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At the beginning of the year, WM Ellen Olsen asked the star points to think of something that we could do, big or small to honor our individual Star Point. Some examples were volunteering at a Hospice for Martha, doing something for Second Harvest for Ruth, etc. Her idea was to show that the theme of your Star Point has a modern application in our lives.

On Sunday morning I attended a brunch for the Marthas of California and asked for ideas on what I could do to honor Martha. Renee Hall, Yosemite Gateway Chapter, suggested I try to work with the Sempervirens Fund, which is California's oldest land trust and the only organization exclusively devoted to permanently protecting the coast redwood forest of the Santa Cruz Mountains.

I googled Sempervirens Fund and found the following:

In 1899, San Jose photographer Andrew P. Hill was on assignment in Northern California's Santa Cruz Mountains. His photographs were to accompany a news story about a recent fire in the redwoods that had been put out using wine from a local vineyard. While Hill was photographing a very large redwood tree, the owner of the grove stopped him, accused Hill of trespassing and demanded the negatives. Hill refused, and though he hadn't thought of himself as a conservationist, returned to San Jose and started a campaign to save the coast redwoods of the Santa Cruz Mountains and make them accessible to the public.

At the time, logging of the coast redwoods was moving at a frantic pace to meet the demand for redwood lumber to build the new towns and cities of a booming California. Concerned that the redwood trees of the Santa Cruz Mountains would be lost forever, Andrew P. Hill gathered a small

group of friends and conservationists to protect the remaining redwoods. They went camping along the banks of Sempervirens Creek in what is now Big Basin Redwoods State Park and then and there Sempervirens formed the Club. The Club committed to lobby for the protection of the redwoods and for the creation of a public park at Big Basin. They passed a hat and collected \$32 to finance their campaign. After two years of intense lobbying and fundraising, Sempervirens Club prevailed. In 1902, 3,800 acres of ancient redwood forest in Big Basin were set aside for the people of California — preserving coast redwoods for the first time, anywhere. Big Basin Redwoods State Park was the first park established in California under the new state park system.

Today, Sempervirens Fund is still inspired by the passion and resolve that inspired Andrew P. Hill and the Sempervirens Club more than a century ago. Over the years, Sempervirens Fund has protected 25,000 acres of redwood forest land throughout the Santa Cruz Mountains

I placed a call to Linda Yule, Forest Programs Manager, and offered my services to maybe plant trees, in my mind, symbolizing the beginning of new life (relating to Martha and her brother, Lazarus). However, planting the trees will not begin until September or October and I didn't want to wait that long as I was anxious to please my Worthy Matron,

Therefore, on July 29, I will traipse into the forest and hammer in stakes identifying the various redwood trees. I'm to bring gloves, long-sleeved shirt, good walking shoes, lunch, a snack, water and insect repellent. We are to start at I0:30 and will be done around 3 p.m. WM, Ellen, I hope what I'm doing will be, in your opinion, honoring my star point, Martha.

Masonic Family Information











Youth Groups

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DeMolay –	Aug 12 & 26 at 7:00 p.m.		
Job's Daughters –	Aug 14 & 25 at 7:00 p.m.		
Rainbow for Girls -	Aug 5 & 19 at 7:00 p.m.		
Pa	ideia Lodge		
Aug 2 & 16 – 6 pm	. –		
Conf	idence Lodge		
Aug 2 – 7:30 Stated	Meeting		
SC	SLV Lodge		
Aug 3 – Stated Mee	ting		
Aug 17 – dark			
Aug 24 – dark			

Eastern Star:

	SC Redwoods 7:30 meetings
Aug 9 –	Electa Circle Hawaiian Night
Aug 23 –	Paradise Park Night dinner at 6:30
Aug 27–	Electa Circle - noon
-	Wild Lily 7:30 meetings
Aug 18	Back to School Night (members
	bring picture of you when you were
	in school)

The past is a guidepost, not a hitching post. --- L. Thomas Holdcroft



Worthy Advisor, Wendy Bishop (in green formal) riding on the calliope float with other Rainbow Girls in the All Wheel's Parade.

Rainbow Girls will be serving at the lodge dinner on August 3rd. and the girls will visit some residents of the Masonic Home in Union City on August 14th. They will then continue on for a visit to the Jessica McClintock store. An occasion which has become a tradition here in Paradise Park is the annual visit of the Grand Master of Masons in California.

