

The California Village News

October / November 2008

**Next Meeting
of the California
Community Council
7:30 PM
October 14th, 2008
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

**ST. JEROME CHURCH
spaghetti dinner
October 26**

The Rosary Altar Society will be sponsoring a delicious meatball and spaghetti dinner including salad, garlic bread, beverage and dessert on Sunday, October 26 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall at 5858 Kellogg Avenue.

Donation is \$5.00 for adults, \$2.50 for ages 6-12 and free for age 5 and younger. Carryouts available. Call 231-7042 for any information.



Birthday Greetings to our community members and friends.

October Birthdays

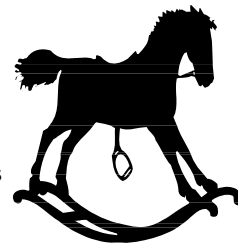
1st Robbi Christ
1st Peggy Keller
12th Brittany Finn
16th George P. Wardlow
16th Alisha Secen
16th Ashley Secen
24th Kris Weir
26th Diane Havey
28th J. Thompson, Jr.
29th Jill Hehn
31st Corey Secen

November Birthdays

5th Bill Christ
6th Rhonda Ruprich
20th Billy Pilerton, Jr.
20th Brittany Birmingham
22nd David Christ
24th Jessica Roberts

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to new parents, Amanda and Matthew Zuber who live on Eldorado Ave. Baby Xavier is bouncing, healthy boy and has even attended the Council Meeting at just two weeks old. Again, congratulations and a big welcome to Xavier!



RECENT OBITUARIES

JESSIE JONES AYER, former California for many years. She was the daughter of Raymond and Mildred Jones, sister to Wanda Lanter, Eudell and Elmer Jones. Mother of five and many grandchildren

RICHARD E. FRAZIER, brother of Charles Frazier and resided here while growing up. Married to Mary Jane Bass (raised in Calif.) and father of thirteen children. 85 years old. Many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Son of Ennis and Gladys Frazier.

MELVIN NASH (DICK), former California, raised in California and went into the Army from Calif. Another of our vets listed on our war memorial. Both Dick's parents were residents of California and had earlier relatives to reside here. Survived by wife, Betty, and 3 children and many grand and great grand children.

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60th ANNIVERSARY

Seems like it was just yesterday that I was writing about our 50th and here it is past the 60th. Jill surprised us again with a wonderful party at River Downs. At last count there were at least 130, attending and stopping in to congratulate us. Just to think 60 years ago we had our wedding in Calif. at 5844 Panama St. and some who were there also attended both occasions. I would like to thank all who came, partied with us, wished us luck, and a special thank-you to Jill, Shirley, and Bonnie Sweeney. Bonnie you are something else. She took over 125 pics, put them in an album and then put it on DVD. What a professional job, BONNIE, YOU COULD GO INTO BUSINESS. I was so emotional seeing everyone that I hadn't expected to see. A picture was taken by track photographer with everyone without exception. Even, BAILEY THE BASSETT, was included on it.

THANKS AGAIN EVERYONE, I JUST DIDN'T GET AROUND TO PROPERLY THANKING EVERYONE DUE TO THE SICKNESS OCCURRED WITH CHARLES.

Some said they would see us at the 70th, but that is stretching it quite a bit.

Jackie

BUSY SUMMER

Seems like summer was just approaching and now here it is well over with. We were able to enjoy Coney Pool quite often early on, but the latter was hindered do to Charles illness. After the anniversary, Charles developed a problem and ended up with surgery, from an obstruction in his colon and turned out to be colon cancer. He is now taking chemo treatments and hopefully will put it in remission. I have to say I was sorry to have to cancel the annual picnic, but I was just not able to follow through with it at the time, being tired and exhausted. Will try to continue this next year when things calm down.

One of the things that Chas. told the doctor's was he wanted to attend his annual ship reunion in Sept. They agreed this was important to his healing and went along with it, even scheduling treatments around the date. He is doing good - he drove to Washington, D.C. and back with no problems and partied with his shipmates for 4 days. While there we visited the WW2 Memorial, which is always awesome to see. The Navy Memorial Foundation knew we were attending and set up a program at the Lone Sailor Monument, attended by the Adm in charge of the foundation. Charles, along with two other shipmates sat along side the Admiral and was escorted to the Lone Sailor statue to place a memorial wreath in

memory of our shipmates that have gone in the last few years. I must say this was shot in the arm for him. The same day we traveled to Arlington Cemetery and visited many famous people, the graves of Jack and Robert Kennedy and to attend the CHANGE OF GUARD at the TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER.

What an inspiration to see and watch, such dedication by these fine young men. For those who have never been to the capital, please try to plan it into your life at some time. The drive is only 8 hrs. and was no problem at all, traffic was light until the D.C. area. Best thing is sign up for tour buses when you get there as it can be a problem driving around. Forgot we lunched at the famous UNION STATION, reminded me our Union Terminal in its time. Still a working terminal with people arriving and waiting for trains.

