



CHISPA NUGGET



August 2023

**MONTHLY MEMBER DINNER
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2ND
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

We are continuing to have our monthly member meeting upstairs before the dinner. The meeting will begin about 6:15. You all know that when more people show up the better the parlor does. Let's plan on attending the monthly parlor dinner on August 2nd.

Now is the time to call in, don't wait until the last minute. Why don't you just call in your reservation when you read this email reminder. 209-728-8902. You can also send an email to chispa139@sbcglobal.net.

For those who don't have emails this reminder will not arrive in time for you to respond. We had a very low turnout at our July meeting. With the paid attendance of 37 we probably lost money on this dinner. We have 144 members so somehow we have to convince others to attend this dinner.

EXECUTIVE BOARD AUGUST 16TH

We are going to have our executive board meeting and it will take place as always on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The meeting starts at 5:30 and all officers are expected to attend this meeting so please set this date aside. and be there.

**NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH**

We had 15 volunteers at our last pancake breakfast which is the largest number we have ever had. With this many helpers it went very smoothly. Many of the helpers also helped at the June breakfast.

Here are the volunteers and I have separated those that were at both breakfasts. This group served at both: Glenn Plowman, Glenn Berry, Mike Cilenti, Louie

Clark, Patrick Bebout, Ron Rivera. This group was at this months breakfast: Rocky Chick, Bert Abreo, Tim Davis, Dan Young, Alan Brown, Dan Holley, Shaun Connelly, and Bob Bates.

We ended up serving 146 meals which is lower than recent breakfasts but still a very good turnout. As with all the breakfasts we make a good amount to add to our bank account after expenses. It is time for more of you who have never helped at our breakfasts to sign up so your name can be added to the group.

I know that most if not all of the volunteers take the time to pay for their breakfast and sit down and enjoy this great meal. I always hope that we will see more of our members at these events. Please pass the word around about the \$10 breakfast that includes everything and the added benefit of "all you can eat". I enjoyed my meal but I find that one breakfast is all I can eat.

JULY SOCIAL PASTA AND JUMBO SHRIMP

I decided to get the names of all the helpers that made the dinner possible. The setup crew was Alan Abreo, Mike Cilenti, and Ron Rivera. The chefs were Glenn Plowman, Rocky Chick, and Bert Abreo. The front desk had Bob Loeffler collecting the money and passing out the dinner tickets. The servers were Mike Cilenti, Tony Droubay, and Nick Esquivel who we are hoping will be joining our parlor. The bar was handled by Skip Hoy and Bruce Ross. Of course we had our raffle chairman Glenn Berry working the room the entire evening.

When Bob Loeffler had collected all the money for the dinners he told me that he had sold all 60 tickets that he had printed. This was amazing since we only had 52 people on the list. It seems that when I tell people the deadline they seem to just show up. Because Rocky had ordered a lot more than we needed so this was not a problem.

When people arrived they went directly to the bar and the hors d'oeuvres table to whet their appetite. Just before that salad was put out the great French rolls were put on all the tables.

As everyone was settling down and finishing their snacks the salad was put on the table at the front. When people saw the salad they lined up to get it and added the dressing that they prefer. It is nice that we are given a choice of salad dressings and also allow us to put as much or as little of the dressing as we chose. The salad as usual was delicious.

Somewhere around 7:00 the bell was rung and people went to the service line to get their pasta and shrimp. We had enough shrimp that when you were served they put a lot of shrimp on each plate and they asked if you wanted more. I ended up with 8 shrimp to go with the pasta and vegetables. As I was walking back to the table I knew that I would be going back for more.

But as I found, out by the time I finished the meal I was too full to even think about getting more. What a delight to have this great meal that everyone enjoyed. At the end of the meal we were treated to one of my favorite deserts, tiramisu. Somehow I was able to fit this in to expanding waist.

When everyone had finished their desert our raffle chairman, Glenn selected the 5 winning tickets. Here are the winners and their winnings.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Donation</u>
\$10	Dorri Cavestri	
\$20	Sharon Neider	
\$30	Pat Mackintosh	\$10
\$40	Tim Davis	\$10
\$40	Mike Cilenti	\$30

Thank you to all who participated in the raffle and thanks to those who donated part of their winnings to the parlor.

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THE CHISPA NUGGET

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Leo July 22 - August 22 Leos thrive on admiration from others but criticism will slam the relationship door in your face.

Virgo August 23 - September 22 Virgos are givers and when the chips are down and you need a friend.

