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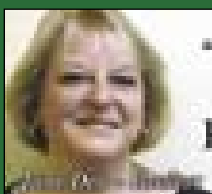
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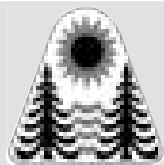
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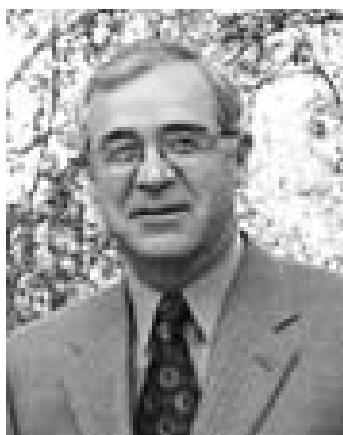
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dennis Scott • Board President

We enter the New Year with our accounting staff diligently completing the financials for 2005 and preparing for the independent auditors who will be here in a few days to review our records. We anticipate that the audit will go smoothly. As you might recall, when they completed last year's audit, we were advised that the Associations records were being kept up to date and being reconciled on a monthly basis which was a major improvement over the prior few years. During 2005 our Accounting Department has continued this practice and has gone one step further by splitting the records into individual balance sheets for our different funds (Operating account and different reserve accounts).

After reviewing our preliminary financials for the 2005, it now appears that the Association was able to finish the year with a positive variance to budget of over \$225,000. This is very significant. In 2003 the Association

finished the year at just over \$500,000 unfavorable to budget, resulting in a depletion of our operating cash and placing the Association in a position of having to borrow money from our reserve accounts. In 2005 our budget including the funding of \$250,000 for working capital, that combined with the \$225,000 favorable variance to budget means that we have substantially recovered the working capital from the prior period loss.

We are already receiving bids on several key projects that were included in our budget for 2006. This includes bids for the new fencing which will be obtained and installed at our Stables. It is our goal to have the new fencing installed during the first quarter. We are also obtaining bids for a new computer software system and our target is to implement this project during the first quarter. In addition, we have also received a bid on the lake dredging project.

Several months ago we dedicated a major portion of our November Board Meeting to discuss the Sheriff's Department coverage in our area along with

the security of Pine Mountain Lake and the overall Groveland area. Since that time, the Sheriff's Department has designated full time deputy coverage in this portion of the County. However, that alone does not solve our problems. The Deputies serving our County are paid considerably less than the Police Officers of Sonoma and other law enforcement agencies in our area. As a result, the Sheriffs Department has experienced a high turn over rate. It is up to our County Supervisors to insure that these Deputies are compensated adequately so the Sheriff's Department is not continually understaffed. We all need to keep the pressure on our local officials to make sure that this happens. In addition, we need to do some things for ourselves, so we are in the process of implementing a Crime Stopper Program with other local interested individuals. Our General Manager will be discussing this in greater detail in his article.

As we enter the early stages of the year, I ask all of you to support our amenities. They are there for your enjoyment.

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# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

By Joe Powell, CCAM General Manager

## Sheriff Deputy Coverage and Crime Stoppers

In 2005 Tuolumne County, Groveland and PMLA experienced an increase in the number of residential burglaries. The PMLA Board and I worked directly with County Supervisor Mark Thornton and the Tuolumne County Sheriff in an effort to bring our Deputy Sheriff patrol back up to the normal coverage. It is my understanding that we are now back to full coverage. However, this is not the end of the issue. Crime is still a problem and we are all looking for ways to fight crime and increase the safety and security of PMLA residents and property. As part of this effort, we are very supportive of the Tuolumne County Sheriff, CSU, CHP and Supervisor Thornton. It is important to note that Tuolumne County is currently in union contract negotiations with the Sheriffs union. We believe it is imperative that our County Board of Supervisors and County Administrative Manager do everything in their power to bring the Sheriffs Deputies salaries and benefits up to a competitive level so that we do not continue to lose trained personnel. When I heard what these Deputies make in wages and benefits, I was appalled. They risk their lives every day just going to work. I think the County can do better.

As part of our law enforcement support program, PMLA offered a reward

of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for vandalism and other crimes within the PMLA community. Unfortunately, to date, no one has come forward.

On January 5th President Scott, Assistant to the General Manager, Rick Whybra and I met with the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Community Service Unit, Neighborhood Watch, Sheriff Deputies Huffman, Cotrell and Director of the San Jose Crime Stoppers Organization, Ben Angileri. Mr. Angileri was very helpful and provided us with a lot of information. Also in attendance were several property owners and concerned citizens. The goal of the meeting was researching effective ways that ordinary citizens and groups fight crime in their communities. The Neighborhood Watch and Crime Stoppers programs were the topics of discussion.

Crime Stoppers is an international program that is very successful in fighting crime. There are many chapters in California and we plan to start one in PML.

Crime Stoppers began in Albuquerque, New Mexico in September 1976 and is a partnership of the community, the media and law enforcement designed to combat crime and keep our streets safe.

Crime Stoppers programs are operated as not-for-profit charities and are managed by a volunteer board of directors who take responsibility fundraising and paying rewards to individuals who anonymous call with information that helps solve crime. According to the information we received, it is an extremely effective crime fighting concept and we are very optimistic that this type of program will help reduce crime in PML. Watch for updates on this and other crime fighting programs in future issues of the PML News and on the PMLA Website.

Remember, if you see a crime in progress, please call 911 and report it immediately. If you are the victim of a crime, please call the Country Sheriff and report the incident. If you witness something suspicious and you are unsure it is a crime, call our Department of Safety at (209) 962-8615 and report it so we can follow up. Help PMLA and your neighbors stay safe. ☺

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**March 18th**  
**April 15th**  
**May 20th**  
**June 17th**  
**July 15th**  
**August 19th**  
**September 9**  
**October 21**  
**November 18**  
**December No Meeting**

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- Monday**
- February 20 Presidents Day**
- Monday**
- May 29 Memorial Day**
- Tuesday**
- July 4 Independence Day**
- Monday**
- September 4 Labor Day**
- Monday**
- November 13 Veterans Day**
- Thursday**
- November 23 Thanksgiving**
- Friday**
- November 24 Thanksgiving**
- Friday**
- December 22 Christmas Eve**
- Monday**
- December 25 Christmas Day**
- Friday**
- December 29 New Years Eve**
- Monday**
- January 1 New Years**

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**PMLA Department  
of Safety Report**

As of December 2005

CLASSIFICATION	MONTH	YTD
Alarm Res.	5	62
Animals - Loose	28	381
Animals - Impounded	7	87
Animals - Registered	0	11
Animals - Dead/Injured	35	329
Animals - Disturbance	8	308
Assist - Dispatch (Gen.)	50	400
Assist - Patrol (Gen.)	156	1,925
Complaint - Non PML Res	7	145
Illegal Burn/Fire	7	76
Report Writing	7	94
Gate - Tamper	2	15
Gate - Follow Through	5	38
Gate - Malfunction	13	276
Confiscated Access Card	0	42
Mess/Pkg P/U - Delivery	62	877
Posting Fliers	8	129
Miscellaneous	253	2,675
Lost and Found	1	54
ECC Inspection	25	205
New Sale Inspection	0	205
Lot Fire Inspection	0	25
Hazard	36	215
Suspicious Circumstance	22	242
Suspicious Person	2	43
Suspicious Vehicle	8	51
Tennis Fees Collected	\$67	\$2,458
All Other Fees Collected	\$1,710	\$26,673
Camp Envelope/Dump St.	\$24	\$435
Amenity Burglary	0	0
Residential Burglary	0	28
Grand Theft	0	1
Petty Theft	2	19
Malicious Mischief	7	102
Trespass	4	60
Law Violations - All Other	0	55
Law Violations - TCSO	3	44
Training/Meeting	0	38
PML Reg Violation - Res.	15	431
PML Reg Violation - Guest	0	52
Vehicles Refused	126	1,829
Vehicles - Illegally Parked	2	62
Vehicles - Citation Issued	1	34
Vehicles - Parking Warning	1	15
Vehicles - Towed	0	15
Vehicles - Marking Tires	0	15
Vehicles - Accident - PML	2	14
Vehicles Admitted	9,973	146,808
Security Checks - Amenity	996	10,328
Security Checks - Res.	185	3,175
Opening/Closing Buildings	176	4,067
Opening/Closing Gates	259	2,920
Posting Tennis	46	704
Monitoring Tennis Courts	12	261
Personal Injury - PML Prop.	0	20
Weapons	5	32
Amenity P/U & Del to Bank	96	1,278
Patrol Vehicle - Maintenance	4	83
Patrol Vehicle - Safety Ck.	89	1,136
Hetch Hetchy Realtors	231	8,912
Passes Issued	1,908	27,305
Fixed Post	7	59

# Main Gate Entrance Design Contest

by Joe Powell, CCAM General Manager

## Main Gate Arbor Removal & Replacement

As you know, the Main Gate Arbor structure became deteriorated to the point of being a safety hazard. Although well maintained, the elements and time took their toll. We have been closely monitoring this structure and decided to fund monies in the 2005 Budget for its removal. Funding was established for the replacement of the structure in the 2006 Budget. Now we need to make a decision as to the design and material that will be used to replace it.

We cannot replace the Arbor exactly the way it was. The height of the structure became a problem over the years as trucks with bigger and taller loads inadvertently struck the Arbor causing damage and threatening employee safety. According to our architect, if we replace the structure as it was, we would have to increase

the height. If we increase the height, new County code restrictions would apply and we would be required to manufacture the Arbor out of steel.

## Main Gate Entrance Design Contest

The Main Gate Entrance is an important part of Pine Mountain Lake and should reflect who we are as an Association. It should blend in aesthetically as well as impact a first impression. Logistics and safe traffic flow are also important considerations when looking at designs. Due to the importance of this structure, we are asking for member ideas and opinions regarding the design. From February through April we are accepting entries for the PMLA Main Gate Entrance Design contest. Details and forms are available in this issue of the PML News, on the PMLA website, the PMLA Administration Office and Main Gate.

**BE A PART OF THE DESIGN PROCESS!** Submit your design idea (and drawings) for a new Pine Mountain Lake Main Entrance. Entries are limited to Pine Mountain Lake property owners only. Please include your name, unit/lot number, address and phone number. Deadline for entries is April 28, 2006. Grand Prize is dinner for four (\$200.00 value) at the Pine Mountain Lake Country Club. If none of the contest entries are chosen, the Association will go with the original design prepared by our architect. If this occurs, a random pick of the entrants will determine the Grand Prize Winner.

## PMLA Main Entrance Design Contest

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Please note that all letters appear in the order received by the PML News

The Pine Mountain Lake News welcomes letters and articles for publication provided they meet the criteria established in the current PMLA Editorial Policy (See excerpt below – entire policy on file at the Administration Office). **Letters must be limited to 250 words, typewritten using upper and lowercase letters (no handwritten material, no all-capital material) and signed with name, unit and lot by a property owner in good standing. LETTERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE EDITOR BY 4:30 PM ON THE 10th OF THE MONTH.** Letters deemed by the Editorial Committee to be improper will not be accepted. Readers are advised that the opinions expressed in these letters are those of the individual authors, not of PMLA. Letters appear in order received.

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### Arbor Day?

Per Dennis Scott's Nov. '05 President's Message, he advised that around \$100,000 was included in

the 2006 Budget to redo the Arbor at our main gate entrance.

With amenity expenses (especially the country club and golf course) greatly exceeding revenues for years, why in the world this kind of money is in the 2006 budget astounds us and many that we have talked to about this subject.

Let's first get our expenses vs. revenues to workable figures – not kiss off \$100,000 on an arbor.

Why even consider replacing the arbor? We already have an attractive entrance, including sign and logo at Ferretti Road. That sign could be touched up if needed. Association members probably would even volunteer their time and labor.

We hope ample time is given for more property owners to express their feelings on redoing the arbor before any money is spent for this purpose.

Let's use our monies wisely and prudently.

