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## CHIEF'S CORNER

The first month of 2018 has come and gone. We are entering the last part of the rainy season and so far, the precipitation totals have been a little disappointing. Continued lack of rain will most likely usher in a dry, severe wildland fire season. Let's hope the rain clouds make their presence known in February and March!



**HELP WANTED**  
**The Mosquito Fire Department is looking for new Volunteers!**



Do you know that our paid staff works from 8 AM to 5 PM? Do you also know that from 5 PM until 8 AM the next morning, our response to medical and fire emergencies rests on the shoulders of our small cadre of VOLUNTER firefighters? So, for 16 hours each day we rely on our volunteers. This isn't something new, it's been this way since the District was formed.

We need volunteers! If you are intrigued by the idea of working long hours under dangerous, uncomfortable and often filthy conditions, wearing unfashionable and cumbersome clothing, being dragged away from friends and family with no notice, all for absolutely no financial compensation - then you may be a perfect candidate to become a **Mosquito Fire Department Volunteer Firefighter!**

We are looking for new talent to join the department and reap the benefits of helping friends and neighbors when their need is the greatest. The most important attribute of the successful volunteer firefighter is the willingness and ability to make the commitment of time and energy that is necessary to do the job. **Come to the Fire Station and check us out!**

**WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?** Here's a recap of our 2017 calls for service:

Medical	70	Vegetation/Debris Fires:	25
Public Assist	65	Vehicle Fires/Accidents:	9
Hazardous Conditions	6	Smoke Checks:	12
Structure Fires	4	Other Agency Assists:	3

You could be a part of this activity, so please give some thought to becoming a volunteer.

**The next MFPD Board meeting is Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.  
You are welcome to attend!**

## **MOSQUITO VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION (MVFA)**

By the MVFA Board of Directors

Bingo is back in 2018, on the fourth Thursday of the month, and this month it's **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Games start at 7:00 PM at Frank's Diner. Half the game proceeds go to the game winners and half goes to the MVFA Community Funds. Frank will provide food at a special Bingo price. Frank also offers catering, at the cafe or at your home. The café, patio and pavilion are also available for family events and club outings. Call Frank for more information at (530) 409-1977 or visit: [www.franksmosquitodiner.com](http://www.franksmosquitodiner.com).

Many rural communities across the country have non-profit organizations like MVFA: Granges, clubs, churches, community centers, etc. Like MVFA, these organizations are designed with a primary purpose, to provide an opportunity for community service, friendship, and support. They are comprised mostly of volunteers willing to do the work necessary to continue the mission of the organization. MVFA is not a political organization, nor is MVFA designed or intended to compete with any other local charities. MVFA recognizes that people are always free to support causes and organizations of their choice.

MVFA operates as a public benefit corporation pursuant to the laws of California. The state gives much latitude to the operations of 501(c)(3) organizations. For example, these charitable organizations:

- Choose how many and what officers are on the board.
- Choose who is and is not eligible for offices.
- Choose how the officers are elected.
- Choose who can vote for the officers.
- Determine different levels of membership and who can or cannot be members within the bounds of non-discrimination.
- Decide what functions and voting rights the various member categories have.
- Establish criteria for the removal of a person as a member based on the board's sole discretion.

Based on the information outlined above, the MVFA board is taking the next few months to review and make changes to its By-laws. The present By-laws are a carryover from its pre-2006 days as the 501(c)(4) Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) which purchased the Finnon Lake property. Once complete, the by-law changes will be presented to the community.

Since the Finnon Lake dam was rebuilt, MVFA's financial responsibilities have increased significantly. MVFA was liable for back fees and penalties totaling over \$40,000. Additionally, there is an annual dam inspection fee of almost \$8,000 and property taxes and insurance amounts of over \$3,000 annually. **The primary reason for reorganizing as a 501(c)(3) and changing its name to MVFA was to separate these financial liabilities from district taxpayers.**

MVFA is organized as a non-profit tax-exempt entity to support the Finnon Lake property and is funded entirely by grants, donations, fundraisers, rents and fees. MVFA receives no tax revenues, nor any dues money from SCPOA. As per IRS mandate, MVFA gives no cash nor has any financial connection to any non-501(c)(3) organization or to the Mosquito Fire Protection District (MFPD). MVFA has no paid employees and operates mostly with volunteers who donate their own time and often their own money to make our community a better place. If you would like to enhance your membership in MVFA, please become a volunteer.



