



CHISPA NUGGET



March 2020

**MONTHLY MEETING WEDNESDAY
MARCH 4TH
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

I was very pleasantly surprised by the large crowd we had at our member dinner. With crowds like this the parlor will start adding to our treasury. I hope this will set a pattern for the year. We haven't had a crowd this large in more than 2 years. Brothers, lets keep the number up. In fact I believe that we will be serving some crab at our March dinner so it means you get an extra treat to go with your usual great meal.

Please make sure you make your reservations by Monday, March 2nd so we know how many are coming and we can order enough food for the group. I am sorry to report I won't be able to make the March dinner because I will be in Mexico having a great time. I hope to be surprised when I come back to add the revenue to see how many of you were in attendance. Enjoy!

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

We are going to have a special executive board meeting on March 18th at 7:00 PM. We haven't had a meeting in some time and we have some issues to discuss including developing a list of officers for the coming year. It is important that all you officers show up for this meeting.

**NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY MARCH 15TH 7:30 - 11:30**

As I said last month the price of our breakfast has been raised to \$8. Of course this is still the best price you will find anywhere for this wonderful breakfast. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage and biscuits and gravy accompanied by coffee and orange juice.

The crew at the February breakfast was Ron Rivera, Mike Cilenti, Louie Clark, Rocky Chick, Bowen Chick, Bruce Ross, Kevin Von Aspern, Cliff Von Aspern, Glenn Berry, and Dan Holley. We had a nice crowd of 102 paid guests many of whom are there for this breakfast every month. Special thanks to all

of these regulars who help make this a successful fund raiser for the parlor. I still want to see more of you brothers so we can be even more profitable. The \$1 increase in price won't bother our regulars since we told them about this increase at our last breakfast. Some of them even commented they wondered what took so long for the increase.

**FRIENDS & FAMILY CIOPPINO FEED
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15TH**

As usual since I put the time for the setup for the dinner at 9:00 I arrived at 9:00. As is usually the pattern all the tables were in place with the coverings and the place mats in place. What was left to do was the utensils, the bowls, the bibs, and the chairs. I don't know who arrived at 8:00 but Bruce Ross said that when he got to the hall some time after 8:00 most of this work had been done. The set up crew that I worked with was Doug Haslouer, Dan Holley, Urban Gomes, Kevin Von Aspern, and Bruce Ross.

The cioppino was prepared by our head cioppino chef Bob Koopmann, Rocky Chick, Bert Abreo and the rest of Bob's crew. I can tell you the result was "Fantastic". I heard from many people that this was the best cioppino they had ever had. When the crowd started arriving they found that there were hors d'oeuvres plates on the tables so people didn't have to stand in line to get them. When the cioppino was served it never stopped until everyone said we can't possibly eat any more. Everyone agreed that the price they paid was more than worth it.

The servers were Dan Holley, Bowen Chick, Rocky Chick, and Urban Gomes. And they didn't stop until people finally started saying, 'Ya no mas', which of course is Spanish for 'no more'. We had 100 paid and we ended up with a lot of crab left over. Before, during, and after the meal the bartenders were kept quite busy so our thanks go to Hal Robinson and his helper Gary Anderson for the great job they always do.

Our President and head raffle guy Glenn Berry hustled the crowd selling tickets. He did a great job as evidenced by the 5 large prizes that were handed out. It is fun to watch the barrel fill up with raffle tickets. When everyone had settled down and finished their meals, Glenn began the raffle drawing. I am the helper who takes down the names of the winners and their prizes.

You can tell by the size of the prizes that we had a lot of tickets sold. Here are the 5 lucky winners and their prizes.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cleft Palate Donation</u>
\$25	Linda Burns	
\$50	Joan Vargas	\$10
\$75	Diane Jarvi	\$20
\$100	Becca Somersett	
\$150	Terry Fretz	\$50

I want to thank all those who purchased tickets and also thank those that gave some of their winnings back to Cleft Palate.

**CORNER BEEF AND CABBAGE SOCIAL
FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH**

This event is one of most popular, because everyone who attends officially becomes Irish. This event is just like all our events with the doors open at 6:00 and the dinner served about 7:00. The price for this social is \$15. I always recommend this event to everyone because the corned beef is the best you will find anywhere. This is another of the meals that our chefs pride themselves on.