—Al and Ruthann Peirona 3/282

—Dave and Chris Franz 4/88A

—Don Knosp 3/272

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	Members' Assessments Net of Discount	User Fees	Sales, Net of Cost of Sales	Miscellaneous Income	Total Revenues	Total Expenses					
Golf Course	\$-0-	\$922,387	\$95,414	\$1,483	\$1,019,284	\$1,176,418	\$(157,134)	\$207,188	\$(364,322)	\$(295,188)	(69,134)
Country Club	-0-	-0-	393,228	94,247	487,475	814,783	(327,308)	36,858	(364,166)	(277,844)	(86,322)
Campgrounds	-0-	31,518	-0-	56	31,574	19,625	11,949	1,759	10,190	(2,063)	12,253
Marina	-0-	157,475	58,682	226	216,383	241,390	(25,007)	57,221	(82,228)	(55,467)	(26,761)
Lake & Dam	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	0	83,477	(83,477)	4,999	(88,476)	(66,435)	(22,041)
Lake Lodge	-0-	1,800	100	-0-	1,900	43,909	(42,009)	5,829	(47,838)	(44,583)	(3,255)
Swim Center	-0-	6,594	2,501	17	9,112	53,505	(44,393)	28,219	(72,612)	(75,092)	2,480
Equestrian Center	-0-	78,209	359	648	79,216	202,351	(123,135)	6,970	(130,105)	(73,463)	(56,642)
Tennis	-0-	11,493	20	-0-	11,513	11,704	(191)	9,620	(9,811)	(11,485)	1,674
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	-0-	11,850	-0-	6,633	18,483	792,687	(774,204)	121,838	(896,042)	(993,594)	97,552
Country Club Building (3)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	0	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES											
Membership and ECC	-0-	120,739	-0-	13,908	134,647	138,546	(3,899)	3,458	(7,357)	3,376	(10,733)
PML News	-0-	113,576	-0-	-0-	113,576	86,442	27,134	521	26,613	6,233	20,380
Safety	-0-	160,221	119	1,277	161,617	682,024	(520,407)	15,323	(535,730)	(603,331)	67,601
Administration	-0-	60,680	264	37,875	98,819	977,965	(879,146)	33,645	(912,791)	(1,005,233)	92,442
ASSESSMENTS											
Assessments	3,437,491	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	3,437,491	-0-	3,437,491	3,275,500	161,991
Totals	\$3,437,491	\$1,676,542	\$550,687	\$156,370	\$2,383,599	\$5,324,826	\$496,264	\$533,448	\$(37,184)	\$(218,669)	181,485
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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
1. Total Revenues minus Total Expenses equals Net Income before depreciation. The annual budget for income before depreciation is \$0.  
2. The Association combined the Operating Fund and the Property and Equipment Fund into one fund effective May 1, 2001.  
3. The Country Club Building is fully allocated to the Country Club and Golf Course.



A local coyote exploring in the snow.

# Local Rainfall

by Jerry Dickson

Date	Rain, Inches (24 Hr. to 9 AM)	Season Total Inches
Since July 1, 2005		5.68
Dec 18	0.97	6.65
Dec 19	0.57	7.22
Dec 22	1.25	8.47
Dec 23	0.55	9.02
Dec 26	2.12	11.14
Dec 27	0.03	11.17
Dec 28	0.40	11.57
Dec 29	0.36	11.93
Dec 30	0.19	12.12
Dec 31	1.85	13.97
Jan 1, 2006	1.05	15.02
Jan 2	1.27	16.29
Jan 3	1.50	17.79
Jan 7	0.26	18.05

Thanks to Fred Causey for giving me the dates for rain on the Christmas weekend.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 12 Months Ended December 31, 2005 (Unaudited)									
	RESERVE FUNDS					NEW CAPITAL ADDITIONS FUND		TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL	
	AMENITY REFURBISHMENT FUND		CAPITAL EQUIP. REPLACEMENT FUND		TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS				
2005 Beginning Fund Balances	\$810,823		\$127,863		\$938,686	\$246,412		\$1,185,098	
Interest Income	29,985		2,825		32,810	3,161		35,971	
Less Bank Fees	(275)		(220)		(495)	(250)		(745)	
Assessments Earned	445,247	(1)	116,654	(2)	561,901	23,970	(3)	585,871	
Budgeted Funds Transfer	198,000	(4)			198,000	(198,000)	(4)	0	
PURCHASES BY AMENITY									
Golf Course	(29,173)		(65,833)		(95,006)	(6,984)		(101,990)	
Country Club	(18,813)		(7,565)		(26,378)			(26,378)	
Campgrounds	(5,486)				(5,486)			(5,486)	
Lake and Marina	(50,911)		(3,398)		(54,309)			(54,309)	
Lake Lodge	(15,041)				(15,041)			(15,041)	
Swim Center	(3,058)				(3,058)			(3,058)	
Equestrian Center	(2,207)				(2,207)	(19,607)		(21,814)	
Tennis	(6,575)				(6,575)			(6,575)	
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	(411,148)		(7,545)		(418,693)			(418,693)	
Country Club Building	(6,721)				(6,721)			(6,721)	
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES									
Membership & ECC					0			0	
PML News					0			0	
Safety	(6,860)				(6,860)	(3,553)		(10,413)	
Social Activities					0			0	
Administration	(301)		(17,047)		(17,348)	(1,721)		(19,069)	
Total transfer to Operating Fund for property and equipment additions	(556,294)		(101,388)		(657,682)	(31,865)		(689,547)	
Adjusted Fund Balances	\$927,486		\$145,734		\$1,073,220	\$43,428		\$1,116,648	

Notes to the December Financial Statements

- (1) The Budgeted Amenity Refurbishment Fund assessment for 2005 is \$643,800. After deducting the budgeted Clubhouse at Rock Canyon funds transfer, the budgeted earned assessments equal \$445,800.
- (2) The Budgeted Capital Equipment Replacement Fund assessment for 2005 is \$116,800.
- (3) The Budgeted New Capital Additions Fund assessment for 2005 is \$24,000.
- (4) Budgeted transfer of Club House at Rock Canyon funds for 2005 is \$198,000. The total \$198,000 has been transferred.

## Editor’s Note

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

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## Director's Corner by Rita Hart, Director at Large

This is my first Director's Corner. It does not directly relate to PMLA business, but is somewhat topical given the current high level of interest in the reduced sheriff's patrols.

I have sent off the form to register to vote in Tuolumne County so that I can vote in local elections involving PML. Even though I reside full time in Walnut Creek, my future is here and I feel that

my vote will have greater impact here as well.

Those of you who live "off the hill" who are disappointed with the level of service that we are getting from the sheriff's department might want to consider registering in time for the next election of a sheriff. Similarly, if you are concerned about your sewer and water bills, you might want to have a voice in GCSD elections. We at PML have far fewer voters than we have tax payers, and I don't think that fact is lost on our elected officials.

I have done some research to be sure that this is legal, and I also have received confirmation from Mark Thornton, our representative on the board of supervisors, that off the hill property owners can register to vote here. There are basic requirements that you be a U.S. citizen and a resident of California, plus some other technicalities that have nothing to do with residency.

Living here full time is not required. In fact, you can change your registra-

tion back and forth should something important come up concerning an election in your current district. The only catch is that you may not be registered to vote in two districts at the same time.

If this idea appeals to you, go to the website of the Secretary of State: [www.ss.ca.gov](http://www.ss.ca.gov). That website is well laid out for simplicity and ease of use. On the home page under "Elections and Voter Information" click on "Register to Vote." There you will find a form that you can download and mail in. On the left side of that page is an address directory of county election officials in alphabetical order by county name.

Your address would be the one in Groveland, and your mailing address the one elsewhere in California. When my first ballot arrives, I will then request an absentee ballot so that I can vote at home at my leisure with my cup of coffee. If you have questions about this, I can be contacted at [ritahart@pmlvoice.com](mailto:ritahart@pmlvoice.com). ☞

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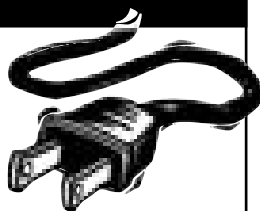
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## Ala Carte – February '06 by Sharon Volponi

January blew in the new year with gusto and helped get us off to a great start. We enjoyed serving the regular groups of Rotary, Soroptimist and Ladies Club, and we welcomed Helping Hands for their appreciation luncheon. Rotary put on another great Red, White and Blue Ball, and we hope you didn't miss out on that or on the culinary delightful Wine Dinner prepared by Chef Orpheus. Watch this column for future exciting events – and mark your calendars! KICK-OFF this month by coming in to

watch the Superbowl with your buddies on Sunday, February 5. There will be Drink Specials at the bar, and we will serve a Burger-and-Brats buffet, with full nacho bar, served from 3:00 – 8:00 pm. The game will be on all 3 televisions in our lounge!

Grab your Sweetheart and bring her (or him) to our Sweethearts Dinner and Dance on Saturday, February 11. The Chef will prepare a special Sweetheart Menu (see our ad), and our regular menu will also be available. A live band will provide dancing music from 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm. Make your reservations now!

The Groveland Lions Club will be holding its annual Cioppino Night dinner and fundraiser on Saturday, February 25. Lion Don Lustenberger's special Seafood

Cioppino will be prepared by our Chef, and The Hills Brothers Band will be the featured entertainment for your dancing and listening pleasure! Call for tickets and reservation information 962-8638.

BINGO sponsored by the R.O.O.F.B.B. will be held Thursday, February 23, starting at 7:00 pm. A special buffet dinner will be available from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

Our Tuesday – Saturday mid-day Soup and Salad Bar continues to be a big hit. If you haven't tried it yet, come in out of the cold and warm up with a cup of delicious soup, and sample all the other goodies offered as well!

As a reminder, our Winter Hours are: Lunch Tue-Sat. 11:00am – 5:00pm, Dinner Fri, Sat, and Sun. 5:00pm – 8:00pm, and Sunday Brunch 10:00am-5:00pm.

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## Stars, Stars Glittering Everywhere

by Rosemary Adams, Publicity

Our PML Ladies Club wrapped up activities for 2005 with a grand, splendiferous "Starlight Gala" and a fine event it was!!! Our Committee Co-Chairs Joyce Smith, Diane Jenkins and Gayle Baker brought together all the elements necessary to achieve such a lovely evening, and we thank them.

Mother Nature cooperated by providing a fine evening for our Gala, and it was a treat to drive through our area enroute and enjoy the many beautifully decorated

homes. No less lovely was our PML Country Club, which had been decorated with many fine Christmas wreaths and, of course, Christmas trees. Our Committee enhanced the charm further by having silver stars glittering from the ceiling and centerpieces of fresh Christmas boughs and red carnations. We stress the description "fresh," as the Committee assembled them that morning. They were perfect, truly, and so fragrant! Bottomline, Elegant, ELEGANT!!!

Our members and guests enjoyed a fine dinner offered by our Chef Orpheus Brown, and we thank him for adding to the delights of the evening. Then we moved along to visiting and dancing, and we all had a wonderful party. Our thanks to our Committee for their great work, to our members and guests who were with us, and to our PML Country Club Manager, Tom Dorsey. He and his staff worked tirelessly to ensure that we would have a lovely evening. Kudos, Kudos to all!!!

