



CHISPA NUGGET



August 2019

**MONTHLY MEETING WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 7TH
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

Of course you all know to call in your reservation by the Monday before the meeting so I'm sure we will have the correct tally of the number that will be at the dinner.

We had the poorest turnout I can remember at our July member dinner. We ended up with only 26 paid which is a money losing number. With 181 members we should be doing a lot better than that. I think it is time for many of you who haven't been to the dinner to take the time to attend the August dinner. To get an idea of what we lose with a small crowd like this please **read the article on finances on the back of this newsletter.**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

At our last executive board meeting a vote was taken to determine if we wanted to continue to have this once a month meeting. Several of the board members had to make this trip which took some time. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that we would no longer have this meeting. I want to thank the few board members who did make these meetings for their attendance.

**NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY AUGUST 18TH - 7:30 - 11:30**

The July 21st pancake breakfast we had a total of 113 adults and 10 kids. It was our largest breakfast this year. It was sure nice to see the steady stream of guests come in. We had a lot of regulars but it seemed like we have quite a few first timers which always helps us draw a bigger crowd.

We had a big enough crew to keep the meals flowing at a good pace. I got to see everyone because I was at the front desk collecting the money as the people came in. The servers and the kitchen crew consisted of Jim Arhontes, Bert

Abreo, Rocky Chick, Louie Clark, Mike Cilenti, Glenn Berry, and Bruce Ross.

One thing I forget to mention is that sometimes the kitchen crew will add blueberries or apples to the pancakes. Many of the guest say this is a great treat. I want all you brothers to remember this event is open to the public so tell your friends about this great bargain of \$7 for biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, pancakes, and sausage served with orange juice and coffee and of course it is all you can eat so seconds are encouraged.

**FRIDAY JULY 19TH SOCIAL
RIB DINNER**

I showed up in the afternoon about 4:00 to help with the setup. I was pleasantly surprised to see that the setup hadn't started. The crew of Bruce Ross, Ron Rivera, and Glenn Berry did the setup. I believe there were one or two others but somehow I didn't remember their names. We had 74 paid when you include the extra ribs that were sold after the dinner.

I guess that most of the people don't read the newsletter because we had several people show up starting at about 5:15. The meal was prepared by Bert Abreo and Rocky Chick. I can't say enough about how much these two guys contribute to our parlor. We had our hors d'oeuvres of cheese, salami, olives, and other nibbles. Before the meal many people filled a plate with the appetizers. The salad was served first and in addition to the normal green salad with two choices of dressing we also had macaroni salad. The main course was the pork ribs which were very meaty so two ribs were enough for most people. Of course I had to have three. Along with the ribs we had a nice medley of vegetables and corn bread either plain or spiced up with some peppers. We also had rice pilaf. It was a meal that everyone walked away from satisfied and happy.

The meal was followed up with a very nice

carrot cake to fill that small spot in the stomach that the meal missed.

The raffle was handled by our President Glenn Berry who sold tickets throughout the evening. We had 5 lucky winners. Here are the winners:

Cleft Palate

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Donation</u>
\$15	Nuala Jordan	\$15
\$20	Ned Dalton	\$20
\$30	Sue Rivera	\$10
\$40	Charlotte Turnbow	\$10
\$55	Kenny Gaultney	

The lucky winners were very happy to collect their winnings and some gave part of the winnings back for Cleft Palate and the Historical Preservation Fund the two Native Sons charities. I want to thank everyone who participated and a special thanks for the donations.

**AUGUST SOCIAL ITALIAN DINNER
FRIDAY AUGUST 16TH**

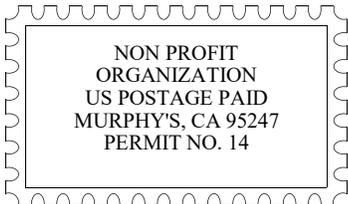
I always put in the date of the social so our members will know when it is happening. Just like the member dinner, our socials are on the 3rd Friday of the month so you don't need to wonder about the date if you can't find the newsletter. We would like you to call in by Tuesday, August 13th so we know how much to buy. Please call in and let us know how many are in your party.

