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## Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association

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## WINTER 2013 NEWSLETTER

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### **GCHNA Picnic/Potluck**

The 22nd annual GCHNA picnic/potluck held in September at Christy Barden's Big Yellow Barn on Cedar-song Road was filled with neighbors socializing, entertaining music by Stepside, delicious food, and important ideas about the future of GCHNA. Nancy Weber gave an update on the final accounting stage of the pipeline project. Joanne Drummond congratulated GCHNA on its designation as a Firewise Community, and we have a lovely plaque to prove it. Out-going president, Jeanette Clark, was presented with a plaque in recognition of her years of service. To see a YouTube video of the event, check out this URL <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdWjbbEON4g>>

The program consisted of an informal survey activity completed by about 50 people to provide information about what members believe are GCHNA's most important functions. The Steering Committee will use this data, which is summarized in the Steering

Committee update, to make decisions about how to proceed. New committee members are needed.

Thanks to the Flour Garden Bakery for again donating cake for dessert. Thank you to the volunteers who helped make it possible: Susan Wiesner, Eve Collins, Eileen Jorgensen, Ellen Hagan, Carl Plaza, Bill Holman, Uli Paulin, Willie Brusin, Susan Wilson. Thank you to everyone who attended, especially those who showed a willingness to become more involved. Your participation and thoughtful comments were inspiring.



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### **Steering Committee Update**

GCHNA finds itself at a crucial time in its over 20 years of community involvement. The Steering Committee must grow and new energy is needed on the committees that keep the organization going. At this time we have neither a President nor Vice President.

At the September picnic, our informal survey showed agreement on the value of what GCHNA provides: discounted propane, a newsletter, education particularly on fire preparedness, being a voice for neighborhood concerns, and providing opportunities for social interaction. Additional services like providing activities for families with children and specialized social events were suggested.

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At the October meeting, the Steering Committee made some changes that will allow us to continue to function while we recruit new members and deal with our lack of leadership. Beginning in January, we will meet quarterly rather than monthly. Committees will meet separately as needed. We will narrow our focus in terms of what we provide; our obligations as a Firewise Community being of primary concern. We'll continue efforts to recruit new members by inviting interested people to meetings with a catered dinner.

Can you help? We need:

■ people with energy and enthusiasm to attend meetings and eventually take a leadership role

■ people to help plan social events

■ someone with computer knowledge to upgrade the web site

■ someone to head the Firewise Community committee to assure that we meet our obligations of providing information to our members and organizing participation in community events like the Scotch Broom pull.

■ someone to implement new ideas for families, like a list of families who want to carpool or a summer activity sponsored by GCHNA.

As you complete the membership form this year, please take the time to give us your email address knowing that it will be used to inform you of meetings and events.

Consider attending a dinner meeting and getting more involved. Contact Eileen Hagan 265-9746 if you would like to attend the April 1 dinner meeting.

## **Eileen Jorgensen Steps Down After 22 Years**

*By: Patt Lind-Kyle*

In 1990 the general plan of Nevada County included a possibility of a subdivision on Cement Hill. Eileen Jorgensen heard about this and was concerned that a subdivision would change the rural complexion of the area. To meet this challenge, she organized a meeting of Cement Hill neighbors to talk about the situation and ultimately survey everyone in our community as to whether we wanted a subdivision. It was clear from the results that we did not want a subdivision. With the survey in hand she represented our community to the Board of Supervisors and had the subdivision removed from the General Plan for Cement Hill. Given the challenge of growth in Nevada County and this incident on our "Hill" it was clear we needed an association to voice our views and concerns. Thus, the GCHNA was born under the initiation and guidance of Eileen. Eileen's husband, Paul, was our first president.

Eileen's intent being on the board, oh, these many years has been to find what we neighbors want and help make it happen. She has enjoyed helping to make Cement Hill a wonderful place to live. As she says, "everyone cares about where they live." She also said, "I married my next door neighbor, so I believe in loving your neighbor as yourself." That is another story about how Eileen and Paul got together!