Now, here we are in January and we have been together for lunch at our PML Country Club. And another fine gathering

it was. The rains that were almost constant the past several weeks abated and we had a nice day, and a fine presentation by Julia Brooks. Julia is a Master Quilter and she presented examples of her work. There was everything from scarves, jackets, dresses, to quilted spreads, pillow covers - whatever. And beautifully done. The effort required to do such outstanding creating was very evident. A fun touch, Julia had some of our members model the apparel for us, and we were able to examine them closely - even touch them. Our models had as much fun as we did, truly. Thank you, Julia, for a lovely presentation. ☞



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## Ladies Club Gala

We received so many compliments on the lovely party. It takes a lot of people to make this kind of event come off smoothly. Tom Dorsey and Orpheus Brown were so helpful when we first met back in July to discuss menus and other details. They were just great to work with. Thanks to both of you, but here again, many people were involved, so a big thank you to all the Country Club Staff. Sharon Volponi was very helpful with table placements and David Volponi so helpful in hanging the stars. The food was great, served hot in a lovely, appetizing presentation. Thanks also to Charlie Bishop, Bar Manager for his help. Thanks to our committee, and helpful husbands, for a job well done. We were striving for a simple, but elegant look and I think we were able to achieve that. The stars from the ceiling were truly the “star” of the evening. Everyone loved them. We surely have a lovely club house, and such capable people helping us with details for our events. Thanks one and all for a job well done. ☺

Ladies Club Christmas Gala  
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## Santa Visits RV'ers

by Carol Morgan

December was the last meeting of the year for the Pine Mountain Lakers RV Club. We gathered at the Lake Lodge where we feasted on yummy roast beef and home made salads, casseroles and desserts. Officers for the 2006 year were elected and installed. Tom Taylor is President, Carole Smith Vice President, Lee Isbell returns as Treasurer and Carol Morgan is once again Secretary.

There was a loud "Ho-ho-ho" at the door and in came Santa Claus, red suit, beard and all. Santa was in charge of the gift exchange and there was much laughter and a lot of stealing going on. Thanks, Santa, we'll see you next year. ❧

## Pine Mountain Lake Computer Users Group

by Tom Carman

The February program is How to make a Video CD. Our President, Gerald DeHart, will present the February 21st program. He will demonstrate how to take your digital photos and create a Video CD that will play a slideshow of your pictures on your computer or using your DVD player to display the slideshow on your TV. He will also show us how to add sound to this slideshow. This will be a really fun and interesting program, so be sure to attend.

The CUG is composed of members at all levels of computer experience and guests are always welcome. Remember, you do not have to live in Pine Mountain Lake to attend the CUG meetings. For non-PML residents, please contact Gerald DeHart or Bob Oakley if you plan to attend so PML Safety Department can issue the proper pass. The club's annual dues are \$12 per family. To learn other information about the CUG, such as past meeting content, monthly newsletters, club bylaws, and officer info, check out the club's website at; <http://www.geocities.com/pmlcug>

We look forward to seeing you on February 21st at 7:00pm. Further information about the CUG may also be obtained from Bob Oakley at 962-4799 or Gerald DeHart at 962-7429. ❧

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# Ladies Golf News

by Joyce Smith

We came to the Country Club on December 14th bearing gifts for the Community Christmas Baskets, anticipating a lovely party and no one left disappointed. Judi Maguire

and Jackie Sample planned a most enjoyable time for us. Thanks ladies and thanks to Tom Dorsey, Orpheus Brown and Country Club Staff for a delicious lunch. Our attendance is always good for this special event. We are always pleased to have our social members join us. After lunch, Sarah Hancock, our Tournament Chairperson, gave out tournament awards for the year. Each Club in Northern receives one medal for every 30 members.

Since we have approximately 100 members, we received 3 medals. The winners are calculated using the average of their 3 lowest net scores out of the 6 months in which scores are tracked (we used May through October). To be considered a player had to participate in GNP(Gross-Net-Putts) at least 3 times out of those 6 months. There were 52 players who were eligible for Northern Medals. **Winners were:** Hdcp. 20 & below Priscilla Park. Hdcp. 21 thru 30-Patty Peebles. Hdcp. 31 thru 40-Marche Kizziar. Other awards: Ace of Aces with a net of 66-Sue Perry.

*Low Putts for the year:* Eileen Roberts with 26 putts. *Birdies for the year:* 39 players had 1 or more birdies. Total birdies 110. Most Birdie-Janice Mussatto with 14. Second-Kitty Edgerton with 10. Third-Norma Baldinger with 9. Most improved golfer-Vicky Dodson. Congratulations to each of you. Our thanks to Sarah for her stats on our play.

**December Play Days:**  
**December 1** Rain-No Golf

**December 8**  
*Two Best Balls Winners:* 1st Place, 127 N. Baldinger, K. Shehorn, P. Ryan, J. Foster. 2nd Place, 129 M. Kizziar, H. McMillan, K. Edgerton, V. Dodson. 3rd Place, 130 G. Dickson, J. Awai, M. Dean, Draw. 4th Place, 131(Tie) P. King, J. Pacco. L. Johnson, Draw and A. Toner, L.

Wall, M. Tompkins, M. Hathaway. Birdies: K. Shehorn #6, M. Hathaway #10, J. Mussatto #14, S. Perry #6, I. Rathert #10, D. Davis #10. **December 14** - Christmas Luncheon/Party and Awards **December 15** - *Santa in the Bucket Winners:* 1st Place, 63 M. Kizziar, K. Shehorn, K. Edgerton, V. Dodson. 2nd Place, 65 N. Menacho, J. Mussatto, P. Peebles, J. Sample. 3rd Place, 66 (Tie broken on back nine) N. Baldinger, S. Hancock, A. Hankin, Y. Mattocks. 4th Place, 66 G. Dickson, M. Drew, M. Raine, L. Dust. 5th Place, 66 D. Davis, J. Foster, J. Dwaileebe, V. Tallman. Birdies: K. Edgerton #16, J. Mussatto #6, L. Dust #14, P. Ryan #10. **December 22** Rain Those ladies who did play were unable to finish due to rain. **December 29** *Bingo Golf Winners:* 1st Flight Hdcp 1-20-J. Mussatto 13 Bingos (A Black-out). K. Edgerton 5 Bingos. 2nd Flight Hdcp 21-26-K. Oing 4 Bingos, Y. Mattocks 2 Bingos. 3rd Flight Hdcp 27-31-M. Kizziar 11 Bingos, V. Dodson 9 Bingos. 4th Flight Hdcp 32-40-J. Awai 5 Bingos. M. Hathaway 5 Bingos. E. Ellis 4 Bingos.

Dotty Davis is our Captain for 2006. Dotty and her Board and Committee Chairpersons have a busy year planned for us. We thank Linda Wall 2005 Captain for a great year. Happy New Year All. See you on the tee. ☞

# Guardians/Men's Club Announcement

The Pine Mountain Lake Guardians and Men's Club, with combined efforts to improve our PML amenities, supplied 100 rakes for the PML Golf Course sand traps. The checks were presented to Alan MacDonald by both organizations represented by board members of each organization. The Guardians' of Pine Mountain Lake membership is planning this years

Nevada Golf Trip for late August or early September. Your input is welcome. Plan your schedule and look forward to futher annoucements. The Guardians are always seeking new members to join our group. If you are interested in joining, please contact either John Nielsen at 962-4934 or Ed Wright at 962-6185. ☞



Left: Dick Stevens, Bob Bangs, Fred Hancock, Graham Alexander, Ed Wright, Alan MacDonald, John Nielsen, Ron Dodson, Jim Springer, Glenn Hartle.

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# Men's 9-hole Golf Club Publishes 2006 Membership Handbook

by Phil Hickerson

We now find the new year well upon us and all of us golfers are out there slogging our way through soggy fairways and mushy greens in an effort to stave off the dreaded "Cabin Fever" of another winter in PML. With the new year, the Men's 9 Hole Golf Club has published the 2006 edition of the Membership Handbook, which includes a calendar of games, club by-laws, games and rules and the current membership listing. Pick your copy up in the pro-shop if you have not already done so. Also, don't forget, we continue to be on a shotgun start beginning at 11:00a.m., until around March first, depending on the weather and golf course conditions.

So come on out in February and try your luck at one of the new games we have instituted, at the request of the membership. We will be playing from the new forward tees. The game is low gross no handicap. Your gross score will not be used in figuring your un-official handicap, so all you sandbaggers need not worry! Your participation is needed to keep the Men's 9-Hole Golf Club viable and growing. Don't forget the camaraderie of the 19th hole. (Or is that the 10th hole in our case?) We always enjoy a few adult beverages and some lively conversation after each week's play.

We have confirmed the date for the Ladies 9 Hole Challenge for May 21st. The Men were soundly trounced by the Ladies in last year's event, so let's get out and play

in an attempt to get in good golf shape for the May event!

Membership in the Men's 9 Hole Golf Club is open to any man who is a member in good standing of the Pine Mountain Lake Association. Dues are only \$20.00 per year (payable in December) and include our own un-official non USGA Handicap Card.

All of the club information, including the game calendar, game rules and descriptions, member handicaps, and the last 20 scores of each member can be found on our website. This website is generously built and maintained by Club Vice-President Bob Oakley. Look for announcements concerning upcoming club events in the Pro Shop, and on our website at: <http://www.freewebs.com/pmlm9h> (Google pmlm9h)

Games scheduled for February are:

February 1	Low Gross-Forward Tees
February 8	Four Club
February 15	Two Man Scramble
February 22	Low Net

The club members would like to thank Chris Borrego, Tony (Dr. Golf) Murphy, Doug Schmielt and all of the Pro Shop staff for their year round help and guidance. Hit 'em straight, repair your ball marks and divots, count all your strokes and keep up with the group in front of you. 🏌️

# Racquet Club News

by Al Peirona

It's pretty tough to write about tennis activity on a day (Jan. 2) when flooding is all over the place and there appears to be no end to the rain.

But here goes.

The 2006 Board of Directors consists of Mark Nouillan, President; Larry Santa Maria, Vice President; GERALYN Dielman, Secretary; Judi Maguire, Treasurer; and past president, Dennis DeCant, Director.

By the time this PML News edition is out, they would have had their initial meeting in drawing up this year's tournament/socials schedule as well as other tennis activities.

Anticipating the schedule, the first quarterly meeting will take place the first part of March and probably at the Country Club. Then the initial tennis social would follow. Everyone is looking forward to a successful year.

•The 2006 Racquet Club Directory should be available soon – probably at the time of the March meeting.

•Racquet Club dues are \$10.00. For members who haven't already paid or for prospective members, \$10.00 could be sent to P.O. Box 534, Groveland, 95321; care of Judi Maguire (payable to PML Racquet Club).

•Yvonne Mattocks is given thanks and congratulations for directing the December 17 holiday dinner at the Country Club. 🏌️



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WineMaker's Dinner III is on our calendar for Thursday, March 23rd and we have folks already signed up. The Japanese themed night includes wines that go well with fresh sushi, wasabi, tempura shrimp, teriyaki NY steak and a whole lot more. This 5-course, 5-wines dinner is priced at \$58, tax, tip and fun included.

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## New Hopes & Dreams for Our 2006 Niners

by Jane Reynolds

Our December meeting was festive with a very nice luncheon. Special yearly awards were given out: Jane Reynolds received the Most Improved Player award, Putter of the Year went to Barbara Haiges and the Ace of Aces is Faye Buckley. Our new officers were sworn in; and special thanks were given to our out going President, Lynn Faler and last year's Board..

Bernie Frost led us in a group sing-along to the fun lyrics she wrote using the music of "Jingle Bells." Here are the words:

Dashing to our places, Niners round the bend. Thursday morning's here, we start on number ten.

We all take our place, hoping to save face, as we hit our tee shot, we often pray a lot.

Refrain: Where O where did it go, no one knows for sure. Did it go out of bounds or is it fairway bound?

The sun is shining bright, it makes it

hard to see. Did it go far right, O where can it be?

We can only hope, that it will soon be found, or has that silly ball, landed out of bounds?

Then the ball is found. It did land in-bounds. There it's in a hole and lies far under ground.

Too many strokes we took. The ball it just stays put. We cannot hit it far so we will not make par.

Three brave Niners went out on December 22nd and guest, Jeanne Duggan, from Bellingham, Washington. It was a beautiful day until the 17th hole and then the rains came. It is not easy to putt with a raincoat draped on ones head. We especially liked the ball cleaners on the putting green. This must be a new winter feature. Each hole was filled with water and when we retrieved our ball, it was clean.

