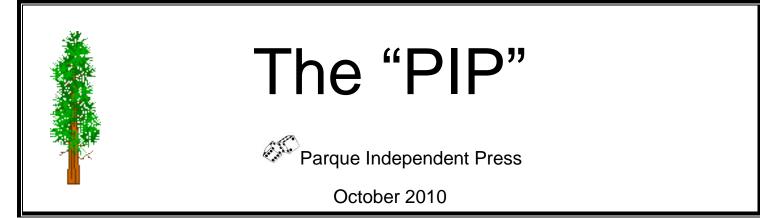


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"Howdy"



It's Saturday night, the weekend of Labor Day and I'm tired, but happy. Why? Because I participated in the Labor Day Lobster/Steak/ Chicken and Hot Dog feed. I chose steak and the meat was just perfectly cooked, thanks to the able hands of Linden Swanson and Ted Keller.

Earlier in the day, my friend, Betty Schulz and I wandered over to the picnic grounds to help shuck corn (280 ears), but we were too late, so we covered tabletops. Then John Densem came along and he and Char Reynolds took over that job.

The next big task was helping Fred Dunn-Ruiz and his assistant, Shari Keller, set up the live and silent auction items. I believe there were over 80 items for sale and there was even a "sale" table with many items selling for \$5.00 or less. Ellen Mahal donated homemade jam and canned fruits. Tina Unti brought in a lot of homemade baked goods and I believe I heard that her beautiful chocolate cake sold for \$100! ***

Hilde Rundell donated several of her paintings and Darlene Stumpf provided dinner or lunch for four with your choice of each course.

Besides items donated from local merchants (tickets for 2 on Roaring Camp Railroad, ride on the yacht Chardonnay) Eddi Brown donated a hydrangea wall hanging and Kurt Stangland a practically brand new microwave. There were many, many other donated items provided by members of PPMC.

One item brought in \$450 and that was an abalone dinner for six provided by Craig Little. MaryJo Dunn-Ruiz was the lucky bidder.

The PIP is an independent monthly publication. Articles for inclusion should be submitted by 5 p.m. of the Monday following the Board Meeting. Subscription rate is \$8.00/year or \$12.00/year mailed. Editor: Shirley Radder (<u>radder@lemoorenet.com</u>) Asst to Editor: Florence Gustafson I guess the biggest "draw" of the day was the fresh lobster. Children stood around and watched while Jim Wilson, Kurt Docken (Jackie Natalia's husband) and Ryan Duty plopped the lobsters into a pot of boiling water. One young man (shown below) was just thrilled to death to be handling those crawly crustaceans. Note the rubber bands on the claws.



Jim Wilson and friend



Rebecca & Thomas Anderson (friends of Holly Swanson)

Dinner was quickly served to almost 300 people and this year the DeMolay boys brought in water, sodas and Arizona tea to sell to help their coffers. Kurt Diesner set up his marguerita stand which did a lively business with the proceeds going to the dam fund.



Marguerita booth manned by Kurt Diesner



Hydranga wall hanging by Eddi Brown Barbeque donated by Bill Lind



One area of packed picnic grounds....



Kurt & Jackie Docken & Barbara Scott (WGM 2009)



Baked Goods Display

I have pictures right and left of the various functions and people who were involved, but do not have one single photo of the couple who put this all together....Jim and Natalie Clark. Frankly, they didn't stand still long enough to have their picture taken. Annually they team up with Jim and Pam Wilson to orchestrate this huge dinner. Jim Clark is chairman of the picnic grounds renovation committee and the earnings from these Labor Day dinners are earmarked to resurrecting (from the ashes) the kitchen, (including new appliances), lighting and other considerations to make the picnic grounds safe and user friendly. Natalie told me this year's dinner cleared over \$3,000 and she wanted me to thank all of those people who bought tickets and attended.

Report on Labor Day Games by Myron Coleman photos by M. Coleman

This morning at 8:30 reporter/editor Shirley Radder and myself went for a walk. Of course we crossed the bridge, turned right and headed toward the tennis court. There were the first stirrings of activities to come. Some tables were already in place near the courts where hot dogs, coffee, and other items would be sold. Just beyond this point was a pickup parked in the parking area next to the court. In the back were a couple of Job's Daughters, and Dan McDonald. The girls had an insulated box half full of breakfast burritos.

