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**Choices to Make Here, There and Everywhere--Cast Your Votes!**

November 1992 Issue

## **Save Mt. Tam Fund-raiser on October 17 a Glorious Success!: \$3,822 net so far & more coming**

Special thanks go to Del Goetz and her MWPCA committee members who worked tirelessly (sometimes tiredly) to create the most successful fun(d) raising event in the association's history & one of the best parties.

Over 100 people attended the dance and potluck dinner on October 17th at the MWPCA Clubhouse. Several long-time residents commented that it was the best event we've ever had and that the Clubhouse never looked as good as it did that evening.

Everyone had a great time dancing to the music most graciously donated by vocalist Annie Whitehurst and her group. She was backed up by guitarists Robert Manzanedo, Steve Berno and Jeff O'Shammon with Bill Keaney on drums. They were superb and we thank them for a wonderful evening of entertainment.. (If you want to contact Annie for future engagements, she may be reached in Los Banos at: 209/826-6256.)

The event was a very successful social event as well as a financial success. MWPCA has grossed \$4,533 so far. After deducting expenses of \$710.80 we have netted \$3,822.20 to add to our Save Mt. Tam Fund.

And, it's still not too late to make your contributions--we still need \$2,178 to meet our target of \$24,000 for the radio system.

Remember to vote on November 3 and to vote for your 1993 MWPCA Board Members by November 13.

## **Annual Election Meeting and Potluck Dinner**

**Fri., Nov. 13, 1992  
MWPCA Clubhouse**

6:30 NO-HOST BAR  
7:00 POTLUCK DINNER

A - E Salads  
F - K Breads  
L - P Desserts  
Q - Z Entrees

8:00 MEETING  
8:30 Speaker: David Bierman  
IS YOUR HOME A SAFE ENVIRONMENT?

**Annual Meeting Friday, November 13 (oh no!)** This is the annual potluck and election meeting and will be the first annual meeting of the reincorporated association. There will be a short business meeting at 8:00 PM to go over the results of the balloting.

The evening program is being presented by the MWPCA's Environmental Health Committee, which is studying the role of electromagnetic fields in the incidence of cancer in our area. So far there have been significant electromagnetic fields found in every cancer house studied.

At 8:30 PM David Bierman of Safe Environments will talk about how he determines whether homes and offices provide a safe environment. He will discuss the things he looks for--improper wiring and other causes of dangerous electromagnetic fields, pure water, ground contaminants, gases, and other pollutants. He will go over the techniques, instruments and tests he uses.

## ***President's Column: We've Got to Accent the Positive...***

Sometime during the excitement of our Octoberfest fundraising event, an elderly longtime Club member said, "You know, the Club's exciting again--and we've made a lot of worthwhile progress this year!"

I honestly didn't give her comment much thought until another volunteer, during Clubhouse clean-up duties said, "Our life is so inundated with bad news--this Club involvement makes me feel great."

They're both right.

Too often we overlook the positive news around us and dwell much too much on the negative. This applies also to our Club--albeit a small element in what shapes our daily lives. While we can complain about what we've still got to accomplish and who's not helping us, a recap of what we've achieved this year is impressive:

We've increased membership and improved meeting content and attendance. We're financially solid.

We've seen a massive clean-up effort on Ridge Avenue and in the Clubhouse area thanks to strong neighborhood cooperation. These efforts have also occurred along Panoramic Hwy, Mt. View and Monte Cimas.

We've improved communications. Our newsletter is highly informative as well as an excellent new member prospector. Our Club involvement with necessary Fire, City, County and other neighborhood agencies is strong and viable.

We are vitally involved and a vanguard in the repaving of Panoramic Highway and the installation of a needed Alert Siren at the Throckmorton Ridge Station.

We've established an Environmental Health Committee to explore the potential dangers of electromagnetic fields, radar and microwave facilities in our area.

We've established a "Save Mt. Tam" Committee to create awareness of our neighborhood fire danger condition, as well as raise funds for a communications system.

To date, we've received a \$12,000 pledge from the County, a \$5,000 neighborhood achievement grant from the Marin Community Foundation, and a \$500 grant from the San Francisco Foundation. Finally, our successful Octoberfest event contributed about \$3,800 to our fire safety cause.

So... the bottom line is that we've got a lot to be happy about. Thanks go to many--our Club Board, our County Supervisor, the County Public Works Department, our Local and County Fire Personnel, the City of Mill Valley, and many others.

You should feel proud of what the Club has accomplished for our community and the Mountain.

Oft times, good news starts at home.

--Richard Popson, President

P.S. This is being written late in the evening of October 19th and as I look outside it's raining...even more good news.