Special Award: We should adopt a new

award, one that shows bravery, perseverance, dedication etc. This should go to Cyn-dy Krout. She was out there in the mud and rain and never complained but continued to play her game. Good job, Cyndy.

### PLAY DAY RESULTS

Dec. 15th, GOLF TOSS: 1st flight,

1st place Linelle Marshall, net 31 & 2nd place, Claudette Babyak net 33. 2nd flight, Faye Buckley came in 1st with a net of 25 & Cyndy Krout, netted 30.

Happy Valentine's Day! 🏌️

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**WOMEN'S SUPPORT/ DISCUSSION GROUP**  
Wednesdays • 11 AM  
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**FAMILY WELLNESS FAIRE RETURNING TO TENAYA SCHOOL APRIL 11**  
The 6th annual Family Wellness Faire is in the planning stages by the Soroptimist Club of Groveland. Because it was so successful last year, the location will again be at the Tenaya Elementary School Campus on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This event offers valuable health information for everyone from toddlers to seniors and provides an opportunity for a variety of health testing services at either NO COST or LOW COST. The whole community is welcome so mark your calendars now and watch for more details in next month's issue of this paper. Sponsored by Soroptimist International of Groveland

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**NEED HELP USING YOUR COMPUTER?**  
Want to learn more about using your computer right here in Groveland? Barbara Broad will again offer her popular instruction in using computer applications, where students work on individual projects at their own levels and pace. Subjects are word-processing, spreadsheets, presentations, and using the Internet. The introductory session will be at 7 pm on Wednesday, January 11, in the computer room at Tenaya Elementary School in Groveland. What the classes will be about will be determined at this meeting. Both new users and more seasoned computer users have been enthusiastic about what they learned and the confidence they gained by taking Barbara's classes in Groveland and Sonora over the past nine years. The fee is \$75 for six 3-hour classes plus \$10 for materials. That's 18 hours of instruction! Come and see what the class will be like and THEN decide whether to sign up! If you can't make that session, call Barbara and tell her what you want to learn. The Computer Lab is at Tenaya Elementary School, up on the hill on the east side of the gym. If you have questions about the course, contact Barbara Broad, 962-7730 or bbroad@aol.com.

**PINE CONE SINGERS RECONVENE**  
Following their gratifyingly successful Winter Holiday Concert, the Pine Cone Singers will resume rehearsals for their 2006 spring concert, under the direction of Dennis Brown, on Tuesday, January 31st at 3:00 PM in the Groveland Community Hall. The chorus, 35 to 40 voices strong and always looking for new folks to join in the fun, is under the direction of Dennis Brown and all voices are welcome: soprano one and two, alto, tenor, baritone, and bass. Seasonal dues are \$25.00 (which helps pay for music and the director.) For further information, call 962-6892.

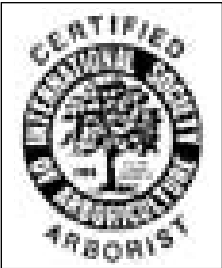

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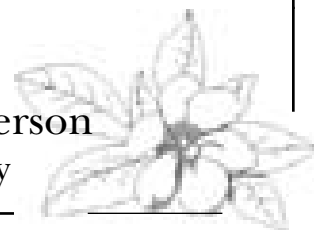


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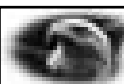
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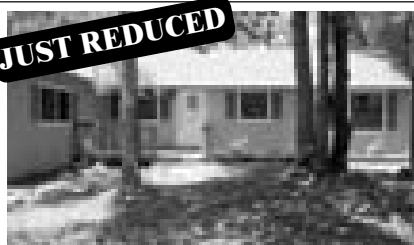
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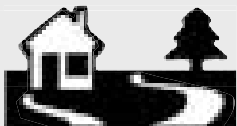
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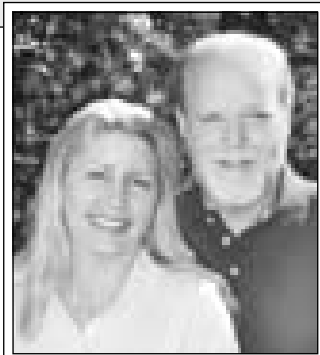


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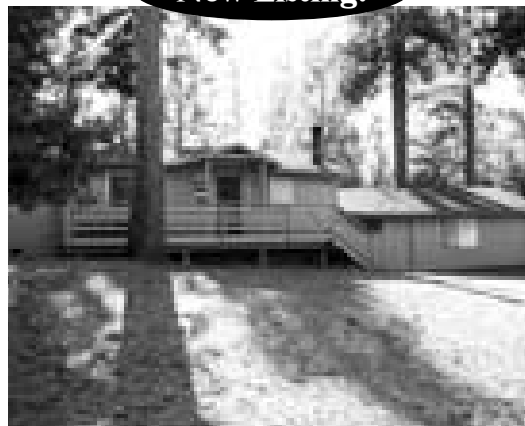
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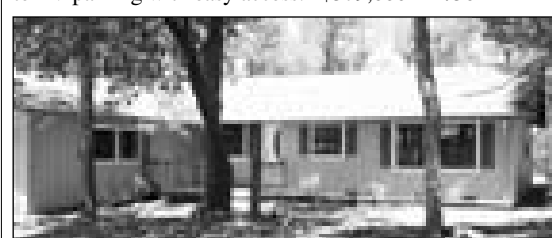
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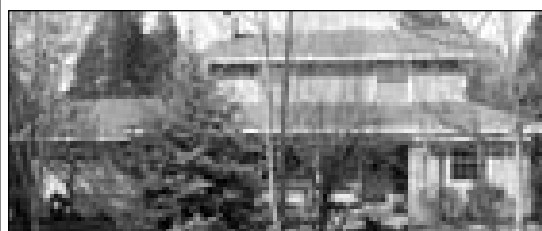
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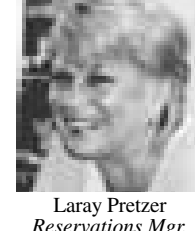
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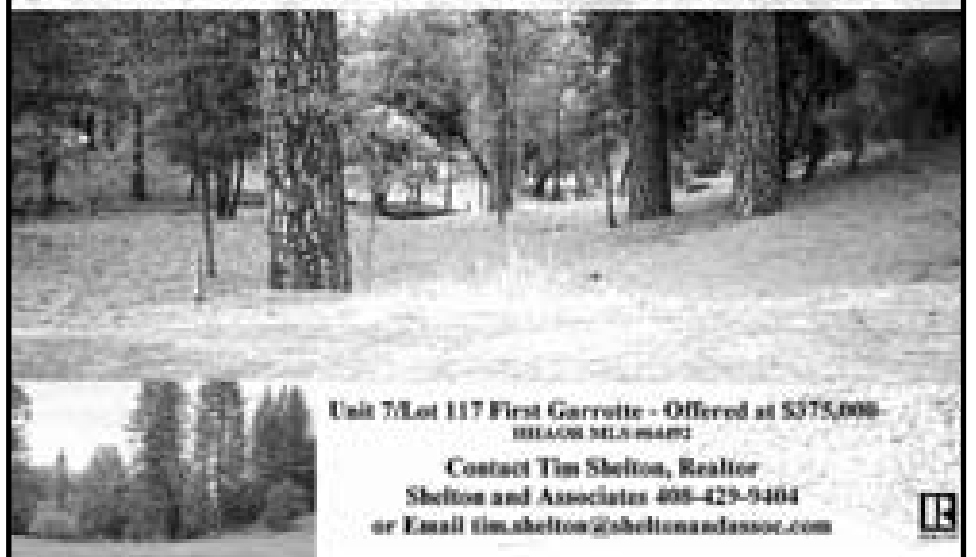


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**\$330,000** 15/39 - 20225 Upper Skyridge



### CHALET IN PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE

1,600 Sq. Ft. w/2Car garage. 4 bedrooms 2 bathrooms. Newer Redwood wrap around Deck. Newer AC & Propane Forced Air Heating. Corner Brick Wood Burning Fireplace. Level Concrete Drive w/extra parking area. Newer Carpet. Ceiling fans in Each Bedroom. Open Living with Open Beam Ceilings. Large lot with Privacy. Mountain Views.  
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#### GOLF COURSE MINI ESTATE.

Spectacular 3200+ sq ft home w/ European flair. Tile roof to paver tiled flooring, every thing in this home is impressive. A covered archway framed in stone takes you into the grand foyer though solid wood & lead glass doors. The commanding living rm has a spectacular fireplace & french doors that run the length of the rm, opening to a covered patio w/front row views of the golf course & an outdoor built-in BBQ/cook prep area. Too much to fit all in this ad!

**5/102 \$1,250,000**



#### PICKY, PICKY, PICK THIS UP.

This spotless almost new home will measure up to your standards! Delightful great room with propane fireplace, vaulted ceilings, kitchen loaded with granite counters, breakfast bar, laminate floors, big pantry. Plenty of level parking in front of the 766 square foot garage-would make a great workshop on the side! Trex decks, iron railings.

**2/217 \$455,000**



#### FISHERMAN'S COVE AND 1200 SQ.FT. OF COVERED DECK...

This new construction home has 5 bedrooms, 3 baths and a game room for more than 2,750 sq ft. Cherry finish cabinets, granite counters, and stainless appliances including refrigerator complete the ample kitchen. Elegant and spacious mountain style home will accommodate large gatherings. A two car garage is oversized and there is ample parking onsite.

**3/233 \$579,000**



#### BUILT IN 2005,

this 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1568 sq ft home is pristine. You'll love the spacious kitchen with granite tile counters and master suite with large private bath. Slider off dining room opens to covered deck for outdoor BBQs. The occupants have relocated out of the area and the owners are motivated to sell. Set back from the road with access by an easement road. Close to town and schools.

**7/43 \$340,000**



#### ESCAPE THE MADNESS...

You are just minutes from tranquility. Move in to this 3 bedroom, 2 bath – it's completely furnished! Sit on the deck and see the first snows over the mountains. There are awnings on two sides of the home and natural views from every window. You will also own a hot tub on the deck. Two dog runs are available. The circular driveway encompasses almost an acre of cedar park.

**7/18 \$335,000**



#### OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS.

Don't miss out on this Lake front home offered at a super low price. The inside is ready for updating- the outside has a long life cement roof & newer exterior paint. The main level has 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a kitchen w/ tile island prep area/ breakfast bar, & a living room with a wood stove on a stone hearth. On the lower level is a bonus room or additional sleeping area, plus a covered deck w/ a spa.

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### CRICKETS SING AND PINE TREES WHISPER

in the gentle setting of this near new home. The land consists of more than two lots merged and views of the lake from all rooms upstairs. This split level home was custom built with upgrades such as texturized interior walls and skylights. An expansive kitchen with built in office cubby shines bright with bead-board paneling. A morning sun deck leads off the family dining area. Come see this 3 bdrm, 3 bath home with 2300 sq. ft. including large game room. Cathedral ceiling in living room and 9 ft ceiling in game room. Easy walk to Lake Lodge Beach! 4/437 **\$509,000**



### MOUNTAIN ESCAPE.

Your private sanctuary, set back at the top of a hill with beautiful treed views. New 3br/2.5ba with 2 car garage ~built in 2005. Appealing floor plan with master suite on main level and guest rooms on upper level. Room to park a boat or trailer next to the garage. Formal dining and master suite open to deck and views. Quiet setting across from green belt and close to creek side walking trail. Vaulted wood ceiling and propane stove in living room.

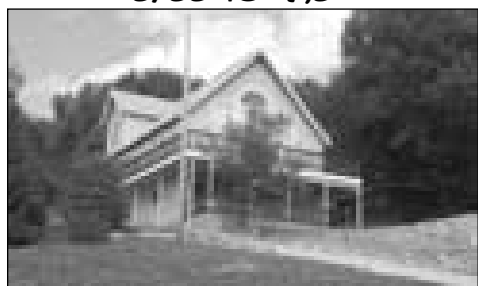
**15/55 \$387,500**



### TRANQUIL SETTING.

Overlooking green belt and a seasonal creek, this home is setback on the lot for premium views. Constructed 1990-3br/2ba, 1624 sq ft great room floor plan with eat-in kitchen featuring a breakfast bar, tile counters & new wood flooring. A slider opens off the kitchen to a deck that is perfect outdoor entertaining. The generous master suite has a wide, spacious closet & private bath with a dressing area. Great parking with a carport, 2 car over sized garage and lower level parking area.

