

The California Village News

Autumn 2012

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

October 9th, 2012

Ebersole Community Center
5701 Kellogg Avenue



As most of you know, we are in our fourth year now on our lease with the City of Cincinnati for the Old California School (Ebersole Community Center). We rely on tax deductible membership contributions and donations to pay utilities, insurance and any supplies, furnishings, etc. We would like to thank all those who have contributed over the years. If anyone would like to join, volunteer or donate, contact David Ross at 513-624-6257 info@californiaohio.org or Jackie Frazier at 513-231-4402 jackiefrazier@aol.com.

California Deli Opens

Great news!! Our deli open again!!! Under new management, new faces familiar with some from the race track. All former employees of River Downs.

Stop in, have a sandwich, sit and look out the window (watch the traffic if you want) or just say hello to the DELI QUEEN, TERESA, she would love it. Lunch specials Mon.-Fri. 10-3, phone if you like 232-F00D. BEER, WINE, FOOD, LOTTERY, AND WHATEVER!

GIVE US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!

As we continue to improve communications as well as try to save money, we would like to electronically keep everyone "in the loop" and provide periodic instant notifications from the city as well as the newsletter provided to your computer! Simply email us at info@californiaohio.org and we'll put you on our list. There may be a time in the future when we might not have to print the volume of newsletters that we do now which would be a significant savings in printing costs and delivery.



Around Town

In August Mrs. Wiwi celebrated her 100th birthday, what a party for a wonderful lady. Was happy to have been there and help celebrate, wonderful dinner and wonderful friendship. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MRS. WIWI, FROM ALL OF CALIFORNIA.

CONEY ISLAND PASSES ON SALE NOW FOR 2013, SPECIAL PRICE OF 79.95 UNTIL NOV. 1ST. GREAT XMAS GIFTS. Jackie Frazier, Historian



Birthday Greetings to our Community Members and Friends



October Birthdays

1st Robbi Christ
1st Peggy Keller
12th Brittany Finn
16th George P. Wardlow
16th Alisha Secen
16th Ashley Secen
24th Kris Weir
26th Diane Havey
29th Jill Hehn
31st Corey Secen

November Birthdays

6th Rhonda Ruprich
20th Brittany Birmingham
22nd David Christ
24th Jessica Roberts

December Birthdays

2nd Tabitha Betscher
3rd Jackie Frazier
7th Sara Waldlow
12th Richard Cope
13th Bryson Weir
18th Jennifer Woods
18th Dylan Shepherd
20th Jeff Christ

2013 NSP/NBD Projects

Come to the October, November and December CCC meetings to discuss projects for 2013 NSP and NBD funds. This past year each neighborhood was allowed up to \$5,000 NSP and \$5,000 NBD per year. Not sure if cuts will be made. We generally use the funds for beautification, the newsletter, park maintenance, etc. We will vote on projects at December's meeting.

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RECENT OBITUARIES

LARRY HUFF, resident of California on Croslin St. Leaves his wife, of many years, Sharon (Workman) two children and grandchildren and great grandchildren. Larry had been ill for quite a while. Remember him suffering a stroke during the 97 flood, had to overcome that along with the flooding waters.

MARGARET (BROKAMP) WICKER, grew up in Calif. moved after marrying. Leaves husband, of many years, Elmer and two sons. Margaret and large family grew up in the old store residence at the corner of Rohde and Kellogg and longtime member of St. Jerome Church.

KAT (SUSIE) RENFRO, lived here for many years in several homes, raised her family here. Good member of Calif. Methodist Church, leaves son Mike. Husband, Claude and her son, Billie passed away just last year. Many knew Kat for her hospitality and love of her neighbors. Leaves grandchildren and great grandchildren.

GEORGE HORN, lived here growing up on Berte St. along with his brother, mother and father. Married a local girl, Debbie (Wardlow), missed by children and grandchildren. Remember well, George along with his brothers Charley and Tom. and dad, HOTFOT (Tom) and mother, Marge. Were good members of the American Legion Post 563 in Calif.

HARRY REEVES, long time resident of Calif. Moved to Kansas City in later years. Harry and Gertrude Reeves, his parents, and sisters - Lelia Forthuber, Helen Wardlow and Hazel Davis. all lived in Calif. for many years. Harry was one jolly person and had lots of fun with him growing up. He served in the Army along with the many that were inducted during the Korean War from Calif.

MARGARET (SIS) MUSSELMAN MCMULLEN, former resident of California. Mother of one, grandmother. Aunt of the Tharps. Bob, Rick, Keith, Pam, and Marie. Daughter of Midge Musselman, lived here many years ago and again in later years.

OUR SINCEREST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF THESE FINE RESIDENTS AND FORMER RESIDENTS, FROM ALL OF US IN CALIFORNIA.

Wedding Congratulations!

Did anyone see the white horse drawn carriage trotting about the town on the evening of Sept 8th? Seems the wedding bug has struck again! Juliet Wiwi and Joseph Bethel married on the scenic Ohio River bank with a beautiful sunset ceremony, complete with a carriage ride straight out of a fairy tale. Congratulations!!