Each year the reunion becomes less and less of our WW2 shipmates but families of a lot are joining us and they are enjoying it. After all the WW2 vets are leaving us at a rate of 1200 or more a day, so enjoy them while they are here. If you do not know much about their exploits you should try to talk to them and find out info before it is too late. I THINK THAT CHARLES IS THE ONLY WW2 VET LEFT IN CALIFORNIA!!!!

Thanks to all those, that I may have never gotten around to thanking for celebrating with us at the anniversary. So, now my friends, I must say I have to put the OLD BLUE GOOSE, to rest for another year, it is like a Ever-Ready battery it just keeps going and going, trudging up Kellogg Ave. in the hot summer months. FAREWELL TO SUMMER AND LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SUMMER.

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2009 NSP/NBD Projects

Come to October's CCC meeting to discuss projects for 2009 NSP and NBD funds. Each neighborhood is allowed up to \$7,000 NSP and \$9,000 NBD per year. We generally use the funds for beautification, the newsletter, Ebersole Center, etc. We will vote on projects at December's meeting.

California Community Yard Sale Success

It's been a year since the first community yard sale fundraiser was held to benefit the The California Heritage Foundation. This was the third of the bi-annual event. The CHF would like to thank all those that participated. The monies that were raised will go toward funding the mission of the organization which is to..."collect, exhibit and foster the historical, and cultural heritage of California." In practical terms, the funds will assist in paying utilities and general upkeep of the Old California School, which will be home of the organization as well as other community uses such as California Community Council and California Development Corporation. Thanks again to all who participated as well as volunteers Joey Shepherd, Diana and George Weir and Krystal Alsept.

Look for the next sale which will be the second Saturday in April, 2009. More information will follow in the February newsletter.

California Children's Holiday Parties

The California Community Council sponsors annual parties for California children during certain holiday seasons. These parties are held at the Old California School (or Ebersole Center) completely free to neighborhood residents and usually include snacks, small gifts, etc. In order to provide age appropriate gifts we would like to get a "feel" for children who might be interested in attending and their respective ages. Please call Jo Shepherd at 232-0230 and give her the names and ages of your children. If your children would like to attend the holiday party in December please call Joey by November 1st to provide us enough time to make necessary preparations. This will be a big help. Thanks.

California Heritage Foundation Update

Serious lease negotiations are underway with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission for the Old California School / Ebersole Center. The goal is to have things worked out by the first of the year, but the timing of City reviews are beyond our control. The current terms being discussed are a lease for \$1 per year with the community being responsible for utilities and routine maintenance within the building. The CRC would continue to maintain the site and any major repairs to the building or grounds. The community would then have the option in the future to take over even more responsibility including all repairs, maintenance, etc. and at that point could sub-lease a portion of the building to assist with expenses. Stay tuned.

California Website Coming Soon Development Under Way

By the end of the year, California should have the beginnings of a website up and running. A committee including Jo Shepherd, Dave Ross, Jackie Frazier, Diana Weir and Krystal Alsept have been working with Graphic Designer Lisa Keuthe to develop a website which will provide a broad overview of the neighborhood. What will be produced by year's end will be only the beginning. Information will be able to be added over time and the potential is exciting.

There will be a home page which will provide an overview and access to 4 sections, the California Community Council (CCC), the California Heritage Foundation (CHF) and the California Development Corporation (CDC), as well as a link section to other websites such as California Woods or California Golf Course. The CCC page(s) will focus on general information on the neighborhood, the CHF section will include information on the history of California and CDC on the businesses.

The group started by researching other neighborhood websites, and liked the ones that included photographs and attractive graphics, so our site will have many photographs and fresh graphics representing the various neighborhood groups. The web address CaliforniaOhio.org has been reserved. Some sample pages will start to be posted while it's being developed even prior to the end of the year.

Many people don't know much about California so the hope is that with this website we can reinforce to neighbors as well as show those from outside of the community, what a special place California is. The hope also is that we can improve communications and eventually provide more information about what's going on around town. Again remember, this will only be the beginning so it will start small but we will be able to add to it over the years.

The Website effort is being funded through the City of Cincinnati's NBD program.

**Everyone enjoy the Fall Season along
the river valley and
have a SPOOKY
Halloween and a
GREAT Thanksgiving.**



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SERVICE SCHEDULE

9:30 AM Sunday Service

The California Village News is a publication of the California Community Council and published bi-monthly. The deadline for contributions to the CVN is the 20th of the month for inclusion in the following issue. The CVN welcomes letters to the editor or relevant articles and reserves the right to publish any or all submissions based on space available and appropriateness. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the California Community Council, Board of Governors or it's Officers. The CVN is partially funded by the City of Cincinnati Neighborhood Support Program Fund.

MASS SCHEDULE

- 5:00 PM Saturdays
- 9:00 AM Sundays
- 11:00 AM
- 7:30 PM Tuesdays
- 7:30 PM First Friday

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