That tradition was repeated on June 26 with the visit of Most Worshipful Kenneth G. Nagel and his wife Kathy, together with several of his Grand Officers and their wives. The visiting dignitaries included Deputy Grand Master Bill Bray and Linda, Grand Lecturer Paul Hennig and June, Grand Marshal John Fletcher and Karen, Grand Chaplain Irwin Fershleiser and Jeanne, Assistant Grand Lecturer Bud Ramsey and Susan, Senior Grand Deacon Jack Harris and his lady Erline, Chief of Staff Randy Downey and Micki, and Inspector-atlarge Jack Kempf and his wife Joan.. Our very own and much loved Past Grand Master Vernon Gordon was there with his wife Mae.

Local dignitaries attending the event included George Turegano (Grand Lodge Trial Review Committee), Todd Williams (Grand Lodge Support Committee), Frank Young (Grand Lodge Audit Committee), Barry Ellsworth (Master of Paideia Lodge UD), and Bill Mealor (Master of Confidence Lodge #110). Numerous leaders of concordant bodies were present from Shrine and Scottish Rite. And, a full bus load of our Brothers and Sisters attended from the Masonic Home in Union City.

In all, about 145 Brothers, Sisters, family and friends gathered in the Picnic Grounds for this time of good fellowship, good fun, and good food. Entertainment was provided by JayDeVore. Our

chefs were Ted Keller, Alan Schattenburg, Tony Averill, and several assistants. Bill Lind chaired the event with the assistance of Doug Hipsley, and they were capably assisted by Pat Herzog and Pam Hipsley. I had the privilege of serving as Master of Ceremonies.

The hard work of Chairman Bill Lind and the leadership of Men's Club President John Kregel was acknowledged by the Grand Master and he presented each of them with a fitting piece of memorabilia.

Grand Master Nagel spoke of the progress being made by Masonry in California this year, and commented that as of this date over 4,700 degrees had already been conferred by Lodges throughout the State of California. His favorite expression that "This is a great time to be a Mason in California" is certainly true.

Don Moore presented a handsome redwood clock to the Grand Master, which he had painstakingly crafted in his woodworking shop. The square and compass on the face of the clock was hand-machined by Don. Pat Herzog presented a bouquet of flowers to Kathy Nagel.

It is safe to say that everyone present enjoyed the occasion, and is likely looking forward to next year when the tradition is repeated.

Bob Morgan Inspector, Division III, District #349

Annual PPMC Flea Market

(after a 4 year hiatus) Saturday, July 31 &Sunday, August 1 Doors open at 9 a.m. Friday Night Preview Party

--PLUS--Open House - Marilyn Wells 688 St. Paul Same hours as the Flea Market All proceeds to go to the Flea Market Marilyn will be there to sell her items. Narrative Minutes of 17 July Board Meeting By Shirley Radder

After the opening prayer, which was given by Sharon Simas, (who, by the way, in my opinion, prays from the heart), and then the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, it was announced that the Board meetings will now be recorded.

Cyndy welcomed the new members to the board and thanked George and Bill for their work. She then validated all of the hard work and effort that Bob Morgan put into creating an end-of-the-year report which he handed out to board members and the manager to help ensure a smooth transition for the new board members..

She continued her report which included the following:

--installing a new line around a collapsed drain system at the bottom of cardiac hill.

--grinding up of roots growing into the roadway (mainly in Section 2) hope to have these done before the rain starts

--collecting bids on the paving (don't know what paving she meant) and she needs one more bid. She would like to have three bids.

--repairing electrical in common areas...i.e the light fixtures, wiring not up to code... putting in a new light in covered bridge

--painting will begin on the social hall after the flea market.

--gate clickers are for sale....7 left out of 20 ordered \$25.00 each.

--the water loan letters have been sent out

--met with cal trans several times and was told they hope to have the project completed by September

--she asked if ERT would assist with work shifts on the day of the 24-hour gate check. A possible day may be Monday of Labor Day Weekend.

--Volunteers are needed for allotment inspections...Ray Hoffman, Ted Keller, Greg and Becky Laskey volunteered to work with Cyndy and check out the sites.

President Gayle spoke about committees and keeping the same members on them.

Treasurer Diana stated the water loan structure is in process. We are waiting to see who is going to pay off and who is going to pay in payments. There are some software problems regarding sorting out expenditures for the water project

Pat McDonald will not be on the signature card for the bank as she is an employee of the park

A decision was made concerning the Laskey-James staking.

