

The California Village News

Autumn 2021

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

October 12th, 2021

Ebersole Community Center
5701 Kellogg Avenue



As most of you know, we are in our 12th 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

VIRGINIA CORNELL HILES, grew up in California, daughter of Ray and Julie Hiles. Was a childhood friend of mine. Survived by daughters.

JANE WEAVER, Jane and Don moved here with their growing children and became part of our California family. Daughter Sallie and son Donny. Jane and I were great friends and we became part of the CHINA TOWN employees, and always made it to our California Reunions, sadly this

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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 2021

After a very unpredictable summer for me, wondering can we or not go thru with our annual event. Finally by September 1st I was feeling like I could handle the situation. Called Dave that we must go ahead with it, as some are anxious to make it. Once you stop may not get back again. Thanks to those who did and could make it. Very few from town but maybe they just aren't interested enough. The faithful Weavers always anxious to come all the way from Alabama, feeling bad that Mama Jane left us. Shirley was there to assist me as always, hoping for a few that attended school there, only two she and I.

First timers John Ayers and wife, who mother was Jessie Jones, a long time resident. The food was great - lots of Cane's chicken, potato salad, lasagna, bar-b-cue, baked beans, Sallie's famous

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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

Send us your birthdays! Email info@californiaohio.org!

2021 NSP

All of our projects are now completed for the year, this is the last quarterly newsletter, we have kept park mowed, thanks California Grounds Care, Kellogg planters were planted and watered, thanks Wimberg Landscaping! We also received some modest funds this year for our Ebersole utilities and CCC insurance.

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year couldn't make it.

TIM WALRIVEN, son of the former Joe and Betty Glassbrenner Walriven. Brother Jody just recently left us too. Part of the big Walriven family raised and lived on Penn Ave.

RUTH WALTON, we all love and knew Ruthie, resided here with family and grandchildren were raised here. Another of our CHINA TOWN girls, spent many years working with Ruth.

CHARLES SHOCKEY, long time resident of California, California School graduate, Moved to Florida after the war to raise a family. His heart was always with us in California and is one of our Navy shipmates on our Memorial. Charles and I both lost a great friend.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY FOR THE FAMILIES OF THESE FINE PEOPLE.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, California Historian

Entry Sign Work

FYI, Kim Leist has volunteered to upgrade the entry sign areas, this is a process that will take a little time. Signs are being repaired and repainted and some new plants will be planted in the Spring. Don't be too concerned with the cut back that was needed, some of the shrubs were a bit out of control, they will grow back healthier! Thanks again to Kim!

Go For The Gold !

**Ed Bridgeman, Pastor
California Community UMC**

I Cor. 9: 23 – 27

A couple of weeks ago we all gathered around our TVs to watch parts of the Olympics. Some marveled at the swiftness of the swimmers. Some at the prowess of the track and field athletes. And some wondered how the beach volleyball outfits could get any smaller and still be shown in prime time.

These events set me to thinking of how many times the Apostle Paul used athletic contests as comparisons to the trials of Christian life. Let's follow some Biblical lanes.

"But first strive for the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all things will be given you as well." Matt. 6:33

Many lose the race because they start at the wrong place. They base their Faith on a change of mind rather than a change of heart. We start a winning race when we start at the right place in the right way. We first must admit that we are incompetent of racing alone – we must admit that we are sinners and desperately need the cleansing forgiveness of God's Grace. (I John 1:9)

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice!" Phil. 4:4

Pessimism brings defeat. Many fail because of a negative outlook. They stumble and tangle up others in the race. We must have a winning attitude, looking for the good not the bad in our daily race. We pull ahead when we reach deep for the highest in us and then expect the best. (Phil. 4:8)

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LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY JUST CAME ACROSS

OUR FIRST TOWN HALL, AT THE CORNER OF ELDORADO AND KELLOGG (DIRT ROAD AT THE TIME).....THE TOWN HALL FELL INTO EVIL WAYS, BECAME A SALOON AND WAS FINALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE IN SPRING OF 1909. POLICE STATION BUILT IN 1910 IN SAME LOCATON. AND NOW WE HAVE OUR BEAUTIFUL LITTLE TREASURE, THE PIG CANDY, FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Historian.

HAVE YOU NOTICED WE HAVE A NEW MAIL CARRIER? PLEASE WELCOME HIM, GERALD LAYNE, A 7 YEAR NAVY MAN. GIVE HIM A BIG THANK YOU FOR HIS SERVICE AND HE DOES LIKE TO TALK WITH YOU.

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fudge, cheesecake, and much more. I discovered one of my family files was missing, but since have located. Someone used to make copies and forgot to bring back. I may have oodles of stuff but I do know what I have and it isn't there it worries me.

