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# The “PIP”



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Pat McDonald owns a speeder. Do you know what that is? It's a small, four-wheel rail vehicle, about five feet wide and varies in length between five and seven feet. Railroads used the shorter speeders for track, signal, and other inspection work, and the longer cars were used to carry workers, tools, and supplies for small repair jobs along the track.

Railroads phased out the use of speeders around 1970, replacing them with hy-rail vehicles. As the railroads scrapped or sold these no longer needed speeders, they were acquired by rail fans, restored and repaired, and used for hobby purposes. There are several clubs, which obtain permission from railroads to operate on the tracks. These clubs are under the organizational umbrella of the North American Rail Car Operators Association (NARCOA).

Riding in a speeder provides a perspective on rail travel that most people never experience. One is seated low, perhaps only a foot or two above the top of the rail. One can see directly ahead and to both sides, similar to the view a locomotive engineer has. Travel is relatively slow, generally less than 15 miles per hour.

Because speeders are so uncommon, they attract much attention from people along the track. People often follow in cars, and race ahead to stop and get out to take photos as the speeders pass by.

On Monday, April 11, there was a speeder event held at Roaring Camp. Pat McDonald invited anyone who was interested to come out and ride. Her speeder holds two, but she has a friend, Paul, who built a speeder (in the shape of a train locomotive) that seats 6-8 people. I chose to ride with Pat and Carol and Bob Morgan rode with Paul.



The first leg of travel was from Roaring Camp down to Santa Cruz through the tunnel. We were given a safety talk before heading out and each person was required to sign a release. I took a heavy jacket as I expected to be a little chilly on the ride, but surprisingly, I was quite comfortable. Pat's speeder is enclosed and at times, I was a little too warm.

Due to the heavy rainfall last month, there had been a lot of debris on the track which was cleaned up, but one large tree fell across the tracks and landed on a neighboring fence. This was not a problem for the majority of the speeders, but Paul's was a unique shape and quite tall.



There were 28 speeders with Paul's at the end of the line...Pat was fifth in line. We traveled down the tracks to the crossing at Highway 1 when it was noted that Paul was not with us. Turns out his speeder was too tall to go under the tree, even though they removed the horn on top, hoping that would give enough clearance. It didn't.

We continued on the tracks until we came to the crossing at the Sash Mill. The man with the key to unlock the crossing arms was in Paul's speeder! What to do? Well, the car that was ahead of Paul had to back all the way up the line to the fallen tree where he retrieved the key and continued on back. In the meantime, we had a half hour to kill, so many of us walked over to the Pacific Cookie Company to get some snack to tide us over.

Finally the key arrived; we were able to continue on through the tunnel where we had to then rotate the speeder 180 degrees for the journey back to Roaring Camp.



By the time we returned to Roaring Camp, John Densem (who is half owner with Pat in the speeder) arrived and rode with Pat on the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg of the journey which was to Olympia.

I have to say this was a fun way to spend the day. Try it ...there is usually more than enough available space for hitchhikers!

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## Candidate's Briefing

On Sunday, April 17th, an informal meeting of Candidates for PPMC Board of Directors was held in the Small Social Hall. Most of the candidates were present, as were two returning Board Members and two retiring Board Members as well as a few interested Park Members.

After self-introductions, Mark Zevanove explained what the format would be for the Candidates' Night on May 28, 2011. Concensus amongst the candidates and Mark included items such as time allowance for opening and closing statements, format for questions, and more. Thanks to the Men's Club for again sponsoring this event!

The various governing documents were available for each candidate, including current Bylaws, Rules and Procedures and Committee Manual. Other resources were presented and are available for anyone interested -- these included but were not limited to:

- Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Authority
- Robert's Rules for Dummies
- "Homeowners Association and You"
- "Nonprofit Meetings, Minutes & Records"
- "Working with your Homeowners Association"
- "Reserve Fund Essentials"
- "The Five Essential Leadership Questions"
- "Association Law Handbook"

Various issues of Associations Now Volunteer Leadership magazine

Various issues of the Echo Journal (Executive Council of Homeowners)

Various articles on insurance, Board ethics, Board Primer, and more

Discussion ensued on Board training and what has been done up to this point. The thought of a more comprehensive training situation may be decided upon by the new Board.

