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Dear Neighbors

Thank you Sharon for allowing the membership to speak before the board made any decisions today. This is a good sign that your intentions are to support the needs of our membership.

I only have 3 minutes so I will summarize as best I can.

We have found ourselves in a situation where the membership of our park is becoming divided. This situation has been caused by a series of unfortunate and distasteful events, which we have been forced to deal with by unfriendly and aggressive actions.. We now need to re-address our spirit and love for our park by putting aside what has happened and do our best to move forward in a positive manner.

The events that have occurred over the past several months have made me realize that as an organization we have very little control over our board of directors once they have been appointed. This must change before any new board members are appointed. We have a responsibility to ensure that we are never put in this position again. I am looking forward to getting back on track but there is a voice in the back of my head that is telling me that we have some wounds that may affect the atmosphere of this neighborhood for some time. I know that I have not been alone in my thinking that this may not be the place for me. I came to this park with love in my actions, sincerity in my speaking and complete trust towards my neighbors. I allowed my children to interact with others with the full confidence that they were safe and being exposed to positive lessons that would improve their lives. With the actions that I have observed lately I am questioning the intelligence of complete trust like that. The observations that I have made

have put me on guard and in a position of re-visiting my decision to raise my family here and then grow old in this neighborhood.

If there are even a small number of good, loving people feeling this way then we have made errors that we may want to correct before the future generation of this park decides that staying here is a bad decision. I urge all of the membership to get their heads out of the bickering and petty differences and think about the future of this organization. Think about what is valuable and get refocused on that. If we allow inadequate and even shameful leadership to lead us into the future then we may be blindly walking over a cliff.

Please consider that when we choose any member to fill the vacancies on the board than we need to be darn sure that person has us all in mind before we give them the responsibility of the care of this park.

Decide wisely neighbors. This may be the decision that either destroys this community or points it in the right direction and begins the healing that we need. Be sure that the decisions we make now support the longevity of this community.

Tony Fleming

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Masonic Family Information



Youth Groups



DeMolay –



Job's Daughters –

June 9 & 23 7:00 p.m.

Installation June 12 at 4 p.m.
June 22 - 7:00 p.m.



Rainbow for Girls –

May 21–Installation 7:00 p.m.
June 2 & 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Masonic Lodges

Confidence

June 6 7:30

Paideia

June 6 & 20 – 6 pm.

SCSLV

June 7 dinner - 6:30 p.m..

June 14 – 3 initiations

June 21 – 2 initiations

June 28 – Entered

Apprentice

Eastern Star:

SC Redwoods 7:30 meetings

June 13 - Brother's Night

June 24 - Electa Circle 11:30

June 27 - dinner at 6:30

Wild Lily 7:30 meetings

June 15 – ante room meeting & Bingo

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Murder at the Naked Spur Saloon

More than 150 members, family and friends attended the 7th annual mystery dinner theater production presented by members of Estrallita Club, the fund-raising arm of La Sierra Venus Chapter, #555 of Fresno, CA.

Murder at the Naked Spur Saloon was written, directed and produced by John and Donna Herring (WGM 2005) and included members from OES chapters and lodges in the Central San Joaquin. Members of Monterey Bay might remember this name, Jackie Natalia Docken, who had a major role as Bella Starry. Other characters were Doc Galloday, Abby Oakley and James Jesse.

Prior to Act 1, three tables laden with heavy hors d'oeuvres were provided by members of Estrallita Club as well as a silent auction throughout the evening. After each act, a portion of the meal was served which included saddle blazen beans, cowboy string beans, bronco bisquets, Texas-sized

bar-b-que'd steak and trail taters. Dessert was peach cobbler...oh, I mean "end of the trail sweet treat."

This annual event brings the many chapters of the Central San Joaquin together for an enjoyable evening of food and fun. If you are in the area next year, this is a "don't miss" event!