Shirley picked out the bacon burrito and I chose the sausage burrito. After a minute or so of talk we left and I enjoyed my burrito as we walked. When passing the shuffle board area, we saw Mrs. Dobson taking items to be used during the day's activities. I paused at home while listening to the scanner to the activities, as they got ready for the players. After a while I got my camera and started to make my rounds to each action site.



Ping Pong Winners



Food at the Beach





Sand Castle competition To see more pictures, go to <u>www.ourpark.info/today.htm</u>

LABOR DAY DINNER 2010

Another Labor Day Weekend in Paradise has come and gone. It was great to see so many familiar and new faces enjoying their long weekend in the park.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the many people that helped set up, shuck corn, cook, serve and clean up. I would list the names, but fear I might forget someone. Events like this are so enjoyable when people you know and those you do not, step up and offer their time and service.

This year's attendance was approximately 290 people; the 2009 attendance was 225, which was down from 2008's year of 281. This year we added lobster, which may have increased attendance. The total net raised this year was \$3,500.00, a \$1,000.00 increase from last year. The profit from this dinner is for the renovation of the picnic grounds.

Any suggestions on improving the dinner or how to attain our goals are always greatly appreciated. Thank you all for your participation.

Sincerely,

Jim & Natalie Clark Jim & Pam Wilson

Eddi Brown gave me a lesson in selling on E-Bay and after the lesson was over, I was served a piece of the famous \$100 cake her husband, Harold, won at the silent auction. The cake was donated by Tina Unti.

Eddie told me an interesting story relating to the cake. She said that Kurt Likins LOVES Tina's chocolate cake and even though he was not in attendance at the Labor Day dinner, he sent a representative over to bid on the cake for him.

Harold wanted the cake, too, so waited until the end and placed his \$100 bid right before the bidding closed. He won it.

When Harold later learned how much Kurt wanted the cake, Harold cut the cake in half and presented it to him.



Chicken Manure For Sale

Layering "hot" manure on top of your empty vegetable plot for the winter months and then working it into the top six inches of soil right before you plant next spring is a great way to nourish your soil.

Another method for utilizing chicken manure is to compost it, being sure your pile reaches a temperature of 150. Did you know that fresh chicken manure has twice as much nitrogen as horse manure?

If you are interested in purchasing a bucket or two at \$1.00 each delivered to your house in Paradise Park, please contact the Walters Brothers at The River House or call 425-2842 They also sell eggs for \$3.00 a dozen....free delivery.



Call me and treat yourself to a Complimentary Skin Analysis



Skin Cleansing - Skin Analysis Hydration/Sun Protection Approximate time – 30 Minutes

NOW YOU KNOW!

Construction is going well at the Beaumont house, seven new double pane windows and R19 insulation was installed in the attic and under the house a few months ago, to aid in keeping the

warmer house during the winter months. Debbie and I have decided to turn the breezeway into a two-car garage, for a home for the Novas that will arrive in six months. The new gable beam will be installed today (9-15-10). It is 4" x 14" x 22'. .This



will span 22 feet from the outside wall to the house wall allowing deletion of the sheer wall separating the garage from the breezeway. Next week we will demo out the 4" thick concrete breezeway slab and start preparing for the foundation pour. Please feel free to come by and check it out. (So now you know!)

Marty Miller

Ever walk past 273 Keystone and wonder about the sign, "Knot Very Lodge?" I have. Al, (owner Lois Keithley's husband) was working on the front and I stopped to have a chat. He told me the sign was created by Lois' father who originally owned



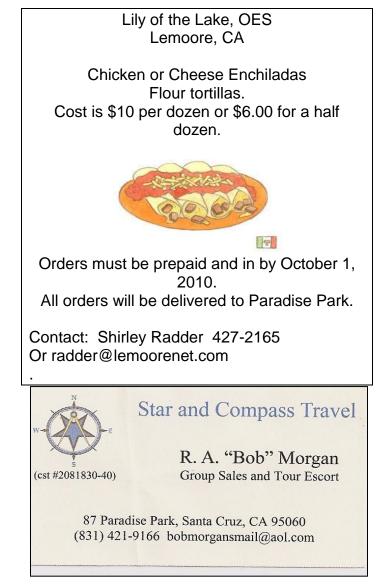
the Lodge. He always liked Knott's Berry Farm and was going to name

his cabin something to remind him of that place.. Although the sign is riddled with termites, Lois refuses to replace it and told AI he should maybe encase it in plastic!

