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# The "PIP"



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## New Chapeau for Mr. Bridge

Wow! Have you seen the bridge...it's getting a well-needed face lift in the form of a new roof. Cindy has been watching over her "baby" like a mother hen and stated there was no termite activity which was good news. In some timbers, one can see the evidence of termites, but she said when the bridge was originally built, none of the wood was painted. The termites, THEN, had a field day. However that was years ago and now the bridge appears to be termite-free.

So far, I do not know when the bridge will be completed, but if the nice weather continues, it will be sooner than later!



For those of you who read Myron's website ([www.ourpark.info/memberpage.htm](http://www.ourpark.info/memberpage.htm)) you will note that a lot of the same stories are in this issue of the PIP as are on his site. I think it is more important for members to get the stories as quickly as possible, and even though I would like to keep my stories just for the PIP, since it is published only once a month, using Myron's site is a good way to get the information to most of us.

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This issue of the PIP contains two sets of Board minutes...the January 22 and February 19 meetings. You may remember the January meeting was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday due to ERT training. I have been publishing the PIP the week after the usual board meeting date, and decided to continue to do that even though the Board meeting was later. Now I think I'm caught up.

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Sharon Simas was out walking Bella when it started raining. She hurried over to the bridge for shelter...sorry, Sharon...no roof!

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# Masonic Family Information



## Youth Groups

*DeMolay* – Mar 10 & 24 at 7:00 p.m.  
*Job's Daughters* – Mar 12 & 23 at 7:00 p.m.  
*Rainbow for Girls* – Mar 3 & 17 at 7:00 p.m.

## Masonic Lodges

*Confidence* Mar 7 7:30  
*Paideia* Mar 7 & 21 – 6 pm.  
*SCSLV* Mar 1 dinner - 6:30 p.m.  
 Mar 15 & 22 – lodge activity

## Eastern Star:

*SC Redwoods* 7:30 meetings  
 Feb 28 – Initiation – Marilyn Leitold  
 Mar 14 – dinner at 6:30 – Honor Martha  
 Mar 25 – Electa Circle - Chinese  
 Mar 28 – Remember When? Honor PM&PPs  
*Wild Lily* 7:30 meetings  
 Mar 16 – Honor 25 & 50 yr members

Friendship night on 14 February at Santa Cruz Redwoods #273 was a great success. Sondra served a wonderful dinner including heart-shaped meat loaves, green beans with bacon, baked potatoes and beet salad. There were so many people it was difficult for me to find four seats together for my guest Martha officers.

There were 34 sideliners! Just about every office was filled with a guest.



## DO Masons Do More Than Hold Meetings

Ever hear of the NCT? Or the National Camping Travelers? It is a nationwide organization of Masons who enjoy RV camping with their motor homes, vans, 5th wheels, trailers - you name it. There is a Chapter of NCT in the central part of our State called "**The Gold Panners**", which organizes group campouts in February, April, June, August and October of each year in various parts of the State. This year we are getting together at Casa de Fruta near Hollister, Kingsburg, Nevada City, Columbia, and Plymouth. Each outing lasts 6 days and 5 nights, and is normally the last complete Sunday through complete Friday of the month.

On each outing there are a few group meals, times set aside for doing craft work, numerous cribbage and canasta games, the throwing of horse shoes, the playing of bean-bag-baseball, and often a caravan tour to some local point of interest such as visiting a winery, a museum, the Jelly Belly factory, or some such thing. And, there is always plenty of time to just kick-back, relax, or spend time chatting with your friends.

If you have an RV (or are thinking of getting one) and would like to enjoy a few outings with the Brothers and Sisters of our Masonic Fraternity, then we invite you to get in touch with us and we'll provide you with all of the details. Bob and Carol Morgan, (avid members of the NCT).





. Ad Hoc Facilitated Town Hall Meeting  
Committee  
or  
What are They ***Really*** up to?

The idea of bringing a facilitator into a corporation to host a forum is a traditional business practice of successful companies, organizations and non-profit corporations. The Facilitator helps define and gain member ownership of an organization's goals, direction and vision for the future. This is an exercise regularly completed by most successful businesses. The process keeps organization visions and goals fresh and relevant.

The Facilitated Meeting Committee in Paradise Park came into being after a contentious attempt to censure and punish a Park member was aborted. It was hoped that a Facilitated Town Hall meeting could help our membership and governing board focus on the future of the Park in a positive and constructive way, and help to heal a divisive rift that has been plaguing the Park membership and the politics of the governing board. Member Cheryl Dangreau volunteered to chair the committee, whose sole purpose is to hold a onetime Facilitated Meeting. This Special or Ad hoc committee will then dissolve. If successful the Park will move into the future focused on a vision and goals endorsed by the membership, and supported by the Board of Directors.

A Facilitator was suggested at the Board of Director's meeting, a Dr. Marilyn Manning PhD, who proved to be not only a preeminent professional in the field, and member of Eastern Star, but was willing to give the Park a major discount for the meeting and preparation. Dr. Manning's offer was gratefully accepted by the Committee on behalf of the Park.

Funding for the Meeting is hoped to be covered by private donations, and our first donation has been received. Donations may be given to any Committee member, and a strict accounting of funds will be kept by Committee Treasurer, Shirley Radder. Our fund raising goal is \$1,000 and any remaining funds at the conclusion of the meeting will be turned over to the Board of Directors Treasurer, and these

funds restricted for use at future Town Hall meetings.

The Committee has been diligently polling the members of Paradise Park for concerns to be brought forward to the Meeting Facilitator. These concerns are being condensed into general talking points, are intended to be broad and general enough to cover all the concerns brought forward, and presented in a positive and constructive manner for discussion and hopefully solutions will be found.

Dr. Manning has requested the Committee complete a SLOT (Strengths, Limitations, Opportunities, Threat) assessment for the Park. The Committee feels that the entire process should be member driven, so input for the assessment will be gathered at an open meeting of the Park's members and residents at 7:00 on the evening of 9 February at the social hall. A copy of a SLOT assessment brief and worksheets was distributed with the minutes of the 2 February Committee meeting and posted on the Our Park and Official Park websites.

The Committee is working with Dr. Manning (who is currently on vacation in Mexico) to schedule a meeting date on a Saturday, hopefully in mid to late March or early April.

Please stay tuned. We need everyone to help with this project for it to work.



## **To: Paradise Park Masonic Club Family:**

I have volunteered to organize an Ad Hoc Committee to plan a Town Hall Meeting. This dedicated Committee will work with our membership to create talking points. These would then be used to set up a Facilitated meeting, possibly for a Saturday in March. The present concept is to hire a Facilitator and give her the talking points. The Facilitator would then run the Town Hall Meeting where issues that concern and vex us as a community could be discussed, considered, and if not resolved, then perhaps better understood.