Jackie Natalia Docken, La Sierra Venus
(photo by Pam Wilson)

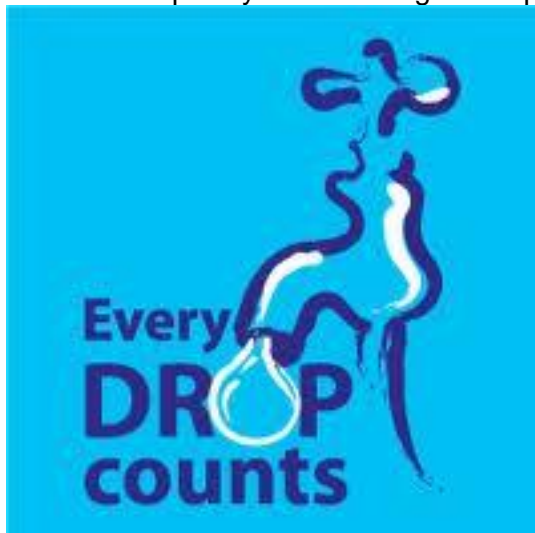


Some people are just doggone ingenious. That's how I would describe my neighbor, Dan Hanson. He and wife Marilyn are planning on putting in a patio on their allotment. The only trouble is that the allotment has a "gully" on it and hauling the pile of pavers from one side to the other appeared to pose a real problem. Not so to Dan, though. He jerry-rigged a zip line from one side to the other. Marilyn would fill up the basket with eight bricks and send it over to Dan's side of the gully. Dan would unload and push it back to Marilyn. If the basket didn't always make it back, Dan had affixed a light rope that Marilyn used to retrieve it. What a guy!



Water Conservation Committee Wednesday May 25, 2011 7:00 PM – Small Social Hall

The new Water Conservation Committee will have its first meeting on Wednesday evening May 25, 2010 at 7:00pm in the small social hall. The former committee met three times in late 2009 but was unable to continue. I want to restart this committee because we are facing a 20% increase in water purchase expense in the coming budget, with a total expected outlay of \$120,000 for our fiscal year. This represents a cash outlay of a little over \$300.00 per member. Hopefully we can bring this expense under control from several different angles.



We are in need of a few more members and hope you can assist us in this important task. If you have the time and interest we would really appreciate seeing you at this start-up meeting. Also, if you have any documents from the previous committee, please bring them along.

Looking forward to seeing you there! Mark your calendar now!

Sincerely
Michael Sawley

An Open Letter to All Members

Yes, the recall action succeeded, but I hasten to suggest that there is no reason for expressions of victory or jubilation over the outcome. The recalling of a Director is truly a sad day in the otherwise proud history of our Park.

However, if there is anything about which everyone should be pleased, it is the now-proven fact that the normally disinterested majority of members will come forward and take part in our democratic process when the need arises. I applaud everyone who voted, either for or against the issue, as you became involved and showed your interest in the governance of your Park.

Those of us who took part in the work of the Membership Advocacy Group have further work ahead of us, as we still have ballot propositions that are in need of our attention. Those propositions will only succeed if they get the same dedicated attention as was given to the recall action. I encourage our group to continue our efforts, and to invite other members of the Park to join with us in promoting those important ballot measures.

Although the hard work of the recall action is over, the difficult process of healing is still ahead of us. I call on the remaining Directors to come together, accept what has happened, bury the hatchets, and begin taking the necessary steps that will make our Board functional once again. That means promptly scheduling a meeting, filling the vacancy, and then setting an agenda that will help the Board get back to the job at hand. And, that job at hand will be doubly difficult for the remaining Directors, as many items that should have been dealt with were put on the back-burner during the recent period of unrest.

In addition to asking the remaining Directors to come together, I also call on the membership to come together, get behind the new Board, quiet the rhetoric, and give the Board your earnest encouragement in their efforts to get on with the job at hand. They will need your encouragement and support - - more now than ever before.

Bob Morgan

Powder Press Part Discovered



Shown is a 400lb. plus iron plate which was once a part of a "Powder Press" that was located in the Picnic Grounds. It was recently discovered by workers who were digging around the cook house. Barry Brown hopes to clean it up and preserve it for display somewhere in the Park

Shirley Radder

427-2165

Notary to the Stars

Notarial Fees:
\$10.00 per signature



James Madison, at 5 feet, 4 inches tall, was the shortest president of the United States. Abraham Lincoln was the tallest at 6 feet, 4 inches.

PPMC Director Election Procedure & Campaigning

From a Director Candidate's Perspective:

"by John A. Mancini

In the history of our Club, we have come a long way in the manner in which we have developed our election procedure. By procedure I mean how the Director Candidates are presented to our Member voters. To my knowledge, there has always been a Nominating Committee but prior to 1992, the candidate information that was readily available to the voters to judge a candidate was only a list a names.

