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Petaluma Estates Homeowner's Association

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 For urgent park issues, call the office.
 For questions re: bills, clubhouse use, etc.
 call the office.

**For police or fire emergency
 call 911**

**For all non-emergency reporting
 issues use the following:**

**Police Department Dispatch—
 Call 707-762-2727 Or
 Call 707-778-4372**

**Fire Department Dispatch—
 707-778-4390**

707-778-4372 This is also the number to
 use when calling for any reason from a
 cell phone—add it to your contacts!

Officer Dario Giomi
 Voice Mail: 707-781-1237

**Have you fallen and need
 assistance to get up?**

Call 707-576-1371

**A service provided by the
 Petaluma Fire Department**

LIFT TEAM

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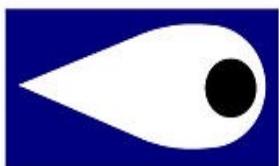
Spring Yard Sale!

Save the date!

May 16th!



NEIGHBORHOOD



CRIME WATCH

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

with Caring Neighbors

Continue to be vigilant and caring of your neighbors.

For more information or suggestions,

Contact: Carole O'Brien, ChairPerson for NW/cn

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Petaluma Estates Homeowner's Association

General Meeting February 6, 2020

Meeting was called to order.

In Attendance: David Zacks, Fred Hilchey, Kathy Thomsen, Patti DellaBruna, Judy Bufano, Arlyn Serber, Pat and Mike West, June Hudnall, Nancy Jamarck, Cecilia Myers, Luise Pommermayer, Ellen Reinhold, Sarah Young, Rhonda Hobbs, Tom Gorman, Cheryl Gorman, Maggie Carlson, Lucy and Bert Childs, Bill Rainey, Philip Paskal, Bruce Pearson, Donna Lewis, Carol George, Lilyan Frank, Muriel Truett, Nickloa Frye

Items discussed:

New look to the Clubhouse interior. You might have noticed that the Clubhouse interior has a new look. Utilizing some vases from the PEHA and from under Nickola's sink, some doilies, and some fake flowers, Pat West and Nickola created a more welcoming look to the Clubhouse. Other items are scheduled to be added - a table with a jig saw puzzle for all to do, some pictures, etc.

Stephanie Stone who is recovering from hit & run incident in the Park is looking to have some company. There is a sign-up sheet on the PEHA bulletin board in the hall. She will contact each person when she is feeling strong enough and when she has time.

Website is up and live! The URL is petalumaestates.com.

Nickola Frye has created a great web site. The picture of the present-day Park was taken by a drone flown by Nickola's Son-in-Law who is a professional photographer. The Observer can be read on-line. You can e-mail the manager, connect with Real Estate agents for homes for sale and other things on this great new site.

For Neighborhood privacy, the September Phone Book will **NOT** be available on line.

The Park is paying the monthly payment for the URL.

Street Sweeping – is now done on Saturdays. Contract is with original company, and the sweeping is much better.

Library – we need someone(s) who will take charge of the library – restock books, clear out and donate when there are too many, and keep library neat and tidy. Patti Della Bruna and Pat West have agreed to shelf books on Monday morning and Thursday afternoon. Please let Nickola know if you would like to help.

Popcorn Machine - \$60 donated – current cost is \$130 for a really good size machine. Popcorn packets for 8oz are approximately \$1.00 per kettle full (40 packets for \$39.99). Would also need a scoop (\$15.00) and 1000 bags (\$24.99).

Flyer and notices copying – Cartridge and paper were purchased. Copies can be made by asking Nickola. Please do not bother Toni or John as their office is a business office. The copy machine is available to Nickola after hours.

Friday Soup – Will continue to make soup on the first Friday of each month.

Food Delivery – A list of residents who need soup, breakfasts and/or dinners delivered to them has been generated. We are looking to include shut ins, those with health needs, etc. We need one or two delivery persons. We did this for the January Breakfast and Nancy Jamarck, who did the deliveries, report that all recipients were delighted to receive the meals. Several residents said that they would love to attend events, but cannot drive – Arlyn Serber and Nancy Jamarck said they could do this. If you know of anyone in this situation, let Patti Della Bruna or Diane Pimentel know. Sarah Young suggested that the Salvation Army Thursday delivery could also be added.

Board Meetings – For those who do not know, there is a regularly scheduled board meeting that takes place on the Tuesday, at 9:00, before Thurs General Meetings. Everyone is invited to attend. This is the best place to bring up concerns, ideas, and suggestions.

