnson, J. Pacco, J. Phipps. Birdie, No. 6, J. Maguire.

October 19th we hosted a Home & Home Tournament with Spring Creek, Saddle Creek and Mt. Springs. We had 26 guests and 46 of our ladies play. We began the day with breakfast from 7:30 to 8:30, shotgun start at 9:00, followed by lunch. Our thanks to Tom Dorsey, Orpheus Brown, Charlie and Sharon Valponi for the great

food and excellent service. Everything was done so nicely and we were proud of our club and their efforts. The results of our playday were: 1st Place, 125 pts: J. Dwaileebe, C. Christensen, M. Kizziar, J. Awai. 2nd Place, 126 pts: S. Perry, J. Lopes, S. Gahm, M. White. 3rd Place, 130 pts: K. Rake, M. Tompkins, L. Shanks, S. Kenyon. 4th Place, 132 pts: P. Ryan, I. Williams, C. Ligonis, D. Hirschbein. 5th Place, 133 pts: S. Vaughn, K. Kopyn, K. Bettencourt, A. Hankin. 6th Place, 134 pts: L. Dust, A. Rodriguez, T. Melinn, F. Koeper. Birdies: L. Johnson #1; L. Dust #17; M. Houser #14. Closest to the Hole No. 14: Guests: S. Breece 6' and K. Kopyn 6' 1". Members: M. Houser 15' 2" and J. Clemson 15' 3". Closest to Line on No. 8: Guests: D. Jett 1' 6" and J. Lopes 5' 2". Members: J. Dwaileebe 2' 2" and J. Maguire 2' 8". This event was chaired by M. Drew assisted by J. Smith. A great job Marlene, great tournament and good time was had by all. We had a beautiful fall day and a lovely, well cared for course to play on, just super, and then to go in and have a delicious lunch. Our thanks to Chris and the Pro Shop for putting the teams together, doing our cards, and to Doug for helping us with prizes. A real team effort.

October 26th "Ghost of a Chance" Our Halloween Tournament with the Niner Ladies. Play was followed by lunch, again, very nicely done, and a General Meeting afterward. Winners of the tournament were: 1st Place, 64 pts. J. Dwaileebel, B. Gibson, J. Samples, V. Hutter. 2nd Place, 65 pts. V. Tallman, M. Kizziar, E. Roberts, M. Reynolds. 3rd Place, 66 pts: G. Lay, A. Stoll, A. Hankin, S. Haliwell. 4th Place, 67 pts: M. Tompkins, J. Pacco, L. Mattea, B. Eckman. 5th Place, 68 pts: P. Park, L. Wall, K. Dickson, P. Price. 5th

Place, 68 pts: K. Shehorn, T. Melinn, N. Menacho, B. Erickson. 5th Place, 68 pts: Y. Mattocks, M. Houser, S. Colley, Blind Draw. Closest to Line # 8: 1st, T. Faux, M. Dean, 2nd. Closest to Flag #14: 1st, H. McMillan, T. Faux, 2nd. Birdies: V. Tallman #10, L. Wall #7, D. Davis #10, H. McMillan #4, T. Faux #14.

Captain Dottie Davis took care of the necessary business. She named our new officers for next year: P. Ryan, Captain, V. Tallman, Co-Captain, T. Melinn, Secretary, and E. Ellis, Treasurer. Looks like we will be off to a good start with these ladies leading us. Our next meeting will be our Christmas Luncheon on December 13th, 11:00 A. M., at the Country Club. Watch our bulletin board for information regarding childrens gifts. Captain Dottie announced Jennifer Dwaileebe broke 90 on October 19th, Congratulations Jennifer! Next business, Janice Mussatto announced the winners of the Eclectic Tournament that started on May 25 and ended on October 19. Winners were: 1st Flight, Indexes 8.2 to 15.7: 1st- N. Baldinger; 2nd- K. Edgerton; 3rd- M. Scott; 4th- J. Mussatto. 2nd Flight, Indexes 16.1 to 20.6: 1st-J. Maguire; 2nd-K. Oing; 3rd-P. Peebles; 4th- P. Ryan; 5th-S. Hancock; 6th-G. Lay; 7th-S. Perry; 8th-K. Shehorn. 3rd Flight, Indexes 21.4 to 25.2: 1st-P. Gschwend; 2nd-A. Frawley; 3rd-M. Kizziar; 4th-T. Melinn; 5th- M. Drew; 6th-K. Bettencourt; 7th-L. Wall; 8th-J. Pacco. 4th Flight, Indexes 26.1 to 30.5: 1st-C. Graham; 2nd-M. Houser; 3rd-J. Awai; 4th-D. Davis; 5th-E. Roberts; 6th-I. Rathert; 7th-N. Machado; 8th-C. Ligonis. 5th Flight, Indexes 31.5 to 37.9: 1st-L. Mattea; 2nd-J. Smith; 3rd-J. Phipps; 4th-P. Breece. Thanks to our winners and all 56 ladies who participated in this event. There is a lot of record keeping involved and our thanks to Janice for a job well done. Good luck to everyone who plays in our "Turkey Shoot" on Nov. 16th, 11:00 Shotgun. See you on the tee. 🏌️

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PML Ladies Club Aloha - Aloha

by Rosemary Adams

We have many times attended parties where Leis were a feature of our garb and they were always a lovely accessory. Not only do they vibrate with joy and happiness, they bring all of us together. Well, enough of just wearing them!!! Our own Lani Eells, who grew up in Hawaii and is a true maven of their customs and culture, brought us together this month to give us a fun lesson in the preparation of Leis.

Lani and her committee brought together all the lovely props for us to make our own Leis. We had flower petals, leaves, and threaded needles distributed to each table. A fun thing was that the flowers and leaves were assembled in large orbs

as centerpieces for each table. During the assembly session we drew the flowers and leaves from the centerpiece. Members of the committee went from table to demonstrate the technique for assembly. We prepared Leis for hats or for wear over muumuus. A nice touch was that a number of our members had worn Hawaiian garb, so we blended very well. We had a grand time being CREATIVE.

Our great THANKS to Lani and her committee: Kym Purifoy, Nancy Dennison, Judy Cozad, Carol Heuermann, Wendy Greer, Lois Penning, Bernice Evora and Debbie Peters for bringing us such a fine afternoon. And our thanks to our members who participated in a special "LEI LESSON". 🏌️

Barbara Davis, The Niner Club Champ!

by Jane Reynolds

Congratulations to Barbara Davis for winning the 9ers Club Championship!

It was a fun tournament with Barbara playing like a champ. I don't know about the rest of you but I chose this tournament to try for every bunker on the course; luckily, I only made 7. Theoretically, one could make more than 18. Now that would be an interesting tournament, "THE BUNKER CHAMPIONSHIPS". Sign me up!

The slate of officers for next year are as follows:

CAPTAIN	Linelle Marshall
CO-CAPTAIN	Claudette Babyak
SECRETARY/SUNSHINE	Pat Price
TREASURER	Anne Clark

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Reminders:

Dec. 1st	You are now delinquent in your dues.
Dec. 7th	Christmas Brunch/mtg. 11:30 am, no golf.
Dec. 14th	11:00 am Shotgun
Dec. 21st	11:00 am Shotgun
Dec. 28th	11:00 am Shotgun (Front Nine)

PLAY DAY RESULTS:

Oct. 12th, PUTTS DAY: 1st flight: Barbara Davis (15) and 2nd place, Claudette Babyak (17). 2nd flight: Charlie Fratus (18) and Mary Reynolds (19) in second place. 3rd flight: Pat Price &

Joy Thompson tied for 1st with (18) and Judy Michaelis & Flo Jansen tied for second with 20 putts. PARS: Pat Price, Jane Reynolds, Barbara Davis & Charlie Fratus #14. LOW NET: Barbara Davis (36). PUTTER OF THE MONTH: Barb Davis (15).

Oct. 19th, EVEN HOLES: 1st flight: Barbara Davis (19) & Jane Reynolds, second (21). 2nd flight: Mary Reynolds 1st (22), Shirley Haliwell & Wanda Patterson, 2nd (24), Charlie Fratus & Faye Buckley, 3rd with 25.

LOW NET: Barbara Davis 33. PARS: Claudette Babyak, Jane Reynolds, Barb Davis, Shirley Haliwell and Faye Buckley (14). Lynn Faler #14 & #17. CHIP INS: Mary Reynolds #14. BIRDIE: Linelle Marshall #14, Congratulations! BROKE 50 AGAIN!!! Barbara Davis with a 49.

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PML Men's Golf Club

by Dick Faux

Your Pine Mountain Lake Men's Club tournament schedule has been completed for 2006 but we have a full schedule of tournaments planned for 2007. As I write this article we are finalizing the schedule of tournaments for 2007 and I hope to be able to publish that list in the January issue of the PML news.

I would like to remind Men's Club members that your 2007 membership dues, which includes your NCGA membership fee, are now due and payable. If you have changes to your address, telephone or email, please provide the updated information with your dues payment.

I know that I said this last month, but it bears repeating. On a personal note, as their three year term expires, I would like to thank Dick Stevens and Ron Dodson for their many hours of dedicated work and excellent leadership to your Men's Club. Without these two fine individuals a lot of projects and tournaments would not have happened. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

I would like to recognize the PML Men's Club members who have been

fortunate enough to experience a hole in one during 2006. How about that Charlie Sheehorn?

Player Hole	Date Yardage	Course Club used
Gus Allegri 11	2-8-06 126	Saddle Creek 9 Iron
Dave Berthold 17	3-19-06 172	PML 7 Iron
John Lloyd 17	3-26-06 136	PML 7 Iron
Bill Baker 17	7-10-06 172	PML 5 Iron
Charlie Sheehorn 14	7-17-06 136	PML 9 Iron
Charlie Sheehorn 8	11-2-06 122	Ridgemark 8 Iron

Information for any future tournaments may be obtained in the pro shop, or by visiting our web site <http://www.pmlmgc.com>. 🏌️

Golf rules quiz

(answers below)

- 1. Q. May a player brush dew or frost from his line of putt on the green?
- 2. Q. Before playing from the teeing area, a player takes a practice swing and accidentally strikes and moves the teed ball with his club. Did the player play a stroke or incur a penalty?

Answers to golf rules quiz:

1. NO, Rule 16-1a prohibits touching the line of putt except in re-moval of loose impediments, repair of ball marks etc.

2. NO, The player did not make a stroke. Since the ball was not in play, he incurred no penalty under rule 18-2a. The player must put a ball into play from the teeing area.

Surf & Sand for PM Lakers

by Carol Morgan

The last campout of the year brought out six rigs and 13 members to Pismo Coast Village in Pismo Beach. Ron and Carole Smith held court as the hosts and Jeanette and Tom Taylor were co-hosts. Beautiful weather greeted the campers and allowed for kite flying, photography, resting in the sun and shopping in town.

The second night was a hearty potluck with hamburgers and hotdogs provided by the Hosts and salads and desserts brought by the members. There were 11 guests at the dinner - what a great crowd! We welcome Julia Brooks and George McLeod who signed on as new members. Many of the campers stayed for a fourth night which was free after paying for three nights! A wonderful deal in a great RV park.

Members attending were Carole and Ron Smith with six guests, Brad and Louise Turney with two guests, Mike and Darlene Arnold with two guests and Jeanette and Tom Taylor with one guest. 🏖️



Wild Turkeys Roam PML

Today was the first time we have seen wild turkeys in PML. They wandered down beside our house, but of course by the time we got the camera, they had turned up the creek headed for PM Drive. There were four of them and they were gorgeous and huge. Submitted by Dar Brown.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACTIVITIES, & CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CALENDAR

PINE CONE SINGERS' HOLIDAY CONCERT DECEMBER 8-10

The 45-voice Pine Cone Singers chorus, under the direction of Dennis Brown, will present their annual Winter Holiday Concert the weekend of December 8th, 9th, & 10th in the Groveland Evangelical Free Church. Tickets to the performances will be available in mid November at the Hotel Charlotte, Yosemite Bank, or call 962-4240 for reservations.

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And sleigh bells and wee elves
And Fa la la la's

Of figgy puddings and pumpkin pies
And yule logs and yule nogs
And auld lang goodbyes

So go to your calendar—fill in a square
With the Pine Coners' concert
And we'll see ya' there!

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

SWISS BALL EXERCISE CLASS

WINTER SESSION: January 15 - March 21, 2007
SPRING SESSION: March 26 - May 30, 2007
Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. at the PML Lake Lodge. It's more fun than a barrel of monkeys! Get in shape, too!
\$30.00 per session (NO REFUNDS)

For more information please leave a message for Leah Stafford at 962-8600 and she will return your call.

This class is not to replace medically needed exercise. All participants must be healthy and physically fit. If you have any health concerns and issues in regards to your participating in this class, please consult your physician before participating. Regrettably there are no refunds offered.

HOT LUNCHES FOR SENIORS

Sierra Foothill Senior Management Inc. serves

hot lunches at noon Monday & Tuesdays at Groveland Community Hall, also Thursdays at Big Oak Flat First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 11345 Wards Ferry Road. For information and/or reservations, call 962-6700. Anyone 60 or older is welcome. If a couple, only one needs to be 60. A \$3.25 donation is requested but no senior is denied a meal. There is a \$6.25 charge for anyone younger than 60.

AMERICAN LEGION POST #300 WEEKLY LUNCHEON AND DINNER POTLUCK 2nd Tuesdays (lunch), 3rd Thursdays (dinner)

Luncheon meets at 11:30 at The Big Oak Restaurant, Hwy 120, Big Oak Flat. Potluck dinner meets at 6:15 PM at the Groveland Community Hall 209/962-5647.

BRIDGE AT THE LAKE LODGE Mondays • 10:15 AM & 10:30 AM

All bridge players are welcome. Men (10:15 AM) call Bill Mingus at 209/962-4240 for reservations. Women (10:30 AM) call Norma Anderson at 209/962-0645 for reservations.

AEROBICS & SCULPTING EXERCISE BY VIDEO Mondays & Wednesdays • 9 AM

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HORSESHOE PITCHING Mondays & Thursdays • 1 PM

Meet at 1 PM at the pits (corner of Tannahill Dr. & Pleasant View)! Men and women of all skill levels welcome to participate. Instruction available to all beginners. Shoes furnished. Pits are available for use by all property owners and their guests on a first-come, first-served basis seven days a week.

SIERRA CLUB HIKE OF THE WEEK Thursdays • 8 AM

Midweek Hikes in the Groveland Area on Thursdays. Weather permitting, each Thursday meet at Mary Laveroni Community Park in Groveland at 8 AM for an approximate 6-mile hike. Bring a jacket, water, sunscreen and a snack in a daypack and wear hiking boots. The hike is generally followed by a no-host lunch at a local restaurant. Call Frank Oyung for further details 209/962-7585.