A brief overview was given on the conduct of business and other FUN responsibilities such as the Annual Picnic on Sunday, July 3, 2010.

It was an open and information forum and hopefully this can continue in an effort to make a cohesive and collaborative Board of Directors.

Pat McDonald.

The Barcolo Manufacturing Company of Buffalo, New York, started the American tradition of the office "coffee break." In 1902 they offered free coffee to their employees in order to boost morale, as well as a few free minutes in which to enjoy it.

# Masonic Family Information



## Youth Groups



*DeMolay* –



May 12 & 26 7:00 p.m.



*Job's Daughters* – May 14 & 25 - 7:00 p.m.

*Rainbow for Girls* – May 5 & 19 at 7:00 p.m.  
Installation on May 21 at 7 p.m.



## Masonic Lodges

*Confidence* May 2 7:30  
*Paideia* May 2 & 16 – 6 pm.  
*SCSLV* May 3 dinner - 6:30 p.m..  
May 10 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Walter Simmons  
May 17 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ryan Sturgeon



## Eastern Star:

*SC Redwoods* 7:30 meetings  
May 9 – Memorial  
May 23 – Dark  
May 27 – Electa Circle 11 a.m.  
May 29 – Memorial Day Bar B Que  
Paradise Park Picnic Grounds  
*Wild Lily* 7:30 meetings  
May 18 – Memorial & DGM OV

## Grand Bible Bearer Reception



Friday, April 15 was the reception for Junior Bishop, Grand Bible Bearer of the Grand Lodge of California. Approximately 125 people attended. An excellent dinner of tri tip, beans, potato salad, rolls, salad and dessert was served before the reception. Shown above are Junior and Grand Master, Bill Bray.

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Shannon Swanson, Rainbow 2011

Grand Religion and Representative to Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina.

## JUST A COMMON SOLDIER

by A. Lawrence Vaincourt

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,

And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done,

In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.

And tho' sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,

All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,

And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.

He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,

For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life.

Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way,

And the world won't note his passing, though a soldier died today.



When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,

While thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell their whole life stories, from the time that they were young,

But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land

A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow who, in times of war and strife,

Goes off to serve his Country and offers up his life?

A politician's stipend and the style in which he lives

Are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives.

While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all,

Is paid off with a medal and perhaps, a pension small.

It's so easy to forget them for it was so long ago,

That the old Bills of our Country went to battle, but we know

It was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys,

Who won for us the freedom that our Country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand,

Would you want a politician with his ever-shifting stand?

Or would you prefer a soldier, who has sworn to defend

His home, his kin and Country and would fight until the end?

He was just a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin,

But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.

For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldier's part

Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise,

Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline in a paper that would say,

Our Country is in mourning, for a soldier died today.

## Capitola Freight and Storage

My husband, Don, like most men, loves to “sniff” around hardware stores. Knowing this, our good friend, Jim Clark, told Don about a salvage shop located on a street behind the shopping center where Orchard Supply is located. It was called Capitola Freight and Salvage and was a gold mine of used building items.

I met Steve Taylor, one of the owners, who told me the business, which is located on about an acre, was one of Capitola’s last chicken ranches. Buildings which were barns are now filled with toilets, windows, kitchen cabinets and lamps as well as claw-foot tubs. According to Steve, if they can’t sell something, they’ll recycle what they can. The goal is to give a second chance to materials that might otherwise end up in the landfill.

The store's inventory comes from a variety of sources, including contractors, local manufacturers and community members who are remodeling their homes and want to donate their materials instead of throwing them away.

Paul Burns is the owner of Fireclay Tile, which is based in San Jose and has a second facility in Aromas. He said that with any project, the company — which creates handmade, hand-glazed tile — makes about 10 percent more product than it needs. These leftover tiles, as well as any other odds and ends, are sold to Capitola Freight and Salvage, where they go for \$2 a square foot. The tiles are part of a debris series made from at least 50 percent recycled bottles and dust from Granite Rock, Wilson Quarry, and are sold for \$20 a square foot through Fireclay.