## ***Wrench Your Weeds, Not Your Back***

The MWPCA has purchased two medium-large weed wrenches--wonder tools capable of pulling just about any woody plant pest you can name. They're mechanically elegant, people-powered machines that use leverage to multiply your muscle. You might not move the world with them, but you sure can dispose of a lot of broom.

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## ***Tax Bills Come--But What's the \$10 Assessment for Mosquito Abatement?***

According to Charles Dill, Manager of the Mosquito Abatement District at 566 N. MacDowell Blvd. in Petaluma, they used up all their reserve cash cleaning up DDT at their previous site in San Rafael. It cost \$1,500,000 to clean up the mess and we have to pay for it as well as for giving them additional working capital. For more information call Charles at 1-800-231-3236.

## Report on October 23rd General Meeting

**Business matters:** No business was conducted because we need a quorum of 25 to vote. The item of business that was to have been voted upon will go to voting members in the form a written ballot measure--along with the ballot for 1993 Officers and Board Members.

Dick Popson and Del Goetz reported on the success of the fund-raiser and how much money we currently have committed towards the emergency alert system:

Previous fund balance (approx.)	\$ 500
Dance/Raffle October 17	3,822
San Francisco Foundation	500
Marin Community Foundation	5,000
County Commitment, Giacomini	12,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,822</b>

**We only need to raise another \$2,178 for the radio station and whatever it will cost to get another siren in place.**

**Program:** Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station Captain Frank Neer talked about what we need to do to build a strong safety network in our area. One member pointed out that millions of tourists come through here every year and that fire and safety people spent much of their resources serving them. The consensus was that our County Administrator, Tom Campanella doesn't seem to take that into consideration when allocating resources and that we need to remind him of that. The Burton Act funds should be dedicated to our area in addition to local budget allocations, not in lieu of them.

Capt. Neer answered questions about why we don't have the new defibrillating equipment that most of the city and town fire and rescue units have. He commented that the budget freeze denies funds for new equipment--in spite of the fact that it has a low price tag and does an incredible job (\$5,000/unit is a small price to pay for a life!!)

Capt. Neer pointed out that there are problems at Marin General's Emergency Service because the head of the Trauma Unit has to be personally responsible for the user of the equipment. We decided that we have to deal with a foolish policy and that we should take action to have that requirement changed.

## Members and Community Contributors to MWPCA October 17 Fund-Raiser

**Committee Coordinator:** Del Goetz !!!  
(She did a bit of everything, that included finding our entertainment--a fantastic band, Annie Whitehurst & the Riverboat Gamblers)

### Publicity/Tickets

Telephone sales:

Lila Daniels  
Les Draper  
Beth Popson  
Constance Richardson  
Erika Teahan  
Stella Winn

### Prizes

Dick Popson  
Keith Papulias  
Del Goetz

### Bar

Barney Lenheim  
Marie Annette McCabe  
Sterling Lenheim  
Bob Olson

### Kitchen

Stella Winn  
Sue Lenheim  
Sue Lopez

Anne Nisson-Hokanson  
Virginia Soper

### Decorations

Lucile Withington  
Donna Lowe  
Steve Coleman  
Keith Papulias  
Larry Jager  
Dick Popson

### Reception

Clif Davenport  
Kathleen Delehanty  
Lynn Hindley  
Bill Daniels  
Stewart Hindley

### Parking & Crowd Control

Peter Hindley

Jim Campbell

Michael Gonsalves

### Cleanup

Peter & Lynn Hindley

Del Goetz

Lucile Withington

Michael Reiss

Barney & Sue Lenheim

Bob & Ellie Olson

Dick Popson

### Special Thanks to Community Members for their Contributions:

**Michael Cummings:** Poster design, 383-8001

**Bernie Moss,** Marin Graphic Arts: Photos/paper, 332-3153

**Marc Bruvery,** Paradise Printing: Printing tickets. 492-9565

**Peter Carisetti,** Tam Print: Printing posters, 381-5522

**Save Mt. Tam Octoberfest Prize Donors and Winners**  
**Sponsored by the Mulr Woods Park Community Association**  
**October 17, 1992**

**A very special thank you from MWPCA to all the generous donations made from those in our community and to all those who bought tickets!**

