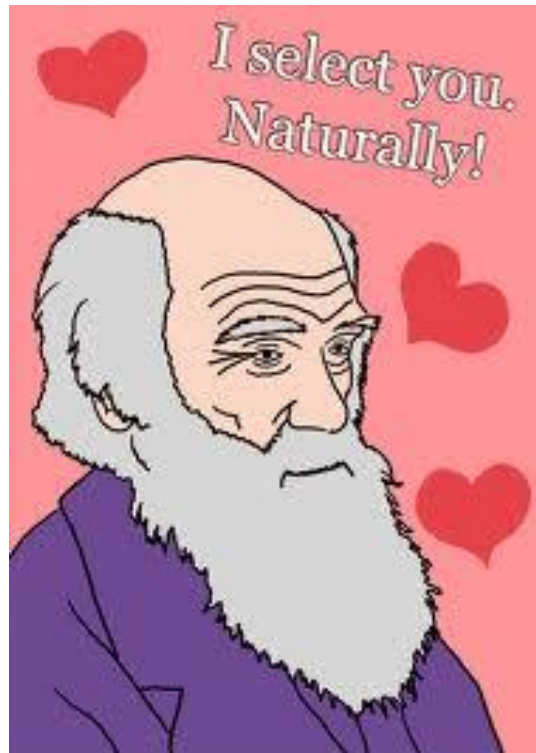


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Charles Darwin



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Who's Next?

When I started the PIP, my intention was to provide information and stories that otherwise would not go into the Bulletin. I also did not want to publish anything controversial. However, I have to write about a controversial issue....the decision of the Board of Directors requesting Myron Coleman to appear and explain why he should **not be** suspended. To read the letter in its entirety, go to www.ourpark.info/letterstoandfrommyron.htm

As the letter does not indicate WHY his membership is being considered for suspension, one can only guess it is due to his website. If that is, indeed, the reason, then my question is, "whatever happened to free speech?" Isn't that the first amendment to the constitution? If Myron can be suspended for writing his opinion, am I, too, being considered for the chopping block? My question to the membership is "Who's Next?"

The origins of Christmas caroling takes place in England in the 1840's. After Prince Albert of Germany married Victoria of England, the English peasants were eager to please the newly-married royal family. After reading in a newspaper that Prince Albert thoroughly enjoyed Christmas carols, the peasants starting serenading him with them. Caroling has been a tradition ever since.

Caroling is a tradition that is still loved by many. It is a heartwarming way to let people know you are thinking of them. It also tends to awaken the Christmas spirit in those that are listening.

While at my 2nd home (Hoffman's), I heard a commotion outside. Holly Swanson was knocking on my door to tell me the carolers were outside. They consisted of the Job's Daughter's, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay boys and adult chaperones. More than 15 people, on the back of a truck, on golf carts and just walking along stopped to sing Silver Bells. What a thoughtful gesture. Thank you!



You may notice the PIP rates have increased. Printing costs are \$0.29 (color) and \$0.09 for black. My bill for last month was \$40.02 for 15 copies which is roughly \$2.67 apiece...that does not include the postage at 88 cents. However, in all fairness, there were lots of color photos. If I have it printed in black and white only, each copy would have been \$1.44.(12 issues x \$1.44 =17.28) That's the reason for the rate increase.

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Masonic Family Information



Youth Groups

DeMolay – Jan 13 & 27 at 7:00 p.m.
Job's Daughters – Jan 8 & 26 at 7:00 p.m.
Rainbow for Girls – Jan 6 & 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Masonic Lodges

Confidence Jan 3 7:30
Paideia Jan 3 & 17 – 6 pm.
SCSLV Jan 4 dinner - 6:30 p.m.
Jan 18 – lodge activity

Eastern Star:

Jan 9 – 1 p.m. WGM/WGP OV Salinas MC
SC Redwoods 7:30 meetings
Jan 10 – Obligation
Jan 24 – 6:30 dinner Honor 25/50 yr. members
Wild Lily 7:30 meetings
Jan 19 - Obligation

Members of Electa Circle attend one Rainbow meeting each term. Two of our charter members, Santa and Mrs. Santa, volunteered to deliver candy canes and cookies to Santa Cruz Assembly. Shown pictured in between the Claus family is Michaella McFarland, Worthy Advisor.