Capitola Freight and Salvage carries at least 10,000 square feet of tile at any given time, and Burns said that a little creativity can go a long way when it comes time to shop for tile. While Fireclay may not supply the shop with enough of the same tiles to cover an entire room, there's usually enough on hand to create a great backsplash or fireplace hearth.

While talking with Steve, He asked a customer if he could help him. The customer said he was just looking through a pile to find a matching ceramic item. He

then yelled, “I found it!” and Steve said, “That should be worth a lot of money!” but settled for \$5.00

Prices range from about 25 cents for hardware to about \$5,000 for some of the newer pieces, such as French doors. Thomas said he enjoys sending his pieces home with people who will truly appreciate them. From historic furniture to brand-new windows, Capitola Freight and Salvage has something for everyone.



Doors and appliances



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Toilets for every derriere!

## Hiram Award at Mission Lodge

At the end of March, my friend, Marilyn Leitold (who was recently initiated into Santa Cruz Redwoods Chapter) and I attended a Hiram Award Ceremony held at Mission Lodge in San Francisco.

There was a CD stuck in the player of my car, which would not allow the door to the area to close. This was a problem as the door is actually the screen for my GPS and I was nervous about driving to the City without my trusty unit. Fortunately, Myron has a portable Tom Tom GPS which he loaned to me for the trip.

Marilyn and I arrived 3 hours early (I didn't want to hit the commute traffic) and decided to drive around the City until we found a cute little tea shop. We drank tea and chatted for over an hour and finally meandered back to the Lodge.

Mission Lodge's front entrance is located on Mission Street, but the back entrance, with the car lot, is in a densely populated residential area. The lot is small and one has to arrive early to get a parking place.

Although we were now over an hour early, we were the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last people to park in the lot. I was directed to back in so I could depart the lot a lot easier. Since almost 150 people attended, the cars were packed in like sardines.

The honoree was Mohammed Nasseem Khan, an 85-year old gentleman who, due to his blood relationship to the King of Afghanistan, had to flee Afghanistan when the king was dethroned.

... Naseem was a young teenager when the Japanese bombed and destroyed Burma, his adopted home. Naseem witnessed the death and destruction of the war, watching friends and family perish. Naseem and his family were once again forced to flee their home and take refuge in the jungles of Burma.

More than twenty-five years later, Naseem and his brother, with no more than a fourth grade education, become successful entrepreneurs. They created one of the largest concrete and paving companies in Burma, handling many government contracts. Arriving at work one day Naseem is surprised by the two

Burmese soldiers who inform him that the socialist military regime has nationalized all of his businesses and financial holdings. Once again Naseem loses his home, money, wealth and freedom. Eventually Naseem arrives in San Francisco with only \$9.00 in his pocket and was able to make a life for his future wife and children..

Nasseem is writing a book about his life and hopes to have it published this year.

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***The Paradise Park Men's Club - - a 46 year tradition that's still going strong.***

Who are they? What do they do? Where and when do they meet?

Here is a sample - - their last meeting was on April 6th when they got together for refreshments, lunch, and to hear Alan Avery put on a presentation about his hobby of building radio-controlled airplanes. That sounds like a pleasant way to spend a lunch hour once each month doesn't it? There is always light humor and a lot of good fellowship, but there is also a serious side to the group as they have four functions for which they are responsible each year.

First, the Men's Club is the sponsoring organization behind the annual Official Visit of the Grand Master of Masons in California to Paradise Park. That time-honored event will take place this year on July 31st in our picnic grounds. Everyone in the Park is welcome to come down and chat-it-up with the Grand Master and his corps of officers, and enjoy a fine barbeque steak dinner with them for only \$10.00. The Grand Master customarily speaks for a few minutes about his favorite Masonic charity, and presents a piece of memorabilia to our Men's Club President for having arranged the event. In exchange, the Club presents a token of our appreciation to the Grand Master for his having attended, and in recent years that token has taken the form of a redwood burl clock hand-fashioned by our own Brother Don Moore.

