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DID WE GET REDLANDS' ATTENTION ON AUGUST 24?

Another protest of Redlands' excessive and extortionate water meter costs and other fees, as well as annexations, took place on August 24, in front of Tom's Burgers, the store on Mentone Boulevard whose owners, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Koutzakis, have been trying to open for at least nine years.

They also own and operate the Tom's Burgers at 1280 Alabama, corner of Lugonia, in Redlands.

"It went well; we had a turnout of over 40, some even from Redlands protesting Redlands. We went from 9 to noon 🕒," said Rich Orbaker, Mentone rancher and organizer of this and the previous protest. Also, a "newspaper reporter and photographer from the [Redlands Daily] facts were there for at least two hours," he continued.

"Four separate families stopped by and told us about Redlands stopping them from either moving into homes in Mentone due to water meter charges of \$85,000.00. All four were invited to be my guests at the next MACA meeting to tell their stories," he concluded.

MACA meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Diamond Jim's Saloon, in the back of the Mill Creek Cattle Company, 1874 Mentone Boulevard.

Orbaker is MACA's Vice President; its President is Gabe DeLaRosa and its Secretary is Angie DeLaRosa. For newcomers, parking is in front, on the side, in back and continues around the adjacent home, as well as on the street. MM

CASINO NIGHT RAISES MONEY!

The Chamber of Commerce's annual Casino Night was held at the Mill Creek Cattle Company and Diamond Jim's Saloon, 1874 Mentone Boulevard, on August 30. Doors opened at 5 p.m. and the dress-up theme was Western. Admission was free; participants bought chips to play at the tables. The chips were then cashed in for raffle tickets for door prizes, Maribeth Lotito's gift baskets, prepared around such themes as "man cave," Western, kid's, gift cards and Christmas themes. Another trade-in was the "As Good as Gold" giveaway. A free buffet was provided for participants, by Jimmy and Maribeth Lotito, owners of the Restaurant. Proceeds will go to the Chamber for its charitable projects: recently it donated some proceeds to the Greenspot folks (see announcement below).

As of this date, more details were not available to Mentone Matters. For photos of the Casino Night (including Pastor George looking like a gunslinger in long hair!) see the Mentone's Gazebo Gazette Facebook page.MM

Celebrate "Protect Greenspot" 's Victory

A potluck will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Greenspot Farms, to celebrate Orange County's and Lewis Homes' withdrawing their project from consideration by the City of Highland (see the article in Mentone Matters' edition for August No. III).

Those who wish or plan to attend are invited to bring an entree, dessert, or drinks if you can, and RSVP with info@protectgreenspot.com, according to Protect Greenspot.

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Another protest; it got Redlands' – or at least its newspaper's - attention this time. Many thanks to the Redlands residents who helped out.

Of course, litigation is the ultimate way to stop Redlands; it just takes money. Does anyone have any ideas of how to raise money to fund a lawsuit? Please send them to mentonematters@aol.com and we will publish them.

We welcome your news that is of general interest to the whole community. Just e-mail mentonematters@aol.com. You may have noticed information is missing from some articles: we publish all information we receive. So please include all information, such as the names of people in any photos, dates, times, etc., of coming events. In short, what you'd like to see in the newspaper. MM

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Upcoming events: **Chili Cookoff, September 29** on Wabash, across from Stater's (where the Mentone Days was held); Thanksgiving parade. Film festival in a tent: date TBA. Weeklong celebration planned in 2019. Mentone business owners, particularly on the Boulevard, are encouraged to westernize their storefronts.

Mentone Senior Center, 1331 Opal Avenue (at the Library): Paula McKray, in charge of the Senior Center, is looking for volunteers for the Senior Breakfast, 2 hours on Tuesday mornings. Call 909/794-0327 for more information.

C.O.M.E.T./CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Meetings: last Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., at Rocky Point Fellowship in the back meeting room.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS MEETING LOCALLY*: (Religious organizations meet on Sundays unless otherwise noted)

Rocky Point Fellowship
2116 Mentone Blvd.,
Mentone, 92359

Avodah Fellowship (Friday nights)
Rocky Point Fellowship (in the fellowship hall)
2116 Mentone Blvd.,
Mentone, CA 92359

Faith Chapel
1259 Agate Ave.,
Mentone, CA 909-863-8145

Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Mentone (English
and Spanish) (Saturdays 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.)
1230 Olivine Ave., Mentone
Mentone Indonesian-American Seventh-Day Adventist
Church
1331 Turquoise Ave.,
Mentone, CA 909-799-3521

New Life Christian Women's Luncheon @ Mill Creek
Cattle Co.,
1874 Mentone Blvd., Mentone,

Congregational Church UCC
1205 Beryl Ave,
Mentone, CA · (909) 794-2893

Sandals Church East Valley
1325 Amethyst Ave.,
Mentone, CA

First Wednesday each month, 10-2

Republican Committee Tea Party,
Mill Creek Cattle Co., 1st Thursday of the month

COMET and Chamber of Commerce: Rocky Point
Fellowship,
2116 Mentone Boulevard, at 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday
of the month.
AA/NA Rocky Point Fellowship, Tuesdays

MACA: Mill Creek Cattle Co., in Diamond Jim's
Saloon,
1874 Mentone Blvd., second Tuesday of the month,
Mentone, CA 909/389-0706

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