

Knights Valley – Franz Valley Association

Membership Newsletter

February, 2012

Greetings from the valleys of Knight and Franz! We are off to a great start in the new year.....with more optimism than 2011 and a lot drier weather for sure! Your Board intends to push forward this year with new ideas and work harder to increase membership and activities. Stay tuned. Much is on the horizon and all of it is good.....tell your neighbors and friends to become more involved in community activities via the KVFV Association. Cheers!

Hello and here comes the Mardi Gras!



The largest fund raiser of the year for our volunteer fire department is the winter Mardi Gras in Calistoga. For those of you who have not attended this fun party now is the year to become acquainted! The big blast is February 11, beginning at 6pm, at the Calistoga fairgrounds. Tickets are \$35 at the door and include great music (Gator Beat and Sid Morris---Cajun style) and a buffet of deep fried turkey with all the goodies. Dancing, yes, and no-host bar, yes indeed! Come one, come all and support your local volunteer fire

department in a really fun event.....Oh, by the way, there is also a silent auction with good stuff to drool over! Have fun!

Dues are now due! We don't want to be the bearer of bad news, but yes, your dues for the association for 2012 are now due and actually delinquent in a few short weeks. At the last general meeting we voted to keep the dues at \$15 per person and \$30 for two adults who are property owners. This money helps to keep the association going and is essentially the vast majority of income we have. Since KVFV is a non-profit corporation, we want to donate any extra funds to help support our fire department, so the larger the membership, the more fundraising activities we can have during the year. Please send in your dues via check to: KVFV Association Dues, PO Box 902, Calistoga, CA 94515.

Board plans spring event. This year for the first time the board has elected to change-up the spring general meeting to focus more on a social event which will be a fund raising event and lots of fun. We will incorporate the spring general meeting for business matters into the Saturday event since we are required by our By-Laws to have

two business meetings per year. We think this will achieve several goals and keep everyone focused on having fun in a community setting and spending time with neighbors.....because, really, this is what we are all about! Stay tuned, and there will be more info coming shortly either by email and/or via our newsletter.

Association presents fire department with check from summer raffle.



This fall the board was pleased to once again present the fire department with a check from summer picnic raffle proceeds for a whopping _____.

Here, Association president Tom Eddy hands over the bucks to John Pelkan, chairman of the board of the Knights Valley fire department. From Mr. Pelkan's lips we heard, "We'll take it, by Golly"!

We think that means the department is pleased, and we are also, because it's a great feeling to support our guys in the field. You never know when you might yell "FIRE" and need the quick response from the boys in the big yellow truck!

Association may have new website. Holy Cow! The board has entertained an offer from Jeremy Gould, secretary Steve's son, to develop a website for the association. Jeremy presented his ideas to the board at the last board meeting in January. We got the first look at his handiwork and everyone thought it was a wonderful start. We anticipate using the site to post our newsletter, communicate back and forth on various issues, feature real time notices and articles that are topical, and a host of other things that could be incorporated into the site. There will be a lot of discussion moving forward now, and as the website takes shape, we'll keep you posted on all the changes. Within a few short weeks, we'll be able to let you know how to get on the site and "coach" everyone on how to move around within the framework and what to expect. Good going Jeremy...thanks for your time and commitment!

Board votes to drop the D&O insurance. After two years and many discussions and investigations, the board has decided to drop the directors and officers' liability insurance for board members. This has resulted in a savings of approximately half of our operating budget. Simply put, the insurance experts felt that each of the directors was covered under his or her own homeowner's insurance policies. The board agreed that the language in each of their boiler plate coverages was ample to defend against libel and slander, and that the likelihood of a problem clearly was not significant to warrant the high cost of the insurance.

Nominations are moving forward. Last fall, Steve Gould and Augie Grube, along with John Pelkan agreed to serve as the nominations committee for the election of two directors for the 2012 year (three year term). If anyone has someone they would like to propose for the board beginning this fall, they should let Steve Gould know (gouldmd@aol.com), or any board member. The committee will submit their nominees at the spring meeting. The terms for Robert Musante and Eugene Boyadjieff are expiring. The rumor has both men considering staying on....

Redwood creek bridge is FINALLY completed.



Everyone has rejoiced now that the road work is complete to rebuild the bridge at the corner of Ida Clayton road and Highway 128 by Peter Michael winery. My gosh, what a pain it was for the past two years to wait and wait at that light.....By the way, my colleagues have reminded everyone that the Maacama Creek bridge is also complete. Hallelujah!!

Regards from the board:

Tom Eddy, President Knights Valley
Secretary, Steve Gould Knights Valley
Jessica Link, Treasurer Franz Valley
Robert Musante, Member Franz Valley
Kathy Burton, Member Knights Valley
Eugene Boyadjieff, Member Franz Valley
Will Densberger, Member Knights Valley