Second, the Men's Club is the sponsoring organization for the annual Meet-The-Candidates night, an event that is held in our social hall each year just prior to our annual election and annual membership meeting. It is the only opportunity most of our Park members have to hear each of the candidates explain their reason for running for office, and to be challenged by some rather difficult questions from the audience. Brother Mark Zevanove has agreed to moderate that meeting again this year. The date is still tentative, but will most likely be held on May 28 - - watch the Park calendar for a final announcement. That is an event not to be missed.

Third, the Men's Club honors the ladies in the Park with a delicious Valentines dinner for them once each year. The members of the Men's Club assess themselves a higher than usual price for dinner that evening, thus making it possible for all of the ladies to participate without cost to them.

And lastly, the group is the moving force behind the Almoner's Fund, which is a small benevolent fund here in the Park designed to anonymously assist a worthy member who is truly in distress and might need a small helping hand to keep food on the table. Funds are raised from within our own group to handle the needs of the Almoner.

So, there you have it. The Men's Club has been going strong since 1965, and our faithful attendees have resolved to keep it going for the foreseeable future.

For those who might be interested in attending, the luncheons are held on the first Wednesday of each month, in the small social hall, with refreshments at 11:30, lunch at noon, and an interesting program to follow. And, guess what, there are no dues, and all you pay is \$6.00 for the lunch - - and we get some really great lunches..

Anyone wanting information should call Bill Lind, President of the club, at 831-429-6735.

Or, call me, Bob Morgan, at 831-421-9166. \*\*\*\*\*

Eastern Star is looking for items for a silent auction for the Memorial Day Picnic at the picnic grounds in Paradise Park.

It will never be too old or too new. It will never be too large or too small. All donations will be gratefully accepted. If you are a crafts person, this would be a wonderful way to share your talents and advertise your work.

Help make this the best fund raiser ever. Things not sold will be returned to you may designate that they be given to Electa Circle for their opportunity table sales.

Questions or donations to be picked up or dropped off, please call Darlene Stumpf at 425-1478.



## Popular Mechanics

While the world worries about being eaten alive by sharks, statistics show that far more Americans are killed each year by a more menacing animal: the cow.

Scary movies and TV specials may focus on the most frightening-looking predators (Shark Week, anyone?), but that fear mongering is misdirected. The next time you're nervously scanning the surface of the sea for a dorsal fin, remember one thing: Statistically speaking, you are much more likely to be killed by a cow than a shark.

Between 2003 and 2008, 108 people died from cattle-induced injuries across the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That's 27 times the whopping four people killed in shark attacks in the United States during the same time period, according to the International Shark Attack File. Nearly all those cow-related fatalities were caused by blunt force trauma to the head or chest; a third of the victims were working in enclosed spaces with cattle.



While the ongoing battle between cow and man is overwhelmingly one-sided (and delicious), the people who work closely with cattle take major risks. "I've been kicked, I've been pushed, I've been charged," says 22-year-old Margaret Dunn, a graduate research assistant studying animal science at Iowa State University. "Like what they say about dogs, they can smell fear." Once, while she was attempting to inoculate a newborn calf as its mother stood nearby, another cow came out of nowhere and knocked her over. Dunn has survived these assaults, and they have not dissuaded her

from planning to acquire her own dairy cows someday. The dangers of a farm are just "an occupational hazard," she says.

Close encounters of the bovine kind are not the most lethal aspect of the agriculture industry: That title might go to tractor accidents, which kill about 120 people each year, according to Wayne Sanderson, who conducted the CDC report on cattle-related fatalities. (Sanderson, a professor in the epidemiology department at the University of Kentucky, says farm safety does not fall under the jurisdiction of OSHA and is therefore largely unchecked.) Nevertheless, he says, just as the right equipment and careful driving can keep a tractor from flipping, the right precautions can keep cattle from charging:

- If you have a cow or bull that you know to be prone to violent outbursts, Sanderson says, get rid of it. Have a nice steak dinner. Invite your friends.