Initially I plan to hold weekly meetings, but as our committee proceeds there may be necessary scheduling changes as well as new committee goals or direction. We will need to determine and prioritize which issues will be of the most interest to everyone and discuss methods to allow us to cover as much as we can in the time that will be allotted. All committee members must be open minded and willing to consider all submissions and ideas brought to us.

Marilyn Manning PhD has been contacted as our Facilitator. Her website is: <http://mmanning.com/>. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and comes highly recommended. Please visit her website as she has a vast knowledge of, and experience with conflict resolution in communities such as ours.

This Committee welcomes input from all members, family, and friends. If you have comments, questions, or suggestions, please email us at [Cherylsquared@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Cherylsquared@sbcglobal.net).

ALL comments I receive will be provided to our committee members for consideration. ALL names will be kept confidential unless you give us express permission otherwise.

### **Committee Members:**

Cheryl Dangreau,  
Paul Dangreau,  
Lynn Raadik,  
Shirley Radder,  
Michael Sawley , and  
George Turegano.

***“In order to serve well, you must listen, be patient, and not judge.”***

## **PPMC Ad Hoc Facilitated Meeting Committee Vision Statement**

Our Committee has been formed to help Paradise Park Masonic Club members understand and help deal with issues that are divisive and creating conflicts within our Park.

Our Committee will work diligently to avoid bias and personal agendas within the Committee and the appearance of such outside the Committee.

Our Committee will carefully document and report our progress to the members of Paradise Park Masonic Club through available Park websites and publications, both Park managed and private, to keep channels of communication open.

### **Committee Goals**

Our Committee will accept input from all interested Park members, residents and regular visitors.

Our Committee will work diligently to avoid bias in our deliberations.

Our Committee will plan and hold a facilitated meeting open to all members.

Our Committee will select a qualified facilitator to run the open meeting.

Our Committee will use member input to develop a list of broad talking points, and meet with the selected facilitator to explain our issues within the park.

Our Committee will develop funding sources to fund the expenses arising from the facilitated meeting.

Our Committee will schedule, arrange a venue and advertise the facilitated meeting to members of Paradise Park through available Park websites and publications, both Park managed and private, and other appropriate media.

Our Committee will keep confidential all sources, unless expressly given written permission otherwise.

Our Committee will monitor the input received at the facilitated meeting and develop a list of recommendations based on that input.

Recommendations for Park Governance, Park Management, By-Laws, Policy, Procedures and Rules will be provided to the Board of Directors and Park Management for action. A copy of those recommendations will be published and made available to the members of Paradise Park Masonic Club through available Park websites and publications, both Park managed and private.

## New Fire Truck

Anybody notice the yellow fire truck parked outside the fire house and wonder why it's not inside? It's not inside, because there is no room....yep, the Park was able to get a great big yellow fire truck to replace our old "in need of repairs" broken one.

Brit Thompson (#147) suggested to Dennis Gloeckler (#467) and Butch Downing (#592) they check out grant possibilities with Fireman's Fund. They applied for the paperwork, the form was e-mailed to the office and Dennis, Butch and Annie filled it out,. Lo and behold, the grant was evaluated, approved and a \$5700.00 check came in the mail!

In the meantime, Butch's son in law subscribes to a magazine (I think it was Deals on Wheels) that has used vehicles for sale, noticed the fire truck and gave Butch the details. Butch called the owner, and was told he could find out the details of the truck by logging on to E-Bay. After much discussion between Butch and Dennis, even though the owners wanted \$4750, Butch was able to negotiate down to \$4500.00.

Friday Butch and Noni drove to Olancho, Ca (a six and a half hour drive), spent the night and drove back to Paradise Park the next day. Butch drove the truck to PPMC.

The truck is a 1985 Chevy E-One Pumper with only 32,025 original miles. It comes with Federal Signal Smart siren, Federal Vector Light Bar, Arrowstick, Klenwood TK-730, 32 channel narrow band capable VHF radio, and a 5,000 KW generator with 2 telescoping lights. New the cost was \$75,000.

The balance of over \$1,000 will be used to purchase turnouts (that's "uniforms" in fireman speak) and maybe some needed radios for the volunteers.

The members of the Park owe a debt of gratitude to Dennis and Butch and to Brit. If you see them wandering around, shake their hands and thank them.....

The following narrative portion, written by Dennis, was part of the application process:

Paradise Park Fire Department is a very unique fire department in that we are a privately-owned and funded, all volunteer Fire Department. We provide fire protection for the 390 homes of Paradise Park Masonic Club. PPMC is located 1.5 miles west of Santa Cruz, CA. in the Redwood forest between Hwy 9 and the San Lorenzo River.

Paradise Park Masonic Club is currently within the jurisdiction of Cal Fire. Cal Fire in turn has a mutual aid agreement with the City of Santa Cruz, and/or the City of Scotts Valley Fire Department who now responds to 911 calls from PPMC along with Paradise Park Fire Department.

This system works very well until a mud slide or tree falls and blocks one of our three access roads into PPMC. Such an event may delay or prevent an outside fire agency for access into PPMC at a critical time. This has happened numerous times in the past and will continue to happen in the future. The Paradise Park Fire Department has never been prevented access to any emergency due to our being located within the boundaries of PPMC.

Our fire truck is a 1982 one ton Dodge power wagon brush truck that we have kept in good running order until our last fire drill when our pump suffered a cataclysmic failure. We have searched suppliers and have found that it will cost us \$5,000 to replace the pump. This is the main reason that we are applying for this grant.



## Great Turnout For Valentine Dinner

The Men's Club can take pride in having arranged a beautiful Valentine Dinner for our ladies in Paradise Park. There were 51 advance reservations, plus a few more who found they could make it at the last minute, and Bill Lind indicated this was the best turnout in quite some time.

Char Reynolds, Jack Fisher and Linda Reynolds decorated the tables with red cutout hearts, heart shaped candies, and red sparkler center pieces on each table. Linden Swanson, Alan Schattenburg and Tony Averill did their usual great job with bar-b-q chicken and steak. Bill Lind and Pat Herzog busied themselves with serving the plates, and Ray Hoffman and Fred DunnRuiz were seen pushing carts loaded with salads and desserts. Speaking of the meal, in addition to the salad, meat and dessert, there was mixed wild rice and string beans - all of that was just \$15.00 for each man, and the ladies were free - and the ladies far out-numbered the men

A special treat this year was a 6 piece wood-wind ensemble arranged for by Michael Sawley. The group, called the San Lorenzo Valley Community Band, plays just for the joy of playing, and any donations received by them are re-donated to the San Lorenzo Valley Middle School and High School Band Program. Mike plays with this group during their full orchestra presentations, and recommended them to the Men's Club for entertainment. Good choice, Mike.