The next improvement to our election procedure was the introduction of Candidate Resumes, which began with the annual elections of 1992. As I look through my collection of Bulletins, which begins in 1983, I see a great variation in style and the amount of relevant information given. In the later years up to 2009, there was very little guidance given the writing of the resumes.

In 2009, as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Shirley Moore and her committee developed guidelines for the Candidate Resume to assist the candidates. The Committee passed to the Board of Directors their recommendation for guidance to the candidates in the preparation of the resume but what reached the Candidates that year was not of much value. I can speak first-hand as I was a Director Candidate that year. Since I attended most of the Nominating Committee meetings that year, I had the benefit of learning the guidelines while they were being developed.

In 2010 I served on the Nominating Committee. We took the work done by Shirley's committee members and made it into a much more extensive document. Our committee again passed the document on to the Board of Directors and suggested it be used as a guide for the Candidate Resume that year. We intended that it only be given to the Candidates and not published within the Club. Nothing that was in the document was intended to be mandatory. We did not want the membership to use this guideline to judge the adequacy of a resume.

When I read the resumes that were published for the 2010 Annual Election, they did not seem to contain any of our committee's suggestions. A few months ago, I had occasion to mention this guideline document to our Board Secretary, Pat McDonald, and asked if she had seen it or by chance used it last year in the preparation of her resume. She said that it was never supplied to her for guidance in resume preparation and asked if I still had a copy of it. I did and supplied her with a copy. She assured me that it would be given to the Candidates this year. As a Candidate this year, I can assure you that it was disseminated and used this year in the preparation of Candidate Resumes.

In 2004, the Candidate Forum was introduced and sponsored by the PPMC Men's Club. It was intended to promote more exposure of the Director Candidates to the membership and to allow for interaction of the Candidates with the Members. It got off to a pretty shaky start but has developed into a useful tool to judge Director Candidates by those member voters who attend. This will be the fourth year that Mark Zevanove has been the moderator. He does a real professional job and those that fail to attend are missing a worthwhile, informative evening.

This year, the newly-formed, Member Advocacy Group (MAG), has introduced a Candidate Meet & Greet Series. It is quite different from the Candidate Forum. The Forum gathers all Candidates together and asks that they respond to questions posed by the member audience. They each begin by giving a brief introductory presentation before fielding questions from the audience. At the end, each Candidate gives a short wrap up presentation.

Now here is how this first Meet & Greet Series was organized. The members of the organization were asked to submit questions and topics, which he/she believed represented the greatest problems faced by our Club. This input was boiled down to 10 areas of concern. The idea was to listen to each Candidate's ideas for handling these concerns without the other Candidates being present. Each Candidate was given the 10 concerns two days in advance of

their scheduled presentation date to allow for preparation. He was then asked to give his approach to managing and resolving these concerns as a Director. He was also asked to field questions from the audience relating to the subjects. Each Candidate's session lasted one hour which should be sufficient time to cover all ten concerns. In my case 8 out of 10 were completed. Some of the areas generated more audience questions than anticipated and we ran out of time.

I found this experience very educational and it required me to modify some of my ideas. I hope that this program continues and grows. My only regret was that I was only speaking to a group of about 22 Members. Let's hope that this program can be expanded. It is my opinion that Director Candidates should make every attempt to get themselves before the voters to allow the voters to know them and their intended philosophy toward governance should they be elected as a Director. This voter contact should include written campaign literature sent to the voting members.

Now let's discuss my experiences with our election procedure over the years since I first was a Director Candidate in 1990. I will attempt to place you in my shoes as an observer in those election years in which I participated.

1990

I was asked by the then BOD President, John Obsnluk, to be a candidate for Director. These were the days when the Nominating Committee only presented a list of names to the voters. I presumed that he gave my name to the committee as I was placed upon the ballot. I was not elected but got 75 votes.

2004

This year was one when the Nominating Committee thought it was their responsibility to decide who could or could not run for the Board. I was told that the Committee would not recommend me as a Candidate. This was prior to the Bylaw change that allowed an additional month to gather petition signatures to run for the Board. I found myself with just 10 days before the close of nominations. I gathered 54 signatures and

was placed upon the ballot. Why the fear to have me run for the Board of Directors?