The dinner is going to be an Italian dinner so get ready for your typical great dinner with all the trimmings. I know that our chefs will make a meal that you will enjoy so sign up and come to this fine dinner. We will need to have some help in the kitchen because Rocky will be away for this meal. We will plan to setup the hall about 4:00 PM in the hall so we would like to have some of you brothers show up for that. **The doors will open at 6:00** and the dinner will be served about 7:00.

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Leo July 23-August 22 Leo's are idealistic, honest, direct, and will work long and hard to achieve their goals

Virgo August 23-September 22 Virgo's are efficient, have strong ethics and need to see the practical worth of any undertaking.

HONORED BROTHERS Our senior August birthday member is John Kautz who will be turning 89. Our youngest brother in August is Torin Kingshill who will be 24. Our August oldest to youngest have an age difference of **"65" years.**

We have 15 August birthday brothers. Why don't a lot of you show up to enjoy the free libation you have earned.

BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

1	Jim	Heryford
1	Daniel	Holley
2	Theodore	Phelan
3	John	Kautz
9	Craig	Whitty
14	Michael	Hinks
14	Marshall	Young
17	Torin	Kingshill
18	Robert	Sawyer
20	Tim	Davis
22	Ray	Rogers
23	Harry	Lampman
26	Jim	Bidwell

28	Roger	LaJeunesse
30	Tim	Hicks

PARLOR FINANCES

As the financial secretary for the parlor I would like you to understand why I keep harping on attendance at our events. In reviewing our current financial status I found that so far this year we have spent \$5,560 more than we have taken in. As I said in a previous newsletter we will be raising the dues at the end of this year to \$60 because Grand Parlor is now charging \$44.56 per capita for each member. Last year the per capita was \$37.76. When we had the dues set at \$48 for this year we didn't know there was going to be a major increase in what Grand Parlor charged for per capita.

I analyzed the cost of our member dinners and found that when we get less than 50 people in attendance we lose money. Of course the lower the number the more money we lose. We charge \$15 for our meals as an example when we had only 26 at the July member dinner lost almost \$200. When we pass 50 brothers in attendance, every brother's \$15 is total profit. Since we do pay \$200 to clean the hall after each member dinner that is part of reason why attendance is important. Another thing that helps with increasing our income is the fact that a higher turnout increases the amount collected in the 50/50 raffle.

The ways we make money for the parlor are: dues, member dinners, socials, pancake breakfasts, member donations, and the bar. I calculated the total cost of the food and subtracted the income from the various dinners and we have made a mere \$800 year to date. The pancake breakfasts and the bar have made a profit this year as well as 49er days, but we had unexpected expenses. We had to purchase a new freezer and window shades.

The shades haven't been installed yet. We also had one of our swamp coolers in the kitchen go out and that will need to be replaced. I will continue to monitor our income versus our expenses but remember our hall is getting older and I'm sure other things will come up which will require repairs or replacement.

Ongoing expenses year to date are: utilities \$6,500, sales taxes \$2,400, Nugget mailings and stamps \$690. I reduce income by sales taxes we pay for socials, pancake breakfasts, bar income, and sandwich income. We collect the money and 4 times a year I get on the California tax website and pay the tax for the total income for our money makers. As examples when we collect \$15 at the door for one of our socials we actually net only \$13.91 and for the pancake breakfast where we charge \$7 we net \$6.50. I hope this helps you understand why your ongoing attendance at all of our events is so important. **LET'S BOOST ATTENDANCE!**

JULY MEMBER DINNER

With only 26 paid members we don't do well for our finances. Come to the dinner and enjoy the best New York steak for only \$15 with a great salad, delicious beans, vegetables, and desert. The dinner is always enjoyed by everyone and of course we had our raffle after the dinner. The raffle winners were:

Amount	Name	Cleft Palate Donation
\$15	Steve Ageno	\$5
\$25	Fred Cooper	\$5
\$35	Ron Rivera	\$15

Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets and a special thanks to our generous members who donated back to Cleft Palate.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST

- August 7 Member dinner
- August—Angels Camp Farmers Market Friday's 5:00 PM to Dusk
- August 16 Social—Italian dinner 6:00 PM
- August 18 NSGW Pancake Breakfast

NSGW HALL IS FOR RENT

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