PEHA Clubhouse Bulletin Boards are for PEHA activities, event notices, etc. Residents should contact PEHA before putting up notices. There are many other bulletin boards which are for non - PEHA items, including the four kiosk bulletin boards. These bulletin boards are available to any Park resident. It is a good idea to have a date on any notices posted.

Treasurer's Report for PEHA: Total \$1,946.09 See page 9 for Sunday Breakfast breakdown.

Emergency Plan – There are still some areas that don't have team leaders. If you are interested in volunteering to help out, please contact Sarah Young. See PEEP report on page 6.

Sunshine Report by Ellen Reinhold. Page 9.

Hospitality Report by Nancy Jamarck. There are 8 houses for sale now in the park.

GSMOL report Diane Pimentel, Page 4 for Conference info and page 6 for election info.

Neighborhood Watch: Carol O'Brien could not make meeting but Lilyan Frank reported for her. There seem to be more cars than ever in the Park and there is much concern that many are going too fast. If you have a delivery and notice that the Amazon delivery person was speeding in the Park, report this is the questionnaire on line.

Games at the Clubhouse: Patti Della Bruna, Pinochle at 12:00 pm every Monday and Pedro at 6:pm the first and third Thursday of each month. If you are interested in Poker, let Lilyan Frank know.

The next Board meeting is Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, March 3.

The next General Meeting is Thursday, March 5th. At 6:00pm there will be free Bingo night with prizes before the meeting which starts at 6:30pm.

INFORMATION FROM MANAGERS

Clubhouse and Pool Area will be open by 8:00 each day. Park agreement states 9:00, but John Waterman, Toni Latorre, and Johnny Reyes will open the Clubhouse and the pool area by or before 8:00 each day.

Large DUMPSTER/Garbage Area – Please do not leave garbage outside of the locked gate. It blows all over and is a mess to clean up. The Dumpster Area will be open in the mornings and locked in the evenings. After hours, weekends, and holidays a key can be obtained from the office or from Nickola Frye. Always remember to lock the gate if you unlock it.

Do not leave appliances or furniture. Contact Sarah Young and she will take pictures of appliance or furniture and post on-line to get rid of it. Also, no garden compost is accepted.

Reminder at the meeting that there needs to be space between your garbage cans so they can be picked up easily by the trucks. And help neighbors who need it by putting cans back in their driveway after pick up.

Park Cameras have been requested in the upcoming budget for early next year. But the budget has not yet been approved. They will be placed at the North and South entrances/exits and in various areas of the park. Reminder – these cameras are for the park use; they are not for personal security of your property. It is suggested that doorbell cameras and/or other security devices might work best for anyone with concerns.

Visitor parking – a reminder that all visitor parking is for visitors. Notices have been sent to residents who have been parking in these visitor spaces. Reminder – vehicles can be towed to remove them from the spaces. The fine for tow is \$218 plus hourly rate at lot where cars are towed. Visitor spaces in the Park will be marked thus, as soon as there are several days of dry weather. Also, at this time there is no more space available in the RV Lot.

Dog Poop – reminder that all animal walkers must clean up after their animals. Several new plastic bag dispensers will be requested and placed around the park. But, until that time please carry your own bags and clean up the dog poop, in all areas of the park but in particular, in the tennis court. Also, dogs should pee on the grass areas not the tennis court. Coming soon will be a grassy area – not the tennis court for dogs to play.

Young Bicycle Riders have been noticed in the park, particularly in the late evenings, between 11-12:00. Please keep a notice (keep a journal, or take photographs or have a door bell camera) of these occurrences, or if you see unusual activity, it is suggested that you notify the police when you see anything out of the ordinary.

Bulletin Boards at the Four Mail Kiosks – Four new bulletin boards have arrived. The waterproof backing boards and bolts, etc. will be purchased and then they will be installed.

Missing rectangle table – there are usually 12 white rectangle tables and one went missing between Friday afternoon, Dec 13, and following Saturday morning. The managers should be notified if any tables and or chairs are going to be removed or borrowed. If you know where the table is, please return it.

Pool Upgrade – Because of permit delays the pool work will probably start in Spring. We will continue to keep everyone apprised of any developments in this matter.

Also, pool hours will start at 8 am. Although the pool is mostly opened by Johnny around 7:30, the official time is now 8 am.

North and South entrance/exit landscaping – it is requested on the next year budget.

Lighting – Light bulbs are not here yet. As soon as arrival they will be installed.