The highlights of her 22 years involved in GCHNA have brought 22 Annual Neighborhood Picnics, a contract negotiated with Ferrellgas, a grant received with the Fire Safe Council to help reduce fuel loads, seasonal clean-ups of Coyote Park



where she organized and led walks to maintain this open space, worked with Nevada County Land Trust to create Hirschman's Trail, and partnered with NID and the county to create a Community Facilities District to bring the water to Cement Hill and much more.

Eileen may be petite in stature, but she has been an activist with a big Heart that is a force to provide Cement Hill with creative and positive problem solving, as well as new opportunities for our neighborhood. She gives appreciation to her Irish immigrant parents who shaped her ability to give a passionate voice to what actions were needed in her neighborhood. We have been blessed and honored to have Eileen at the helm for over 22 years. She will be very much missed as we all continue forward to make Cement Hill a great place to live.

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### **2013 Meeting Dates**

Monday, 7 January 2013

Monday, 1 April 2013

Monday, 1 July 2013

Monday, 7 October 2013

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Station 84, Coyote Street, Nevada City



## Calling All Fans of Hirschman's Pond!

Sierra Streams Institute and the City of Nevada City have received a grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to develop a restoration and firesafe plan for Hirschman's Pond, and we need your help! Citizen participation is at the heart of all of our work at Sierra Streams because we believe community members are the best stewards of the land, bringing local knowledge, passion, and connection to their surroundings.



For this project, we will be conducting assessments of cultural resources, hydrology, topography, vegetation, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and birds. These assessments will guide the development of a plan for managing the treasured natural and recreational resources of Hirschman's Pond in the future.

You can help by sharing your knowledge of the area, assisting our scientists with field work, and guiding the development of the plan. If you would like to get involved or would like more information, please contact Janie at [Janie@sierrastreams.org](mailto:Janie@sierrastreams.org), or 265-6090 x201.

*Robert Trent has begun a Facebook page for Hirschman's - particularly the wildlife that he has seen. Check it out and add your own sightings..*

<<http://www.facebook.com/groups/hirshmanspond/>><http://www.facebook.com/groups/hirshmanspond/>

## Mike Nevius - a man with a passion for our mining history He will be missed.

On August 18, 2012, the Cement Hill neighborhood lost one of its finest residents and GCHNA member. Mike Nevius, whose property on West Piper Lane displays some of the mining artifacts he so lovingly preserved, died this summer after a short battle with cancer. He was 71 years old. He is survived by his wife LaVeta and sons Kelly and Michael.

We all have seen the many artifacts preserved and placed by Mike. The monitor at the Rood Center and a display at Miner's Foundry are examples. Mike will be remembered for his passion to educate people about gold mining and its influence on this community. Using his mobile working mining equipment display, he generously shared his knowledge with others, including many school children in the area. He will be missed.



## What's Behind the Name?

By Susan Wiesner

The names of gold country locations often have a charm about them. Place names like Last Chance, Greenhorn, Harmony, Sugar Loaf, and Oro Fino have a colorful ring that is decidedly missing from "Cement Hill" or "Cement Ridge". My research to find the definitive history of the naming of our neighborhood has not yielded any specific event or tale. However, the source of the name is likely related to its mining connection.

The earliest map I have found that bears the name "Cement Hill" is A.J. Doolittle's County Map of NEVADA dated 1868. It shows a swathe of rough dashes that represent ore bearing Tertiary period (65 to 1.6 million years ago) gravel deposits to the northwest of Nevada City. The name is later mentioned repeatedly in Pettee's discussion of the ancient river channels in the area (Whitney, Auriferous Gravels, pp. 184). For miners, the gravel deposits were the key

to finding quartz veins which might yield gold. This pressure compacted gravel became known by the miners as "cement". The term was understandable as the material jammed sluice boxes and made for slow gold recovery. After the easy pickings from surface streams had played out with simple panning and sluice boxes, mining evolved into larger scale operations using gun powder, stamping machinery and hydraulic processes to break down the gravels and isolate the gold from other materials. The lower portions of this gravel channel (approx 60' deep and 200'-400' below the surface of the ridge) were mined on the north and south sides of Cement Hill where the gravels were accessible. In the Greater Cement Hill neighborhood at different times there was ground sluicing, hydraulic mining (now forming what we see as Hirschman's Pond), cement mining (beginning in 1857) and drift mining (several mines including the early Pennsylvania Mine) of the gravel beds.