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## Facilitated Town Hall Meeting, Saturday April 16th

Thank you to everyone who attended the Facilitated Town Hall Meeting! Paul and I had an opportunity to walk through the Park with Dr. Manning before the Meeting. She had taken Barry Brown's tour and loves our Park.

An unofficial count of 115 members of our beautiful community decided to spend their Saturday evening with Dr. Marilyn Manning PhD. She comes from a family with Masonic background and is herself an Eastern Star Member. One attendee commented that there were probably enough voting members present for a quorum!

The participation and energy level of the evening were wonderful and exceeded our Ad Hoc Committee's expectations. Marilyn, our facilitator, left with a huge smile and thank you for all. She said this was the largest group she had ever worked with at one time in a break out setting and was impressed by how well the groups worked together toward a common goal. Her program was very well received.

While we didn't have time to accomplish all the tasks we had planned and review all the information prepared, we were able to provide attendees with a handout showing the community member input we received. . Unfortunately attendance exceeded our wildest expectations as we only printed up 85 handouts. Our Committee will ask that the worksheet package be posted on the Official PPMC website and OurPark website for those who wanted a package.

Again, Thank you very much to everyone who made our event such a success, and please keep the positive energy focused on the future of our beautiful Park!

We are working on our final report, which will be the last function of our temporary Committee. We hope to have it published this week.

Cheryl Dangreau, Chair  
Ad Hoc Facilitated Town Hall Meeting  
Committee

## The Soup Nazi is opening a restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf:

Al Yeganeh opened a soup shop in Manhattan in 1984. Soon thereafter, he was immortalized in Seinfeld as the Soup Nazi. Since then, Yeganeh has put his fame to good use, lending his celebrity to a nationwide soup chain by the name of The Original SoupMan.

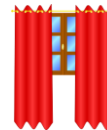
Now, he's coming to San Francisco. Specifically, Fisherman's Wharf, where plenty of tourists would have caused much aggravation to Seinfeld's fictional version of Yeganeh/the Soup Nazi. Of course, Yeganeh won't be behind the counter - he's a globetrotting "soup adviser" nowadays. His role with the company is basically the mastermind behind all the soup recipes; he also trains the head chefs.

The Wharf outpost of The Original SoupMan will be the chain's first West Coast location, and is anticipated to debut around late May. All the famous soups will be there (Seinfeld geeks will remember that



Jambalaya, Lobster Bisque, Crab Bisque, and Mulligatawny all got noted on the show), and since it's San Francisco, there will be an added bonus of Cioppino.

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## The Children's Bible in a Nutshell

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one,' but I think He must be a lot older than that.

Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did. Then God made the world.

He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden.....Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David.. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

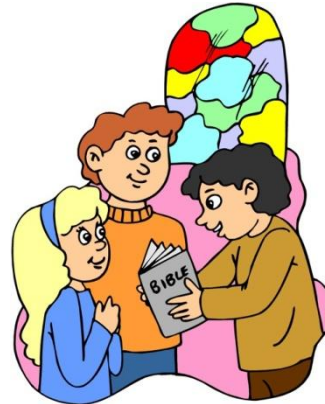
After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New Testament.. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.')

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him. Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount.

But the Republicans and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.



(For Char Reynolds)

## BOD Meeting, March 19, 2011

Remember, these remarks are MINE alone...if you want to know what really happened at the Board meeting, read the official minutes, or listen to the tapes of the meeting and judge for yourself.

About 70 people were in attendance for the Board Meeting which was called to order at 9:30....Invocation by Diana Cook and flag salute led by Karen Eneboe. About 24 regularly attend Tuesday Coffee.

### Manager's Report

Pool table for social hall

Power outages on March 20

March 24 – river on the rise

Social hall was opened during flooding

Retaining wall failure damaging an improvement

March 26 waterfall behind improvement on Royal Arch. Natalie opened social hall to give coffee to CERTs people. At one time PPMC was isolated from outside world due to fallen trees and landslides.

Received 3 bids for repair for office restroom.

New computer system for manager

Need to address secretary's system

It was asked that manager set up computer through security system with the vendor.