BRIDGE (DUPLICATE) AT THE LAKE LODGE 2nd & 4th Thursdays

All bridge players are welcome. Call Ann Laffin 209/962-6394 for information.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT/ DISCUSSION GROUP Wednesdays • 11 AM

Attention Pine Mountain Lake and Groveland Area Ladies: A new women's support/discussion group will be forming. Days and times will be determined by participants. It is time to do something for yourselves. Make new friends, get rid of some old emotional baggage, and share your knowledge and experience. Call me. Let's talk.
Etty Garber, PhD. 209-962-5205.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEE'S CANDY BOOTH

The See's Candy booth is now open. Hours are 10-4 Monday thru Saturday. Located in the parking lot of the Groveland Museum and Library. It is easy to recognize. A small white building with the American flag flying during business hours.

We have a larger variety of candy with some new items. Remember See's Candy makes great gifts for family, friends and business associates.

CAN YOU HELP?

Erika Bermueller, a Groveland resident since 2000, has recently been diagnosed with bone cancer and is in need of financial help. Donations can be made at Pacific State Bank. Any help would be deeply appreciated.

SWING DANCE LESSONS

Swing Dance Lessons, Monday Nights at the Groveland Community Center, 6-7:30 pm, beginning on Jan 8th. For more info contact Tom Knoth at 209-962-5838

HIGH COUNTRY LINE DANCERS

High Country Line Dancers at Groveland Community Hall — 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening. Beginner line dancing lessons 7-8 p.m.; intermediate/advanced lessons and dancing 8-9 p.m. Everyone welcome! Instructor: Susan Nash. \$2.00 per person. For more info, call Carol Stevens at 962-5198 or Sue Salnick at 962-4155.

MOVIES AT MOUNTAIN SAGE

What ever will you do with that friend visiting on a cold December day? Come drink a latte and catch an old flick in the cozy café of Mountain Sage. We thought you'd appreciate more than one, so on Saturdays we will have a theme of movies playing all afternoon and into the early evenings. Come let your hair down after a morning of shopping, hiking or playing and catch a classic scene! For specific movie listings, check with Mountain Sage at www.mtsage.com or 962-4686.

WHITEWOLF ART GALLERY EXHIBITS

On November 28th through December 17th, the Whitewolf Art Gallery opened a three week exhibit of the art of the Sierra Professional Artists. Youth arts & crafts classes are also available for free. Please call 962-0342 to register.

BALLROOM DANCING ANYONE?

Attention Adults: Tioga High School will be offering Ballroom Dance beginning October 6th at the Tenaya School Cafeteria. Class is from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Fridays. The fee is \$5/class; bring cash or check to class (checks to be made out to Tioga High School). If you have questions, please call 962-4763.

SOROPTIMIST MEETINGS CHANGE

The Soroptimist International of Groveland will meet the first four Tuesdays of the month at the Pine Mountain Lake Lodge at 12:30 pm. For information regarding membership, please contact Gail Shaw at 209-962-0907.

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Pine Cone Singers Winter Holiday Concert

The Pine Cone Singers will present the 2006 version of their annual Winter Holiday Concert, “Blessings of the Season”, on Friday, December 8 & Saturday, December 9 at 7:30 PM, and Sunday, December 10 at 2:00 PM in the Groveland Evangelical Free Church, 19172 Ferretti Road. Tickets are available at The Hotel Charlotte, Yosemite Bank, and Marijke’s, or call 962-4240 for reservations. Tickets may also be available at the door as seating allows. Donation is \$7.00 for adults. Children 12 and under do not need tickets.

The 47-voice chorus under the direction of Dennis Brown, and accompanied by Heidi Hielt, will treat its audiences to a wide variety of seasonal repertoire including (among others) “Christmas In A Minute” based on Frederic Chopin’s “Minute Waltz” (bring your stopwatch!); “Angels Sing Glory”- traditional carols

cleverly interspersed with bits and pices of Antonio Vivaldi’s “Gloria” and Handel’s “Messiah”; “Good News” - a toe-tapping spiritual to remind folks what Christmas is really about; “Sleigh Bells” - a lively Ukrainian folk tune (you’ll want to get up and dance!); “Over The River and Through The Woods” will have you imagining yourself ice skating on a wint’ry pond; a jazzy--with a 50’s/60’s touch--”Santa’s On His Way”; and “Deck(ing) the Halls” and wishing folks a Merry Christmas while begging for figgy pudding was never so much fun!

Special music by way of solos, duets, & quartets will be offered by: Solos: Kathy Seaton, Tom McLaughlin, Judy Dentino, and Jackie Sample. Duet: Gail Perlee and Dennis Brown. Quartets: Shirley Brasesco, Nadele Manzo, Gloria Marler and Connie Scott; and Charles Mills, Jim Soderberg, Shirley Brasesco, and Sally Salinas.

Getting Involved at Camp Tuolumne Trails “A Camp for Me”

The excitement is building at Camp Tuolumne Trails on Ferretti Road, east of Groveland. The most heart-warming news is that groups of children with cerebral palsy, autism, and Down’s syndrome are already scheduled to enjoy the camp next June and July.

There are many ways to get involved: Coldwell Banker employees built two of the kids’ bunkhouses. The Groveland Rotary is building three cabins as a group project. RMP Development donated two days of roofing. Individuals have also contributed hundreds of hours of volunteer time to augment the professional construction crews to build cabins, paint, plant flowers, and make sandwiches.

The camp is a tax-exempt nonprofit public charity. Financial donations from individuals and community organizations are most welcome. Please use the form below to contribute. Note that financial contributions are used specifically to fund camper scholarships or to purchase games, sports equipment and furniture for camper activities. Donations are not applied to facilities or to administrative expenses.

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See's Candy Booth by Opal Berg

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The booth is open Tuesday, November 21st. Hours are 10-4, Mon. thru Sat. Located in the parking lot of the Groveland Museum and Library. It is easy to recognize. A small white building with the American flag flying during business hours.

We have a larger variety of candy with some new items.

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Carolyn Cranstoun has taken over the management of the candy sales. Richard

Van Brocklin was in charge for approximately 10 years and did a fantastic job. He has retired.

The Southside Senior volunteers do a great job year after year. We do have openings for new volunteers. If you have a few hours to dedicate to a worthy cause, please contact Carolyn Cranstoun at 962-0424 or Opal Berg at 962-7817.



Yosemite Chamber of Commerce

Moving forward with our first order of business, the all encompassing website, we have enlisted the support of many in the area to help build our content library. With Jeannie Tasker heading up the Yosemite section, Elizabeth Lilley on the Events, Marc Fossum on local history, Larry Jobe on the airport section, Jackie Sample taking on local hikes, Cherylann Schimmelfenning taking on the Coulterville history, Bob Oakley interfacing with Stanislaus National Forest, Lauree Borup working with local publishers (and no doubt some I have missed) Leaving Robin Patterson to head up the Team

with Marv Dealy and Lynn Uphagrove on technical support.

Have you got something you want others to know about...there are a plethora of topics that would be of interest to a traveler, a new business to our area or even a relocating family. We welcome any and all to jump into the process. You can email stories, history, articles, points of interest, your favorite day itinerary....to info@groveland.org. For more information, 209-962-0429. Our next content meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 8th at 10:00 am at the Hotel Charlotte, stop in, bring a cd with "stuff" or just come follow the process!



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Author Book Signing in Groveland

Carolyn King-Baughner is the newest author in Groveland to write and illustrate her first children's book. The title of her book is OH, OH, That Crazy Flamingo. As you might guess, there are quite a few flamingos that like to put on a show or just act crazy I suppose. There is a little flamingo by the name of Barlo that goes around yelling to every one, "Hello, hello, hello!" But when you try to say "Hello" back, he always says, "Uh...oh, I have to go." He then runs away on tip toe. Why? I don't know. It is silly and fun and almost everything ends with the letter 'o'. The last flamingo says a happy 'cheerio' as she flies away over the rainbow.

It is reading that puts a smile on the faces of preschoolers, elementary children and even adults! Carolyn has already done a reading for the preschool reading hour

at that library, at Tenaya School and at the Girl's Club at the Evangelical Church for girls ages 8 to 12 years old, where Carolyn is also a leader. The kids tell her that they love her book! She wrote this book about 9 years ago but didn't finish the illustrations until this last winter when she was house bound because of a broken leg from an ice skating fall. The time was right because she found a publisher that helped her make this 'labor of love' a reality. Carolyn is excited to share with children her love of being just who God created each of us to be!

This book can be purchased at the Groveland Mercantile (Critter Corner) and there will be a book signing on Saturday, December 9th, from 1-4 P.M. Come meet the author and get a signed copy for a child in your life for Christmas.



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Step Up to a Healthier Lifestyle!

by Karen Serrett

Time to pump that heart and juice those joints! Quite a few of us know we need to get more exercise in our daily lives! You're in luck! The Gathering Place is sponsoring a community walking group program that gives you a lot of freedom to walk at all times of the day wherever you may be. The Gathering Place is expanding its programs promoting healthy lifestyles for active adults. We are urging people to join us in walking together, at least with one walking buddy, and consider becoming more motivated by using a structured program to keep track of how you are doing. We are calling it a walking group you can join so we can keep track and people can know who potential walking buddies might be and gain access to the Leon Rose Ball Field.

Why bother with a structured program? It's an optional choice but research shows that goal setting and structure work well, especially with people who have various chronic conditions. These programs achieve a better level of success than just resolving to go out walking. But that part of the choice is up to you.

Two research-based programs use goal-setting where you log the number of steps you take daily. Wearing a pedometer, you track the number of steps you take each day. There are two online programs that will assist you in keeping track.

Stanford University's "Stepping Out with Stanford" program is a 10-week online program that can be extended for six months. Each week you increase the number of steps daily by 10% until you reach your goal, or 10,000 steps per day. You log in at their online site and get coaching, get your questions and concerns answered, and use a nifty logbook that encourages you to work the program. It costs \$25, which includes the pedometer, log book, and other materials. Their online program graphs your weekly progress in the steps taken daily and weekly and offers advice on your progress. Without the online program, the cost for pedometer and logbook is \$15. Check it out at steppingout.stanford.edu.

Another online program is the feder-

ally-sponsored President's Challenge. They sell pedometers for \$12 or \$15 and have an online daily log for the time put in daily at different activities but they do not log or graph the steps as the Stepping Out with Stanford site does. Visit their website at presidentschallenge.org.

The research keeps pouring in citing the benefits for all kinds of chronic conditions, such as arthritis, heart conditions, depression, diabetes, and cancer, to name a few. We know it's good for us but many of us have to admit to not doing enough. We know who we are!

Where to walk in Groveland? This is an especially important question if we are out of shape or have mobility challenges. Many of us, having had knee or heart conditions or surgery, have been told to walk post-rehab. What are our choices for good places to walk? Walking in our neighborhoods (if they are level), at the airport area, or even up and down Main Street are options.

The best accessible walking area found in town is at the Leon Rose Ball Field at the end of Flint Court off Ferretti Road, right past the Evangelical Free Church. There is parking on site, and above all, the ground around the perimeter of the baseball field is level and soft (no jarring joints on asphalt or concrete surfaces!). The pathway is wide enough for 3 or more people to walk together. The area is pretty and is perfect for good fall, winter, and spring days. One can rest by sitting on the bleachers when necessary. We will go during daytime sunlight hours, which changes by the month. From November through February it would probably be anywhere from 9AM to 4PM. We'll try to let group members know when most others will be walking.

For access to the ball field and becoming a free member of the walking group, and for information generally, call Karen Serrett at 962-5579 or Sharon Hunt at 962-7707 (The Gathering Place). We'd like to know who will be joining us! The result can be a healthier you for much, much longer.

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Friends of the Groveland Library

by Nadine Pedron

2020 VISION?

O...a vision of the year 2020, (library-wise)? Both, we hope, when "Library Vision Day 2006" is completed on November 30th at the Sonora Library. Participants throughout the county consider: do we need libraries in the age of the Internet; what do libraries do that Google doesn't; how important are libraries going to be for today's youth; who is going to use our libraries and what services will they need? It is critical forward planning and if you would like to add some visions of your own, please let us know!

FOGL News:

- The Bookleggers program was featured at the October meeting with volunteers sharing stories about their experiences reading to children in Tenaya classrooms. It is great fun and most rewarding, everyone involved agrees. If you would like to join in the pleasure, please call Marilyn Bangs (962-5941) or Nadine Pedron (962-6953).
- The current slate of officers will continue to serve for 2007. Huge thanks go to all, but especially to Co-Presidents Rosemary

Adams and Jane Sperry, who officiate beautifully; Treasurer Belinda McBride, who deftly balances the books, and Secretary Audrey Fiance, our ever-patient and efficient scribe and email sender.

- The Book Nook sales continue to provide funds for worthy projects: a new computer for the use of our great librarians; books for the Born-to-Read program and books for the Groveland Youth Center.

- New member, Linda Kehoe, is welcomed. Elsie Stock, Membership Chair, reports a current membership of 67. We would be delighted if you would like to join our congenial, hard-working, well-organized group! Call Elsie for information at 962-4564.

- Ms. Groh and Mrs. Brick's third grade classrooms recently visited the library and museum. The students were attentive and enthusiastic! Michalene Martin extends an invitation to other classrooms to visit also.

REMEMBER:


- Book Nook sales every Saturday, 10 - 2, downstairs at the library, including December 23rd and January 30th. We depend on your donations for the success of the sales so please bring books in good

condition that you would like to contribute to the bin downstairs outside the Book Nook. Many thanks.


- Storytime every Friday, 10:30 to 11:00 in the library.

NOTE:

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Helping Hands News

by Patti Beaulieu

Reflecting on 2006 – A Very Good Year for Helping Hands

As we rush to prepare for the holiday season and children’s thoughts are filled with Santa, the end of the year is also an appropriate time to reflect on the past year. Here are a few things that made our 2006 memorable.

January – Installed 2006 officers at a wonderful volunteer luncheon at the PML Country Club. We welcomed June Moore, Barbara Wizner and Karen Dickson as new volunteers.

February – New volunteers Sharon Spinelli, Jan Dycus and Maria Floyd

joined the team. We were honored to be invited to the Eagle Scout ceremony of Andy Nickell, a 2006 Tiogo High Senior who rebuilt our display shelves as his Eagle project.

March – Record snowfall forced unexpected store closures for 4 days. By-law changes were made.

April – The Spring Give-Away was a success and we were able to give away more than 135 33-gallon bags of clothing to the community. Our turnover to summer clothing items was done.

May – New volunteer Marian Perrault joined us. We were extremely busy on the

Memorial Day weekend.

June – We all had a great time at our 2nd Annual Spring Pot Luck. Implemented being open on the 1st Friday night of each month during the summer. Record amounts of donations kept the store and volunteers extremely busy. Awarded scholarships at Tioga and Lake Don Pedro High Schools and Incentive awards at Tenaya Elementary. Our ancient toilet was replaced. Welcomed new volunteer Lorraine David.

