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Preston Castle Golf Classic

What a tournament to remember! It was May 14, and it was the 10th annual Preston Castle Golf Classic, so we hoped for a memorable event to mark the decade. Be careful what you wish for. After about nine holes, the lightning flashed, thunder crashed, and the skies dumped torrents of rain. Thank goodness for the plastic rain ponchos given to participants. And thank goodness for the decision to hold the after-golf dinner indoors at the Castle Oaks Clubhouse.

The rain did not dampen golfers' spirits, and libations kept things festive, while the staff scurried to put dinner on the table early. Many thanks go to the staff at the Castle Oaks Golf Course and Caddy's Restaurant for pitching in to help save the day. Golf Course General Manager Dominic Atlan even announced rain checks for a round of golf for all players.



Congratulations to event and contest winners, whose names were selected by raffle because the golf was not completed. Thank you to sponsors who contributed raffle prizes, auction items and sponsored holes, raising record proceeds to Save the Castle. Thank you to organizers who worked hard to put the tournament together and had to think quick on their feet to make the event a success. And thank you to all participants whose contributions and good cheer made the tournament an affair to remember. We'll be back next year, weather permitting, for another exciting Preston Castle Golf Classic!



Dead Man's Chest Murder Mystery Dinner Party - August 14 & 15

Like a good mystery? Love good food? Want to be a sleuth and solve a murder?

Come to "Dead Man's Chest" Murder Mystery Dinner Party at Preston Castle, August 14 & 15, 6 - 9 pm.

The stage is set: mid 1800's in New Orleans during Mardi Gras. The Governor is throwing a party at his mansion. His friends and neighbors are invited (for a nominal donation). There is tension, buried treasure, pirates and murder most foul afoot.

Dare to come (in costume if you wish) and be part of the mystery. Follow the clues, talk to the guests, make new friends and reacquaint with old friends. Will you be the one to find the treasure map, follow the clues and solve the murder? Come to the Ball to find out.

A no host bar will have a nice selection of drinks available for purchase, including our killer Hurricane.

Limited to 100 tickets, each night. Get yours now! Tickets: \$45, available online at www.prestoncastle.com. Call 209-256-3623 for more information and/or tickets.

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If anyone wishes to add or change anything in the newsletter, please let us know at info@prestoncastle.com or at the next meeting. We always enjoy hearing from our readers! Past issues are available at www.prestoncastle.com - click on "News".

Don't Miss Our 2015 Events

Join us for one or all of the Preston Castle Foundation's events in 2015. For more information and to order tickets, visit www.prestoncastle.com, or call 209-256-3623.

Photographer's Day

Sunday, June 28, 12 noon to 4 pm
 Sunday, September 6, 4 pm to 8 pm

Dead Man's Chest - Murder Mystery Dinner

Friday, Aug. 14, and Saturday, Aug. 15, 6 to 9 pm

See page 1 for details

Wine Tasting & Tour

Saturday, September 12, 3 to 6 pm

Taste the fine wines of Amador County and tour the historic Preston Castle. Experience the history. Attendees will sample fine wines, poured by 15 different wineries, from commemorative Preston Castle wine glasses.

Sip a glass of wine, enjoy a variety of gourmet hors d'oeuvres, and listen to live music on the patio where the food will be served, and in the Cellar where the wineries will be pouring. The popular Midtown Jazz will be performing on the patio and local favorite Manny Sosa will be providing wonderful wine tasting music in the Cellar.

Wineries expected to participate this year include: Bella Grace, Bray, Clos du Lac, Drytown, Karmere, Nine Gables, Sera Fina, Sobon, Story, Tanis, Terra d'Oro, TKC, Turley, Vino Noceto, Wine Tree Farm.

This is our 11th Annual Wine Tasting event. It continues to be one of Amador County's premier wine events, and is always a sellout, so get your tickets now!