High Twelve may be coming back to Santa Cruz

Would you welcome an opportunity to have lunch once a month with some of your closest Masonic buddies? If so, I'd like to talk to you about becoming one of the charter members of a new High Twelve club that may be formed in our Masonic District.

For those who aren't as yet acquainted with High Twelve, it is an organization of Master Masons who support Masonic causes, with special emphasis on youth support. There are over 250 such clubs nationwide, with a membership of over 9,000 Master Masons. There was a High Twelve club in our community a few decades back, and it is thought that now might be the perfect time to get our local club re-established.

What do they do? High Twelve clubs provide an opportunity for good fellowship in a relaxed setting, among men who share the same values that you do. Their meetings are casual, with no formal ritual, yet they adhere strictly to the Masonic law of their local jurisdiction. Since High Twelve represents noon and a time of refreshment in Masonic terms, such clubs usually meet at noon, but some meet for breakfast and others for dinner, and it is up to the individual club to make that choice. Their luncheon program often features a guest speaker on a subject of interest to them, but absent a speaker they find enjoyment in their own camaraderie.

In addition to enjoying each other's company, the members take pleasure in offering assistance and support to local Blue Lodges, and their special charity finds them raising funds to help obtain interest-free scholarship loans for worthy members of our Masonic youth groups.

Art Walton and I have been talking for some time about re-establishing a High Twelve Club

locally, and he, being the International President of High Twelve Clubs, has a strong interest in seeing that happen. Art lives in San Jose and is anxious to come over the hill to begin initial discussions with those who have an interest in learning more about High Twelve.

If you are as interested as I am, then give me a call and I'll arrange for a lunch with Art. And, between now and the time we get together, please check out the following web sites, as they will give you a far better idea of what High Twelve is all about.

<http://www.high12.org/join.html>

<http://www.high12.org/assn/ca/ca.html>

Bob Morgan, Inspector,
District #349

The recent announcement of the upcoming Royal Nuptials scheduled for April 29, 2011, caused Florence Gustafson to remark that she had been "in attendance" of the Royal Wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana.

It was August 1981 and Florence was flying for TWA....she was "flying polars" out of either San Francisco or Los Angeles. Her flight landed the morning of the wedding, so she and the other hostesses stood in the crowd outside St. Paul's and saw Diana pass by in the Royal Carriage.

Those outside the church were dressed "to the nines" with men in suits, women in hats and gloves and children dressed in their Sunday best.

When she boarded the plane back to the U.S., the pilots complained because the hostesses didn't take them along!

This ring (which is a replica of the royal engagement ring) was purchased in the lobby of the Sheraton Hotel for about \$75.00.



The White Rose Inn, located in Smith River, California is a restored 1869 mansion

n seated high on a knoll overlooking the Smith River Valley. The structure is unique and like no other in Northern California.

Nestled on a 5-acre estate which offers spectacular sunsets, gardens in which to stroll, romantic accommodations and evenings of star-filled skies may have been what lured Oprah Winfrey to reserve the Inn for a weekend. Oprah had been touring state parks in California and decided a stay at the Inn would be a beautiful way to end her trip.

Don Frosini, good friend of the Simas family, owns a mobile home park next to this famous Inn and was delighted when the owner of the Inn, Candy Gallo, called to give Don a secret "heads up" that Oprah was to be a guest.

He decided to surprise some friends by inviting them over for a barbecue as his backyard adjoined the Inn. He thought it would be a special treat to be flipping burgers when Oprah happened to stroll past through the gardens

About two hours prior to her arrival, Oprah landed in Crescent City. She checked her flight schedule and decided she wanted to have a late dinner with Stedman and would not be coming to the Inn. Meanwhile, the day before, even though she was only staying for one night, she paid for two nights because she had the place decorated with flowers and provided finger food for herself and her staff.