July- Closure of Highway 140 resulted in increased traffic on 120 which, in turn, increased our business. It was a very busy summer for us. The results of our volunteer survey were tallied. Unanimously, the #1 reason for our volunteers working at the store is to ‘serve the community’, followed by ‘personal fulfillment’. The summer heat wave forced an early closing on July 22nd when the town and all surrounding areas lost power for most of the day and into the night.

August – Carole Smith joined our volunteers and was elected Treasurer to fill an unexpected vacancy.

September – Participated in the 49er Parade. What we didn’t win in prizes, we made up for in spirit. We all had a great time. Charlie Fratus joined us as a

new volunteer and past volunteer Jeanne Dugan re-joined us. Labor Day week-end was our last Friday night opening. Night drop box is permanently closed due to vandalism.

October – Fall Give-away resulted in us clearing out our overstock and summer clothing and supplying the community with ‘more free stuff’. By-Law committee working on revisions to some antiquated terms and language. Supplied Kiwanis coats for their Winter Coat Drive.

November – Beverly Clark joined our team. The 2006 budget was presented.

December – Our 2nd Annual Christmas Luncheon and Gift Exchange will be held. Gearing up for a busy holiday season.

We’ve had a very good year and we were happy to welcome so many new volunteers. Our extreme gratitude goes to the community who has been so generous with their donations. For the most part, they have been clean and in good condition. Without your donations and the dedication of the volunteers, there would be no Helping Hands Thrift Store. We thank you all so much and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and the best of New Years – See you at the store in ’07!

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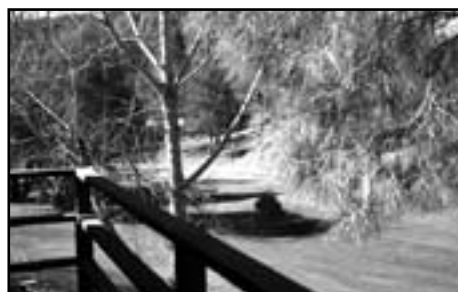
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BEACHY KEEN Rare main body lake front home has 84 ft of frontage near the main marina, w/ a party dock & boat dock. The bi-level floor plan has stone fireplaces on both levels, living dining, master suite & guest suite on the main level, & a bonus rm w/ a custom bar & wine vault, plus a 2nd guest suite. 3br/3ba/2800+ sq ft 15/113 \$1,235,000



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STATELY AND STYLISH This fine home has two levels of living area, each with it's own elegant appeal. Some the upgraded features include built-in cabinetry, wood & beam vaulted ceilings, wood & propane fireplaces on each level, & a bonus room w/ wet bar on the lower level. The garage can hold 4 cars w/ tandem parking. 8/213 \$450,000



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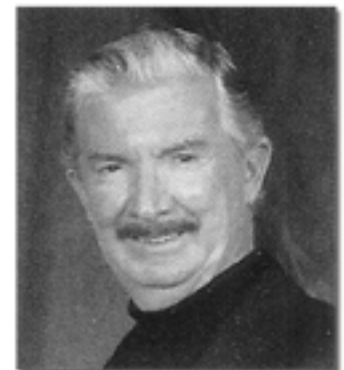
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Quilt Guild Project for Kids Camp

by Judy Cozad

Groveland's Pine Needlers Quilt Guild members are making cotton and flannel standard size pillowcases for the children who are coming to the Tuolumne Trails Kids Camp next summer. In addition, 3' x 4' quilts and/or wall hangings plus "travel pillows" are also being made for the kid cabins and the Great Hall. Each child is able to take home their own standard pillowcase as a reminder of their wonderful experience. Several people have donated fabric for these projects and/or offered to make pillowcases in support of this Guild community project. If you would like to donate fabric appropriate for the age range of 7 - 12 years old, or get a pattern



to make pillowcases, please contact Judy Cozad at 962-7144. Let's get those sewing machines humming.

Brain Teasers

from June Dee

Evergreen Takes a Bough

1. Evergreen boughs have hung in homes for centuries and are thought to ward off which of the following?

- A. Salespeople
- B. Witches, evil spirits, and illness
- C. Disagreeable neighbors
- D. Mean people

2. People have long hung evergreen boughs during Winter Solstice to remind them of what?

- A. Snowmen will melt in the sun
- B. Mother Nature can have a bad temper
- C. Summer is around the corner

D. Muddy shoes belong on the doorstep

3. Why did the Romans use evergreen boughs in celebrations honoring Saturn, the god of agriculture?

- A. Green was his favorite color
- B. So that the farms would soon be fruitful and green
- C. To ward off lightening strikes
- D. Their fragrance reminded them of spring

4. Early 20th Century Americans decorated holiday trees primarily with what?

- A. Cranberries and marzipan cookies
- B. Lace and ribbons
- C. Homemade ornaments
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ANSWERS: 1-B; 2-C; 3-B; 4-C

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Funds for Local Schools From Hetch Hetchy AOR!

by Carolyn Botell

The Hetch Hetchy Association of REALTORS® raised \$3,000 from its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament in June 2006, and now that school is back in session, Dave Lint, the organizer of this annual event was able to deliver the money to our local schools!

Dave Lint gave Sandra Bradley, Principal of Tioga High School (*Top Photo*) a check for \$1,250 which will go towards uniforms for the Boy's Varsity Basketball team and for a BBQ Grill for the student body to use for games, special events, and fund raisers!

Dave Lint also gave Marianne Quinn, the new Principal of Tenaya Elementary School (*Bottom Photo*) a check for \$1,250 which they will use to operate the Presidential Physical Fitness Awards Program

for their students, including T-Shirts and Prizes. This program sets guidelines for physical fitness of youths, and includes a twice yearly fitness test in 5 events, such as curl-ups, pull-ups, push-ups, running, and walking.

Dr. Lana Rosing, Principal of Lake Don Pedro High School also received a check for \$500 that they will use for their school wide landscaping project, which is also an academic project for their horticultural students who will research what to plant and landscaping planning.

We want to say THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Hetch Hetchy AOR 2006 Golf Tournament. We look forward to next year's event being an even bigger success so that we can raise even more funds for our local schools!



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Camp Tuolumne Trails News - First Campers Booked!

by Virginia Gustafson

It's really busy at the camp these days. Stop by and see all the progress: This is one of the largest construction projects underway in Tuolumne County. Here are some interesting statistics:

- Ken's Asphalt recently laid 4000 tons of gravel and created over a mile of road around the property.

- Tuolumne Transit poured 300 yards of concrete, which arrived in 38 truckloads to form the foundation of the Great Hall.

- NMI Construction from Sacramento is putting up a quarter-of-a-million pounds of steel structure for the Great Hall. The

largest piece is a 62-foot beam. They used a 120 foot crane for the project. It's something to see.

The wonderful volunteers have been going great too. The employees of Coldwell Banker finished two cabins. The Groveland Rotary has been working on three cabins. Rotarian Richard Fries is leading the project and all the local Rotarians are involved.

Lots of individual volunteers are involved too: Rod Post and his crew, Carolyn and Ron King Baugher, Ron Dodson, Judy and Jerry Cozad, Charlie Fratus, Diane and Mike Arnold, Roger and Jan Sloan, Allen and Linda Craig, Sally Salinas, Regina Tilley, Betty and Willie Boatman,

Bill Bent, Paul Sperry, Carol Cooper, Lois Rosenbaum, and Diane Harrison are all great contributors. We appreciate every single volunteer – whether you come for an hour, a day or a week. And we apologize if we didn't get your name.

Jane Dees and Bunny Herfurth have just planted hundreds of iris bulbs around the entrance to the camp, so you'll see beautiful flowers in the spring.

The biggest news at the camp is that chil-

dren will be coming next summer. Already several weeks are booked with special needs kids who will be able to enjoy a camping experience in a facility specifically designed and built to accommodate them.

The camp is located on Ferretti Road, three miles past the PML Airport. Visitors are welcome anytime. You can also see our construction progress on www.tuolumnetrails.org or call 962-7916 for more information.



Above Left: Rotarians Richard Fries, George Stoner and Joe McGrath build a bunkhouse.



Above Right: Jerry Baker goes over steel structure plans with Doug Leahy, Jack Farnsworth and NMI Construction.



Right: Jan Edwards and 4th grader Amber Edwards help stain the cabins.

Sierra Red Hatters

by Lynn Upthagrove

Another RED HAT Moment at the Hotel Charlotte.

Recently named "Home of the Red Hatters," the Hotel Charlotte hosted the Sierra Red Hats signing party for their glitzy calendar on Wednesday, November 8th. From Miss January (Peggy Wyrick) to Miss December (Kay Glaves) sitting

side-by-side signing calendar after calendar, the ladies had a hoot and many a cramped hand! Hordes of Groveland folks ventured out in the rain to pick up their calendars, have lunch and a first peak at the very appealing photographs and I bet they have enjoyed sharing them with friends later too!

The first set of 300 calendars have sold out and another 100 have been ordered

and these too are going fast. We anticipate delivery before Thanksgiving. Those wishing to own one of these collector items should stop by the Charlotte to order and prepay for their calendar, \$15.00.

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December 17th - Santa arrives at PML Lake Lodge at 5:30pm and visits PML units 10, 4, 3, 11, & 12.

Santa is traveling down the main streets and will not be able to travel down cul-de-sacs. No stops are made on Highway 120 or Ferretti Road.

When you hear the music and sirens come out to a main road and see Santa.

In the event of rain, on the scheduled nights above, Santa will be at the Groveland Firehouse from 5:30-6:30pm.

Community Christmas Basket Program

by Patti Beaulieu

We're On the Home Stretch

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving either at home with friends and family or safely traveled to far off destinations. Now on to Christmas, which isn't but a few days away – at least it seems like it!! We're happy to report that the 2006 Community Christmas Basket program is in full swing, with most of the major components happening this month – though last month (November) takes a close second. The applications were accepted, tallied and the wish lists for the kids were created. Then a shopping team was off and running with gift lists in hand. We are eternally grateful that the Groveland Soroptimists play such a vital part in doing the shopping for the children each year- except for the things that Santa brings. Since this article is written prior to the shopping trip, the names of the shoppers will be forthcoming. Our busy month will begin with the December 6th Ladies Club Christmas Coffee, where each attendee is asked to bring an unwrapped gift. They will be sorted and transported to Santa's storage area until the basket assembly week of December 11-15. Right after the Coffee will be the Aviation Club 'It's a Wrap Party' at the Blankenburg's

hangar on December 9th. This is a truly spectacular event where, again, each attendee brings an unwrapped gift. The Blankenburg's pull out all the stops for this event. The night consists of dining, dancing and then wrapping all the gifts that were brought. It's a fun evening and truly gets us all into the Christmas spirit. The following Monday will be the assembly week. We are asking all those who want to help to come to the Community Hall anytime during the week, however this year we are spreading the assembly out.

Here is the schedule for the week of December 11-15.

Monday 12/11 @ 9 a.m. : Room set-up, basket labeling and volunteer coordination.

Tuesday 12/12 – Friday 12/15 from 10-2: Non-Perishables can be dropped off; basket assembly.

Friday 12/15 from 10-2: Perishables (fresh fruits, vegetables, breads, etc) to be dropped off ;basket assembly.

Wednesday 12/13 – Friday 12/15: Gift wrapping will be from 10-5 each day (or until it's completed).

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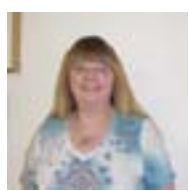
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Pine Mountain Lake Taxway Home

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Just Like New

Beautifully remodeled single level home. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, approx. 1453 sq. ft., 2 car garage, level driveway. New roof. Deck, carpet & flooring, top-of-the-line kitchen appliances, granite counter tops & cupboard facings. New French doors & crown molding add extra charm. New propane fireplace. 3/411 \$339,000

Peaceful Wooded



Just Like New
2 Level, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath Home with approx. 1544 sq. ft. situated on approx. 384 acre lot. This home has been completely remodeled throughout. Central electric heat & air. Plus a free standing wood stove. Well insulated and ready for winter. Don't miss this one. 13/337



Just Listed



Real Cute Starter or Vacation Home

2 Bedroom, 2 Bath home on a nearly half acre lot. Built in 1962 and just completely remodeled from the inside out. New propane fireplace insert, all new flooring, new roof, & new decks. Kitchen has new granite counters, all new appliances & fixtures. There is a 10 X 12 finished Workshop already on the property, with plenty of room for growth. 13/98 \$310,000

Surrounded by Majestic Pines
3 Levels, approx. 1,847 sq. ft., built in 1967. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths plus Bonus Room with separate entrance & additional half bath. Laundry Room with Washbasin. Central Propane Heat, Cathedral Ceiling and lots of knotty pine. On large approx. 0.352 acre lot with plenty of parking. 4/165 \$359,000



Golf Course & Golf Course View Properties

Approx. 1,657 sq. ft. at end of a Cul de Sac. 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths + large Bonus Room or 4th Bedroom/Guest Quarters. Open Living area with a Cathedral ceiling, ceiling fans & skylight. 2-Car garage. 5/32 \$424,900



Great Property At a Great price



Just Reduced by \$24,000!

Large Lower Level Bonus Room



Just Listed
On The Golf Course

Large 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath home approx. 2,190 sq. ft. has great cabin feel. Deck surrounds upper level & covered deck on lower. Great Room with brick surround fireplace & open beam ceilings. Come take a look. 5/133 \$420,000

Walk to Country Club



On The Golf Course

Walk to Dunn Court Beach



On The Golf Course

Completely remodeled inside & out over the past 6 years. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath home with approx. 1,761 sq. ft. on the golf course. New Trex Decking, Flooring, Paint, heating & Cooling System, Appliances & more. This one won't be around long! 1/159 \$509,000.00



Bring The Horses Or Just Enjoy the Space



Brand New Home - Just Completed 2006

Almost 1 acre of land. Back to large private ranch for even a more spacious feel. The home is spacious as well with approx. 2,270 sq. ft. 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths. Extra large Master Suite with room for an office. Master Bath has both Jacuzzi tub & shower. Gorgeous Kitchen with granite countertops & walk-in Pantry. Central vacuum system. Living/Dining with skylight & ceiling fans. 3-car garage & opener. 12/255 \$550,000

1.7 Acres of Horse Lover Heaven
Large corral, 2 - 12'X24' Horse pens, watering trough, & approx. 1,300' of fencing. The house has spacious rooms with a great floor plan as well. 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths and approx. 1,534 sq. ft. of living area, built in 1982. Large Great Room with fireplace. New exterior paint, new roof. Great mountain view from the large wrap-around deck. 12/81 \$377,999



Great Buy on A New Home!