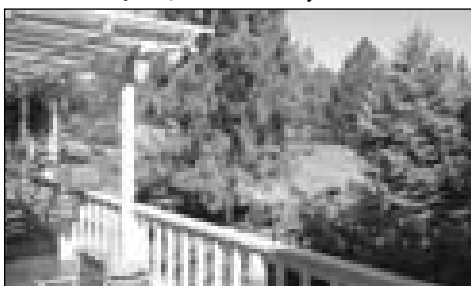
**4/574 \$345,000**



### LOFTY LAKE VIEWS

from the great room and gabled loft of this stylish 3-story. Deck faces East to the lake for morning sun and late afternoon shade. Timeless white kitchen with breakfast bar & triple propane downdraft cooktop, private master suite with covered patio and generous 8x14 foot closet. 2300 sq ft, double garage attached in back, concrete drive.

**1/246 \$595,000**



### VIVID GREEN VISTAS OF TWO FAIRWAYS

from this de-LIGHT-ful 1838 sq ft, 3 bedroom with 2 roomy baths. Large private shady deck, nicely landscaped, all vaulted ceilings + large central skylight, Corian counters, tile showers. Large shop & storage area behind the double garage, Level driveway grat for RV or boat.

Walk to Dunn Ct beach.

**5/104 \$470,000**



### STRETCH YOUR WINGS

at the site of this airport home with great deck and views. The warmth of a brick fireplace greets you in the living room. Office and 4 bedrooms, 2 baths provide separate spaces. The large country kitchen and dining room share a wood stove for further warmth. The home has an indoor laundry room and an oversized detached garage. The land is nearly an acre with plenty of room to roam.

**12/249 \$489,950**



### WALK TO DUNN CT. BEACH.

This well cared for beauty shows great pride in ownership and appealing easy maintenance landscaping. You'll love the single level floor plan and spacious kitchen w/ lots of storage and a garden window. The living room features a vaulted ceiling and brick hearth with wood burning stove. Enjoy year round outdoor living with a covered deck and fenced garden area.

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**\$183,500 on Dyer Court**



### NESTLED IN THE WOODS

is this sweet cottage. Great room with decks on 3 sides and a dynamic rock fireplace. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths + a bonus room in 1750 sq ft. Vaulted pine ceilings throughout upstairs, spacious master suite, new stainless appliances, 4 ceiling fans. Tastefully remodeled in 2003.

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### SCINTILLATE YOUR SENSE OF STYLE.

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5/100	Mt Jefferson, e-z build, golf frontage	.31 ac	\$299,900
6/179	Cottonwood St., treed, seasonal creek	.39 ac	\$84,000
6/234	Ferretti Rd.,		
7/109	DeFerrari, golf course, septic required	.81 ac	\$239,500

## OPINION EDITORIAL: Whatever Happened to Common Courtesy?

by David Wilkinson

Having grown up in a small mountain community, I learned to drive where other drivers were courteous and, dare I say it, even friendly. Slower drivers used turnouts, unless they were tourists, and you were more apt to receive a wave and smile than a finger and a shout. Now I am not sure when it happened, but so many drivers seem to feel that anyone else on

"their" road is an inconvenience, if not a downright threat.

An example of what I mean is illustrated by a recent event that took place on Ferretti Road. I actually had a gentleman (I use the term very loosely) in a pick up come around a corner on my side of the road leaving me no where to go. When I honked to get his attention to let him know he was in my lane, I got the international

symbol letting me know that I am number one. He scowled and glared cursing something in my direction that I was glad I didn't hear, and left me wondering what else would he have wanted me to do?

I am sure that I was an inconvenience to his intended route, even if he was in the wrong.

Or the countless times that I have had the oncoming car turn its high beams on me because my headlights are too bright. Yes, I drive one of those cars with the really bright white headlights. I have even had it into the dealer and asked if they could lower the angle of the lights so they would not seem as bright, the answer was no, the lights are as low as the construction of the car permits. Still, I get brighted constantly and, even after flashing mine back to show that they are on low beam, the other driver just loves to leave theirs on high until they pass by, or turn them back on bright just before they pass, just to make sure I won't return the favor I suppose. I guess it is supposed to be my punishment for having purchased a car with the new style headlights. Remember that headlights appear brighter in our clear, dark nights than they do in the valley.

Now I know that it is hard at times to be nice and courteous when we live in the world that we do, but I have never known anyone who actually died from being nice. I try to practice what I preach—note that I say try—it doesn't always work. I have been known to yell at a driver speeding through town or not stopping for pedestrians who are already in the crosswalk. Not that it does any good, but it makes me feel better. But,

heck, if a car coming at me has its lights on high beam, and it doesn't bother my eyes, I don't even worry about it. Why blind someone else to make a point.

I'm not sure when so many people got the appointment to be exempt from the law or common courtesy, but I must have missed the memo. If we could make people perfect, I suppose we should start with ourselves. This is especially true for the drivers who feel the need to speed up through town rather than slow down, and who try to make sport of trying to get through the crosswalks before the pedestrian can get in the way.

(Remember: Pedestrians have the right of way in the crosswalk, no matter how late we are running.) Before you pedestrians yell in agreement, don't forget that the crosswalks are for crossing in, not near. I just have to laugh when I see pedestrians crossing six feet out of the crosswalk, as if the extra six feet to the left would have been just too far to walk.

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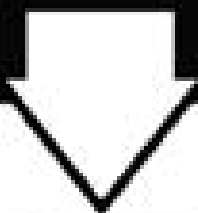
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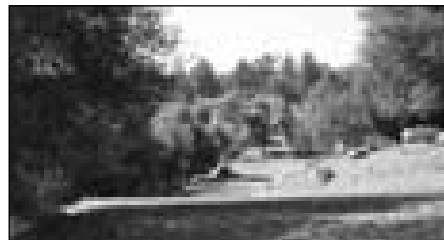


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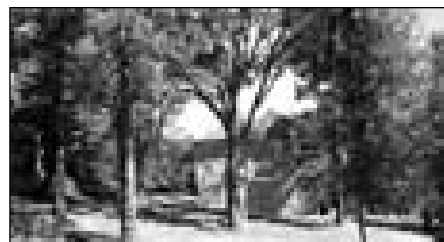
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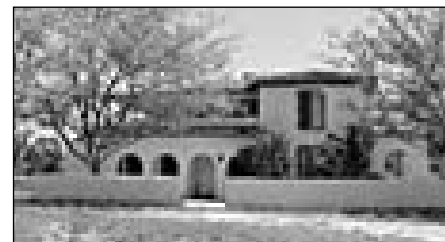
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# GENEALOGY CHAT by Peggy Andrews

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cal value, please consider donating to the History Resource Center in the Groveland Library. If you find an article or picture you don't want to part with, please let us make a copy. The

chat club's goal is to eventually have a genealogy research center available to the public.

Work has already been done adding information to our database from court records from the late 1800's to early 1900's. The records are used to help people find relatives who may have

lived in Groveland at one time.

The Chat Club meets the fourth Friday of each month, downstairs in the Groveland Library from 1 to 4. You don't have to be a member, if you have questions or would just like to visit, everyone is welcome. For more information call Karen Davis, 962-7045.



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## 2005 Christmas Basket Statistics Wrap Up

Patti Beaulieu and Dar Brown – 2005 Project Co-chairs

Once again, the Groveland Community Christmas Basket Program brightened the holiday for many of our neighbors. Due to the generosity of the community there were 170 adults and 176 children that were given food, gifts, and gift certificates for Christmas.

The food consisted of a family sized turkey, cans galore, cake mixes and icing, stuffing mix, bread, rolls, a box of fresh produce and everything in between. The gifts were given to children 18 and younger and consisted of everything from balls and bikes to perfume and puzzles, and everything in between. The Gift Certificates included were from Helping Hands of Groveland, Two Guys Pizza, Main Street Market and the Friends of the Groveland Library. A special thank you goes to the donors of the gift certificates.

Santa was able to grant all bicycle and skateboard wishes, in addition to the many requests for various clothing items, shoes and jackets. And of course there were toys, toys, toys. Thanks to the gifts brought by the PML Ladies Club, PML Ladies 18 Hole Golf Club, PML Ladies 9 Hole Golf Club and the PML Aviation Clubs 'It's a Wrap Party' attendees, and especially our own anonymous benefactor, Santa had quite a delivery for our applicant's children. The Soroptimist team of, Faye Buckley, Nancy Dennison, Barbara Elliott, Cindi Goodrich, Jane Hansen, Linda Hunter, Gloria Marler, Liz Mattingly, Maddie Mrakava, Pat Pasha, Bonnie Phillips, Gail Shaw, Joke Schaap, Judy Sheridan and Donna Thayer helped Santa with much of the shopping and wrapping. Another extraordinary Elf is Willie Boatman. He volunteered, as he has for many years, to get the bikes ready and supply the helmets for Santa's delivery.

The 'It's a Wrap' Party at the Blanken-

burg Hanger (aka Winter Wonderland) was unbelievable. The food was wonderful, the decorations and coordination magnificent and the supply of gifts from the over 200 attendees was overwhelming. There were even 2 new bikes, helmets and locks donated by 'Santa Bob', a personal friend of the Blankenburgs. The event kicked off the 'basket week' in which all the wrapping and food and gift assembly takes place.

The 'basket week' is a site to behold. Here are more astonishing numbers. This year we had 50 volunteers show up at various times during the week to help wrap presents, distribute food or organize the Community Hall for the pick up day. We had 49 local businesses or individuals give monetary donations and 29 Churches, Clubs and Service Organizations contribute food and/or gifts. Greg, Kevin, Chuck and Steve at our own Main Street Market were so accommodating again this year by saving and storing the 'banana boxes' all year long and ordering the turkeys and food, at their cost, for those donating. Kevin and Steve even delivered the turkeys to the hall early Saturday morning. We're so lucky to have such civic minded businesses in our midst. Next time you're in any of the local businesses listed in the acknowledgment ad on page 44, remember their generosity and tell them 'thanks'.

To summarize the project, if you brought a gift, added something to the food donation barrels during the season, belong to one of the many clubs, churches or businesses who donated, or gave the gift of time, remember that 346 people had a better holiday because of you.

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## Museum at Work on Exhibit Projects

by Rosemary Adams, Publicity

**G**roveland Yosemite Gateway Museum is in a quiet stretch as we move through the winter. However, such times enable our Staff to work on the myriad items of maintenance, etc. that go with having such an operation. Their efforts are invaluable and we do appreciate them. A major project underway is the construction of a Sluice Box at the Arrastra Exhibit. There are some parts needed for the project, i.e. a few pieces of old boards, lumber & timber. If any of you can help us in this area, we would so appreciate your contact-

ing either Jane Dees (962-5210) or Rich Hathaway (962-7595). Our thanks.

You will remember our fine 2005 49er Festival, and we are pleased to announce that we have a DVD of the event at our Museum & Book Shop. If you missed the Festival, you can enjoy it on the DVD. Or, if you were part of the great day, you will enjoy recapturing the memories of the event. The price is \$6.00.

We would be pleased to have you drop by for a visit as we enjoy having your company.

## STCHS' WINE TASTING CRUISE ON PML!

by Gordon Jones

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The event is limited to 225 guests and tickets will be offered first to the STCHS membership. If you are not yet a member of STCHS, this might be a great time to join! Annual Family memberships are \$20.00 and applications are available at the Museum. Ticket applications, along with complete details, will be mailed to members in early March.

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Fantastic volunteers, took only 6 hours to take down the bows, ribbons, foil and garland in Groveland, Big Oak Flat and Priest Station. What an accomplishment this was. We even had volunteers show up after we were through to help. That was really a big first.