Dwight McMullen, Tony and Tom Scanlon arrived, Kay (my friend) Bess Carnes, Karen Bauer, The Woods, Rusty, Jennifer, and Judy and Denny Koehler. Tracy, Payton and Randy. Tom Horn, Rhonda, Jill, Meredith. John Verdin, Stephanie and Valerie Vaughan Bobby Weir, who was so excited over the history and want to come back soon and see more. Sorry if my memory forgot someone. I want to say I am sorry that the info and history I do have is not too well organized but I was not up there for several weeks.

Sadly I had to announce my good buddy, Charley Shockey, passed away few weeks before with me knowing it. Charley was one of the best and had to know everything that went on, would have loved to make it the last few years. Charley always had so many stories to pass on to me. He was one of our W.W. 2 heroes on our memorial and thinks maybe he was the last one to survive, not sure about that.

Some have called me after asking when it was, please try to remember I keep it at the same time so you can remember, the 3rd Saturday of Sept. We will continue to keep on going, if possible. If any need to know anything my home is like a Welcome Center and you can come anytime to ask questions or whatever. My town is precious to me, and so proud of all the progress we have made and will still be making. Will try to have the Heritage open a couple of Sundays if any are interested in finding something or just want to browse. See you next September if not sooner!

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Historian

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Thanks to Karen Nelson for the wonderful photographs.

California Community Council Meeting

September 14, 2021 / Respectfully submitted, Rhonda Betscher-Ruprich, Secretary

The meeting opened at 7:30pm with President, David Ross, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call indicated that Kathy Chandler and Joey Sheppard, were not present at the meeting. There were 19 members/residents, and 1 guest at the meeting.

Meeting minutes: The meeting minutes from the June 8, 2021, were posted in the last newsletter. A motion was made to approve minutes by Mike Christ and seconded by Doug Masters, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: No formal Treasure report.

Guests: The police report was given by Officer Kevin Butler covering period July 27, 2021, through August 23, 2021, with zero crimes to report. Drug Take Back will be held on October 23, 2021, at 6131 Campus Lane in Mt. Washington, to turn in any unused pills/drugs. No liquids can be taken. There is a Drop Box always available at District #2, 3295 Erie Avenue for those that cannot make it to the Drug Take Backs. If you see something, report it to Non-Emergency Police number is 513-765-1212. Reoccurring issues, please call Office Butler at 513-979-4481.

Old Business:

The California Reunion is to be held September 18, 2021, at 1:00pm.

The Open House for the Anderson Township "Kellogg Gateway Study" was on August 3, 2021. Much detailed information about the study can be found at andersontownshipoh.gov.

Dead Low has been given approvals to begin building their new deck off the back of the restaurant.

New Business:

David Ross is in discussions with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (owner of the Ebersole Center) about our lease of the building. They are asking us either to assume more expenses or find another location for our meeting and historical collection. To be fair, we do have a good deal, we only pay \$1 per year but are responsible for utilities and insurance. We are currently brainstorming how we can generate more income from the center or find another location. The consensus is to try to keep the building and cover more expenses. Any ideas on this subject will gladly be taken.

Queen City Rowing has rented the Center in the past and has expressed interest in renting the Center for more meetings and special events in the future.

In effort to help the area to continue to look nice at I-275 and Kellogg Avenue, Anderson Township has taken over the grass mowing from the ODOT.

Acknowledgement and thanks were given again to Kim Leist for her continued hard work with cleaning up the areas around the California signs on Kellogg at each end of town. Thanks to Kim, these signs are also being painted. Some existing plants were overgrown and some in bad shape.

New plantings will be planted in the Spring.

Gary Osterfeld to hold Open House at The Sanctuary at River Green at the end of Renslar Avenue September 24th thru the 26th, and again October 1st thru the 3rd.

Christina Goehrig with Pig Candy, who has prior experience with the Columbia Tusculum Street Fest, is checking into what steps are needed for a festival in our neighborhood next year. Different locations in town were discussed as to where the festival could be held.

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



**California Columbia
United Methodist Church**

Pastor Ed Bridgeman
5751 Kellogg Avenue
California, Ohio
513-934-9070

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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*"Now we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making His appeal through us..." II
Cor. 5:20*

Many never leave the pack of runners because they seek only selfish temporal gains. They are "average" – the best of the worst in us and the worst of the best. Winners win by reaching out in front. And, to Christians, that means reaching out to others, helping the less fortunate, witnessing to the lost. (Phil. 2:16)

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness..." II Tim. 4: 7, 8

Those who run the wrong race for the wrong reasons will lose the race – AND their souls. Their destiny is sealed. Those who run in the name of Christ Almighty will surely be rewarded with the crown of victory, of life, of eternity in the presence of God. How we run, why we run, when we run are all right there between the starting line and the finish. The entire world is watching our race - even if it's *not* covered on cable.

So, run the good race. Go For The GOLD!

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