HONORED BROTHERS The senior brother in August is John Kautz who will be 93 this month. Our youngest is Torin Kingshill who will be 28 this month a huge difference in age between the two 65 years.

As a reminder all of the guys on this list are allowed to go to the bartenders and ask for the free libation of their choice.

BIRTHDAY BROTHERS AUGUST

1	Daniel	Holley
1	Jim	Heryford
2	Theodore	Phelan
3	John	Kautz
9	Craig	Whitty
12	David	Lazzari
17	Torin	Kingshill
19	Jay	Luchsinger
20	Tim	Davis
26	Jim	Bidwell
27	Ray	Rogers
28	Roger	LaJeunesse

AUGUST 18TH SOCIAL - TRI-TIP

I know for a fact that our members like the way our chefs prepare the Tri-Tip in a barrel. They have their own special secret recipe. The price of this social is the same as most of our events \$20 per person.

This will be a complete meal including our great salad, rolls, some kind of starch and vegetables. I hope that this will spark a renewed interest in our members

and we get a big crowd. I want to again encourage you to call in and leave you name and the number in your party before the deadline. You can send an email to chispa139@sbcglobal.net or call 209-728-8902.

I don't want to have to start tracking those that show up when they haven't called in. I stress this time and again because I want to make sure that have an accurate count so we have enough of the side dishes prepared for this dinner to feed everyone. Of course we will have our raffle and we will have another great dessert to complete the meal.

The larger the crowd the better the raffle prizes. If any of you have the time before this it would be nice to have a few guys show up and help with the setup. Also when you get there you might let the chefs know if you are willing to help with the serving. I know I am going to be there and I hope a lot of you go out and recruit friends and family. You can't beat this meal for \$20. The doors officially open at 6:00 but of course a large group always arrives before that. The dinner will be served about 7:00.

Editors note: I have been asked to determine if it is time to raise the price of our \$10 pancake breakfast. As you all know with the tremendous increase in prices for all that we purchase for these breakfasts it may be time.

I have 7 months of data to get through so I don't have the answer to what kind of profit we are actually making on our breakfasts. The only thing that hasn't gone up is the cost of the clean-up after the breakfast. If has stayed at \$125 for finishing the cleanup after all the kitchen utensils are finished. If we have 125 guests this means that \$1 of the \$10 goes to the cleanup.

We have actually averaged 154 breakfasts from January through July. So the actual cost is less than a dollar. One thing you might not know is that when we collect the \$10 we have to pay tax on that which is another \$.73. I reviewed our history and found that we raised the price in 2019 from \$7 to \$8.

I then traced forward and found that we had raised the price to \$10 in July of 2022. So as of our July breakfast we have only had the price at \$10 for 13 months. Once I have worked through the details of income and expenses related to this event we can work to decide if we might want to raise the price. I will say that having the price at \$10 makes it easy to collect at the desk.

In memory: One of our members Edward Boll died on May 29th. I didn't get any other details on his passing. He joined the Native Sons in 2017 and was 82. All of you brothers have a good thought about Ed.

I would like to thank all the brothers who signed the card when I was out with Covid. I thank you all for your good wishes and a quick recovery. Ron Rivera

Editor's note: In the past the Nugget was always completed and delivered before the member dinner. We have 144 members in our roster who are eligible to attend our member dinner and 14% don't have emails. Since all members know that the first Wednesday of each month is the night of member dinner with only 14% of our members don't have emails

I don't feel the need to rush to complete the Nugget as it has been done in the past. I do notify all members with emails about the member dinner so 85% of them get the notice in time to make their reservation. Thanks to all for your understanding.

July Member Dinner: Sadly as I wrote in the article about the July member dinner we had an extremely low attendance. This of course leads to a small raffle. Glenn Barry handled the 50/50 raffle as usual. The raffle prize winners were:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Donation</u>
\$10	Bob Koopmann	\$10
\$15	Ray Rogers	\$5
\$25	Gregg Smith	\$20
\$40	David Wells	\$20

As you can see even though we had a small raffle all of our generous member donated back to the parlor. This seems to be a tradition but I want to assure everyone that it is not necessary to donate back to the parlor.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST

- August 2 NSGW Member dinner - 6:00
- August 16 Executive Board Meeting - 5:30
- August 18 Tri-Tip Social - 6:00
- August 20 Pancake Breakfast - 7:30-11:30
- Aug. 29-Sep 3 - Lotts Lake work week

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