This year we had to take down our Nativity Scene a day earlier because of the weather and vandalism. We try to leave our decorations up to honor the 12 days of Christmas and to honor a religious request.

We had people say that there was

something missing this year, they just didn't know what it was. We finally figured it out. Several of the merchants and individuals, who usually put up their own lights, didn't this year. So, as people came into Groveland at night they noticed this.

We will try next year to motivate the installation of these lights to give Groveland that special touch. There was a lot of individuals and businesses that did a terrific job of decorating their locations and we

hope we can expand on this next year.

The take down of the garland went very well with THANKS to Dave (stilts) Volponi and those that helped him, Don Myers, Gene Nye and Paul Sperry.

Volunteers involved in the record take down were: Mike Buckley, Sharon Ross, Blaine Cluff, Barbara and Paul Klahn, Nancy Robichaud, George McLeod, Gene and Lee Nye, Della Johnson, Paul Sperry, Lion Frank O'Yung, Dave and Chris Balch (new to the community),



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A special THANK YOU to Joanne McLean, a long time helper. Every year she puts up and takes down all the

foil, red ribbons and red bows on the library/museum and all the trees in the immediate area (fantastic).

This year for the first time someone stopped and asked if they could assist her. Young Kenny Jones was the one that offered this appreciated assistance. It's very comforting when someone of

the younger generation steps forward to help.

The take down of the deer heads was accomplished by Malcolm and Mike Millard (two great people).

Christmas decorations in the Community Hall were taken down by Adrienne and LeRoy Carter, Genelle Wright and

Leo Hornback. They are a real asset to our community. They also decorate the community hall every month using a different theme.

We really appreciate the hanging and take down of the HAPPY HOLIDAY banner over Main Street by our local fire department personnel.



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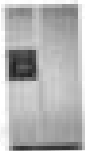
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## See's Holiday Candy Sale a Success

by Opal Berg

The Gathering Place is very happy with the See's Candy sales for the holidays. This will help in our goal toward building the Southside Senior Community Center.

The Gathering Place THANKS the community for its loyalty and support.

A special thanks to Carolyn Cranstoun and Rich Van Brocklin for their hard work and dedication to the project.

Our appreciation goes to the many volunteers for their dependability and support.

For all you romantics, Valentine's Day is coming. The See's Candy booth will be open starting Jan. 14th thru Feb. 14th.

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## Obituary

**Toby Mae LaGrafte**, 65, a 10 year resident of Groveland and long time resident of Fremont, died January 11, 2006. She loved making dolls, bowling, and animals. She is survived by daughters Carroll LaGrafte of Manteca and Donna LaGrafte of Santa Rosa, sons Robert Hyde of Benecia and Stephen LaGrafte of Fremont, Sister Sonya Theriot of Lafayette, LA, and three grandchildren.

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The top photo shows Big Creek just below the Pine Mountain Lake Dam as it normally appears and the bottom photo shows the water flowing from a recent New Year's Eve storm and that photo is taken in the exact area below the dam. The water can actually be heard from inside several homes located on Deer Brush Court and Cottonwood Street. While the roar of the water is nearly deafening, the sight of the flowing water is beautiful.



Photography by Heidi Strobe. Heidi is a PML resident. Her photography can be viewed or purchased at Evergreen Lodge. She specializes in animals and local scenery.

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## Helping Hands Thrift Store

The past year has been kind to us. We have been able to keep the Thrift Store staffed, running and continuing to raise money for the Schools and Community. Thanks to the continued donations that we can sell and the dedication of our Volunteers. Welcome to our latest Volunteers Linda Cordle and June Moore.

The Helping Hands Volunteers Luncheon was held January 12 at the PML Country Club. The installation of officers



for 2006 was done by Elden Bruha.

### Executive Board 2006:

Judi Wilkinson - *President*, Sandi Graham - *Vice President*, Linda Flores - *Correspondence Secretary*, Julie McVicker - *Recording Secretary*, Joan Mosby - *Treasurer*, Betty Moisco - *Parliamentarian*, Barbara Leahy - *Youth/Scholarship*, Patti Beaulieu - *Store Manager*. Standing Committee Chairpersons: Sandi Graham/Patti Beaulieu - *Scheduling*, Jeannette Taylor - *Family Loss/Illness*, Hanna Bodle/Dale Elliott - *Historian*, Lillian Carson - *Publicity*.

Just a word from the Volunteers to the Community. When you donate anything that you don't need, please make an extra effort to think, can anyone else use it. If they can't, please dispose of it some other way. Our volunteers work very hard to put only saleable items in the Thrift Store. Tom Taylor has volunteered to help with checking the appliances and electrical items for us. Thank you Tom.

Our thrift store is bulging with good winter clothes, we have had many sales this past month and will continue to have many more. You are welcome to come in and take advantage of our good bargains.

## The Southern Tuolumne Education Foundation (STEF)

The Southern Tuolumne Education Foundation (STEF) is looking for new board members. STEF is a nonprofit education foundation created to support the Big Oak Flat - Groveland Unified School District.

Through the efforts of STEF, resources have been made available for student, teacher and classroom grants for Tenaya Elementary, Tioga and Don Pedro High Schools. These grants have provided for educational and

training opportunities as well as supplies and projects throughout the District. Without the grant funding STEF has provided through the years, many of these opportunities and projects would not have been possible due to District budget restrictions.

If you are interested in working with STEF, please contact Mike Malloy at 962-7830. It is only through the generosity of a supportive community that our work can continue.

## Stagecoach History

by Linda Hopson, STCHS

On Saturday, February 18th, two local boys, Wally Anker and Jim Phillips, will tell us all about the days of the stagecoach in our area. Jim's family came here in 1849 and Wally's family came in 1853. Both of them grew up listening to lots of hand-me-down stories they'd like to share with us about the life and times of the local stagecoaches. Seven stagecoach stops were between Big Oak Flat and Yosemite and Wally and Jim will focus on Priest Station and Crocker Station.

Where exactly was Crocker Station? Where are the other five stagecoach stops? Where did the stagecoach stop in Groveland? What kind of hold-up stories did they hear about? What kinds of famous people rode through our town? Find out

the answer to these questions and bring yours. Also, the museum just purchased some old stagecoach maps and we will get our first look at them.

Wally's family is long associated with Priest Station, Big Oak Flat, the Tioga Pass Road and Yosemite. Wally was the first President of STCHS. Jim's family had a significant impact on our area. Jim is full of our history and folklore. Jim is related to the Ferretts and the Boitanos. His family has extensive connections to Yosemite. He remembers his great great aunt knowing and talking about John Muir. His family owned the White Wolf Lodge, had the 4-mile trail built from the valley floor to Glacier Point in 1872, and built the old Glacier Point Hotel. His family also owned Gin Flat in Yosemite as

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well as the Carl Inn near Carlon Falls.

The Southern Tuolumne County Historical Society (STCHS, pronounced stitches) sponsors a speaker every 3rd Saturday of the month from 7:30-8:30pm in the Groveland Community Hall. STCHS also owns and runs the Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum.

The meeting cost is \$2 for members,

\$3 for others. You can join STCHS on the spot for as little as \$15 per year or call 962-0300 for an application. Membership gives you quarterly newsletters with fascinating historical tidbits, discussions on current exhibits, and advance notice on featured speakers. The STCHS website is <http://www.grovelandmuseum.org>.

## Friends of the Groveland Library

by Nadine Pedron

### A NEW YEAR AND ONE DO-ABLE RESOLUTION:

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And of course, there is no problem finding the printed word of your choice right here in our own lovely Groveland library. What's more, the price is right. You'll be greeted warmly by our librarians Michalene Martin, Maddie Sousa and Phyllis Gschwend and promptly assisted in finding exactly what you want. The library is well stocked, but if your selection is not on the shelves, they will order it for you. So...come on in, ready to read.

### FOGL NEWS:

Members enjoyed a luncheon meeting in December at the Hotel Charlotte and discussed long range plans and non-profit status. A returning slate of officers for 2006 includes Co-Presidents Rosemary Adams and Jane Sperry; Vice-President Carol Heuermann; Secretary Audrey Finance and Treasurer Belinda McBride. Elsie Stock will serve as Membership Chairperson, replacing Revea Mayhew who has so beautifully handled this task for many years. Thank you, Revea! Revea was also applauded, along with Carol Heuermann, for the outstanding work they have done to make the Book Nook a huge success. Genelle Wright will continue as Library Aide Chairperson with Marilyn Bangs and Nadine Pedron continuing to

share responsibility for Publicity and the Bookleggers program. Joe Brazie will represent us at the County Council of Friends. New member, Julie McVicker, was welcomed. It was announced that Ina Rathert, Julie Lopez and Sue Morris were chosen at the Book Nook sale on December 3rd to receive copies of a Harry Potter book. Members voted to change the monthly meeting time from 1:30 to 2:00.

### REMEMBER:

- Storytime every Friday, 10:30 AM at the library. Bring your preschoolers in to enjoy lively reader/story tellers and beautiful books. Also, ask about our Born to Read program.

- Book Nook sales every Saturday, 10:00 - 2:00, library, downstairs.

- Trivia Bee money raiser for our county libraries will be held on March 4 in Sonora.

- Regular meetings are held every 4th Tuesday downstairs at the library at 2:00 p.m. Visitors are welcome. For membership information please call Elsie Stock (962-4564). NEXT MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH AT 2:00.

## Soroptimist International of Groveland Holiday Happenings 2005

On December 13th, festive holiday happenings began with our Annual Holiday Luncheon at the 149 year old Columbia City Hotel, founded in 1856 to serve weary miners looking to make their fortune during the gold rush.

In very cozy, but beautifully decorated and historical surroundings, 33 Soroptimist members and 3 guests donned their brightest holiday spirit, a set of jingling reindeer antlers and smilingly squeezed into the Morgan Room, setting a record for the City Hotel as the highest number of guests seated and served in that room in its entire history.

Leave it to Soroptimists to set a new record!

During the next 2 ½ hours, "Holiday Style Twenty Questions" and "Name That Christmas Carol". During our Christmas ornament game, we unwrapped, swiped and swapped ornaments in a hilarious exchange game and hopefully walked away with the ornament we most wanted.

Our holiday luncheon included an entrée choice of three-cheese quiche, grilled Tuscan chicken or Diestel turkey piccata, finished with apple cranberry crisp and vanilla bean ice cream. Before enjoying our luncheon, we lovingly welcomed in the holiday season by each lighting a single candle and making a silent wish for loved ones who needed our support

and others in the world who needed our hope as they rebuild their lives and their communities.

Next, we headed for Jamestown for our 4th Annual Casa Viejos Holiday Party, a special celebration for 70 deserving residents.

The Holiday Spirit Line Dancers, including Roberta Naylor, Jane Hansen, Faye Buckley, Julia Brooks, Wendy Greer, and Music Director, Barbara Coldren, were our first entertainers and treated residents to three toe-tapping and hand-clapping line dances.

Following our dancers, residents enjoyed homemade holiday treats of cookies, brownies, fruit punch, grapes and oranges, served by Soroptimist elves.

Next to amaze and entertain were the beautiful sounds of the "Voices in Motion" quartet, including Shirley Brasesco, Sally Salinas, Jim Soderberg, Charlie Mills and their Director, Ted Spilman.

And then it was time for a special appearance from Mrs. Santa Claus, aka Nadele Manzo, dressed head to toe in red velvet and white fur, who, along with the Soroptimist elves, handed out lap blankets to keep residents warm and cozy on cold winter nights and holiday bags filled with essential items and a few special treats!

Finally, it was time for a group sing-along of well known and loved Christmas carols, led by Bonnie Phillips and accompanied by Cindi Goodrich on piano.

Our celebrations were filled with love, cheerful hearts and an abundance of warm holiday spirit flowing through everyone!

Thank you to members and guests who gave of themselves with loving holiday spirit to make these events memorable and successful again this year. You have demonstrated the true spirit of giving this holiday season.

