# THE FIREHOUSE

#### THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GEYSERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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## **Open House at the Fire House** May 12, 2012 11am –3pm









#### **GEYSERVILLE FIRE RECEIVES TRAINING GRANT**

The Geyserville Fire Protection District would Like to thank the Indian Gaming Local Com-

munity Benefit Committee and The Dry Creek Rancheria Band of the Pomo Indians for awarding a grant to pay for Rescue Training. The grant provided training to firefighters from Northern Sonoma County to certify them in rope rescue training and building collapse training. This allows firefighters to be better prepared for all types of emergencies on the Dry Creek Rancheria, but also allows firefighters to be better prepared to serve Northern Sonoma County. Photos from the training will be on display at the Open House on May 12th.



## FACTS ABOUT THE GFPD:

- Protects over 200 Square miles
- Responds to over 500 emergencies a year.
- 30 Volunteers
- 4 Full-Time Paid Firefighters
- 1 Part-Time Paid Fire Chief
- 3 Stations
- 9 Emergency Vehicles
- 50 Mutual Aid Calls a year
- Thousands of hours of training a year.

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#### WHO WE ARE

The Geyserville Fire Protection District consists of four components working together for the prevention and suppression of fire and the protection of life and property. The four entities are the Geyserville Fire Protection District Board of Directors; the GFPD officers, staff, and volunteer firefighters; the Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association; and the Geyserville Fire Employees Association.

The GFPD Board of Directors consists of five individuals elected to a four year

term on a rotating basis by the registered voters living within the District.

The GFPD firefighters perform the prevention and suppression of fire and the protection of life and property within the limits of the District.

The Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association is an independent organization comprised of department firefighters and members. The purposes of the Association include fundraising events, public relations, social and recreational activities, and to encourage mutual cooperation between the Board and the Department.

The Geyserville Fire Employees Association represents paid staff in employee/employer relations.

The Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 pm, in the Geyserville Station 1 Multipurpose Room, located at 20975 Geyserville Avenue in Geyserville. Public is welcome to attend.

#### ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who responded to our donation request letter sent out in November. Since November, the Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association has been able to collect over \$40,000 in donations. The following people gave us permission to acknowledge their donations. They, and many others, have made our annual donation drive a success. Gordon & Theresa Wistrom Silva Family John Capitani Frank & Carolyn Vineyard Pam & Howard Nurse Stephen & Mary Clare Anderka Earl & Lenore Farnsworth J. & T. Farmer Cecilia Absher & David Katz Andy Bryner & Dawna Markova So far this year, the Geyserville Volunteer Firefighters' Association has been able to purchase four bunk beds for the fire station bedrooms and fund an audio visual system upgrade in the multipurpose room. In addition, discussions are undergoing with the District to assist in contributing to a large payment on the loan for the station.

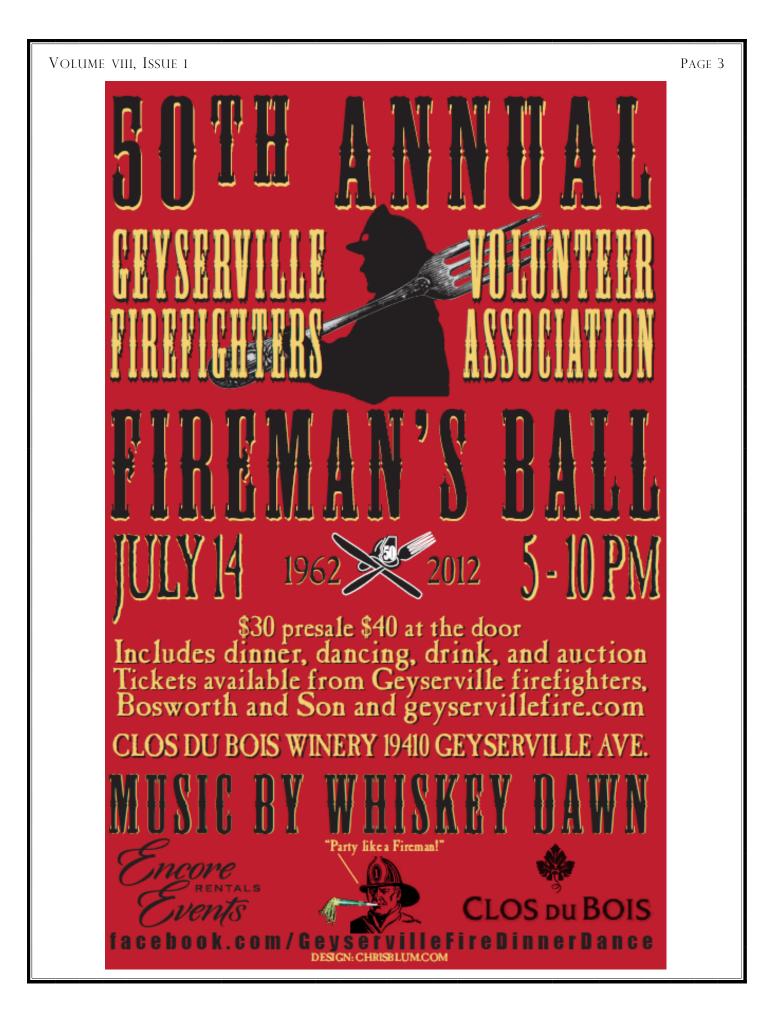
#### **BUCKET BRIGADE RESULTS**

Geyserville won second place in the 6th Annual Bucket Brigade with a total of 102 donors. Thank you to all who contributed! The Bucket Brigade is an annual blood drive competition between the local fire departments. The best part about this competition is that everyone wins! Look for details on the next blood drive in the 2012 Fall Newsletter.

#### ANNUAL DECEMBER TOY DRIVE A SUCCESS

The 2011 Toy Drive was a huge success! The Fire Department optimistically placed a giant box in the fire station's lobby, and watched with amaze-

ment as it was filled three times, enough for all of the families in the community who requested toys through the Geyserville Christian Church. Special thanks to Burgess Lumber, who donated \$300 worth of new toys to the Toy Drive, and everyone else who contributed.



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