Just Listed

Unbelievable Value!
Steal this comfy country home situated on 1.7 acres and backing to an 1100 acre ranch with riding trails. Home has approx. 2,031 sq. ft. of living area featuring 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths plus a spacious Bonus Room with it's own wood stove. Rock surround fireplace in Living Room. Lot offers plenty of room for a Barn & Corral or if you don't have your own horses, it is close to the Riding Stables. 12/93 \$379,500

Approx. 2.19 Acre Park Like Setting
Looking for acreage outside of Pine Mountain Lake? Check out this lovely 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath home sits in a private wooded area. Only 2.5 miles from town with City water available. Approx. 1,389 sq. ft. home includes all appliances as well as a satellite dish spa. Enjoy the woodland views from 4 Decks. Several fenced rose gardens with over 140 roses. Adjacent parcel also available for special combo pricing. Whites Gulch \$345,000



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Land to Build Dreams On

6/235 - Approx. 1/2 Acre. Paved Road. Gentle upslope with easy building site. \$50,000
Whites Gulch - 2.3 Acres off Whites Gulch Road. Easy building area. Some Clearing done. All Utilities available at site. Adjacent to Home with 2.19 Acres. Price for Acreage only \$197,000. Call for special pricing on both.
1/77 - Newly level Golf Course lot. Great location, great view! Approx. 26 Acre. \$175,000
 Hwy 120, Big Oak Flat - Approx. 1.6 Acre building lot with 365 ft. frontage on Hwy 120. Gentle down slope with some level areas. Zoned RS-1 residential. Public water and sewer. Needs to be cleared, but priced accordingly. \$39,000
2/4 - Approx. 29 Acre. Beautiful gently up sloping lot with a view of lake. Steal it for only \$99,000.
3/259 - Over 1/4 Acre. Easy building site close to everything. With sewer. \$79,000

Lots



Country Home in the Oaks

Well maintained 3 bedroom, 2 Bath + huge Multi-purpose Room & Bonus Room. 2 Master Suites with large walk-in closets, one with jetted tub. Built in 1981. Approx. 2,689 sq. ft. 2 Merged lots totaling approx. 1.32 acres. Garden area with well for outdoor watering. Large Deck for entertaining. 4-Car garage plus RV parking. Really nice home!! 12/245 \$499,000

Well Maintained & Upgraded
2 Bedroom, 2.25 Bath plus Loft/Bonus. Approx. 2,187 sq. ft. Built in 1988/Upgraded in 2004. On 2 Merged Lots with over 1/2 Acre. Great for entertaining both inside and on the "L"-Shaped Deck with new Trex Decking. Separate Laundry Room with Wash Tub & Cabinets. 2-Car Garage with Workbench. Circular drive with lots of extra parking. 3/91 \$529,900



This One's A Real Steal!!

3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths + 600 sq. ft. Storage/Bonus Room for under \$300,000! Total of Approx. 1,800 sq. ft. Just freshly painted, & carpeted throughout. Over 1/4 Acre with an oversized drive that accommodates 6 cars. All appliances included, even the washer & dryer. There is even a hot tub & trailer included! 7/132 \$290,000

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Tioga Girls Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
11/27	Don Pedro	Tioga	6:00 pm
11/30	TBA	Foresthill	TBA
thru 12/2		Tourney	
12/5	Stockton Christian	Stockton	7:30 pm
12/7-9	TBA	Big Valley	TBA
		Tourney	
1/5	Mountain Oaks	Tioga	6:30 pm
1/8	Stone Ridge	Tioga	6:30 pm
1/12	Don Pedro	Tioga	6:00 pm
1/19	Mountain Oaks	Tioga	6:30 pm
1/23	Mother Lode	Tioga	6:00 pm
1/25	Mother Lode	Tuolumne	6:00 pm
1/26	Stone Ridge	Stone Ridge	6:30 pm
1/30	Don Pedro	Don Pedro	6:00 pm
2/6	Mountain Oaks	Mtn. Oaks	6:30 pm
2/9	Mother Lode	Tuolumne	6:00 pm
2/12	Stone Ridge	Tioga	6:30 pm
2/16	Don Pedro	Tioga	6:00 pm

Note: This schedule is subject to change without notice

Tioga Boys Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
12/5	Stockton Christian	Tioga	6:00/7:30 pm
12/13-15	TBA	Waterford Tourney	JV Only
12/14-16	Forest Hill	Denair Tourney	5:00 (V)
1/2	ROP	ROP	6:00/7:30 pm
1/5	Mountain Oaks	Tioga	5:00/8:00 pm
1/8	Stone Ridge	Tioga	6:00/7:30 pm
1/12	Big Valley	Tioga	5:00 pm
1/12	Don Pedro	Tioga	7:30 pm
1/16	ROP	ROP	6:00 pm
1/19	Mountain Oaks	Tioga	5:00/8:00 pm
1/23	Mother Lode	Tioga	7:30 pm
1/25	Mother Lode	Tuolumne	7:30 pm
1/26	Stone Ridge	Merced	5:00/8:00 pm
1/30	Don Pedro	Don Pedro	7:30 pm
2/2	ROP	Tioga	6:00/7:30 pm
2/6	Mountain Oaks	Mtn. Oaks	5:00/8:00 pm
2/9	Mother Lode	Mother Lode	7:30 pm
2/12	Stone Ridge	Tioga	5:00/8:00 pm
2/16	Don Pedro	Tioga	7:30 pm

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Tioga Soccer 2006



Back row (Left to right): Jake Olson, Matt Scialabba, Steven Rogers, Danny Irene, Josh Ruhl, C.J. Owens, Cerah Leija, Coach Doug West.
Front Row (Left to Right): Tyler Hawkins, Justin Lucas, Billy Hilton, Briana West, Spencer West, Thoren Bradley, Zac McBryde. Very Front Middle: Jeromey Niedens.

Small Town Hero

by Marley Orion Silverbrand, Tioga High School Student

Name: Calder Joaquin Silverbrand
Age: 23
Branch: United States Army
How long have you been in the Army? 2 ½ Years and I have ½ a year to go.
Why did you go in the Army? I needed school loans and job experience.
What was it like there (Iraq)? Pretty much an office job and a lot of paper work.
Deployed to: Baghdad, Iraq
What School did you go to?: Tenaya and Tioga
Graduated from Tioga: Class of 2001, 3rd in Class
Job in Iraq: Analyst

Calder Silverbrand is my brother, and he was deployed to Iraq one year ago. He was just up here 2 weeks ago, returning from Iraq. I believe that my brother is a small town hero because he is defending

us in war that we shouldn't really be in, but he is still defending us and everyone in the war in Iraq. My brother isn't quite sure on what he wants to do after the army. Right now he is back and currently stationed at Fort Drum in New York. And he can't wait until he gets out of the army.



Halloween 2006!



The youth of Groveland came out on Halloween night and enjoyed fun in the park as well as trick-or-treating at local businesses. Shown left is Judy Hawkins (in Sylvester costume complete with Tweety feathers) and above are two young ladies as Geisha girls. Below are children dressed in various costumes. HALLOWEEN PHOTOS COURTESY OF JAN OELLRICH AND DAVID WILKINSON.



PML News Works with Local Journalism Students

Tioga High School students are currently submitting original articles and stories for the Pine Mountain Lake News. Where applicable, we will note which articles are in fact written by a student.

We do encourage local youth of all ages to submit to us each month.

—PML STAFF

Important School Information

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Snowboarding

by Tyler Hawkins, Tioga High School Student

Some people say that snowboarding is bad and should not have been invented and allowed into snow parks, but others say it's one of the best inventions ever. Personally I think snowboarding is better than skiing but others think skiing is better. It really doesn't matter which one you like better, it's just a matter of which one you like to do or if you like both that's cool too. For those of you who don't know what a snowboard is, it's a shaped board that you go down the hill one leg after the other on. Skis are two skinny boards that you ride straight down the hill on.

Snowboarding supposedly started in the 1920's with wooden boards and rope straps but it wasn't until 1963 that Tom Sims made the first snowboard in shop class. He was in eighth grade when he wanted to create something fun for when it snowed and so he made something like a sled but different. He later founded a

company that made snowboards. The first snowboards were made of wood and it wasn't until 1979 that the first fiberglass snowboards were made. They also made bindings instead of having the rope to help you steer. They also got rid of rope at the nose of the board.

At first snowboarders weren't allowed in ski resorts, but they changed the rules due to the amount of snowboarders. In four years from 1996 to 2000 the number of snowboarders climbed to four million. In 1998 snowboarding first started in the Olympics for the first time. There are six events now but there were only two in 1998; giant slalom and half pipe. Now snowboarding is more popular and more and more people are beginning to snowboard. In the future there will probably be as many snowboarders as skiers. So whatever you like doing, skiing or snowboarding, have fun doing it.

Are U.S. Colleges Keeping Up?

by Jeromey Niedens, Tioga High School Student

Educators, politicians, and parents worry about the quality of education in America's schools. They all have a clear motivation to do so. But ever since the National Commission on Educational Reform in 1983, the concern has spread to a wider demographic, (in 2006, the National Academies Press released a sort of follow-up to Nation at Risk, called Rising Above the Gathering Storm). Problems, solutions, and areas of concentration have come and gone but the core issue remains: Are U.S. schools keeping up with global standards? The answer is as complex as the problem.

"Cohan stands behind American universities for teaching innovation." "U.S. colleges are training people to think creatively," he said. "To the extent that creative thinkers in-

vent new businesses, U.S. college graduates are likely to be able to innovate their way to success." However, he warns that universities must do better in preparing graduates for the workplace.

My response to this is that I really can't believe this considering all the years of school kids must go through, not to mention do well in, in order just to get into a college. Kindergarten, Elementary School, High School are not entirely easy, not to mention if you go to public schools the pressure that is brought upon kids, such as drugs and alcohol. Give me a break America, if we're going to go through all these years of schooling just to get into a decent college, please make sure it's going to prepare me for the career I would like to pursue.

Putting On the Shoes

by Ms. J

They began slowly these runner, never have had competed in cross country before. Looking over their shoulders, walking when no one was looking, and wondering what made them decide to do all this anyway. "The hardest thing is putting on your shoes," their coach would say. When running up steep hills, they somehow doubted that. They didn't even notice when things began to change. The five mile runs got shorter as they became stronger and faster. The races where 150 runners would line up to wait for the starting gun became common place. Always running against teams from bigger schools, with matching warm-ups and exuding confidence even got easier. Then there were these four—lining up dwarfed by all of this, looking rather

alone. But then, of course, the race started and all was forgotten except the strategy of the run and waiting for the right time to accelerate and hoping to have enough for the finish. And there in the subsections and sections all that practice, all that showing up and lacing up paid off. Who would have thought it? With only months of training, all four medaled in sections. One ever outran those larger schools to place third overall in division 4 and 5. For those who have never watched, there are no time-outs, no second shots, and no third strikes. You get one chance, one run, on this one day. Teddy, David, Rosey and Jovani, thanks for the view. You ran and improved. You ran and didn't quit. You ran and flat-out won! Great job from someone who was there.

Tenaya Speech Students Shine!

On a rainy, dreary afternoon in early November, the Tenaya Speech Team headed to Summerville Elementary School and the Tuolumne County Speech Festival with a bright, optimistic attitude. Team members had spent hours memorizing and practicing their speeches, which ranged from published dramatic and humor, poetry, to duet dialogue. Each participant performed at a personal best level and returned home with a sense of accomplishment, not to mention a fistful of medals.

Team members included Bethany Wilkinson (one gold, one blue), Krystal Edman-Wilson (two golds), Sierra Carlson (one blue, one red), Alexa Summers (two blues), Tori May (two blues), Sonia Sweet (one blue, one red), Kylie

Gempler (one blue, one red), and Jessica Dunne (two reds). Dana Marler was our team timer. Accompanying the team were their coach, Mrs. Janet Zierenberg, and Mrs. Jane Townsend, a teacher-chaperone.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this special event! We are all very proud of you.



Two of the many medal winners from the Tuolumne County Speech Festival, Jessica Dunne and Kylie Gempler.

Tenaya Student of the Month

Student: Eric McDonald

Grade: 2nd

Parents: Steven & Kristine McDonald

Residence: Groveland

The primary teachers and principal unanimously agreed that Eric McDonald has earned Tenaya School's Student of the Month. Eric has made tremendous growth in his social skills. We can always count on Eric to think outside of the box and make real world connections to the stories that we read. His inquisitive mind and his great behavior make Eric a joy to teach.

Nominated by: Beth Palmer, Lori Keller, Carol Willmon, Wynette Hilton (all teachers) and Marianne Quinn (Principal)



Grandparents Day

Grandparent's Day was celebrated at Tenaya School on November 21st. Students shared poetry, music and skits with a large group of grandparents. Grandparents Day is observed the first Sunday after Labor Day each year.

About The Founder of Grandparents Day

A native of Fayette County, Marian McQuade and her husband Joe are the parents of 15 children. They have 40 grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. Mrs. McQuade began a campaign in

1970 to set aside a day for grandparents; her work with senior citizens dates back to 1956. Mrs. McQuade has worked in several states with seniors. In 1971, she was elected Vice-Chairman of the West Virginia Committee on Aging and appointed as delegate to the White House Conference on Aging by Governor Arch A. Moore. In 1972, Mrs. McQuade's efforts helped persuade President Richard Nixon to proclaim a National Shut-in Day. And in 1978, grandparents Day was officially proclaimed by President Jimmy Carter.



Above: Superintendent, Phil Yoon, addresses the audience. Right: Grandparents watch a presentation. Below: Kindergarteners sing for their grandparents. STAFF PHOTOS



Student Winners Announced

by Bill Johnson, MyMotherLode News Director

SONORA, CA — Students of the Year awards have been announced by the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce. The list includes Shelley Carlberg (Sonora High School), Laura Horak (Summerville High School), Keely Noonan (Mother Lode Christian), Chris Demmers (Tioga High School) and Dennis Williams (Ted Bird High School).

These students will be honored at the Best of Tuolumne County Installation and Honors Banquet at the Elks Lodge one week from this evening. (Editor's Note: This event has already happened) This year's Pioneer Hall of Fame Award, given to the longest ongoing member of the Chamber, will be presented to Sierra Motors of Jamestown.

Dining in Groveland

by Joni Gerking

Groveland is currently a safe haven from fast food restaurants. While some hungry residents and tourists bemoan that fact, others are thrilled that they can sit down to a meal in any of the local eateries. To be honest, I like to have options. There are times when I want my food immediately. I also enjoy the luxury of sitting down and being served. We do have several dining options here in town. To be more accurate, we have coffee houses and dining venues. These each reflect their owners' dining ideals and allow for a variety of foods and flavors with, of course, the ever present dollar sign attached. My favorite tends to be closely tied to what my current budget will permit. Some may call that fickle but I prefer to express it as a woman's prerogative.