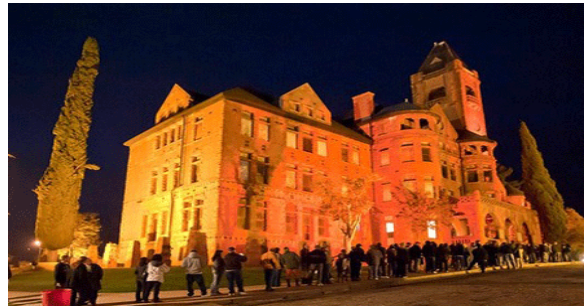
Tickets: \$40



2015 events continued.....

Preston Castle Halloween Haunt

Friday, October 16,
 Saturday, October 17,
 Friday, October 23,
 Saturday, October 24,
 Friday, October 30,
 all starting at 6:30 pm



Now that we are back inside the Castle, our Halloween Haunt will be even bigger and better this year, expanded to include 5 nights. Adults - \$20, students with ID - \$10.

Halloween Costume Ball

Saturday, Oct. 31, 7 to 11 pm

We had so much fun last year, we're doing it again! Wear your favorite costume, bring your favorite partner, and have a ball! Tickets \$20.

Olde Tyme Christmas

Saturday, Dec. 12, and Sunday, Dec. 13

Travel back to olden times at the beautiful Preston Castle and find lots of interesting arts, crafts, jewelry, baked goods, and other gift items. There will be Christmas Carols, crafts for kids, and Santa.

You may take a tour of the historic Preston Castle, 10 am to 2 pm. On Saturday night, you can view the Castle lit up in Holiday Lights, from 5 pm to 8 pm. And you can take a special historical tour of the Castle by flashlight, from 7 pm to 9:30 pm on Sat.

For Vendor information, visit www.prestoncastle.com, or contact Tuesday by phone (916) 860-9379, or email: tuesdayjewel@sbcglobal.net

Marie Nutting steps down

Long-time PCF Director Marie Nutting has decided it is time to step down. We could not let Marie go without recognizing her contributions to the Preston Castle Foundation.

Marie grew up in Lone and enjoyed looking at the Castle from her home every day. Returning after a long absence, she joined the Board in 2004, and served as Vice President. In 2006, Marie became President and served in that capacity for 5 years. It was an exciting, but tumultuous time, and Marie was largely responsible for helping to create the present Foundation from the ground up. This meant developing by-laws, putting in place a strategic plan to guide the PCF's vision, creating the committees that are the cornerstone of the PCF's work, and taking fundraising to a new level. Her efforts reached a milestone, when the PCF finally got the deed to the Castle this past year.

Fortunately, Marie is not leaving us entirely. She will remain active in several important PCF Committees and will continue her docent work at the Castle. Look for her friendly face when you visit the Castle, and tell her how much she's appreciated.

Thank you, Marie. We could not have done it without you.

Allan Trimble - PCF Director

The Preston Castle Foundation is blessed with many dedicated volunteers. One of those was Allan E. Trimble. Allan was a Director on the PCF Board from 2006 until 2012, when he and his companion Harriot Pettersen, moved to Sacramento.

You may remember Allan as the intrepid photographer who snapped photos for PCF events. He and Harriott were always there, helping wherever needed, even if it meant dressing in drag for Halloween. What you may not know, is that Allan was the person with the inspiration to create the Castle's Brick Carpet. Inscribing memorial bricks and laying them at the Castle was Allan's idea and creation.

On May 5, 2015, Allan Trimble passed away after a long illness. He was a teacher/educator for 50 years. He stayed active his whole life, dedicating his time to service organizations, including the Preston Castle Foundation. We missed him when he moved, we miss him still.

Projects

The Gate House was refurbished during a recent Eagle Scout project conducted by Scout John Busi and 90+ volunteers and skilled craftsmen. They installed a new roof and refurbished all the window frames getting them ready for glass once again. Dave Munson put in the new window glass. These are "before" and "after" photos:



Another project, headed up by Rain Brooks, consisted of pouring concrete to build a new patio for our Porta Potties. This will improve our facility for weddings and fundraising events. Once completed we will have a permanent, clean and nicely decorated restroom area. They did a fantastic job!!

