



CHISPA NUGGET



July 2019 Editor: Ron Rivera

**MONTHLY MEETING WEDNESDAY
JULY 3RD DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

I was very disappointed at the last member dinner as we only have 36 paid members. What is happening to our membership that we are getting such a low turnout? I wish we could convince more of you to attend and visit with your Native Sons brothers and enjoy a great meal and a fun evening together. July is a new month so let's see if I can convince more of you to be there. **Please read the article about the cost of our meals and why higher attendance is important to keeping the parlor running.** The doors open at 6:00 and dinner is served about 7:00.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
BOARD MEETING JULY 17TH**

We had about 9 of our officers at the June meeting but I am hoping that at the next meeting we can increase the attendance. The meeting usually starts about 7:00 and takes about 30 minutes. I want more of our officers to attend these meetings and I will repeat, "remember your obligation to attend", when you were voted in to your office.

**NEXT REGULAR PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY JULY 21ST - 7:30 - 11:30**

The morning started well with our usual group of early arrivals. But from about 8:00 until 8:30 nobody arrived and by 8:30 the only people in the room were the volunteers. Then the people started coming in and we ended up with over 100 paid guests. We had many groups who were there for Fathers day.

I was at the front collecting the money while the other volunteers handled the guests. Our crew consisted of Louie Clark, Kevin Von Aspern, Glenn Berry, and Dan Young taking the orders and serving the meals. In the kitchen we had Rocky Chick, Bert Abreo, Bruce Ross and Bowen Chick. Jim Arhontes was at his station keeping the orange

juice cups full. This nice crowd insured that we made money for this event. The list of volunteers seem to be the same people every time with few exceptions so I am again reaching out to you brothers to contribute some of your time by helping at this event. You should all let your friends and neighbors know about this fine monthly event which occurs on the third Sunday of every month. Remember to tell them about the best deal they will find anywhere for only \$7 for an all you can eat breakfast.

**CHICKEN IN A BARREL SOCIAL
FRIDAY JUNE 21ST**

We had a nice group, not large, but happy. I wasn't there to help with the setup but I want to thank those who did the setup. Maybe next time if I am not there to help the setup crew will leave their names so I can let everyone know in the newsletter. We always say the doors open at 6 but we do get a few who show up early which is not a problem. The hors d'oeuvres of cheeses and salami were enjoyed by just about everybody. Everyone slowly drifted to get their salad in the front of the room and dressed their own salad to their liking. I did notice my wife Sue had seconds on the salad so I'm sure she enjoyed it.

The cooks Rocky Chick, Bowen Chick, and Bert Abreo prepared corn on the cob, and the rice pilaf. The master of chicken in a barrel Glenn Plowman brought his 3 barrels to prepare the chicken. I believe he has some secret that makes this chicken taste so delicious and moist. Everyone raved about the chicken and the entire meal. Those of us who were there are glad we didn't miss this event. We ended the meal with the most delicious lemon cake and it too was enjoyed by all. The manager Hal Robinson working on his own kept the libations flowing before, during, and after the meal. He always does a great job no matter the size of the crowd. Glenn Berry handled the selling of the raffle tickets. Glenn does take a break from selling to enjoy his meal with

the rest of the people. We ended up with 4 50-50 winners. In addition to these winners Steve Difu's name was chosen to receive a nice bottle of wine. To my surprise when I delivered the wine to Steve he gave it to another brother Joe Oliveira, but I don't know why he did this. Below are the 4 winners.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cleft Palate Donation</u>
\$10	Sue Rivera	\$5
\$20	Steve Difu	\$20
\$30	Terry Hand	\$20
\$40	Charlotte Turnbow	\$10

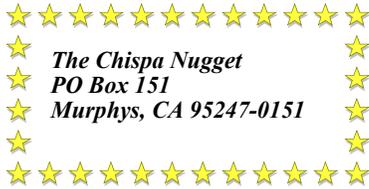
As you can see above all 4 of the lucky winners donated back to Cleft Palate and the Historical Preservation Fund. Thank you to all the winners and thanks to all who attended this fun dinner. We also had a 50 year anniversary pin given out to Gary Hinman who has now been in the Native Sons for 53 years. A belt buckle was given to Steve Mather which is presented to anyone who recruits at least 2 members during a year. In fact, Steve said he has recruited 5 members. I hope to see many of you at the July dinner.