The holidays are a warm and wonderful time of year with good cheer abounding and brotherly love flowing freely to all. They are also well noted as a time of stress and fatigue. Going out to eat can be a terrific stress reliever and re-energizer for the weary, holiday minded mortal. Our local dining establishments provide us with many talented cooks and we are also favored with a few professionals, including Chef Victor at the Hotel Char-

lotte, Chef Orpheus Brown at the Pine Mountain Lake Country Club and the newest in the community, Chef Gregory Lutes at The Groveland Hotel. Chef Greg Lutes has an extensive resumé with experience as executive chef since 1999, featured in a PBS cooking series, a Zagat Guide rating of 27 out of a possible 30 points and was recognized by Country Inn Magazine. He has come to our community to share his passion for fine food and to indulge his love of Yosemite. Chef Lutes invites you to come meet him and get a taste of his passion. No matter where you choose to dine, may your experience be enjoyable and your heart refreshed.



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Iron Door New Year's Eve

Once again The Iron Door Saloon will be the location of the area's most festive and Economical New Year's Eve Celebration. This year's theme – "Love Is In The Air-Dance the Night Away" will emphasize a Romantic Setting in the historic environs of California's Oldest Saloon. Perhaps for the first time in 150 years, the 'Door' as the old timers call the place, will host a "Black and White New Year's Eve Dress Theme for the evening. This is not to say that tuxedos or suit and tie are required although they will be admired. Rather we encourage people to create their own vision of their best Black and White attire, whatever it may be, and bring your Sweetheart down to our "historic palace" for a candle-lit evening of fine food, terrific music, and plenty of fun. We like to say "Dress up and get Down."

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with hats and horns for everyone, and a special MIDNIGHT SURPRISE! The price for dinner and Show is \$69 or join us for the Party only for a \$15 admission.

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The Pine Cone Players

by Gail Perlee

The Pine Cone Players have a new director in Nancy Robichaud who will be holding a read-through of the group's 2007 spring play "Curse You, Jack Dalton!" - a good old fashioned melodrama in two acts by Wilbur Braun - on Monday evening, November 20th, at 6:00 PM in the Groveland Community Hall. Any interested party is welcome and invited to this reading. Director Nancy says this will be a chance for folks to try out different roles and give her an opportunity to get a feel for what the actors are capable of doing.

For further information, call 962-7389. Open auditions for the seven roles in the play will be held in January.

Museum Ready for Holidays

by Rosemary Adams

Our Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum has extra appeal these days. As you drive up to the building you are treated to a grand display of Mother Nature. She, as ALWAYS, has the trees awash in the brilliant colors of the Fall Season. They are glowing, in sharp contrast to the Evergreens, and look vibrant. As they sway back and forth, the leaves drift from the branches in the breeze. They seem to be sending a message of FAREWELL, SEE YOU NEXT YEAR! We will miss them.

Within our Museum we are gearing up for the Holidays as our Museum Store has

prepared a fine selection of gifts for all ages. For children, we have an assortment of tote bags featuring Snowmen, Santa Claus, Reindeer and Doves and drawstring pouches with similar themes. These, in addition to our selection of games and toys. For adults we offer jewelry, a lovely selection of ornaments, books, DVD's, VHS's featuring Yosemite National Park, California, the Gold Rush, etc., and prints of the works of Irene Clark which feature homes and buildings of our community. So, there is much to choose from. Plan to drop by soon; we always enjoy your company.

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Santa Claus is Coming to Town

by Kay Glaves

Santa and Mrs. Claus are arriving in Groveland's Mary Laveroni Park (formerly Wayside) on Saturday, December 9th, starting at 3:30 P.M..

Everyone is invited to join in the singing of Christmas Carols with the Tenaya 6th thru 8th grade singing chorus under the direction of Diane Steel.

Santa arrives at 4 P.M. with candy canes for the children.

Hot chocolate will be provided by the Garrotte Lions Club. There will be fun for everyone, young and old alike. Bring your cameras.

Lighting of the Christmas trees happens at dusk (we hope).

In the event rain comes to dampen our day, Santa will arrive in the local Groveland Fire Department station.

This event is sponsored each year by the Groveland Garrotte Lions Club.

A Zagat Rated Chef Comes to Groveland

Peg & Grover Mosley are totally excited to welcome you to The Groveland Hotel to experience the new Executive Chef's incredible food.

Greg Lutes comes to us from Chicago where he received a Zagat Rating of 27 out of 30 points for his food at his last restaurant. And you may say, what on earth is a Zagat Rating??

The Zagat Survey is the world's leading provider of consumer survey-based dining, travel and leisure information, with more than 250,000 voters participating worldwide. The online zagat.com provides access to trusted ratings and reviews for over 25,000 restaurants, nightspots, hotels and attractions to find exactly what you're looking for quickly and easily.

After reviewing Chef Lutes food at Les Deux Autres, Chicago Tribune food critic, Phil Vettel wrote...

"There's a new chef on board—Greg Lutes, who impressed me five years ago when he was the chef at Courtright's in Willow Springs. Lutes' cooking works well within the French concept here, though his fondness for Asian accents makes the menu far less traditional than one might expect. Lutes puts a lot of value on his plates. His crab cake is very good, but even better when fleshed out with two large, intertwined shrimp, along with a spicy mango relish and a bright yuzu-shiso aioli. Tuna tartare is presented in a tower layered with lobster salad, seaweed, tobikko caviar and avocado coulis.

Kobe-style beef carpaccio, a \$9 appetizer (plenty of restaurants are charging lots more for this pricey beef), is jazzed up with a ardiñere of pickled rhubarb, carrots, nicoise olives and a little hot pepper. Sweet-corn vichyssoise puts a nice Midwestern stamp on a French classic, made all the more appealing by the inclusion of lumps of lobster tail.

The knockout entrée is the shortribs, made (like the carpaccio) with Kobe-style beef that absolutely melts in your mouth. Served with black trumpet mushrooms and

a red-wine reduction enriched by truffle butter, this simple-sounding dish achieves luxury status.

A thick, flawless slab of roasted wild salmon is paired with a "risotto" cake that's actually sushi rice with sesame; I like the cake, but frankly I'd put up with packing foam if it came with salmon this good. Delicate sea scallops in a fragrant shellfish-saffron with the inclusion of wonton-wrapper ravioli stuffed with potato, lobster, basil and three cheeses.

And you can't go wrong with Lutes' occasional game inclusions, such as a duo of bison and quail (the latter stuffed with venison sausage and truffle) or roasted pheasant breast with pearl pasta and a buttery red-pepper coulis."

And, in spite of such a lofty recognition, Chef Greg is about as down to earth as you can get. His food philosophy for The Groveland Hotel is to create California, Mountain Seasonal cuisine, rooted in French classics. Chef Lutes utilizes organic and naturally raised and grown products. His emphasis is on simplicity to allow the quality of the ingredients to speak of the season and their freshness. Some of Chef Greg's plans include Cooking Classes, Vertical Wine Tastings/Pairings with such great wines as Caymus and Silver oak from the hotel's Wine Cellar, Prix Fixe Offerings for special menus, etc.

Chef Greg will be offering three-course dinner specials, Sunday through Thursday, priced from \$12.00 - \$18.00. Vegetarian items will also be included in his menus. He is also catering to our 'guests in training', with his new children's menu, offering favorites such as Chicken Tenders, Mac 'n Cheese, etc., with kid-size pricing.

His new regular menus will be coming out very soon. You'll find them at <http://www.groveland.com/dining.htm>, or call at 800-273-3314 or 209-962-4000 for information. Please look for our Christmas and New Year's Eve Menus in this issue.

Legion Bunco Tournament a Winner

by Jerry Cozad

American Legion Post 300 hosted Groveland's first Bunco tournament at the Community Hall the evening of October 19th. Seventy-two Bunco enthusiasts competed for one of the 21 separate prizes awarded. It was a fast-paced, loud and boisterous night of rolling the dice, which is pretty typical of these game nights. At the end of the evening Judy Basey (most Buncos), Ursula Goens (most wins), and Larry Santa Maria (most losses) were the top winners (see photo to right). The Legion has reserved the Community Hall to hold the tournament on a quarterly basis throughout 2007 with the next game night scheduled for Wednesday,



January 24 at 7:00 PM. Jerry and Judy Cozad will again be in charge of scheduling participants and ensuring we continue to have this kind of community fun. The Legion members who co-hosted the event to make it such a success are shown in the photo below.



Benefit Bake Sale for Joanne Amos

by Sue Salnick

On Saturday, December 9, 2006, there will be a Bake Sale starting at 10:00 a.m. in front of Main Street Market. The Bake Sale proceeds will help with medical bills and expenses incurred by the Amos family, long-time Groveland residents, during Joanne Amos's recent and ongoing health crisis.

As many of you know, Joanne, who's been an active member of the Rebekahs for many years, was diagnosed last year with bladder cancer and underwent surgery in January, after which she was told "we got it all." Well, guess what? Joanne's been in and out of both Stanford and SRMC numerous times since then and has had a multitude of extremely expensive diagnostic tests while the doctors puzzled over what's wrong with her. She's in need of chemotherapy and radiation to treat the cancer that still lurks but is unable to begin the treatments because she's been too weak to withstand the rigors of the course of treatment being recommended.

To assist Joanne and her family in dealing

with the continually mounting expenses associated with this type of illness, with which many of us are familiar, we'll be holding the Bake Sale on December 9, and a spaghetti feed dinner with a country band, raffles, and other fun is currently being planned for sometime in January. Details on that will follow when they are firmed up.

So, if you're too busy to bake this holiday season, or you need a sweet, delicious goodie to take to that pot luck, or a nice coffeecake to serve your guests on Sunday morning, or even just a bedtime snack of fresh, homemade cookies, please come by Main Street Market on Saturday, December 9, after 10:00 a.m. and pick up something wonderful! If you'd like to donate a home-baked item to the sale, please call Sue Salnick at 962-4155. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. And a special thanks to the folks at Main Street Market for allowing us to use their space. We will also be taking orders for pies to be baked and delivered in time for the Christmas holiday. See you at the Bake Sale!



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Emphasis on Youth

The GAINs Board is putting an emphasis on our young people for its projects in the present and in the future. In a planning session several needs of the community were discussed, but the directors were unanimous in their decision to focus on opportunities for the young people in southern Tuolumne and northern Mariposa counties. Board members are Amy Bullock, Etty Garber, Jim Goodrich, Mary Kelly, Miriam Martin, and Judy Myers.

For the past three years, GAINs has been working with the Department of Recreation on their plans for the new Groveland Youth Center. Working within the limits of the County program, the Youth Center Advisory Group will help develop programs and ac-

tivities as well as influence the design and furnishings of the new building to be placed in Mary's Park. In addition, GAINs will obtain grants to help fund furnishings and activities. Members of the Advisory Group are parents, teachers, and young people.

But GAINs will be thinking beyond the County Youth Center. The young people who live in our area need more activities and opportunities. Perhaps we can find programs that will get them involved and interested and excited! One program being considered is the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. They have a proven structure and board support and funding sources. Another possibility is joining the Friday Night Live program

by Barbara Broad

in Sonora, sponsored by the Amador-Tuolumne County Action Agency.

Research is bringing in information about community-sponsored programs in other rural areas, including arts programs, sports opportunities, homework assistance, field trips, etc. GAINs is a collaborative of community organizations and individuals and the Board will be available to these organizations in setting out plans to accomplish these goals.

If you or your organization would like to learn more about this, along with the GAINs Board, contact Barbara Broad at Groveland-GAINs@aol.com or 962.7730, or any of the Board members. Let's see if we can find more things for our children to do.

GCSD NEWS RELEASE

November 15, 2006

Notice of Public Hearing Long Gulch Rand Development

The Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District has scheduled a Public Hearing to receive public input for the possible annexation of the proposed Long Gulch Ranch development and the District providing water, sewer, parks, and fire service to the proposed development.

PLACE: Tenaya School Gym

DATE: Saturday, January 13, 2007

TIME: 1pm to 4pm

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The Gathering Place Launches Community Drumming

by Karen Serrett and Sharon Hunt

The Gathering Place is sponsoring a new program, Community Drumming, which is being held monthly in the downstairs conference room of the Library on the second Wednesday of the

month from 6 to 7:15 PM. The next group will meet on December 13th. Mark your calendar!

The kickoff event was at Mountain Sage's Earth Fest in October. Great fun

was had by all. Thirty six interested people signed up to be notified of our future group drumming sessions.

Our first drumming session was diverse. Many people had never participated in drumming before and were intrigued by the rhythms that were produced, including our youngest participants, ages 2 and 4. Our rhythm got better and better and everyone exclaimed that our final set sounded wonderful. We all agreed that no experience is necessary to participate, everyone is welcome, and it's fun and different!

Drumming has many important health benefits shown by scientific research. It has been used with a wide variety of popu-

lations, including Alzheimer's patients, cancer survivors, people suffering chronic pain conditions, college populations, and the like. Drumming groups have been used in corporations for teambuilding, in youth groups, and as therapy for a wide variety of conditions. It has been shown to boost the immune system, boost the production of killer T cells, lower blood pressure and chronic pain. It helps to focus the attention and reduce stress. Articles will be available at the drumming sessions to learn more about the health benefits of drum circles.

Come and join us Dec. 13th! If you have a drum or shakers, bring them along. We look forward to seeing you there.





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HEALTHY HEART RECIPE

The holidays seem to take a toll on our "healthy" eating habits. Perhaps we can all get some help from new research that suggests that virgin olive oil may be particularly effective at lowering heart disease risk because of its high level of antioxidant plant compounds (polyphenols). According to the study, besides being a source of heart-healthy monounsaturated fat, polyphenols in virgin olive oil may account for higher levels of "good" HDL cholesterol and a greater decline in markers of so-called oxidative stress...a process that helps deposit particles of "bad" LDL cholesterol on the artery walls. So, let's love our hearts a little more this holiday season and try a new recipe for turkey using virgin olive oil:

ROASTED TURKEY BREAST WITH LIME AND HERBS

(serves 8; 3 oz. turkey per serving)

Olive oil spray

- 1 3 1/2 lb. turkey breast half with skin
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 2 tablespoons virgin olive oil
- 4 medium garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon crumbled dry oregano

- 1/2 teaspoon crumbled dried tarragon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup finely minced fresh parsley

Lightly spray large glass baking dish with olive oil spray. Put turkey breast in baking dish. In small bowl stir together all the remaining ingredients. Stir parsley in last. Using a tablespoon or your fingers, gently loosen the skin from the breast meat, creating a pocket. Being careful not to break the skin, spread the parsley mixture as evenly as possible under the skin. Gently pull skin over any exposed turkey meat. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 8-12 hours.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Remove plastic wrap from turkey and roast with skin side up for 1 hr. 30 min. or until a meat thermometer registers 170 degrees F. and the juices run clear. Let stand for 15 min. for easier slicing. Discard skin before serving turkey.

