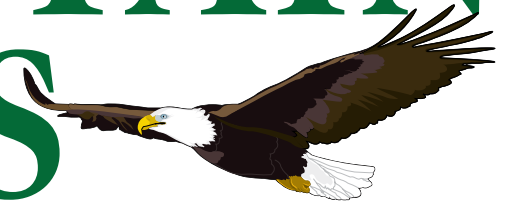




# PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE NEWS



THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS

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RESOLUTION**  
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**PMLA  
JOB FAIR  
APRIL 9**  
*SAVE THE DATE!*

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS  
AT THE GRILL**  
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Real Estate • Property Management • Vacation Rentals

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**Tuolumne Mines Property 60+ ACRES** with 4 patented Gold Rush Claims. Abt 1/3 mile of frontage on the North Fork Tuolumne River. Duckwall Creek intersects this property. Several old miner's trails from one claim to the other. No trespassing! Agent must be present. \$140,000 #20150634



**19490 Ferretti Rd-6/241 CLEAN & COMFORTABLE.** Open living room, dining & kitchen. 3bd, 2ba, 1400sf, single-level home. Central H/A plus wood-burning stove. 2-car garage. Screened porch and back deck great for entertaining. About 5 minutes to most Pine Mountain Lake amenities. Enjoy being part of this lovely, gated community. \$179,000 #20151780



**12905 Green Valley-3/389 MOVE IN READY!** 3bd, 3ba home with new carpeting, fresh interior paint, new 50 gallon water heater and newer deck. 2 master bedrooms (the bonus room downstairs can easily serve as a master brdm) new 50 gallon water heater. Near Fisherman's Cove, Lake Lodge, tennis and equestrian center. \$169,900 #20151345



**20273 Upper Skyridge LOTS 49, 50 & 51** are merged for a total of .88 acre. Backs to greenbelt. Filtered lake view. Plenty of room off quiet one-way road, near main PML Marina. This is a fantastic piece of land, with all utilities available to build your dream home! \$69,000 #20131903



**19285 Ferretti Rd-7/49 LEVEL, EASY BUILT LOT.** Enjoy all the amenities of Pine Mountain Lake and its close proximity to Yosemite and numerous historic Gold Rush towns. Access to the championship golf course, private lake & marina, campground, shooting & archery ranges, equestrian center and airport. \$10,000 #20152151

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**11995 Valenta Wy-8/255 SPLIT-LEVEL HOME** on large lot w/ horse-shoe court. Spacious floor plan. 4bd, 2-1/2ba. Close proximity to Yosemite and numerous historic Gold Rush Towns. Enjoy all Pine Mountain Lake amenities. \$169,900 #20151986



**19162 Dyer Ct-5/271 A RARE OPPORTUNITY** to own at Oak Tree Condominiums! Upstairs unit includes all furniture. Vaulted ceilings, light & airy. Great getaway, with vacation rental potential or a nice full-time residence. View the golf course from a large back deck. Near Country Club, Pro-Shop, Pool & Tennis. Minutes from town. This is a real gem! \$112,500 #20150015



**19335 Pleasant View-1/235 RUSTIC MOUNTAIN CABIN** tucked away in the trees, yet near the lake & beach at Dunn Ct. Just minutes from the Country Club, tennis courts, golf course and pool. knotty-pine walls & ceilings. 3bd, 1-1/2ba, 1500sf, with bonus room, gas log fireplace, plus wall-mount heater and "swamp" cooler. Deck has ramp. \$220,000 #20150327



**12925 Wells Fargo-2/448 HARD TO FIND** gently-sloping lot with mature trees. Backs to greenbelt. Already passed for standard septic (2004). Power & water available. Nice location, near the Pine Mountain Lake Golf Course. \$11,000 #20151743



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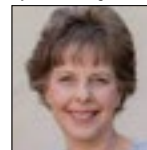
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## President's Corner

Dana Chavarria - PMLA Board President

I'm hoping that by the time you're reading this posting, water will be flowing over the dam spillway. It's exciting to see the lake so full, the creek flowing and our new jetty surrounded by water.

At the January Board of Directors meeting, the Board heard from several members regarding their proposal to allow single room or guest house rentals. We have also received many letters and e-mails discussing this issue. The Board will meet with legal counsel to determine what options are available to the Association and what legal considerations should be given to enforcement and process. Specifically, IF the Board decides that it is a good idea to allow this type of activity, how will this impact enforcement of our current CC&R's and how should we proceed? We continue to gather information and hope to be prepared to include this topic on the February Board meeting agenda for discussion. As I mentioned in my previous column, we may conduct a member survey to gain a better understanding of member opinion regarding this subject. If we determine that single room or guest house rentals should be allowed, and that we will need to make a change to the CC&R's to allow this activity, this will require a vote of the members.

The Board appointed 3 new members to the Budget and Finance Committee, Wayne Doty, Rick Johnson and Sean Simmons, after approving a committee recommendation to increase the number of members from 5 to 7. We also reappointed Committee members for all other PMLA Committees for 2016. Thank you to all of our new volunteers and to our members who continue to volunteer their time for our community.

At the January meeting, the Board

received a detailed report from the Ad-hoc Employee Compensation Study Committee. Chairperson, Nick De Porcel presented the Committee's plan for conducting the study of Association employee compensation packages. We appreciate the amount of work that this project entails, and we look forward to hearing their recommendations in the coming months.

The Board discussed proposals for a new Safety Committee and additional ideas regarding Emergency response teams within PML. Many members commented regarding their support for this type of organization. We will continue to work on the logistics for these groups and will discuss these ideas at upcoming Board meetings.

One additional topic that all members are discussing is tree mortality on our lots and on Association property. Our Association staff is investigating opportunities and will continue to assist members with their questions about removing dead trees. Tuolumne County has a newly formed Tree Mortality Task Force assembled to develop a response plan for removing hazard trees. On their website, [www.tuolomnecounty.ca.gov](http://www.tuolomnecounty.ca.gov) they have information about how the state and county is addressing this problem, and they provide FAQ's and phone numbers for contacts that will answer questions about dead trees on your property.

Board Meeting Agendas are available, usually by Tuesday afternoon prior to the Saturday Board meeting, at our website [www.pinemountainlake.com](http://www.pinemountainlake.com) under Governance, Association Meetings and the link is under Agenda. The final agenda is also posted around PML on bulletin boards and at mailbox sites. You can also obtain a copy of the agenda by stopping by our Association office. We will always have printed copies at



Dana Chavarria, PMLA President

the meeting, but cannot always anticipate how many will be needed, so we encourage you to print a copy and bring it with you, if possible.

(Next Board of Director's Meeting: February 20th)

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## On the Cover



A Very Happy Valentine's Day from the PML News and the Pine Mountain Lake Association!

## General Manager's Message

Joe Powell – CCAM-LS, CMCA, AMS, General Manager

### 2015 ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR PML

Once again, PML ended the year on a solid financial footing and \$256K was brought forward from 2015 to help reduce the subsidy required in 2016. The end result of this and other budget work is that there is no assessment increase for 2016. There were many challenges and we navigated several obstacles last year, but came out ahead in the end.

Many important projects were completed and we saw positive improvements in our Grill, Marina, Administration, Stables, Recreation, Safety and Maintenance operations. Important projects like the ADA access ramp at the Lake Lodge, emergency boat launch ramp at the Marina and the Golf Course locker rooms were successfully completed. I would like to thank our Board of Directors for their prudent foresight, our members for patronizing our amenities and our staff for their hard work.

### EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION STUDY UPDATE

To ensure that our members receive exemplary service, we strive to recruit and retain hard-working, experienced personnel. To that end, the Board of Directors decided to conduct a periodic analysis of wages and benefits to determine the proper level of compensation paid to our staff members.

During budget preparation for 2015, the Board of Directors approved an expenditure to retain a professional consulting firm to conduct a compensation study of all PML staff positions. The idea of conducting the

study internally was first considered, and while the Board was confident that our management team could handle the job, the Board was concerned about taking too much time away from normal operational duties to conduct the study. They also wanted to ensure that the analysis and final report received was prepared with the latest information from experts who specialized in this type of work.

To that end, the Board decided to form an ad-hoc committee to try and utilize some of the local talent within the membership to find the most appropriate consulting firm for the best price. The plan is to evaluate management positions first and then the rest of the PML workforce and the Committee has already been gathering information to benchmark salaries and benefits. My staff and I have been working with the Committee to assist with the gathering of data and I can tell you that this is a big project.

Once the final report is prepared and submitted by the consulting firm and the Committee, this information will be used to further improve our planning and budgeting for the future. I would like to thank the Committee for their hard work and look forward to the final report.

### PML CELL TOWER PROJECT

The PML Cell Tower project is making progress. The permit application was submitted to the County and will be reviewed by the Planning Commission. We are optimistic that this project will be approved as it benefits our community in so many ways.

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The PML News is mailed to approximately 3500 PML property owner households each month. Up to 500 copies are rack-sold in the local Groveland area. Our circulation reaches approximately 1200 full-time, resident, PML property owners and approximately 2300 "weekender," non-resident, property owners who maintain primary residence in Northern California, in Southern California, or in other states. For more information regarding the PML News, please call the PML Administration Office

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We do our best to provide timely news. If you experience delayed delivery or have misplaced a particular edition, please visit us at the PMLA website [www.pinemountainlake.com](http://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.

### TUOLUMNE COUNTY TREE MORTALITY PLAN

PML, Tuolumne County and many other areas of California continue to see a dramatic increase in tree mortality due to the effects of the drought. It has gotten so bad that the State has declared a state of emergency to free up some money for the removal of hazardous trees.

The County created a draft tree removal plan and presented it to the State so that they could procure the necessary funding to do the job. The original plan included relief for County citizens and help for the County budget. Unfortunately it looks like the State rejected the plan and the County is preparing another draft for resubmittal. Hopefully this plan will also include some relief for citizens who find themselves in a bad way due to the number of dead trees on their property. We will continue to provide updates as information becomes available. Until then, let's keep our fingers crossed.

### HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

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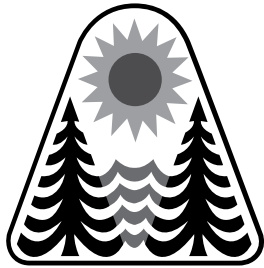
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**MON 2/15/16 PRESIDENTS DAY**

Mon 5/30/16 Memorial Day

Mon 7/4/16 Independence Day

Mon 9/5/16 Labor Day

Fri 11/11/16 Veterans Day  
(National Observance)

Thur 11/24/16 Thanksgiving

Fri 11/25/16 Day After Thanksgiving

Fri 12/23/16 Christmas Eve

Mon 12/26/16 Christmas Day

Fri 12/30/16 New Years Eve

Fri 1/2/17 New Years Day

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF PMLA BOARD MEETINGS**

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

**FEBRUARY 20, 2016**

MARCH 19, 2016

APRIL 16, 2016

MAY 21, 2016

JUNE 18, 2016

JULY 16, 2016

**AUGUST 20, 2016 ANNUAL MEETING / ELECTION**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2016  
2ND SATURDAY

OCTOBER 22, 2016  
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NO DECEMBER MEETING

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**RULES ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

**Violations Report – December 2015**

Courtesy Notices	48
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Violations Pending	107

**PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION**  
**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND REVENUES AND EXPENSES**  
For The Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2015

OPERATION OF AMENITIES	Revenues					Expenses				Budget (NET COST) INCOME	Variance Bud - Act
	Members' Assessments Net of Discount	User Fees	Sales, Net of Cost of Sales	Miscellaneous Income	Total Revenues	Total Expenses	(Cost)/Income Before Depreciation	Depreciation Expense	(NET COST) INCOME		
Golf Course	\$ -0-	\$ 861,686	\$ 35,898	\$ 28	\$ 897,612	\$ 1,335,309	\$ (437,697)	\$ (437,697)	\$ (437,538)	(159)	
Restaurant & Bar	-0-	9,290	820,013		829,303	1,214,828	(385,525)	\$ (385,525)	(394,429)	8,904	
Marina	-0-	270,919	133,150		404,069	497,691	(93,622)	\$ (93,622)	(57,112)	(36,510)	
Snack Shack	-0-		38,516		38,516	58,542	(20,026)	\$ (20,026)	(34,693)	14,667	
Stables	-0-	71,867		1,296	73,163	213,892	(140,729)	\$ (140,729)	(123,522)	(17,207)	
Recreation	-0-	51,257	5,254		56,511	104,269	(47,758)	\$ (47,758)	(91,824)	44,066	
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	-0-	36,425		320	36,745	1,615,289	(1,578,544)	\$ (1,578,544)	(1,709,077)	130,533	
<b>PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES</b>											
Safety	-0-	103,357		1,624	104,981	891,653	(786,672)	(786,672)	(885,895)	99,223	
Administration	-0-	174,780		5,446	180,226	1,369,332	(1,189,106)	(1,189,106)	(1,351,326)	162,220	
<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>											
Assessments	4,994,148			59,518	5,053,666	88,396	4,965,270	814,160	4,151,110	4,142,405	8,705
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 4,994,148</b>	<b>\$ 1,579,581</b>	<b>\$ 1,032,831</b>	<b>\$ 68,232</b>	<b>\$ 7,674,792</b>	<b>\$ 7,389,201</b>	<b>\$ 285,591</b>	<b>\$ 814,160</b>	<b>\$ (528,569)</b>	<b>\$ (943,011)</b>	<b>414,442</b>

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

- Total Revenues minus Total Expenses equals Net Income before depreciation. The annual budget for income before depreciation is (\$130,000).
- The Association combined the Operating Fund and the Property and Equipment Fund into one fund effective May 1, 2001.

#### CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 12 Months Ended Dec. 31, 2015

	TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS	NEW CAPITAL ADDITIONS FUND	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL
<b>2015 Beginning Fund Balances</b>	1,846,157	\$ 119,654	1,965,811
Interest Income	3,209	(306)	2,903
Bank Fees/Discounts Taken	433		433
Assessments Earned	1,842,192 <sup>(1)</sup>	147,048 <sup>(2)</sup>	1,989,240
Other Income/Expense			
<b>PURCHASES BY AMENITY</b>			
Golf Course	(324,976)	(1,664)	(326,640)
Country Club	(34,308)	(13,487)	(47,795)
Bar	(8,466)		(8,466)
Marina	(119,818)	(17,714)	(137,532)
Snack Shack	(1,634)		(1,634)
Swim Center	(14,732)		(14,732)
Stables	(16,621)	(13,715)	(30,336)
Recreation		(5,508)	(5,508)
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	(178,857)		(178,857)
<b>PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES</b>			
Safety	(28,088)		(28,088)
Administration	(3,138)	(165,366)	(168,504)
Non-Capital Reserve Expenses	(745,463)		(745,463)
<b>Total transfer to Operating Fund for property and equipment additions and reserve expenses</b>	<b>(1,476,101)</b>	<b>(217,454)</b>	<b>(1,693,555)</b>
<b>Adjusted Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 2,215,890</b>	<b>\$ 48,942</b>	<b>\$ 2,264,832</b>

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

- (1) The Budgeted Reserve Fund assessment for 2015 is \$1,842,195
- (2) The Budgeted New Capital Additions Fund assessment for 2015 is \$147,050

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# PMLA Money Matters

Ken Spencer - Association Controller

Regular readers of this column know that one area of the Association's finances that I consider vitally important to the long term health of both the physical aspects of PML as well as our economic condition is the Reserve Fund. The philosophical debate over the necessity, importance and level of an appropriate Reserve Fund is once again a topic of interest in the community and has been highlighted by the recently proposed GCSD water fee increase.

