

The California Village News

Autumn 2019

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council
7:30 P.M.

October 8th, 2019

Ebersole Community Center
5701 Kellogg Avenue



As most of you know, we are in our 11th 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.

RECENT OBITUARIES

THOSE WE LOVE DON'T GO AWAY, THEY WALK BESIDE US EVERY DAY.....UNSEEN, UNHEARD BUT ALWAYS NEAR; STILL LOVED, STILL MISSED AND VERY DEAR.

BARBARA MITCHELL (don't know married name). Barb lived in California (in my home before me) along with mother Willa and Dad, Brothers Ken and Don and sister, Kathleen. Only sibling left is Kenny. Parents were active in the California Methodist Church until loving on. Kenny and Don both served in military while living here. Barb, was the youngest of the family.

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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.



CALIFORNIA REUNION 2019

Another very successful reunion of some of the best people I know. Oh, how happy everyone seemed, especially me. Some new faces, some old faces, all enjoying the friendship, bonding, and love that only Californians have. If you haven't enjoyed it yet there is always next year, keep it in mind you will not regret it.

I would like to thank a few wonderful people that makes all of this successful. Jo Shephard is getting things in order at the building and keeping things in order. Those who come forward to help while it is going on, after all this is part of you. A special thank you for Dennis Geigline from Dayton (Dennis is a son of an older family from Old Two Mile Rd. has volunteered to clean up our W.W. 2 Memorial and put up a new flag for us, You know how I feel about our

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Birthday Greetings to our Community Members and Friends



October Birthdays

1st	Robbi Christ
1st	Peggy Keller
12th	Brittany Finn
13th	Bentley Smith
16th	George P. Wardlow
16th	Alisha Secen
16th	Ashley Secen
24th	Kris Weir
26th	Diane Havey-Pangallo
29th	Jill Hehn
31st	Corey Secen

November Birthdays

6th	Rhonda Ruprich
15th	Harper Shepherd
22nd	David Christ
24th	Jessica Roberts

December Birthdays

2nd	Tabitha Betscher
3rd	Jackie Frazier
7th	Sara Waldlow
12th	Richard Cope
13th	Bryson Weir
15th	Josie Shepherd
18th	Jennifer Woods
18th	Dylan Shepherd
20th	Jeff Christ
22nd	Robert Mraz
28th	Genevieve Obermeyer

2019 California Children's Christmas Party



This years party will be on Sunday, December 8th at Ebersole Community Center, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, 10 years old and younger welcome!

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Recent Obituaries

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STEVE PELCHA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pelcha, living here for many years. Steve comes from a family of many siblings and father of many. Anna Rhodes one daughter of Steve's, living here many years. Living in Mt. Washington at the time of death.

VIRGINIA LARGE many will not remember Virginia, lived here many, many years ago. Lived on Kellogg when I knew her. Cousin to Petesy Eichorn and Red. Eichorn. Mrs. Large sister of Margaret Eichorn.

GREG WILLIAMS, son of Frank and Jewel Williams and brother to Johnny Williams. Greg didn't live here to long, married and lived in Kentucky. I have so many memories of the Williams'. both younger and younger ones.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ALL THE FAMILIES.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, California Historian

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memorial. The wonderful Weavers traveling from Alabama each year just to be with us, and oh, Salley's fudge!!!! Karen Bauer, we all so stable keeping things in order, and taking all of those fantastic pics that we can enjoy ;and others that pitch in to help.

I had to make an announcement for all to be sure to sign the guest book along with telephone nos. I had quite a time trying to get hold of some, had names but no tel. no. (making it more difficult for me). I like to have these as part of our history, many years from now someone will be looking thru this history and see their relative was here.

As the newer ones arrived, sent me flying high. I had been thinking about the Sexton family from years back, bingo, guess what happened? Also wondering why the big Henson family never came. Things do happen.....Sure enough Dave Sexton, had never knew what happened to the Sextons, and is married to Nancy Henson, Bill Henson's daughter. Now this did send me over the top. I don't know who enjoyed it more, they or me. After finding the Walriven girls no. they came always so glad to be with us. Next, our own Jody Walriven, with Maureen Gallagher, who happened to be a close with my cousin, Steve Armstrong, from El Paso, who lived here in California when a very small child with the Kuzniczci Family. Many conversations w/ Steve during the day and wishing he was here. Doesn't get any better than that. My son, Chuck, decided to travel up with son, Matt. and they were so overjoyed to see all their friends. First time, too was Chris Bauer and a Vaughn (can't remember her first name) not related to the other Vaughns, said she lived on Bryson St. years ago. Our new neighbors Paul and Chirstine and son, so happy to see them. Another new neighbor, Real Estate, living in the newly renovated Daniels bldg, couldn't come but donated drinking water and garbage bags, many thanks.

