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OUR MISSION:

- IS TO PRESERVE THE NATURAL RESOURCE, THE NATIVE FLORA AND FAUNA OF THE BEACH.
- BE FINANCIALLY PRUDENT IN THE BEACH'S ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT
- KEEP THE BEACH OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE VILLA GRANDE COMMUNITY, THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, INCLUDING LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS, SENIORS, AND RENTERS.
- ESTABLISH A MECHANISM WHEREBY OWNERSHIP OF THE VILLA GRANDE BEACH STAYS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

WE ARE NOW ON THE WEB!

CHECK US OUT AT:

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

THE LAST FEW MONTHS HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY WITH ACTIVITIES FOR FRIENDS OF VILLA GRANDE. IN ADDITION TO OUR GRANT FROM THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN OBTAIN A GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY.

WE HAVE COMPLETED A FLOOD ELEVATION SURVEY. THE WOODEN STAKES WITH FLAGS ON THEM THAT YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED AT THE BEACH ARE THE STAKES SHOWING THE 10 YEAR AND 100 YEAR FLOOD ELEVATIONS. THESE ELEVATIONS WERE NECESSARY TO ASSIST THE APPRAISER WITH ESTABLISHING THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY.

WE ARE ALSO WORKING ON A MASTER PLAN FOR

RESTORING THE VEGETATION ON THE PROPERTY. WE WANT TO RE-ESTABLISH NATIVE PLANTS THAT WILL BE TYPICAL OF THE RIPARIAN SETTING. WE WILL WORK WITH A GROUP CALLED CIRCUIT RIDER PRODUCTIONS TO DEVELOP THE DETAILS OF THIS PLAN. WE HAVE ALSO DEVELOPED A "VISION PLAN" WHICH OUTLINES THE GOALS OF FOVG FOR THE BEACH PROPERTY. THIS IS AVAILABLE ON THE FOVG WEBSITE FOR MEMBERS TO REVIEW.

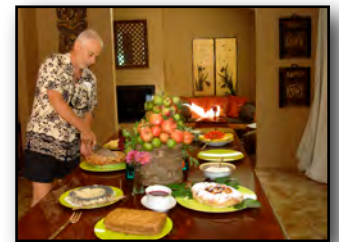
THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OWNERS OF THE BEACH, THE TORR FAMILY ARE AT A POINT WHERE WE NEED YOUR INPUT. TO THAT END, WE ARE HOLDING A COMMUNITY MEETING ON JANUARY 31 AT 1 PM AT THE OLD VILLA GRANDE

GENERAL STORE. PLEASE ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACTIVE WITH OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE PAST YEAR.

I WISH ALL OF YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

RICH HOLMER
PRESIDENT, FOVG



ROBERTO PREPARING FOR FOVG PARTY OF 8/31/08

\$140,000 MATCHING FUND GRANT AWARDED

ON SEPTEMBER 22, WE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM THE SONOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT (SCAPOSOD) THAT WE HAD RECEIVED RECOMMENDATION FOR \$140,000 IN MATCHING GRANT FUNDING FROM ITS CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALSO APPROVED THE GRANT FUNDS. WE HAVE RECEIVED AN APPRAISAL AND NOW NEED TO DEVELOP A CONSERVATION EASEMENT THAT WILL GUARANTEE THE LAND WILL BE PRESERVED

IN ITS NATURAL STATE. THE SCAPOSOD FUNDS WILL GO TO THE ACQUISITION OF PATTERSON POINT, THE FRIENDS HAVE ALREADY RAISED OVER \$20,000 IN MATCHING FUNDS FROM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

PARTIES RAISE MATCHING FUNDS:

TO LAUNCH THE MATCHING-FUNDS REQUIRED BY THE SCAPOSOD, THE FRIENDS OF VILLA GRANDE HELD A SERIES OF FUNDRAISING PARTIES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 31. LEAH NORWOOD

AND LINDA FISHER SPONSORED A RIVER-SIDE BRUNCH AT THEIR LOVELY "WINDMILL HOUSE" ON THE BANKS OF THE RUSSIAN RIVER, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A CHAMPAGNE-INFUSED GARDEN PARTY IN THE UNIQUE GARDEN OF THE "FAERIE GROVE", HOME TO ROBERTO ESTEVES AND LON SHAPIRO. THE DAY FINISHED WITH A SUNSET COCKTAIL PARTY AT THE HILLSIDE HOME OF MIKE AND JOANNE MCCABE. MORE THAN \$5,600 WAS RAISED IN MATCHING-FUND DONATIONS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PATTERSON POINT. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO PARTICIPATED, SPONSORED



PLEASE SEND ITEMS THAT YOU MIGHT LIKE POSTED IN FOVG NEWS TO:
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DUCKS AT PATTERSON BEACH

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OR HELPED WITH THESE AMAZING EVENTS.