Al went on to tell me that the cabin was placed there in 1931. A man named Baker (who he said lived to be over 100 years old) and lived in the Park (sort of in the general direction of Lois Hardy's house) remembers a time when there was just a path from his house down to Keystone...no houses to speak of in the area. One day Mr. Baker walked down this same pathway and lo and behold there was a cabin on the site! He was told the cabin was "found" on the beach during a raging flood and parts were brought up to that allotment and pieced together.

(So now you know.)

(There's a million stories in Paradise Park...want to share one?)



Masonic Family Information









Youth Groups

DeMolay – Job's Daughters – Rainbow for Girls - Oct 14 & 28 at 7:00 p.m. Oct 11 & 22 at 7:00 p.m. Oct 9 & 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Rainbow Installation October 2 7 p.m. Michaela McFarland, WA Elect

America Ramirez (Eduardo's daughter) will be installed in her first office.

Masonic Lodges

Confidence
meetingOct 117:30 statedPaideia
SCSLVOct 4& Oct 18– 6 pm.SCSLV
8:00 stated meetingOct 26 –
Potential double first

Eastern Star:

SC Redwoods7:30 meetingsOct 11 - 6:30 dinner Youth Nite (additional
information on enclosed flyer)Oct 15Electa Circle at Marie Calendar'sOct 25 -Initiation & Grand Chapter reportsWild Lily7:30 meetingsOct 20Elections/Farewell/Initiation

Reminder – Electa Circle October meeting will be at Marie Calendar's at noon on October 15. The meal will cost \$18 and EXACT CASH ONLY is requested.

House Visitors Center

By Bob Morgan

This third in a series of articles about the Grand Master's Tour of Washington DC will cover our visit to the White House Visitors Center.

It was originally intended that our tour with over 200 Masons would take us inside the actual White House, but such wasn't to be the case. My business partner, Randy Downey, worked with our congresswoman for over a year to make the necessary arrangements; we all provided the necessary security information about ourselves; and it was presumed that the arrangements would be successfully concluded. But, for whatever reason, on the eve of departing for Washington we learned that the closest we could get would be the Visitors Center rather than the White House itself.



There has been much speculation as to why it didn't work out, with several theories being advanced such as our not having made campaign contributions to the congresswoman; or her not having sufficient standing to get such a large group admitted; or, perhaps that she was too busy with affairs of State which prevented her attending to our request. Whatever the reason, we toured the Visitors Center instead and everyone went away well satisfied that they had gotten a virtual glimpse inside of the White House through the displays in that center. And, those displays were truly beautiful, including photos of the various rooms, pictures of dignitaries visiting the President, pictures of social events and State dinners, video tours going room by room, architectural exhibits, samples of china and tableware, pieces of furniture that have been retired from use in the White House, gowns and clothing actually worn by past Presidents and their family members, panels depicting historical events, and the list goes on and on.

All in all, the Visitors Center is really a Museum of American History with a focus on our Presidential families and their connection with the White House.

In addition to the Museum, there is a gift shop inside the Visitors Center which will easily satisfy the shopping desires of anyone wanting books on American History or pieces of memorabilia to take home with them as a remembrance of their visit to Washington.

Anyone planning a trip to Washington should definitely make the effort to get a pass to visit the actual White House, but whether they are successful or not, a visit to the Visitors Center is still an attraction that is well worth viewing.

SHOULD I HAVE A TRUST? By John Mancini

Arlene suggested that I write this article giving the reasons for having a trust. Since 1999 I have settled three (3) family estates, for which I was Executor & Trustee, and were trust estates. I am in the midst of assisting Arlene and her sister to settle her father's estate, which is also a trust.

If you only have a will and your estate exceeds \$100,000 in value, your estate must go through the probate procedure. If you do not have a will and everyone should have one, the state will make the decisions in the settlement of your estate. Do you want the State of California to decide who gets your estate assets? Without a will, that is what will happen. If your estate is valued at less than \$100,000, a trust is not necessary but you certainly need a will. Everyone in this Club will have an estate that exceeds \$100,000 because you own the improvements on your allotment. Those, who are not full time residents of the Park, own homes somewhere too. Remember that the IRS values real estate, for estate purposes, without regard to mortgages on the property.