Oprah asked her manager to call Mrs. Gallo and apologize, explaining that Oprah's plans had changed, but was still paying for the weekend. The flowers and the food were theirs to use as they wished. Mrs. Gallo said "Party time!" and invited her neighbors and friends...without the guest of honor present

Hearst Castle

By Don Radder

I watched Huell Hauser's **California Gold** about Hearst Castle on Public Television. The subject was the Neptune Swimming Pool, which is the large spring-fed outside pool. At one time, selected groups were allowed to swim in the pool. One group was park employees who for one day a year could go swimming in the pool. Another one was a group of ten people who won a highest-bidder auction for the right for a 2-hour swim in the pool. Huell was invited to go swimming with the group that won the 2009 auction. The show didn't mention what the winners paid, but I did find a comment on the Web that the current bid was up to \$10k for one of the previous years, so they paid at least that much! The money earned was used by "The Friends of Hearst Castle" to make repairs/ maintain the Castle.

I watched the show with my daughter, who reported that when she toured Hearst Castle this year they were told swimming had since been discontinued for everyone...dagnabit!

I also found another article on the Web detailing other past auction items that included swimming in the indoor pool, playing on the golf course and use of hiking trails. Another fund raiser was a dinner called the "Feast" held in the dining room this past December 4th. The dinner was limited to 90 guests and cost \$1200.00 per guest. I wonder if they do "Styrofoam" for left over's?

I'm going to keep checking the "Friends of Hearst Castle" Web site to see what the Auction items will be for 2011. I have paid over \$100 for dinner in the past, but never \$1200.00...I may even take my wife with me, if she's willing to go Dutch Treat!



Dining hall in Hearst Castle

Board Meeting, December 18, 2010

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.

Manager Cyndy's report was not too long as she wanted to talk during other points in the agenda. She did say the sandbags had been replaced and boxes have been built to protect the sandbags from UV rays in the summer. The bags seem to fall apart and about \$250 to \$300 is spent each year on sandbags. She emphasized that the locations of the sandbags have not been moved.

The seasonal pickup of yard waste is ended. The Park will not haul any wet debris as it is extremely expensive to haul to the dump. Please pick up your own piles and use the green waste bins. Staff monitoring for fallen redwood branches and they have been cut up.

We are continuing to ask our members to register with reverse 911. The office still needs to know each allotment's water shut off location and septic tank locations.

The board-approved committee manual is complete and has been distributed.

Covered bridge – it's on hold as there needs to be a 5-7 day period without rain.

Treasurer – We are in the black, but are very much over budget in a number of areas. The Budget Committee is going to be asked to review and perhaps modify our next year's budget. The water project document is being reviewed by the Board. It was a lot of hard work done by Tim Heer.

Building Tony Averill...Be diligent and watch for neighbors' allotment to see if limbs have fallen on neighbor's property. High power lines....do NOT go near them...stay far far away. Fred Dunn-Ruiz warned about using a cell phone around downed wires. He knew of an instance where someone was killed calling 911 near a downed wire.

Staking is always interesting but to me, it goes on and on....arguing over who put nails in a fence...usage of the word "triangulation"...yada yada....there's a lot of discussion...and if you are interested, please read the staking log and staking reports. I did hear that the four houses on St.

Augustine that were given 15 feet of common land, will now have it taken away and the \$50 transfer fee returned..

Permanent stakes need to be put into the ground so they cannot be moved. Now we use orange can lids and some rebar....

A letter should be sent to adjoining parties when staking is made to approve or disagree with the staking....

Pat McDonald was searching for a word and came up with "okayness".....it's a great word! Use it....and think of Pat.

A motion was moved to Sharon Simas to restake all four allotments on St. Augustine, which ar 632, 634, 636 and 640. Motion S/P

Recreation The holiday party was a big success thanks to Sand Family and Dan Hansons. Caroling was on Sunday with the youth groups with soup afterwards at Linden Swanson's house. There will be golf cart caroling on Wednesday, December 22 at 5:30 in the small social hall. Soup and bread will be served afterwards.

The missing Christmas tree at the front of the park was discussed. Cyndy found another one in the attic of the social hall and will replace it with a cement base.

22 January is the next board meeting with potluck not 15 Jan due to training.

Mediation Tripura Anand has resigned and the committee is looking for more people to serve. There is an all day class on 20 January that is \$90 a person. Mark Z will attend at his own expense, but has recommended the Park budget for this training

Bylaws Next meeting is Jan 8 at 9 o'clock in the small social hall.-

There was talk about outreach to the city council, board of supervisors and other officials, to invite key players to a tour of Paradise Park and maybe even a picnic. (Myron suggested years ago to host a picnic for emergency personnel as a thank you for their services.)