Among several factors impacting the GCSD proposal was the need to increase the level of their Capital Improvement and Replacement (CIR) fund. According to their research a contribution to this fund of \$1.8M per year for 20 years is necessary to repair, replace and maintain their 40+ year old infrastructure. To many of you this sounds very familiar as it closely parallels the challenges we face here at PML.

Like GCSD our infrastructure is also 40+ years old. While the basic nature of the two infrastructures is different the need to repair and replace many aspects of PMLA is very similar to the challenges faced by GCSD. GCSD's estimated required contribution to their CIP Fund mirrors our current contribution (\$1.867M) to the Association's Reserve fund. Fortunately

for GCSD they are confident that a contribution of \$450K per year can be sufficient when added to the anticipated available grant funding.

Unfortunately no such matching funds are available for us at PML. Any repairs or replacement of the Association's infrastructure has to be paid for by the property owners. One could make the argument that both PML and GCSD should have had the foresight to plan for these types of necessary expenditures years ago and begun the process of slowly building up the necessary funds to reach the appropriate level. However with hindsight always being 20/20 this is an easy argument to make.

Similar to buying a new home or car it is easy to forget that someday the probability exists for a major repair cost to arise. How many of us set aside funds for these types of situations 10, 20 or 30 years ahead of time. In addition the pressure always exists to keep current costs low and let tomorrow take care of itself. This is often referred to as "kicking the can down the road". Eventually there is no more road to kick the can down.

This is why our continued contribution to our Reserve Fund is vitally important to the long term health of the Association.

We need to have the money available to make the kinds of major repairs and replacements that are inevitably in our future. We know it's coming, we just don't know exactly when or even precisely how much it will cost.

Having this money available provides us with the assurance that we will be able to maintain the many aspects of our infrastructure and continue to provide all property owners with well maintained amenities as well as the high level of service that you have come to expect and deserve. Most importantly we can do this without the need for a significant increase in the assessment level or the need to levy a Special Assessment.

The PMLA Board of Directors and the management team continue to work hard to insure that we will have an adequate level of Reserve funds available to meet the needs of the Association not only for the present but on into the future.

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

# PML Safety Report

	December	YTD
Guest Passes Issued	1,431	18,161
Vendor Passes Issued	135	1,585
Temp. Resident Passes Issued	347	5,806
Vehicles Admitted	12,858	161,007
Vehicles Refused Entry	145	3,026
Phone Calls Received	5,390	66,030
Residential Alarm	9	106
Animal - Loose	25	303
Animal - Impounded	1	60
Animal - Dead/Injured	19	222
Animal - Disturbance	8	157
Public Assist	22	372
Welfare Check	2	33
Transport	5	21
Traffic Hazard	1	10
Traffic Control	0	10
Excessive Speed/Reckless Driving	8	40
Gate - Tamper	0	14
Gate - Follow Through	8	82
Gate - Malfunction	19	161
Gate - Struck by Vehicle	3	37
Control Burn Reported	49	525
Fire Safety - Smoke Complaint	3	32
Residential Disturbance	0	49
Amenity Burglary	0	1
Residential Burglary	1	13
Grand Theft	0	2
Petty Theft	2	17
Trespassing	1	13
Vandalism	0	13
Property Damage - PML	0	17
Property Damage - Resident	2	8
PML Regs Violations Resident	0	43
PML Regs Violations Guest	1	40
Vehicle - Citation Issued	0	32
Vehicle - Accident PML	0	14
Patrolling Unit	767	5,114
Amenity Security Check	2,354	29,046
Residence Security Check	430	4,906
Monitoring Tennis Courts	1	109
Weapon Violation	2	12
Fixed Post	2	16
Courtesy Notice Issued	3	89
All Other Fees Collected	\$10,203.05	\$157,511.85

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### LEASH LAW VIOLATIONS

In my thirty five plus years as a small animal veterinarian, I have treated numerous dogs who have been bitten by other dogs. I applaud strong dog leash laws. However, this New Years weekend I am confused by dog owners who flaunt the rules because “their sweet dog would never hurt anyone”. As I am out walking my two dogs, I always have them on leash, and am careful to cross the street when another dog is visible, because my 17 pound dachshund cross thinks he is a “big dog”, barking and trying to protect me from perceived threats. Twice this weekend, other off leash dogs ran up to mine, and their owners tried to make me feel guilty because their dogs, not on leash, caused my two to start barking and growling, necessitating my pulling my two small dogs up into the air to avoid contact. My arms hurt and I do not feel safe taking my dogs out for on leash walks.

Wake up, people! Even though your dog may not hurt another, the other dog may not like having a strange dog get in its face, and may attack. Leash laws protect us all!

Dr. Chris Stone  
Groveland CA

### WALKING IN PML

Dear Editor,

Last Sunday morning, my family was out for a walk in the neighborhood on Pine Mountain Road. We heard a car coming and moved as close as we could to the shoulder of the road. The SUV was going at least 45MPH uphill in the posted 25MPH residential zone. I will give him the benefit of the doubt and say he must not have seen three pedestrians because he didn't slow down or adjust his lane position at all. He passed just inches from my shoulder almost blowing the ball cap from my head.

What prevented a Clint Eastwood (in Grand Torino – “GET OFF MY LAWN”)

moment?

I love to walk Pine Mountain Lake! As soon as I went around the corner and read a few of the whimsical yard signs in front of the beautiful homes surrounded by snow frosted Pine Trees, I soon forgot what happened. Rather, it just didn't matter anymore. I have done the nine mile walk around the lake twice. Both times I got a little lost taking wrong turns and I am so glad I did. You get a perspective of the beauty of PML that you just cannot see from a car (especially not at 45MPH). I like to tell people that “if you can't relax up here, there's no hope for you”.

Please slow down, drive 25MPH and watch for People and Wildlife. Better yet, go for a walk and enjoy this beautiful place.

Brian LeDoux  
Groveland CA

### EARLY MORNING SLALOM SKIING ON WEEKENDS?

With respect to the new request to the Pine Mountain Lake Association board to allow year round Slalom Skiing on weekends starting at 7:00AM in the morning please say no to this request. Weekends are for everyone not just a small percentage of the slalom enthusiasts. There are a multitude of other activities in the AM on the Lake such as fishing in the early morning hours, kayak or paddle boarding around the lake which require calm smooth water. Water ski boats pulling skiers create wakes which is disruptive to all. The current rules in effect allow everyone equal access to our beautiful lake. Please take into consideration that our lake is very small and very easy to create rough water.

Best Regards,  
Catherine Santa Maria  
Groveland CA

## On the Lake: Swimming in Chocolate

Mike Horvath – Limnologist/Lake Manager

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, so let's sweeten things up. I'd like to declare this “Love Your Lake Month,” but that honor has already been bestowed to July. That's right, July is Lake Appreciation Month. The North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) initiated that campaign by sending letters to every governor urging them to designate July as a time to call attention to their state's lakes and promote them as the invaluable resources that they are. So far, about half of the states have followed through. California is NOT one of them. I think our state is too busy regulating, controlling, restricting and arguing over the water in our lakes rather than taking the time to fully appreciate them.

But, if our Lake was full of chocolate, besides making a great setting for a Willy Wonka sequel, it would sure get a lot of love. Using my extremely unreliable “fuzzy math,” I estimate that our Lake would be worth about \$180 billion dollars if it were full of chocolate. Yea... that's kind of far fetched, but consider that almost \$2 billion is spent on chocolate for Valentine's Day. It's just amazing how an old Pagan fertility ritual has become such a consumer, capitalist bonanza. I hope that doesn't belittle the significance of Valentine's Day as a time to really show your love and appreciation for someone or something.

Now, to get back on a more serious tone, I know there are a lot of people that are truly interested in, and appreciative of our Lake. There have been numerous inquiries regarding the level of our Lake and several folks have even installed their own measuring devices to keep track of it.

### NO MORNING SLALOM SKIING

PMLA Board, my wife Sandra and I want to thank the board for not endorsing year-round skiing, but want to reiterate our opposition to 7am or year-round weekends.

We do not want our early morning hours disturbed by the noise of the ski boats. That time is for sleeping in and quiet time on the lake, kayaking or fishing. So far they barely use the 9am slots they have so they don't really need more. Also, the use by the few slalom skiers deprives many others of the use of the lake during those times.

Please don't disturb the many other users and lakeside owners for the few slalom skiers. Its just not fair!

Pine Mountain Lake is not a large lake as nearby Bass Lake or Lake Tulloch, both of which have endless water skiing and jet skiing opportunities. Our lake has been

There have also been comments regarding the sound of rushing water flowing running down our creeks and numerous reports of rain totals. I just love it when people get that excited about water.

So, to answer a few questions, as of January 12 our Lake has come up around 7 feet and is now only about 2 feet from being full. It's officially full when it reaches 2,550 feet above mean sea level or MSL (whatever that means). I remain hopeful that it will fill and spill very soon. And speaking of spilling, I just finished calibrating a gauge that measures how much water goes over the spillway and heads down Big Creek to the Tuolumne River and then Don Pedro. Keeping track of that and the amount or water that flows into the Lake is part of our reporting requirements to the State of California. And while the state may just file those numbers away, I crunch them to help me understand our overall water budget. I used to think that the majority of water that flows into the Lake came from Big Creek. And while that is true, I'm beginning to understand that it is a much smaller percentage than I originally thought. I'll try to expand on that at a later date.

For now, and while the interest in our Lake and water is heightened, I'm going to throw out a suggestion. Why don't we organize a field trip to visit all of the stations and gauges that are used to monitor our Lake? If we can get permission from all parties, we could turn it into a good 4 hour, very informative tour. Perhaps even during Lake Appreciation Month in July. And we can always end it with a...

SPLASH!!!

able to accommodate the various water sports of canoeing, kayaking, fishing, swimming, paddle boarding, sailing, pontoon boating, and water skiing quite nicely because there have been set times for specific uses.

We do not see any need to increase the ski hours by beginning at 7am. The beauty of the lake and its quiet serene glass-like quality we enjoy in the early morning hours would be disrupted by the few early bird skiers. Please consider ALL the water users on our lake, and continue the compatibility we have been enjoying for years. We like our slower lake which provides good family fun for all ages.

Stephan A. DeRodeff  
Groveland CA



# Hooves and Happenings

Jeanna Santalucia – Stable Manager

What a difference in weather from last year to this!! I recall wearing short-sleeved T-shirts when I guided trail rides on Presidents' Weekend. LOVE seeing this rain and snow, thinking how it will benefit our lakes and high country this summer!! We also love seeing our part time neighbors and friends when they come up to visit. I spend a great deal of time traveling up and down HWY 108 in addition to HWY 120, and would like to ask PML members to remind their renters to, as we say in back country terms "pack it in, pack it out". It is amazing the amount of vacationers and day-trippers who come here to enjoy the beauty of nature and our forests, yet leave all of their garbage in these forests and on roadways when they depart.

With that segue, we are solidifying plans for this summer's special events and Wrangler Camps. Save the date for BACK COUNTRY ADVENTURE DAY, June 18th. This event is dedicated to the activities and education for young and old. Included are: Mule packing, Smokey Bear, Forest Service, Fish and Game, scheduled guest speakers on hiking, biking, riding, and "Leave No Trace" in the forests, wilderness and parks, craft booths among many others.

Wrangler Camps will begin on June 13th, and run Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with a new 1-week (5 days) Progressive Wrangler Camp from Monday, July 18 through Friday, July 22. This camp will be limited to 6-8 campers, ages 8-14, who have attended a minimum of 2 day camps at PML in 2015, or have had riding lessons at other stables. During this, each camper will be assigned 1 horse for the week to care for, groom, saddle and ride. On Friday, we will invite parents and family to view riding and craft or horse care demonstrations. Call Jeanna at the office for more information and qualifications. Fee for all horse camps will



be \$40 per day for PML members and \$45 per day for non-members. Call for info on special discounts. Please check the website for more events and for information regarding Riding Lessons and Trail Rides.

Preparations are underway for the new Storage and Horse barn. Subdivision of 2 pastures will also take place enabling us to rent space for part time PML members who wish to bring their horses up for 1 or more months in the summer.

We hope to see many more of you in the coming months, so keep an eye out for future activities!

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# Resolution Update

PMLA Board of Directors

## Resolution 04.03 – Editorial Policy

Amended paragraph A. EDITORIAL COMMITTEE CHARTER:

“Editorial Committee members will review all “Letters to the Editor” prior to publication to assure compliance with the Editorial Policy. **“Thank You” letters will not be considered “Letters to the Editor” and will be published without Committee review. “Thank You” letters must meet the same Editorial, Physical and Submission limitations as stated below.** Committee members will not become involved in the daily operation of the PML News.

Respectfully submitted:  
**Mike Gustafson, Secretary”**

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## News from The Grill

Jay Reis - Grill Manager



Things look good so far in 2016. The current outlook is that oil prices are trending lower so that is keeping raw materials and food prices stable for most restaurants so far this year. This and many other factors should help us keep the prices of our menu fairly stable.

In 2016 we will continue to plan our monthly wine tasting dinners. If you haven't been to one of these social events yet, they are usually on Thursdays and are very popular so make reservations early. They are very casual and fun and includes a buffet dinner and you can purchase the wines that evening at a special discounted price. And since many of you have requested, we will be planning

a couple Beer tasting events this year as well. In April we will be hosting Dust Bowl Brewing company from Turlock and in August Kona Brewing company and in October Sierra Nevada Brewing company will be here.

We have a couple holidays coming soon that I wanted to remind you of. The first special day is Sunday February 14, Valentine's Day. We are planning on a very busy weekend as this is a three day weekend for the Presidents Day holiday on Monday February 15. We will be serving the regular menus all weekend and Chef Raul will be adding some nice dinner specials as well. We will also have live music on Saturday and Sunday for this holiday weekend. Just a quick reminder that Easter is early this year. It falls on March 27. Easter Sunday Bruch is a very popular day and seating is limited so please make your reservations early. To make reservations call 209-962-8639.

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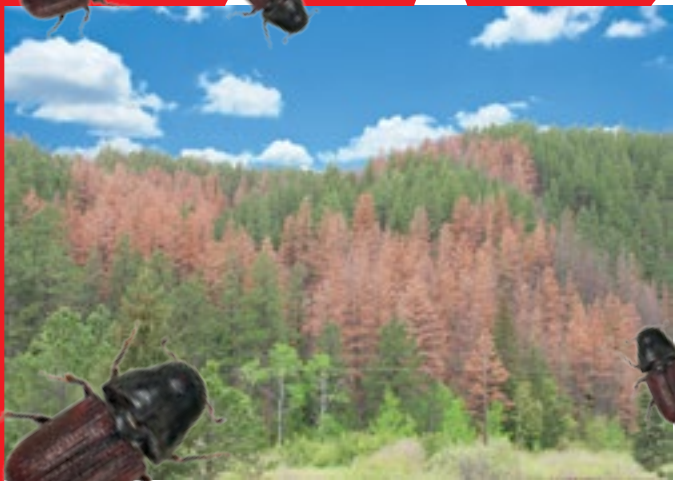
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Please contact ECC before you begin any type of construction at **209-962-8605**

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- 2. Driving in a reckless manner
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- 4. Parking on street (road shoulders OK)

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- 3. Using the property Owner's gate card or clicker

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- 1. Starting work before 7am or continuing after 7pm
  - 2. Allowing dogs at construction sites
  - 3. Performing work on Sunday
  - 4. Cutting down a tree in excess of 5" without PMLA approval
  - 5. Trespassing on neighboring property
  - 6. Using neighbors water or electricity without written permission
  - 7. Leaving construction signs longer than 5 days after work has been completed
  - 8. Nailing signs to trees
  - 9. Storing building materials on street or easement
  - 10. Beginning exterior construction without PML Association approval
- Any Questions...call Dennis Pipal, Community Standards Director @ (209) 962-1240

# ALL PMLA HOMEOWNERS EMAIL OPT-IN PROGRAM

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

**Cost Savings** – The Association is spared the expense of printing and mailing many documents to those property owners who sign up.