Curb lettering – Supplies will soon be purchased and notice delivered to all residents regarding this project. Need volunteers to do many parts of this project. Sign-up sheet will be posted.

GSMOL Conference To Be Held In Sonoma

On Saturday, March 7th, the GSMOL will bring their Mobilehome Owners Conference to Sonoma. This event will feature presentations by Bruce Stanton, GSMOL Counsel, Esperanza Ross, Legislative Advocate Matthew Wise of the HCD, GSMOL President Linda Larson, VP David Loop and several other State and Local Leaders.

The event starts at 9:30 am and goes till 4:00 pm (doors open @9:00 am) and will be held at the Moon Valley Mobilehome Park Clubhouse, 1001 5th St. West, Sonoma 95476. You don't need to be a member of GSMOL to attend and there is no charge for admission. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited and if you plan to attend an RSVP is required. Please reply by February 22nd. Call (415) 300-0270 and leave a message with your name(s) & contact info, or email SonomaValleyGSMOL@gmail.com.

There is plenty of parking on-site and directly across the street.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Hello to all the residents of the Petaluma Estates:

Well, it has been one month since I became the president of the Petaluma Estates Homeowners Association, and it has been interesting. First of all, I have had the opportunity to meet several residents of our park, who I had not met before. As you can tell from the minutes of the recent meeting, your board and I have been active in working toward making our park the best it can be. I would like to thank Pat West, Nancy Jamarck, Patti Della Bruna, Kathy Thomsen, for their help creating and serving the toasted sandwiches and tomato soup available at the February meeting. We are looking forward to the next board meeting on March 3, at 9:00. The general meeting will be on March 5, at 6:30. We encourage everyone to come to this meeting at 6:00 to socialize and play some Bingo. Play will be free, but prizes will be awarded.

This previous month has been filled with challenges. To begin – take some time to visit the new Petaluma Estates website. With some beautiful photographs captured by my son-in-law, Eric Tobias (check out his website to see some of his other Petaluma photographs – erictobiasphotography.com). Our website can be found at petalumaestates.com. The fees for hosting the site are being covered by the park managers, John Waterman and Toni Latorre. On the site, you will be able to find all of the upcoming events and activities, the past copies of the Observer, and much more.

On Sunday morning, January 26, a large number of residents and others gathered for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, fresh fruit, juice, and coffee at the Clubhouse. Thanks to Pat West, Nancy Jamarck and her significant other Ray, Ted Cain, Bob Mawyer, Muriel Truett, and David Zacks for all of their assistance in making this event such a success. Events and activities have been planned for each month during the coming year. Next up is St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Mar 14. A sign-up sheet is located on the PEHA bulletin board in the Clubhouse.

As always, if you have any concerns, questions, comments, etc do not hesitate to contact me directly or through the email contact form on the new website.

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DEEP — Emergency Preparedness Group

Team Leaders February Update

A BIG Thank You to all the Team Leaders who showed up for the December 12th meeting of the Emergency Preparedness group. Of the 16 Team Leaders 13 attended which is perhaps the highest attendance of any group meeting of Petaluma Estates residents in recent history. The meeting lasted just over ½ hour, another record?

Two more homeowners have offered to be Team Leaders, which is great, now we have 18 members of the group.

The Team Leaders were given signs, to be placed in the front windows of our homes, which will indicate the if resident is OKAY or needs HELP, to be given to each of their group neighbors for use in the event of an emergency.

Each Team Leader will be meeting individually with their neighbors to go over the various steps for Emergency Preparedness and how to use the OKAY signs in the coming weeks.

We still need Team Leaders for North Napa, East Napa, Petaluma Way, and Sonoma Drive

The job is not really that difficult and should not take more than a few hours every few months and your get to meet your neighbors! Please call Sarah at 707-658-2090 or June at 1-440-382-0604 for more information or to join the group and help protect our neighbors.

A thought: 'Knowledge is power' is a popular proverb. It means that knowledge is more powerful than physical strength and no great work can be done without knowledge.

Knowledge is a powerful factor that empowers people achieves great results.

The more knowledge a person gains, the more powerful he becomes.

When we have the knowledge, and knowhow, to care for ourselves in an emergency we have a much better chance of survival after an earthquake or other natural disaster.

Sarah Young

2-5-2020

GSMOL Election 2020

GSMOL Members will vote on five Board of Directors candidates and ten amendments to the GSMOL Bylaws. All GSMOL members who are in good standing (i.e. paid up) as of DECEMBER 31, 2019 may vote.

