

The California Village News

Spring 2012

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

April 10th, 2012

Ebersole Community Center
5701 Kellogg Avenue

Planned Agenda

- 1) Call to order by President
Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Minutes
- 3) Treasurer's Report
- 4) Police Report
- 5) Guests
- 6) Old Business
- 7) New Business
- 8) Adjournment

California Heritage Foundation

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 Reunion/ Community Celebration

Hold July 1st open for this get together of past and present residents of California as we celebrate the community's rich history. To be held at the Ebersole Community Center / old California School. Details to follow. Stay tuned!

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.



HISTORY OF STANLEY CLIFT POST #563

5777 KELLOGG AVE
(This is a continuation of Stanley Clift Post 563 article from Winter issue).

January 1958 a regulation pool table was purchased and Past 4th District Commander attended our meeting and commended us on our 5th year of successful operation as a Legion Post. In February 1 958 the membership held a religious program in the California Methodist Church commemorating the Four Chaplains, this program was called the Back to God program. September 1959 a group from the post met at Bill Richey's farm on Sundays for a picnic and to build the dunking machine. November 1959 Bob Bloomhuff obtained ceremonial rifles from the

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**Birthday
Greetings to our
Community
Members and
Friends**



April Birthdays

2nd Chelsie Shepherd
3rd Amber Jackson
4th Randy Roberts
6th Morgan Shepherd
13th Brandi Blankenship
23rd Bryan Keller

May Birthdays

10th Erin Davis
12th Mike Christ
19th Tina Hale
20th Brittany Birmingham
21st Richard Jordan
23rd Dave Ross
24th Darryl Christ
24th Jessica Roberts

June Birthdays

6th Sara Williams
6th Kathleen Chandler
13th Norman Betscher
14th Stephen Ross
16th Vanessa Shepherd
24th Dwayne Shepherd
26th Erin Shepherd
26th Karl Clark

2012 NSP/NBD Projects

The city has increased our nsp and nbd funds this year for the first time in a long time! Over the past 6 or 7 years the funds have dwindled from \$10,000 each to \$2,000 last year. This year we qualify for \$5,000 for both nsp and nbd! At December's CCC meeting, all typical projects were voted for but now with more adequate funding for each project. Thanks to Invest in Neighborhoods for their hard work lobbying the city administration on behalf of the neighborhoods!

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Recent Obituaries

CHARLES H. FRAZIER - Longtime California resident, 3 Navy hitches, W.W.2, peacetime and Korean War. Beloved husband of Jackie (Kiuzniczci) passed away on March 3, 2012, age 87 years. Father of Chuck of Atlanta, Jill Hehn, 4 grandchildren, Kristina, Ryan, Matthew and Bradley. Charles moved here at the age of 14 and vowed that he would never live any other place. Military honors at Kentucky No. Veterans Cemetery in Williamstown, Ky. One of the few W.W.2 vets left on our memorial.

ROY PANGALLO - Beloved husband of Diane Woods Havey, Vietnam Veteran, passed away March 7, 2012. Resident of California and lived on Kenwood Ave. Father of four and many grandchildren. Roy passed away on the day we were having services for Charles. Buried also in Williamstown Ky. Veterans Cemetery.

DAVID BROWN (JAKE) Former resident of California lived on Croslin St. growing up. He leaves a daughter, Karen and a son and grandchildren. Jake's brother, ART, was our Korean War Casualty in the 50's. 3 brothers and 1 sister still living. Was a cousin of Gladys Clark Hehn and was 76 yrs. old.

DOROTHY SMITH - Wife of the former Bob Smith who lived here in the 50's next to the old service station (now used cars). Dottie was 86, had 3 children and grandchildren. Bob and Jack Smith were both W.W.2 vets from California. Jack also was a W.W.2 and Korean vet.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THESE FAMILIES.

Message from Charles Frazier to his many friends and family.