Thank you to Hensel Phelps, Fowler Quality Roofing and Leo Chronis Construction.

President's Message

The Preston Castle Foundation opened the 2015 season with a bang. We had our deed acquisition celebration in March, attended by approximately 500 Castle supporters. In April public tour Saturdays started and have been very busy ever since. The May 14 Golf Classic got wet but still resulted in a good time had by all. And, the first annual benefit ParaCon was a rousing success.

At the June General Meeting of Members, two new Directors were elected, Donna Munson and Donna Jackson. We all welcome them to the Board.

The State mandated project to disconnect the water and sewer from the closed Preston School of Industry and re-connect it to City of Lone sewer and Amador Water Agency water is moving forward. Actual construction should start this summer.

The Foundation is looking forward to many events this summer and into Fall. The annual Murder Mystery dinner is coming up in August and tickets are already selling fast. This will be another sold out event so get your tickets soon. Wine tasting is coming September 12 and will probably be a sell out event also. Halloween Haunted Castle and Ball are returning in October. Please check the website for details on these events and more.

If you are interested in getting involved in helping with events, tours, landscaping, renovations or in any other way please call or email the Foundation.

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of the special events or tours.

*Sincerely,
Karl Knoblauch, President*

1st Annual ParaCon

The 1st Annual Preston Castle Foundation Benefit Paranormal Conference (ParaCon), hosted by Castle Spirits Paranormal was a tremendous success! The ParaCon began Friday night May 29th with a Meet & Greet for Full Possession ticket holders and the guest speakers out on the Castle's patio. The evening's weather was perfect for mingling and chatting with the speakers and other attendees while enjoying an incredible variety of deserts including cookies, cakes, pies and homemade cookies with a ghostly touch. The evening ended with a special investigation for the guest speakers to get the activity going for the next day's packed schedule.

The ParaCon really got underway Saturday morning May 30th with a brief history of the Castle presented by Sally Aquino, Director of Castle Spirits, followed by a short Q and A session with the Castle Spirits Paranormal Team and their experiences at the Castle. Then it was non-stop action all day long! Author and historian Jeff Dwyer, Ph.D. kicked off the amazing speaker presentations in the main room, the basement dorm, also known as Company A. Medium Father David Deerfeeder entertained a crowd in the Company B annex dorm, with an original song he wrote for the ParaCon, followed by his inspirational lecture. Fr. David was also kind enough to do a second presentation in the main room later that morning. The day was packed with even more speakers including Loyd Auerbach, Director of the Office of Paranormal Investigations, who has also appeared shows such as Oprah, David Letterman, Larry King Live and Chris Angel, Janice Oberding, researcher, historian, investigator and author, the always unpredictable, constantly entertaining, and absolutely hilarious Scott Gruenwald, and Andy and Michelle Coppock, known for their communication theories and innovative research and technology. Professional videographer, documentarian, director, producer and creator of "My Ghost Story", Barry Conrad wrapped up this incredible speaker line-up. Castle Spirits and the Preston Castle Foundation greatly appreciates the time each of our speakers dedicated to make our first annual event a success!



Paracon continued.....

The ParaCon also included many raffle prizes including a pampering gift basket, a coffee & tea gift basket, two sets of tickets for the Carson City Ghost Walk generously donated by our friends at Northern Nevada Ghost Hunters, autographed photos from Amy Bruni and TAPS members and two baskets packed full of paranormal equipment. Silent Auction prizes included, a Crown & Coke gift basket, a Patron & Margarita gift basket, paranormal equipment including a new K-II and recorder donated by Ghostwarepro.com, tickets for the Napa and Sonoma Ghost Walk Tours generously donated by Napa City Ghosts & Legends Walk Tour and a 4-pack of tickets for a private investigation at the castle! Congratulations to all our winners! We also had a wide variety of vendors, information about paranormal safety, aura photography, and plenty of Preston Castle swag available.