### Treasurer's Report

\$5,802,714.59      assets

\$1,366,798.20      liabilities

\$4,435,916.39 -      equity

Month of March \$8,000 below budget

Be cautious with your water usage.... conserve as much as possible

A motion was moved to turn over the water project report to an accounting firm. During discussion, Diana admitted she had some copies of invoices in her home. It was asked why they were not in the office. The motion failed. An open meeting will be held by May 16 for the membership to discuss the report. The Board moved to put the report on the official website. The Manager will be instructed to go to Granite to get documentation for line items that are not explained.

**Director's Report** - Pat McDonald stated the annual meeting is July 2 and any member can get an item on the agenda 45 days before the date. All that is needed is

5% of the membership to sign. Proxies are allowed during the meeting and a quorum is 25% which is roughly 100 people.

Informal meeting for candidates on Sunday at 10 a.m. and anyone is welcome.

**Sharon Simas** Encouraged all to attend town hall meeting 7 p.m. Potluck at 5:30

**Building Committee** Weigelt fence is to be discussed by the board as there are some problems with it

**Tree committee** - Recommends removal of tree on Craft improvement....Karen Eneboe looked for other solutions.

Lynda Dyson Weaver wants some branches removed. Board would like approval of the neighbor in writing.

Brandenberg had a tree issue....which he felt was very dangerous. Board wanted to table as there was not enough information. Board did not want to go forward unwisely.

### Staking

Avery 418 and Olson at 420 Joppa was discussed. Perry Olson is at sea and will not be back until the fall.

Nelson 640 St. Augustine - Letter from County regarding the riparian corridor which is not involved...but her allotment must be restaked as her carport is not in compliance.

Weigelt 230 temple lane....fence between Little and Weigelt drawing seems to be in conflict...appears it would put fence on Little allotment

### Recreation

5:30 potluck Easter egg hunt next

Saturday

### Bylaws –

Change to not allow boards to willy nilly change allotment lines

Renting – to provide for brothers and sisters in need, in the case of documented hardship, member must be in good standing of the Masonic order. Board was not in agreement with the way it was written. Put on the ballot for member approval but to get additional legal council advice and not to be implemented until the membership approves.

Committee manual....is it a guideline or is it to be followed? Is it a procedure or a suggestion?

Vision statement, mission statement and value statements provided by ad hoc

committee will have no effect on any governing documents...it's a concept.

**Picnic Grounds** - Michael Bates would like helpers on most weekends to help out.

**Historical committee** - pursuing the ownership of the model in our office. City of Santa Cruz owns the model because it owns the museum.

**Dam Committee** – confusion as to report being sent to dam committee.... monies did not appear to go through the corporate books

**ERT** – 3 9 11 calls...called people the river was rising fast. An ERT member went to help out at an allotment and was told by the owner that she didn't like that ERT member and asked him to leave. Ray stated that personality conflicts are not to be an issue when it comes to emergencies. Downed trees - road to Felton was closed...no way in or out of the park. All PPMC members should be trained in CERTS

**Mediation Committee** – Approved by Board to spend \$450 for training 5 committee members and allow Allen Shattenberger on the committee.

Cheryl Dangreau gave a report on the ad hoc town hall meeting.

**Budget** – Mike Sawley – water increased by 20% and is the single most expensive item in the budget. Another increase was allocating some painting for the office...had some surplus and recommend it be used for roads and maintenance. The Committee is also aware of pending legal actions coming up. Water conservation committee should be started up again....needs to be reactivated. A question why insurance rates were down and it was because this year's budget was based on actual costs and then adding a 5% increase. The Budget was approved.

**Election Committee**- see letter below which was read aloud by Chair, Barry Brown:

Date: 4/11/2011

To: Board of Directors  
Paradise Park Masonic Club  
From: Barry Brown, Chair  
PPMC Elections Committee

Dear PPMC Board:

An urgent meeting of the Elections Committee was held the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup> at the request of some Committee members. The subject was the recently mailed PPMC Recall Ballot. At this meeting, I was informed that there was a misunderstanding about just what information was to have been included with the ballot.