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**Reduced Clutter** – By receiving documents via email there is less paper for you to deal with. All

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Please read the Terms & Conditions for the email opt-in program on the website, [www.pinemountainlake.com](http://www.pinemountainlake.com) under the Resources/Forms > **Opt-In Email Program.**

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Community Standards/ECC

Dennis Pipal – Community Standards, Director

Terri Thomas – Coordinator Environmental Control Committee

### REFRESHER COURSE FOR MEMBERS

Over the course of the last year, we took literally thousands of calls from members and other residents regarding a large variety of questions, complaints, wants and needs, association policies and gripes to name just a few.

Community Standards and Environmental Control encompass most of the rules and regulations, which are common when living in an HOA. We thought it would be an opportune time as we begin a new year to review the different areas of influence each of our job descriptions cover.

### COMMUNITY STANDARDS

The governing documents which include the CC&R's and Board Resolutions is where I live. If certain activities violate any of our governing documents then I'm the guy to call. And while this is a broad definition of my job description, a narrower list would involve the personal conduct and the property use of our residents.... what you can and cannot do if you want to live in this community. The old phrase, "living in a glass house" comes to mind.

Most of it is just common sense kind of stuff such as respect your neighbors and treat others as you would like to be treated. However, the rules around here are a lot more restrictive than if you were living in a non-HOA environment. Most of you have probably noticed the mobile home on HWY 120 located in Chinese Camp between the two 90 degree turns and the railroad yard. There would be those kinds of conditions around PML if we did not enforce our rules.

The main areas where I spend most of my time involve people and their pets, their personal property storage, the general condition of their Lot, and how people store/manage their garbage. Oh, and let us not forget, how they are annoyed by their neighbors.

I am also responsible for the Fire Safety program as it pertains to private property only. Dead trees fall into this category but are enforced under the CC&R Owner Maintenance Responsibility section. If you have a greenbelt or Common Area concern that is for Tom Moffitt our PMLA Maintenance Engineer.

For those who like to read the fine print you can find my areas of influence under the First Restated Declarations Article VII, Section 2 and Article VIII, Sections 1 through 19.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Now that you have a general idea of the types of concerns handled by the Community Standards Department, let's discuss the Environmental Control Committee and their responsibilities.

According to the CC&R's, the Environmental Control Committee was established by Pine Mountain Lake Association to make sure those exterior activities and improvements enhance the natural beauty and character of the properties and the quiet enjoyment thereof. Wow!

Following that goal in the CC&R's are 20 pages of how that should be done. Then there is another entire document, the ECC Rules, Guidelines and Construction Standards.

Honestly, that sounds quite daunting, but let's look at what it all really means.

The Environmental Control Committee is an all-volunteer committee and consists of 3 members, and up to 2 alternate members who meet every-other Thursday. There is also one highly qualified inspector who inspects projects on a weekly basis. The Committee's job is to review all exterior improvements within the properties of Pine Mountain Lake to make sure they meet the minimum standards. This review process begins prior to starting the project and continues through to completion.

So, what "improvements" are we talking about? Well, the simple answer is – anything that you are doing to the outside of your home or on your lot. This could include anything from a dog run or garbage receptacle to a brand new home. Common improvements are storage buildings, garages, new and replacement decks, docks, retaining walls, fences, paint and, the hottest item on the block; solar panels.

As the Coordinator for the Environmental Control Committee, it is my job to assist you, the property owner, through the process. We have compiled a lot of information in hand-out form that will explain what you need to do to help you move smoothly through the completion of any improvement. Much of this information is also available on the website.

### PRIVATE PROPERTY DISPUTES

There are certain types of incidents that happen around here that are not covered by the CC&R's or the ECC Department. Many times these are disputes regarding easements, water runoff, erosion, and trespassing. Another common example would be a tree or tree limb falling across property lines.

These types of incidents are considered civil matters between property owners. We recommend the neighbors get together and decide on a reasonable solution. Worst-case scenario... these unresolved disputes will have to be determined by the courts.

In conclusion, remember... Terri and I are always here to help. We can be reached as follows:

Terri Thomas (209) 962-8605 [ecc@pinemountainlake.com](mailto:ecc@pinemountainlake.com)

Dennis Pipal (209) 962-1240 [communitystandards@pinemountainlake.com](mailto:communitystandards@pinemountainlake.com)

## Winter Driving on PML Roads

Tom Moffitt – Maintenance Department

Snow and ice make for some difficult driving and dangerous situations on our roads during the winter. Driving in winter conditions demands special attention to the vehicles readiness, design, tires, traction devices, and controls. When the driving conditions demand tire traction devices, snow chains may be added for even more traction. Keep in mind that studded snow tires are allowed in Tuolumne County, from November 1st to April 1st.

Several of the PML Maintenance vehicles, especially the snow plows, are 4-wheel drive. Most of the trucks are equipped with snow tires, and are prepared for driving on snow and ice. This allows our workers the ability to travel PML roads under the worst of driving conditions, safely, and securely. The ability to respond to storm duties, performing emergency situation tasks and keeping the roads cleared, are the Maintenance Department's foremost responsibilities.

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

connecting roads will follow, then the courts and cul-de-sacs are plowed last.

Clearing the roads for emergency vehicle travel is the first objective. An entire section takes about ten hours to complete, sometimes longer due to continuing weather conditions. When the roads are plowed, the sander will distribute sand to areas that are having ice and traction problems. Keep in mind, that the particulars of a storm may change the level of work we are able to perform in order to keep the roads open and safe. In a winter storm event, the Maintenance Department staff plans for continuous 24-hour duties when the road snow plowing work is required.

All of us who live here in the beautiful Sierra Foothills know that winter weather can be enjoyable, sometimes brutal, yet manageable. Know the weather conditions before hand, have your vehicle winter-ready, always drive safely, and drive cautiously. Speed in winter driving is the critical factor; 15 to 25 mph is a safe range, sometimes slower, depending on visibility and road surface conditions.

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

## Shades of Green

Alan Macdonald – Golf Course Superintendent

After twenty-five consecutive years, and eight years of service for PML in the 1970s, the calendar says it is time to take a break, and retire.

What a great run it has been! I have met so many wonderful people over the years, and have been extremely fortunate to do so.

There are so many people to thank individually, that I couldn't do it in this article. It has been a privilege to have worked for PML. The support our department has received from management, and all of the other amenities has been as good as it could get. It was a pleasure to work with the ladies & lady 9ers clubs as well as the men's & men's 9ers groups for their tournaments and events. I would like to thank the members that have served on past and previous boards for their support over the years.

We have been through some rough times lately with the drought and its impact on the golf course. I can't say enough about the efforts of our staff and the condition they keep the course in times of drought, extreme heat, or temperatures that reach down to the teens, as we have recently experienced. Continue your support of the efforts of Robbie, and the rest of our experienced crew. I know they will work hard to continue to find new ways to maintain and improve the course for everyone to enjoy.

Many memories have been created over the years. The drought of the 70s that required John Gray to purchase the portable water pump due to the lake level being so low. That same pump has worked part of the last two irrigation seasons for

us during our current drought.

Some other memories are that during one Mother Lode a gentlemen handing out the adult beverages near 5 green was in such a hurry to get to the dinner at the stables that he ran over an irrigation valve and had water shooting twenty feet high out into Mueller that all the others headed to the stables had to endure. During those years the event was a double shotgun start each day due to the number of players.

Some of you may remember the large oak that fell on the restroom on #4 and destroyed the building there in 1994.

The now 17 year old "new irrigation" system installed in 2000 that has performed really well for us, is now reaching nearly half of its life expectancy.

There was a snow storm in late 1978 and the snow load was so heavy that the weight of the snow damaged the trees on the course and debris was everywhere. It took us until April to clean it up. We removed over 30 cords of firewood from that single snowstorm.

I was telling Dave [cart boy] Berthold that I wanted to break 80 before I left. He said that shouldn't be a problem, as I could just come on in when I reached #14 or so, when all 79 strokes had been used up! [*Must I count that missed gimme?*]

Thanks for the memories, but you still have to REPAIR those ball marks! I will be watching. No getting around taking care of your course.

## From the Fringe

Mike Cook – Head Golf Professional

The winter season is in full swing and if the projections are correct we are in for a wet one. The golf course drains well and the maintenance crew does a great job of getting the course ready after a storm. So don't let a little rain stop you from your appointed round of golf.

If you want to play better golf in wet winter conditions it will call for a change in strategy on the golf course. The following may help you to manage your game better in wet winter conditions:

### WINTER WEATHER GOLF TIP

Playing in wet and cold conditions demands that you go away from your normal warm weather club selection thoughts, for a number of reasons:

- The air is cold and heavy, as a result the ball does not travel as far.
- The ground is soft and footing is not as stable.
- Your muscles are not as limber in cold conditions.

Hitting approach shots into the green is where we really need to make adjustments. If we can swallow our pride and adjust our way of thinking we will be able to manage our game to lessen the negative affect of the winter conditions on our game. Try making the following changes:

- Hit more club! In winter conditions you may need to hit 1 or 2 more clubs to get the ball to go the desired distance. In many cases the most committed error in golf is not hitting enough club. Caution: Sometimes when hitting more club, the thought of going long causes us to quit on the follow through. Do not quit on your follow through, make sure you swing through the ball and finish the swing. Try using more club until you are consistently pin high or long of the flag, then you can adjust down to the next club.
- When selecting a club that you know is plenty of club, you can adjust your setup and swing in the following ways so you

can hit the ball the desired distance:

- ♦ Choking down on the club will reduce the distance the ball will travel.
- ♦ Reducing the length of your backswing will also reduce the distance the ball will travel.
- ♦ Swing smooth! With more club you will not feel that you need to swing hard. A slower smoother swing will relate to better timing and more consistent ball contact. A fast hard swing is one of the causes of hitting behind the ball and hitting the ball thin.
- ♦ If you try; using more club, choking down and swinging smoother you just might find you will hit more solid shots and get the ball to the hole.

Remember the old saying "most shots that do not get to the hole don't go in"

### RULE CHANGE FOR 2016

Animal Hoof Prints - Other than on the putting green, damage that is clearly identifiable as having been caused by animal

hoofs is ground under repair (Rule 25-1 applies).

Such damage on the putting green may be repaired (Rule 25-1 does not apply)." (*New Decision 33-8/32*)

### RULES QUIZ

What are your options when your ball lies in a bunker that is entirely filled with water?

- You are entitled to drop the ball outside the bunker with no penalty.
- You may play the ball as it lies.
- You may take relief by dropping the ball in an area where there is the least amount of water with no penalty, no nearer to the hole.
- You may drop the ball outside the bunker keeping the position where the ball lies between you and the flag, with no limit on how far behind the bunker the ball may be dropped, adding one penalty stroke.
- You may under the stroke and distance penalty, go back to the place where you hit the previous shot.

# Of Gates and Follow Throughs

Natalie Trujillo – Director Department of Safety

## GATE FOLLOW THROUGHS ARE NOT A VICTIMLESS CRIME.

Today folks, we are going to talk about the victimization of the gates and our gate system here. Anecdotally speaking, I can relate dozens of stories about gate follow throughs, vandalism and those that have intentionally (or unintentionally) damaged the gates with their vehicle. The majority of the offenders the Department of Safety investigates are identified as dues-paying property owners. Personally, this feels like the antithesis to paying dues for a property here only to cost yourself additional dough. Accidents happen, absolutely, but in relative terms the majority of these offenses were committed as a seemingly intentional act.

Resolution 95.09 summarizes our gate operation in that our gates were intended for one vehicle's entry per gate opening and outlines a fee. Our gate system was also designed for only one entry at a time and individual gates are not always as responsive as you might presume in respect to multiple vehicle entries. Some members continue to violate the one entry per opening gate policy mainly for the sake of convenience, or perhaps even ignorance. Follow throughs are not permitted in Pine Mountain Lake, at any gate, and many of them result in gate failures when the gates are inevitably struck and damaged. If you have a guest coming in to visit, they need to use the guest lane at the Main Gate. If you are moving into a new house and do not have your access cards or clicker yet, then you also need to use the guest lane at the Main Gate. If you have a vendor coming in, by all means send him on down to the Main Gate! If you forgot your gate card or clicker, you guessed it, you will also need to use the guest lane at the Main Gate. Yes, that means going the "long way."

I have watched as property owners line up their guests and click open the gate so that they can all speed through as fast as they can. I have witnessed property owners full on ram the gates for no particular reason at all. I have witnessed members wait for someone to click open the gate only to cut other drivers off and speed through. I always wonder, am I missing something? Some of these follow throughs that result in gate damage must also be damaging the vehicles involved. How is this better than just waiting your turn? Or using the Main Gate if you forgot your card or clicker? Or calling in a guest pass? Or asking yourself: is there a better way to get in to Pine Mountain Lake? Maybe this particular subset of members feels that since they pay dues they are entitled to break the rules. I really am at a loss. For those that continue to violate this resolution, I would like to

stress that you are on camera. We can see you as you follow another vehicle through and appropriate enforcement action will be taken against you.

The responsible party, be it member, tenant or other, will be charged for the cost of the fine and/or gate damage they incur, including parts and labor. Also, we sacrifice the integrity of our security gate system when the gates are hit and irrevocably damaged. As Murphy's Law dictates, these gate incidents seem to always occur after normal business hours leaving us further exposed. Furthermore, the gates can only be repaired as fast as is humanly possible. If you haven't guessed it already, we, the members, are the victims of gate follow throughs and their subsequent damage.

I realize that members are concerned about the possibility that "undesirable" people may be getting into Pine Mountain Lake by following vehicles through. Unfortunately this is not technically accurate. If I had to rank them by the number of follow through incidents we encounter per group of offenders, one being the highest and 5 being the lowest, it would be as follows:

1. **Members**
2. **Legitimate guests of members**
3. **Both legitimate and illegitimate tenants, meaning those who have not yet registered or paid for their access card**
4. **Legitimate vendors or service personnel of members, which the member may or may not be aware of**
5. **Undesirable people, including those that may already have a valid pass under a member or registered tenant**

More often than not, other members are responsible for gate follow throughs, which is less of a threat to our community than those "undesirable" people. The gates were built with a magnetic loop in the pavement just after the gate opening. This is (usually) able to detect your vehicle as you pass through the gate. When the loop no longer detects your vehicle's magnetic presence it relays this information to the gate controls and the gate closes. Please do not stop on the loop to prevent a follow through. The gate will remain open as long as your vehicle is over that loop. In the off-chance that the car behind you is not attempting to follow you through, they might become infuriated that the car in front of them will not allow the gate to go down so that they can use their card or clicker. We would prefer to avoid that type of unnecessary conflict. If a

vehicle does follow you through a gate, call the Department of Safety as soon as possible and let us know. We will be able to identify them and can take enforcement action against them or their sponsoring member. If we are unable to identify the vehicle or determine that the person or persons should not be entering Pine Mountain Lake, the surveillance video and any accompanying information will be turned over to the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office for criminal action.