-----Recreation Chairman, Shirley Moore spoke on the All Wheels Parade and thanked the Shoquists for chairing this project again. A lot of compliments were received.

-----Purchased tether balls...volley ball and netting offset by pot of gold which is happening at the Saturday potluck (see article on page 8). --Movies will start following the potlucks...in the picnic grounds...The first movie will be next week. Zevanove family will host potluck tonight Char Reynolds reported on the Flea market – Sunday 25 9-12 need help bringing stuff up to social hall

--Large items on Monday 26 and the rest of the week....

--Some of the larger donated items for sale include a brand new \$400 pilate machine, a practically brand new hove-around type chair which was Ruthann Amsel's.

--There are several packages of brand new blinds.

--Marilyn Wells' house will be open on the same day and dates of the flea market .

--accepting suggestions as to where the proceeds from the flea market are to go? --John Mancini, Chairman of Bylaws, said the next meeting of their committee will be on the Saturday after the board meeting. The committee has been asked by the Mediation Committee to come up with language for a proposed bylaw to add the mediation committee as a standing committee.

--the committee was also asked to become involved in preparing next year's ballot.

-----Barry Brown, Historian, recently returned from spending three weeks doing intense research in Delaware about the California powder works. He said the historical records were kept in San Francisco, but luckily were moved to Delaware in 1903 prior to the earthquake. He then read a letter he wrote regarding the snafu on June 6 with the huge tour that was conducted in the Park. He suggested some guidelines for future tours.

The model of the grinding mill is on loan from the Museum of Natural History in Santa Cruz. It was originally ours, but was given to the museum.

--Ted Keller, Long Range Planning, asked to have an independent computer dedicated to Long Range Planning which would be kept in the office. Bob Morgan has a spare computer he would donate for this purpose.

--Ray Hoffman reported that on Aug 21 and 22 there will be medical training, and re-cert training. If interested, call Fred Dunn-Ruiz. There is no fee for this training.

--Mark Zevanove reported on the Mediation Committee. More committee members are needed. Cindy Weigelt volunteered to be on the committee. A secretary for the committee is badly needed.

--Bob Morgan reported on rivers and streambeds. There are two large jams...one at the back gate and the other between Cook's and Kemp's. The time clock is ticking on this. There are two possibilities...either the logs will float out to sea, or more than likely, those homes along the river will flood. The Board needs to appoint someone who will be zealous in approaching this problem..someone who can talk to congress or talk to an attorney. Any volunteers?

--There were comments made that the website is not current. (at this point, I had my computer with me and logged onto the website and found the most recent Board of Director's minutes were for March!)...What happened to April and May?

--Hurrah! The Board voted to adopt Robert's Rules of Order and small board rules as their guiding principles for this year.

--14 August, all current board members will be attending training.

--The Election Committee was dismissed with thanks. Discussion ensured as to how to improve the process.

--Mark Zevanove suggested that on a case by case basis, the Park might consider allowing vacant homes to be rented during this awful economic crisis. Mark was asked to prepare a proposal regarding this issue.

Remember, these are my comments only. I may or may not have reported everything correctly. Be sure to read the Bulletin to see the recorded minutes of this meeting. As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the back country.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, I didn't stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch.

- I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played 'Amazing Grace,' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently I'm still lost.....



JOHN MANCINI'S INCOME TAX TIPS

Filing & Paying Quarterly Estimated Taxes

Are you tired of paying those estimated taxes every quarter? Are you always worried that you will be late and receive a penalty on your next tax return? Would you like to only make one payment in December and use the IRS's money all year? Well I can show you how and it is perfectly legal. I have used this method the last 12 years.

If you just sent your estimated taxes in one payment in December, you would certainly be charged an <u>under withholding penalty</u> and <u>interest</u>. Anytime you have income taxes withheld by a business entity, the payments are considered to have been paid throughout the year, even though the withholding may be a one-time transaction. This is true for both Federal and State income tax withholding. Using this rule is how I pay my estimated taxes to the IRS & California, in December of the tax year and never pay any penalty or interest.

If you have your taxes done by a paid tax preparer, get the total figure for your estimated taxes that will be due for the next tax year. If you do your own taxes, use 110% of the Federal & States taxes paid for the prior tax year, which you are now paying by April 15th, as your estimated tax figures. With my method of payment, you need not send in that first estimated tax payment, that you normally send at the time you pay last year's taxes.