At the first meeting of the Committee, held to establish our roll in this process, three proposed documents, to be sent to the voters, were shared for critical appraisal:

1. The Official Ballot
2. Ballot mailing instructions
3. Explanation of the ballot issue regarding the recall of Gayle Logan Silva

Everyone read those documents. A discussion followed and it was decided not to include any electioneering material either pro or con with the ballot; just the documents at hand. During the discussion of these documents and other issues, several ideas came up and were discussed at length. At the end of the meeting, the Chair understood that these three documents met with unanimous approval and so proceeded to give them to the Office for ballot preparation and mailing. Subsequent to the mailing however, some Committee members have expressed disapproval of some of the wording; specifically the last two paragraphs of document 3. A majority of the Committee now feels the wording could be considered prejudicial to a fair election and we are now at a loss as to what to do about it.

Somewhere in the process, communications became confused and we left the first meeting with different conclusions. Nobody did that deliberately. We did our best but clearly it was not good enough. We would like to express our deepest regret over any misunderstanding regarding this issue and await your guidance in the matter.

With regret,

Barry Brown

Gayle moved that the recall ballot be declared invalid but she refused to recuse herself from the vote. Pat Tooker, who has been a registered Parliamentarian, read from Robert's Rules of Order regarding recusing oneself, clearly showing this would be the proper procedure and Gayle STILL did not agree. It was stated that the board had adopted "Roberts Rules of Order" as the official guideline, but Gayle would not agree. SHARON SIMAS read from our Bylaws and from the Rules and Procedures as Pat McDonald read a statement from the Park Attorney, Bosso which still fell on deaf ears. In spite of hearing all the reasons why Gayle should have recused herself, she refused to do so. The argument went on and on and on, even with the audience expressing their disbelief, but Gayle openly demonstrated behaviors, exemplifying the reasons initially stated for her recall to begin with; she showed total disregard for by-laws, the Committee Manual and Robert's Rules of Order.

Gayle stated she had talked to the Attorney (which caused concern as the other board members were not aware of this. In last month's Board meeting, due to prior concerns, it was a unanimous decision that whenever any board member consulted the attorney, the questions would be presented in written form, and all legal advice would be given in written form. In addition, all board members were to be informed) and implied the Attorney was fine with her voting on this issue. However, she had no written statement from him saying so. . Gayle then called an "emergency" meeting with Bosso. She was informed that this subject was not to be considered "an emergency" and this was not the appropriate venue. The bottom line is there will be an "emergency meeting" with Bosso

(at \$400/hour) on Tuesday, at 11 a.m. in the Conference Room of the office. Many wondered how Gayle had immediately been able to state that there was an 11:00 appointment on Tuesday, without prior knowledge of the fact that a meeting would be required.

**Donation** - manager get with building committee and family (Sorge & Balderidge) so appropriate bench could be determined to be placed in Triangle Park.

**Bridge** grant monies committee was appointed. Cyndy Crogan to be on the committee....

**Committee Manual** – To be part of rules and procedures? Petition signed by 50 people to have it put on the ballot.

**Official Website & Ballot** – Ad Hoc committee assignment – Barbara Brown, Todd Williams, Mark Zevanove, Shirley Radder to discuss ....who would be overseeing the website....board? staff? Bulletin – same sort of criteria ....never been used for political influence

Even though Sharon Simas reported picking up the Bulletins from the printer in order to discuss some major concerns for litigious issues, BEFORE the Bulletins were mailed, three Board members refused to discuss these concerns, and ordered the Bulletin to be reprinted. Therefore, Gayle Logan Silva moved that Sharon Simas be financially responsible for the cost of reprinting the Bulletins. Motion was passed on a 3-2 vote, with McDonald and Simas dissenting, on the premise that Simas was protecting Paradise Park from future lawsuits.

**Open Forum** \*\*\*

Bill Denton has been an elected official for 46 years and has never witnessed some of the practices exhibited today. He felt there is something wrong, something really bad. A committee should meet, arrive at a

decision and live by this. Once the vote is submitted, it should not be changed. (this was in regards to the Election Committee and that members decided SIX DAYS LATER to change their vote! This is not allowed, according to California Corporation law, Robert's Rules of Order or any standards of practice.)