As a reminder, please do not leave your gate card or clicker in a vehicle you do not commonly use or do not pay particular attention to. We have now had two instances in just a few months in which stolen gate clickers were used to freely access Pine Mountain Lake. If one of these subjects had not finally chosen to brazenly use the property

owner lane, we may never have known that this criminal had possession of someone's property at all, as it had not been reported stolen. In the second case, the property owner was also not aware that their property had been stolen until the suspects were arrested on other charges. Please remember to lock your car at night and keep your additional clickers and/or cards in a discreet place inside your home when not in use.

For those of you who consistently adhere to the rules of the Association and report follow throughs, keep fighting the good fight! We appreciate your vigilance and your support of the Department of Safety.

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

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## PML Racquet Club News

Ken Steiner

### ANOTHER REPORT FROM THE COURTS FROM THE RACQUET CLUB SCRIBE.

Winter has arrived and the Racquet Club members look forward to getting out on the courts periodically in between what we all hope will be more robust storms.



*New co-president, Jane Reynolds and member Kathy Egan enjoying themselves at the Racquet Club Holiday Party.*

### OUT WITH THE OLD BOARD, IN WITH THE NEW

The Racquet Club held its annual Holiday Party/final 2015 Board Meeting on December 10 at the Groveland Hotel. The new Racquet Club Board was announced and the departing board members and last year's Co-Presidents, Tom Hernandez and Joe Sousa, were thanked for their service. New Board members include Co-Presidents Jane Reynolds and Lisa Brown Jimenez, Vice-President Steve DeRodeff, Secretary Bev Oakley and Treasurer Joy Thompson. Jerry DeHart will stay on for his 43rd consecutive year as Facilities Director, and Joe Sousa and Tom Hernandez will remain on the Board this year as co-past presidents. The picture nearby shows the new co-president, Jane Reynolds and member Kathy Egan enjoying themselves at the party. We will see how much Jane is smiling at the end of her term. Tom Hernandez thanked all the old departing board members including Rick Gratian, Dennis Hoagland, Joanne DeHart and Maddie Sousa.

By the time this article is published, the new Board will have already met to plan Racquet Club activities for 2016. The club will be having its first Quarterly meeting on March 15th after its "Day of the Green" social and potluck. More information to follow.

### MEN'S TENNIS

Al Rodriguez has taken over as the sole organizer of the Men's tennis matches every Thursday morning (weather permitting). The club is very appreciative of all the time and effort spent by Jack Linaberry in this role in years past.

### TUESDAY TENNIS

Dr. Rick Gratian continues to organize matches for those individuals who want to play on Tuesday mornings. He generally schedules the matches a month in advance. If you are interested in participating, you can call Dr. Rick at 499-1001 or send him an email at [Rgratian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Rgratian@sbcglobal.net).

### DROP-IN TENNIS PROGRAM

Dr. Rick and Jane Reynolds also continue to organize the Saturday Drop-in program. Stop by for drop-in doubles tennis. The time varies by season. To date, drop-in tennis has been very well attended and typically fills all four of the tennis courts. On court 3, players rotate in and out while other players go to the upper courts to play a full set. While cheering players on and socializing, attendees enjoy fruit, "exotic juices", coffee and various breakfast delights furnished by Rick and Femie Gratian or other Club members.

If you are interested in joining the Racquet Club, the dues are \$10 per person per year. Contact Co-Presidents Jane Reynolds or Lisa Brown Jimenez or any other board member for information. Jane's email address is [pmljay@yahoo.com](mailto:pmljay@yahoo.com) and Lisa's email address is [coachbj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:coachbj@sbcglobal.net).

The Racquet Club website is at [www.pmltennis.webs.com](http://www.pmltennis.webs.com) and is maintained by Bob Oakley.

Stay healthy and we will see you on the courts!

## Garden Club Clippings

Joyce Smith

**WANTED:** People interested in Gardening. Watch the PML News or Yosemite Highway Herald for Meeting Time, Date and topic. We meet the 2nd Monday of the Month at the Lake Lodge. Visit and see if this is something you would be interested in doing. Hope to see you there.

## PML Men's 9 Hole Golf Club

Steve Engstrom

December of last year turned out to be very cold compared to the last several years, with much more rain (and a little snow) than we have had for this month in recent memory. Given this, and the holiday season, several of our events were either cancelled due to rain, or not enough golfers showed up to hold a competition. The first week in January looks to be following the same pattern and that's a good thing; we really need the rain and snow. The grass on the course is not growing much either, due to the cold, but I have noticed many new sprouts of grass in all dirt areas due to the abundance of rain. Let's all hope that this pattern continues.

The answer to last month's teaser, which was "One Magical Sunday" is a book about the 2004 Masters winner. Who is he? is "Phil Mickelson". This month's teaser is "Sam Snead holds the record for most career wins on the PGA Tour. How many tournaments did Snead win?" Our winners for December were:

### 12/2 THREE BLIND MICE

**First:** Steve Engstrom,

**Second:** Kurt Petersen,

**Tie Third:** Walt Bales and Jerry Patrick

### 12/9 4 MAN 2 BEST BALL

**First:** John Cress, Dick Dentino,

Jack Leetham and John Klink

### 12/16 CANCELLED

### 12/23 RAINED OUT

### 12/30 CANCELLED

If you are new or returning to golf and don't want to play 18 holes, you are invited to join the Men's Nine Hole Golf Club.

- Play every Wednesday.
- A variety of games & formats.
- We will maintain your nine-hole handicap.
- Walk or ride, it is still "a walk in the park."
- Annual Championship Tournament

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## PML Organized Groups & Clubs

Contact the individuals below if you are interested in joining!  
(All numbers are 209 area code unless noted otherwise)

<b>Aviation Association</b> Catherine Santa Maria	962-7904
<b>Computer Users Group</b> Frank Perry	962-0728
<b>Exercise</b> Barbara Elliott	962-6457
<b>Friends of the Lake</b> Mike Gustafson	962-6336
<b>Garden Club</b> Sharon Hunt	962-7707
<b>Guardians of PML</b> Gus Allegri	962-6915
<b>Ladies Club</b> Maddie Sousa	962-5708
<b>Ladies Golf Club</b> Iris Moffit	962-5050
<b>Men's Golf Club</b> Dick Faux	962-4617
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<b>Monday Bridge Club</b> Bill Parker	962-5957
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<b>Pickleball</b> Karen Seals	962-6657
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## PML Ladies Golf Club Events

Sara Hancock

We were able to get in three play days this month, even with Christmas falling on a Thursday and some much needed rain.

**DECEMBER 3RD HO-HO-HO** (1 Best Ball on Par 5's, 2 Best Balls on Par 4's, 3 Best Balls on Par 3's)

**1st Place...**121 points...Linda Johnson, Helena McMillan, Jeanne Pacco and Paula Vautier

**2nd Place...**122 points...Lisa Brown-Jimenez, Priscilla Park, Marjorie Rich and Alma Frawley

**DECEMBER 17TH JINGLE BALLS**

(Net Score of all players on all Red Flags, 1 Best Putt on all other)

**1st Place...**122...Barbara Connelly, Susan Dwyer, Priscilla Park and Linda Wall

**DECEMBER 31ST BLIND PARTNERS COMBINED NET SCORES**

(Club Pro, Mike Cook, drew partners)

**1st Place...**149...Jodie Awai and Sara Hancock

**2nd Place...**151...Barbara Connelly and Linda Johnson

**3rd Place...**155...Marcee Cress and Susan Dwyer

**Birdies:** Linda Johnson #16

On December 9th we had our Christmas Luncheon and General Meeting. Gifts were brought to share with the Christmas Baskets for the children of Groveland. Our meeting was highlighted by a number of awards earned over the year. Tournament Chair, Yvonne Mattocks presented winners of the Great Northern Pins. Flight A went to Yvonne Mattocks with an average net of 68.3 and Flight B went to Sandy

DeRodeff with an average net of 69.66. Ace of Aces went to Yvonne Mattocks with a net 64. There was a three way tie for Putter of the Year with 29 putts going to Kay Bettencourt, Kitty Edgerton and Helena McMillan. Captain Lynne Dust presented Lisa-Brown Jimenez with the Most Improved Player of the year award. Her index went from 30.0 to 24.6. Well Done Ladies. Congratulations!

**Barbara Connelly presented the Eclectic awards.**

**1st Flight winners** from 1st to 5th: Paula Vautier, Helena McMillan, Priscilla Park, Kitty Edgerton and Marcee Cress.

**2nd Flight winners** from 1st to 5th: Susan Dwyer, Linda Wall, Kathie Wood, Lynne Dust and Lisa Brown-Jimenez.

**3rd Flight winners** from 1st to 5th: Sandy DeRodeff, Alma Frawley, Corky Graham, Ann Hankin and Marlene Drew.

In closing, Alma Frawley is giving us her recap for "Babes Through the Decades." Her report is as follows: A big shout out to all the Babes as we finish our 2nd year golf play – culminating this year on our last play day, December 8th with a delicious dinner at The Grill when we congratulated the winning team, the SAVVY BABES, captained by Corky Graham. Again kudos to you gals! The FABULOUS BABES, SASSY BABES AND EXCITING BABES look forward to trying to top you as we start our 3rd year (can you believe!). BUT, time marches (roars) on and we look forward to our first play day for 2016, January 12th. See you then. Thank you Alma for having such a great idea.

2015 brought us a lot of fun golf and we are sure to have as much fun in 2016.

## PML Lady Niners

Sharon Kenyon



*Sarah Zimmerman, seated above, won the Putter of the Year award.*

*Geralyn Dielman, top center, was the Ace-of-Aces award winner; Jane Reynolds, top right, won the Club Champion title; Nancy Brewster, bottom left, was Most Improved; and Sharon Kenyon was awarded the Volunteer of the Year by the Humance Society of Tuolumne County.*

**DECEMBER 3 "ELIMINATOR" WITH 3 THREESOMES**

We opened the month with a sunny and windy day playing a new game.

This is a "Better Ball" format with a twist. The first player whose score is used for the team score is eliminated from scoring until the remaining team members scores are utilized, rotating thus until the final hole is completed.

**1st Place Tie:** Both teams had a score of 35. Team one: Dotty Davis, Marilyn Hathaway, Flo Jansen

Team two: Marilyn Alexander, Pat Price, Nancy Whitefield

**Low Net:** Nancy Whitefield Net 36

**DECEMBER 17 CHISTMAS LUNCHEON AND AWARDS**

Everyone dressed in their Merry Christmas party clothes and met at The Grill bearing holiday gifts for our Groveland Community kids. We were all in a very joyous mood as we greeted friends, some we see weekly on the course, and some that we dearly miss. We started our celebration with a very special brunch executed by Captain Stacie, Bambi and the "elves". The crowning dessert was a decadent caramel lava cake...deliciously gooey sweetness!

Captain Stacie Brown recognized and thanked all who helped make 2015 a very special year:

The 2015 Officers, Chairmen & Assistants and Committee members; Mike Cook and

the Pro Shop; Alan MacDonald and the grounds keepers; Bambi and Raul and The Grill personnel.

Tournament Chair, Pat VanGerpen then announced the player awards for 2015.

**Sarah Zimmerman** won "Putter of the Year". **Geralyn Dielman** took home the "Ace-of-Aces" plaque.

**Jane Reynolds** won "Club Champion" title and plaque.

**Nancy Brewster** was awarded the WNHGA "Most Improved Player" certificate.

Nancy was singled out for this reward as a result of her dedication throughout the year to greatly improve her handicap by taking lessons, diligent practice, and regular play. She put in the hard work it takes to win such an award.

**Congratulations to all the 2015 winners!**

**HSOTC 2015 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Sharon Kenyon was awarded Volunteer of the Year by the Humane Society of Tuolumne County. She was presented with an engraved trophy for her weekly volunteer work since 2010 with the kitties at the facility in Jamestown. Sharon provides grooming, nail clipping, socializing, and magnitudes of loving care, especially for the young felines struggling to adjust in an environment without their mothers, and often without siblings. Sharon also co-authored the youth book "Tails of Adventure" as a fundraiser for HSOTC.

## Quilters Corner

Sandy Smith

February is the month we celebrate love, and what a better way to do that than make a quilt project for someone you love. Happy Valentines Day to each of you. May your day be filled with love, friends and family. Chocolate too.

How many women besides me don't feel they do well with math. Well here are some facts to share with you. Terms used in quilting: square - rectangle - half square triangle - quarter square triangle - trapezoid - half trapezoid- equilateral triangle - diamond - and the most impressive isosceles triangle. These are all things you can use when making a quilt. Now don't you feel smarter than an hour

ago. You can be proud of your math skills because you are a quilter.

Pine Needlers Quilt Guild meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. under the Library. This month it is on the 16th. Come out and see what is happening under the library.

Hooplapatterns.com is interesting to me, they specialize in museum and antique reproductions. Some really beautiful quilts on this site, and you can order patterns too. Let me know what you think about it.

Unsewing is something that we all experience at times. Here is a helpful hint: use your seam ripper to cut every 3rd stitch on side of the seam, and then lift the thread off

the other side. When you have to do this just remember take a deep breath, and know that everyone has to do this once in awhile. This helpful hint was taken from Alex Anderson's new book All Things Quilting. If you have to

do this one a bias seam I love her advice "just throw it away and start all over"

In this new year of 2016 learn to quilt, it is great fun and you will have lots of support. See you on the 16th.

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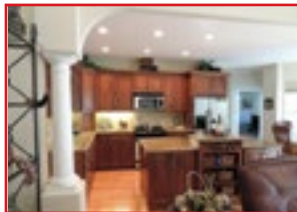
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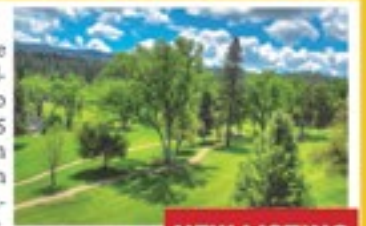
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### Spectacular Sierra & Lake Views!

3 Bed/3 Bath, 2 Car Garage w/11 1/2' x10' Storage Rm, Approx 3051 sf, 0.57 Acre. Living Rm w/2 Bay Windows, 2 Family Rms Upper & Lower Level, Bonus Rm, Custom Sewing/Hobby Rm with Custom Cabinets, Work Counters & Pull Out Drawers, Lots of New Millard Windows thru out, Kitchen, Breakfast Area, Huge Master Suite, Inside Laundry, 4 Fireplaces, Central Air, Wrap around Trek Decking, Concrete Patio, Custom Curtains & Drapes, Custom Corner Bookshelves, Shelving for CDs, Books or Nic Nacs. Special Features You will Enjoy. Vacant Lots on both sides are Available by this Seller. It's a MUST SEE!!

