

# CVPA Newsletter

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## *Buddhist Retreat/Temple*

We were informed by Coldwell Banker Best Realty that the Yuan Yung Buddhism Center is continuing negotiations to purchase the 476 acre Arnds Ranch near Tehachapi Mountain Park.

## *Yellow Starthistle*

CVPA had planned to participate in the group spray program organized by the Tehachapi Yellow Starthistle Task Force to eradicate this weed from Cummings Valley. CVPA was to pay for the contractor to spray the roadsides and minor encroachments into adjacent pastures with 2,4-D, a selective broadleaf herbicide, which is effective on Yellow Starthistle seedlings and does not kill the grasses.

When the private spray contractor backed out of the program because of an insurance problem the timing was disrupted for several weeks while efforts were made to salvage the program. With the delays, the Starthistle seedlings may mature beyond the point that 2,4-D is fully effective. This could leave us with the choices of increasing the 2,4-D concentrations, using Garlon (a more expensive broadleaf herbicide) or letting the County spray with Roundup which kills everything. Actually we may not have a choice as the County has indicated they may do it their way regardless. CVPA will still pursue getting the private properties sprayed.

## *Incorporation as a Non-Profit Organization*

The State has acknowledged receipt of our application and fees. We are awaiting further response. Al Sanbarano continues to work on this.

## *Trash-y Meet II*

*By Carol Wein 821-1819*

Here we are working on another CVPA tradition already! This will be CVPA's second year at helping clean up Cummings Valley. We will do a repeat of our very successful first run this past October.



We will be meeting at the Old Cummings Valley Elementary School (a-gain) on Pellisier at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 8. We'll pick all-that-stuff up as long as we can with Chris Grimes assisting us in his pickup, emptying those full trash bags and supplying us with cool refreshment. We'll meet back at the Old Schoolhouse at 12:30 for lunch goodies -- any donations of dips and whatnot, please let me know, that would be a great help.

Vests, gloves and trash bags will be provided.

Please wear comfortable walking shoes!!

We will have our limerick signs ready, Burma Shave formatted, professionally painted by Sonny at Old Town Signs. Please join us!! I will need to hear from you so I can make sure and have enough lunches and drinks.

## *February Meeting*

Clark and Jean Moore put on an outstanding program on birds of the Tehachapi area. Clark narrated an excellent set of slides giving pertinent information about each bird while Jean played recorded songs and calls of the bird being shown. It was a rare opportunity to connect the sights and the sounds of our local birds. Thanks to Clark and Jean.

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### *April Meeting*

Our speaker was Rick Hewett, director of KEEP (Kern Environmental Education Program). This program sends fifth and sixth grade students to either the Sierra camp or the seashore camp (Cummings Valley students go to Camp Sierra) for a week of study of the environment and its ecosystems. Rick's talk and slide presentation were excellent in showing the benefits of this well run program to the students.

The Board voted to donate \$300 to complete the outside (non-school district) funding for this year's program for Cummings Valley School students in the belief that raising the environmental awareness of the students (and perhaps some parents) is consistent with the goals of CVPA.

Anyone interested in making a personal contribution to this excellent program can send it to KEEP Foundation, 1300 17th Street CITY CENTRE, Bakersfield, CA 93301-4533 or can request more information from that address.

### *June Meeting*

This will be our annual meeting with election of officers. We had hoped that Vice President, Chris Grimes would be moving up to president replacing Chuck McCollough who has served two consecutive terms, and under our By-Laws cannot run again this year. However, Chris is engrossed in studies for an advanced degree and has declined to be a nominee. None of our other Board members is interested in moving up to that position, so we are looking for candidates. Volunteers for the other offices are: Vice President - Al Sanbrano, Treasurer - Carol Wein, Recording Secretary - Ann Miller and Corresponding Secretary - Laurie Rude. Anyone wishing to add their name to the candidate list should call nominating committee chairman, Ben Rude, at 821-1904.

It was voted by the Board to make this a social evening with music by Jon Hammond and, perhaps, some of his musician associates.