(From Editor, Shirley, next time, make sure people selected for committees have an ounce of common sense and know what their charge on the committee is!)

More people tried to talk, but Gayle then said, "Meeting adjourned!"  
Meeting adjourned at 2:23.

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### Museum of Art & History Award

On Saturday, May 7 at 1 p.m., Barry Brown, our Paradise Park historian, will be honored by the Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History for sustained contributions to local history and preservation. Barry's work in helping to protect Santa Cruz history will be recognized with a commendation award.

The ceremony will be held in the Museum of Art and History's auditorium at 705 Front Street, Santa Cruz. The public is invited to attend.



Mapmakers will often insert a tiny piece of incorrect information in their maps to prevent the illegal reproduction of their work. Called a "copyright trap," the fake text might be a bogus street name or even the mapmakers' initials hidden in the corner of a city park.

### Which Brother is it?

CBS) - Now, this may be a true collector's item. An unofficial souvenir mug brought out to commemorate the upcoming royal wedding has Kate Middleton marrying the wrong prince.

Tagged as a "beautiful cup to commemorate the most beautiful occasion," the decorative white keepsake features a photograph of a smiling Middleton next to Prince Harry, her soon-to-be brother-in-law,



The unusual souvenir is reportedly designed by Chinese firm Guandong Enterprises. It can be purchased for about \$16, plus shipping and handling. The company says on its website that the mug is "crafted in the finest bone china, it features an exquisite design of the happy couple with ornate gold detailing to honor this great moment in history."

"Please be our guests to own this esteemed, limited edition heirloom to celebrate with your work associates, friends, family and loved ones on 29th April 2011," the company adds. "You are welcome to purchase now to avoid disappointment and regret."

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## **Youth Group Fund Raisers**

The **Rainbow** Girls will be hosting a Paradise Park window-washing event, and your house can be next on the list!

When: May 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>  
[Saturday and Sunday]  
Tickets are \$25 each.

A ticket covers the cleaning of all windows within our reach. The girls will be selling tickets door to door in PPMC. If we miss you, please contact Linden Swanson at [831] 423-9486 or any other Santa Cruz Rainbow Girl.

Thank you and we hope to be seeing you and your future crystal clear windows soon!

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### Job's Daughters Breakfast



April 23, 2011

9 – 12

Adults \$8.00, Children under 10 \$7.00  
Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Juice & Coffee  
PPMC Social Hall



## Calendar of Events

### April

April 18	Long Range Planning	2:00	SSH
April 18	Public Schools Nite	7:00	Soquel Masonic Lodge
April 19	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH
April 20	Bingo	6:30	Social Hall
April 22	Electa Circle		
April 23	Job's Daughter's Breakfast	9-2	Social Hall
April 24	Easter Sunday		
April 26	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH

### May

May 2	Knittin' Kittens	11:30	SSH
May 3	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH
May 4	Men's Club	11:30	SSH
May 5	RECALL Ballots Due!!!		
May 6	Quilts of Valor	10:30	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
May 10	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH
May 14	Fire Brigade Training	9	Fire House
May 14-15	Job's Slumber	8p.m. – noon	Social Hall
May 17	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH
May 18	Bingo	6:30	Social Hall
May 20	Quilts of Valor	10:30	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
May 21	BOD meeting	9:30	SSH
May 21	Potluck	5:30	Social Hall
May 24	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH
May 28	Annual Park Cleanup	10	Picnic Grounds
May 28	Candidates Nite	7 p.m.	Social Hall
May 29	OES #278 Barbeque	noon	Picnic Grounds
May 30	Memorial Day Office Closed		
May 31	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH



# Annual Memorial Day Barbeque

## And Silent Auction



Sunday, May 29

Noon

Paradise Park Picnic Grounds

Tri Tip or Chicken and all the fixin's!

\$10.00

purchase tickets from any OES member, or...lo and behold! I have tickets, too! (Shirley Radder)