Present deductible for directors is \$25,000.00, which is a huge jump from the previous \$15,000. I think we started out with a \$5,000 deductible..

Dam committee has not turned in any money or reports. They have between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Karen has tried to

contact members in the past, but will try again.

Long Range Planning Committee Cindy has composed a list for 2010 and has most of 2011. The committee is in limbo. A memo was sent out asking if people wanted to stay on a committee and only Fred and Diana responded for LRP.

Repairs There is a small lake between the Morgan and Gladding allotment which is going to be fixed by Cyndy and Eduardo.

Social hall renovation – ladies restroom wall is a springtime activity

Porch roof – summer/fall of 2011

Water is \$4.86/100 cubic feet and more than likely will increase by 5% and we are already 10% over budget.

Board to reinstate ad hoc committee regarding water meters. Mike Sawley volunteered to work on that committee

ERT-, 3 911 calls made this past month. Two inside and one outside the Park. There was a drunk driver reported who was trying to back his car out of the Walker/Ziegenfuss allotment. Sheriff called and drunk hauled away with car towed.

AED, First Aid and Oxygen training is scheduled for January 15 and 16. Fred Dunn-Ruiz is in charge of this and he suggested this would be good training for every adult.

Cal fire will meet with the membership in the social hall sometime around mid January. They will discuss fire safety and living here in paradise park. ...What they will do....What we should do...What they have available.

River and Streambed There was concern that a letter had not yet been sent out to the various government agencies telling of our concerns regarding the piles of logs and debris in our river. Cyndy didn't think it would do any good, but the Board disagreed. In fact, it had been requested that a letter go out the last two board meetings. Cyndy said it would be completed by 3 p.m. today.

The committee who is researching professional management will report next month. There was no announcement of approval of membership on committees. They will be announced soon.

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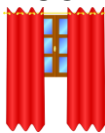
Open Forum – Tim Heer, who I assume is the new Editor of the Bulletin, announced the staff would like to have items for the Bulletin 10 days in advance of the board meeting. All I can say is “good luck!”

Office hours are changing with the hours returning to a more regular schedule with a one-hour lunch closure. Annie is working hard at her job. She is still on a learning curve.

Cyndy was concerned about shut-ins and asked people to let the office know of individuals who might need assistance during an emergency. Carol Morgan and Pat McDonald will compile a list for Section 4 and Florence Gustafson will do one for Section 6.

Adjourn 1:05

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I enjoy making shadowboxes. "The Same Boat" depicts a cast-bronze boat, full of jacks, sailing in a sea of blue dryer lint. I enjoy the juxtaposition of bronze with lint. The jacks representing the passengers are all identical and yet individually expressive. The title "The Same Boat" is an abbreviation for: *we are all in the same boat*.

Isn't it the Truth? We all are born, and we all die. We all feel pleasure and pain. We all bleed and poop. And sometimes we find ourselves crammed into some situation with a bunch of others. Yes, all in "The Same Boat".



Batten down those Hatches
Ride those Waves & Enjoy the Storm.
Tripura

In last month's Bulletin, Manager Cyndy encouraged us to enroll in the free "Reverse 911." In the event of an emergency, you will receive a recorded status report. To enroll in the Reverse 911 you can either go online at www.sccecc.org and submit your 10 digit phone number, address and information, or you can call 831-471-1000 and give the same information verbally. If you decide to call, and you get an answering machine, leave a message stating that you would like to enroll in the reverse 9-1-1, leave your name, address and full 10-digit phone number.

In the United States, few duck eggs are eaten. In other parts of the world, however, duck eggs are a major portion of the diet. Over 65% of all duck eggs are produced in China and over 90% of all duck eggs are produced in Asia. Interestingly, waterfowl increased their share of consumed eggs in the world from 6.57% in 1991 to 7.02% in

2007. So the growth of duck eggs is faster than chicken eggs in the world! Take that, chicken farmers!

Salted duck eggs are prepared by one of two methods. The original method was to mix salt and clay or charcoal and pack that around a fresh duck egg. The most common method in the United States is to immerse a fresh duck egg in a salt brine.. Fill it ¼ full of water and then add eggs until they are about 4" from the top. As the salt water will make them float out of the water, you need to place some type of plastic panel or screen on top of the eggs and place several bricks on them to ensure all eggs are held down in the water. Then you pour a bag of water softener salt over the eggs and then finish filling your container with water. You must make sure there are always salt crystals in the water. If there are no crystals, add more salt. The eggs must stay in the water for 4-5 weeks depending on the temperature. The salt permeates the egg faster if the water is warm.