With Sincere Appreciation,  
Judy Gravino  
Event Chair

## Kiwanis Warm You Up Dinner

The Kiwanis Club of Groveland is having a Warm You Up Dinner on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at the Community Center. Dinner will consist of hearty chicken soup, harvest wild rice soup and enchilada con queso soup accompanied by fresh baked bread, salad, hot coffee or hot tea and dessert. Dinner will be served from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Take outs will be available from 3pm to 6:30pm. Dinner is \$7.50 for adults and

\$4 for kids 10 and under. A romantic night of starlight and dancin' it ain't, so bring the whole family or just you and your special person and enjoy a warm and fuzzy evening and celebrate an early Valentines Day.

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## Groveland Skate Park

At the December 28th special meeting of the Groveland Community Services District (GCSD) Board of Directors, after some discussion regarding the appropriateness of the building of a skate park in the lower portion of the Mary Laveroni Community Park ("Mary's park"), the Board voted in favor of Director Dick Lennen's motion to allocate the necessary space for the construction of the skate park, to be completed with donated ramps. Other action taken by the GCSD board included: (1) Approved Notice of Intention to prepare a Negative Declaration, (2) Approved Initial Study and proposed form of Negative Declaration, and (3) Authorized Posting with the County Clerk.

The Staff presented the First Reading of a Draft Skate Park Ordinance. At a future meeting of the board a second reading will be scheduled and at that time the board will conduct a Public Hearing. Following the public hearing the ordinance can then be adopted at a regular meeting, provided all proper posting and notification requirements are met as required by law. The general public will be kept informed throughout this legal process.

Dave "Stilts" Volponi has been the Design Chairperson for the skate park. He is a very experienced and avid skate boarder. Every year he travels with the circus, and while doing so, he investigates other parks and talks to the skate boarders. He listens to their input and asks what they like and do not like about their skate park and returns to Groveland with pictures and insight. He also talks to the skate boarders about proper usage of the park and about those activities that should not be allowed or condoned.

Steel coated modules have been ordered for the initial phase of the skate park with more modules to be ordered if the first phase proves to be trouble free. The new Tuolumne County Youth and Recreation Center will be moved to "Mary's Park" in early spring 2006. It will feature a triple wide manufactured building with games, a basketball court,

and other amenities; construction of the skate park will be coordinated with the County plans for the youth center. GCSD is donating playground equipment to the Youth Center as well as allocating land for the facilities.

For over five years, the Groveland Skate Park Committee, consisting of Frank Oyung, Merle Heath, Rolene Kiesling, Rick Schone and Dave Volponi has worked to raise funds for the construction of a skate park. The Committee has a host of donors to thank for their generosity which enabled them to raise over \$60,000. Between December 12, 2001 and July 13, 2005, Charlie the can man collected over \$25,000 from aluminum can recycling, before retiring on November 14, 2005 to Skyline Place. Commencing July of this year, Mark Watts, Groveland County Youth Director and the Recreation Center participants took over the recycling task from Charlie. Other individuals in the community have been generous. Ray Connelly and David Lint donated substantial sums in memory of their wives, Cherie Connelly and Shirley Lint. Funds were also raised by raffle sales at Rebecca Breakfasts, car washes and the sale of glo-rings. The Committee also thanks Peter Barsotti of the Iron Door Saloon, The Hetch Hetchy Board of Realtors, the Bill Graham Foundation, the Classic Car Show for their support and Sandy Bradley, principal of Tioga High School, and students who assisted with car washes from Tioga High and Tenaya Elementary Schools. And a special thanks to the anonymous donor for his/her donations through paycheck deductions.

Fund raising efforts will be ongoing to raise funds needed for Phase 2 modules, to provide money to purchase fencing material surrounding the skate park, and to furnish benches and tables for spectators. Tax deductible donations to help raise these funds can be by check, made out to GAINS (Groveland Area Involved Neighbors), with notation for benefit of Groveland Skate Park, and mailed to P.O. Box 179, Groveland, CA 95321.

## Big Oak Flat-Groveland Unified School District Measure M Update

by John Triolo,  
Ed.D. Superintendent

The district has started the planning process for the construction and modernization projects to be funded with Measure M bond funds. I wanted to let everyone know how the process is progressing and the tentative timeline for the beginning of the actual work on our school district's campuses.

### Projects

The district has hired Aspen Street Architects, from Angels Camp, as Architects for these projects. Aspen Street has a great deal of experience with school construction and has started work on our projects.

### Tenaya Modernization

*February 2006* — Board approval of modernization needs assessment  
*Spring/Early Summer 2006* — Design Development and Construction Documents completed  
*Summer 2006* — Submission of Construction Documents to DSA  
*Fall 2006* — DSA Review and Comments & Architect addresses comments  
*Winter 2006* — DSA approval of Construction Documents  
*Winter 2006* — Approved Construction Documents to OPSC for approval  
*Spring 2007* — Project out to bid by District or Lease-Lease Back Contract  
*Summer 2007* — Construction  
*September 2007* — Completion

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*January 2006* — Board approval of preliminary design

*Spring 2006* — Submittal to CDE and OPSC for preliminary approval of joint use

### Complete Building Design Development and Site Work

*Spring 2006* — Construction Documents

*Spring 2006* — Bid Design Development Drawings to be bid by pre-engineered building manufacturer

*Summer 2006* — Selected building manufacturer prepares building construction documents

*Late Summer 2006* — Submission of Documents to DSA

*Fall 2006* — DSA Review and Comments & Architect Addresses Comments

*Late Fall 2006* — Final DSA approval

*Winter 2006* — Submit DSA approved Plans to OPSC for approval

*Spring 2007* — Bid projects

*Spring 2007* — Start Construction Don Pedro

*Late Winter 2007* — Project Completion

*Summer 2007* — Start Construction Tioga High

*Summer 2008* — Project Completion

As we move further into this process I will be providing additional updates and information on the districts' web site at [www.bofg.k12.ca.us](http://www.bofg.k12.ca.us). Please feel free to contact me if you have questions at 962-5765. Once again, on behalf of the students of our district, thank you for helping to pass Measure M.

## TENAYA'S JANUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

### Kai Anderson • 4th Grade

Sarah Anderson - Groveland, CA - Mother/Cjel Anderson - New Hampshire - Father. Kai has a positive personality and will attack any task given to him. He's an extremely hard worker. I appreciate how helpful he is to others. Kai will also entertain others with his creative answers to questions.

Nominated by Joanne Beaudreau - Teacher



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Mountain Tunnel Inspected

by Jim Goodrich, GCSD General Manager

We receive our drinking water from Hetch Hetchy Reservoir by way of the Mountain Tunnel, which passes beneath the Groveland area on its way to Moccasin. In fact, we are the City & County of San Francisco’s first water customer. In mid-January, the tunnel was shut down for inspection needed to design some heavy-duty



The bottom GCSD’s pump inside the Mountain Tunnel.

maintenance that will probably take place in 2008 and beyond. I want to thank our water customers for heeding the signs around the community to conserve water. We have about a 10-day supply of water in storage tanks... unless, of course, there is a fire, then all bets are off. Your efforts to conserve during this brief shut down are much appreciated.

In preparing for the longer shut down in 2008 (as much as 60 days), GCSD is working with the Hetch Hetchy engineers to design a portable, trailer-mounted water treatment system that can be used during water interruptions. This “emergency” treatment system will take water from Pine Mountain Lake, filter and disinfect it, and then deliver it to our storage tanks. Because this would happen in the wintertime when flow into the lake from First and Second Garrote Creeks and Big Creek are at their maximum, no change in water level in the lake is expected. By comparison, if for some reason this water were to be pumped in the summertime, then Pine Mountain Lake level would drop about 7 inches in that 60-day period. These prolonged winter maintenance shutdowns of the Mountain Tunnel by Hetch Hetchy will continue for up to 10 years, beginning in 2008.

The water treatment plant will be placed on two to three large box trailers, similar to tractor-trailer rigs you see down on the flat land. These trailers will be linked to

each other and to the influent and discharge points by large hoses. After the water interruption, the treatment plant would be disconnected and moved back into storage at GCSD.

We have been looking around PML with PML staff for convenient places to put these trailers. One suggestion is near the PML Maintenance Yard. The advantage to this location is that it is near both a large GCSD water main and it is near the discharge end of the pipeline that brings lake water to irrigate the golf course. We would have to run long power and sewer lines to this area to accommodate the needs of the treatment plant—a big expense. An alternative location is Dunn Court, which is the origin of the golf course irrigation water pipeline. The advantage of this location is that water mains, sewer lines and power are immediately available. The downside is that the plant is more visible to the public for the 60 or so days that it would be operating each year. At this point, no decisions have been made on location, but we will keep you posted.

One of the issues that remains unresolved is who would pay for this expensive treatment plant that is only used occasionally. GCSD staff will be writing grant proposals and will also be asking for some financial help from the City/County of San Francisco. In the end, we will probably have to pay some amount for this system, with the actual amount to be the subject of future negotiations. But, this system will give our customers the security that we will always have a source of water in case of an emergency.

Thank You from the Groveland Community Christmas Basket Program

Once again, Patti Beaulieu and Dar Brown, co—chairs of this years project, would like to recognize the clubs, service organizations, churches, businesses, personal donors and volunteers listed below for their generosity in making the program an overwhelming success. Please accept our most sincere apologies if anyone was overlooked. Your contributions made a special Christmas for 170 adults and 176 children, totaling 346 recipients of food and gifts. Please know that the success of this project is solely dependent on the generosity of this wonderful community.

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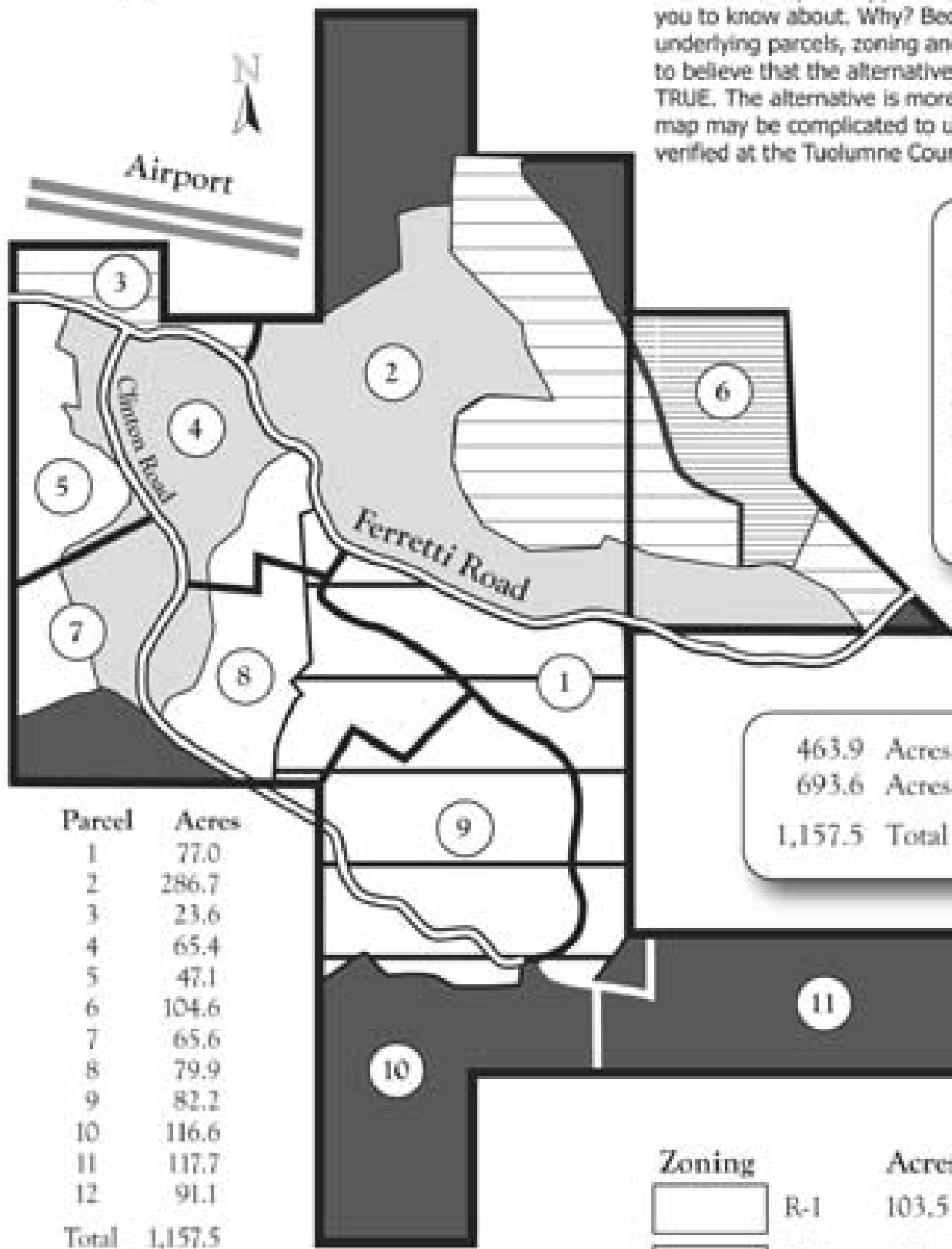
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# Long Gulch Ranch

## What They Don't Want You to Know!

This is the map the opponents of the approved development do not want you to know about. Why? Because it illustrates the truth about the underlying parcels, zoning and housing densities. The opponents want you to believe that the alternative is open space or agriculture. THIS IS NOT TRUE. The alternative is more houses than the 372 currently approved. This map may be complicated to understand but every bit of information can be verified at the Tuolumne County Community Development Department.