<b>Prize</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Winner</b>
1 week time share anywhere in the world	Sue & Barney Lenheim 998 Edgewood Avenue MV	Shelley Bavero
\$50 gift certificate	Caprice Restaurant 2000 Paradise Drive, Tiburon	Gary Giacomini
Photograph of Mt. Tam	Glenda Gentry 7 Washington Park, MV	Nancy Ballard
1/2 cord of wood (delivery not included)--pick up at yard	Marin Arborists (Ken Bavero) 611 Glenwood Avenue, MV	Mabel Rae Wharton
10" cheesecake	Fasanova Dolce 631 Edgewood Avenue, MV	Carol Stein
\$25 certificate	Whole Foods 414 Miller Avenue, MV	Shawn Moreno
Assorted California Wines Gift Pack (3 bottles)	Mill Valley Market 12 Corte Madera, MV	Joanne Hively
Dinner for 2	The Cantina 651 E. Blithedale, MV	Bill Haggerty
\$10 certificate	Clean Look Cleaners 743 E. Blithedale, MV	Peter diGrazio
Model A ride on Mt. Tam	George Cagwin Cagwin, Seymour & Hamilton Realtors 206 E. Blithedale, MV	Bill Johnson 554 Marin Avenue, MV
Stuffed animal	Carol Bacon--Lawson-Dyer Pharmacy 230 E., Blithedale, MV	Leslie Draper
4 sessions of body work	Mike Lopez--Body Image 641 E. Blithedale, MV	Jim Merchant
Children's smoke alarm Fire extinguisher Smoke alarm	Marin County Fire Station 816 Panoramic Hwy, MV	Meyer/Jewitt Bob Bednarz Lisa Zenker

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Overnight Sun.-Thurs.	Lynn Saggese--Mountain Home Inn 810 Panoramic Hwy, MV	Leslie Cook
Fishing pole & full gear	Constance Richardson 120 Marin View Ave, MV	Nancy Ballard
3 bottles Fetzer champagne	Lucile Withington 568 Panoramic Hwy, MV	Marie Annette McCabe
Light chiropractic massage	Sharab Bogen 130 Marin View, MV	Howard Schardt
\$25 gift certificates	Dowd's Barn (Del Goetz) 157 Throckmorton, MV	Dory Bassett, Clif Davenport John Carrier, M. Wordschon
\$25 certificate	Mill Valley Lumber 129 Miller Avenue	Clif Davenport
21" doll	Dear Cee Cee 1038 Redwood Hwy, MV	George Duke
\$25 Gift certoficate	Wilbur Lee, The Pet Club 508 Tamalpais Dr, CM	Yvonne Jaffe
1 massage	Molly Jones 383-8639	Linda Lockwood
\$25 certificate	Bob Greenberg--True Confections, 17 Madrone, MV	John Carrier
Overnight campsite at Pan Toll	Ron Angiers--Mt. Tam State Park 801 Panoramic Hwy, MV	Nancy Davis
\$50 gift certificates	Jan Rubenstein--Living Foods 149 Throckmorton, MV	Lila Daniels Pete Wilson
Their book: The Space Quest Companion (with latest Space Quest 4 computer game)	Peter & Jeremy Spear 696 Panoramic Hwy, MV	Del Goetz
3 computer games each for Macintosh, IBM, and Amiga computers	Peter Spear 696 Panoramic Hwy, MV	Mabel Rae Wharton Dick & Beth Popson Jane Camp
Overnight at Blue Victoria Inn B&B + dinner at Pelican Landing Inn, Westport, CA	Seawolf Publishing	Roy & Evonne Diner



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## **Recognition for Residents who Contributed to the Save Mt. Tam Benefit**

Many residents and friends contributed generously, and we want to acknowledge them here for their support:

### **Cash Contributions of \$25-\$99:**

Michael Ansel  
Mr. & Mrs. Edw. C. Bassett  
Ruth & Jim Bramell  
Polly Carter  
Bill & Lila Daniels  
Timothy Daniels  
Clif Davenport  
David M. Deimer  
Heinz Heling  
Jack Helsper & Denize Springer  
John & Anne Hokanson  
Dr. Nicholas Johnson  
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Merle & Peggy Smith  
Mark Spitalny  
Rick & Jodie Upjohn  
Jack Vogenson  
Barbara Weitz  
Mabel Rae Wharton  
Pete & Sandra Wilson  
Howard & Stella Winn

### **Cash Contributions of \$100 or more:**

Del Goetz  
Peter & Lynn Hindley & Family  
Virginia Meyer  
Gage Schubert

**Additional substantial contributions were made by residents who donated prizes for the raffle. See enclosed sheet.**

## **Successful new Writing Team is Launched**

Congratulations to Peter & Jeremy Spear on the publication of their book: *The Space Quest Companion*, published by Silicon Valley Osborne/McGraw-Hill. Rare indeed is a father-son writing team. Congratulations!

## **Thanks from All of Us to Max Janoff...**

...for donating a beautiful teak bench (Smith & Hawken) in memory of his deceased wife Gladys. Max would like the bench to be placed outside in the view area, so we need to come up with some innovative ideas about how to secure it so it can't be stolen and how to discourage those who might want to make their own dedication engravings on the bench.