Not to be overlooked was the Social Hour proceeding the dinner, which gave the guests a chance to gather around the snack table for a time of good fellowship.

A "thank you" is in order to the Men's Club for hosting this party; to Fred Dunn-Ruiz who took the lead in organizing the event; to the many volunteers who planned the event; and particularly to those who stayed around afterwards to clean up - namely Ray and Charlotte Hoffman, Char and Linda Reynolds, Bill Lind, Pat Herzog, and Fred Dunn-Ruiz

Bob Morgan

*(Official Minutes are published in the Bulletin....these reports are my take only.)*

## Board Meeting of January 22, 2011

Since Myron and I signed up for Tuesday coffee, we had the key to the social hall. We decided to get there early to start the heater and to set up the agendas and sign-in clipboard. I had a stack of signs and 8 x 10 sheets of colored paper with "Who's Next?" "I Support Free Speech" and "I support Myron." "Who's Next" was written on the chalk board and when Tim Heer walked in, he went over to the board and erased it. I challenged him on that and he said that he had "freedom of eraser"....which, I thought, was pretty clever.

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 with another sincere and gentle invocation by Sharon Simas asking for peace and guidance, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wow, there were 47 members present of which 43% were those who attend Tuesday Coffee.

### Manager's Report

On 28 December, between 4-5 inches of rain was measured in a 7 hour period. The drain was overwhelmed by debris, and perhaps this debris was related to the Cal Trans work on Highway 9.

Installed drain on St. John's near Morgan and Gladding allotments.

It was moved to establish an ad hoc committee to study the new proposal from Comcast who has sent new agreement. Our previous agreement was dated November 2004.

A letter was sent to Fish and Game regarding the log jams in the River. Cindy reported the status appears to be unchanged, but she will follow up with phone calls.

The yellow fire engine pump is broken and it will take \$5,000 to fix it. Gayle spoke about another fire truck that cost \$10,000, but it might be too heavy for the bridge.

No news yet on new waterlines to the front of the Park

Staff needs to review social hall procedures.

Cindy would like a proposal to require people to go before the board for replacement fences.

Tony Averill thought all construction projects had to go through the manager and the building committee

Last year, an antique car club, drove through the bridge and used the picnic grounds. They would like to do this again on Saturday, February 12 at 3 p.m. There will be between 30-40 antique cars. Jim Clark reported the picnic grounds would not be available as the renovation of same is starting soon. It was suggested the recreation committee post flyers about the antique car event on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

What was discussed next was, I believe, the reason so many people appeared today.... the Board decided to withdraw the earlier suggestion that Myron Coleman be suspended. Sadly, with the way the original suspension letter was written, signed by Gayle Logan Silva, Myron was never given any specifics as to what his crime was. When asked of the Board to explain, Gayle said, "Can't you figure that out?"

Sharon stated that a member should not have to come before the Board with the "threat" of suspension.

Additionally, Myron previously requested that the suspension be discussed in an open forum instead of closed session, and as of this morning, he had not heard (either by e-mail or phone call) that his request had been granted. His supporters were ready to stand outside the office prior to the closed meeting session and quietly demonstrate support for him, but didn't know whether the "suspension hearing" was to be in open or closed session. What a fiasco!

Bottom line.....no suspension.

In an effort to do away with negativity, the Board talked about a sort of "Town Hall" meeting format to bring our community together. The name of Dr. Marilyn Manning was mentioned and we were asked to "google" her on the World Wide Web. Dr. Manning has a PHD in psychology and has helped at least 400 corporations and groups.

Sharon Simas explained this concept and said that the Board was to stand back,

**NOT** be connected to this, and let the membership handle this function. She then asked for volunteers to Chair. Cheryl Dangreau volunteered with Gayle also volunteering. There were many murmurs of "no" when Gayle spoke up and again Sharon **strongly suggested** the Board step away and let the **REST** of the membership work on this.

#### **Treasurer's report**

We are functioning in the black; there is \$52,965 out in receivables which include past-due TADS, water loan payments, back taxes. It is imperative that we receive that money. Diana has tried to work with those who owe by suggesting payment plans and other ways of payment. Our only recourse is suspension and/or termination. Take note and pay your bills!

It was moved to have the water project report ready for the February Board Meeting.M/S/P To have this report audited by an outside vendor would cost \$100/hour.

**Recreation** - Potluck tonight Katie and Hap are hosting with the gathering at 5:30

**Building report** - Getting cooperation from most of the members; there is an increase in septic tank and plumbing problems

Please bring projects to Tony Averill by phone call or written request.

**Staking** 11:10 to 11:25

**Tree committee** – discussed to remove the tree at Keller-Cannon allotment. Discussion by the Board ensued. The board will review the arborists report. Karen knew of two trees that have been removed with the stipulation that roots were also to be removed. Roots have not yet been taken out. Will be referred to next month.

Saturday, January 29 at 9 a.m. is the Bylaws Committee meeting and at 1 p.m. on the same day is the Recreation Committee meeting.

Mediation Committee needs more members and especially someone who would be willing to help with the paperwork.

Professional Management – hopefully by the February board meeting (or maybe March meeting) their report will be completed.

Picnic grounds - Jim Clark reported that finally the Committee is in a place where we can do something. We have volunteers



standing at the ready as well as licensed contractors.....raise the building...pour the slab....Terry Fitzpatrick will be doing the work.. inside of the shack will be nice ....put a new counter top outside....better lighting....handicap accessible bathrooms... The committee is meeting today. Jim emphasized that the committee does not want the park to bear any costs.

A committee was formed to come up with a procedure for background checks for approving new members. Mike Sawley and Mark Zevanove are on this committee.

**Dam Committee** - concern because the Committee has not turned in any funds earned. Karen was told that Kurt Diesner controls the money and the committee was fearful they would not be able to complete their task if they submitted the money to the office. Need the money on hand to complete the next step. Seems the situation of not receiving the Dam Fund monies is no further settled than it was last month. It was recommended to the Board that the committee not be allowed to hold any more fund raisers until those monies are turned in.

**Historical Committee** - Lisa Leong has some ideas for promoting the commercial use of our covered bridge. She will chair an ad hoc committee to investigate questions and answers regarding this endeavor. She suggested sending pictures of the bridge to advertising agencies. Cindy told about Mercedes Benz who wanted to use the bridge for two hours and were willing to pay \$3,000.00! Sadly they decided it was too far from San Francisco to come down to photograph.

**ERT** - Eight 9 1 1 calls reported since last Board meeting. Six for medical and two outside the park. We have two AEDs that are not functional. New ones are \$1400 to \$1700 apiece...to be repaired, it's \$100 an hour.