This was the first year of the Candidate Forum. I was unable to attend as Arlene and I had a trip to South Dakota planned for a visit with my son. I wrote a letter to the membership explaining my expected absence from the Forum and submitted my answers to the questions that all participates were given. My answers were never read at the Forum and our own Billy D. Uber had fun roasting me since he knew that I was not there to respond. Well that is Billy D's usual style. I was happy that I was able to furnish the evening's entertainment.

2007

Lo and behold, I was allowed to run for the Board without the need to get petition signatures. I should have known that there was a catch to this. There was the need for entertainment for the Candidate Forum and it was known that I would be attending this year. The real clue came when I was the only candidate that was issued a target to wear. Well the usual group of hecklers, led by Billy D., were on hand. They were armed with their usual stock and trade rumors. It does not take any amount of intelligence to spread rumors and it is great entertainment for small minds. I should have been flattered being the center of attention but, instead, felt sorry for those members who had come to be informed and only witnessed a circus. Though I didn't get elected, I did something right as I more than doubled my vote count from that in 2004. At the time, I did not know that this year would end the shooting gallery at the Candidate Forum.

2008

Well, two steps forward and one step backward and the senseless games we play in this Club. Under the able leadership of Jim Cook, the Nominating Committee again decided that it was their duty to determine who was fit to run for Director. Jim decided that I was not fit to run for the Board and added a new twist by also denying nomination to Bob Morgan and George Turegano. We three took this as a challenge and decided to see how many petition signatures we each could gather in the remaining month. This would also give

us a chance to do some face-to-face campaigning during the petition circulation. I placed third with 98 signatures but came away making many new friends among the membership.

For the first time, the Candidate's Forum functioned as it was originally intended. This was its first year under the able moderation of Mark Zevanove. The Candidates fielded many good questions, from the audience. The hecklers were held in check by Mark and, in order to question the Candidates, were assigned the difficult task of coming up with intelligent questions.

And finally Jim Cook learned the true meaning of the Law of Unintended Consequences. Both Bob Morgan and George Turegano were elected to the Board as Directors. And though not elected, I increased my vote count by 27% over the previous year's count.

2009

Gee, this year I was allowed to run without the petition business. Shirley Moore was the Chairperson for the Nominating Committee and enforced the edict from the BOD that anyone who wished was allowed to run for Director. I began to think that sanity had returned to our Club governance. The Candidate Form went well and the election was uneventful.

2010

Last year I did not follow the campaign trail, but served on the 2010 Nominating Committee and witnessed the 2009 elected candidates turn into Dictators rather than Directors. Two of the Directors elected in 2010 have spent most of this last year trying to put a muzzle on the Dictator. The culmination was her recall in May 2011.

Billy D. has not been able act out in the Candidate Forum now that Mark Zevanove has him on a leash. Last year Mark did allow Billy to ask his stock question about, "Did you ever sue the Club?". We all knew that Billy's question was aimed at Director Candidate, Greg Laskey. After Billy got his foot out of his mouth, Director Candidate, Sharon Simas, proceeded to tell him exactly why **she** had sued the Club. That pretty much left Billy speechless and that is going some!

2011

This year he found a new way to exercise his power. As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, he decided that it was the committee's charge to determine the fitness of Director Candidates. It was once again determined by the committee that I was unfit to be a Director Candidate. This time the Board put the muzzle on Billy and I was added to the candidate list without having to present the 50-signature petition I had at the ready.

The Meet and Greet has passed and I look forward to the Candidate Forum Night. I fully expect my hecklers to be at the Forum. I say to them, "How about coming up with some intelligent questions?".



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Membership Advocacy Group Conducts Candidate Interviews

(One person's impression of the candidates)

At the forthcoming annual election of officers there will be two vacancies to fill on the Board of Directors, and four candidates have stepped forward to offer their services.

A group of 17 members of PPMC (who originally came together for a different purpose) came up with the idea of holding nose-to-nose interviews with those four candidates, in an informal setting, as a means of getting to know them better. The group was well aware that a Candidate's Night would soon be held, and that individual resumes would be published in the bulletin, but felt that much could be gained in a relaxed setting over coffee and cookies. As a result, two weekend meetings were held in the small social hall with Gary Brandenburg attending on May 8th, and John Mancini, Jim Barbera and Sam Cannon taking part on May 15th. (The Cannon interview was by teleconference as his home is a great distance from the Park.)

In order to be impartial in the interviews the group focused on the same 10 questions to each of them, with those questions being relevant to the operation of PPMC and to the role that Directors must take in administering our Park. Those questions were posed in a way that would encourage the candidates to openly express their thoughts.