12088 Hillhurst 8-148 \$439,000 MLS# 20151847



### Looking for Privacy?

Check out this Delightful 3 Bd/2 Bath Split Level Home. Approx 1500sf, Large Master Bdrm w/Walk-in Closet. Nestled amongst Beautiful Trimmed Oak Trees. Lots of Rm on this 0.648 Acre Parcel. Most Furniture & Appliances included in Sale. Plenty of parking Nice Neighborhood and Quiet Street. 20590 Nob Hill Cir 3-90 \$250,000 MLS# 20151873



### Comfortable Living

3 Bed/2 Bath, 2 Levels, Approx 1800 sf, on Approx 0.40 acre. Central Air/Heat, Heat Pump, Free Standing Air Tight Fire Place, Great Room, Brfst Bar, Island, Pantry, Solid Surface Countertops, Double Pane Windows & Coverings, 600 sf Family Room on Lower Level. Nice Seasonal Creek. 12947 Jackson Mill 7-137 \$185,000 MLS#20151709



### Great Taxiway Lot

Includes a Large Pad for Hanger. Unfinished Shell for a 2 Level Home with Oversized Garage underneath. Approx. 0.69 Acre. County shows the Upper Level as 2 Bdrm & Bath, Main Level Living Rm, Kitchen, Dining & Bath. Bdrms not defined as this home was never finished. Fire Retardant Roof was installed in 1996 w/permit. You can Make it Your Own Design! \$184,900 12-26 20954 Woodside Way MLS#20151473



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19631 Cottonwood St - 6-38 \$129,000 MLS# 20140610

### LAND FOR SALE!

2.3 Acre \$59,900 Whites Gulch

- 1-1 - \$22,900 Double Lot Build
- 1-106 - \$39,000 Wonderful Level Lot
- 4-128 - \$110,000 Lake Front-Beautiful
- 4-154 - \$24,900 Season Creek
- 4-343B - \$10,000 Seasonal Creek,
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- 5-5 - \$ 7,000 Also a Great Build
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- 5-213 - \$19,000 Great Location
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- 6-231 - \$12,500 Nice Distant View
- 6/183 - \$29,000 1/2 Acre+ Easy Build
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SEVEN CEDARS

19935 Pine Mountain Dr.

\$198,500

Call Linda

- 3 beds / 2 baths
- Open floor plan
- 400 sf bonus room
- Approx. .50 ac lot 1/2 mi to Marina
- Private setting



PREMIER SETTING

12015 Hillhurst Circle

\$239,000

Call Ron or Dave

- Mountain views
- 3 bd/2 ba/2-car
- Furniture included
- Covered deck
- Lots of parking



CHECK OUT THE VIEWS!

18527 N. Dome Court

\$179,900

Call Ron or Dave

- 2 Bed, 2 Bath
- No HOA Dues
- Nearly 1.4 Acres
- Covered Deck
- Jetted Tub
- 2 Car Garage
- No Stairs to Entry
- Furniture Included



GORGEOUS ACREAGE

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CHARMING CORNER LOT

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- Light Bright Cheery
- Vaulted Ceilings
- Large decks
- Furniture included



COZY & CUTE CHALET

19810 Ferretti Road

\$159,900

Call Mike or Patty

- 4 bed / 2 baths
- Beautiful park-like settings
- Knotty pine ceilings
- New roof
- Backs up to green belt
- Large decks



ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS HOME!

19287 Ferretti Road

\$235,000

Call Elaine

- 3 Bd/2Ba
- Cathedral ceilings
- Open room concept
- Step-down lvg rm
- Bright & functional kitchen
- Courtyard patio
- Covered deck



CHARMING HOME

12286 Sunnyside Way

\$249,000

Call Elaine

- Tri level 2bd/2ba
- Bonus Room
- Family Room w/wet bar
- Open beam ceiling
- Wall of windows in Living Room
- Solid surface decking
- 2 car gar. w/loft



IMMACULATE FAMILY HOME

**PENDING**

12054 Alcan Court

\$259,000

Call Zane

- Large Lot
- Over 2,000 sq. ft.
- 2 car garage
- Deck Surrounds Home
- Sunset Views



PREMIER SETTING

20240 Little Valley Road

\$399,900

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- Composite Decking
- Entry Level Living
- Merged Lots
- Golf Course Views
- RV Parking



RELAXING RETREAT

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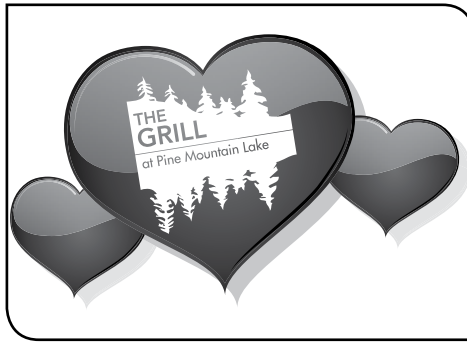
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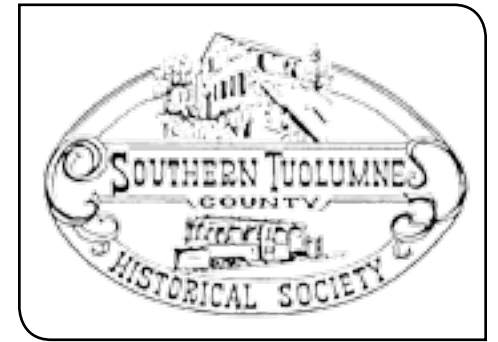
**Heart Fest at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds  
February 9**



**Valentine's Weekend at The Grill  
February 12-14**



**Wine Tasting and Dinner Buffet  
February 18**



**STCHS Program on Priest Station & Grade  
February 20**

<b>TUE 9</b>	<b>TUE 9</b>	<b>WED 10</b>	<b>F-Su 12-14</b>
<b>MOTHER LODE FAIRGROUNDS</b>	<b>HOSPICE OF THE SIERRA</b>	<b>MOUNTAIN LUTHERAN CHURCH</b>	<b>THE GRILL AT PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE</b>
<p><b>HEART FEST</b> 4:30-7:30 p.m. Live entertainment, educational booths, a lecture by cardiologists Atul Ramachandran, MD and Eric Hemminger, MD, a free heart-healthy dinner, and a giant walk-through Mega Heart exhibit. Health screenings will be provided. The lecture and free dinner will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. To RSVP, please call 209-536-5151 by February 5.</p>	<p><b>VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION FOR HOSPICE OF THE SIERRA</b> For those who may be interested in serving patients and families receiving hospice care. The orientation will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Hospice of the Sierra, 20100 Cedar Road North in Sonora. For more information and to register for the training, please call Shauna at 209-536-5687.</p>	<p><b>ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE</b> Mountain Lutheran Church will have a somber Service of Repentance on Ash Wednesday, February 10, at 7 pm. with hymns and a message. Holy Communion will be celebrated with a traditional marking of the cross in ashes upon our foreheads.</p>	<p><b>ST. VALENTINE'S WEEKEND</b> Treat your sweetheart to a romantic dinner and dancing at The Grill. The regular Grill menu and Valentine's Specials will be available. Live music on Saturday and Sunday night. Reservations are encouraged. Call 209.962.8638 for reservations or additional information. Accepting reservations for 5pm - 9pm seatings.</p>
<b>SUN 14</b>	<b>THU 18</b>	<b>SAT 20</b>	<b>SAT 27</b>
<b>GROVELAND HOTEL</b>	<b>THE GRILL AT PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE</b>	<b>GROVELAND COMMUNITY HALL</b>	<b>GROVELAND HOTEL</b>
<p><b>VALENTINE'S DINNER</b> Executive Chef MarkAaron will be preparing your choice of Charbroiled Filet Mignon for \$60, Chicken Cordon Bleu with Brie Sauce for \$45, Mango Pork Tenderloin for \$45 or Lobster Thermidor for \$50. Dinner will be served from 5:30pm to 10:00pm. Call the Groveland Hotel for more information or to make reservations.</p>	<p><b>WINE TASTING &amp; DINNER BUFFET</b> Brought to you by Young's Market. Great wine and food, Classic Pot Roast Dinner, are the highlights of this fun evening. Wines featured will be offered at a discounted price this night only. \$25 per person plus tax. Reservations are required. Call 209.962.8638 for reservations or additional information. Seatings begin at 5pm.</p>	<p><b>STCHS PROGRAM PRIEST STATION AND THE OLD AND NEW PRIEST GRADES</b> Steve Anker and local historian Jim Phillips discuss the issues and challenges of early day travel and freight delivery before "the Moccasin Hill Wagon Road" was opened. Steve and Jim will also give a history and some anecdotes of the historic Priest Station. Begins at 7pm &amp; is FREE!</p>	<p><b>WINTER MAGIC SERIES</b> One of the Bay Area's top female magicians, Heather Rodgers, will perform. Award winning magician, she has performed at the President's Inaugural Ball in D.C. Close-up magic for your pleasure! Dinner served from 5:30pm to 10:00pm, Showtime 7:00pm. There is a \$10 Cover for the show with the purchase of an entrée. Family-friendly excitement!</p>

**19TH HOLE LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT**

<b>Saturday, February 6 UPLANDS DRIVE</b>	<b>Saturday, February 20 KICKSTART</b>
<b>Saturday, February 13 ROCKSLIDE</b>	<b>Thursday, February 27 KOOLSHIFTERS</b>
<b>Sunday, February 14 KICKSTART</b>	

**SUPPORT MEETINGS IN GROVELAND**

**AL-ANON**  
**THE LITTLE HOUSE** - SATURDAYS 9:30-10:30 AM

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# Helping Hands of Groveland

## 2015 CHRISTMAS BASKET WRAP-UP Patti Beaulieu – Co Chair

Here we are in January and have completed another successful Community Christmas Basket Project. Dar Brown and I have co-chaired this for many years together and it's the highlight of all the other things we do throughout the year. Yes, it's a lot of work, we start months ahead of time and it takes TONS of help from TONS of people, but we love doing it, never the less. Each year we hit some sort of bump in the road but it manages to get handled. This year was no exception – in late September, the Tuolumne County Facilities Department took control of the Community Hall and mandated that most of the things stored in the basement be removed IMMEDIATELY! This included our 300 + boxes that we use each year to fill with food and gifts for the recipients of the Christmas Baskets. Dar went to work and Sylvia and Steve Engstrom quickly came to the rescue to offer their cabin for storage until we needed them in mid-December. With the help of Dar and Mal Brown, Steve Engstrom (and his trailer), Kurt Petersen and Bob and Steve Aker they were moved over and then back to the Community Hall again in December. A huge thanks to the Engstroms their generosity and the use of their trailer and cabin. Leonard Cassaretto is allowing us to store the remaining boxes in his storage until we need them next year. This is also a huge relief and many thanks go to Leonard.

This year, the COMMUNITY WIDE project was able to provide 126 local adults and 85 children with a bounty of food for the holiday season and gifts for the children. This is such a giving community that readily assists those less fortunate.

Thank you's go to the following folks who gave so much to help make this a special holiday for so many.

**OUR CORE COMMITTEE**, once again this year, consisted of Shirley Brascesco, Mal Brown, Charlie Fratus and Karen Jablonski who helped throughout the busy basket assembly week. This year we welcomed the help of Muffy and Mike Breaux, who jumped in and assisted each day in any way they could. Dar and I could not get along without these folks – they give so much time and do so much for us.

**GIFT ELVES:** We had some super shopping elves this year who traveled to get just the right gifts for their designated children. They were Amanda Klahsen, Cheryl Hernandez, Chris Balek, Cindy Selvey, Cindy Simpson, Dawn Silva, Donna Thayer, Faye Buckley, Flo Jansen, Geralyn Dielman, Jackie Baker, Judy Calcagno, Karen Jablonski, Kathe Hennigan, Linda

Struhm, Linelle Marshall, Linn Faler and her daughter Denise, Sandi Fiance, Sharon Spinelli, Sue Peterson, Susie Bales, Syd Robenseifer, Syl Engstrom and Toni Augsburg. Many of this ladies have shopped for us for years and we were fortunate to have a few new ones join the group this year. Pam Hall, our crafting angel, generously donated beautiful themed homemade blankets, pillows and other plush gifts for each of the children. This sends a warm hug from Pam. Another one of our angels is PML part timer Cathy Hart, who bestowed us with generous funds to purchase many of the clothing and gift items. We also received an amazing array of children's gifts from the PML Ladies Club Members, PML Ladies 9 and 18 Hole Golf Clubs; and PML Aviation Club Members

**GIFT WRAPPERS:** We had a record number of wrappers this year – so many that there is not room to mention them all, but each one of you are SO MUCH appreciated for your time and dedication.

**SANTA JOHN:** Many thanks to our generous Santa John who helps fund this project to make sure each child gets just what they want. He has provided countless area children with a special Christmas for many years.

**FOOD DONORS:** The following organizations donated food items (or more) to complete the food basket: Big Oak Flat Baptist; Buck Meadows Church; California Dept. of Forestry (Groveland Station); Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints; Diestel Farms Turkey Ranch (they donate ALL the turkeys); Duet Catering; Evangelical Free Church; Foothills Community Church; Garrotte Lions; Groveland Christian Church; Groveland Rotary; Groveland Highlanders 4H Club; Bob and Joan Herron; Hetch Hetchy Water District; Kiwanis of Groveland; Mountain Lutheran Church; Pine Mountain Garden Club; Pine Mountain Men's 9 Hole Golf Club; Pine Mountain Men's 18 Hole Golf Club; Pine Mountain Racquet Club; Pine Mountain Residents Club; Pine Mountain RV Club; Rabobank; Ruben and Joanne Bacci; ROOFBB's; Seventh Day Adventists Church; Tuolumne County Association of Realtors; Yosemite Bank

**FINANCIAL DONORS:** Secret Santa John; Accounting Plus-Cathy and Jack Leetham; Patti and Michael Beggs; Geri and Frank Biggs; Black Oak Casino; Leonard Cassaretto; First Baptist Church; Friends of the Groveland Library; Cathy Hart; Helping Hands of Groveland; Jackie Sample (Jackie's Jewels); Jane Hansen; JoAnne Prieto Accounting; Kate Dodd; Kathy McConnell; Kay Meerman; Leahy and Sons Construction; Moore Brothers; Mt Carmel Church; Mountain Sage Café; Patty and

Norm Peebles; Pine Mt Realty; Precision Optics; Priest Station Café; R and R INC (Down to Earth); Reimer Construction; ROOFBB's; the late Sean Harrington (in memory of his wife Annette); Soroptimists of Groveland; Soul Be Good; Paula Stevens; Steve and Cindy Watts of Hilltop Homes; Tangled Hearts Bakery.

**HELP FROM THE MEN:** All of these guys helped in some (or many) ways throughout the process: Bob Aker; Steve Aker; Derrol Beaulieu; Willie Boatman (bike assembly); Mike Breaux; Mal Brown; Wally Child; Otis Fender; Fred Faiella; Mike Ireland; Frank Jablonski; Kurt Petersen; Rudy Rich;

**WE CAN'T FORGET:** Kevin and Staff at MarVal Market for saving boxes for us all year, allowing us to put out food donation barrels, ordering the food at their cost and delivering it to us when needed; the Groveland CSU who assisted with traffic control on Pick-Up Day; Jim Knudson (who drove from Seaside) and Steve Salnick who drove down in the dark to pick up the donated turkeys from Diestel Farms in Chinese Camp; Linda Child, who was on Turkey distribution duty; Pat Fernandez, who helped sort tons of gifts, Kathy Cox, who allowed Santa to store all the gifts in her garage until they were needed; Barbara Klahn from FOGL for serving juice and cookies on pick up day; Yosemite Highway Herald and Pine Mountain News who run our articles from September till February; and of course Santa Claus.