Doolittle's Map is also interesting because in addition to naming the Ce-

ment Hill area, it identifies the stream beds and natural ravines which were important to miners. Flowing down from Cement Hill are four creeks: Rush Creek to the west, Meyers Ravine to the northwest, Brush Creek to the northeast and Woods Ravine to the south (into Deer Creek), with all ravines and creeks seasonally feeding the South Yuba River.

Other notable landmarks are the homes of Green and Pooler as well as the Chapman Orchard featured in prior newsletter articles on the Chapman (summer 2011 pg 4) and Pooler (winter 2012 pg 4) families.

See extract from Doolittle's Map found at the Searls Library (enhanced for clarity).

References: Gold Districts of California by W.B. Clark, California Department of Mines and Geology, Bulletin 193, 1970, Bean's History and Directory of Nevada County.



Extract from Doolittle's Map of 1868



**The Yuba River on Dec. 2nd, 2012 after almost 12 inches of rain in two days.**



## 2013 GCHNA Membership Renewal Notice *By Eve Collins*

2012 is over, whew! 2013 will be a year of getting it together and it's time to renew your GCHNA membership. Thank you for your support this last year and we hope you continue with us in these still trying times. Renewal of your GCHNA Membership is due February 1st with a grace period until May 1st.. This year included, an informative Candidates Night, our wonderful annual neighborhood family picnic and our information packed newsletter that is a source of pride for us. The Ferrellgas propane contract, available to our membership, is the envy of many. Steering Committee meetings avail everyone the opportunity for a voice in the community held quarterly. Dates are....To renew or join, please fill out the membership form in thisnews-letter or use the form available on our website – [www.gchna.com](http://www.gchna.com) – and mail it with your check for \$20 to GCHNA, P.O. Box 1343, Nevada City, CA 95959. Thank you again so much for your support and we hope you will continue supporting your neighborhood association in 2013.

### Current 2012 GCHNA Members

Scott & Karen Adams  
Marge Addleman  
Richard & Catherine Alderman  
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Sallee Allen  
Mick & Marlene Anderson  
Ron & Judy Anderson  
Chip & Peggy Arenchild  
Ed Arnett  
Marty Austin  
Wallace & Marilyn Bair  
Luci Baker  
Christy Barden  
Jeff & Regina Barton  
John Bauer  
Mike & Jane Betts  
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Anna Bousouris  
Molly Breen & Mike McRae  
Brian & Jennifer Breiling  
Elana & Kevin Brennan  
Bob & Edy Britts  
Michael Brook & Cathy Blake  
Ken and Joanne Brown  
Elke & Alastair Brown  
Gary & Margaret Brown  
Ed & Ardine Browning  
Brian & Ruthanne Buckley  
Fred & Margie Buhler  
Ed & Joanna Bury  
Mike, Karen, Shannon & Amber Busse  
Jon Byerrum & Holly Hermansen  
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Jill Caruthers & Jon Fox  
Denis & Jennifer Cebollero  
Ernest & Linda Chiappari  
John & Lisa Christensen  
Gordon & Jeanette Clark  
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Martha & Jeff Coleman-Hunt  
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Glen Cooley  
William & Susan Copeland  
Diana Coronel  
Sue & Jeff Cowitz  
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William & Shirley-Mae Elliot  
Diane L. Emmett  
Myles & Colleen Ericson  
Greg & Susan Fenner  
Ric Ferrentino & Vicki Parker  
Diane Fetterly  
Jack & Patti Foster  
Gary & Cathy Fouyer  
Amy & Brendan Fowler  
Kate Frame  
Frank & Fran Francis  
Terry & Midge Gallagher  
Jack & Libbie Garrett  
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**Join GCHNA or Renew Your Membership** (check your membership status at [www.gcbna.com/membership](http://www.gcbna.com/membership))

If you haven't joined or renewed your membership to GCHNA, we hope you will do so now.