It is interesting how the salt changes the proteins in the egg. After salting, but before cooking, the yolk is hard, like a ball of modeling clay, whereas the albumen is very runny. The color of the yolk darkens as the salt permeates it. If the salting process is not complete, the middle of the yolk will be light yellow. It is complete once the entire yolk has darkened. If the yolk is completely salted, you can squeeze a drop or two of oil out of it. Note that the salt does not add any oil or fats, the chemical properties of the yolk has changed to allow the oils to be separated more easily from the proteins. The yolk also has a different texture after salting. It is slightly more "grainy". The eggs are always boiled prior to eating.

The Filipino culture is to dye the egg a deep maroon color after boiling. Why? Maybe the red color is good luck and it helps them differentiate their salted eggs from balut (partially incubated eggs).

Salted eggs are consumed in a variety of ways. Filipinos typically cut them up and put them on tomatoes or salads. Another popular use of salted duck eggs is for the autumn Moon Cakes where a salted duck egg yolk is inserted in a special pastry.

They are rather tasty. Try one!

Men's Club Meeting

By Bob Morgan

The Men's Club of Paradise Park held its monthly meeting in our Social Hall on Wednesday the 5th, to enjoy each other's company, have a great meal, hear a very interesting speaker, and take care of some business. Jack Fisher was our Master Chef for the day, assisted by Mal Kirby, and they provided a delicious meal of cold smoked chicken, dressing, mixed green salad and dinner rolls, followed by a choice of chocolate chip cookies or cake. And, of course, before our meal we had our customary "happy-hour" refreshments with vegetables and spinach dip for appetizers. Where else in the world can you go to get such great food, refreshments, camaraderie and hear an interesting lecture, all for only \$6.00? Some of our Brothers who haven't been attending probably don't know what they are missing - - but if this article creates an interest on their part, then they are cordially invited to attend future events.



Our guest speaker was Ms. Lauren Zephro, from the Santa Cruz County Sheriffs Department. Lauren is a state recognized latent finger print expert, in addition to which she is working on her Doctorate Degree in forensic anthropology. Ms. Zephro provides criminal identification services to all law enforcement agencies county wide, and she explained her job responsibilities including some cold cases she has helped solve. Our club President George Turegano arranged for the presentation and made the introduction.

The business issue requiring our attention was the making of final arrangements for the Annual Valentine's Dinner for our ladies in the Park. Fred Dunn-Ruiz is chairing that event, with some major help from Bill Lind.

Everyone went away well satisfied and looking forward to our next gathering.

Voluntary Mediation: The Right to Decline

By Tripura Anand

Many people want to know why I resigned from the PPMC Mediation Committee.

Enough time has now passed for me to deal with some pressing personal issues that demanded my attention, and to get enough distance from, and clarity about, my relationship to the MC. Now I wish to make a statement concerning the main reasons I resigned after a year and a half of service.

Throughout every mediation training I ever attended and in all my experience as a mediator, one factor remains constant — the right of any individual to decline mediation without negative repercussions.

As MC Chair I attempted to insure that acknowledgement of this right to decline without negative repercussions was constantly reinforced in all MC literature, postings, trainings, intakes, and meetings. There are many factors that might affect the success of mediation, and there are many reasons why mediation might be inappropriate. Mediation is a tool and it is not for everyone, or for every situation.

Over time I began to observe an increasing negativity towards those declining to mediate. I became aware of comments being made against individuals who declined mediation. At least one member who bravely volunteered to serve on the MC appeared to be discouraged by our Board President on the grounds that they had once declined to mediate. It was also opinioned by our Board President that I should be replaced on the MC after choosing to decline mediation at a time I felt strongly that mediation was inappropriate.

Mediation is a tool for peace, not a weapon for coercion, punishment, intimidation or power. Mediation attempts to create equality, it is not intended to make some people appear superior and others inferior.

