



February 2, 2016

PCSC members and guardians,

Thank you to all those who attended PCSC events this month! PCSC provided many opportunities to give back to the local community this past month, and the trend continues through the winter. You can participate in [Hot Meals](#), attend the [monthly meeting](#) tomorrow, and much more this month, so sign up on the Facebook events linked as soon as possible.

### Member of the month: Percy Honnibal



Percy Honnibal, our newest Associate Crew Advisor, was selected as PCSC's recipient for our annual Distinguished Scouter. Percy was introduced to the crew about a year ago when PCSC volunteered at a Dimond Canyon trail stewardship event and has been an active adult in the crew since. Crew

Advisor Ken noticed that Percy liked helping our teens and also found out that he was interested in helping on our annual RTO project. Not only did Percy become a regular volunteer with PCSC, he registered as an official leader! He represents a rare breed! Join us at the Piedmont Boy Scouts of America annual recognition dinner on March 16th where Percy will be honored by (we hope) lots of our crew members and parents. Thank you so much for your contributions, Percy!

### Upcoming Garage Sale!

PCSC's biggest fundraiser of the year is the annual garage sale. This year it will be on Saturday, March 11th and we need all of the help we can get. You can start preparing now by collecting anything unwanted and unneeded around your house and saving it for the garage sale. These donations can range from large furniture pieces such as

### Remember RTO!

PCSC's biggest event of the year, Rebuilding Together Oakland (RTO), is coming up!



The planning, spearheaded by crew members Will Reicher, Rachel Elliot, officers Ellie Coleman and Nina Adarkar and advisors Ken Lit and Chris Stuetz, has begun. On Sunday, February 5th, the RTO planning team toured three possible houses for the project. Elements such as space for volunteers, attitude of the homeowner, and the state of the house will be taken into consideration when choosing the house for the next RTO project. Upon reflection of the RTO process, Nina Adarkar speaks of the impact of meeting the homeowner as it makes the project more personal.

After touring the houses today, she remembers how "We were outside, and we were talking about her [the homeowner] garden," and Margie, the homeowner, used to have "a lemon tree, and there there was a lemon tree, and a peach tree and there was a plum tree." This anecdote allowed Nina to get to know this history of the house and its inhabitants, and she now feels more invested and committed to the project.



dressers and desks to household items such as dishes, vases, clothes and sporting equipment. Remember, the aim is for everything donated to be resold, so please take that into consideration when making donations. Contact Josh Rogers ([joshdessertrogers@gmail.com](mailto:joshdessertrogers@gmail.com)) for more information!

### Summer Opportunities: HAC Backpacking Trip and other Service Options

When the school year ends, the PCSC year does not! PCSC is partnering HAC for a backpacking trip over the summer and you can join! Contact the president of both crews, Nina Adarkar, for more information. Also, check out the [google doc Nina made](#) for more information about possible

opportunities for community service over the summer. Some options are crew related, some are not, and feel free to

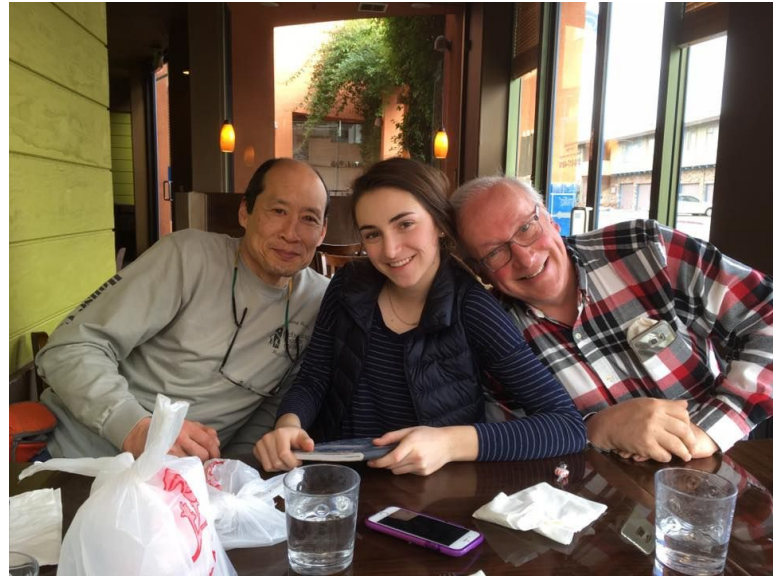


contact either Crew President Nina Adarkar or VP Communications Ellie Coleman for more information about any of the programs. Their contact information can be found at the bottom of the newsletter along with the rest of the PCSC officer team.

### Check out the PCSC Instagram!

Freshman crew member Charlotte Prendergast has taken over the PCSC instagram, check it out [@pcservicecrew!](#) Thanks Charlotte!

Rachel Elliot, another member of the planning team who toured the houses today, said "It was important that we got to meet them, shake their hands, get to know them as people, because it made the project seem more important." She reflected, "It gave a face rather than just a name," which gave her a stronger sense of commitment to the project.



The Spring RTO workdays will be on the last two weekends in April, save the date!

### East Bay Debate League Lunches

On Saturday, February 4th, crew members Josh Rogers and Margo Donahue sold pizza at the East Bay Debate League event and raised over \$300 in funds for the crew. Thanks Josh and Margo! Remember, all profits go towards

funding our RTO donation and supplies for the meals we cook for events like St. Mary's!





Thank you for your interest and/or involvement in PCSC!

Sincerely,

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