THE NEW PARTY HOUSE

I know all in California know the little cottage on Berte St. is complete, a new home, and a comfy one. More parties and get togethers than you can imagine. Of course, Monty the pig, seems to be the attraction and loves to party too. When you come to the gate he will be there to greet you - loves treats - vegetables and fruits. THANKS MARTY AND JILL FOR MAKING SUCH A LOVELY RESIDENCE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier

One Sunday morning on my way to Calif. Methodist Church, a neighbor Bob Wright, stopped me and handed me some old newspaper articles that Elizabeth Cramer had kept for many years. This one so interesting with old names in it that I am re-writing for your enjoyment, will be in installments.

Jackie

IMPOSSIBLE ----- THEY DID IT!!!!!!

ROCK.....STONE.....who's interested in them but in their religious significance? Backtrack...just briefly, I stood on a vacant lot at California, Ohio (writes the reporter) which forms the eastern fringe of Cincinnati. Nothing there...just a gentle sloping hillside...but that idle ground led to the homes of some people with a vision. Those people had a goal...they wanted to build a church on that particular tract. They were criticized by some...chided by others...many said it could not be done. You'll never raise enough money..even if you do, contractual materials are so scarce you can't complete such a building, the dreamers were told.'

Discouraged? Not these families. You see, the congregation of the little church...once known as RILEY CHAPEL ...had been located ever since 1883 just a few squares away. unfortunately that short distance was toward the Ohio River lowlands...where floods consistently inundated..and frequently wrecked their house of worship. Then they were faced with the necessity and emergency of acquiring a new location. I now went back to the same site where last spring I had stood on open ground. Only this time... it wasn't a vacant lot. Behold...a church had risen there.

*First rose the floods, it stopped their prayer;
Let's build a church--came the bold dare.
They labored long above the stream,
Now their chapel--it's a real dream.
Yes, a vision had come true.*

*(Continued in future newsletter)
Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Historian*

2012 NSP / NBD Projects Update

1. Newsletter (quarterly, printed, emailed and available on website.)
2. Beautification—Streetscape Maintenance (Wimberg, looking good!), Flag supplies (Thanks Dave Thiem, great job!)
3. Park Maintenance / Mowing (California Grounds Care, also looking good!)
4. Website (Keeping updated.)
5. Ebersole (Spending some money on misc. supplies, furnishings, etc. Thanks for coordinating Joey!)

Special thanks to Mike Christ and California Grounds Care for all of the additional mowing and maintenance around the neighborhood that he is VOLUNTEERING! Thanks so much for the community dedication. It is APPRECIATED!!!

FIRST REUNION IN YEARS

After many years since we celebrated reunions at Mert Carr's place, many of the younger generation that grew up in California were facebooking and facebook group was set up, and they started remembering their awesome childhood they had growing up and bonding with others. BINGO! Bridgett Woods setup a place "you know you grew up in Little California if..." and many, many were joining and corresponding with their childhood friends and then a reunion was mentioned. So Sun. July 1st was selected and it was unbelievable how many showed up. The Old Calif. School House seemed like the perfect place since I had all the Calif. history placed there.



Had to do some rushing to get the pics in frames and things on the walls so they could enjoy. I must say what a great group - we all worked together. Kris, my granddaughter took over the food part and arrangements, asked for donations to help the Heritage Foundation (which was in need of) to continue on with it. Of course, we had a wicked storm just prior where the electric service was off for days and had to sweat it out until the last few minutes of gathering it came on. What a joy it was! 85 signed up in attendance, all living here at one time. YOU NEVER SAW SO MUCH FOOD!!!! Ten (10) in attendance actually went to the California School growing up and a very nice picture was taken to save for history, they were - Shirley, Bob, and Jackie Kuzniczci, Jane and Carol Suttmiller, Eddie Drapp, Ron Woods, Carol Shelton, Duck Hiles and Billy Hiles.



So much remembering, telling stories, hugging, some not seeing each other for many years. For me I had 4 generations there - Jill, Kris, Baby Braxton, and me, 3 still living here in the town. They were very appreciative and thank me for gathering and saving all the treasures I have managed to keep over the years. Since then have picked up few more interesting artifacts. Enjoyed it so much we decided to have the next one in Sept. of next year and now they're talking about getting together for a Christmas get-together. I AM SO PROUD OF MY NEWER HISTORY INTERESTED FAMILY AND WE ALL KEEP IN CONTACT VIA FACEBOOK.

Doesn't get any better than this, does it?

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Historian



Holiday Party!

Mark your calendars!
California Community Council is holding it's Children's Holiday Party

Sunday, **December 9th at 2:00**
at the
Ebersole Community Center.

Come visit Santa and enjoy refreshments, candy and gifts!

For children 10 and under. Come for the fun but please do not come early.

If you have not done so, please RSVP to Jo Shepherd (238-5846).



**California Columbia
United Methodist Church**

Rev. Ernest Bein
5751 Kellogg Avenue
California, Ohio
513-232-5077

SERVICE SCHEDULE

9:30 A.M. Sunday Service



**St. Jerome
Catholic Church**

*a mission church of Guardian Angels
Parish*

Father Carl Wollering
131 Rohde St.
California, Ohio
513-231-7042

MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 P.M. Saturdays

9:30 A.M. Sundays

7:30 P.M. Tuesdays

7:30 P.M. First Friday



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