

The California Village News

Winter 2012

Next Meeting of the
California Community Council

7:30 P.M.

January 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

HISTORY OF STANLEY CLIFT POST #563 5777 KELLOGG AVE

(This article will be published in a couple of issues of the newsletter in order to get all the info the history of California)

Frank Childs (former resident of Calif.) then commander of the East End VFW Post met with some veterans of California to discuss the possibility of forming a veteran organization in California. At the start there was considerable controversy over whether to form a VFW Post or a American Legion Post. It was finally decided to have a Legion Post because it would give more veterans a chance to belong to the organization. So on March 3, 1953 the first meeting was held and

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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 Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the
California Community Council



no cost for residents
10 years or younger

Sunday March 25, 2012 2:00 pm

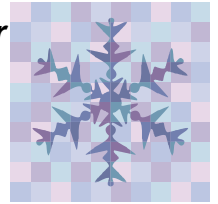
Ebersole Community Center

Everyone Welcome!

Treats and Prizes
Bring your Easter Basket
or Bag!
No early-birds please.



Birthday Greetings to our Community Members and Friends



January Birthdays

30th Mariam Clark

February Birthdays

4th Tim Birmingham
4th Carmen Chandler
6th Peggy Nave
7th Shelby Gambrel
10th Rusty Woods
11th Jo Shepherd
12th Billy Jo Woods
14th Greg Williams
15th Brittany Havey
15th Selinda Jordon
16th Jodie Christ
18th Destany Roberts
19th Chad Beier
25th Ray Roberts, Jr.

March Birthdays

3rd Alexis Beier
3rd Betty Ritterholz
7th Roy Alsept
9th Bob Finn
12th Ron Woods
27th Charles Frazier
31st Diana Weir
31st Sally Hartman

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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History of Stanley Cliff Post #563

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the Charter was closed. Also at this meeting elections were held and the first officers were elected, they were Commander Gene Bradford, 1st Vice Edward Hehn, Adjutant Harold Holt, Finance Officer Donald Hehn, Sgt. of Arms, Jack Hilge, Chaplain George Dragoo. Then the dark clouds of disbelief hung over our young American Legion Post, because of the stigma attached to the fact that previous to this time other organizations had tried to organize in California, but failed within two years. So many said openly that we could not survive more than two years as a Legion Post. However, we had our hearts set and we were determined to be successful. The first meetings were held at the D of A Hall (which later became theirs). It was voted by the membership that we held 2 meetings a month on the 1st and 3rd Mondays.

At the June meeting two names were suggested by the membership for the post be named in honor of. The first man from the area who lost his life in World War II was the first to be suggested, but when his mother was asked if we could honor her son in this manner she asked that the post not be named after her son because she thought that in passing the post she would be reminded of how her son lost his life. Therefore the second name to be suggested was Stanley (Pete) Clift the second man from the area to lose his life in defense of his country in W.W. II. Stanley Clift's name was then chosen to receive this honor.

In June 1953 the post colors were purchased. August 1953 the post bowling team was formed. Sept. 1953 the membership voted to hold meetings the 1st and 3rd Fridays. Our permanent charter was received in January 1954. On March 19, 1954 the post held a celebration to mark the birthday of the American Legion, at this celebration the 4th Dist. Commander Ruddy Gruber presented us with the charter. January 1955 Allen White (resident) was appointed to organize a disaster team. Feb. 1955 John Yowell read the proposed By-Laws of the post and they were voted on and adopted by the membership. Also in Feb. 1955 the Post was incorporated. March 1955 it was decided by the membership to find another place to meet and move from the D of A Hall. April 1955 Commander Ed. Hehn was presented a trophy for obtaining quota. This trophy was a gavel bell, inscribed Stanley Cliff Post 563. June 1955 a ball team was formed, which was to be composed of paid up members who wished to play on the team. Sept 1955 it was decided to go along with the suggestion to form a club outside the Legion called the Legionnaires Friends Club. This club would be made up of men who were not eligible to belong to the Legion who desired to help the Legion, and that they would not be a part of the regular Legion, but would have the opportunity to associate with us and meet in our hall. December 1955 we discussed the possibility of buying property to be used as a legion post. Jan. 1956 two pieces of property were suggested but were turned down by the membership. March 1956 we looked at a camp on the Ohio River bank, but this was turned down by the membership. April 1956 we de-

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cided to buy the D of A Hall at 5777 Kellogg Ave. May 1956 the Mt. Washington Bldg. and Loan Assoc. was asked to finance the mortgage. Oct. 1956 Harry Leist was appointed chairman of a delegation to close the deal on the hall. This group consisted of Harry Leist, Ralph Frazier, Eudell Jones, John Hemer, and Neil Kaylor. So the hall was purchased from the D of A and financed by the Mt. Washington Bldg. and Loan Association. November 1956 the lot adjacent to the hall on the west side was purchased from the California Methodist Church for \$250.00. Sept. 1957 repairs and remodeling of the hall was started by the members.

