



Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday Lunch Meetings Resume
- Picnic Table Project, Tuesday March 30th at 8:30am

Board Meeting planning for April

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Regular Lunch Meetings Resume at Camp Arroyo Grande

Concurrent with the county's return to red status on March 9th, we resumed our BYO lunches at our former meeting place, Robin's Retreat. So far we have had good to middling attendance. Phil Cohl has also resumed the Tuesday afternoon golf dates. We have had updates from members in attendance and Allan Buck gave a talk about the history and relationship between the 5CMC and the 5 Cities Community Service Founda-

tion. Greg Steinberger, the new Director of Camp Arroyo Grande, gave an update on the status of the camp, which will be repeated this coming Tuesday (March 30th) along with the introduction of the new camp handyman, Eric Wildey . Come on down!



Camp Arroyo Grande Update

At lunch on March 16th, we were joined by Greg Steinberger of the Community Service Foundation, who gave us an update on the status of Camp. The strain on Camp finances resulting from the termination of the agreement with Kern Schools for Camp Keep combined with the limitations on gatherings

and other rentals of the facilities due to the pandemic has also resulted in the release of John Schott, a face very familiar to club members.



Club Leadership

It is with much relief and pleasure that I can now announce that in accordance with recent precedent, a panel of past presidents has nominated and selected Dennis Allen as our Club President for 2021-22 and J Johnson as President-elect. We are indeed fortunate to have an experienced leadership team in this role, especially one with many ties to the community who can guide us through what will hopefully be a year of restoration of our traditional events and meetings.

Other arrangements are pending, and the RV camping and cabin rentals continue to bring in a few dollars and the kitchen is rented to a bakery concern several days each week. Our own Jorge Garcia recently arranged for the camp to be rented by the City of Pismo Beach for a retreat and meeting of Pismo Beach City officials!



"Men Making a Difference"

Our Mission Statement

The mission statement of the 5 Cities Men's Club is to promote fellowship among our members and to provide service to our community. Our members are guided by the highest ethical standards and that our actions are focused on being fair to all.

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Attendance and Membership

Since we resumed our weekly lunch meetings at Camp AG on March 9th, twice we have had attendance of 13 or 14. Last week we had only 8.

BSA Troop 26

Earlier this month, under the leadership of Scoutmaster John Fanshier, the young men of our own Troop 26 conducted their first Court of Honor since the pandemic .

Come on out and join us while we await word from Doug at Rosa's as to when we can return to our room. Sadly, Tom Holbrook

sent word that he will not be renewing his membership due to the needs of his business. He will be missed. That leaves us with a roster of 43.

Several Scouts advanced to new ranks, including some who advanced more than one rank. Many Merit Badge Patches were awarded as well. The meeting was con-

ducted "drive-in style" in the parking lot of St. Patrick's Church in order to limit contact between participants and attendees. Well done, Scouts!

Project Update

We are now working with donated redwood, reclaimed from a patio deck, to build picnic tables for the cabins and campsites. Jim, Dave E., Craig, Allan, and Paul, all led by John, resurfaced the redwood, running it through Megan's planer. Cutting, painting, and assembly will follow. We generally get together Tuesday mornings before lunch to work on this project. ← This is what we hope to replicate.



Recently, Sean surveyed a few of our previous projects to determine if they needed maintenance or updates. So far, all are reported to be in good condition and reflect favorably on the club.

We do have a few projects pending at Camp AG. Currently planning:

Cusak Lodge: Drainage swale - Craig and Bob W.

Robin's Retreat: Benches and Railing refurbishing - Craig

Amphitheater: Irrigation and landscaping—Dave E.

The plan is to have a work period a few times each month, usually on Tuesday mornings, but sometimes on Saturdays.

We are still interested in hearing about other projects we can do in the community, so if you think of one, or a organization that could use our help, bring it to a meeting!