Whatever your contribution, large or small, we send a HUGE underscored **THANK YOU** to you all!

## HELPING HANDS IS THANKFUL Patti Beaulieu – Store Manager

As we begin this New Year, we'd like to take this opportunity to express some of the things for which we are thankful.

First and foremost, we are thankful for our dedicated volunteers. They freely commit their time to working at least 2 days a month at the Thrift Store and/or the Furniture Barn, as well as Committee members, Chairpersons, Department Heads or Board Members because they know they are helping their community and neighbors.

Just as important are the generous people that donate their slightly used, and in some cases, new items to us for resale. This keeps our inventory constantly rotating and keeps our two storage facilities filled with off season merchandise (Yes, we take all seasons - all year long). We are always amazed by the generosity of those that donate, whether they are residents or bring their donations to us when they vacation in Groveland and PML.

Finally, and just as important, we are thankful for all the customers that visit us for their shopping needs, on their daily outing, or to satisfy their curiosity by seeing what we have in stock. Many times it's a combination of all three.

These three components are what allows our organization to generously give back to our community for their needs, fundraisers, sponsorships and much more.

Remove just one of these elements and Helping Hands would cease to exist. It's a relationship of mutual dependence that benefits everyone. Thank you volunteers, donors and shoppers. We look forward to another successful year!

## HELPING HANDS HAPPENINGS Joyce Smith

A New Year and some new officers. We welcome Mike Breaux as our New President. Mike and wife Muffy (she was appointed to finish term of previous Recording Secretary) are from the Sunnyvale area. They knew about PML as they had vacationed in this area off and on for many years. After looking for a place to retire, they decided this area was right for them. We are happy they enjoy volunteer work and want to be a part of Helping Hands and our community. New officers were installed at the January 14th Volunteer Luncheon. (Store and Barn will be closed that day.)

Our thanks to outgoing President Dale Elliott. Dale served 3 years as President and was instrumental in updating Policy and Procedural Manuals plus rewrote our ByLaws. Dale sends her thank yous to all volunteers and her Board of Directors for their dedication to our organization.

Sometime in February we will start putting out Easter Inventory.

Sales, Sales and more sales, we are a 'fun' place to browse.

We were closed on January 14th for our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Installation of Officers. We had a great time. Thanks to our Board for this recognition.

February already! Easter is early this year (March 27th). Easter inventory is and will be coming out so don't delay. We always have lots of Easter Baskets, grass, flowers, rabbits and more rabbits.

We owe a big thank you to Cheryl Smith for stepping in for Tom Carman when health issues forced him to resign. Cheryl did a wonderful job and we greatly appreciate her filling in.

Things are pretty much back to normal so keep on dropping in to see what is new and interesting. Always a fun place to look around.

See you at the Store or Barn.

## Can you feel the LOVE?

The Groveland Hotel

It's all here at The Groveland Hotel & Cellar Door Restaurant this February.

OUR VALENTINE'S DINNER will be held on February 14th. Executive Chef Mark Aaron will be preparing your choice of Charbroiled Filet Mignon finished in the oven then topped with a port demi-glace and bleu cheese, served with roasted garlic mashed potatoes for \$60, Chicken Cordon Bleu with Brie Sauce, a chicken breast stuffed with black forest ham and havarti cheese coated in herbed breadcrumbs and finished with a delicate wine and brie sauce, served with rice pilaf for \$45, Mango Pork Tenderloin pan seared then finished in the oven with marsala wine and topped with a spicy jalapeño and mango chutney and served with roasted red potatoes for \$45 or Lobster Thermidor, chopped lobster mixed together with a white wine tarragon and cream then baked in the oven then covered with a parmesan cream sauce, served with a lemon jasmine rice for \$50. Dinner will be served from 5:30pm to 10:00pm.

The fourth season of our WINTER MAGIC SERIES continues on Saturday, February 27, with one of the Bay Area's top female magicians

Heather Rodgers. Heather is an award winning magician and has presented magical programs at over 4,000 public and private events, ranging from the President's Inaugural Ball in D.C. to the Wonder Dome in Las Vegas. She will be showcasing her close-up magic for your pleasure, so come and be a part of the act as you are dazzled by this very interactive magic. Close up magic is considered the most potent form of magic you can experience! Dinner served from 5:30pm to 10:00pm, Showtime 7:00pm. There is a \$10 Cover for the show with the purchase of an entrée. You don't want to miss this family-friendly excitement, so make your reservations early.

Gift certificates are available in any denomination. Say you care with anything from a flight of chocolates to a weekend getaway. **MAKES THE PERFECT GIFT!** To make your reservations, call us at 209-962-4000 or email [guestservices@groveland.com](mailto:guestservices@groveland.com). For more information on these and other upcoming events (dates, videos, menus, etc.) visit [www.groveland.com/events](http://www.groveland.com/events).

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SOUTHERN TUOLUMNE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## February 20th Program

Bruce Carter

### "PRIEST STATION AND THE OLD AND NEW PRIEST GRADES"

Come join us on Saturday, February 20 at the Groveland Community Hall to hear Steve Anker and local historian Jim Phillips discuss the issues and challenges of early day travel and freight delivery before "the Moccasin Hill Wagon Road" was opened. They will provide some history regarding the selection of the route, its financing (mostly local contributions in cash, labor and materials), the political issues and obstacles, and the celebrations when the roads opened.

Steve and Jim will also give a history and some anecdotes of the historic Priest Station. Priest's began as a stage stop at the top of the hill about 1853. It developed to be, as John Ferretti recalled, "a high class establishment and well known from one end of the state to the other, the cuisine was excellent." At one point in time, all wheeled vehicles going to Yosemite had to



pass Priest Station. One of the services it offered in the early days of the automobile was having a team of horses available to tug a stalled vehicle up the steep grade. Steve and the Anker family, descendants of the Priest family, continue to manage and operate the Café serving delicious meals with personal service.

**Saturday, February 20 at 7:00 pm**  
**Groveland Community Hall**  
**Admission is free**

## A Special Thanks

Cavan Rose

I wanted to send out a sincere THANK YOU to all who helped with decorating our town for the Christmas season. It is truly a committed effort for all who participated. There were a few ladies who helped me finish up with some areas, which had not yet been accomplished beyond the designated dates. A special Thank you to them, they know who they are.

In the process there were a few places that did not get decorated and my hope is to make sure that next year all will be remembered. Also, I would like to develop our decorating teams more, so that it can be accomplished much quicker. It is my hope that there will be others interested in making this a part of their commitment to our communities. And hopefully this will develop the decorating teams as well. **GREAT JOB DEDECORATING!!! GO TEAMS!!!**

There were a lot of amazing members of our community who helped us with getting the decorating correct and encourage us new comers by recognizing our efforts to continue this unique and I think, Iconic tradition for our mountaintop towns. For it was not just Groveland, but Big Oak Flat as well, that is a part of this coordinated decorating. Thank you to: Dave V., Mike & Anita, Marie Dean, Joanne H., Earl W., Terri W., Nellie, Lorna, Holly & Amanda, Rhonda, Mel & Carol, Alise, Rob, Shelly, Elder Dean & crew, Jacque, Jerry, Susan, Ashley, Allen, Cynthia. (Our youth center kids & High Schoolers who got

in community hours, are: Zack, Summer, Jack, Sarah, Grace, Curtis, Cecilia, Bryce, Destiny, Mary, Tommy, Tyler)

A special THANKS, to all those businesses that helped by donating monetarily or with supplies. For those I didn't get back to, please feel free to send in your donation to the Yosemite Hwy 120 Chamber to help cover all the costs and hopefully get us a good start for next year to cover replacement lights, tape, ribbon, etc. If you have already sent it in, Thank you.

Businesses or private donators: Miner's Mart, Moore Brothers, Mar-Val Market, Groveland Mini Mart, PML Administration, Leonard Casseretto, Dave Pish, Connifer, Pizza Factory, The Hostel, Groveland Veterinary, Elle's Café, All Seasons Hotel, Groveland Hotel, Two Guys Pizza, Yosemite Bank, Rabo Bank, Groveland Pharmacy, Serendipity, Iron Door, Firefall, Dori's Tea House, Charlotte Hotel, Mountain Sage, ReMax, Pine Mountain Leisure, Pine Mountain Custom Rentals. Hopefully I got all the names correct, please feel free to correct me when you see me. If I have left anyone out, it was not intentional, again, please feel free to correct me so I can get it right the next year.

I just want to acknowledge Kay Glaves, who recently passed, for getting us all started and those who were devoted in the same endeavor for the years they put in too. Thank you all, but a special remembrance to her dedication to this particular event.




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## CASA Career Event

Barbara Broad

Groveland Coalition Against Substance Abuse (CASA) a project of Groveland Area Involved Neighbors (GAINs) will host its first career event on March 16 from 1:10 – 2:30 in coordination with Tioga High School. The career event is intended to engage students with adult partners to discuss various career opportunities and make the necessary class selections in high school and college. The student / partner match-ups will be based on results to a recent student career interest survey. CASA is recruiting career professionals who will commit to partnering with CASA and can present to the students all the necessary skill sets required for the careers they represent. In addition, the students would learn from the career partners how they can prepare for the career, understand the job duties, and get an idea of what the pay range includes.

CASA is seeking presenters for all careers. If you are interested in participating

in this exciting venue, please contact Marty Bolar, [martybolar@msn.com](mailto:martybolar@msn.com), 962-4469 or CASA Chairperson Miriam Martin, [miriam@pinemountainlake.com](mailto:miriam@pinemountainlake.com), 962-4080.

The career dates are 3/16, 4/20, and 5/18 and will be held at the Tioga High School gym.

CASA Vision: Groveland becomes a safe, healthy and nourishing environment for our youth where residents practice healthy and non-abusive behaviors.

CASA is a volunteer organization dedicated to reducing drug and alcohol abuse and suicide by collaborating with all residents, educational, business, faith-based and government organizations and community service groups to maximize resources that support healthy, productive behaviors amongst all residents. To learn more about CASA, visit <http://grovelandgains.blogspot.com/>.

## Kiwanis of Groveland

Sandy Smith

Community service what does it mean to you? Let me quote something Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Sums it up in a nutshell for me. Kiwanis gives you that opportunity to give back to your community. Even though they are an international organization, the motto is to help one child at a time, one community at a time. You can see this on their website [Kiwanis.org](http://Kiwanis.org). Check it out.

We meet each Tuesday, 4:30 at the Pizza Factory. We invite you to come out and become someone who shows they love their

community. Share what you love by living it out loud!!! Learn about TOMS, Dolls On Parade, MAD LAB, or other projects that are Kiwanis helping in their communities.

In 2015 Kiwanis started the ELIMINATE project. The goal was to raise \$110 million dollars to save the lives of 129 million mothers and babies. Tetanus is something we don't think about much, but in other countries maternal/neonatal tetanus kills 1 baby every 9 minutes. They did reach their goal by Kiwanis volunteering in their communities to fundraise. Kudos to each one.

Happy Valentines Day to all. Enjoy the day.

## Pine Cone Singers Get Back to Work for Spring Concert

Bob Swan

As I write this, the Pine Cone Singers are on our January "vacation", resting our voices before starting rehearsal for our 2016 Spring Concerts, scheduled for May 12-15. We don't know yet what our musical offering will be for the spring, but we are confident that it will be varied and entertaining (and, since it's spring, probably a little jazzy). I will have more details next month.

Pine Cone Singers have been Groveland's community chorus for more than thirty-six years. We are delighted to have another opportunity to serve up some entertainment, and are very grateful for the support we get

from the community. We are always happy to gain new members, so if there's anyone out there with the urge to sing, it's not too late to join us. Rehearsals are Tuesdays, 3:00 to 5:30 PM, at the Groveland Community Hall. We take people of all skill and experience levels (it's a COMMUNITY chorus). If you'd like more information, please contact Sally Salinas at 962-0505. If you're ready to sing, just come to rehearsal.

In any case, please note the dates of the Spring Concerts, May 12-13 at 7:30 PM, and May 14-15 at 2:00 PM. Hope to see you there!

## Community Service Unit Groveland Office

Judy Walsh

Looking for something to do in your local Groveland community? Tuolumne County Sheriffs Department, Community Services Unit is looking for "a few good people", men and women.

The object of this group is to assist the sheriff's deputies by keeping your eyes and ears alert and using the "CAP" (Community Assistance Patrol) car cruising through neighborhoods and through downtown showing a uniformed presence. In your uniform, you can walk through downtown Groveland checking in with the various businesses reassuring business owners that you, as a local citizen of Groveland, are participating in a Groveland community program through the Sheriffs Department to keep the community as safe as possible by being a uniformed presence with direct access to the sheriff's department radio dispatch using a patrol radio issued by the department.

In the summer time there is also boat patrol at Pine Mountain Lake where you will be assisting the deputies using one of the sheriff's patrol boats. You can also assist deputies by serving non criminal victim witness subpoenas in the southern county using the buddy system and the CAP car. You can form a Neighborhood Watch Program for your area to add eyes and ears to protecting your neighborhood.

If you have office skills, there are programs available through CSU where you can work in the Groveland office answering phones, assisting people with directions, taking reports of lost and found items, and assisting deputies when called upon. Currently the office is located on the Par Court in Pine Mountain Lake off Mueller Road. In 2016 it is proposed the office will be moving to 18687 Main Street Groveland (in the Mountain Leisure Coldwell Banker Building). This will give the unit much better access to the community and businesses.

As a uniformed CSU member, you can participate in the Search and Rescue (SAR) program through the sheriff's department and assist in communication and mapping when called upon. There are other duties that you may be asked to do such as going for additional equipment when requested or ordering and picking up meals for the search team.

If you are interested in becoming a vital part of your community, you may pick up an application from the CSU office in Groveland or by calling Larry Asquith, Assistant Executive Director at (209) 586-5565. We hope you will plan to join us as we work together with the Sheriff's Department to keep the Groveland community safe.

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## Matters of the Heart

Etty Garber PhD. – Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

FEBRUARY is the month of Valentine's Day with emphasis on the heart. There are probably more proposals and engagements than any other month of the year. It is the time to take note of the health of your heart especially if you are planning to live a long and active life. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States."

There are many kinds of heart disease. The most common is coronary heart disease: disease of the arteries, angina, atherosclerosis, heart attacks, hypertensive heart disease, inflammatory heart disease, rheumatic heart disease, congenital heart disease and heart failure.

Lately, there has been a lot more public information helping Americans to become educated with the risk factors for developing heart disease: high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking, diabetes and prediabetes, being overweight or obese, being inactive, having a family history of heart disease, poor eating diets and natural aging. One type of heart problem that occurs as people age is atrial fibrillation or afib.