It was well understood in advance that the sponsoring group would not be "endorsing" any particular candidate, and would leave it in the hands of individual members of the group to either support or not support individual candidates for election. This article, being published in the PIP, therefore reflects the opinion of the individual writer alone, and doesn't represent any particular consensus of the group.

I found most of the four interviews to be very informative as to the reasons why each candidate is seeking election, and the interviews provided me with information about those candidates that couldn't have been gained in any other way. I'm happy to share my impressions, and I encourage others who attended the interviews to

similarly express their ideas by submitting articles to Shirley Radder for publication in her PIP newsletter.

Gary Brandenburg impressed me as being a candidate who has "been-there-and-done-that" as he has a background of having already served as president of a homeowners association in Saratoga, and has previously served on the boards of directors of other organizations. Gary came across to me as being open, honest, aware of Park challenges, and possessing the **integrity** that is so much needed on our PPMC Board. Gary and his wife, and Carol and I became acquainted when we traveled to Washington last year on the Grand Master's Tour, and the favorable impression I gained of him at that time was reinforced by the professional way in which he handled his interview here in the Park. One thing that impresses me greatly is that Gary is a practicing Mason, and espouses the philosophy that Directors should " - - **conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the high Masonic principles.**" I would have absolutely no hesitancy recommending Gary to serve on our Board.

John Mancini was the second candidate to meet with us, and impressed me with the fact that he has already put his time, talent, energy, and financial resources out in front of him through his work on the Bylaws Committee, his work in studying the Reserve Plan, and by his service on other projects and committees. To put it plainly, I think John has paid-his-dues here in the Park and has proven that he is dedicated to the best interests of the membership. As a participant in the business of the Park, no one is more consistent than John in being present at everything that is going on, as typified by his commanding front row seat at virtually every board meeting. John stands tall and speaks out for the things he believes in, and anyone who might be his critic for having challenged prior boards would be well advised to ask themselves "what is so wrong about being right"? John speaks openly, honestly, and zealously on Park issues, and deserves a chance to show how much more he can do for the Park by being put in a position of

leadership. I would have no hesitancy endorsing John for election.

Jim Barbera was the third candidate with whom we met, and my first reaction was that of a quiet, retiring, deep thinker. But my ideas of his being quiet and reserved were soon dispelled as we got into the meat of the interview, and then again when everyone stayed around for casual conversation after the interviews, as Jim is definitely one who will speak up and speak out about the things that are important to him and important to the Park. He is a logical thinker, and I like his thoughts on the subjects he is familiar with. In areas or subjects where he might not be personally familiar he takes the very logical approach of advocating the engagement of committees, professionals and consultants to help guide our Park. Jim hasn't as yet involved himself in committee work, but he does have strong qualifications that he would bring to the position of Director since his business experience demonstrates his leadership ability. Jim might be a good choice for Director, and I'm looking forward to Candidate's Night to learn more about him.

Sam Cannon was the fourth candidate to be interviewed, but the quality of the interview was compromised by having to hear him over a speaker phone on a cell phone. It was difficult to get any kind of impression as to how Sam would do as a Director. Through the interview it was learned that Sam holds an employment position as chief of staff for a State Assemblyman in a different district, and that he might be helpful to the Park in our dealings with the Department of Fish and Game. If elected he indicated that he would do his best to get us some assistance. On the other hand, one of the other participants in the interview suggested that such political connections would have served us well in times past, and that the candidate is somewhat late-to-the-party in offering help at this time. My other impression of candidate Sam came as a result of his having appeared before our Board on a tree issue affecting his allotment, and I was admittedly unimpressed by his presentation and his personal demeanor. I'm going to

withhold my opinion of Sam until I have the opportunity to hear him at Candidate's Night, and am hopeful that he will be able to attend.

Who would I endorse for the office of Director?

Gary Brandenburg – a strong yes

John Mancini – a strong yes

Jim Barbera – possibly so, but I want to hear more

Sam Cannon – probably not, but I'm open to learning more about him

So, there you have it, just one member's impression of the interviews, and I'm happy to share them with you. However, I strongly recommend that the members of the Park get personally involved, talk to the candidates individually, read their resumes, attend the Candidates Night, and form your own impression of their respective qualifications. This next election needs to be a turning-point for the Park - - a turn that will bring together men and women who can work harmoniously together - - a turn that will put well qualified leaders in charge of maintaining and safeguarding our precious Park.