Zoning		Required Lots	Maximum Lots
	R-1	310	621
	RE-1	100	201
	RE-3	0	36
	RE-5	0	10
		410	868

463.9 Acres - 40% - Lots for houses  
 693.6 Acres - 60% - Recreation and open space  
 1,157.5 Total

Parcel	Acres
1	77.0
2	286.7
3	23.6
4	65.4
5	47.1
6	104.6
7	65.6
8	79.9
9	82.2
10	116.6
11	117.7
12	91.1
Total	1,157.5

Ordinance 2595 became law in Tuolumne County on December 7, 2004. It was passed to protect open space and agricultural land by forcing residential development to occur on land already zoned for residential development. To achieve this goal it established minimum density requirements. This ordinance is one way to prevent sprawl. Mark Thornton was the only Supervisor to vote against this ordinance.

Zoning		Acres	Minimum Density	Maximum Density
	R-1	103.5	3 lots per acre	6 lots per acre
	RE-1	201.8	1 lot per 2 acres	1 lot per 1 acre
	RE-3	108.6	N/A	1 lot per 3 acres
	RE-5	50.0	N/A	1 lot per 5 acres
	K	457.7	N/A	Recreation
	O-1	235.9	N/A	Open Space
		1,157.5	Total	

## It Gets Better Every Year!

This was our 19th year. Look what happened. What a tribute to all the merchants, volunteers, service clubs and organizations who helped bring our community to its beautiful Christmas splendor.

We received the usual praises from friends, relatives, visitors, both in and out

of state, who marveled at our town's efforts to express the Christmas spirit. Many people passing through town stopped long enough to take pictures and express what community spirit must exist in Groveland. They thought it was awesome.

We owe a very special thanks to GCSD's

Jim Goodrich and the Board of Directors for their cooperation in helping us achieve the lighted trees in the park this year, a glowing success. Without their approval and support there would be no lighted trees in Mary Laveroni Park.

We must also acknowledge the very special help we received from the City and County of San Francisco Hetch Hetchy division for their efforts to help us maintain the lights of our present 5 lighted trees and the additional lighting of several more trees in the park. The Hetch Hetchy crew consisted of Ron Brady, John Armstrong, Paul Morgan and assisting them were Mike Millard and Malcolm. A special thanks to Margaret Hannaford, the new Hetch Hetchy general manager, who gave us the support we needed to get the decorating job done when others had refused to lend us that support. Thank you Margaret, it was very important to have Christmas Lights in Mary Laveroni Park when Santa arrived to the delight of over 200 children, Parents and Grandparents this year.

The Deerheads hanging from the lamp posts, and in other prominent locations along Main Street, were installed by Mike Millard and Malcolm. Malcolm also put up Santa and the Snowman on the roof of the Community Hall. Malcolm, with the assistance of Mike Millard, took care of maintaining the tree lights in Mary Laveroni Park, great going guys.

Mike McKinnon (McKinnon Construction), and Al Deshaies were responsible for putting the star on top of our Santa tree in the park.

Malcolm brought his friend Santa Claus to greet the many children with their Christmas want lists. Assisting Santa was Mrs. Santa (aka Kay Graves), in her lighted Christmas skirt who helped distribute candy canes and gifts to the children. Both Santa and Mrs. Santa arrived in the park on the beautiful sleigh and reindeer built by the volunteer firemen. All awaiting Santa's arrival in the park were served hot chocolate at the Garrotte Lions booth. Serving was Erma Millheim, in her elf costume, and Lion President Wanda Day and Elaine Christian wearing Santas hats.

The Christmas crowd was serenaded by the Tenaya Elementary School chorus under the direction of Diane Steel, head of the music department. They were very impressive and did a fantastic job.

## Quilter's Corner

by Sandy Smith

As I sit here getting my thoughts together this beautiful winter day, I decided I was just happy to be a quilter. Have you ever noticed that quilters, as a whole, are a happy and well adjusted people? This is a compliment to each of you. May you apply the skills learned in 2005 to many new and exciting quilts in 2006.

Lisa's class has begun and it will be fun to be a part of it again. It is always exciting to learn new things. Even more fun to see what everyone is doing with their new found skills.

If you have not visited the guild yet, drop in. We do have lots of fun and community projects as well. Last year one of our projects was to provide quilts for the Adult Day Care Center. Joyce Reitzen delivered them for the precious people there. It was exciting and much appreciated. Also, we have an ongoing soldier project. Our quilts are going to Camp Mather. Then late last year, Lynda Reiley spearheaded a project for Katrina victims. If you would like to be a part of the guild, come to the Library (downstairs) at 6:00 p.m. the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Speaking of the guild, we have a great library of our own. Pat Helling is the capable librarian. "The pursuit of excellence is gratifying and healthy, but the pursuit of perfection is frustrating, neurotic, and a terrible waste of time." This quote came from a quilter with much experience, Linda Taylor. A super book to read "Celebrate The Tradition." Enjoy the quilting experience, don't worry, be happy!

There's a gazillion quilt sites on the web now, and it is great fun to go "browsing." Let me know where some of your favorite sites are and I will pass them on. Many offer free quilt patterns. One of my all time favorites is Quiltbus.com. If you haven't tried just spending time checking out some of them, give it a try. It is amazing what you can find.

Here is a helpful hint for keeping the knots and tangles controlled while you applique, quilt, or bind. Run your thread through a dryer sheet before threading your needle.

Lots of exciting things coming up in this new year. Enoy and may you have a year full of wonderful surprises.

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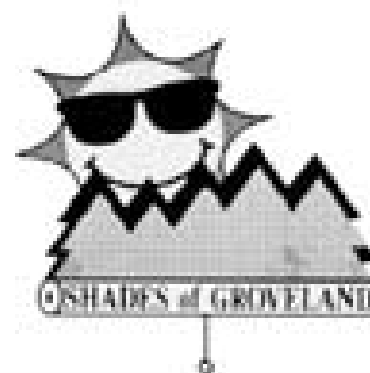
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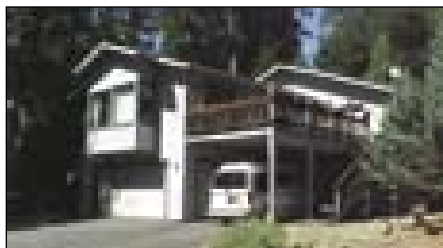


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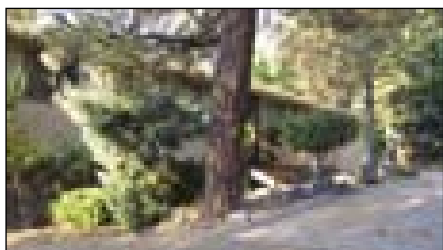


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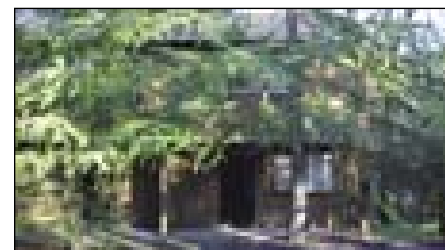
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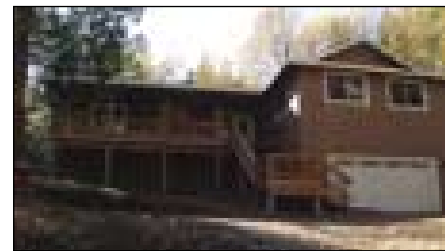
1/173 Pleasant View

**GREAT VIEWS** of Pine Mtn Lake's championship golf course. 3bd, 2ba, 1700sf home near the 12th tee. Formal dining and plenty of room for entertaining. Great for full-time living or vacations. \$495,500



5/25-C Salvador Ct

**CONDOMINIUM LIVING** could be yours! 2-story condo overlooks a seasonal creek from both decks. 2bd, 1-1/2 baths, 1200sf. Near the Country Club, tennis courts, golf course & pool. \$210,000



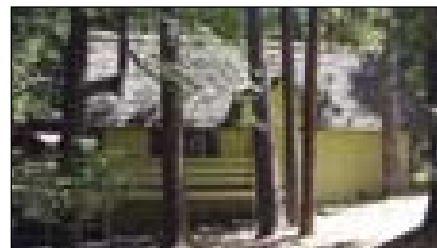
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**NEW CUSTOM HOME** in the gated community of Pine Mountain Lake, about 25 miles from Yosemite Park. 4bd, 3ba, 2700sf & 2-car garage. Great location, near the main Marina, lake & beach. \$520,000



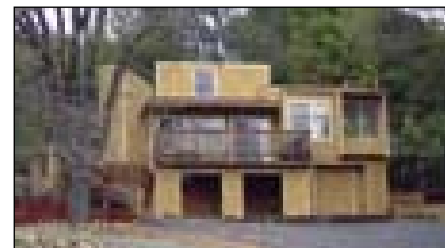
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**MOUNTAIN CABIN** with nice location. 3bd, 2ba, 1391sf, vaulted, open-beam ceiling in great room. Stamped, concrete deck in 2005. Near the Lake Lodge & beach. Room for garage. \$316,000



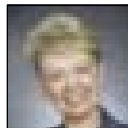
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**CLASSIC CHALET-STYLE.** 3bd, 2ba, 1800sf. Large loft, central H/A plus wood-burning stove. Near main marina, lake & beach. This could be your perfect vacation home! \$295,000



1/248 Mt Jefferson

**IT'S ALL ABOUT LOCATION!** Enjoy lake & mountain views from this contemporary, split-level cabin. 3bd, 2ba, central heat, wood-burning stove, skylights, open-beam cathedral ceiling, pantry & all major appliances. Near lake & beach area. \$359,950



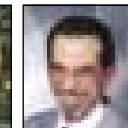
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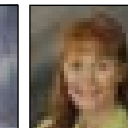
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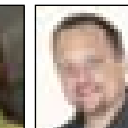
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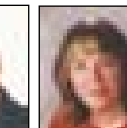
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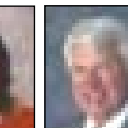
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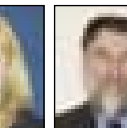
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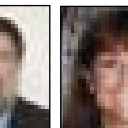
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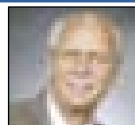


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