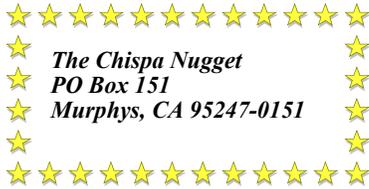
We can use help setting up for this so if you can show up about 4:00 PM to help with the setup please do. I know I repeat this a lot but please call in your reservations by Wednesday morning **March 18th**. The number to call of course as always is 728-8902. You can also send an e-mail to chispa139@sbcglobal.net. Let's have a great turnout for this event.

IRISH DAYS -HELP NEEDED

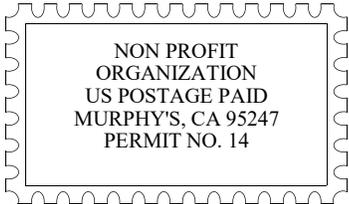
The weekend of March 20-21 is one that requires a lot of help from our members. We will be participating in the Murphys Day parade carrying the flag so we need about 10 to 12 guys to handle that on Saturday the 20th. You can sign up for this at the March 4th member dinner. In addition to this we always need helpers to assist behind the bar and someone making sure everyone who wants to purchase an alcoholic beverage is 21 by checking their ID and giving them a wrist band. We also need someone at the door to make sure that nobody with a drink leaves the building.

IRISH DAYS CONTINUED

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THE CHISPA NUGGET

March 2020

Pisces February 19-March 20 Pisceans are compassionate and understanding of others and have an urge to help those in need.

Aries March 21-April 19 No matter what upheaval, challenge or triumph they confront - an Aries has a wonderful ability to bounce back.

HONORED BROTHERS Our senior March brother is Allan Thode who will be 93 in March. Our youngest brother in March is Tim Thompson who will be 34 in March. The age difference is 59 years.

We have 19 birthday brothers in March and I am hoping many of them can make it to our member dinner.

BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

9	Doug	Brown
11	Angelo	Archini
11	Rick	Darby
11	Walt	Markus
11	John	Muller
12	Jake	Jacobsen
14	Dick	Brockett
14	Charles	Lortz
15	Allan	Thode
15	Tim	Thompson
16	Lane	Rader

19	Russ	Thomas
20	Art	Alexander
22	Steve	Kautz
22	Mike	Walsh
24	Bill	Bogdanoff
26	Steve	Bristow
31	Tad	Folendorf
31	Henry	Petithomme

IRISH DAYS CONTINUED

In addition to this we need several guys to assist in making the sandwiches for our customers. Again I believe we can have a sign up sheet at the member dinner for these activities. If we get enough people helping we can give people a break from their activity. This is a good chance to show that you are an active member of the parlor by helping out on one of our best fund raisers. Between the bar and the sandwiches we collected over \$4,500 last year. That is not all profit but it is a very good total to help us get through the year in good shape.

Editor note: Our membership drive started out very well but in the last couple of weeks we have only had a couple of renewals. As I am writing this newsletter we still have about 35 members who haven't renewed. We will be sending out our last renewal notices to those who haven't paid. As I have said before this costs the parlor \$.55 in postage for each of these extra renewal notices. If you are not paid up by the end of March you will no longer be able to attend any of our events.

Editors note: The Chispa website is up and running. It has a list of our activities as well as the last two Nuggets that we published. Some of you complain that you are not receiving the Nugget in a timely manner so if you want to see the March Nugget go to: www.chispa139.org The website currently has the January and February Nugget for you to view.

FEBRUARY MEMBER DINNER

We had 65 paid in February which was the biggest crowd we have had in quite some time. It was nice to see the large group. The meal was great as always and everyone enjoyed their dinner. Here are the 5 raffle winners.

Amount	Name	Cleft Palate Donation
\$20	Ron Rivera	\$10
\$30	Ron Rivera	\$20
\$40	Ernie Wilberg	\$40
\$60	Gary Arthur	\$60
\$80	Jim Arhontes	\$80

Thanks to all who participated in our raffle. The raffle is one of the things that helps us build our bank account. The happy winners all donated to Cleft Palate and the Historical Preservation fund. In addition to these winners 2 tickets were drawn for a free pancake breakfast. The winners were Bob Dunn and Jim Arhontes.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH

- Mar 4 NSGW Member dinner
- Mar 8 Daylight Saving time ends
- Mar 15 NSGW pancake breakfast
- Mar 18 Executive Board meeting 7:00 PM
- Mar 20 Corned beef and cabbage social
- Mar 21 Murphys Irish Days
- Mar 21NSGW corned beef sandwiches and beverages served at the hall.

NSGW HALL IS FOR RENT

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