Your MAIL-IN BALLOT will be in The Californian magazine that was mailed in MID-JANUARY, 2020. BE CAREFUL NOT TO DISCARD THIS MAGAZINE!

New members who joined after December 31 will not receive this issue of the Californian (but you will still be able to read it after the election when it will be posted on the website under Members Only). If you were a paid-up member as of December 31 and do not receive your magazine by the end of January, please contact the GSMOL Home Office or your Zone Vice President, Region Manager or Associate Manager to get a replacement magazine or ballot.

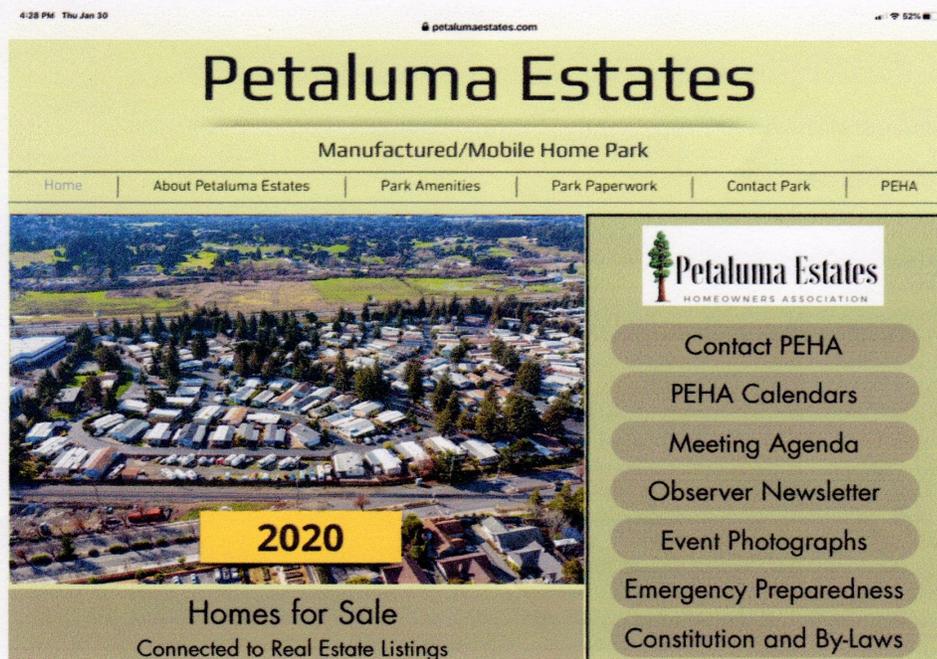
The ballot and some of the related information will be printed in Spanish and Vietnamese as well as English. Instructions for how to mail in your ballot will also be in the magazine. YOUR BALLOT MUST BE POST-MARKED BY MARCH 17, 2020. If you have questions about the election in general, please contact Ron Hulse, Chairman of the Elections Committee. Questions about the Bylaws amendments can be directed to Henry Cleveland, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee. You will find their contact information on the Board of Directors page in The Californian.





Wow, take a look...

petalumaestates.com is live



Thanks to the park managers, John Waterman and Toni Latorre for covering the monthly fees to maintain the site.

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Pinochle 12:30pm	3 Board Meeting 9:00am	4	5 Social mix 6:00pm General Meeting 6:30pm	6 Soup after 2pm	7
8 	9 Pinochle 12:30pm	10	11	12	13	14 St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance 500pm until ????
15	16 Pinochle 12:30pm	17 	18	19	20	21
22	23 Pinochle 12:30pm	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Pinochle 12:30pm	31 Board Meeting 9:00am	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid black;"> <p>Birthstone: Aquamarine Flower: Jonquil</p> </div>			



March 2 nd	Dale Baldwin
March 2 nd	Robert Wilson
March 2 nd	Kenneth McCulla
March 4 th	Dan Kulack
March 6 th	Theresa Keith
March 7 th	George Kontos
March 11 th	Karren Newman
March 13 th	Sharon Sebring
March 13 th	Rudy Simondi
March 15 th	Lisa O'Connor
March 20 th	Dotty Hardberger
March 24 th	Tammy Kelly
March 24 th	Sandy Herrmann
March 24 th	Bert Childs
March 25 th	Ted Cain
March 26 th	Dorothy Kontos
March 29 th	Ed Lopus