THE SUN IS SHINING BRIGHTLY, BLUE SKY, AS I TAKE MY LAST JOURNEY. I SEE THE BUGLER ON THE HILL PLAYING TAPS WELCOMING ME HOME. MY NAVY BROTHERS ARE WAITING TO SALUTE ME. MY NEPHEW, FROM THE HONOR GUARD, IS CARRYING MY CASKET, SURROUNDED BY DEAREST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I HEAR OUR LORD'S PRAYER AND THE STRONG WINDS COME IN AS I AM CARRIED TO MY SHIP TO BE WITH MY SHIPMATES AGAIN AND I AM HOME. TO ALL MY BELOVED FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS YOU HAVE MADE MY JOURNEY COMPLETE AND I WILL TREASURE ALL OF MY MEMORIES OF US. I AM HONORED TO HAVE HAD YOU AS FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND HAVE A SAFE AND LONG JOURNEY.



From One Fine Gentleman, Charlie Frazier. March 2012

History of Stanley Cliff Post #563

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Dept. of the Army to be used by the post in ceremonies and parades. July 1960, the day before the Annual Festival, Donald (Duck) Hehn fell to his death at the water works. This was a sad blow to the membership and we faced the festival with and evident sadness in everyone's heart, because Duck was very active and thought very well of by all the membership.. However, the festival did go on, because we all knew Duck would want it that way.. October 1961 we decided to sponsor a life membership for George Wittenberg. Therefore he became the first life member in the post. Also at the meeting in October 1961 Bob Bloomhuff announced that Gary Ladriagan had lost his life while serving his country in Germany.

December 1962 the children's Christmas Party was changed from St. Jerome Hall to the Legion Hall. In 1963 3 members were chosen to oversee the storing of Civil Defense supplies for the community, these three people are Gene Bradford, Charles Frazier, and Frank Childs. On March 1, 1963 the commander appointed Charley Frazier chairman of the Civil Defense shelter program. Also in 1963 a porcelain and steel sign was obtained by the post to hang over the entrance to the hall.

March 1964 the post donated flags to the classrooms of the Holy Angels school. April 1964 the post purchased a juke box from the Loveland Post. Bob Bloomhuff presented the post on behalf of the American Red Cross a framed certificate commending the Legion post for assisting in the flood refugees of the 1964 flood. Bob also was elected commander of the Hamilton County Council. Jan. 1965 the Hamilton County Council invited the Salvation Army to attend the meeting of the council at our post. This meeting was held in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Salvation Army. March 1965 Bob Bloomhuff sent letters to the Congress in behalf of the post protesting the proposed closing of 12 V.A. hospitals. July 1965 Commander Frank Childs was presented the post of distinction award for the post. and November Commander encouraged the members to get out and get Korean veterans to join the post. In October 1966 the dues were raised from \$5.00 to \$7.00.

February 1967 our last God Star Mother, Mrs. Alice Smith, passed away. November 1967 Frank Childs with a committee consisting of Oddie Abbott, Ralph Frazier, Charley Frazier, and Arnold Fields erected the flag pole and Frank Childs did the fancy rock work around it. November 11, the membership held a formal flag raising ceremony commemorating the first flag raised on our new pole. In December a committee of members started paneling the hall. And Earl Daniels was hired to put a new roof on the hall.

January 1968 the Legion again took over sponsorship of the Boy Scout troop. March 1, 1968 Larry Abbott was voted into membership in the post, and thus became the first Viet Nam veteran in the post. April 1968 the post won the National Commander's meritorious service award. March 1969 Norman Betscher and a committee rearranged the kitchen. April 1969 post members assisted the 4th Dist. Commander, Howard Miller, in handing out 17,000 American Flags to teenagers who attended the Teens for Decency Rally at the Cincinnati Gardens.

May 1969 the Legion members of Stanley Cliff Post lost a good friend, Dick Carnes, who lost his life in the Ohio River trying to save his son from drowning. Also in this tragic episode Mrs. Jo

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California Community Council Meeting

March 13, 2012 7:30 P.M.

Role Call:

The meeting opened at 7:30 P.M. with President David Ross leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call of officers was read and found that Diane Havey, Kathy Chandler, Mike Christ and alternate Bess Carnes were not present at the meeting.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Hilda Davenport, seconded by Jo Shepherd to suspend the reading of the meeting minutes due to the absence of the Secretary. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Joey Shepherd and seconded by Diana Weir to suspend the reading of the Treasurer's Report due to the absence of the Treasurer. Motion passed. David Ross did indicate that there had been no activity this month, so funds are maintained at February's level. All 2011 nsp/nbd checks had been received and account back to normal.