Bob Morgan

Eduardo's wife's (Juana) birthday is June 24 or thereabouts. It would be so nice to have members from the Park send her a bunch of birthday cards. Her address is:



Juana N. Ramierz
A#79355559-A423
1705 E. Hanna Road
Eloy, Arizona 85131

Remember the following is based on what I observed and heard at the Board Meeting. For exact wording, please read the official minutes published in the monthly Bulletin.

Board Meeting of 21 May 2011

A professionally- created sign hung on the outside wall of the social hall read: **How did Hitler manipulate? Thank God he didn't have the internet!**

The first order of business by President, Sharon Simas was to have the sign removed. The opening prayer was given by Diana Cook followed by Tim Heer leading the pledge of allegiance.

Karen Eneboe asked to have an item under new business (the filling of a vacancy on the board of directors) be moved to the beginning of the meeting. Sharon explained that the agenda was set and she intended to follow it according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Open forum –Several people spoke on issues with Mark Zevanove and Gayle Logan Silva asking that the filling of the vacancy on the board be moved to the beginning of the agenda. John Mancini was very upset at the waste of money by our Interim Manager, Tim Heer with his decision that only petitions from the office and numbered by the office staff be used to recall Diana Cook. This entailed wasting the Admin Assistant's time in copying 391 petitions and numbering them when they could easily have been taken off of the internet. Tony Fleming asked that we all move forward in a positive manner. See his speech on page 2. Robert Wunce asked for openness and transparency. Joanne Nelson commented about nickpicking and too much devisiveness. John Densem expressed his concern regarding verbal reports at the top of the list of committees
Linda Dyson Weaver – Washington path repair needs to be done; Vicki Turegano rules not enforced equally; Ted Keller - rules should be followed

Banner – President Simas asked Darlene Huckobey to speak. Darlene said that her son Derrick observed Gayle Logan Silva picking up the Hitler banner at the store. When questioned by President Simas, Gayle said she did not put it up. When

asked if she had it made, Gayle replied that it was "None of your business."

Masonic Motorcycle Club- Board voted to approve the members of this club be allowed to ride their bikes into the Park as far as the Powder House for a fund raising event to be held in July or August

Closed board meeting report – was given
Director's Spotlight Award – Paul and Cheryl Dangreau for facilitated town hall meeting

Tim Heer – April 26 many dump runs to remove debris...annual agenda will be sent out on May 28; Last day for ballot is June 2. Removed the remains of a fawn which was caught between a fence and a tree. Washington Path – can it be fixed before children are out of school...asked building committee to look into it...they said they need an expensive retaining wall

President's Report

Ask that the office try to say "yes" to all members....

President Simas explained that she has not paid the \$150 cost to reprint the Bulletins because she was trying to protect the Park. The March Bulletin contained derogatory references to Manager Cyndy Crogan. The Park was informed by letter from Ms. Crogan's attorney to refrain from using this type of verbage. Due to the usage of inflammatory remarks by D Cook, K. Eneboe and Gayle, a lawsuit has been filed.

Treasurer's report

Accounts receivable \$143,868.88
Water Report is on the website and copies of the CD are available in the office.

John Mancini will write a summary/ addendum to the report to give additional information that might be of interest to the membership. Report to be completed by the next board meeting. Diana has water project files that she will return to the office \$60,000 from Comcast...suggestions included putting money into an interest bearing account...excess in budget...being used for special projects and to pay long term debt...or manager's fund for emergency situations....

Building committee – Permits have to be signed by Park before going to county.

Bylaws committee - John Mancini – Amendment regarding allotment line changes be removed in order for bylaws committee to go over this....

Recreation - Memorial day weekend Saturday....clean up in the park noon is hot dog luncheon Tonight is a potluck.

Picnic grounds – Jim Clark Not many volunteers....had to hire workers to dig ditches....large slab of cement Going to cost another \$1500. Will have a fully updated kitchen all new appliances \$1,000 to have the cement poured no wood to be burned in the barbeque....change picnic grounds rules. We need a large turnout for the Labor Day dinner....and we are over budget by \$1500...Moved that the picnic grounds committee be advanced \$2,000...Motion passed..