10 people signed up for ERT training over 15 January session.

Cindy requested that at year end, if there are any monies left over, that those funds might be set aside for the Manager's fund for repairs and emergencies.

Mark Zevanove talked to his buddy at Robobank about the 24 houses for sale in

the park. Robobank...**may be willing** to do financing for members on improvements. Nothing for sure, yet, but they are working on it.

Some committees were appointed for next year. The names were read too quickly for me to get all written down. Maybe they will be posted on the Official Web Site.

Best board practices – whistle blower protection policy....passed....(don't know what that is)

Adopted board member code of ethics

Since financial information is posted in the Bulletin, the Bulletin is now to be placed on restricted side of the official website, which is open only to members of the Park. One has to contact Karla and register for an account.

Incoming correspondence and the importance of the Board to address correspondence and **respond** ....

**Open Forum**

Carefully protect names and numbers of those who log onto the website

Someone asked whether there was still a committee to study the gate at the entrance, Ted Keller is the chair and is IN a chair....


The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30



**Shirley Radder**  
427-2165

Notary to the Stars

Notarial Fees:  
\$10.00 per signature



## February 19, 2011

The February 19 meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:34. The invocation was led by Bob Morgan which was followed by the flag salute. Minutes of closed meeting were approved as read **Manager's report**- Finished the roof of the covered bridge; Cindy was appreciative of the "divine" intervention of the spring-like window of weather. There were no live termites discovered. The rafters were replaced in some areas. There will be a full written report to all members by the next Board Meeting.

Cindy did a "show and tell" of the faulty wiring under the office. There was even an example of an overhead light fixture with hot areas where one could have been easily shocked just changing the light bulb.

Main sewer line is in trouble, it's a 4" clay pipe.

Mark Z and John M thanked for work on the Comcast renewal agreement.

As a result of the inquiry letter our Manager mailed out, Fish and Game sent county officials to check on LWM. The Park was told Fish and Game does not have responsibility nor funds, but there are grants available. Suggested Board should hire a professional liaison to assist the river and stream committee to work out this process.

----Broken pump in fire truck; received grant from Fireman's Fund to purchase new truck (see article on page 6)...

Staff reviewed social hall procedures  
----Confirmed discoloration in San Lorenzo River near Middle Beach is an iron deposit that is a natural occurrence and is not toxic.

Professional management – Cindy: "Lately more than ever I question what the goals are....discourse among the board members...discourse among the members." Cindy tries to stay positive, but it makes it difficult if not impossible to concentrate on her service to this community. She attempted to read a letter and stated she knew she was aware that speaking out as a manager is putting her position at risk. She was not allowed to continue as Gayle felt it was not the proper place or venue, so Cindy distributed her

letter/statement to the audience. (page 12)  
-----Gayle said what Cindy was doing was in retaliation as Gayle had thought to fire her.

Ray Hoffman stood and asked to be heard, was denied by Gayle, but went on anyway. He said the tape of "Myron" stalking Gayle, via golf cart (which Gayle insisted was 99% positive it was Myron), was actually Ray Hoffman, driving his brother in law around and stopped in front of Gayle's house to remove a branch from under the cart. He wanted that on record since Gayle had threatened to take it to the Sheriff.

Cyndy concluded stating she did not like getting involved in Park politics, but felt this move was necessary and turned in her signed petition for the recall of Gayle.

**Budget** \$39,000 to the good; \$924,902, in assets & \$1,511,835 liabilities. Our total equity is \$4,413,076

Water report, which was supposed to be available at the February Board meeting is currently being formatted. It will go to the Board on Tuesday.

.....Taking a more assertive role in suspension hearings – on people behind on their tads & assessments. They will be asked to come in & explain the situation

**(At this point, Gayle asked Myron to stop staring at her....Myron denied that he was staring at her)**

**Director's spotlight award** – Jan 2011 to Tiny and Bob Sands for creating a warm and wonderful holiday potluck in 2010 for the past 20 years.

**Director's Report** Sharon Simas which was read by Pat MacDonald. Sharon expressed concerns over unfair Board decisions, and how difficult it has been for her to work and do a good job in all good conscience. She also requested an outside auditor prepare the water report. The people doing the report have been offered assistance.. The report has been requested since last September with a petition signed by members asking for full disclosure. Her report will be attached to the official minutes of the meeting. At the end of her report, she presented her signature on a recall petition.

The Board decided this morning to wait from input from the Background check committee before proceeding with background checks. Discussion ensued regarding the water project, and more excuses were given as to why it has not been completed.

John Mancini suggested a summary done in about four pages. He felt the members wanted a broad brush about what happened in each section...was there a contract? Why was so much spent? People want to see where their money went. Diana said the report was done.

The Bylaws Committee was asked to propose a Bylaw that would not allow a member of the Board to also be a Park Officer. Gayle stated that Bosso said a Park Officer could not be President of the Board. Pat read her notes and that was not stated anywhere, but Gayle insisted Bosso said so.

Pat McDonald gave her report, which was also written, and added how she has tried repeatedly to get tapes of meetings with the Board and attorney Bosso and has not been given them. Cindy feels they should be kept in the office for safe keeping and not taken to Diana's house. Diana responded by saying that Pat should not be able to take home her laptop! (It's Pat's laptop and Pat said that if PPMC will pay for a laptop for her, she will leave it in the Office.) She, too, turned in a signed petition for the recall vote. (see page 13)

At this point, (11 a.m.) Gayle called an end to the meeting. Cheryl Dangreau stated that since everyone had given up their Saturday for this meeting, couldn't the reports at least be given? Mark Z had reports to give that were timely and needed Board input.

John Demsen Staking will be given at 3 p.m..

**Tree report** – Tree committee recommends the Cannon/Keller tree be removed, with the financial burden on the Keller's. Board expressed concern regarding overturning previous Board decisions and felt it was not good practice **baring relevant new information, the decision of the previous board stands.** This might halt people from coming back and disputing Staking

Requests, for example, that the Board signed and verified years ago and today a member decided they want to change it..

**Recreation** – Meeting on 2/26 at 1 p.m.

**Bylaws** - Working on a bylaw stating sales form must be filed in the office prior to the transfer of ownership/ membership

**Mediation** – Next meeting 2/23 at 7 p.m

**Professional management** – There is no significant advantage to be gained by hiring professional management as the Board must be figured out first, before we consider professional management. There are too many problems already.

**Comcast contract** – Park has been offered a \$58,650, lump sum payment from Comcast since quarterly payments are no longer available. Mark Z says to take the money and run. Board agreed.

**Background screening issue** - \$45.50 recommendation chair moved to accept report...not take any action on it...then they changed their minds, I think, and asked the Committee to get signed up for this service to start background checks and change the wording for the application. George Saam was very vocal in speaking against Background Checks.