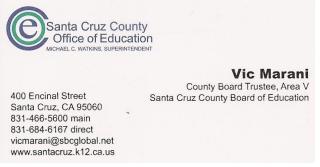
If you have a trust, your estate will not go through the probate procedure, though you still need a will. Lets talk about probate and why it is a good idea to avoid it. There are no good sides and the down sides are as follows:

- 1) It will be a minimum of 12-18 months before beneficiaries receive estate assets.
- 2) Probate fees can amount to 6% of estate assets.
- 3) A judge controls the executor and your estate while in probate.
- 4) Your estate is public record so anyone can view your business.
- 5) You will need an attorney who will be entitled to statutory fees.

Now let's talk about the elements of a trust:

- 1) It needs to be written by a lawyer.
- 2) Many trusts can be written for less than \$1,500.
- 3) You avoid probate.
- 4) A trust is a private document. Only your will be public record.
- 5) There is minimal work for an attorney in the settlement process.
- 6) Distribution of assets to beneficiaries can begin within 60 days.
- 7) The Trustee has sole discretion as to the estate.

If you do not have a trust, I urge you to look into getting one. Most estate attorneys will give you a free consultation to discuss your particular estate needs and an estimate of fees.



Restaurant Review

By Cupcake

Pancake Lovers take note! You probably have heard about the little restaurant, in the bright green and yellow house on Mission street near Bay called, CAFE BRAZIL. If you haven't eaten there yet, plan on going tomorrow morning for breakfast. However, get there early; they open at 8:00am; Monday through Saturday. If you get there later than 9:00am on the weekend, plan on waiting for a table.

As you peruse the menu, you'll be tempted by many of the wonderfully savory sounding authentic Brazilian dishes like the Fritada or the Scrambles. The sautéed potatoes are the best in town, just the right amount of spice to perfect texture of soft and crunchy, and the omelets, although not exclusively Brazilian, are down right gob smakin, and big enough to share---if you're not dining with a "big" eater......who's hungry.



But wait! There's a delicious treat in store for anyone who is in the market for one of the best pancakes around. If you read past the heading of "Fruit and Cakes", you'll find them there on page three of the menu; Banana Pancakes---yes, banana. I am not particularly keen on the yellow fruit myself, and certainly not akin to eating them cooked in any way; but this is different.

If you're picturing a pureed concoction of bananas that some how get cooked up in a puffy cake; you'd be way off base. These are good ole American-like pancakes with periodic slices of the soft sticky fruit throughout. If you ask for them "crispy", the cook will leave them on the grill a little longer so that the edges of the salad plate sized delight is browned up and sizzled to a delicate crunch, while the little round slices of fruit take on a buttery flavor. So much so that you hardly need the single pat of butter that is served with----but slather it anyway.

The thimble of syrup that is served seems to be just the right amount, since the sweetness from the well-portioned fruit blends nicely with the cake. Whatever the pancake custom is in Brazil, it's mean-good because they always come out cooked but moist, and oh so yummy to the very last bite. If you go with someone, be sure they get their own---you won't want to share because they are indeed OMG good.

By the way, the raw sugar looking stuff that's in the turned wooden bowl on every table is NOT sugar---it's starch; for thickening. Some day I'll tell you how I came to know this helpful bit of Brazilian info.

The kitchen is clean. The prices are reasonable. The portions are right for the price. Cafe Brazil is at 1410 Mission. Seated on a first come (sort of) basis. Monday through Sunday: 8-3.

www.cafebrasil.us

There are two websites relating to activities in Paradise Park. The official website (which is sanctioned by the Board of Directors and provides the reader with Minutes of Board Meetings, copies of The Bulletin, the Bylaws and Rules) can be found at:

www.paradiseparkmasonicclub.com

The other website, provided by Myron Coleman is:

www.ourpark.info/memberpage.htm

This website is used to offer items for sale, ask questions, and to report on matters of interest to all members. Webmaster, Myron encourages any and all to contribute articles or opinions on any subject.

From both websites one can receive a message from the webmaster indicating a new blog has been posted. If you wish to receive an e-mail notification, contact either Webmaster Karla at <u>raadik@me.com</u> or Myron at myronwc@cruzio.com.