Around 5:30 things were coming to an end, and some had not had enough and decided to visit Lebo's, where I enjoyed them too, riding the Pink Panther up, after all the panther is a California resident and likes all of you. While trying to leave on Panther, worrying if I could make it home after my cranberry juice, who should venture into Lebo's for the first time, he said in 70

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years, was Billy Hawkins, had to ask about his sister, Paula, was with her earlier that day. I have been wanting to get some of the huge Hawkins family, big here in California, interested and first to maybe get with us.

If you missed this year, your loss, but we do have next year, let's get some more coming and enjoying their childhood and history. Hopefully the next few weeks will be trying to open on Sunday, plenty of work to do if interested, for some who maybe wanting to see the history and museum.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, California Historian
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California Community Council Meeting September 10, 2019

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with President David Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call indicated that Kathy Chandler, Hilda Davenport, David Thiem, and Polly Whittaker were not present at the meeting. There were 8 members/residents, and 5 guests at the meeting.

Meeting minutes: Meeting minutes from June, 11, 2019 were in the summer newsletter. Minutes were approved by Jackie Frazier, seconded by Joey Shepherd.

Treasurer's Report: There was no formal Treasures report. NSP for this year has been closed out.

Guests: The police report was given by Officer Kevin Butler, 2 offense in August: One theft at the Nature Preserve, and one theft at Coney Island. If you see something, report it Non-Emergency Police number is 513-765-1212. Officer Kevin Butler's number is 513-979-4481.

J. Jasper with the Fire Department, Ladder 18, informed us that October is Fire Prevention Month. Please make sure you have working smoke alarms in your homes, as well as carbon monoxide detectors. It is recommended to have your Carbon monoxide detector placed outside your bedroom. He also mention you can go to Smart911.com and enter any important information you may want the Fire Department to have on hand for a future response (oxygen in use, persons in wheelchairs, etc.). Please note that the Fire Department offers Basic Vital Tests at the Fire Station free of charge (blood pressure checks, blood sugar tests, EKG's, and pulse oximetry).

Mimi McGarry with the GCWW shared information in regard to the Customer Assistance Program (CAP) for Low Income Seniors to save 25% off their sewer bill based on age, income, and property ownership. More information on this can be found by calling the Metropolitan Sewer District at 513-244-5101 or at MSDCAP@cincinnati-oh.gov. Mimi also brought up the creation of the Greater Cincinnati Water Works Citizens Water Academy which anyone over 21 is invited to apply. It is a five week program (one Saturday and four Wednesdays) and will take you behind the scenes at the Water Works facilities and demonstrate daily processes from lab work to water main repair. For more information and dates, please email WaterAcademy@gcww.cincinnati-oh.gov.

Mandy Bello from the Mt. Washington Rec Center said After School Programs are now open. Senior Groups are available also. Their website is being worked on and soon you will be able to register for activities on line.

Judge Amy Searcy introduced herself as a Hamilton County Domestic Relations Court Judge. She is making the rounds to Cincinnati Community Councils to share her message/views on making Family Court less stressful. Searcy won the November 4, 2014, election, and her term will expire on June 30, 2021.

Christine Hall, one of the owners, from Dead Low Brewery introduced herself to bring everyone up to date on things with the Brewery. They have started brewing their beer and are shooting for the last week of September to open. They will have food and spirits, and also a vegetarian menu. Their hours will be Sunday through Thursday 3:00pm till 10:00pm. Friday and Saturday 3:00pm till Midnight. You can visit Dead Low Brewery on their Facebook page. Christine also mentioned that her brothers have bought the Deli. It isn't quite clear yet what will be done there, but beer sales are supposed to be part of it. For those that are curious, Dead Low refers to the minimum amount of water on which a boat can float.

Old Business:

- Fence on Kellogg at empty lot between Eldorado and Waits is still not repaired. David Ross is still waiting for a response from the City on this.
- Tires for the "go cart track" on Water Works property on Berte Street between Kenwood and Renslar were stacked by the Water Works, and removed by the City.
- September 23rd through September 27th clean up by City of Cincinnati Departments. Workers from the City and dumpsters in the neighborhood during this time.
- Considering applying for Grant money for playground equipment for the Park. Once approved, money must be put up front for playground equipment, and then reimbursed.
- The California Reunion held on September 21st from Noon until 6:00pm.

New Business:

- Coney Island has announced they will be removing rides after the end of Summer Season in September.
- Talk of replacing the street light at the corner of Renslar and Panama Street which was removed.
- Request to move bench at Kellogg and Waits to the Park.

With no further business before the council, a motion to adjourn was made by Joey Sheppard and seconded by Mike Christ, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned

**Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Betscher-Ruprich, Secretary**

California Columbia United Methodist Church

SERVICE SCHEDULE

9:30 A.M. Sunday Service

Pastor Marvin Jones
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California, Ohio
513-232-5077



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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**More California Reunion 2019,
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