**Picnic grounds** – Cement pouring begun.

**Dam committee** wants an accounting of where previous monies have gone

**Social hall committee** very thorough report was submitted.

**ERT** four 911 's & Ray submitted his budget request \$3,260.00

**Cert training** every Wednesday in March 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in April

Password protection regarding the website CD rollover...it rolled. –

**Nominating Committee:**

Wilma Vinson –	Sharon Simas
Bill Uber –	Gayle Logan Silva
Joanne Nelson-	Pat McDonald
Tiny Sand –	Karen Eneboe
Lynn Raadik –	Diana Cook

**Open Forum** –Mark Z said he was not successful in getting Robo Bank to finance our improvements.

Meeting adjourned around 1 p.m.

**Sharon Simas is on vacation and I do not have her permission to include her statement in the PIP. Read her statement as an attachment to the Board Minutes...**

From: Cyndy Crogan, Manager, Paradise Park Masonic Club  
To: Board of Directors, Paradise Park Masonic Club

February 19, 2011

I have worked as Manager of the Park for three years now. What I want to speak about today are some recent events that I cannot in good conscience ignore. My concern is that some of these actions, since they constitute violations of legal statutes, can fall outside of the protection of our liability insurance and place the entire membership at risk for personal financial consequences. Some recent legal and ethical violations include:

**1. Conflict of Interest**

The Board agreed that the President should recuse herself from involvement in a conflict of interest issue involving a member. The President ignored this agreement, remained involved in the situation, and ordered the Manager to take action even though the specifics of her directions were not approved by the Board, nor reflected in the minutes, nor were they standard procedure by any means. For these reasons, I halted the action. I reminded the Board President that Vice President Simas was the "point person" regarding the dispute, and was told by Gayle Logan Silva that I "could step down if I didn't want to do this job."

**2. Code of Ethics Violation**

The Board President has used derogatory, verbally abusive and retaliatory actions toward fellow Board Secretary Pat McDonald and Vice President Sharon Simas who openly expressed opposition during discussions in Board meetings. This behavior violates the Code of Ethics to "Approach all Board issues with an open mind, prepared to make the best decisions for those we serve."

**3. Procedure Violations**

Board President Gayle Logan Silva is calling "special" Board meetings without informing all Board Members.

**4. Attempted Violation of Civil Liberties**

Board Members Gayle Logan-Silva, Diana Cook and Karen Eneboe ignored PPMC attorney's warning that suspension against a member for his private website could result in a SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation) ruling. A SLAPP ruling involves First Amendment rights and again could result in serious personal financial responsibility for PPMC members should a civil court find that our Directors action was illegal. I appealed to the Board to explore alternative methods in dealing with challenging social issues, and I voiced my opposition to this action. I was then told that it was not the Park manager's duty to protect the Corporation. As a result of my differing opinion in this case, President Gayle Logan Silva has threatened to terminate me for "insubordination". I understand that my position as Manager is to carry out Board directives. I have done so to the best of my ability. However, this example begs the broader question of all of us. To whom is the Board accountable? It is for this reason I speak to you today.

I'm aware that speaking out on these issue may put my position as Manager at risk, however I fear that the uncontrolled actions of some of our Board members in pursuit of personal agendas, especially our Board President Gayle Logan Silva, are putting our community and the welfare of our members needlessly at risk. The responsibility of the future of the Park lies within each of us.

Respectfully,

Cyndy Crogan, Manager/PPMC



Report of Director McDonald  
February 19, 2011

As a Member of a Board of Directors, I am well aware of my role, my rights and my responsibilities. I have studied the governing documents of Paradise Park and am fairly well versed in parliamentary procedure. I have many mentors that I can question in order to get more information. Additionally, as a Member of the Executive Council of Homeowners, I voraciously read books and articles on common interest developments like ours.

Because of the experience I bring to the table, this Director's report this month deals with things I feel this board is not doing, or not doing correctly.

First and foremost, the Board's job is to protect the assets of the Corporation for its Members – all 391 of them. For some of our members, their fully paid for home in Paradise Park is the bulk of their estate and net worth. Should they lose that asset for any reason, they would be homeless and dependent upon others. We have quite a few collective Members in that boat. That is a huge responsibility that the Board has and should always take very seriously.

This Director feels very strongly that the Board made some decisions based not on concern for the common good of the Membership but rather because of personal agendas and prior associations. Decisions were made without one piece of written evidence given – strictly on hearsay. Legal Counsel has advised against certain actions, yet the majority of the board voted contrary to that advice. This Director was prepared to resign her position had that decision not been withdrawn. Why? Because one must support the majority actions of the Board, but if one feels that it is an action so detrimental to the Corporation as to not be supportable, then the only ethical action for that Member to take is to not be part of the Board. Then they can speak out freely.

The Board has held at least two illegal meetings recently where one board member was not informed. Actions were taken in those meetings. Although this Director has requested minutes reflecting the actions taken, no summary has been forthcoming. These meetings were recorded, and this Director has requested copies of those recordings several times to no avail. Our Board President apparently was not in good control and shouted name calling complete with foul language during at least one meeting. Perhaps that is why this Director has not been privy to the proceedings.

At one of the meetings, the Board President warned the Park Manager to not talk to the bookkeeper. When she pointed out how absurd it would be to not talk to her staff, the manager was then warned that if she had any parliamentary questions or issues they were absolutely not to be discussed with this Director.

Because of these observations, and with a very sad heart, as a Member, I am signing the recall petition.

## Share the Love

So here I am again with another inspired culinary revelation. I will tell you that I have held this dope close to my vest for nearly two years in apprehensive quiet, until I was reasonably sure that my angst was cooled to a degree I could swallow. There is definitely a pun here, and you'll understand completely when you've finished this piece.

Back to the story: If you abstain from libation because you must, you need read no further. However, if you eschew the occasional elixir because you've just not found a drink that suits your taste buds, then please, thirsty reader----read on!

Although one has many choices when considering a potent beverage, for this article I'm concentrating on Gin and tonic. Let me further reveal that if you've never had a Gin tonic, you MUST try this method. And if you have had a Gin tonic, but didn't enjoy it as much as you would have liked, then you ABSOLUTELY MUST try this method. Furthermore, if you believe that your current concoction is the best you know; I assure you that you will have an expeditious change of heart once you've tried my recipe.

A little background. The Gin and tonic cocktail, also known as gin/tonic, or G and T....and sometimes, T and T (for Tanqueray Gin), was introduced by the East Indian Company of the British army in the 1870's. It was not as refreshment, but a medicine to prevent malaria and other beastly illness such as scurvy. The main medicinal ingredient being quinine. Now one may ask one's self; if the medicinal quality of the gin tonic was in the quinine in the tonic, then where was the need for the gin? The answer my dear reader, is in the consumer. I have two words for you; gin madness.....look it up.