Dam Committee – feel they did not receive complete information to have a meeting with the Board...Tim and Pat will get together to see if the dam committee has the information they want...Money earned for Barry Brown gala event go to the historical continuation of things at paradise park

Long Range Planning

Asking for a new laptop computer for about \$300.00....board thought the computer should stay in the office with liaison and Ted Keller didn't understand why the computer should be tied to the office....John Mancini is willing to pay for a new computer. Ted is to check out the laptop in the office to see if it will handle the LRPC software program.

Mediation Committee Four of the 5 members attended all-day training.

Budget Report Copies of report handed out...Reports accepted with thanks...

Elections Committee 147 yes for recall 111 no for recall....2 were not counted due to irregularities. Karen wanted to allow Pat Herzog to fill the director vacancy at this time...but Sharon reminded Karen that there was a vote taken at the closed session and the vote did not pass. A break was called and during the break, Myron Coleman and Gayle Logan-Silva participated in “dueling cameras.” It was quite a sight.

Staking Committee – started at 1 p.m. and was over at 2:15 p.m.

Unfinished business ad hoc committee to study Comcast and PGE. Memorial bench for Baldrige/Sorge placed in triangle park...family will fund. Proposal to be put in writing by next board meeting Bridge grant money – criteria for the grant? Staff to provide by next meeting.

Ad hoc committee for website and bulletin...two members Shirley Radder and Todd Williams.

Pool Table donation....no place to put a pool table no one in favor

Review the fine schedule ad hoc committee to levy fine schedule Tony Fleming, Shari Keller, & Becky Laskey.

Ad hoc committee for dog park – Cheryl Dangreau is the lead

Vacancy on the board of directors

A huge brouhaha about the filling of the vacancy of a director. Sharon did not think that appointing Pat Herzog as director would be beneficial to the board. This opinion was based on the several authoritative e-mails Pat has sent out in which she assumed the role as President of the Board

At some point, Barbara Monte said something along the lines of part of this was because of the Jack McQue group that was upset about Jack being fired? I believe she was on the Board at that time so I don't think it was kosher to talk about the “firing” of an employee. Moved that Pat Herzog be appointed to fill the position left vacant by Gayle Logan Silva. Motion lost. Moved that Pat Herzog be appointed as a director of the Board. Motion lost. Moved that Joanne Nelson be appointed as a director of the Board. Motion lost. Motion to table and check with legal council...Moved that a meeting be held with the Attorney to see his “take” on the filling of a vacancy. Finally Pat McDonald moved the meeting be adjourned and President Simas adjourned the meeting at 3:50.

At one time I counted 58 people, 27 of which were from Tuesday coffee.

Al-Qaeda adds Freemasons to its list of anti-Islamic elements

From Stewart Bell, National Post . Apr. 1, 2011

As if it wasn't enough that they want to blow up all the "Crusaders" and "Zionists," now al-Qaeda has apparently chosen a new target: Freemasons. A "secret" Canadian intelligence study newly released to the National Post describes how Islamist conspiracy theorists have seen the enemy and it is Freemasonry.

Islamist Extremists and the Freemasons is the actual title of a Canadian Security Intelligence Service intelligence assessment distributed in December 2009. It says extremist ideologues have taken Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code and the Nicolas Cage film National Treasure as evidence of a conspiracy against Islam.

They have been telling youths that Freemasons are: anti-Muslim; have close ties to Israel; and have been conducting secret paramilitary operations in Europe.

While most rational thinkers can tell fact from fiction, CSIS warns that we should not have such high expectations for the cave-dwelling sages at al-Qaeda HQ.

"It is easy to dismiss belief in an all-powerful Freemasonry movement as akin to conspiracy theories prevalent on the Internet, fed by popular films and literature," it says.

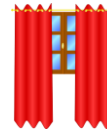
"It is important to underscore, however, that these theories are consistent with the Islamist extremist common narrative: in this light, the Freemasons are believed to be taking part in attacks against Islam.

"This portrayal can serve as a useful contribution to the radicalization process... Freemasons are thus seen as another of 'Islam's enemies' and their actions, real or not, used as justifications to respond with violence."



Though it shares a name with the famed Roman emperor, the Caesar salad was actually named for Caesar Cardini, who invented the dish at his Tijuana, Mexico restaurant in 1924.