Police Report:

Police Officer Germaine Love gave the police report. There was 1 offence during the last report period. Officer Love noted to be particularly careful on St. Patrick's Day for people that may have been drinking. She also reported that the Run for Joe event will be on Saturday, May 26th. (Memorial Day weekend.) Bicyclists will be on Kellogg from Coney to approximately Wilmer, from about 7:00—8:45 am. If you need to come or go from town during this time, use Waits and Kellogg towards 275, or even better, avoid Kellogg entirely if possible. There was much discussion about properties in town that are very unsightly with trash, junk cars and possibly running a business contrary to zoning codes. Officer Love will check into the issue. There was also extensive discussion about issues which start this time of year, open burning, speeding, quad runners and dirt bikes, etc. There is concern that California doesn't get much attention from the police department. Officer Love to bring issues to her superiors and Dave will follow up with phone call.

Guests:

Mark Ayer from River City Sports Complex was present to introduce himself and explain his operation and open dialog with the neighborhood. He would like to be a good neighbor and avoid problems with previous operators. He said his operation will be family oriented with kickball and sand volleyball in addition to softball. He said a restaurant will be open to anyone and will offer better quality and options than usual ballpark food. See his website for additional information www.rivercitysportscomplex.com. He asked for support of his liquor license. No one present had any objections as long as he continued the open, positive relationship with the neighborhood.

Old Business:

Dave Ross is putting together the nsp and nbd proposals for this year. The neighborhood is eligible for \$5,000 nsp and \$5,000 nbd. The contracts should be approved by early April. Projects available include park mowing, streetscape maintenance, website maintenance and newsletter editor. Additional flags will be purchased for Kellogg and some funds will be available for Ebersole furniture/equipment.

New Business:

The Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for Sunday, March 25th at Ebersole. Lebos will be providing the goodies for the plastic eggs. There was discussion about the amount of potholes in town. Hilda has been in contact with the maintenance department and will stay on them. As many people as possible should call the general number and report the holes, using specific street addresses to locate the hole. We should be up soon for a total repaving. Dave will also check with the city. There was continued discussion about a community picnic / reunion / celebration held at the Ebersole Center potentially on July 1st. Since our last meeting we lost 2 great Californians who were spouses of CCC board members, Charlie Frazier and Roy Pangallo, husbands of Jackie Frazier and Diane Havey Pangallo. Our hearts and prayers go out to the friends and families.

With no further business before the council, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jo Shepherd and seconded by Hilda Davenport. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
David S. Ross
President

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Carnes heroically made a daring attempt to save her husband and son. Then Miss Rhonda Betscher, a child of 8 years with the composure of an adult heroically steered the boat in the raging Ohio River until she herself was rescued. December 1969 the membership paid the last payment on the mortgage. April 1970 Bob Bloomhuff awarded the Auxiliary a plaque on behalf of the Legion Post for their outstanding and dedicated work at the Cincinnati V.A. Hospital and especially for their work at the Christmas Gift Shop for the veterans in the hospital at Christmas time. April 1970 Joe Pruhs, Sr. was appointed Deputy 4th Dist. V.A. chairman at the Cincinnati V.A. Hospital.

(This is the end of this history, don't know if someone continued on with further events, I do not have it in my files)
Post was sold in 1983, for lack of membership.

Jaackie Kuzniczci Frazier, Calif. Historian

**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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California Community Council

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NSP and NBD Contracts Available

Newsletter Editor 2012

Responsibilities include coordinating and gathering information, writing articles, coordinating printing and delivery.

Park Maintenance

Includes regular park mowing of 5+ acre park, emptying trash receptacles, picking up litter.

Streetscape Maintenance

Includes maintenance of gateway landscaping, street trees and planting and maintenance of planter boxes of Kellogg Avenue Streetscape.

Graphic Designer

To maintain and update the California Community Website.

Contact CCC President David Ross, 624-6257 for detailed specifications for the above mentioned contracts. Professional licensed and insured companies only please.

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