If you can't volunteer, please consider a donation to MVFA. We have a community fund designed to help neighbors in need, and the MVFA Station 75 Fund that provides funds to purchase tools and other

items at the Chief's request. And there are always maintenance and improvement projects at the Fire Station and at Fannon Lake Recreation Area. MVFA is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations may be tax deductible. A letter stating your donation will be provided on request. Send your donation to MVFA, 9009 Orval Beckett Ct., Placerville CA 95667.

If you have any questions about MVFA, please attend the MVFA Board of Directors meeting on the first Thursday of each month at Frank's Diner. At the meetings, you can obtain correct information about MVFA and its committees, legal obligations at Fannon Lake, events, and volunteer opportunities.

In the meantime, please visit both MVFA websites for legal, historical and event information: [www.GoMVFA.org](http://www.GoMVFA.org) for by-laws, mission statement, *Mosquito Byte* online and upcoming events. Visit [www.fannonrecreationarea.com](http://www.fannonrecreationarea.com) and click "EVENTS" for the 2018 MVFA events schedule. Click "ABOUT" for the message board and historical information about Fannon Lake Recreation Area and MVFA. Or call Tom Harris at 642-2333 with any questions about the campground and/or Day Use facilities. Call Dave Angelo at 621-3688 with questions about the lake, fishery, and wildlife or to obtain a Resident Annual Day Use Pass. Or contact the board at [mvfa95667@gmail.com](mailto:mvfa95667@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support.

**Please join us for the MVFA Board meeting on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Frank's Diner.**

## **SCPOA REPORT**

by Roger Stenbock

SCPOA is fortunate this year. At this year's election on **February 10<sup>th</sup>**, we have six volunteers from our community willing to serve on our board for three open positions. The person who takes on the role of SCPOA board member is a special individual with many different motivations. These people may be public-spirited, single-minded, power-seekers, or simply there because their spouses encouraged them. While different motivating factors exist, all share one trait. It's a kind of willingness to step out there and be all you can be, to borrow a phrase or two. For the volunteers joining the board this year consider this:



### **Take charge as a Board Member**

Sitting on the board puts you in a position of risk, power, responsibility, and visibility that singles you out as a player in this world. You're willing to take risks, action, and responsibility. You see the value of being a part of what's happening rather than being a bystander; a part of the silent majority. You're willing to get out on the dance floor and do your best. When you're on the dance floor you've got to move your feet. If you're moving your feet, you're participating and learning and contributing. You get better as the months pass and then you begin to lead. You make a mistake or two and the passage of time makes it all right. Sometimes it takes a few more ticks of the clock than other times, but then there are always the other directors and officers and SCPOA policy to fall back on. Feel the satisfaction of working with a group of public-spirited neighbors trying to do the right thing for the community. Feel the pride when things go right. Don't look for neighborly thank yous. The reward comes from inside. Nobody really is watching, just your comrades across the boardroom table who share the same risks and rewards as you.

### **Do the Right Thing**

Put your full commitment into the job and do the right thing. Do that which will allow you to sleep at night. Your neighbors have put their trust in you. They may love you or hate you regardless of how

careful you tread, so make your decisions and go forward. Recognize that this temporary situation in which you find yourself is a unique opportunity to significantly impact your community's lifestyle, your neighbor's well-being, and most importantly, your own sense of self-esteem and self-worth. Don't leave anything on the table. Don't look back with "shoulda, woulda, coulda." Do what you believe is best and live with the consequences. You'll be right most of the time and the miscues will resolve themselves. Remember you are not alone. There are six other directors plus the TMT manager. If you do your best to do the right thing, your community will be better off because you served.