NEXT FUNDRAISER AN ELEGANT DINNER

ON FEBRUARY 7TH, AT 6 PM FOR ONE EVENING, THE GENERAL STORE WILL TRANSFORM INTO AN ITALIAN RESTAURANT. NOT JUST ANY RESTAURANT BUT "LA TRATTORIA GRANDE". WORLD FAMOUS CHEF SERGIO GIUSTI, OWNER OF FIRENZE BY NIGHT, S.F. AND MATEO NVEKIC, PAST OWNER OF NAPOLIS AND IRAGAZZI WILL PREPARE THE BEST OF ITALIAN CUISINE. ONE EXAMPLE OF SERGIO'S CULINARY SKILLS IS WHEN THE "FOUR TENORS" LAST WENT TO JAPAN; THEY WOULD ONLY AGREE TO GO IF SERGIO CAME AS THEIR PRIVATE CHEF! THIS WILL BE A VILLA GRANDE DRESSY AFFAIR PRICE: \$100.00 PER PERSON. THIS INCLUDES: COCKTAILS, A THREE COURSE MEAL, (TWO CHOICES FOR MAIN ENTRÉE), DESSERT AND WINE. FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT GREG OR SUSAN, 707 865-1074. SEATING IS LIMITED SO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION SOON.

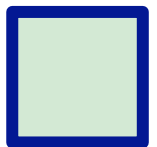
APPRAISAL COMPLETED - COMMUNITY MEETING INFORMATION

THE FOVG CONTRACTED WITH HOWARD LEVY, MASTER APPRAISER, TO APPRAISE THE PATTERSON POINT PROPERTY. HOWARD HAS SUBSTANTIAL EXPERIENCE IN ESTABLISHING VALUE OF PROPERTIES IN THE FLOOD PLAIN AND HAS WORKED WITH SCAPOSD OFTEN. WE SELECTED HOWARD, AFTER AN EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF OTHER APPRAISERS, DUE TO HIS EXPERIENCE WITH THE TYPE OF PROPERTY WE ARE ACQUIRING AND HIS EXCELLENT BACKGROUND. THE APPRAISAL WAS COMPLETED MID DECEMBER. IT CAME IN SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THAN THE ASKING OPTION PRICE. THE COMPLETED APPRAISAL WILL ASSIST THE FOVG IN ACQUIRING THE SCAPOSD GRANT AND HELP IN OTHER FUNDRAISING. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE OWNERS, THE TORR FAMILY, AND OPEN SPACE TO ARRIVE AT AN ACCEPTABLE OFFER ON THE PROPERTY.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT - WE ARE HOLDING A COMMUNITY MEETING ON SATURDAY JANUARY 31, 2009 AT 1 PM AT THE OLD GENERAL STORE TO GET YOUR COMMENTS. PLEASE ATTEND!

SPECIAL PROPANE DISCOUNT FOR FOVG

THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF JON BOX, THE FOVG HAS ARRANGED FOR A SPECIAL PROPANE DISCOUNT TO ITS MEMBERS. AFTER SOLICITING PROPOSALS FROM AMERIGAS, BLUE STAR, DECARLI, FERRELLGAS, MCPHAILS, PROFLAME, AND SUBURBAN PROPANE COMPANIES, THE FOVG HAS ENTERED AN EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT WITH FERRELLGAS. THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDES A PRICE OF 0.78 CENTS PER GALLON OVER THE BAY AREA REFINERY COST OF PROPANE. ADDING THE OFFERED MARGIN OF \$0.78 CENTS TO THE REFINERY COST RESULTED IN A COST OF \$1.82 PER GALLON ON NOV. 20, 2008. (NOTE THE COST WILL DROP TO .70 CENTS PER GALLON OVER WHOLESALE IF MORE THAN 40 NEW CUSTOMERS SIGN UP). TANK RENT IS 20% OFF THE \$60.00 PER YEAR FOR TANKS UP TO 288 GALLONS AND 20% OFF THE \$90/YEAR CHARGE FOR LARGER TANKS. TO APPLY FOR THIS DISCOUNT CONTACT THE GUERNEVILLE OFFICE OF FERRELLGAS (707) 869-0634 AND IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A FOVG MEMBER. YOU DO NOT NEED TO LIVE IN VILLA GRANDE TO OBTAIN THIS RATE WHICH IS A SAVINGS OF \$1 OR MORE PER GALLON FRIENDS OF VILLA GRANDE IS PROVIDING THIS AS A BENEFIT TO MEMBERS AND DOES NOT ENDORSE ANY PARTICULAR PROPANE COMPANY.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

YOUR DONATION COUNTS! PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

FRIENDS OF VILLA GRANDE, A 501 (C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, IS DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF PATTERSON'S POINT IN VILLA GRANDE FOR USE BY RESIDENTS, NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS. YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION WILL ALSO HELP ENABLE FRIENDS OF VILLA GRANDE TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF THIS UNIQUE VILLAGE.

DONATION FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2008 – JUNE 30, 2009:

\$1,000	BENEFACTOR		
\$ 500	PATRON		
\$ 100+	FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: LIST BELOW*		
\$ 50	CONTRIBUTING MEMBER		
\$ 25	INDIVIDUAL MEMBER		
\$ _____	ADDITIONAL BEACH ACQUISITION DONATION		CHECK IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE SENT UPDATES BY MAIL OR EMAIL
\$ _____	TOTAL DONATION		CHECK IF YOU DO NOT YOUR NAME TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE LIST OF FOVG MEMBERS/CONTRIBUTORS

PLEASE LIST NAMES OF VOTING MEMBERS INCLUDED WITH THIS DONATION:

* _____ + * _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

_____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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LOOKING UP STREAM AT PATTERSON POINT - HISTORIC POSTCARD