

Thanks for Helping!

I would like to thank all of those who helped and contributed to the Marvelous Monday fundraiser we had at Pat's Restaurant for "The Dunne Fund" on Monday, February 15th. Noel Dunne who has been fighting brain cancer had to have another surgery on the 18th (and they believe it was a success so far). The community really pulled together to help this family with medical costs and costs to be incurred due to the surgery and after care. We truly live in such a giving community; sometimes we forget how fortunate we are!!

The fundraiser was titled Marvelous Monday and was a potluck at Pat's Restaurant in Guerneville. Richard and Donna Hines provided the place, dishes, wares, etc and gave back 10% of the bars take to the Dunne Fund. There was a huge turnout; the bar and restaurant both were lined solid and there wasn't an empty seat in the place. Dana and Jonathan Dunne, (Noel's parents) made a surprise appearance that was very moving. Mary Mount of Herth Real Estate donated several baskets to raffle off which added funds to the pot.

Special thanks to: Donna and Richard Hines, the crew at Pat's Restaurant, special mention to Shasta for gathering monetary donations, Mary Mount, the Guerneville School Community who donated a good chunk of cash, P. Grimm, G. Leydn, Opal & Sam Pullaro, Gary Mathews, Bob and Linda Burke, George Quarles, Alfred & Michael Golub, Nancy Forry, Razor Back Construction, James Bangert, Barbara Hoffmann, Anita Porter, Ty McDonald & Donna Wilson, Chef Patrick, Tom & Nichae Blume, Deanna Hines, Mark & Rebecca Anderson, everyone at Pat's who donated cash, you know who you are.....and ANONYMOUS for your \$1000 donation!!!!!! Thank you to all who attended and brought their delicious home made food; we couldn't have done it without you!

For those who were unable to attend, they may make a donation to the Dunne Fund at the local Community First Credit Union within the Mercantile, 16215 Main Street in Guerneville or at either one of our other branch locations on the corner of College and Mendocino or at the Stony Point Lake location.

Thank you all and God Bless each and everyone of you! We love you NOEL!!!!!!

Beth Rudometkin

Stop Prop 16 - PG&E Power Grab!

"Prop 16 is an initiative that has been entirely bankrolled by PG&E with one purpose: to kill Community Choice Aggregation in the state of California. It would require a special election with a 2/3 majority approval if a local government wished to investigate establishing a CCA. CCAs are critical to enable communities to build their own low carbon electric supply that is a true competitive alternative to PG&E power. Don't let PG&E kill the "public option" for energy! No on Prop. 16. Spread the word.

Dave Erickson <http://www.facebook.com/1/829bf;www.powergrab.info>

To the Editor: Press Democrat
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Your calculated hit on Greg Sarris (Casino Foe Questions Sarris' Heritage 2/18/2010) is outrageous. You have informed your readers many times over the years about Greg's compelling story of being adopted as a baby and growing up in Sonoma County with white parents, only to discover his Indian roots much later in life. For you to give credence to people like Marilee Montgomery and Cheryl Schmit who have an obvious ax to grind is disappointing to say the least. Your reporter Clark Mason has been on this story for years and has often had difficulty in hiding his own bias in what is supposed to be balanced reporting. Columnist Chris Smith however has a little more leeway in not hiding his perspective and has taken several cheap shots at the casino over the years including one just last week. Does anyone over there understand the concept of sovereignty?

It is a mystery to me why anyone would want to impede the hard work entailed in getting a project off the ground aimed at creating LEGAL economic independence for a group of people who have historically been deprived of it. The issue is not when or how Greg came to know his history but what he has done with that information since he learned of his roots. Anyone who has read his writings (GRAND AVENUE-set in S.R. South Park) knows his dedication to creating a better world for Native people. I have great admiration for the work Greg has done and the goals that he and the tribe have set for self determination. What a shame that ignorant and small minded people have set out to undermine that work by any means necessary and that the Press Dem has enabled them in that effort.

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