Finally, after being denied access by our Board President to observe and supervise an important internal mediation, I realized that my effectiveness as MC Chair had greatly diminished. As a result of the present political climate, my observations,

and re-assessment of my situation, I was forced to admit that I no longer felt aligned with the direction that the MC seemed to be heading under this current administration.

As with all tools, it is possible for mediation to be manipulated for a variety of purposes — depending on the skill, motivation and attitude of those using it. Regardless, I remain an advocate of mediation and wish to see voluntary mediation continue being offered as one option for conflict management in PPMC .

Beloved roadside landmark destroyed

Deanne Fitzmaurice/The Chronicle

What has been unscientifically but widely recognized as the world's largest shoe tree has been chopped down by vandals.

Word of the outrage filtered out this week from Middlegate, Nev., a smattering of houses and a gas station-eatery about 100 miles east of Reno. Middlegate squats alongside Highway 50, dubbed "the loneliest road in America," and aside from giving high-desert travelers from the Bay Area and all other points east and west shelter from snow or scorching sun, its biggest attraction has long been the giant cottonwood tree on the edge of town.



That tree, standing about 70 feet high, bristled since the mid-1980s with thousands of shoes of all kinds flung into the branches by passers-by and who knows who else. It's been an unexpected and delightful sight to anyone tooling along the highway, because the only other scenery is gray scrub and

pavement stretching so far away the road seems to vanish.

No more.

Someone with no appreciation for the marriage of footwear and nature cut the tree down late last week, locals report.

"There are a lot of angry people," bartender Travis Anderton told the local Lohontan Valley News. "That helps out business. People come out to see the shoe tree."

No longer will little kids be able to gawk at the tennis shoes, sandals, ballet slippers, cowboy boots, Rollerblades, and so forth hanging amid the leaves. No longer will grown-ups be able to salute the flags draped over branches. No longer will anyone be able to gape at the bras, underpants and other nearly unmentionables, not to mention plastic bottles stuffed with dollar bills, tacked high up on the trunk.

It was already a lonely drive. But sole-less?

Heavy sigh.

The town plans a memorial at the site Feb. 13.

The story behind the tree:

In a 1999 interview with The Associated Press, Stevenson, who owns Old Middlegate Station, said she was tending bar when the first shoes were tossed into the tree in the 1980s by a groom who got into a quarrel with his bride while camping in the shade of the cottonwood.

"They got married in Reno, and she lost a lot of their money gambling and he was angry," Stevenson recalled. "So she was going to walk home, and he said, you do and you'll have to go barefoot and threw her shoes into the tree."

The man drove to the bar and talked for hours with Stevenson, who told him to go back and apologize.

A year later, the couple stopped by to show off their first child, whose first pair of shoes also were lobbed onto the tree, Stevenson said.

<p>The French Kiss isn't from France; it's actually a slur against the nation. In the 1920s, the English derided the French as the kind of people who'd go around sticking their tongues where they didn't belong.</p>
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Parable of the Mousetrap

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" the mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed this warning: There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray.. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap . . . Alone.. . .

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house.....the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey.

The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it. It was a venomous snake whose tail was caught in the trap.

The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital. When she returned home she still had a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup. So the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient:

But his wife's sickness continued. Friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. But, alas, the farmer's wife did not get well... She died.

So many people came for her funeral that the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them for the funeral luncheon.

And the mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and you think it doesn't concern you, remember ---

When one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in the journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another.

Regarding a 9 1 1 call made from the social hall on Jan 15, Myron Coleman posted on his website the following:

I find it interesting that there was no needed equipment on site. Isn't that the very equipment that the training is given on? Maybe not! I do see that there is another class given on the 16th, and perhaps that is when the equipment would be there.

Here is a response:

Hi Myron.

Yes, it was an unusual 911 call, and it was ironic that the First Aid Trainers were on site in our social hall giving instruction in first aid, and in the use of oxygen and AED's. The reason a working AED had to be called for on our Park radios is that the Trainers use dummies and hands-on types of non-operative teaching devices for the school rather than actual working devices.