Back to the concoction:

Firstly you will need the proper ingredients:1) Fresh lime wedges: Fresh being the key work here. There is positively no substitute for fresh lime wedges. They should be sliced to about 3/8"-1/2" thick off of a small lime that is about 1 1/2" long. If you don't have at least 2 wedges, you must stop immediately and only start again when you can take this seriously.

2) Clear hard ice: You are confused, you've thought all these years that ice was ice...NOT SO. If one is going to bother to make a drink, then one must have the determination to make it correctly, and this means using clear ice, which by its very nature is free of floaters, and does not melt as quickly as the "other" ice, therefore NOT rendering your wonderful swill diluted and impaired.

3) Premium Gin: yes premium. We're referring to the top shelf here reader. Instead of some old \$10 bottle of rot-gut that smells and tastes more like Pine Sol, reach for the distillation that wafts a more velvety aroma, assuring a cool drink tinged with citrus and exotic spices, and the signature juniper berry. I suggest Bombay Safire, or for the really adventurous; Hendrick's. It makes a difference.

4) Fever Tree premium tonic: Here it is; the secret ingredient that launched my jaded and tired taste buds into a (nearly) insatiable frenzy. And thus my angst in being able (or not) to buy it where-ever I was. You will not find this mixer just anywhere. NO, as a matter of fact, I have looked high and low, searched the internet, and made numerous phone calls to higher ups, just to come to know that there is only one place in all of Santa Cruz---so far, that carries Fever Tree mixers; New Leaf Market. So then, RUN don't walk to pick up your 4 pack of the best, the only tonic water you should ever let grace the low ball tumbler from which you intend to imbibe.



When you have tasted my gin tonic, be a dear, and when out on your next stroll through the Park, feel free to leave me a bottle (at my doorstep) in approbation .....if you

know who I am. I'm serious about this. This tonic completely changed my perception of the importance of the proper mixer. Until I found Fever Tree tonic, my gin sat lonely on the shelf. Only there as a token of ceremony for a well stocked liquor cabinet. This tonic is so lively and crisp that it combines and bursts forth the drink like Yo Yo Ma to the cello. It has no artificial sweeteners, flavorings or color---unlike the other major mainstream mixers stocked in your everyday grocery store. You, like I, will swear that you will never drink a G and T again, if it doesn't involve Fever Tree tonic.

And now for the recipe:

In your best 12 oz. double old-fashion tumbler place your clear ice: just short of half. Next squeeze over the ice one of the 2 fresh lime wedges, and drop it into the glass. Pour in a ratio of premium gin to Fever Tree tonic; 1:2, then finish with the second fresh lime wedge squeezed over the top. Give a quick stir toingle the flavors and sip.

Now you get to wonder if you'll be able to find Fever Tree Tonic where-ever you go to have a drink!

Cupcake

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Received a phone call from a family friend, who resides in Vallejo, telling me about a tragedy that occurred in Vacaville about a month ago.

My friend, Vivian's, son in law and daughter, Jim and Jennifer Capoot, were very good friends with Joe Battle (lead singer for the Vallejo rap group N2Deep) and his wife, Tammy. The two were on their way to Jennifer's house on their motorcycle when Joe lost control of it and slammed into the back of a Chevy Avalanche. They were killed immediately. They left two young

children, Jazzie (17 years old) and Joey 10 years old.

Jennifer and Jimmy have three daughters, the youngest is Jazzie's age, the oldest is in college. Jazzie and Joey's grandparents live in Vallejo and the children did not want to live with them because their school and friends are in Vacaville.

The Capoots didn't hesitate. They are applying for custody and have remodeled the interior of their living room which had a cathedral ceiling by putting in an 8' ceiling with a room above for Jazzie and their youngest daughter, Justine, to share. Joey gets Justine's old room and asked if he could paint it with camouflage colors. Jim told him he could pick any color he wanted. Jim was tired of living around so much PINK!

I used to babysit for Jennifer and her brother, Louie, and I'm so proud of her and Jimmy for stepping up to the plate. Jennifer and Jim now have 5 children: Jill, Jamie, Justine, Jazzie and Joey.

The story sounds like it has a happy ending, but it really doesn't. Jennifer is having an extremely difficult time adjusting to the loss of her best friend and her physician has suggested counseling, not only for her, but also for the two children.

# Gail Rich Awards, 2011: Rose Sellery

By Wallace Baine - Santa Cruz Sentinel



Rose Sellery (Shmuel Thaler/Sentinel)

The passion of artist Rose Sellery is what's called "wearable art," which is a term that needs a bit of explaining in her case. There's no question that Rose's work is art, but wearable? Well, just barely. Her vision is much too provocative to qualify as couture and while her dresses are often unforgettable, they won't be seen on either Oscar red carpets or supermarket aisles any time soon, at least on this planet. Using skills at sewing she learned as a child, Rose - who has a background in architectural ceramics, and is also a sculptor and jewelry maker - has become a leading figure in the field of wearable art as the curator for the Michaelangelo Gallery's annual FashionArt runway show. Among her creations are a dress made of bones, another called "Spring Bride" made from bed springs and a sculptural piece made of steel wire called "Punching Bag." They each serve as testament to Rose's ability to see in the human figure a blank page on which to create.

(Rose and husband David live at 428 Joppa)

## January 30, 2011

After breakfast, Wilma, Sharon, Myron and I drove to Frederick Street to visit with Alda Houchin, who is in room 131. Alda was up and dressed and looked as pretty as a picture. She told us she is doing exercises to increase her upper body strength and the physical trainers are very pleased with her progress.

On the wall of her room was a scrambled word. choirtec. She explained that every Friday a scrambled word goes up on the wall in each patient's room and then the date and time the word is solved is also posted. We all put our heads together and came up with "ricochet." She notified the nurse who told her that soon Ed McMahon would be awarding her a very lucrative prize for guessing correctly, he did add, for her not to hold her breath

She told us she has been able to visit with Eva Lindquist every day, but yesterday Eva was discharged. Claude promised to visit Alda once in awhile. She's happy, she has switched bed positions and now is next to the window and also has control of the room TV. Life is great! Visitors welcome

**4 February update** – Alda has been moved to Pacific Coast Manor, 1935 Wharf Road in Capitola....room 40B. Her phone number is 476-5681



## Visit with Juana

by Eddi Brown

On Thursday, January 27th, Shirley Reddick, Eduardo, America, Edgar and Gunner (Shirley's puppy) set out on a road trip to Arizona. After many stops along the way to exercise the dog and let the kids run off a little steam, they arrived at my house at 4am. Everyone was exhausted and went right to bed. They made the long trip to Arizona to visit with Juana. This would be the first time America and Edgar would get to see their mother in almost 2 years!