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Friends of the Lake Holiday Update

by Virginia Gustafson

In November, the PML maintenance department released two feet of water from the Lake. This is done annually to exercise the dam release gates and to release the lower layer of lake water containing concentrations of naturally occurring hydrogen sulfide. Releasing the lower layers of water helps keep our lake healthy and clean.

From the little group that formed this club two years ago out of concern for the health, safety and equitable use of our lake, we now have 134 active members. We appreciate the support and confidence of those who have joined the growing organization.

With your support we've been able to accomplish many things:

- Organizing the annual 4th of July boat parade
- Lake events open to all such as the lake swim, music at the marina, scavenger hunts and poker runs
- Increased time on the lake for slow and quiet boats

- More attention to safety and wake and erosion control
- Donation of safety equipment to the PML boat patrol
- Donation and installation of buoy lights
- Donation of sun umbrellas at the PML marina
- The listing of Christmas light displays around PML

Most recently, Friends of the Lake donated \$100 to the Groveland Fire Department to thank them for their standby emergency medical support of the lake swim. Captain Shane Warner informed us that the donation will be used to make repairs to Santa's sleigh and to provide candy canes for Groveland children when Santa makes his rounds in December.

Friends of the Lake wishes everyone a wonderful holiday season. We'll be posting our list of favorite light displays on www.PMLvoice.com soon.

GCSD Hires District Engineer

by Jim Goodrich, GCSD General Manager

GCSD is pleased to announce that we have, after over a year of searching, filled the position of District Engineer. Randy Klaahsen joined us in October. He and his wife, Amanda, and daughter, Kelsey, come to us from San Diego. Randy and his family have jumped right into the myriad of activities available to Grovelanders.

Randy has over 20 years of experience in municipal water and wastewater planning, design and construction. His addition to the GCSD team comes as the District is grappling with the construction of mandated water treatment plant upgrades and sewage lift station upgrades. His expertise will be critical to the District's design and construction of wastewater treatment plant upgrades and other capital projects scheduled for the next five to ten years.

Randy joins us just in time to help us review the Preliminary Design Report for the proposed development of Long Gulch Ranch. Randy has considerable planning experience dealing with developers and making sure that they pay their fair share of capital improvements as well as long-term operational costs associated with utility services. I am sure that you will help us welcome Randy and his family to Groveland.

Speaking of Long Gulch Ranch, the GCSD Board of Directors held a Study Session on Saturday, November 11th, at Tenaya School Gym. It was attended by about 60 people and many good questions were raised.

The GCSD Board of Directors and staff recognize that this project needs public review and comment before the Board makes its decision to support or not support annexation. The Board is committed

to the notion that existing customers will not subsidize the Long Gulch Ranch development or any other development for that matter.

Determining if annexation of Long Gulch Ranch is appropriate will be an important part of the Board's agenda over the next several months. In December and January, the Board will oversee the development and public review of a Developer Agreement. The Board will hold a public hearing on Saturday, January 13th from 1 to 4 pm at Tenaya School Gym. The Board will likely hold a second public hearing in late January or February but it has yet to be scheduled.

If the Board members feel that they have the assurances that they need contained in the Developer Agreement, then they will consider annexation. If the Board supports annexation, then the next step in the process is for the Tuolumne County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to consider the final determination on annexation.

Facts will be important to the process. GCSD staff is attempting to address all the issues relative to the development's impacts on GCSD's infrastructure. If you have questions that you would like to see addressed, please email them to us at info@gcsd.org, or drop us a letter.

As we go through this process, please know that anyone, such as a developer, who makes a request of GCSD for service must be given the right of due process. Please be patient with our process. Also we respectfully request that you be cautious of those who attack people instead of addressing the issues whether you are for or against the project. Remember the words of Plato, "Be kind, because everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle."

Whitewolf Art Tails

The Sierra Professional Artists begin their exhibit on November 28th through December 18th.

Free youth arts & crafts classes are scheduled in the Gallery on December 9th and 16th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. The class on December 9th is to decorate and customize a wall clock and the 2nd class is decorating ornaments for the holidays. If you have a child from 9 to 15 years old that is interested in one of the classes, please call us to be put on the list. Classes are free and are on a first-come, first-served basis.

On-going art in The Gallery includes the work of Michael Carey, Milton Eisenhauer and David Wilkinson.

Michael is a wildlife artist from Sacra-

mento who works in color pencil. He also makes the beautiful log frames you can purchase framing his artwork.

Milton Eisenhauer lives in Yucca Valley, California. He's a wildlife sculpturer who works in alabaster.

David Wilkinson's nature and wildlife photographs from around the area and his automotive artwork are featured as well.

The Gallery has new Winter hours: Monday-Thursday from 1 to 5; Friday from 1 to 6 and Saturday noon to 6. Artwork at the gallery is 10% off starting late November through December 23rd. See our ad in the PML News for more info.

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TURKEY TIPS FROM PML NEWS NOVEMBER 1975

The Secret of a Good Turkey: Moisture

by Bob Stahl

In passing some helpful hints on how to treat your holiday turkey, let's keep in mind that most fowl do not contain sufficient body fats to keep the meat moist. Many methods have been applied to maintain or supplement moisture. Paper bags, foil coverings, damp towels, milk or cream, and various stuffing mixes are the most popular.

Temperature abuse and extended cooking time also takes its toll as regards moisture loss. In addition, white meat finishes dryer than dark meat.

These four factors must be taken into account as you devise a method to roast your turkey. I suggest you apply the following techniques so as to insure more success:

1) Let cleaned turkey stand at room temperature three hours before placing in oven. This equalizes temperature

throughout the turkey and will cook more evenly.

2) Dampen turkey before salting or peppering it. The moisture makes these seasonings adhere to the surface.

3) Heat oven to 375 degrees and place turkey upside down in roasting pan with the breast placed in a glass pie plate or on a wire rack that is sold for this purpose.

4) For the first hour let heat remain at 375 degrees. For the balance of your cooking time, reduce heat to 275 degrees.

5) The upside down position allows natural moisture from the dark meat to drip or puddle into the breast cavity, keeping the white meat moist.

GOOD EATING!

Daylight Saving Time

by Carlos Padilla, The Herald Newspaper (T or C, NM)

With our clocks having been turned back an hour in October we would like to share an article for future knowledge on Daylight Saving Time—PML News

Carlos Says...

Having lived in Arizona for almost 15 years, this concept somewhat escapes me, but it is time to "fall back." At 2 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 29, Daylight Saving Time will end. Actually, at 1:59 a.m., clocks fall back to 1 a.m., and will spring forward from 1:59 a.m. to 3 a.m. in spring. (Arizona does not save daylight, as there is more than enough.)

This time was originally chosen in the U.S. as the changeover time because it was practical and minimized disruption, as most people were home and fewest trains were running. It also prevents the day from switching to yesterday, which would be confusing. It is early enough that the entire continental U.S. switches by daybreak, and the changeover occurs before most early shift workers and early churchgoers—particularly on Easter—are affected.

President George W. Bush, Aug. 8, 2005 signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005. This Act changed the time change dates for Daylight Saving Time in the U.S. **Beginning in 2007, DST will begin on the second Sunday of March and end the first Sunday of November.** The Secretary of Energy will report the impact of this change to Congress. Congress retains the right to revert the Daylight Saving Time back to the 2005 time schedule

once the Department of Energy study is complete.

The official spelling is Daylight Saving Time, not Daylight Savings Time.

Saving is used here as a verbal adjective (a participle). It modifies time and tells us more about its nature; namely, that it is characterized by the activity of saving daylight.

It is a saving daylight kind of time. Similar examples would be dog walking time or book reading time. Since saving is a verb describing a single type of activity, the form is singular.

Nevertheless, many people feel the word savings (with an 's') flows more gently off the tongue. Daylight Savings Time is also in common usage, and can be found in dictionaries.

Adding to the confusion is that the phrase Daylight Saving Time is inaccurate, since no daylight is actually saved. Daylight Shifting Time would be better, but it is not as politically desirable.

Many fire departments encourage people to change the battery in the smoke detector when they change their clocks because it provides for a convenient reminder. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have dead or missing batteries.

Groveland Rotary

by John Brunk

The Rotary has gained two new members; Phil Yoon and Rod Post.

The club took on Jerry Baker's project as a project to help the young with medical issues and helped get the buildings up and dried in.

Our president Herman Schaap led the

club to this victory. Seventeen members attended the District 5220 Rotary foundation dinner on Nov. 18 held at *The Joseph Edward Gallo Recreation and Wellness Center at University of California Merced.*

The scholarship fundraiser "Night at the Races" was a success...thank you Groveland. For more information on Rotary contact President Schaap at 962-5797 or membership chairman John Brunk 962-6276.

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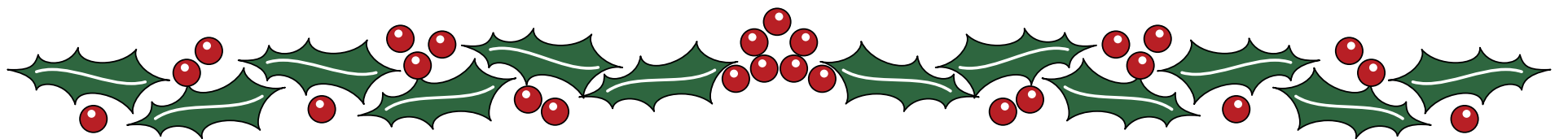


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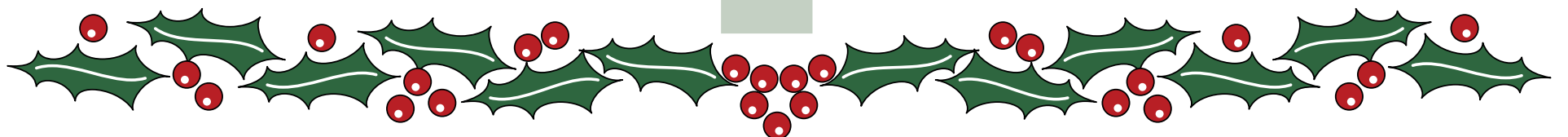
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THE SOROPTIMIST SCENE

Thirty, seventh and eighth grade young ladies, from Tenaya School, were invited by Soroptimist International of Groveland (SIG) to attend the 4th annual B.E.S.T. (Be Empowered Starting Today) Day on October 24 at PML Lake Lodge. The theme for this year's conference was "Live Your Dream"

A panel of talented, intelligent women who are living their career dreams was present to discuss the many options open to women, today in the workplace. The career panel presenters were: Moderator Renie Leakakos, Attorney; Katherine Newcomb, Physician; Nadele Manzo, Teacher; Terri Metz, Photographer; Jen Neresian, Park Ranger; Michele Hendrix, Banking Operations Officer; Penny Reines, Physical Therapist Assistant and Carly Keith, Dental Assistant. The girls asked questions on determining the education and steps they needed to take to achieve their individual dreams. The panel's advice was to focus on: developing good study skills; learning how to communicate verbally and how to write well; being open to opportunities - giving new things a try and putting extra work into areas that may be more difficult in order to become a balanced student. It was also suggested that they look for opportunities, in the community, to "job shadow" or intern for a day to find out what a job is actually like in the "real world".

Also present to advise the listeners were Roxie Rogers and Rhiannon Dolera, members of "S" Club at Tioga H.S. They explained what "S" Club members do to benefit students from their own and other local schools in the area. They offered their feelings that "involvement makes you a happier, more satisfied person".

After a delicious lasagne, green salad and strawberry shortcake lunch, the girls participated in a craft project designed to determine their specific dreams. Each girl created a wall hanging, colorfully decorated with their picture, words and designs representing their personal dreams. The completed banners represented such a wide variety of career dreams including sports, Broadway dancing, "drama-queen", college, veterinarian, author/poet, artist, dental assistant, make-up artist, horse breeder and "being a star".

The workshops were also directed towards developing and appreciating one's own personal style and strengths when shaping a specific dream. The girls thor-

oughly enjoyed the personal appearance workshop from Cherie Rickett, hair stylist and Farah Bahri, make-up artist. Eight young ladies received "makeovers" and all listened closely to style tips and helpful grooming hints. Tammy Cahill, Fitness Instructor, showed ev-

eryone some excellent exercises to tone and shape the body.

At the end of the day, each girl received a beautiful "goody bag" filled with lovely grooming items, pen and star shaped notebook, wrist band and a dream catcher in a gold gift box. Every SIG member participated in making B.E.S.T. day very special for each guest and are to be congratulated for taking our local girls one step closer to "Living Your Dream".

Those of you who have previously attended SIG's major fundraiser, the Chinese Dinner and Auction, will want to save this date: February 17, 2007. Start searching for your best Chinese garb in the back of your closet and start saving your quarters to participate in our fabulous auction. More details about the Chinese dinner, decorations and auction items in next month's column!

On the international front, thousands of women in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Rwanda are survivors of war and violence. They have lost their homes, their security and their livelihoods. They are exhausted and living on the margins of hope.

Through Project Independence: Women Survivors of War, Soroptimist International and Women for Women International are combining the forces of thousands of individual women to support these women survivors. Over the next four years, Project Independence will raise at least \$1.2 million to provide nearly 2,000 women with vocational and leadership skills they need to rebuild their lives after war. They will provide 600 women with loans they can use to start their own businesses and income-generating projects.

Participants in this program know that they have one year to learn their skills, get their business going and start to become self sufficient through their own efforts. The program emphasis is on women becoming Active Citizens and not reliant on the "charity" of the program. Some vocational activities have included raising and selling goats, growing beans, making baskets, hair styling and bee keeping. Many women have formed cooperatives having learned the benefit of partnership and working together in the program. Together, we are amassing the resources needed to reach out to these women survivors of war --- women who may have nothing today!

It was an honor for Groveland to host the Soroptimist District III Meeting (11 clubs from Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus & Tuolumne counties). A great deal of planning went into hosting over 70 members and guests for an hors d'oeuvres "meet and greet" on Friday night and breakfast, speeches, presentations and buffet lunch catered by Hotel Charlotte on Saturday, October 7, at the exquisitely decorated PML Lake Lodge.

Mark Thornton, District IV Supervisor gave an official welcome from Tuolumne County. Current SPR Governor, Lauren

Ogbourne, gave a report and Past Governor, JoAnn Vear discussed the "Live Your Dream" Club Campaign, SIA Club Awards and the prestigious Laurel Society. Suzanne Doty, Program Council Member and SPR Foundation President discussed the "It is all about the Soroptimist Mission" theme which led to breakout sessions about new ways to do projects that focus on our mission. Linda Winkles, R.N. F.N. P. spoke eloquently on Heart Health and

ways to improve it.

Kudos to Catherine Santa Maria, our District III Supervisor and all the able and talented Soroptimists who were responsible for putting on the well executed and well received 2006 District Meeting.