Moments prior to the real emergency, a training film was being shown which explained the AAA's of handling emergency events, meaning Assess (the situation) Alert (the EMS) and Attend (take care of the individual). The actual emergency was handled efficiently with the situation being assessed by the trainer, the alert was given by calling 911 to notify them of this real emergency, and the needs of the individual were attended to. Netcom (911) paged our PPMC ERT team resulting in a prompt turnout of our "go-bag" volunteers and our "traffic" team volunteers. AED's were brought on site and the go-bag volunteers stood by to see if they were needed, which in this case they weren't as the member regained consciousness without need of

further intervention. And, the traffic volunteers positioned themselves on our streets to guide the ambulance and fire truck into and out of the Park

. A side benefit of the turnout of our medical volunteers is that when the go-bag volunteers arrived and turned on their AED's to be ready in case they were needed, a discovery was made that some of the AED batteries are in need of replacement. Fred Dunn-Ruiz commented after the event that he'd work on that problem and make sure that all of our devices are ready when needed.

A big "attaboy" is due to the trainers, to our members who were on hand at the time and rendered assistance, and to Ray Hoffman and his ERT Team of medical and traffic volunteers. Everyone did what they were supposed to do and the event went as smoothly as possible.

On the very bright side we later learned from a relative of our member that "everything is OK'.

Bob Morgan

ICE Your Phone.

Apparently this is a standard procedure paramedics follow at the scene of an accident when they come across your cell phone. *ICE - 'In Case of Emergency'* We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends.

If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call.. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the

name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency). The idea was created by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scene of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as 'ICE.'

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc. A great idea that will make a difference. Let's spread the concept of ICE by storing an ICE number (2 is better) in our mobile phones today

Alda Houchin has been in the Dominican Hospital for a week. She left on an ambulance ride after a 911 call. Alda has undergone several tests to determine what can be done to make her more comfortable.

Sharon Simas, Shirley Radder, and I went to visit her. Alda was gone but her son Don was waiting in the room for her to return. We quickly found out that Alda was having a MRI in another part of the hospital. In just a few minutes Alda returned and we all had a chat. Alda is having trouble walking and sometimes just sitting. She is taking pain medication for relief.

Near the very end of our visit, we were able to take this photograph of Alda, her son, Don, Sharon and Shirley.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL

By John Mancini

I thought that it was important for the Members to understand their property tax bill. I am surprised how few individuals understand the bill. In order to follow along with this explanation, it will be necessary to have your property tax bill. I will explain each section that is named within the black stripe. My explanation will be from left to right and top to bottom of the bill.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

This section gives your street address within PPMC, parcel number, bill number and tax rate area. The most important number is the parcel number. That is what the tax assessor and tax collector know you by. To get information from either, you need to provide this number.

VALUES & EXEMPTIONS

Your bill will only relate to your improvements. The land property tax bill relates to the one parcel that represents the entire Club. The improvements valuation that is shown represents the original value when you purchased your allotment. Annually since the purchase, this valuation has been increased by 2%. This is the maximum allowed under Proposition 13. If your allotment is your principle residence, a homeowner's exemption of \$7,000 should be noted. It is subtracted from the improvement value arriving at a net taxable value. We will be doing something with this value in the section after next.

PHONE NUMBERS

These are the contact numbers for information about your taxes within the Santa Cruz County Departments.

TAX DISTRIBUTIONS BY AGENCY

First the basic tax rate of 1%, which was established under Proposition 13, is applied to the net taxable value established in a previous section. Next a tax rate for bonds that were approved by the voters is applied. In our case they are all various school bonds. A total basic property tax is

calculated. To this value a number of other charges are added. They are not a percentage figure but are a tax amount. Their titles are self-explanatory. The total is your total property tax bill.

For those of you that bought your membership after January 1, 2004, this property tax bill only represents part of the tax bill. In my next installment I will explain the tax assessor's new method of assessment, which results in two bills.

Our PPMC ERT Team really needs one or two more volunteers to assist with traffic work in Section #6 during a 911 event.

Jim and Diana Cook live in Section #6 and are on the ERT Team, but they are on the Medical Team and since most 911 incidents have a medical involvement they respond to the site of the incident to use their training with oxygen, defibrillation, or such first aid as may be needed.