"Remember to love your neighbor as you love yourself. But if you hate yourself, then please – just leave your neighbor alone." – Jon Stewart Narrative Minutes of 19 September Board Meeting

By Shirley Radder

After the invocation by Sharon Simas and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, late additions and changes were made to the agenda. One of the additions was to talk about forming a committee to study professional management of the park and the other was a deletion of a Sandy Beach request.

Manager Cyndy talked about the bridge and how the extra expense of reroofing the bridge (versus just patching it) saved us approximately \$15,000.00 on our insurance coverage. She then spoke about the painting of the social hall...apparently a door was left unlocked and someone came in and grabbed the fire extinguisher and sprayed the inside of the hall. She tries to be positive and she said she was relieved that no windows were broken or things destroyed. It was just a mess.

She requested a letter from the county regarding their position on the river. After several attempts of calling and e-mailing, she finally received an answer which I think may be printed in the Bulletin.

She mentioned someone complaining about their electrical bill which had been \$30 a month and was now \$160. It turns out an associate had used the allotment and forgot to turn off the heater!

The front entry sign was repainted

She is going through the contactor's folder and stated that roughly 95% was outdated insurance. She will notify the contractors that the Park needs new documentation.

There is a broken truss in social hall

The work is continuing on the water project audit...Tim Heer was thanked for his efforts along that line.

She also thanked the gate checkers who worked over the Labor Day weekend.

She bought a paint sprayer which has knocked the labor time down to 10% of what it used to take to paint. items.

Then she got down to business. She said that for the past two years she has been interviewing professional management companies. She feels the Park NEEDS professional management....as it is the smart thing to do. She suggested the Board consider forming an ad hoc committee to study this issue. She recommended Mark Zevanove, Jean Cook and Mark Hasey. Mark Zevanove asked that Bob Morgan and Alan Melikian also be included on the committee. It will be formed.

The old fans from the social hall have been listed on Craig's list for \$10 apiece. So far, no takers.

Treasurer's report – Mark Z gave an interesting and comprehensive report on the water loan. When the loan papers are signed, he will be happy to submit a report for publication. One "nugget" of information I caught is that the Park will see a savings of about \$220,000 over the next seven years. If you want to know more about how and why this happened, please contact either Mark or Bob Morgan. He was given a well-earned round of applause.

Next item of business was the presentation of the Director's Monthly Award which went to Mark Zevanove and Bob Morgan.

Building Committee – Tony Averill.....There are two types of people – those who ignore rules and those who obey the rules. We cannot allow members to ignore the rules...the Building Committee is to be diligent and hopes the Board will support the Committee when the committee fines members when the rules are broken

Staking was next. If interested, please read the staking log.

Shirley Moore reported on recreational activities for Labor Day. She said it was a successful event, a very enjoyable weekend. Someone suggested activities and crafts for younger children who do not qualify age-wise to enter some of the contests. The Recreation Committee will take that into consideration. The Saturday Night dance was great, but the Committee does not feel the \$695 expenditure is worth it. Something different will be done next year.

She reported on the two classes that were scheduled..."Kitchen Cut Up" about how to use kitchen knives. Not enough interest in it. Eddi Brown is teaching a " one on one" class about buying and selling on E-Bay. Contact Eddi directly if you would like to take this class.

--Final hot dog roast last weekend.....

--Movies were not well attended....

--Bingo needs more light as the new fans are not enough....

Bylaws committee – met 3 times last week to prepare the ballot for the Bulletin regarding voting on the financial issue.

Mediation – Mark Z is the new Chairman.....

Jim Clark reported on the Labor Day Lobster feed. 290 tickets were sold and the profit was about \$3500 which is earmarked for the Picnic Ground renovation. The committee is putting together a master plan for the area, focusing on the kitchen. The inside of the cook shack will be brought up to code including the purchase of new appliances.

Insurance - Pat Herzog – Volunteers were added to workman's comp coverage. In the past we had 150,000 deductible on the bridge and now we have 50,000 deductible...

Fred Dunn-Ruiz spoke on estimates for two refrigerators to go into the social hall He believes the plain old refrigerator freezer (cost between \$500-\$600) is the way to go....other major expenses: completion of the sound closet (\$700). 6 card tables at (\$75 - \$150 each), also could use cutting boards and water pitchers. Trying to have the cupboards finished (knittin' kittens) before the Holiday Party

Ray Hoffman gave his CERT report (three 911 calls) seven people recertified.