I encourage you to vote for the candidate of your choice.

**The SCPOA Annual meeting is Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Station.  
The regular SCPOA meeting is Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.  
You are welcome to attend!**

## **MS75**

By Lisa Hampton

We're about a month into the New Year, so I suppose it's time to check in on those resolutions. How are yours going? This year, I decided to change things up. Instead of doing the same old "lose weight," "eat healthy," and "get organized" type of resolutions, I opted for BE MORE AWESOME and I have to say, it's going pretty well!

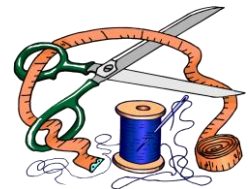


If you, too, want to be more awesome, come down to the Fire Station on **Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** at 8 AM for our first pancake breakfast of the New Year and I'll show you how. Of course, if your resolution was to be healthier, you can jog a few laps around the station before coming in for a well-deserved breakfast. And we'll be adding oatmeal to the ever-growing list of options, so as long as you don't put too many chocolate chips in it, as I am wont to do, that'll count as your healthy eating. You can stick to your resolutions and support your local firefighters all at the same time. Hope to see you there!

## **CRAFTERS**

By Sharon Hern

If you're a "crafter" or just one of us who can do simple (?) cut, paste/glue, paint, etc. jobs, you are encouraged to come join us at our Craft Meeting. There's the fun of learning new crafts, meeting new friends, coffee, and goodies. This will be our first meeting of 2018---**February**. This is our planning meeting where we set the dates for our Craft Sales this year and determine the projects that we will be working on.



Our craft meetings are generally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month from **10 AM to 12 PM** at the home of Darlene Rood, 2211 Swansboro Road. Hope to see you on **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**.



## **Fannon Recreation Area Daily Passes**

Daily use passes are now available for purchase. The one year pass is \$50.00 and expires on the 1st of January 2019. The 2 year pass is \$75.00 and expires on the 1st of January 2020. Please contact Dave Angelo at (530) 621-3688 for information about or the purchasing of these passes.

## **BIRDING AT FINNON LAKE**

By Dave Angelo

The Finnon Recreation Area Bird Watch is held on the third Saturday (**February 17<sup>th</sup>**), of each month starting at the Pavilion at 9:00 AM. This is a leisurely walk around the lake and takes about 1.5 hours. The community is welcome to join!

Here are the results from the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting:

8 Canada Goose	6 Mallard
2 Bufflehead	6 Common Loon
6 Pied-billed Grebe	6 Double-crested Cormorant
2 Bald Eagle	1 Red-tailed Hawk
40 American Coot (Red-shielded)	3 Killdeer
3 Anna's Hummingbird	1 Acorn Woodpecker
1 Red-breasted Sapsucker	3 Northern Flicker
3 California Scrub-Jay	2 Dark-eyed Junco
1 Spotted Towhee	8 Red-winged Blackbird
3 Lesser Goldfinch	



Number of Taxa: 19

## **Frank's Diner**

By Frank Etheridge

**NOTE: Frank's Diner will be closed on Sunday, February 18th.**

Here is what we are planning for this month's Family night dinners:

**February 7<sup>th</sup>** *Chili and Cornbread*

February 14<sup>th</sup> \*\*\* NO FAMILY NIGHT\*\*\* We will have a Special Valentine's Dinner Menu. (See below.)

**February 21<sup>st</sup>** *Baked Ziti*

**February 28<sup>th</sup>** *Asian Sticky Ribs with Stir fry veggies and steamed rice*

\*\*\* The Valentine's dinner menu is up and running on our website. We are asking you to pre-order from the menu, so we can get a more accurate count on how much to purchase. Check out our menu online at: [www.franksmosquitodiner.com](http://www.franksmosquitodiner.com) or call (530) 409-1977.