So, what kind of help would be needed from a volunteer in that part of the Park? The individual would need to have reasonable good health such that they could go out at any time of the day or night to an assigned location to direct traffic. They would have a two-way radio and would follow the instructions of whomever is the Incident Commander. The reflective yellow vest they would wear will cause ambulance and fire trucks to recognize them and follow their instructions as to which route to follow to get to the scene of the incident. In addition to helping the emergency vehicles with directions, they would need to divert other vehicles that are coming into or going out of the Park in such a way that they will not get in the way of the emergency vehicles. The volunteer can be a man or woman, of any adult age, and be able to give directions and follow instructions. It is easy work, and is very satisfying as you know you have been of real assistance in helping emergency vehicles find their way through our maze of streets in the least amount of time.

Anyone wanting to learn more details, or to volunteer, call Ray Hoffman at -426-2819.

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Calendar of Events

JANUARY

Jan 17	#852 Meeting	7:00 pm.	SC Masonic Temple
Jan 18	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Jan 19	Bingo	6:30 – 8	Social Hall
Jan 19	Budget Committee	9 a.m.	Conference Room
Jan 19	Wild Lily OES	7:30 p.m.	Soquel Temple
Jan 20	Rainbow Girls	7:00 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Jan 21	Quilts of Valor	10:30	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Jan 22	Hiram Lodge	8:00 a.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Jan 22	Board Meeting	9:30	Small Social Hall
Jan 22	Potluck	6:30	Social Hall
Jan 24	#273 Honor 25/50 yrs	7:30 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Jan 25	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Jan 26	Job's Daughter's	7 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Jan 27	DeMolay	7 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Jan 28	Electa Circle (soups)	11:30 a.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Jan 28	Rainbow Installation	3 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Jan 29	Bylaws Committee	9-11	Small Social Hall
Jan 30	Shrine Crab Feed	1:30 p.m.	Soquel Temple

FEBRUARY

Feb 1	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Feb 1	Stated Meeting dinner #38	6:30	SC Masonic Temple
Feb 4	Daughters of the Nile	11:30	SC Masonic Temple
Feb 4	Quilts of Valor	10:30	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Feb 5	Bylaws Committee	9-11	Small Social Hall
Feb 6	Super Bowl Party	12:00	SC Masonic Temple
Feb 7	#852 Meeting	7:00 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Feb 8	Tuesday coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Feb 10	DeMolay	7:00 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Feb 12	Valentine's Dance		
Feb 12	Job's Daughter's	7:00 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Feb 14	#273 OES	7:30	SC Masonic Temple
Feb 15	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Feb 16	Bingo	6:30 - 8	Social Hall
Feb 17	Rainbow Girls	7:00	SC Masonic Temple
Feb 18	Quilts of Valor	10:30	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Feb 19	Board Meeting	9:30	Small Social Hall
Feb 19	Potluck	6:30	Social Hall
Feb 21	Office Closed		
Feb 21	#852 Meeting	7:00 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Feb 22	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall
Feb 23	Job's Daughter's	7:00 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Feb 24	DeMolay	7:00 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Feb 25	Electa Circle	11:30 a.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Feb 28	#273 OES	7:30 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple

Santa Cruz Shrine Club

Invites you to its Annual

All You Can Eat

Crab Feed

Sunday, January 30, 2011

Confidence Lodge #110

Corner of Main and Soquel, Soquel, CA

Social Hour 1:30 PM – Dinner 2:00 PM

Crab – Clam Chowder – Salad – French Bread

Bring your Crab Crackers

\$25.00 per person

Adult beverages included



Reservations a Must by January 24, 2011

No refunds after that date

Get your reservations in early – space is limited

Make checks payable to: Santa Cruz Shrine Club
c/o Billy Uber 743 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

For information and reservations call 831-426-0614

Net proceeds benefit Santa Cruz Shrine Club and are not deductible as a charitable donation



**Men's
Club**

**Saturday,
Feb. 12, 2011**

5:00 PM - Appetizers

6:00 PM - Dinner

**Cost: \$15.00
for Men**

*All Ladies of Paradise Park
Are Invited Free*

**Come and enjoy a Great
Dinner and Fellowship
Furnished by the Men's Club**

**R.S.V.P. by Monday, Feb. 7th
Sign Up List at Office or Call
George Turegano at 831/423-5144**