Here's my \$20 GCHNA membership fee for 2013. Enclosed is a check made out to GCHNA.

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check & form to: GCHNA, PO Box 1343, Nevada City, CA 95959 ☐ I would like to become involved. Please contact me.



**GCHNA Neighborhood Representatives**

**West End Cement Hill**

West end of Cement Hill Road, including Sunshadow Circle, Cedar Song Road, and Garesio Ranch Road.  
Ellen Hagan, Tim Hagan, (timhagan@oro.net) 265-9746

**Applewood Lane**

Applewood Lane, including Indian Shack Road.  
Larry Cook, (2cooks@att.net) 265-3088

**Gochine Drive**

Gochine, including Mt. Auburn Circle.  
Carl Plaza, (plaza@ncws.com) 478-1802

**Upper Cement Hill**

Upper Cement Hill Road, including Pine Tree Place, Diamond Oak Drive, Bodie Ridge Road, Skyranth Road, and Elysian Way.  
Willie Brusin, (wbrusin@att.net) 265-4018

**Sunrock Road**

Sunrock Road.  
Susan Wiesner: (sawiesner@gmail.com), 265-4824

**Augustine Road / Excelsior Ditch Camp Road**

Augustine Road, including Daisy Blue Mine, Leisure Lane, Lazy Oaks Drive, and Excelsior Ditch.  
Marty Pezzaglia, (martypezzaglia@spiralemail.com) 265-3288

**Crystal View Heights**

Crystal View, including Golden Oaks.  
"open"

**Central Cement Hill Road**

Central Cement Hill Road, including Whispering Oaks, Merryhill Way, Gold Court, Spanish Quartz, Ragon Road, and Fox Hill Road to Central Cement Hill area.  
Patt Lind-Kyle patt@lindandkyle.com) 478-9622

**Lower Cement Hill Road**

Lower Cement Hill Road, including West Piper, Deer Crest, Rancheria Court, Red Hill Road, Foster Driveway, Picton, Picton Way, and Foster Road.  
Glen Cooley 265-4025

**Indian Flat Road**

Indian Flat Road, including Indian Trails, Country Circle, Woods Ravine Ct. and Robinson King Road.

"open"

**Southside Cement Hill**

Highway 49, including Columbine Court, Delphine Lane, Shoshoni Trail, Old Faithful Court, Carli Way, Crooked Arrow Lane, John Barleycorn Rd., Frost Court and Cavanaugh Lane.

"open"

**Wet Hill Road**

Wet Hill Road, including Sierra Springs Circle, Lower North Bloomfield Road, and Elliot Way.  
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[ferrellgas.com](http://ferrellgas.com)  
The Fire Safe Council  
Joanne Drummond - 272-1122  
FONA Web Site  
[www.fona-nevco.org](http://www.fona-nevco.org)

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Become Involved!

Plan to attend our next Steering Committee dinner/meeting

APRIL 1, 6:00 - 8:30 at the Hwy 49 Firehouse

RSVP to Ellen Hagan (265-9746) or Eve Collins (265-6540)

### **GCHNA Mission Statement**

The Greater Cement Hill  
Neighborhood Association is  
chartered to:

- Protect and preserve the rural qualities of our neighborhood by providing a forum for group action as needed.
- Communicate information quickly and efficiently about matters of neighborhood interest to its members and associates.
- Raise funds and supply volunteer labor for projects that enhance or improve our neighborhood.
- Be an organization through which our neighbors can meet and get to know each other in meetings and social gatherings.

### **Membership Guidelines**

Fiscal Period is  
January 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>

Membership Dues due by  
February 1<sup>st</sup> Grace period to May 1<sup>st</sup>

Anyone may join anytime during the year but will have to negotiate with Ferrellgas if joining after May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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