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**WANTED!!! ALL CA CRV ALUMINUM CANS, BEER BOTTLES AND PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES.**

Please drop off bags from 8 AM - 5 PM at the Fire Station. Please consider this option when you organize your recycled materials. (Sorry, wine bottles do not have CRV, so we cannot use them)



NOTE: Lids/Caps on plastic and glass CRV containers **MUST BE REMOVED** before they can be redeemed. If you have a chance and can remove the lids, it will sure help the recycle volunteers.

**MVFA THANKS YOU!**



# Molten Lava Cakes

By Frank's Diner

February is not only the month of love, but the month of chocolate. Try this decadent dessert for Valentine's Day or any day you need chocolate. Top these gooey-center, intense chocolate desserts with powdered sugar.

## Ingredients

2 tablespoons butter  
8 ounces bittersweet chocolate, coarsely chopped  
3/4 cup butter  
3 eggs  
3 egg yolks  
1/3 cup granulated sugar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour  
Powdered sugar

## Directions

1. Using the 2 tablespoons butter, grease six 8- to 10-ounce ramekins, soufflé dishes or custard cups. Place ramekins in a 15 x 10 x 1inch baking pan and set aside.
2. In a heavy small saucepan, combine chocolate and the 3/4 cup butter. Cook and stir over low heat until chocolate melts. Remove pan from heat and set aside.
3. In a large mixing bowl, beat eggs, egg yolks, granulated sugar and vanilla with an electric mixer on high speed for 8 to 10 minutes or until thick and lemon colored. Fold one-third of the chocolate mixture into egg mixture. Fold remaining chocolate mixture and flour into egg mixture. Spoon about 2/3 cup batter into each prepared ramekin, dividing evenly.
4. Bake in a 425 degree F oven about 12 minutes or until cake edges feel firm. Cool in ramekins on a wire rack for 2 to 3 minutes.
5. Using a knife, loosen cake from sides of ramekins. Invert onto dessert plates. Sift with powdered sugar. Garnish with fresh raspberries and mint leaves if desired.
6. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.



## CLASSIFIED ADS

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**LOCAL Farm** seeking manure source. Specifically Goat, Sheep, llama or Alpaca. Please contact Ryan at Goat Mountain Farms. 530 497 4279 or [goatmntnfarms@gmail.com](mailto:goatmntnfarms@gmail.com)

### MEETINGS

**MOUNTAIN FELLOWSHIP** – Meet new friends, get refreshed and restored. Join us for challenging Bible study, fun events and worship here in Mosquito. We meet Sunday mornings 10 a.m. at 3342 Stope Drive and throughout the week. Check our website [www.mfom.net](http://www.mfom.net) or call (530)295-0503. (0618)

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Come See Us at

# Frank's Diner

Open Wednesday to Friday 11am to 8pm  
Saturday and Sunday 8am to 8pm

Check the calendar for the weekly Family Dinner  
Specials!

We also have Take and Bake Pizzas!!





# February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>MVFA Board Meeting</b> 7 pm Frank's Diner	2	3 <b>Support group</b> 10am
4	5	6	7 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> <i>Chili &amp; Cornbread</i>	8 <b>MFPD Board Meeting</b> 7 pm Fire Station	9	10 <b>SCPOA Annual Meeting and Election</b> Fire Station
11	12	13	14  <b>Frank's Family Night</b> <i>See Article for special dinner</i>	15 <b>SCPOA Board Meeting</b> 7 pm Fire Station	16 <b>Crafters</b> 10am Darlene Rood	17 <b>Birding at Finnon Lake</b> 9 am Finnon Lake Pavilion
18	19 	20	21 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> <i>Baked Ziti</i>	22 <b>Bingo</b> 7pm at Frank's Diner  <i>See Article for Dinner Specials</i>	23	24 <b>MS 75 Breakfast</b> Fire Station 8 am
25	26	27	28 <b>Frank's Family Night</b> <i>Asian Sticky Ribs with Stir fry veggies and steamed rice</i>	1 <b>MARCH</b> MVFA Board Meeting 7pm Frank's Diner	2	3

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