Here is how you do it. The only requirement is that you have an IRA account. Under tax law, an individual is allowed to make a distribution from an IRA account to himself or herself once each year (a full year must pass between distributions) and have that distribution paid back and into the hands of an IRA custodian within 60 days of the distribution. It is as if the distribution was never done and no penalties are due. You will receive a 1099-R and be required to report the transaction on the next year's tax return. You just indicate that the funds were "rolled over" and no taxable event is generated.

<u>This is important.</u> You will make a distribution large enough to cover the Federal & State estimated tax payments due. Tell the IRA custodian making the distribution to withhold 100% for income tax. Split up the withholding, allotting the correct amount (the amount you

have predetermined due for each) for Federal & State taxes. You <u>must</u> have that distribution back in the hands of that IRA custodian or a new one within <u>60 days</u> of the distribution.

For those that have passed 70.5 years of age and are making their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their IRA account, you can use this distribution to pay your estimated tax payment. Just have 100% withheld for taxes and designate the amount for Federal & State taxes. If the amount is not sufficient to cover the estimated tax payments, an additional distribution can be made and returned within the required 60-day period as previously described. It is suggested that this distribution and the RMD be done as separate transactions. In a tax audit it is easy to show that you made the required RMD.

Those that are married, can alternate the IRA distribution that must be returned between your account and your spouse's account. That way you need not worry whether one year has passed between distributions.

For those who are still working and have withholding of taxes on a regular basis, you could use the IRA distribution method, if estimated tax payments are still a requirement.

Lets not give the government your tax dollars any sooner than necessary.

Q: Why are many coin banks shaped like pigs?

Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a bank that resembled a pig. And it caught on..



To: The Board of Directors, PPMC From: Barry Brown, Chair, Historical Committee Subject: Tours of Paradise Park

Dear Board:

First, I want to apologize to the Board and to individual members of Paradise Park for the surprise, worry, and general inconvenience that almost everyone experienced as a result of the hoard of people who showed up for the June 6th tour I conducted.

It all began months ago in March when I received a phone call from the San Lorenzo Valley Museum who requested a tour of the old Powder Works site later in the summer. They have had exhibits of the Powder Works up at their Museum in the past and said they would be particularly interested in a tour, so I agreed. I went to the Office to check on the availability of the Picnic Grounds for parking and booked a tour for about 20 people for Saturday June 6th.

As it happened, in May, not connected to the tour, Tripura Anand, announced she had just finished a monument to those CPW workers who were killed here, and as a part of a planned dedication ceremony, she notified the members of the Park as well as the Santa Cruz Sentinel of the event hoping the newspaper would send a reporter to cover the memorial and put an article in the next day's paper. They agreed but never showed up. I guess they felt badly about it because they called me the next day with an apology and an offer to come out and do an interview with me about the Powder Works. I agreed, thinking it would be a nice little piece which might connect me with some old CPW worker's families in the community. (It actually did)

What occurred during that interview was a subtle but serious misunderstanding about the openness of Paradise Park. I remember telling the reporter that Paradise Park was a semigated private community of 392 homes with a central Office and that people interested in visiting should call or go to the Office and register with them before proceeding, much like the seasonal fishermen do during trout season. He then asked me if I ever gave tours of the Park, to which I replied yes. In fact, I said, I am giving a tour for the San Lorenzo Valley Museum this Saturday, the 6th. This, I believe, is where things went off the rails. He assumed that the tour was open to anyone and I assumed he understood that it was for a specific group and by invitation only. In hindsight, I realize I should have been clearer. The Sentinel then published the article on the front page instead buried somewhere in the back as I thought it would be.

Well, as you all know, we had a hoard of people show up for the tour which caused much anxiety and inconvenience for many in the Park. Park members justifiably felt invaded - especially Diana Cook in the Powder House. For that, I



offer my most profound I apologize for apology. any part that I may have played in this unfortunate Like you all, I incident. never want it to happen again. It was never my intention to invite or accommodate the large numbers of people and cars that showed up.

As a result of this experience, I would like to propose some guidelines regarding any future tours.

1. Tours should be limited to 20 to 25 people. If larger tours are requested, such as the Grand Masters Picnic, those requests must go through the Board for approval and coordination.

2. Tours should be limited to recognized organizations such as Masonic Lodges, Museums, State Park docents, and university or high school classes, <u>not the general public</u>.

3. All tours should be scheduled through and pre-approved by the PPMC Office and Manager, or perhaps even the Board. In any case, I think some set of guidelines should be agreed upon for any future historical tours.