The heart is the organ that pumps blood, with life-giving oxygen and nutrients, to all the tissues of the body. Once the heart is injured in some way it produces alarming symptoms such as chest pain, pressure, squeezing, choking, numbness or pain in

the chest, neck or upper abdomen, pain in the jaw, head or arms in men. Depending on its cause, chest pain may last from less than a second to days or weeks. It might occur frequently or rarely and might occur randomly or predictably.

Cardiac symptoms are often not the same in women as in men. Frequently, women experience nausea, vomiting, indigestion, shortness of breath, extreme fatigue or pain in their side, jaw, shoulders back or arms, palpitation with lightheadedness or dizziness. They may not have any chest pains so they generally don't think they are having a heart problem. Women tend to minimize their symptoms by saying, "I'm just stressed or tired." If these symptoms last up to 5 or 10 minutes you need to seek medical attention right away.

Because so many different conditions can produce these symptoms, it is important to see your physician for a complete examination. Make a note of all the symptoms you have had and for how long. You have a much better chance of survival if you seek medical attention immediately. Inform your physician if there is a family history of heart disease.

Consider PREVENTION: eat healthy, cut sugar and saturated fats, watch your weight, exercise consistently, no smoking, limit your alcohol, get rid of your stress, laugh, take one day at a time and enjoy your life. Share Valentine's Day with someone who makes you happy.



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## PAINT DISCOUNT PROGRAM

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

If you are interested in this discount program, call your local Kelly-Moore Paint store for details.

## Healthy Habits

FROM PINE MOUNTAIN THERAPY

Julie Tanaka, PT

### MANAGING STIFF AND SORE MUSCLES

Happy February! By now you are well into your New Years resolution to exercise daily and are wondering, "if exercise is so good for me why am I stiff and sore in the mornings?"

Delayed onset muscle soreness, DOMS, is common in athletes, weekend warriors, and those who exercise for general health, as is general morning stiffness. So why do we get sore and what can we do about it?

There are different theories on why we get sore after exercise from micro tears of muscles when we start new activities and strain muscles being used in new ways to inflammatory responses to changes in magnesium and calcium levels in the muscles. When you read through all the theories it is interesting, and a bit confusing, but in the end the "what do I do about it" is pretty much the same and will sound very familiar. So here you go:

1. Water intake: dehydration leads to fatigue and muscle soreness. Drink your water! There is concern about drinking water right before bed because you don't want to be up all night using the bathroom. But for the muscle stiffness and soreness water in the evenings will help. Alcohol and coffee dehydrate, so avoid those.
2. Stretching your joints through their full range of motion in the evening and then the morning before you get out of bed. This helps to bring circulation into the muscles and decrease accumulation of fluid in your joints.
3. Possible supplements: Magnesium and calcium are super important in the cellular physiology of muscle tissue. If you are working out on a regular basis and putting some good stress on your muscles think about getting some support. Magnesium and calcium rich foods are dark leafy greens, nuts, fish, avocados, yogurt and dark chocolate!
4. Get a massage: regular massage is a great way to manage stiff and sore muscles and is a healthy reward for being consistent with your exercise. Self massage tends to tense one group of muscles while trying to relax another and ends up being a bit counterproductive when looking at muscle tissue physiology. Using a foam roller and a massage tool called "the stick" (a rolling pin can work too) can be very effective. There are lots of



videos on You Tube showing how to use these tools. There are also lots of great massage therapists in Groveland.

I told you these health tips would sound familiar. So keep up with that new exercise program and reward yourself with a glass of water, some dark chocolate and a massage.

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### SOUTHERN TUOLUMNE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Museum Happenings

Carrie Carter

The Civilian Conservation Corps was established in 1933 by an Act of Congress for the purpose of providing employment for young men. The Emergency Conservation Work Bill was one of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's most successful responses to the



serious economic depression gripping our country. Until its final year in 1942, it provided meaningful work for nearly three million young men in all 48 states while restoring and conserving our natural resources.

Company No. 1914 located in Buck Meadows was one of the first Civilian Conservation Corp camps established in May 1933. Criteria for enrollees were that they must be aged 18 to 25, physically fit, unemployed and unmarried. Each enrollment period was for six months and could be extended. Typical pay for a young man was \$30 per month with \$25 sent home to the enrollee's family, struggling through the Great Depression.

Like other CCC camps, the Buck Meadows camp was composed of 225 to 250 men. Generally 200 young enrollees came from San Francisco, 25 to 30 were local young men, and 15 to 20 were locally experienced men called LEMs who knew the area, climate, vegetation, environmental conditions, and accepted practices. Seven to eight local men served as foremen and superintendents and two to five regular army personnel maintained camp in a military-like fashion.

Initially the Buck Meadow's recruits were housed in tents, but by the fall of 1933 the camp was complete with barracks, a mess hall, and a recreation building. Enthusiastic and able bodied young men were taken out of the almost 50% unemployment and poverty of the large cities and given food, shelter, gainful employment, healthcare, education, confidence, self-respect, and work ethic. While the day to day labor was physically challenging, on Saturday nights the young men would be brought down to Groveland in open trucks for movies or other recreation. The Buck Meadows camp even had a baseball team that traveled to compete in the area leagues.

Under the direction of the National Forest Service, the 800-mile long Ponderosa Way Fuel Break, a passageway for trucks starting in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest and running south to the Sequoia National Forest was created by men from

CCC camps. Working with hand tools and plenty of elbow grease, this was California's largest CCC construction project and employed men from the Buck Meadows camp and other camps throughout the state. Approximately 25 miles of this truck trail still exists in the Mi-Wok and Groveland ranger districts, a legacy to the hard work and perseverance of these young men.

Other projects constructed by the CCC in the Groveland District were the Carlon and Jawbone Guard Stations, the garage at Pilot Peak Lookout, the cabin at the Woods Ridge Lookout, the Jones Point Lookout, Foresta Bridge, Lumsden Bridge, Moore Creek Road, the Tuolumne Trail Cable Crossing, and the Groveland Ranger District Office which was on the Buck Meadows CCC camp site.

Recruits also worked on fire suppression crews, clearing underbrush, removing invasive plants, building campgrounds and picnic areas, planting trees, helping surveyors and constructing dams.

The CCC program not only provided an income for these young men but also exposed them to military style discipline and many of them went on to be ready soldiers when World War II broke out. Some married local girls, staying in the area to start careers and many took their newly acquired skills and built successful businesses and professions.

From the 1930s through the early 40s Yosemite National Park had ten CCC camps from the meadows to the high country. You can still appreciate the lasting artistry and handiwork of CCC recruits in Yosemite National Park today. Throughout the park remain rock and timber walls, walking paths and rustic structures such as the Ostrander Lake Ski Hut built by the CCC over eighty years ago.

**HERE IS A FREEBIE ALERT!** To celebrate its 100th birthday, the National Park Service is offering free passes to every fourth grade student and their families. Go to [www.everykidinapark.gov](http://www.everykidinapark.gov) to take advantage of this free opportunity to discover the scenic wonders of Yosemite.

# Yosemite Foothills Fire Safe Council

Nancy Perry – YFFSC Secretary

To All Fire Community Friends,

Yosemite Foothills Fire Safe Council is a non-profit, non-governmental, non-regulatory community partnership of residents, property owners, businesses, and agencies working together to reduce our vulnerability to the threat of wildfire. We work closely with the US Forest Service, CAL Fire, and others by creating fuel breaks and defensible space surrounding homes and communities to improve chances of withstanding a wild land fire. Preparation must begin long before smoke appears on the horizon. Become a fire wise member of your Fire

Safe Council. The Yosemite Foothills Fire Safe Council is looking for additional Board members and liaisons to serve in the interest of our community. These are important positions requiring dedicated people interested in the management and reduction of fuels, creation of fire breaks and establishing better fire protection. We meet once a month, the second Tuesday of each month.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact:  
Rick Whybra, Chairman.  
209-962-7610 desk • 209-768-7628 cell

# First Wednesday Bird Walk

Jeanne Ridgley

The first Wednesday of the month Bird Walk at the Groveland Community Services property at 18966 Ferretti Road, Groveland will be led by Jeanne Ridgley on Feb 3 and Mar 2. The property encompasses an area of more than 200 acres of oak, pine and willow habitat with three water storage ponds.

The Jan 6 Bird Walk was cancelled due to rain.

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

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# From Your Tuolumne County District Supervisor

John Gray – Tuolumne County 4th District Supervisor

Recently I received a letter asking me to respond to a couple of questions about county government. I offered to have a one on one meeting to go over this person's concerns but for a number of reasons we have not yet had the opportunity to get together for the discussion. I have addressed these same questions at other times but because they continue to come up it is a good time to revisit them again.

The first question has to deal with Tuolumne County Transit. (TCTC). This was more of a comment than a question regarding a statement I made TCTC operating costs. I stated that operation costs and the bottom line would improve by increasing the ridership on the county bus system. The writer countered that we also improve by purchasing less expensive buses.

To respond, it is important to know that the Tuolumne County Transit Authority and the Tuolumne County Authority (TCTA) are NOT county departments and their activities are Not funded through the General Fund. They are each Joint Powers Authority (JPA) made up of 2 members of the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors (BOS), 2 members of the Sonora City Council and 1 member of the public. Funding for this authority is derived from a portion of gas taxes collected and grants from the State and Federal Government. The JPA has been very successful in bringing funds to the County for State Highway projects, County Road projects and transit bus purchases. In the six years that I have served on the JPA, nearly \$70 million, related to State and local projects, has been secured for road improvements.

Now to the bus purchase question.. Because of the source of these funds, there are specific guidelines that must be followed. The buses must meet Federal Design/ ADA standards; buying American-made is required and factory assembly line inspections during construction must be made which contributes to the \$80,000 to \$185,000 cost of each vehicle.

The Transit Agency works to reduce the cost of buses by participating in a statewide bid. This group purchase allows dozens of transit agencies to bid out hundreds of buses at one time to get the best volume discount possible.

In making bus purchase decisions the Transit Agency generally sizes buses, 15 to 30 passenger seats, to accommodate peak ridership for each route. Buses must be sized for ridership trends. A recent review shows an average 50% and maximum 77% peak seating utilization on fixed route buses. Ridership is affected by population levels, fuel prices and the local economy. Having some reserve seating capacity on the buses is prudent. It should be further noted that the less costly small buses typically have a service life of about 240,000 miles while the more costly larger buses are constructed on truck chassis that are expected to last up to 400,000 miles.

The second question posed is "what happens to the \$7 per vehicle fee collected on vehicle registration in Tuolumne County"?

Money in this fund is generally spent in full annually in the following manner.

- \$1 is for fingerprinting (Jail budget) about \$57,000 a year
- \$1 for auto theft (DA budget) about \$57,000 a year
- \$1 for abandoned vehicle (Sheriff budget) about \$57,000 a year
- \$4 for air pollution (Air pollution budget) about \$225,000 per year but does vary depending on project. If funds are not used, they are deferred to the following year. These are the funds used to replace vehicles in public works that do not meet Air Quality Standards. As an example, last year the county purchased 3 new snow plows that replaced equipment that was manufactured in the 1960's. In prior years, road graders were also purchased with these funds and in all cases the replaced equipment did not meet air quality standards.

The third and final question- What happens to my tax dollar and where is it spent? A brief breakdown is shown below.

- The County of Tuolumne receives 26.3%
- City of Sonora 1.1%
- Fire Districts 3.6%
- School Districts 63.8% and
- Special Districts 5.25%

As you can see, Tuolumne County has control of just 23.6%. Of those funds kept by the county, the BOS has designated public safety and roads as top priority items. Approximately 35% goes to public safety-fire, sheriff, jail and another 9.7% goes to roads, the remaining funds are used to run the county and all of its departments.

Some have asked "why do we have to pay for a Sheriff's department as we don't have to use it, why do we have to pay for a jail as we've never been in jail, why do we have to pay for maintaining all of the 660 miles of county roads because I only drive on some of them and why pay for schools-I don't have any kids in school"? The reality is that there is a cost to provide services to people...all of the

people. We might not use all of the services ourselves but we can't cherry pick and support only those we like.

In closing, it may be necessary to discontinue writing articles for a while due to rules associated with election practices. I have filed the necessary signatures to allow me to run for another term. I have truly enjoyed the challenges presented while representing the 4th District and I hope to continue on your behalf. As with any political position you seldom make everyone happy-if that is even possible... But, you have my pledge to continue working to make Tuolumne County a great place to live!

As always I welcome your calls, emails and letters. If you need assistance please remember that office hours in Groveland are presently held at the Groveland Youth Center from 9 am to 11 am on the 2nd Monday of the month until we have moved into our new location in the Mountain Leisure Center across from the post office. Lake Don Pedro is "by appointment". If you need to meet with me in person, please do not hesitate to contact me by calling 533-5521 or by email me at: [jgray@co.tuolumne.ca.us](mailto:jgray@co.tuolumne.ca.us)



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## PML Action Hero: Ken Helling

Janet Gregory

Two-, three- and eighteen-wheel action is what drives PML Action Hero Ken Helling.

Two-wheels are Ken's passion. The Honda Gold Wing is his favorite touring motorcycle. Older British-made Triumphs of the 1950's, 60's and 70's are his passion (maybe even an obsession).

Ken raced motorcycles for eighteen years, starting as a kid on a motor scooter. At age 15 he entered his first motorcycle race. Dirt track ovals started his racing career. He raced both dirt and paved tracks. Dirt tracks are unpredictable with dramatic ground variations and paved tracks are more controlled, requiring precision. Ken doesn't talk much about motorcycle racing; it's a personal thing and he is not one to boast – but life is enhanced by everything we do.

Racing venues changed as his ability and the size of engine grew. As a beginner, he started small and retired from racing at the expert level, racing large class 750cc bikes. Ken raced pro and sportsman. He rode the local pro circuit in Oregon, Washington, New Mexico, Texas and throughout California, choosing not to go national in respect for his career, wife and family.

Motorcycle racing is thrilling. When the hammer drops, all hell breaks loose. The first 100 yards are wild; all adrenaline and power. By turn-one a rhythm emerges: position, course, lead and laggard. Racing puts you at risk. What hurts now? We wear all of our experiences in mind and body.

In the early years buying a new motorcycle was a luxury, Ken still loves to rebuild, restore and reinvent them. He's currently rebuilding a Triumph off-road bike to honor a longtime friend.

Eighteen-wheels were part of Ken's 38-year career as a highly skilled heavy duty commercial truck operator. Ken has driven all types of trucks, specializing in the big vehicles over 26,000 lbs., including tractor trailer trucks, single-unit dump trucks, rock trucks, tankers, auto transport, and more. It requires a different view of the road.

Racing motorcycles may be safer! On the track there are no cars trying to kill you, no sand in the corners and everyone is going in the same direction.

It was a good career and a good life. "I enjoyed the independence; didn't have to take orders and no one was looking over my shoulder". In the morning he was given a job to do and by days end it was done.

Born in Minot, North Dakota, with winters colder than Alaska and summers hot and stormy. It was good that Ken's family moved to Contra Costa County, California when he was 5-years old.

After high school, Ken joined the Army, serving in the Army Medical Corps in Alaska and Texas. Driving ambulances and tow trucks



launched his commercial driving career.

Three-wheels proved to be fun too. No, not tricycles ... but tricycle landing gear, like those on his Piper Comanche. As a kid Ken rode his bicycle (two-wheels) to Concord's Buchanan Airport, lay on the grass and watched airplanes take off and land, right over his head.

