



The Short of It

PPOACCC Quarterly Newsletter

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Lots going on!

- Elections!!
- Party Time: PPOACCC Appreciation Picnic!
- Advice from our shopping guru
- Don't forget the next PPOACCC Member's Meeting, November 2nd
- Food Drive Champions prepare to dominate again!

Questions or Concerns?

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Changing of the Guard—Upcoming Election

By Mindy Jarrett

On November 2, 2001, PPOACCC Members will have the opportunity to vote for the member taking on the responsibilities of Vice President of Probation Officers. Current VP, Leandre Williams is running for re-election, once again with opposition from Michelle Keith. The Probation Officer elected will take on the VP position starting on January 1, 2012.

The voting process is simple. A ballot will be mailed to each member...make sure the Association has your correct mailing address. Mark your ballot and submit it at the General Membership meeting on November 2, 2011, no later than 6pm. If you cannot attend the meeting, submit your ballot to an E-Board member, shop steward, or any member willing to turn in your ballot.

(note: Leandre Williams and Michelle Keith can not accept ballots) Additional voting information will be mailed with the ballot.

Michelle Keith submitted the following statement :

“Have a feeling of déjà vu? Don't worry, your psychic abilities are still undiscovered. But, it is another election year and I am once again running for VP of the Probation Officers. Call me tenacious, but I am committed to creating a better working environment, promoting better communication among members, and having a little fun in the process. So, remember to get out and vote (for me) this November!”

Will Leandre maintain member support or will Michelle take over the reins??? Its up to you.

Member Appreciation Picnic 2011

This year's PPOACCC Member Appreciation Picnic will again be held at the Civic Park in Walnut Creek on October 15, 2011, 12:30-5pm. Street tacos, chips and mango salsa and homemade deserts will be served! Beer too! Kids have access to a playground and are treated to gift bags. DJ Aris will be playing all the jams...who knows there may be a Cupid Shuffle in our future!?! There was a great turnout last year and everyone had a great time, so let's do it again!!!

Remember, this is a member appreciation picnic and is offered to PPOACCC Members and their immediate families at no cost.

Please RSVP to goodwillcommittee@yahoo.com by 10/1/11.

Safety First!

The PPOACCC encourages all members to bring any field, office or institution safety issues to the attention of a Safety Committee member. Topics are presented at monthly meetings. Present your concerns to: Craig Furlong-Antioch, Manuel Jones-Richmond, Kristie Schultz-Martinez, Pete Neef-Juvenile Hall or Frank Aquila-OAYRF.

Penny Pinching

By Robbyn-Nicole Livingston

Times are tough and with no reprieve in sight, here are some easy and no-cost ways you can save money. A few cents here and a few cents there can add up quickly. So, if you're in the market to save money on everyday goods and services, groceries and the occasional splurge, here are several web-sites that are user friendly...and did I mention free?

Check out:



couponsuzy.com
coupons.com
coupons-print.net

Register to receive coupons and promotions via email on these sites.

coupon-lady.com
LivingSocial.com
groupon.com

After a few simple steps you can get coupons emailed to you daily. There are also super cool daily specials that can save you a bundle if you can act immediately. These sites allow users to choose and print 1,000's of free coupons, including restaurant, sports, entertainment and professional services.

Many supermarkets are also getting into the coupon game and are offering savings in the store and on gas. If you spend \$50 in one transaction at a Safeway store, you will earn 10 cents off each gallon of gas. Lucky's grocery store has teamed up with Shell and offers a similar deal. Raley's sends out deals via email and has daily give-aways!!

These are just a few of the deals I have found. Please share any steals, cheap, stay-cations or discount dining you have found. As it stands we are being squeezed for every cent so, every little bit counts!

PPOACCC General Membership Meeting

November 2, 2011 @ 5:30pm

DSA Hall, Martinez

Submit your vote for the next VP of Probation Officers...and enjoy a little dinner!!

Get Your Food Drive On!!!

By Robbyn-Nicole Livingston

This year, the Probation Department and the PPOACCC will again be working to support the efforts of Contra Costa and Solano County Food Bank. Each year the Probation Department has a friendly competition against other CCC Departments and Solano County to raise money for the Food Bank. Our department has dominated in the "large department" category the last couple years, with our department winning first place last year!! Those of us who serve on the Food Bank committee, successfully headed by Genny Maloney, are privileged to visit the Food Bank warehouse and see the amount of food collected and meet the staff that make it happen. The Food Bank doesn't just hand out food baskets during the holidays, it also provides healthy school lunches for underserved kids in the community, operates centers that serve free, nutritious meals and fresh produce to families, senior citizens and anyone in need.

The time to start raising funds is fast approaching and we hope that everyone will pitch-in and do their part, whether you donate your pennies or participate in bake sales, the nacho lunch, raffle baskets or See's candy sales. Look out for fundraisers at all work sites!! If you would like to volunteer your time, contact Genny Maloney @ 3-4036.

Submit any ideas, articles or photos for the newsletter to Mindy Jarrett at goodwillcommittee@yahoo.com.