**FRIDAY JULY 19TH SOCIAL
JULY SOCIAL RIB DINNER**

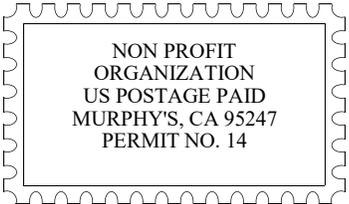
We are having another one of our great meals, delicious ribs. This meal will be \$15 just like most of our socials. These ribs are the best you will find anywhere. This dinner is usually very popular with our members. Last year we only had 56 paid guests and I am hoping the we can beat that number this year. The doors for the social will open at 6:00 PM with dinner served about 7:30 PM. We can always use help with the set up for this so why don't you show up at 4:00 PM on the 19th and lend a hand getting the tables prepared. It doesn't take long and you will get to have your name in this fine newsletter.

You will love the way our guys prepare
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THE CHISPA NUGGET **July 2019**

Cancer June 21-July 22 Cancerians with their smile can light up any room. And every person in that room.

Leo July 23-August 22 Leo's are charismatic and positive thinking and can attract an abundance of friends.

HONORED BROTHERS Our senior July birthday member is Roy Miller, Jr who will turn 96 in July. He has been a member of the Native Sons for 25 years. The youngest brother in July is Kevin Jones. He will turn 54 in July. That makes the age difference 42 years.

We only have 11 birthday brothers in July. I am hoping they all show and ask for their free libation.

BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

1	Martin	Davis
1	Richard	Tanner
4	Jim	Gaffney
10	Roy	Miller, Jr.
19	Gerry	Nelson
21	Kevin	Jones
25	Mike	Croshaw
25	Jamie	Harris
28	Simon	Granville
31	Jack	Buckman
31	Urban	Gomes

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 the ribs. I am going to invite some friends to attend so why don't you do the same? Don't forget to make your reservations by

deadline. The deadline for calling in is July 15th or better yet when you read this article call in before that date. Sometimes I have to remind our members that this is **not an "all you can eat"** dinner but the portions are ample and if everyone has been served and there are more ribs available you can always go for seconds.

CHISPA 139 OFFICERS 2019-2020

In the June newsletter I had some of the officers names wrong. Here are the names of those that were incorrect. Another mistake on my part so I'm sure my days as editor of the newsletter are numbered.
 Inside Sentinel - Mike Cilenti
 Outside Sentinel - Gregg Smith
 Trustees: William Schwoerer (1)
 Bert Abreo (3)
 Glenn Plowman (2)

EDITORS NOTE: At the June executive board meeting we talked about possibly moving the date of the board meeting to the same night as the member dinner or possibly on the same night as the social. The idea was to reduce the number of trips to the parlor for the board members. We discussed having the meeting about 30 to 40 minutes before the dinner since many of our board members do attend both these events. We are going to discuss this at the next member dinner on July 3rd so I encourage all of the board members attend this dinner.

Financial Secretary note: In my role as financial secretary I keep track of our income and pay our bills. I report the current status of our finances at the member meeting and the executive board meeting. In the last Nugget I mentioned that Grand Parlor has raised our per capita tax to \$44.46 per member. Because of this we have voted to increase our

annual membership cost to \$60.

At the executive board meeting we talked about the low turnout we have been getting at our member dinners and our socials. You have to understand that we pay \$200 to get the hall cleaned up after our member dinner and our socials. When we have 40 members at our member dinner \$5 of the \$15 collect goes to cleanup with the rest paying for the meal. In some cases like this we end up losing money at the event. We are thinking about setting a minimum number of attendees to have one of our events. We don't want to do this but it is something that will be discussed at our next member dinners meeting. As financial secretary I know that we are barely keeping our head above water. And we just discovered a problem with one of our swamp coolers. We have gotten an estimate to replace it at a cost of about \$3,100 and that will use up the money we have in reserve. Any thoughts from any of our members about ways to raise money will be greatly appreciated.

JUNE MEMBER DINNER

We had 36 brothers in attendance. The small group enjoyed the meal and the raffle after the dinner produced 4 winners.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cleft Palate Donation</u>
\$10	Eric Mackintosh	\$10
\$20	Bob Dunn	\$10
\$30	Bob Dunn	\$20
\$40	Lynn Hramston	\$40

All donated some or all of their winnings back and Lynn designated his winnings go to the Historical Preservation Fund.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY

July 3 Member dinner
 July 4 Fourth of July celebration
 July 17 Executive Board meeting
 July 19 Social—Rib dinner
 July 21 NSGW Pancake Breakfast

NSGW HALL IS FOR RENT

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