*Sunshine Report from
Ellen Reinhold*

1/4/2020 Get Well card to Stephanie Stone
 1/4/2020 Get Well card to Mary Ann
Bekowies
 1/4/2020 Get Well card to Dottie Kontos
 1/4/2020 Get Well card to Joan Wright
 1/10/2020 Thank You card to Lucy Madson &
Bert Childs
 1/14/2020 Sympathy card to Debra Tolson
(for the loss of her husband)



Sunday January 26th Breakfast

Funds from Pancake Breakfast, Jan 26, 2020		
50 paid	@ \$5.00 each (9 no shows)	
(plus 10 unpaid shut-ins + 3 unpaid kitchen crew)		
		\$250.00
Expenses –	Smart and Final	\$24.54
	Smart and Final	\$20.07
	SmartFoodservice	\$113.00
	Skippy's	\$33.48
	Total expenses	\$191.09
	Profit	\$58.91
Funds from 50/50 Raffle, Jan 26th -	\$60.00	\$30.00
	TOTAL Profit	\$88.91





St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 14

5:00 – Social; 6:00 – Dinner; 7:00 – Music
Clubhouse, 901 N McDowell Blvd.

***Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots
Fun Colorful Green Desserts - BYOB***

\$20 each - \$15 take out

Payment for dinner must be made by March 10.
No refunds for cancellation.

Featuring Music by the:

Good O' Boys



Also 50/50 Raffle

Sponsored by: Patti & Joe Della Bruna &
Petaluma Estates Homeowners Association

Reader's Digest HUMOR



“See that kid?” a barber says to his customer during a haircut, pointing to a 12-year-old standing outside the barber-shop. “He is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch.” I’ll prove it to you.” The barber takes out a one-dollar bill and a five-dollar bill, then calls the boy inside. He holds out both bills and asks, “Which one do you want?” The kid takes the one-dollar bill and leaves the shop.

“See?” the barber says, laughing. “The dumbest kid in the world.”

The customer leaves the barbershop and spots the boy coming out of an ice cream store. He says, “If you don’t mind my asking, son, why didn’t you take the five-dollar bill?”

The boy takes a lick of his ice cream cone and says, “Because the day I choose the five, the game is over.”

IN OTHER WORDS...

A fool and his money are soon parted. Just be sure you know which one of you is the fool.

A man is driving home from work when his wife calls him on his cell phone.

“Phil!” she shouts in a panic, “Please be careful! I just heard that some lunatic is driving to wrong way on Route 80.”

“You won’t believe it, Doris,” he replies. “It’s not just one car; it’s hundreds of them!”

IN OTHER WORDS...

Sometimes there is a reason everybody’s doing it one way.



Attention all gardeners!

Heard a lot of good things about the E D Wilson Nursery, 301 Wilson Street, Petaluma, on the corner of Wilson and East D Street. (across the street from Mario and John’s bar).

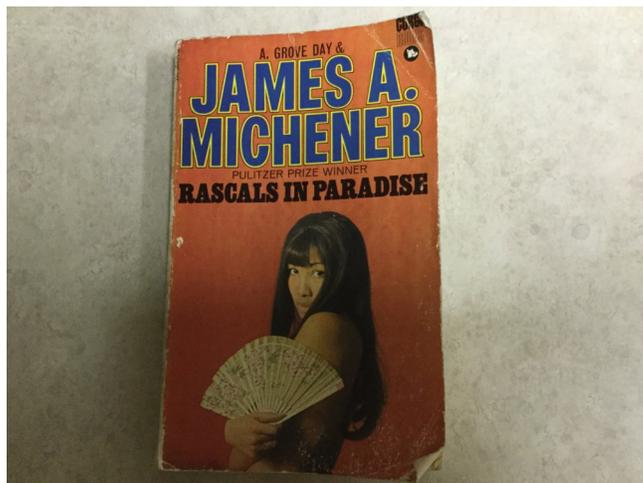
Knowledgeable proprietor named Eugene. Good roses.



THE FIJI CONNECTION: PART IV

BY DENNIS VOLLMER

The story I wrote for this Fiji Connection centers around a Charles Pickering, my great great great grandfather, a rascal. –Dennis



James Michener wrote a book titled Rascals is the Paradise. In the book, he chronicled several men, “rascals”, who came to the Pacific Islands in the 18th century. Men came from Europe on sailing ships and settled. In the process of settling, these men, Michener wrote about created a name for themselves and essentially were bad boys in this vast paradise. With no laws to keep them tethered, they carved a niche for themselves in various parts of the islands. Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia as these islands became known were part of this havoc. The weather was good, the natives were naïve, the food was exotic and the women were naked.