## **Current Real Estate Listings**

Thanks to Kathleen Delehanty at TRI Realtors (388-4516) for this update of listings on the mountain. She says it's still a great time to buy:

### **New Listings:**

465 Edgewood Avenue	3br	1ba	210,000
474 Panoramic	3br	2ba	349,950
620 Amaranth	2br	2ba	390,000
295 Panoramic	2br	2ba	429,500
73 Ridge Avenue	4br	2ba	845,000

### **Pending**

628 Amaranth	3br	3ba	419,500
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### **Active Listings**

16 St. Jude	2br	2ba	379,000
190 Edgewood Avenue	2br	2.5ba	439,000
130 Marin View	4br	2.5ba	449,000
569 Edgewood	3br	2.5ba	474,500
98 Washington Park	3br	2ba	479,000
430 Panoramic	4br	3ba	580,000
280 Edgewood Avenue	3br	2ba	595,000
530 Panoramic	2br	2.5ba	895,000

### **Lots**

140 Redwood Avenue	79,000
120 Redwood Avenue	99,800
84 Cypress	150,000
65 Marin View	199,000
484 Panoramic Hwy	200,000
0000 Edgewood Avenue	549,000

**This is still a great time to buy!** Values have depreciated and loans are better than ever (the lowest in 20 years).

Jumbo Loans (over \$200,000) 8.5%

Conforming Loans (under \$200,000) 8%

(These figures are quoted by Keith Papulias, our resident mortgage broker here on the mountain. Contact him at his home office: 383-0269.)

If you would like an analysis of listing prices compared to sales prices in the area, or for any other information, please contact Kathleen Delehanty at: 388-4516.

## 1992 Officers and Board Members

President	Dick Popson	388-1135
Vice Pres.	Peter Hindley	388-7252
Treasurer	Cliff Davenport	383-3892
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Corresp. Sec.	Del Goetz	388-8493
Directors	Jim Campbell	381-9320
	Lila Daniels	383-8422
	Kathleen Delehanty	388-4516
Past Pres.	David Schonbrunn	383-9321

## Standing Committees

By-Laws	Del Goetz
Clubhouse Maintenance	Peter Hindley
Community Relations	David Schonbrunn
Public Safety (Co-Chairs)	Bob Scheibach Dick Popson
Environmental Health (Interim)	Del Goetz
Membership	Kathleen Delehanty
Newsletter	Lila Daniels
Social	Stella Winn & Keith Papulias
Tot Lot	(open)

## Welcome to Our New Members

Bette Antor	PO Box 611 Tiburon 94920
Joseph C. Friedman	75 Marin View, MV
Michelle & Normand Groleau	149 Edgewood, MV
Yvonne Madera-Jaffe & Robert H. Rovin	64 Monte Cimas
Forrestel L. (Foo) Kennedy	61 Ridge Ave., MV
Dr. Michael P. Joseph	4 St. Jude, MV
Jane & Gary Marshall	574 Panoramic, MV
Earl H. Motley	766 Panoramic, MV
Roger P. Scharmer	8495 Old Channel Trail, Montague MI 49437
Gage A. Schubert	455 Panoramic Hwy

## Clubhouse Rental Rates

	Weekday	Weekend
Member	\$ 50	\$ 75
Non-Members	100	300
Non-Profit	75	175

The new contract form stresses fire/smoking, parking, noise and maintenance regulations. All paid contracts honored at the old rates.

## MWPCA 1992 Calendar

<u>Nov.</u>	1	Institute of Integral Studies
	4	MWPCA Board Meeting 8:00 PM
	11	Environmental Health Committee Meeting 8:00 PM
	13	Annual MWPCA Election Night/ Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM
	14	George Dukes
	15	Ora Hathaway
	26	Ruth Bramell
<u>Dec.</u>	3	Mtn. Dwellers Network 5-7 PM
	5	Mt. Tam Interpretive Association
	13	Adult Christmas Party
	19	Children's Christmas Party
	20	Tourist Club Christmas Dinner
	31	New Year's Eve Party

## Mountain Dwellers Network: Thursday, December 3 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Here is another opportunity to get together to share the "thrills and chills" of living and working on the mountain. Those previously attending have found them to be beneficial--we have some impressive neighbors involved in such enterprising activities as financial management, management and organizational development, writers of advertising copy and novels, marine biologists turned general contractors--and more. If you're curious (and you should be...) come join the group.

## Parenting Network

Our purpose is to get "mountain" families involved with each other, to explore our universal concerns, pool our talents and resources, and develop programs that can benefit parents and children alike.

We will explore baby-sitting/day care issues, Clubhouse safety needs, children's party events, parents/family seminar groups, car pooling networks, etc.

Our first aim is to do a member canvass to develop family profiles and explore interests as well as areas of concern. This will be done within the month. For more information and to help our network, call Beth Popson at 388-1135.

**Lookout Deadline:** Friday, November 13 is the deadline for the December issue.



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