The second issue I would like to bring up is the surprising response I got at the end of the last two tours. When I finally finished the 3 1/2 hour walkabout and the people were getting ready to leave, some began to thrust money into my hands. I had told them at the beginning, as I always do, that I do not accept any money for conducting the tours. Still, they insisted with the explanation that they wished to pay for the "free" copies of the booklet that John Mancini originally gave to the Park for the benefit of such groups. The following day, thinking to replenish the supply, I took the donated money to the University Printers in Santa Cruz and had more free booklets printed to replace the ones given out.

After returning home, I mentioned these donations to my wife Barbara, an accountant by profession. She strongly recommended that I report the donations immediately to the Office along with how and where the money was spent. I have done that in a letter to the Board along with the receipts for the copies I had made. I want to let the Board know that any further donations will be immediately turned over to the Office and any future copies of the booklet will be drawn on that amount by credit card and recorded by the Treasurer of the Park.

I would like to thank John Mancini for the initial copies of the booklet. They have made telling the story of the Powder Works easier for visitors to understand.

I would also like to thank Ray, Todd, and Charlotte Hoffman for all their help with the coordination of parking at the Picnic Grounds. And further, I would like to thank Bob Morgan, Karen Eneboe, and Doug and Pam Hipsley for attending to the front gate during those stressful times.

Sincerely, Barry Brown, Chair PPMC Historical Committee The Pot 'o Gold...you know what that is, don't you? Some people call it a 50-50 raffle? Recently the Recreation Committee held a Pot 'o Gold raffle at two functions. The first function

netted \$29 and the second \$81.50. Want to know where the money went? Shirley Moore, Chairman of the Recreation Committee, purchased 3 tether balls, a volleyball net, 2 spare



basketballs and a basketball net, which was well below the monies collected. (She purchased the equipment at "Play It Again Sports.") She asked me to publicly thank Marty Miller and Dick Lovelace for installing the tether balls and the volley ball net.not to forget Betty Lou Null for assisting with the raffles.

If you get a chance, thank a Recreation Committee member for working on entertainment for the membership and **Get Out And Use the Equipment**.

The family of Myra Coleman-Sandretti wishes to sincerely thank all who extended kindnesses, and sent cards and flowers in her memory. It was much appreciated.



October 25, 1961 – June 6, 2010

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

Aug 2 – Knittin' Kittens Aug 3 – Tuesday Coffee Aug 6 – Quilts of Valor	11:30 – 4 9 – 11 2 – 4	Small Social Hall Small Social Hall Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Aug 10 – Tuesday Coffee Aug 14 – Fire Brigade Training	9 – 11 10 a.m.	Small Social Hall Firehouse
Aug 14 – Board Meeting	9:30	Small Social Hall
Aug 17 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Aug 18 – Bingo	6:30 – 8	Social Hall
Aug 20 – Quilts of Valor	2 – 4	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Aug 20 – Golf Tournament	9 – 11	Valley Gardens, Scott's Valley
Aug 24 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Aug 28 – ByLaws Committee	9	Small Social Hall
Aug 31 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall

SEPTEMBER

Sep 3 – Quilts of Valor	2-4 `	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Sep 4 – Labor Day Barbeque	4:30	Picnic Grounds
Sep 6 – 24-hour Gate Check?		Front Gate
Sep 7 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Sept 7 - Mediation Committee	7	Upstairs Apartment
Sep 11 – Fire Brigade Training	10 a.m.	Fire House
Sep 14 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Sep 15 – Bingo	6:30 – 8	Social Hall
Sep 17 – Quilts of Valor	2 – 4	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
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Sep 21 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
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RSVP

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Diablo Star Chapter of Order of the Eastern Star, Orinda, CA

Joanne Gibson (510)885-1030

Semper Fidelis Chapter of Order of the Eastern Star, Livermore, CA

Wild Lily Chapter of Order of the Eastern Star, Soquel, CA

Lobster, Steak, Chicken, Hot Dog				
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in Picnic Grounds				
Saturday, September 4, 2010				
Lobster* \$30.00				
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Hot Dog** \$5.00				
* Dinner includes Clams, Mussels, Corn on the cob, Coleslaw and Entree				
** includes Hot dog, chips and dessert				
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED				
Get tickets at the Office				
or contact Jim Clark				
at 559/977-0190				
Profits go to Picnic Ground Renovation				
4:30 Social hour & Silent Auction				
6:45 Live Auction 7:30 Dance				