My maternal grandmother, Lydia Pickering was the great granddaughter of a Charles Pickering a “rascal” in the Pacific, specifically the Fiji Islands. James Michener did not chronicle this relative of mine in his book, but this Charles was in the Fiji Islands in the 1840’s creating trouble. Fiji did not become a British colony until 1874, but many Europeans, men mostly, were there as business men, settlers, escaped convicts, beachcombers and adventure seekers. The unwritten law was to treat the natives fairly and not get involved in their local troubles. Who was going to enforce this? They had the upper hand with the guns and cannons and faster sailing ships.

Charles Pickering was the son of prisoners. Yes, prisoners.

Australia was a penal colony. The British in the late 1700’s and into the 1800’s would ship over 160,000 men, women and children to this newly found land. Transportable prisoners. The prisons in England and Ireland were filled. If you stole a pig, or a blanket, or forged a document or were delinquent on paying your landlord, you were imprisoned. The prisons were privately owned and if you didn’t have the money to pay your way out, you would find yourself on a ship bound for the new penal colony, 14,000 nautical miles away.

These transportable prisoners were there to help carve Australia into a colony. The British wrenched the land away from the Aborigines who had been part of this land for centuries. Soon settlers would start arriving and the ‘land down under’ would join the United Kingdom.

My relative, Charles Pickering was the child of two of these prisoners. Although his parents were working convicts, Charles was free to go. His parents, had been convicted forgers and had earned a free trip to this penal colony. Their son, young Charles left Australia when he was about 26 years old and would eventually make his way into the history books of Fiji. In an article written in 1867, a newspaper article written by an Australian, Charles was described as, “rather below size of a figure, which betokened strength, agility and full health,

a clear active eye, and a face you could look at without pleasure. It appeared so full of fun, kindness and shrewdness." Soon after arriving in Fiji he noticed that the Fijian chiefs treated their women terribly. They were polygamous and discarded them as if they were animals. These women were subject to death or would be buried alive or beaten severely. Charles was aware of the unwritten law that cautioned Europeans to stay out of native affairs. His character wouldn't allow this atrocity to happen, so he started stealing, abducting or kidnapping the women.



R. A. Derrick in his book *The History of Fiji*, wrote, "There was in Rewa, a man named Charles Pickering who was a source of trouble between whites and natives wherever he went." The trouble was the abducting of doomed women. This history book tells of Charles being chased by the chiefs, but he was able to escape each time. His sailing ship was faster than their war canoes. He was fortunate because his fate would have been death by clubbing. Charles Pickering found a safe place for these women up the Rewa River, the biggest river in Fiji. He built some sort of a fortified compound and built a big thatched house. A newspaper reporter from Australia visited the compound in the 1860's and wrote about it. "I am not going to say that Pickering is possessed of 20 wives, when, in fact I didn't count them. All I'm saying is that the house contained a goodly number of women and children. The room which was a quarter of an acre in size was large enough for all." The writer goes on to say that Charles treated these women respectfully and there seemed to be a feeling of camaraderie amongst all.

Saving these women from a brutal life became his mission. In the aftermath, Pickering left his mark in Fiji. Today, there are many folks who bare the Pickering name. My connection to Fiji and the Pickering family makes for an interesting story. The Pickering clan in Fiji have started occasional reunions. It is my intention to return to one of these. I am told that the attendees are taken up the Rewa River to the village and the area where our ancestor Charles Pickering sequestered his harem of saved women.

I have an interesting background. A white skinned boy in a brown skinned land because my



renegade forebears were part of the settling in a unique part of the world. Today we have lovely Fijian caregivers in our park tending to the needs of two of our neighbors. I am reminded daily that I still have connections to that place I used to call home-Fiji.

The boys in this picture are all descendants of European settlers who came to the Fiji's in the 18th century. Part Europeans, half castes or kai lomas with family names Goulding, Heffernan, McCaig, Miller and Vollmer. Descendants of rascals in Paradise!

The Swamp Fox



Francis Marion (c. 1732 – February 27, 1795) was a military officer who served in the American Revolutionary War (1775–1783). Acting with the Continental Army and South Carolina militia commissions, he was a persistent adversary of the British in their occupation of South Carolina and Charleston in 1780 and 1781, even after the Continental Army was driven out of the state in the Battle of Camden.