The ParaCon concluded with two investigation sessions for the Full Possession ticket holders, one at 8:00pm, and a second at 11:30, with many attendees commenting how happy they were that the number of investigators was so limited. The investigations were successful as well with several EVP's captured, a K-II that was flipped over on the dining room table, several investigators reporting seeing a shadow person in the basement area, in addition to numerous personal experiences.



Castle Spirits would like to thank everyone who assisted in making our first ParaCon so successful! Thank you to each of the volunteers and family members for their hard work, to the businesses and individuals who donated raffle and auction items, to Donnie Ray's CheeseSteak Factory

for their catering services, to Christina George, the P.P.R.S Team, and Paranormal Connections for the radio time and promotion and to the Preston Castle Foundation for its support.

Make sure to check the Preston Castle website for details of next year's ParaCon and other upcoming events at the Castle. Make sure to like us on Facebook.com/CastleSpirits-BenefitParaCon. And follow us on Twitter @ Castle_Spirits

Wedding Fair

On Sunday June 7th, more than 15 dedicated wedding vendors came together to be a part of the Clark's Corner Wedding Fair at the stunning and historic Preston Castle. The fair started at 12pm and ran until 4pm. The Clothes Mine had models walking the Castle's courtyard showing off wedding attire while A&A Music Events provided music that set the mood. Hitting up every booth, the brides-to-be were able to find all the missing pieces to complete their wedding day planning. One bride even stated the Clark's Corner Wedding Fair had been her "favorite wedding fair of the season" because she was able to gather so much information and it didn't cost her family a ton of money just to attend. Clark's Corner would like to make the event an annual occurrence, and become larger and more extravagant each year. For all future brides, keep an eye out for an early 2016 Clark's Corner Bridal Fair.



Clark's Corner would like to give a personal thanks to the Preston Castle and the wedding vendors for all of their dedication to the Clark's Corner Wedding Fair and to all the future brides who attended.

Archives Committee Needs You

The Archives Committee is hoping to update the Preston Castle's museum this summer and get all of our archives, artifacts, and history organized. We are looking for:

1. Donations and or loans of archives or artifacts that once belonged to the Castle. In 1960 items were sold, auctioned off and even given away to employees and others. If you have any of these items and have no further use for them, we could use them in our museum.
2. We are also looking for pictures of the Castle inside and out. Especially pictures of the inside during the early years from 1894 and forward. We have few pictures that show how the inside looked.
3. We need stories of those who spent time at the Castle. Stories from past employees and their families and stories from families of wards or wards themselves.

If you are interested in volunteering on the Archives Committee, please submit your name to Marie Nutting at info@prestoncastle.com.

Annual Meeting and Election of Directors

The Preston Castle Foundation Annual Meeting of Members was held on June 3rd to elect Directors for two-year terms. Thirteen people comprise the Board of Directors. Seven Directors are elected in odd numbered years, and six Directors are elected in even numbered years. The following members were elected for a two-year term: Rod Burton, Jerry Funderburgh, Yvonne Funderburgh, Donna Jackson, Karl Knobelauch, Carol Lipchik, Donna Munson. Following the election, the Board elected its officers for 2015 - 2016.

Thanks go to all the candidates who ran in the election. The upcoming term promises to be exciting for all, with the prospect of Castle ownership on the horizon. The full Board of Directors:

Karl Knobelauch - President
 Jerry Funderburgh - Vice President
 Barbara Murray - Treasurer
 Jackie Martinez - Secretary
 Rod Burton
 Richard Forster
 Yvonne Funderburgh
 Steve Gast
 Donna Jackson
 Carol Lipchik
 Donna Munson
 Bill Thiry
 Anita Thomas