For information about Soroptimist membership, contact Donna Thayer 962-5007 or Gail Shaw 962-0907.



Right Photo (left to right):
Alexa, Mercedes, Cory,
Marissa, Alex, Kassie and
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Groveland Bird Information

(Provided by Groveland Forest Service Station - Roy Bridgman 962-7825)

Over 200 species of birds occur in the Sierras, many of which reside in or move through the Groveland area. Birds are some of the easier wildlife to watch and enjoy because they have bright markings, they are active during the day, and they sing! Many are easy to identify, others may take some concentration, good binoculars, some study of a good bird book, or asking an expert. You can find bird guides in most bookstores or the Groveland Forest Service Station in Buck Meadows. Some of the well-known residents include:

Dark-eyed Junco - tsking small, dark-hooded sparrow

Spotted Towhee - beautiful bird with a shrill whiny call from shrubs, common in winter

Scrub Jay - ever present in shrubby areas and prodigious oak planters

Red-Shouldered Hawk - a noisy, very attractively marked bird

Western Screech Owl - actually gives a sweet, whistled trill

White-breasted nuthatch - tin horn call; feeds on insects in the crevices of oak bark

Red-breasted nuthatch - a higher tin horn call; feeds on insects in the crevices of conifer bark

Some common birds in winter that are long distance or higher elevation migrants include:

More **spotted towhees** and **juncos**!

Cedar waxwings - boisterous flocks; with delicate markings best seen through binoculars

Gold-crowned sparrows - sweet thin call like the chickadee's "cheeseburger call"

White-crowned sparrow - large, unmistakable markings, with a long single note in their call

Varied thrush - large attractive blue and orange visitor from the North

Bufflehead - attractive little duck and common visitor

Hooded Merganser - strange, beautiful duck and uncommon visitor

Many winter birds appreciate supplemental food, especially mixes with large nutritious sunflower seeds. In the cold of winter they may also appreciate fatty suet, which you can buy or make at home. Bird feeders need to be away from windows, cats, and may attract predators, such as Coopers hawks, so should be monitored.

Birdhouses substitute for natural dead trees (snags) that woodpeckers make into homes. While dead trees are important in the landscape, if you don't have any or don't want them near your house, birdhouses can make a good substitute. They can attract pest species such as starlings, which are not native and compete with native birds such as bluebirds. You can also build houses for owls and other species, but they require periodic cleaning and maintenance to provide healthy homes.

More info about birdhouses available at

www.nabluebirdsociety.org
www.centralsierraaudubon.org/
www.birding.about.com/od/buildhouses/

Cats kill a lot of birds and most bird organizations and ornithologists recommend keeping them indoors. Cats indoors are also generally safer from injuries, dogs, and coyotes. More info at www.abcbirds.org/cats/

If window strikes are a problem, reducing the reflection of surrounding vegetation, putting something partially in front of it, or closing shades so birds don't think they can fly through it may help.

Although woodpeckers are nice in the woods, they can do serious damage to homes which act as nice sounding boards and, really, are made of dead wood, which are their natural homes. Problems with woodpecker's eating your house? Go to www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn74124.html.

There are volunteer opportunities to learn about and contribute to bird studies. The local Audubon Chapter puts on free bird hikes providing opportunities to go out with expert local birders and learn. They also host the Christmas Bird Count, and may pair a begin-

ner with a more advanced person for a day of intense searching. The Breeding Bird Survey is for very good birders who can identify all the birds by sight and sound - more info at www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbs/.

Another fun bird count for those who want to list the birds in their backyard is the Great Backyard Bird Count www.audubon.org/gbbc/index.shtml.

The Groveland Forest Service and the Bureau of Reclamation monitor bald eagles

at reservoirs every year, as well as many other species, and may have opportunities for interested volunteers - call the local Audubon Chapter or the Groveland Ranger Station 209-962-7825 - Roy Bridgman. Even if you don't want to volunteer, the continued recovery of the bald eagle population is something every American should be proud of, and are not too hard to find with a little time at Lake Don Pedro, New Melones Reservoir, or Cherry Lake.

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THINK PINK AWARENESS

Friday, October 13, may well have been a very lucky day for many women in Groveland. Dressed in pink, smiling Soroptimists in front of the firehouse, outside of Main Street Market and walking into Main Street businesses,

could be seen handing out 500 pretty pink carnations along with extremely valuable information about breast cancer awareness inside of "Think Pink" bags. The main goal was to remind women, starting at age 40, that they should have a clinical breast

exam and mammogram every year.

Much appreciation to the American Cancer Society for providing educational brochures: ABC's of Breast Health, Cancer Facts for Women and Reach to Recovery. A card from Sonora Regional Medical Center offered a mammogram for self-pay patients, for \$129 (valid 'til 12/31/06). Another pamphlet told women how to contact the California Dept. of Health Services (1-800-511-2300) to see if they are eligible for FREE tests to check for breast and cervical cancer. Soroptimist wishes to thank Tom and Martha Schrinier for their

exceptional generosity in donating all 500 pink carnations to promote our "Think Pink" campaign. Many thanks also to Melody Christenson of NorCal Think Pink organization for providing the 500 Think Pink bags and promotional advice.

This is the first year we have conducted a Think Pink Campaign during Breast Cancer Awareness month. If even just one woman was encouraged to schedule a check-up and mammogram, we will consider the program a major success in Soroptimist's work to improve the lives of women in our community.

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Kiwanis Club of Groveland's

11TH Annual Children's Shopping Spree

The Kiwanis Club of Groveland held its 11th Annual Children's Shopping Spree on October 21st. Forty children from the Groveland/Big Oak Flat Unified School District met at Tenaya Elementary School where they were taken by bus to Mervyn's in Sonora where they shopped for school clothes. Each child was given a gift certificate with a cash value so that they could shop until they dropped. Many of the children did just that and left Mervyn's with bags of clothes. After they were done shopping they were brought back up to Groveland and were treated to a Pizza Party at 2 Guys Pizza. After having filled themselves with pizza, each child was given a backpack from the Groveland Kiwanis Club that was loaded with school supplies. Each child also received a health kit that was provided by the Groveland Soroptimist Club. The R.O.O.F.B.B. Organization of Groveland joined us for the third year and presented each child with a Mervyn's Gift card to purchase anything extra that they wanted.

The Kiwanis Club of Groveland held several fund raising events during the year to raise funds for this project. Helping Hands of Groveland has backed this project with its

financial support since its inception and once again helped to make this event a success this year. The Chaperones who were involved this year were wonderful and some were a bit misty eyed when the children left the store with their bags of clothes and a huge smile on their faces. This made getting up very early in the morning worthwhile. Mervyn's has been wonderful about supporting this project annually. This year they went a step further to make certain that the children were able to take home as much as they could carry. Our sincere thanks goes out to Mervyn's management and their staff..

The Club wishes to thank all of our volunteer chaperones and acknowledge the generosity of the following organizations: Helping Hands Thrift Shop of Groveland, Groveland Soroptimist Club, R.O.O.F.B. and 2 Guys Pizza. We also want to thank the residents of Groveland for their generosity and support at the various events held during the year to raise funds for the Shopping Spree.

The Groveland Kiwanis Club meets Tuesdays at 5:30pm at the Foothill Community Church and invites you to join us.

Red Hat Posse

by Peggy Wyrick

The Red Hat Posse had their Oct. meet at the Hotel Charlotte in Groveland on Friday the 13th.

We presented the Hat that was on the winning Float in the 49er parade this year to Lynn, the owner, for dis-

play and stating that Hotel Charlotte is the home of the Red Hatters, all Red Hatters! We had a terrific time and celebrated 2 birthdays, Renee Stanley and Carol Willey. Kay Graves came in full October attire.





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Mother Lode Memories

by Nancy Perry & Debra Durai

This is a wonderful article by Jean McClish published in the April 1975 issue of the PML News. This article represents a “snap-shot” of time in Groveland’s colorful history. Up until a few years ago Groveland celebrated it’s history on Father’s Day weekend with OLD WEST DAYS, which I’m sure many of you had the pleasure of attending.

At the end of this article is a reference to Sal Ferretti’s new butcher shop, now occupied by Mel Lutt’s Pharmacy. For those of you who don’t remember Mel Lutt’s Pharmacy, Custom Realty now occupies this corner building in the center of town next door to the veterinary office.

Did you know?

Groveland’s first school building was constructed by 1897 at the current site of Yosemite Bank. While the hard rock mining boom of 1895-1914 necessitated a new schoolhouse for Big Oak Flat by 1899, it wasn’t until the Hetch Hetchy days project that Groveland needed a replacement building. A bond measure was passed circa 1914 and the structure subsequently erected, completed in 1916. The Spanish treatments on the building were replaced in the 1950’s. With the opening of Tenaya School, the old Groveland Schoolhouse was sold into private ownership. The building was renovated in 1970 and served as headquarters for the Boise Cascade - Pine Mountain Lake subdivision sales and promotion.

CENTENNIAL YEAR FOR GROVELAND CHRISTENING

By Jean McClish

Groveland celebrates the centennial of its name at OLD WEST DAY, June 15, 1975. It was in 1875 that the township citizens rejected the early gold camp name and chose one more fitting for the community.

Groveland lived out its first quarter of a century under the colorful, if somewhat repulsive, name of Garrote.

Names of gold mining camps were inclined toward the descriptive picturesque, Swift Justice at the end of a rope, punishment for a Mexican miner who stole a compatriot’s horse, was reason enough, so the story goes, to establish the name of the camp.

By 1875 the settlement had a permanent, stable population of about 100, and together with Big Oak Flat was the hub of activity for surrounding ranchers in Moccasin Creek, Deer Flat, Spring Gulch, Big Creek and Second Garrote.

These two sister communities supplied

goods and services to south-of-the-river inhabitants.

Despite the county’s financial panic of 1873 and the depression that followed, responsible businessmen of Garrote optimistically looked forward to a long and fruitful future.

In casting about for a more propitious name for the community, Benjamin Savory, proprietor of the Savory Hotel, offered that of his hometown, Groveland, Mass., and his suggestion was adopted.

The UNION DEMOCRAT of January 23, 1875 reported, “Among recent postal changes made is the name of Garrote post office to Groveland. Garrote is not a handsome name, besides it has unpleasant association, yet for all that, the pioneers of Tuolumne will stick to it and still call Jim Tannahill’s post office Garrote.”

In 1875, business establishments in Groveland included Matt Foot’s Garrote Hotel (Groveland Hotel), the Savory, (torn down years ago, earlier called the Washington, stood where the Charlotte Hotel is today), Tannahill’s store and saloon (Iron Door Expresso), and the Cassaretto store (originally Reboul’s trading post now Groveland Community Hall building), all built in the early 1850’s. Mullen’s blacksmith shop was on the west of Cassaretto’s store and Shoup’s Livery stable was on the east. Allen’s saloon (Garrote Saloon which burnt down 1990’s) was across the street, east of Hammond’s blacksmith shop. Homes were strung out up and down the road. One, at least, still stands - the red bungalow flanked by the colorful garden tended by Bernice Laveroni Workman. It was built over 100 years ago.

Mines were flourishing throughout the area. These were what sustained the economy. Woodcutters were kept busy supplying the cordwood needed to fuel the steam engines that supplied the power to work the machinery.

The Big Oak Flat Road had been completed all the way to Yosemite in 1874, and more traffic was finding its way along the dirt track through town. To be sure, the road was usually impassable in the winter and during spring rains - even after the turn of the century.

Loaded wagons pulled by as many as 14 or 16 mules, if the load was heavy, passed through town. Four-horse 12-passanger stages made regularly scheduled trips from Groveland to Chinese Camp. Herds of cattle going up country for summer range or back down in the fall were driven into town, bypassing the “downtown” area by following the creek behind the Cassaretto store and coming back out to the road beyond the Groveland Hotel.

Although an early automobile came

up the hill as early as 1901, four-footed horsepower was the preferred mode of locomotion into the 1920’s.

Condition of the road was a constant source of irritation and occasionally made news in the local paper, the TUOLUMNE PROSPECTOR:

“A force of men are engaged this week in repairing the road between Big Oak Flat and Groveland, especially the “whirlpool” which was a very bad mud hole.” (March 2, 1901)

“The road crew has at last reached Groveland and a new culvert put in above the Mt. Jefferson office. A spring-rocking, profanity-breeding hole has been wiped out, and the traveling public is duly grateful.” (April 13, 1901) 1901 found Groveland booming. A resurgence of mining activity throughout the Mother Lode was prompted in part by new money from eastern investors and local stock companies, and partly from the development of more sophisticated mining methods. The Mt. Jefferson, mainstay of local mining activity, was building a new sulphuret house and a structure to house an assay office.

Older buildings were being refurbished and new ones built. H.M. Stanley erected a new blacksmith and woodworking shop, the Buckhorn, in the east end of town and “engaged competent mechanics to do blacksmithing, horseshoeing, and build wagons.”

W.A. Forbes occupied a newly constructed building and advertised flour for \$4.80 a barrel, sugar at 13-1/2 lbs. for \$1.

There was a new barbershop in the Gem Saloon.

T.C. Reid was proprietor of Tannahill’s old store with the iron doors. His post office store stocked stationery, pens, pencils, mourning notepaper, cigars and men’s furnishings. It boasted a new coat of paint.

W.A. Smith’s new cash store business opened in December 1900 offering choice groceries and provisions.

Miss Fannie Blackwell, a graduate of McDowell’s dressmaking school in San Francisco, announced she would do dressmaking at the McSwain residence.

The Sierra Gorda Union No. 39 WFM was organized in 1900 and by 1901 had 135 members that met alternatively in Big Oak Flat in the Odd Fellows Hall and in Groveland at the Foresters’ Hall every Thursday evening.

Oro Fino Hive No. 49 and Oro Grande Tent, Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees met at the Maccabees’ Hall in Big Oak Flat across the street from the Big Oak marker.

Court Mt. Jefferson No. 8239 AOF, organized in 1894, had 55 members in 1901 and met weekly in Groveland.

Yosemite Lodge No. 97 I.O.O.F. was constituted in 1860 and the Rebekah Lodge No. 259 was established in 1901.

Much of the social life of the two communities was generated by these groups. Grand Balls were popular at the turn of the century, and nearly every week one of the organizations sponsored a ball. The Opera Hall in Groveland, across the Main street from the Groveland Hotel was decorated to depict the theme, musicians hired - usually Vic Repetto and McCarthy or Prof. Steele’s orchestra from Sonora, and a gala evening ensued.

At midnight, following the “supper dance,” the revelers adjourned to the Groveland Hotel and Schroeders for a midnight supper and then returned to the hall to dance until dawn.

In the early 1910’s when Charlie Baird was running the Groveland Hotel, he once put up 54 head of horses one snowy night. “I put the rigs outside, the horses tied heads together so they couldn’t get to kicking one another.