The gate check over Labor Day Sunday – Monday saw 384 cars with 23 people volunteering to man the gate.

Karen was upset that Myron reported 911 calls on his web site and he asked for clarification. The attorney will be consulted. If you want to read the 911 report on his website, go to

http://www.ourpark.info/ToLetYouKnow.htm

scroll to Sept 16. Judge for yourselves.

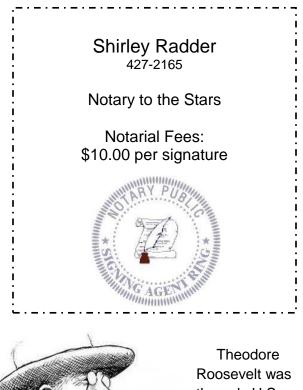
Cyndy spoke about putting new sand on sandy beach. She found out the fine to put sand on the beach is \$10,000. A permit to put sand on the beach is between \$4,000 - \$5,000. Jackie Rundell wanted to weed whack some of the weeds down. Sharon Simas reminded everyone of a signed agreement between the Park and, I believe, the county that we are NOT TO TOUCH ANY vegetation on the beaches...

The Mission Statement for the Board was read: **To preserve and enhance our recreational and residential community by nurturing the joy, positive energy, and natural beauty of Paradise Park and its Masonic family**. Two motions were moved to form ad hoc committees to investigate 501c3 status and to look into the possibility of professional management for Paradise Park.

John Mancini then spoke up and read from the bylaws the "powers" of the President of the Board. All of the officers have duties...there are no special powers granted to the President...every board member is the same.

Definition of a trailer – Time Heer researched the definitions of trailers in previous board minutes and previous Bulletins. He asked the Board for THEIR definition of a trailer. The Board decided to table any decision regarding the definition of a trailer.

The end. 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.





Theodore Roosevelt was the only U.S. president to deliver an inaugural address without using the word

"I." Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Dwight D. Eisenhower tied for second place, using "I" only once in their inaugural addresses.

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

Oct 1 Quilts of Valor	2 – 4	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Oct 5 Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Oct 5 Mediation Committee	7 p.m.	Upstairs Apartment
Oct 4 Knittin' Kittens	11:30 – 4	Small Social Hall
Oct 7 Tree Committee	7 p.m.	Small Social Hall
Oct 9 Fire Brigade Training	10 a.m.	Fire House
Oct 12 Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Oct 15 Quilts of Valor	2 – 4	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Oct 16 Board Meeting	9:30	Small Social Hall
Oct 19 Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Oct 20 Bingo	6:30 – 8	Social Hall
Oct 23 Bylaws Committee	9:00 a.m.	Small Social Hall
Oct 26 Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall

NOVEMBER

Nov 1 – Knittin' Kittens	11:30 – 4	Small Social Hall		
Nov 2 - Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall		
Nov 2 – Mediation Committee	7 p.m.	Upstairs Apartment		
Nov 4 – Tree Committee	7 p.m.	Small Social Hall		
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Nov 16 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall		
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Nov 19 – Quilts of Valor	2 - 4	Sue Lovelace, 501	Amaranth	
Nov 20 – Board Meeting	9:30	Small Social Hall		
Nov 23 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall	Please support our	
Nov 27 – Bylaws Committee	9:00 a.m.	Small Social Hall	advertisers.	
Nov 30 – Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall		

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MENU: Beer Bratwurst Hot German Potato Salad Green Beans and Schnetzel Sauerkraut Krugel for dessert and OOOMPAH Music!

Santa Cruz Redwoods Chapter #273 invites you to our

OKTOBERFEST DINNER

All proceeds to go to the Eastern Star Scholarship Fund

Monday ● October 11, 2010 ● 6:30 pm \$10.00 per person

Our regular meeting will follow the dinner featuring Election of Officers for 2011.

Santa Cruz Masonic Temple 828 No. Branciforte Avenue

Santa Cruz, California

Ellen Olsen. Perry Olsen Worthy Matron Worthy Patron RSVP to Ellen Olsen (Wm) at 831-688-7135 or email to <u>ellenmvo@att.net</u> Darlene stumpf Oktoberfest....flyer...