Marion used irregular methods of warfare and is considered one of the fathers of modern guerrilla warfare and maneuver warfare, and is credited in the lineage of the United States Army Special Forces, also known as the "Green Berets." He was known as **the Swamp Fox**.

Marion's grandfather Gabriel was a Huguenot who emigrated to the colonies from France before 1700. Francis Marion was born on his family's plantation in Berkeley County, South Carolina, c. 1732. Around the age of 15, he was hired on a ship bound for the West Indies which sank on his first voyage; the crew escaped on a lifeboat but had to spend one week at sea before reaching land. In the years that followed, Marion managed the family's plantation.

Marion began his military career shortly before his 25th birthday. On January 1, 1757, Francis and his brother, Job, were recruited by Captain John Postell to serve in the French and Indian War.

On June 21, 1775, Marion was commissioned captain in the 2nd South Carolina Regiment under William Moultrie, with whom he served in June 1776 in the defense of Fort Sullivan (today known as Fort Moultrie), in Charleston harbor.

In September 1776, the Continental Congress commissioned Marion as a lieutenant colonel. In the autumn of 1779, he took part in the siege of Savannah, a failed Franco-American attempt to capture and recover the Georgia colonial capital city which had been previously taken by the British.

A British expedition under Henry Clinton moved into South Carolina in the early spring of 1780 and laid siege to Charleston. Marion was not captured with the rest of the garrison when Charleston fell on May 12, 1780, because he had broken an ankle in an accident and had left the city to recuperate. Clinton took part of the British army that had captured Charleston back to New York but a significant number stayed for operations under Lord Cornwallis in the Carolinas.

After the loss in Charleston, the defeats of General Isaac Huger at Moncks Corner and Lieutenant Colonel Abraham Buford at the Waxhaw massacre (near the North Carolina border, in what is now Lancaster County), Marion organized a small unit, which at first consisted of between 20 and 70 men and was the only force then opposing the British Army in the state. At this point, Marion was still nearly crippled from his slowly healing ankle.

Marion joined Major General Horatio Gates on July 27 just before the Battle of Camden, but Gates had formed a low opinion of Marion. Gates sent Marion towards the interior to gather intelligence on the British enemy. Marion thus missed the battle, which proved to be a decisive British victory.

Marion showed himself to be a singularly able leader of irregular militiamen and ruthless in his terrorizing of Loyalists. Unlike the Continental troops, Marion's Men, as they were known, served without pay, supplied their own horses, arms and often their food.

Marion rarely committed his men to frontal warfare, but repeatedly bewildered larger bodies of Loyalists or British regulars with quick surprise attacks and equally sudden withdrawal from the field. After the surrender of Charleston, the British garrisoned South Carolina with help from local Tories, except for Williamsburg, which they were never able to hold. The British made one attempt to garrison Williamsburg at the colonial village of Hilltown but were driven out by Marion at the Battle of Black Min-

go.

Cornwallis observed, "Colonel Marion had so wrought the minds of the people, partly by the terror of his threats and cruelty of his punishments, and partly by the promise of plunder, that there was scarcely an inhabitant between the Santee and the Pee Dee that was not in arms against us."

The British especially hated Marion and made repeated efforts to neutralize his force, but Marion's intelligence gathering was excellent and that of the British was poor, due to the overwhelming Patriot loyalty of the populace in the Williamsburg area.

Colonel Banastre Tarleton was sent to capture or kill Marion in November 1780; he despaired of finding the "old swamp fox", who eluded him by travelling along swamp paths. It was Tarleton who gave Marion his nom de guerre when, after unsuccessfully pursuing Marion's troops for over 26 miles through a swamp, he gave up and swore "[a]s for this damned old fox, the Devil himself could not catch him." Once Marion had shown his ability at guerrilla warfare, making himself a serious nuisance to the British, Governor John Rutledge (in exile in North Carolina) commissioned him a brigadier general of state troops.

Marion was also tasked with combating groups of freed slaves working or fighting alongside the British. He received an order from the Governor of South Carolina to execute any blacks suspected of carrying provisions or gathering intelligence for the enemy "agreeable to the laws of this State."