At 26 he learned how to fly, soloing in just 8-hours. Flying came easy to Ken, although his first solo was a challenge; he pondered, "What am I doing in this airplane?" He got his pilot's license in 52-hours! Life got in the way and Ken didn't fly much until he met Pat.

Ken and Pat met at a church adult-single potluck. Ken asked Pat for a date. She turned him down. Life is a bit like motorcycle racing; it's important to read the road and anticipate the next corner. He asked her again and she'd have another excuse. This went on for four months. Ken didn't give up. Finally, Pat accepted! They had their first date and married four months later! The thirty-two years together have been good. Both had grown kids when they met, so they aren't sure if it's a blended family, but, together they enjoy 6 kids, 17 grandkids and 11 greats!

Ken and Pat flew up to the Corsair Café at Pine Mountain Lake Airport occasionally. They found a great home that had been "abandoned" for four years after the owner passed away. It took two more years to decide to purchase the home. It had great potential; they saw beyond the weeds and neglect making PML home in 1999. It was a perfect spot for Ken and Pat. They especially enjoy the people, clean air, quiet, and slower pace.

We are happy that Ken brought his two-, three- and eighteen-wheel action to Pine Mountain Lake.

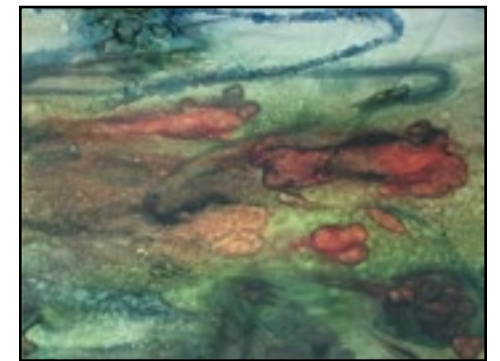
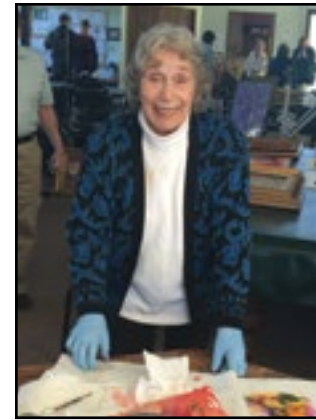
## Sierra Professional Artists

Cathryn Strong

At their first Sierra Professional Artists monthly meeting for 2016, Jean Hammond showcased her creativity with a demonstration of acrylic inks on Yupo paper. Jean's acrylic ink work is very organic, translucent, yet abstract, and it is definitely indicative that she is enjoying success with the new medium.

Jean Hammond, a Pine Mountain Lake artist, had been an adult art teacher for some 20 years in the San Francisco Bay Area (Fremont, San Leandro, Union City). She studied at the California School of Fine Arts in San Francisco and received her art major from the University of California, Hayward. She currently paints regularly in her studio at her PML home and occasionally still teaches. She is always willing to try new mediums and share her techniques with other artists and members.

As a driving force in the Sierra Professional Artists group, she wants to let everyone know that you do not have to be an artist to join our group or to be juried in, although some are, but just have an interest in art or want to support the arts. She wants to let everyone know that the Sierra Professional Artists group is open to all – from those with a general interest to those who are interested in showing and selling in galleries. Every meeting (2nd Friday of the month at 11 a.m. ) usually has a critique, the sharing of local art work, and information about art shows in our area. Occasionally the group travels to local art



shows. For information about the S.P.A group and location, please contact Heinie Hartwig (209) 586-1637 (as noted in PML newsletter) or Bill and Jean Hammond, email [bhammond882@gmail.com](mailto:bhammond882@gmail.com) (website: [yosemiteareaartist.com](http://yosemiteareaartist.com)), or phone (209) 962-6477.

Please contact us with any information about your art, photography, or any studio show that you might be scheduling as well so we can let our members know.

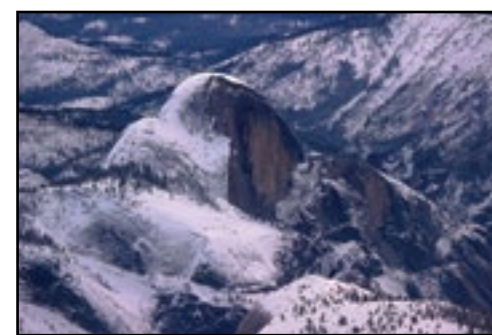
## Photography Exhibit at the Library

Virginia Gustafson

There is a wonderful new photography exhibit on display downstairs at the Groveland Library.

Susie Williams is a fourth-generation Californian who loves to explore our area with her camera. After a successful career in Silicon Valley, she is now turning her attention to capturing the area's beauty from the ground and in the air. Susie specializes in landscape and nature photography.

For this exhibit, she's chosen to include local and Yosemite scenery, including spring wildflowers on Ward's Ferry Road, Half



*Susie Williams' photo of Half Dome from the air. Photographer and pilot Susie Williams*

Dome from the "Hiker's Side," Knight's Ferry Bridge, and some spectacular sunsets from Pine Mountain Lake Airport.

Come and enjoy the exhibit any Saturday during February and March. All the photographs are available for sale and a portion of the proceeds benefit your Groveland Library.

# Mountain Lutheran Church

Paul Ingvaldsen

The season of Lent is a time of reflection and soul searching. It has been a time of preparation for Easter since the earliest days of the church and a preparation for Holy Baptism. Lent is observed for 40 days.

All churches with a history before 1500 AD observe Lent. The ancient churches that propagated the New Testament believed observing this time was a commandment of the Apostles. In Western Churches, Sunday is a day of the resurrection, therefore we skip Sundays in the 40 day calculation.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, the seventh Wednesday before Easter, Lent ends on Maundy Thursday.

The last day before Lent commences, Ash Wednesday, has become a time of celebration called Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday, Carnival and Fasting. By custom, we abstain from eating meat during Lent, which gave rise to the word Carnival, or "Farewell to Meat" in Latin.

Mountain Lutheran Church will have a somber Service of Repentance on Ash Wednesday, February 10, at 7 pm. with hymns and a message. Holy Communion will be celebrated with a traditional marking of the cross in ashes upon our foreheads.

There will be no food offered on Ash Wednesday, however for the next three Wednesday evenings, Feb 17, Feb 24 and Mar 2, Mountain Lutheran Church will host Soup Suppers at 6 pm followed by the Holden Eve Prayer Service at 7 pm, concluding around 7:30 pm.

Come see and experience God's love of Light and Joy as you worship at Mountain Lutheran Church on Sunday mornings at 10 am.

We warmly welcome you to join us and stay after the Service for delicious snacks and happy conversation every Sunday. We are located at 13000 Down to Earth Ct, just off Ferretti Road in Groveland.

# Chocolate Waffles

Recipe provided by Tom Knoth and Paula Martell

## INGREDIENTS

- 1.5 cup almond meal/flour
- 1/3 cup canned coconut milk
- 1/4 cup Enjoy Life Chocolate Chips or dark chocolate chips
- 2 eggs, whisked
- 2 heaping tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup or raw honey (some kind of sweetener)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- sprinkle of cinnamon
- pinch of salt



5. Then add your cocoa powder baking soda and mix together.
6. Lastly, add in your chocolate chips, vanilla, salt and cinnamon. Mix together thoroughly.
7. Pour into your waffle iron and cooking until cooked through. It took about 4-5 minutes for mine to cook through and crisp up.

1. I have no idea if these will work as pancakes.
2. Roasted, unsalted almonds were on sale so I just made my own almond meal in a food processor. Meaning I threw the almonds in a food processor and turned in on for 30 seconds. Ta dah! Almond meal. Easy peasy, cheap and squeazy.

## DIRECTIONS

1. Plug in your waffle iron. You don't have a waffle iron? Why? Because it's the most pointless tool in the kitchen and takes up a balls ton of room? True. But buy one. Waffles are awesome.
2. Whisk your eggs in a medium-large sized bowl.
3. Add your coconut milk and sweetener and whisk together with eggs.
4. Next add your almond flour and mix more!

# Thank you CSAC, Safeway, Supervisor Gray and Eleda Carlson

Lee Kimball - ATCAA Food Bank Director

Throughout the year, ATCAA Food Bank collects and then prepares more than a million pounds of food for distribution throughout Tuolumne County. Our army of over 600 volunteers insures that even the remotest of our communities receives assistance, and we actively organize programs to target demographically underserved people in need, specifically households with children, elderly or disabled in them. In addition to directly serving low-income families, ATCAA helps supply other non-profit organizations with much needed foods such as fresh produce, bread, canned goods and even snacks for kids. This amazing collaborative effort results in more than 75,000 food assistances provided each year in our county!

As one might expect, the holidays are an especially difficult time for low-income families. For this reason, in addition to our routine food assistance programs, ATCAA organizes a community wide holiday basket program, providing the basics of a holiday meal for those that qualify at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Every year, at least 1,000 families ask for this additional assistance. Typically, a good number of these families will receive a grocery gift card towards the meat for their holiday meal.

This year \$2,000 worth of Safeway gift cards were offered as the Grand Prize at the California State Association of Counties Convention and won by Eleda Carlson, guest of John Gray, Supervisor of District 4 at the annual CSAC convention. Eleda elected to donate her prize to the ATCAA Food Bank where they were designated to the holiday basket program, as well as used to assist a few families caught in unexpected circumstances during the holidays.

On behalf of ATCAA Food Bank



L to R: Lee Kimball, Eleda Carlson, and John Gray.



Rows of the donated food.



A couple of young helpers filling bags.

and the community we serve, thank you to CSAC, Safeway, Supervisor Gray and Eleda Carlson for your generosity and thoughtfulness! You made all the difference for so many in need!

# Purpose Driven Life

MIXED ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Starting Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Groveland Evangelical Free Church Fellowship Hall, Pastor Ron Cratty and other church leaders will be leading a Bible study for singles and marrieds. It will be based on themes from Pastor Rick Warren's break-through book, The Purpose Driven Life.

Each week we will gather for fellowship

and discussion of a chapter of the book. (Week 1 only will cover more material.) Then we will dig into an interactive Bible Study on a significant, related portion of Scripture. We will end by thinking through specific application to our own lives.

There is no cost, but you will need a copy of the book. If interested please contact the church office, 962-7131.

## AREA RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### Big Oak Flat Baptist Church

Wards Ferry Rd., 3 blocks from Hwy. 120,  
Pastor: Jim Lowe • Sunday School 9:45 am,  
Worship 11 AM & 6 pm

### Buck Meadows Community Church

Old Hwy. 120 & Buck Meadows  
209/962-5789 / Pastor: Josephine Ellis  
Sunday School & Worship 10 am  
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service • Potluck 3rd Sunday after service

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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### Evangelical Free Church of Groveland

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Wednesday Bible Study 7 PM

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### Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Groveland Community Hall / Contact Kathleen  
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at the Groveland Library

## Tenaya Math Students Rewarded

Virginia Gustafson



Bryce Nicholson is congratulated by math volunteers Karen Hopkins and Trudy Reid. Photo by: Virginia Gustafson.



Chelsea Silva works on multiplication with mentor Gordon Pedron. Photo by: Virginia Gustafson.



Teagan Luttrell with mentor Maureen Grierfer. Photo by: Virginia Gustafson.

The Brainy Groveland mentoring program works with Tenaya Elementary fourth graders to help them build a strong foundation in basic math skills. They start working on multiplication tables and can progress to division and word problems.

Each Monday afternoon, Brainy Groveland volunteers spend an hour working individually with the students to practice, drill and test. Each time a student passes a test, he or she receives a dollar.

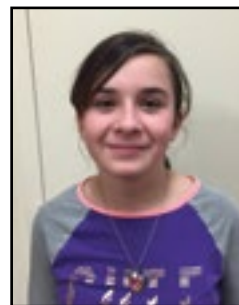
As an extra incentive, students earned a raffle ticket with each passed test this fall. Just before Christmas break, we held a drawing and one of the students won a brand new Samsung tablet. The winner was Bryce Nicholson, who mathematically-speaking had the best odds of winning, as he had passed the most tests. Congratulations Bryce!

Special thanks to all the volunteer mentors

who give their time to help our young students. If you'd like to join as a volunteer, or find out more about the program, contact Virginia Gustafson at 962-6336.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

### Tenaya Elementary Student of the Month



Mary Hersom

Tenaya's student of the month is Mary Hersom. Mary's fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Beaudreau says, "Mary is a very hard-working student in my class. She comes to school with a positive attitude ready to tackle academics for the day. Mary is also willing to help out in the classroom or office whenever she is not busy during her recesses." Mary's parents are Josh Hersom and Amanda Avalos of Groveland.

## Kindergarten Registration at Tenaya Elementary

It's that time again, Kindergarten Registration at Tenaya Elementary School. If you have a child that will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2016, we would love to have them start their educational journey at Tenaya. We will also be offering Transitional Kindergarten for those children that will be 5 years old between 9/2/16 and 12/2/2016.

Registration will be Wednesday, March 16th, 2016 starting at 8:45am. We will need copies of your child's birth certificate and immunization records. Please contact the school office to set up an appointment and pick up a registration packet. Please contact Michele Hessler or Rhonda Crow at #962-7846 to schedule your appointment today.



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## CONTRACTOR CHECKLIST FOR HOMEOWNERS

### BUILDING PERMITS

- Will the contractor get any needed permits before the work starts?
- Are the permit fees included in the contract?

### CHECK OUT YOUR CONTRACTOR

- Did you contact the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) to check the status of the contractor's license?* Contact the CSLB at 1-800-321-CSLB (2752) or visit their Web site: [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov).
- Did you get at least three local references from the contractors you

- are considering?
- Did you call them and see the work the contractor completed?

### CHECK OUT THE CONTRACT

- Did you read and do you understand your contract?
- Does the 3-day right to cancel a contract apply to you?
- Does the contract tell you when work will start and end?
- Does the contract include a detailed description of the work to be done, the material to be used, and equipment

to be installed? This description should include a plan and scale drawing showing the shape, size, dimensions and specifications. It should include brand names, model numbers, quantities and colors. Specific descriptions now will prevent disputes later.

- Are you required to pay a down payment? If you are, the down payment should never be more than 10% of the contract price or \$1,000, whichever is less.
- Is there a schedule of payments? If there is, you should pay only as work is completed and not before.

- Did your contractor give you a "Notice to Owner," a warning notice describing liens and ways to prevent them? Even if you pay your contractor, a lien can be placed on your home by unpaid laborers, subcontractors, or material suppliers. A lien can result in you paying twice or, in some cases, losing your home in a foreclosure. Also check the "Notice to Owner" for ways to protect yourself.
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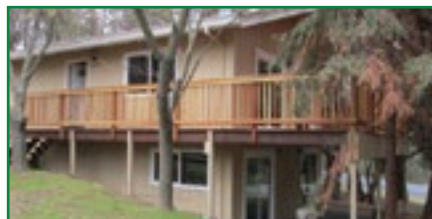
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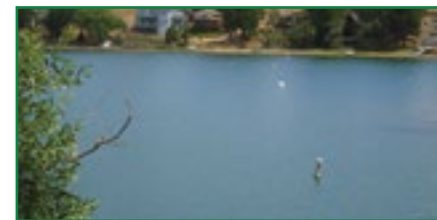
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