Friday was spent relaxing in the sunshine. I think this is the first time I have seen Eduardo smile or laugh. We tried to keep the kids occupied all day since we could only visit Juana on Saturday and Sunday.



Friday evening we went to dinner at Rustlers Rooste a fun restaurant with a spectacular view of Phoenix with the Superstition Mountains as a backdrop. As you enter you are on the 2nd story of the building. There are two ways to get to the dining room - via stairs or a slide. Eduardo and America chose the stairs while Edgar and I chose the slide. I heard a little yelp and turned around to find that Shirley had also decided to enter via the slide. (in a dress!) I wish I would have had my camera ready for that! America and Edgar giggled all through dinner when they found out that the appetizer they had eaten was "rattlesnake." By the time dinner was over everyone was exhausted and couldn't wait until the next day.

On Saturday we drove to Eloy to visit Juana. Juana told us it would probably be best to arrive about 11am. We arrived at the center and were cleared through security immediately. Shirley was a little emotional and decided to wait outside and take care of Gunner. I went in with Eduardo and the kids and we were seated at a table waiting for Juana to arrive. The officer on duty knew that this was the first time the kids had visited so he set up chairs for them on the same side of the table where Juana would sit. Eduardo and I were seated on the opposite side of the table. We finally saw Juana enter the room and she took a minute to pass a piece of paper to the officer on duty. (Normally visitation is for 2 hours but she had spoken with someone who had granted her a 3 hour visit since she had not seen the children in such a long time.)

As Juana approached our table, the kids grabbed on to her and wouldn't let go! She sat with them both on her lap and her face was squished up as she was receiving non-stop kisses from both kids! Eduardo and I were both in tears just watching them. The officer on duty came over to the table and watched the happy reunion. He then announced that as long as it didn't get too busy, he would extend the visit beyond the 3 hours. At that time, I went outside to give the family some privacy. Shirley and I played with Gunner in the parking lot and I finally convinced Shirley that she should go in and see Juana. It was very emotional for her but she finally agreed.

Thanks to the nice officer on duty - they were able to stay until closing and had a nice 4 1/2 hour visit. I was waiting by the gate when everyone came out and Edgar came running up to me and said "Guess what? I think my mommy likes me!" We all started to laugh - even though it was so sad to hear.

We returned on Sunday and decided to get there early and hope for another long visit. We arrived about 9am but we were only granted 3 hours as there were so many visitors that the visitation room was packed and the waiting room was overflowing. Again the kids were as close to Juana as they could possibly get. Shirley, Eduardo

and I did manage to get a few words in with Juana. We asked if there was any news about when her appeal would be heard and if there was anything at all that we could do to help her case. She told us what we already knew - that it is just a waiting game - no one knows when her case will be heard. She did tell us that it would be a good if we wrote letters to her Deportation Officer at the facility and that way he would know how much she is loved and missed. I asked her to send his name and address to me and I will ask Shirley Radder to post it in the PIP and have Myron post it on his website. About then we were advised that the 3 hours was almost up. Shirley and I left and gave Juana time to say goodbye to her family.

After leaving the detention center we stopped at the Casa Grande Indian Ruins. This proved to be a great diversion to help the kids get over missing their mom. America recently did a school report on the Indian Ruins in Arizona. She had a great time taking photos and learning about the different types of cactus that grow in the desert.

This visit was very emotional for everyone involved, but I think it helped to give Juana a little glimmer of hope. We still have no idea when her case will be heard as there seems to be no rhyme or reason to the way the Immigration Court works.

If you would like to help Juana and her family, please send a letter to her Deportation Officer. This has been devastating to their family (and many of us in PPMC) and Eduardo works very hard to try to keep things "normal" for the kids. I know that they have a big support group here in Paradise Park. Many of us have taken this family into our hearts and homes. We know how great they are. This is no longer just about Juana. This has become a hardship on three innocent victims - Eduardo, America and Edgar. Now let's let the "powers that be" know how much they mean to us. Please send a letter expressing your feelings to Juana's deportation officer. You can mail your letter directly to him or you can put it in my mailbox and I will send them off as a group. If you are not comfortable addressing a

letter to him directly, it was suggested that you could copy him on any correspondence that you send to Juana.

Address for Deportation Officer:  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
**Immigration and Customs Enforcement**  
**Attn: Michael Leal**, Deportation Officer  
1705 E. Hanna Road  
Eloy, AZ 85131

Address for Juana:  
Juana Negrete Ramirez  
A#79355559 A-308  
1705 E. Hanna Road  
Eloy, AZ 85131

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**For those of you that know Eduardo,  
Juana and family, I would like to  
share this story**

By Shirley Reddick



During the 2010 winter holiday I was in our old (100 year old) house in Amador City California, population less than 200 and takes one back 200 years. My cell phone played the tune that I was receiving a call and I went to a spot that I would get reception. The woman's voice said "I am Eddi Brown and I have a place in Paradise Park, I just had a wonderful visit with Juana and she asked me to call you." My backbone went limp, I burst into tears, as I didn't know Juana was allowed to have visitors. Long story short - Eddi and her husband, Harold, (402 Consistory Ave), have a home in Arizona, and invited us to

stay with her in Arizona and visit Juana. Other than the Brown's knowing Eduardo and family as working and being part of Paradise Park, we were essentially strangers. I later found out that Eddi had not really known Juana either - she had read about Juana being in Arizona and made a special attempt to get her address and arrange a visit. Had it not been for Myron's website, Eddi would never have made the initial visit that led to the children and Eduardo being able to visit with Juana after 2 years.

Last week, I drove and Eduardo, America, Edgar and Gunner (my 11 mo. old Lab Mix) left for Arizona. Eddi flew to Arizona to be there when we arrived and host our trip. I think that was truly remarkable.

We arrived approximately 4:30 am and she directed each of us to our rooms. I didn't even take my shoes off. We slept in the lap of luxury and woke up to a beautiful home, pool and outside hot tub, the red carpet was laid out and Eddi was most gracious - with the smell of coffee, bacon and all the trimmings. Eddi had her Suburban (pet and kid friendly) and enchanted us with her well-organized presentation of the local sites. We took the kids to a local park with a Merry-go-round and train. Edgar and America were so excited they stood in line to buy tickets, watched the train approach, and it suddenly stopped. It broke down and there would be no more rides for the day.

We headed back home as the kids wanted to play in the hot tub. The children and Eduardo laughed and played and we all spent hours enjoying our time. The kids thought it was so much fun to splash and play and sit up against the jets in the hot tub. We finally decided we should think about making lunch and realized it was already time for dinner.