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Communicating with a Walrus

Myron Coleman meets with his amateur radio operators weekly at McDonalds. One of those friends, Richard Olsen, accepted Myron's invitation to attend Tuesday coffee. Richard told us about his involvement with a visiting professor from the University of Denmark who is here studying communications with walrus'.

It all started when Richard received the following e-mail:

Hi my name is Frank, I'm radio amateur (OZ5afp) I am also an electronics engineer at the local university. I have a research colleague (Ole Næsby Larsen) who is stationed at Seymour Marine Discovery Center in Santa Cruz, and he has an electronics problem.

I hope that there is one in your club, who will help me solve his problem. The problem is that he has a high speed camera, as he is to send a trigger pulse to (TTL 0-5 volts). The pulse must be guided by a clicking sound from a microphone.

Alternatively, it might just be a 9 volt battery, a switch and a voltage regulator (1m7805) as he serves manually when he has to send a trigger pulse. But if there is one that will help it's probably best that he talk with Ole though the problem component purchases, etc.



Ole is a very nice man so I'd really like to help him. I hope there is someone in your club who will help me solve Ole's problem.

Sincerely, Frank

Richard met with Dr. Larsen and was able to help him with his camera trigger. Dr. Larsen is using a high speed camera that takes 1000 pictures per second to record walrus flippers (they make a very loud sound and travel for miles) to analyze the way and how the sound is generated. He is also trying to find what the sound is used for (type of underwater communication? echo location? mating ritual?).

One of the experiments was to note the behavior of the walrus when he played back the underwater sound click. Guess what, the walrus would respond with a sound click made from his flippers. Next he tried two

Barry Brown Receives Award

More than 100 people gathered in the Museum of Art & History Auditorium at the McPherson Center on Front Street at 1 p.m., May 7, to honor those selected to receive the 2011 Historic Landmark Awards. There were three categories of awards given which consisted of the Blue Plaque Awards, the Certificates of Commendation and the City of Santa Cruz Certificates of Appreciation.

Prior to each recipient receiving their award, a slide was shown of the historical building or of the honored person. Barry Brown received a Certificate of Commendation for his work on the history of the California Powder Works.

Fourteen people in attendance were there to support Barry and when he rose to accept the award, he took grandson, Mason, along with him. Barry thanked all and remarked that when he walks about Paradise Park and points out the historical markers to Mason, Mason asks, "Grandpa, are you famous?" Barry replies..."only in Santa Cruz!"

Two varieties of cake were served afterwards as well as wine from Lost Weekend winery, once part of Iacopetti's Store in Bonny Doon which received the coveted blue plaque award.



Grandson, Mason, brought his Kindergarten traveling bear to Grandpa's ceremony. Mason is going wild with his digital camera!

(Photo by M. Coleman)

sound clicks...and the walrus responded with two clicks also. What next? Do you want to talk to a walrus? What would you say?

Calendar of Events

MAY

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

JUNE

Jun 1	Men's Club	11:30	SSH
Jun 3	Quilts of Valor	10:30	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Jun 4	Job's Daughters	11-6	Dan McDonald
Jun 6	Knittin' Kittens	11:30	SSH
Jun 7	Tuesay Coffee	9 – 11	SSH
Jun 11	Fire Brigade Training	9	Fire House
Jun 11	Tippett Wedding	6am- 6pm	Picnic Grounds
Jun 11	Baby Shower	1 – 5 p.m.	SSH – K. James
Jun 14	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH
Jun 15	Bingo	6:30	Social Hall
Jun 17	Quilts of Valor	10:30	Sue Lovelace, 501 Amaranth
Jun 18	BOD meeting	9:30	Social Hall
Jun 18	Phoenix Lodge Picnic	10-4	Picnic Grounds
Jun 18	Pot Luck	5:30	Social Hall
Jun 21	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH
Jun 25	Rainbow Sleepover	10am-noon	Social Hall
Jun 28	Tuesday Coffee	9 – 11	SSH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

AUGUST 13-14TH, 2011

A community gathering honoring

Barry Brown- Paradise Park Historian

Saturday Evening- Tri-Tip Dinner and a slide show presentation by Barry Brown.

Sunday- Historical Walk About with Barry

Picnic at noon with Entertainment by

The East Bay Banjo Band along with a Silent Auction.

All proceeds will go to the research, restoration, preservation and procurement of Paradise Park
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Sunday, May 29

Noon

Paradise Park Picnic Grounds

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\$10.00

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