Next part to appear in the next issue of California News.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier, California Historian

RECENT OBITUARIES

SHAWN RHODES, JR. infant son of Shawn and Anna Rhodes of Eldorado Ave. Leaves behind sisters - Kaitlyn and Sarah Rhodes. Beloved great grandson of Georgia Weir. SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY. HOW SAD TO LOOSE A SWEET LITTLE BABY.

GEORGE NAVE, husband to Peggy Nave. George lived here in California since the 40's. Brother of the late Sylvia, Robert, Harold, and Tommy Nave. Mother and father both lived here until their deaths.

JOSH HARRISON - Beloved son of Les and Sandy (Walton) of Berte St. He leaves his brother Jeffrey, mother and father. and many cousins and aunts and uncles.

VIRGINIA LANTER LATHAM, passed away on Dec. 27th. Wife of the late Ralph Latham. Daughter of Wilbur (Sam) Lanter, sister Joyce Rouse and brother Jerry Lanter. 2 sons - Bob, Dave and daughter Linda. Lived in California for many years until moving away after marriage. Had many relatives that lived here in California over the years.

THERESA DANIELS SMITH, daughter of the late Earl (Hookie) Daniels, Jr. Theresa lived on Eldorado Ave. for a while before moving away. Leaves children and grandchildren. Daniels family still have the Daniels Roofing Co. located next to Lebo's. A lot of the Daniels family lived in California over the years.

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. We rely on tax deductible membership contributions 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 or volunteer, contact David Ross at 513-624-6257 info@californiaohio.org or Jackie Frazier at 513-231-4402 jackie-frazier@aol.com.

California Community Council Meeting December 13, 2011 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 Jackie Frazier were not present at the meeting.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Hilda Davenport, seconded by Bess Carnes 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 funds were low due to end of year invoicing for nsp and nbd projects. When that invoicing is completed, funds will be back to normal.

Police Report:

There were no police present for a police report.

Guests:

There were no guests present.

Old Business:

Thanks to David Thiem for putting up the holiday flags. This has been a huge help since previous volunteers were no longer available.

David Ross said he would volunteer to be the prime contact on the Mayor's Recycling Challenge, Bess Carnes said she would also help. This is an effort to increase recycling participation city wide. California already has a 70% participation rate. Neighborhoods will receive cash depending on their success. We receive \$100 just for participating. Lebo's has indicated that they would be interested in looking into recycling.

We would like to thank Joey Shepherd for coordinating the holiday party. We would also like to thank Lebo's for stepping up and providing a cookie tray for the children.

New Business:

NSP and NBD projects were voted on. David Ross made a motion, seconded by Hilda Davenport for the following:

NBD: Beautification / Streetscape

NSP: Newsletter, Beautification / flags, Park Maintenance, Website, Ebersole. Motion passed.

Elections were held. David Ross made a motion for the following slate of officers, seconded by Hilda Davenport: President / David Ross, Vice President David Thiem, Secretary / Diane Havey, Treasurer / Kathleen Chandler, Board of Governors / Mike Christ, Jo Shepherd, Hilda Davenport, Jackie Frazier and Diana Weir. Motion passed.

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

Respectively submitted,

David S. Ross

President

California Community Council

Notes form Jackie

THANKS TO ALL FOR THE PRAYERS, GET WELL WISHES, CARDS, AND WONDERFUL FRUIT BASKET THAT I RECEIVED AFTER MY HOSPITAL STAY IN NOVEMBER. I AM DOING GOOD NOW AND CAN BE BACK TO DOING AS I DID BEFORE, JUST LEARNING TO REST SOMETIME. I LOVE ALL OF YOU GOOD FRIENDS, RELATIVES AND NEIGHBORS.

FOR THOSE WHO NEED TO DO SOME SERIOUS WALKING, THE MT. WASHINGTON REC. CENTER ON BEACON ST. CAN ACCOMMODATE YOUR NEEDS. FOR 10.00 A YEAR YOU CAN WALK THE INDOOR WALKING TRACK, AT ANY TIME DURING THE DAY. I JOINED AND FIND IT WONDERFUL, WALK AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE TO BUILD UP YOUR STRENGTH.

WHAT A GREAT SIGHT TO SEE THE WORK THAT IS BEING DONE ON THE BALL FIELD AND BUILDING. THEY ARE DOING A GREAT JOB OF RESTORING IT AND I SURE HOPE THAT THE THIEVES STAY AWAY FROM US, WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF THEIR ANTICS. WON'T BE LONG UNTIL THINGS START OPENING UP.

Jackie Kuzniczci Frazier

**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

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Vice President	David Thiem
Secretary	Diane Havey
Treasurer	Kathleen Chandler

Board of Governors

Mike Christ
Jo Shepherd
Hilda Davenport
Jackie Frazier
Diana Weir

NSP Coordinator: Kathleen Chandler

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