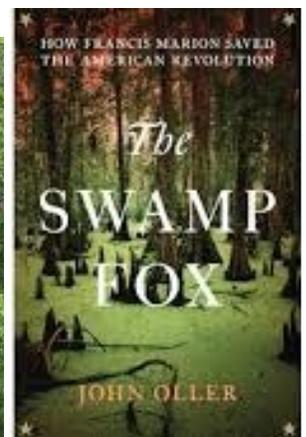
When Major General Nathanael Greene took command in the South, Marion and Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee were ordered in January 1781, to attack Georgetown but were unsuccessful. In April they took Fort Watson and in May they captured Fort Motte, and succeeded in breaking communications between the British posts in the Carolinas. On August 31, Marion rescued a small American force trapped by 500 British soldiers, under the leadership of Major C. Fraser. For this action he received the thanks of the Continental Congress. Marion commanded the right wing under General Greene at the Battle of Eutaw Springs.

In January 1782, he was elected to a new State Assembly at Jacksonborough and left his troops to take up his seat. During his absence his brigade grew disheartened, particularly after a British sortie from Charleston, and there was reportedly a conspiracy to turn him over to the British. But in June of that year, he put down a Loyalist uprising on the banks of the Pee Dee River. In August he left his brigade and returned to his plantation. In 1782, the British Parliament suspended offensive operations in America, and in December 1782, the British withdrew their garrison from Charleston. The war was brought to an end by the Treaty of Paris.

Marion returned to his plantation to find it had been burnt during the fighting. His slaves had run away to fight for the British and had later been evacuated from Charleston. He borrowed money to purchase slaves for his plantation.

After the war, Marion married his cousin, Mary Esther Videau.

Marion served several terms in the South Carolina State Senate. In 1784, in recognition of his services, he was made commander of Fort Johnson, South Carolina, a virtual sinecure position, with a salary of \$500 per annum. He died on his estate in 1795, at the age of 63, and was buried at Belle Isle Plantation Cemetery in Berkeley County, South Carolina.



RED OR GREEN ENCHILADA SAUCE FOR A MILD OR SPICY FLAVOR

Originally a Mexican street food, enchiladas didn't have a filling—they were simply rolled tortillas dipped in chili sauce. The version we all know and love today often varies from its origin, and widely from each other, since enchiladas are now filled with a variety of diverse meats, vegetables and cheeses. Yet what enchiladas still have in common is their red or green topping. Although these sauces are different in colors, they have distinct flavors and use unique ingredients.

The Difference Between Red and Green Sauce

Green enchilada sauce is generally a mixture of green tomatillos and green chilies, along with ingredients like onions, garlic, vinegar and other spices. The tomatillo, also known as the Mexican husk tomato, is a staple in Mexican cuisine. They can be eaten raw or cooked and bring the greenish color to green enchilada sauce and salsa verde (*verde* means "green" in Spanish). Additionally, tomatillo has a slightly herbal taste and is somewhat fruity and tart in flavor.



One common mistake people make is believing that a green sauce isn't spicy. Most green enchilada sauces use green chilis, which includes jalapenos and serrano, tipping off the spicy scale. As with any color chili, green sauces range from mild to hot.

Red enchilada sauce, on the other hand, is typically made from a variety of red chilies, vinegar, onions, garlic and spices. Some "quick" versions of red enchilada sauce may use red tomato sauce or paste as a base. Just like green enchilada sauce, red sauce can range from being mildly spicy to knock-your-socks-off spicy — it all depends on the chili.



How to Choose Your Enchilada Sauce

One way you can choose between red and green enchilada sauce is by looking at the ingredients. This will give you an idea of the flavor profile and the level of spice included. Obviously, seeing vegetables and spices like green peppers in one or jalapenos and chilies in the other speaks to the kind of taste you can expect. Rather than overthink the color, consider the type of enchilada you're having — bean, beef, chicken or vegetable — and ask yourself what type of sauce would pair nicely with that. You may want to experiment a little if you're cooking at home. Alternatively if you're eating out, you could ask the server to recommend a sauce for the meal you're ordering.

Enchilada Types

For breakfast, you can make an avocado and black bean enchilada with a green topping. If you want something a bit sweeter, you can opt for a sweet corn and jalapeno enchilada full of cheesy corn. For lunch or dinner, you can get creative with an enchilada soup with your choice of meat, beans, corn and toppings. For a tasty dessert enchilada, try a fresh fruit one full of blueberries, strawberries, bananas and creme filling.

Enchiladas can vary in calories and healthy ingredients because they can be stuffed with almost anything. To make them a bit healthier, you can opt for a bean or vegetable enchilada over a chicken or beef one. You can also use low-fat cheese and a plain tortilla — rather than a fried one — to bake it with. Using little or no cheese and a green or red chili sauce will also help you lower fat.