America's birthday is February 12th, and she decided this year she would celebrate her birth "month" and not just her birth day. We went for dinner at the Texas Road House and let it be known that we were celebrating a birthday. After dinner they rolled a saddle to our table and instructed the birthday girl to sit in the saddle. Then

they asked everyone in the restaurant to join in and yell Yee Haw three times. America was thrilled and enjoyed all the attention.

The fun and joy on this trip never stopped. The highlight was our visit with Juana. The heartfelt warmth and joy of watching America and Edgar re-unite with their mother. For Edgar the visit was very natural as he gets to talk to his mom on the phone and we talk about her constantly - it was as if they had never been separated. For America it was a bit more emotional. She handled it very well. The love and endearment was obvious watching the 3 of them intertwined like Siamese triplets. For Edgar, leaving after the final visit was very matter of fact - like he would be back to visit soon. For America it was a little harder.

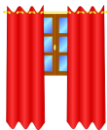
After the visit we tried to acknowledge America's feelings and make her feel special (as she is). Eddi thought it would be fun to take America out for a little "girl time" away from her "jabber jaws - steal the show" brother. She surprised her by taking her out for her first pedicure. America giggled and squirmed and said it tickled. She was so excited to return to the house and show us her purple toe nails. She and Eddi both had flowers painted on their toes.

On Monday we said goodbye to Eddi (who filled our car with treats and water bottles) and left for our drive home. I was driving and came to a sign that pointed to Los Angeles one direction and the Grand Canyon the other. I was in the lane for LA when I asked which way everyone wanted to go and the vote was the Grand Canyon (with a lot of whooping and hollering). I safely made a 5 lane change over and we were off to snow flurries, mountains and beautiful sites. We spent the night in Flagstaff and had to head to Walmart to buy warm jackets and hats as it was freezing cold. The next day we continued to the Grand Canyon and it was breathtakingly beautiful. The kids were so excited to see the Grand Canyon and the snow on the ground. The cold was discouraging and we had to climb back into the warm car.

This total experience filled me with a such a sense of Masonic love that I haven't felt since my husband's death. It brought

back deep memories of peace and sharing. If it had not been for Myron's website , and his desire to share our stories with each other Eddi, would never have heard of Juana's plight. I am so grateful to Myron and Eddi for bringing new hope for Eduardo, Juana and their family. This is all due to our special community opening their hearts and coming together. Eduardo and his family, for some, are such an integral part of our Park. Our good wishes and prayers are sent to Juana. We hope to have her back with us soon.

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Well folks, the sheer walls were inspected by the County and we got a good thumbs up and a signature, time to attack the sheet rock was next. 5/8ths gypsum board (sheet rock) was applied over the sheer wall, and installed with 1 1/4 drywall screws with proper spacing, sheet rock is heavy and we had to construct some T post to help hold the gypsum up while we positioned it on the ceiling, 8 foot pieces were used. The walls were next and they were 10 foot tall pieces standing up on end, lots of measuring and fitting to get them right, drywall took about 5 days total. Tape and texture was next. We used an all purpose mud for the seams, butt ends, and texture. This made sanding a breeze.

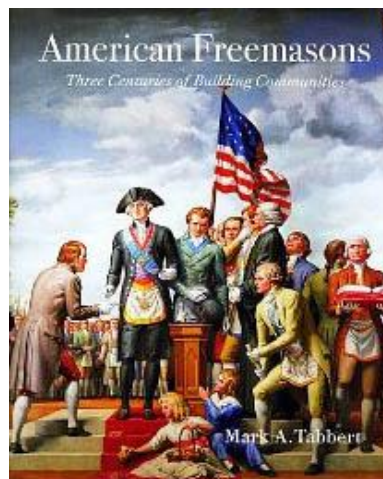
I am currently applying the primer coat so the sheet rock will not absorb so much paint. I bought a 4 gallon bucket, which should give me pretty good coverage. Paint is next and we are going to use a basic white top coat. We will be ordering the new garage door soon. Its coming from a San Jose company, and is in stock. That's it for this month, see you all soon.

From the "Beau Chateau,  
Marty Miller

**American Freemasons**

Want a good book to read during one of these rainy winter nights? I highly recommend "**American Freemasons**" by Mark Tabbert. Mark is the curator of Masonic and fraternal collections at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, Massachusetts and served as Master of his Lodge in 2004. Being the curator of that museum, Mark was able to draw upon thousands of historical documents and unique photographs not available elsewhere. His hardcover book is available at local bookstores, or can be purchased

online for about \$30.



Students of Masonry will be delighted not only with his fresh approach to the history of fraternalism in America, but also with the

magnificent illustrations throughout the volume. Of particular interest to me was his explanation of the influence that Masonry has had upon the founding of other fraternities and associations such as the Moose, Elks, Lions and a host of other clubs and associations. I highly recommend "**American Freemasons**" for purchase not only by our initiated Brothers, but also by those who are thinking about becoming a part of our great fraternity - - it will provide an answer to most every question that they might have about the history of our ancient organization.

Bob Morgan

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## Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY

Feb 24	Budget Committee	10:00	Conference Room
Feb 24	DeMolay	7:00 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Feb 25	Electa Circle	11:30 a.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Feb 25	PVQA Quilt Show		Watsonville Fair Grounds
Feb 28	#273 OES Initiation	7:30 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple

### MARCH

Mar 1	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	Small Social Hall (SSH)
Mar 1	Stated Meeting dinner #38	6:30	SC Masonic Temple
Mar 3	Rainbow Girls	7:00 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Mar 4	Quilts of Valor	10:30	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Mar 5	Bylaws Committee		Conference Room
Mar 7	Knittin' Kittens	11:30	SSH
Mar 7	No. 852	6:00	SC Masonic Temple
Mar 8	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH
Mar 10	DeMolay	7:00 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Mar 12	Job's Daughters	7:00 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Mar 13	<b>DayLightSavings SPRING AHEAD</b>		
Mar 14	#273 OES	7:30	SC Masonic Temple
Mar 15	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH
Mar 16	Bingo	6:30	Social Hall
Mar 17	Rainbow Girls	7:00 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Mar 18	Quilts of Valor	10:30	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Mar 19	Board Meeting	9:30	SSH
Mar 19	Family Party		Picnic Grounds McDonald
Mar 19	Potluck	6:30	Social Hall
Mar 21	No. 852	6:00	SC Masonic Temple
Mar 22	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH
Mar 23	Job's Daughters	7:00 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Mar 24	DeMolay	7:00 p.m.	SC Masonic Temple
Mar 28	#273 OES	7:30	SC Masonic Temple
Mar 29	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH

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Saturday, April 9, 2011

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10 a.m. Paradise Park Social Hall

1 p.m. Lunch

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