That’s the kind of crowd we had: “When there was a dance at Coulterville Charlie Baird would “take a 6-horse stage, everybody free. And they’d all come when we had a dance.”

But it was during the Hetch Hetchy days of 1915 to 1925 that Groveland had her heyday. Headquarters for the railroad operation during the building of the railroad and construction of O’Shaughnessy Dam and the mountain tunnels was in Groveland. This occasioned a sudden influx of a great number of men, some with their families.

The City of San Francisco built a hospital, office building, bachelor quarters, and homes for upper-echelon employees.

Once again old buildings were refurbished and new ones constructed: the Charlotte Hotel; Sal Ferretti’s new butcher shop, now occupied by Mel Lutt’s Pharmacy; the Cassaretto Mercantile, today’s Community Hall; Charlie Baird’s Hotel, dismantled in the slack years after the mountain division of the Hetch Hetchy project was finished and the facilities and personnel moved to Livermore.

Those were the days. There is a significant number of old timers who can remember the Groveland and Big Oak Flat of 1901. Even more recall those Hetch Hetchy days. They retain a fierce pride in the heritage of Groveland.

We salute them. We celebrate with them the centennial of the name of Groveland and the town’s beginning 125 years ago as a camp of gold seekers. June 15, 1975 is Old West Days.

In the winter of 1906-7 884 inches or 73 feet of snow fell at Tamarack, on Highway 4.

Christmas History

Originally, December was the tenth month, from the Latin decem, meaning "ten." Now the twelfth month, it ends our year.

Christmas is the merriest holiday on the Christian calendar. The spirit of the season is infectious and many non-Christians observe the day in some way or other. Long before the Christian era, the Romans had their Saturnalia at the same time of the year, decorating their homes with greenery and lights and exchanging gifts. In fact, many Christmas customs have come down to us through the ages from Rome, Gaul, and Britain as well as the North Countries, practically unchanged in form but with the symbolism translated into Christian terms. An "American" Christmas is a kaleidoscope of colorful contributions from many nations... the Christmas tree is a German invention... Nativity scenes were originated by St. Francis of Assisi in the 13th century... the Yule log was borrowed from the Viking mid-winter festival... holly, ivy, and mistletoe have been symbols of peace,

good will, and prosperity since the days of North mythology. Native Americans, even before the arrival of Columbus regarded holly as a protection from evil forces. The Dutch settlers brought St. Nicholas or Santa Claus, to America.

In England, he is known as "Father Frost" and the holiday emphasis has been shifted to the New Year rather than Christmas. In Brazil, Papa Noel arrives in a helicopter while in Costa Rica, Del Nino - the Christ child is the gift bringer, although lately Santa Claus has been seen there too. The Littlest Camel brings gifts to Christian Arab children.

Speaking of Christmas greenery - there are numerous old wives' tales about the medicinal properties of mistletoe, but don't try it... it's poisonous.

In fact, many houseplants are poisonous and the lovely Christmas poinsettia is one of them. Don't let the children or pets munch on the decorations.

However, it has been said that if you wear a sprig of mistletoe, you won't be

pestered by trolls.

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday commemorating the Jewish victory over the King of Syria, who during the second century B.C., suppressed Judaism and closed the famous temple in Jerusalem. During the past century or so, particularly in America, Hanukkah has become a kind

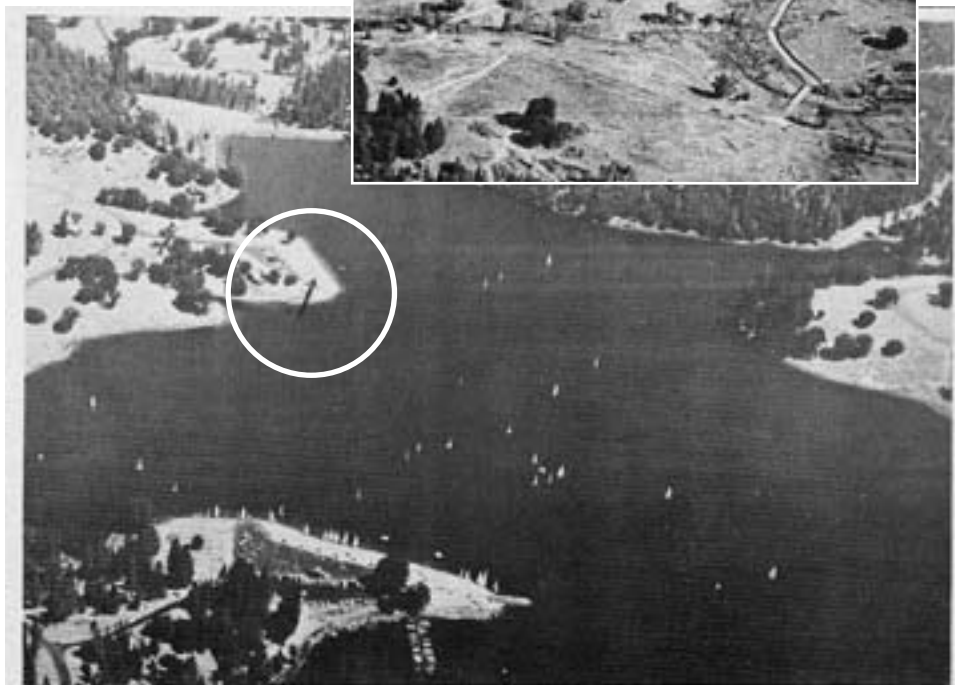
of "counterpart" to Christmas to the extent that it occurs around the same time of year, is a joyous celebration, and has come to include gift giving. Religiously speaking, though, it is considered a minor holiday.

HAVE A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ANSWER TO "MYSTERY SCENE"

The 1969 picture in our November issue created much interest and we thoroughly enjoyed the many answers received. The same scene as it looked in August of 1972 is shown above, and at close view below. The parcel of Association property in front of the arrow, which was the subject of the question, is "Dunn Court Beach."

The list of major improvements includes: Parking Lot, Bathhouse, Snack Bar, Beach & Lawn, and pump house. The most common omission of those that had the correct location was the most costly improvement - the fenced-in pump house that supplies all of the water for the golf course. These improvements were, of course, in 1972 and do not reflect the many improvements of today.



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Bethlehem AD, Groveland EV Free Church, Groveland CA

by Miriam Martin

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The spirit of Christmas comes alive when you visit “Bethlehem AD”, a free event sponsored by local churches of Groveland at Groveland EV Free Church, on Dec 15 and 16th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. It promises to be a night of family fun with a Roman Centurion standing guard at the entrance to the village and directing visitors to the census taker. Those who signed in last year will want to find their names on the scroll again this year. King Herod has required a census for the town of Bethlehem and all visitors must first register before entering the village.

Once inside, visitors can check out the local shops including the bakery, the Bethlehem Inn (sorry no vacancies), and

interact with the various shopkeepers of the village. Guests will happen upon a minstrel, angels, goats and sheep, village people carrying on their daily business, a beggar (collecting funds for the Groveland Christmas Basket Project 2007) and a special group dignitaries. Three visiting kings are said to be in town, having traveled a great distance to see a young child of prophesy, baby Jesus, who was born this night in Bethlehem.

Visitors are invited to pet the animals, kneel at the manger, warm up around bon fires, sing along to the festive music if you like, and enjoy a totally interactive experience in this lively village. This is an outdoor event, so dress warm and come have some fun! Home baked cookies, warm drinks and good cheer will be served in the fellowship hall.

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Consecration Sunday for us was on November 19th and was well attended with much enthusiasm. Our guest speaker was Reverend “Bud” Egdal. After the service a Consecration Lunch, hosted by the Lutheran Church, was held at the Charlotte Hotel. It was enjoyed by all.

Consecration Sunday is a spiritual-growth oriented process which enables us to enrich our Biblical understanding of Christian stewardship. Lutherans believe that giving to their church increases their spiritual development. We need as much help as we can find to help us follow in the footsteps of Jesus. As we approach the Advent season we are reminded that it is the penitential period of the four Sundays before Christmas. It brings to the forefront of our minds the birth of the Christ Child and all the wonderful celebrations that surround it.

December 3rd is the first Sunday in Advent. The first candle of the Advent Wreath is lit. We are calling this Friendship Sunday and have asked our members to invite as many of their friends as they can to attend. During Advent Season we will have evening prayer at 7 PM on Wednesday, December 6th, and on Wednesday, December 13th. This service will be taken from the “Holden Village.”

The December 24th Christmas Service will be held at 10:45 AM. The Church will be beautifully decorated with red poinsettias and candles. The contrast against the white walls will be spectacular. The December 24th Christmas Eve service will be held at 7 PM. This will be a beautiful candlelight service with scripture and singing of carols. We urge as many of you as can to attend these Christmas services.

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Solution & winner for November puzzle on page 6.

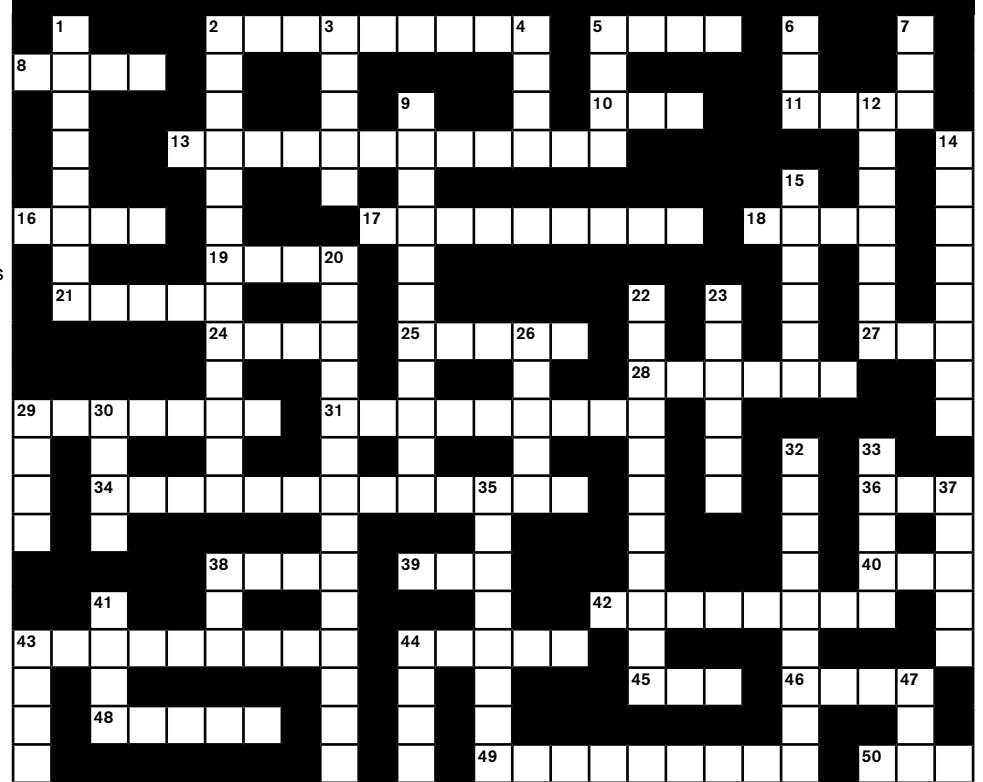
ACROSS

- 2 New ____ Exercise Class starts Jan 15th (2 words)
- 5 We love to put decorations on our Christmas ____
- 8 When the sun comes out all the snow will ____
- 10 Not old
- 11 Have you been naughty or have you been ____
- 13 Appearing at the Country Club Dec 15th
- 16 Type of tree often decorated for Christmas
- 17 Groveland looks very festive with the ____ decorations
- 18 Pine Cone Players Spring play, "Curse You, ____ Dalton"
- 19 A computer geek is often called a ____
- 21 Beginning Jan 8th at the Community Center, ____ dance lessons
- 25 "In A One ____ Open Sleigh"
- 27 The rest of us can hardly wait for summer and the warm ____
- 28 Holiday door decoration
- 29 Lots of people string this to go on their Christmas tree
- 31 The Gathering Place launches ____ drumming
- 34 Theme for Soroptimists 4th Annual B.E.S.T. Day (3 words)
- 36 ____ Chocolate tastes good on a cold day
- 38 When the cold wind blows put on your hat, mittens, and ____
- 39 Holiday drink: ____ nog
- 40 There was no room at the ____ for Mary & Joseph
- 42 Niner Club Champion, Jane ____
- 43 Next to M.L. Park is the Groveland ____
- 44 Traditional holiday sweet "____ Cane"
- 45 Santa arrives on Christmas ____
- 46 What children dream of finding under the tree
- 48 SRT presents "A Christmas ____"
- 49 Appearing at the Country Club Dec 16th
- 50 "A Christmas Carol's Tiny ____"

DOWN

- 1 History article "Mother Lode ____"
- 2 Kiwanis Club 11th Annual Children's ____ (2 words)
- 3 Check out the ads for the great Christmas ____
- 4 The best of Christmas is the ____ we show for one another
- 5 Ken's Asphalt laid 4000 ____ of gravel at Camp Tuolumne Trail
- 6 When there is enough snow we can all build a snow ____
- 7 When the pond freezes over we can all go ____ skating
- 9 Dec 15th & 16th at Evangelical Free Church
- 12 Traditional treat left for Santa, milk & ____
- 14 Book title for book signing at Groveland Mercantile, "Oh, Oh, That Crazy ____"
- 15 Community Christmas ____ Program
- 20 Answer to Mystery Picture featured in November paper (3 words)

PML News Crossword Puzzle December 2006



- 22 December 31st
- 23 Pulled by the reindeer
- 26 ____ arrives at Mary Laveroni Park on Dec 9th
- 29 Breast cancer "Think ____ Awareness"
- 30 Santa's workshop is at the North ____
- 32 If you stand under this you may get kissed
- 33 Tioga High School Student of the Year, ____ Demmers
- 35 GCSD hired new District ____
- 37 History: originally December was the ____ month
- 38 Sound made by doves
- 41 Tenaya's Student of the Month, ____ McDonald
- 43 When it is cold it is nice to warm yourself in front of a ____
- 44 What you might find in your stocking if you have been naughty
- 47 Winter makes people head for the hills so they can ____

POINTS TO PONDER Submitted by Debra Durai

*Celebrate the happiness that friends are always giving,
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—Amanda Bradley—

IT'S JUST MY NATURE

by David & Christina Wilkinson

*I thought we were
above the fog.*

Mystery Scene

Can you guess what place this is in PML?

Answer to previous month mystery scene on page 53.



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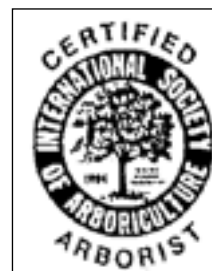
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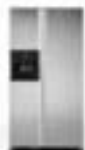
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