



CHISPA NUGGET



February 2023

**MONTHLY MEMBER DINNER
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1ST
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

We are continuing to have our monthly member dinner meeting upstairs before the dinner. The meeting will begin about 6:15.

Since most of you have emails I would greatly appreciate it if some of you would let me know why you are not coming to this great dinner. Take a little time and let me know what we need to do to get more of you to attend. ronaldwr8@aol.com

The last meeting was the same as it has been for several months. We have averaged about 38 members at the dinners. I would love to see that number climb to 50 or so. If I get no responses I am going to think that I am wasting my time writing this newsletter.

I am giving you time to call in for the February dinner by getting out the newsletter before the January 30th deadline. Call the phone number on the back page to make your reservation. I will be at the dinner and hopefully I will be pleased to see a larger group.

EXECUTIVE BOARD FEBRUARY

We are going to have our executive board meeting and it will take place as always on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We have **changed the time from 5:00 PM to 6 PM** because one of the officers couldn't make the meeting at 5:00. All officers are expected to attend this meeting so please set this date aside. and be there.

**NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19TH**

The January breakfast had 120 paid so we kept busy. The helpers we had were: Louie Clark, Glenn Berry, Ron Rivera, Tim Davis, Glenn Plowman, Rocky Chick, Bert Abreo, Bruce Ross, Bruce Cavestri, and Mike Cienti.

This breakfast started off slowly but it picked up and when we are at our peak almost all the seats are taken. When the guests started coming we had a steady flow for the rest of the day. It is nice to see that we got many of our regulars as well as some new guests.

Tell all your friends, relatives, and anyone else you can think of about our great \$10 breakfast on the third Sunday of every month. I hope to see more of our members at our next breakfast so you can enjoy the "ALL YOU CAN EAT" helpings of pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy with coffee and orange juice.

**BROTHERS YOUR \$72 PAYMENT FOR 2023
DUES SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID BY NOW**

I am sorry to report that as of January 24th we still have only had 55 brothers who have paid their dues. We have 146 members so we are way behind on collecting dues. I am asking that all of you who haven't paid to get out your checkbook and make it out to Chispa139 N.S.G.W. The address is: Chispa139 N.S.G.W. , PO Box 151, Murphys, CA 95247-0151. If you want to save the \$.60 in postage just attend our member dinner and bring your check with you. Thanks for your early attention to this important message.

Steve Ageno who is collecting all the dues payments is going to take the time to start calling all those who haven't paid. It is something he shouldn't have to do to get you to pay. Let's make sure you let him know that your check will be in the mail after the phone call. If you have trouble paying the dues Grand Parlor can assist with the payment.

JANUARY CRAB FEED

Bruce Ross, Rocky Chick and I got to the hall about 9:00am and got everything set up for the crab feed. The dinner cost \$50 for crab and \$20 for pasta. We ended up with 79 who paid for crab and 6 who chose pasta only. When people arrived the hors d'oeuvres plates were already on the table. Of course the bar was open and Bruce Ross and Skip Hoy began serving beverages when people arrived.

About 6:45 the salad, the pasta and the rolls were out. People lined up to get their salad and those who wanted pasta only or pasta in addition to their crab were served and everyone took a roll. This went smoothly and the servers waited while everyone ate their salad and pasta.

Before the crab was served the bar kept selling beverages and I don't know how much they did sell but everyone seemed to keep their throats from getting parched.

When people started arriving Glenn Berry was working the room selling those good old raffle tickets. With this nice crowd he sold a lot of tickets.

When the crab servers saw the people were ready for their crab 4 carts with crab came in. The servers went down the ends of each table and piled crab onto everyone's plates.

The people took 2 or 3 clusters of crab to begin. The first batch that came out was still partially frozen so they traded for those crabs that were thawed. Other than the frozen crab complaint everyone raved about the quality and the taste of the crab. I believe I set a Ron record for the amount of crab that I ate. Of course when everyone had their fill the desert of a delicious lemon cake was served and I believe most people were able to finish their cake. I feel that it was a great treat for all to have our crab feed back!

Glenn Berry then began the raffle and we had 5 lucky winners.

The raffle prize winner were:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Donation</u>
\$20	Steve Hubbard	
\$40	Kristy Hubbard	
\$60	Deanna Hoy	\$10
\$80	Michael Lightfoot	\$30
\$100	Carol Chick	

I want to thank all those who participated in the 50/50 raffle.

**ANNUAL CIOPPINO FEED
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH**

We had a fabulous crab feed in January and now we are going to have our Cioppino feed in February. It has been 3 years since we have had both of these events and it is good to see things return to a more normal status. This has always been one of our most popular events and I am hoping that this year turns out the same. This event was started by Bob Koopmann's father well before I joined the parlor and his son Bob Koopmann will be there with his usual large group. I reviewed the price from 2019 and it was \$45. I haven't gotten the price for the Cioppino feed but I am guessing it will be \$60. One of our members was invited to a Cioppino feed in Stockton and the price was \$85 so that

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THE CHISPA NUGGET February 2023

Aquarius - January 20 - February 18
 Aquarians can be objective in judgment, for they never let their emotions get in the way.

Pisces - February 19 - March 20 Pisceans usually have a very strong and active social conscious – a do gooder if you will.

HONORED BROTHERS The senior brother for February is Gerry Marquette who will be 90. Our youngest brother is Alan Anderson who will be 42 in January. There is only an age difference of 48 years between the ages of our senior brother and our youngest.

All February birthday members can get their free libation at the member dinner.

BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

1	Steve	Breakfield
6	Mike	Roscelli
7	Gerry	Marquette
10	Don	Warner
15	Charles	Creighton
16	Alan	Anderson
24	John	Gilbeau
28	Rocky	Chick III
28	Walt	Patterson

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 makes our price look pretty good.

This meal takes a lot of work to prepare and the cost of all the ingredients has gone up like

all the other foods that we purchase. **We want everyone to call in to the hall before noon on Feb. 15 to 209-728-8902 and leave your name and the number in your party because that is the deadline for ordering.** We always order enough to accommodate more people and if you do call in late we will try to fit you in. Because of the cost of this meal, it is important that you make a reservation. Then on the evening of the event show up and we will have your name on a list.

Like most of our socials the doors open at 6:00 with dinner about 7:00. Invite your friends as well as your family so this event will be a great success. We will be setting up for the event on the morning of the 18th at 9:00 AM. Show up at the hall that morning and lend a hand. The more the merrier. With more helpers it goes very quickly.

Editor's note: I found that one of the emails that I was using for distribution was incorrect. I found this out from another member who mentioned that one of his friends wasn't getting my emails. I was also told by two members that they had changed their emails. **I am asking all of you with emails to let me know if your email changes so we can keep getting our notices to you.** When we mailed all the Nuggets we asked for any change of address so the Nugget would get to you. Since I email the Nugget and also all special notices if you don't get any emails during the month please let me know so I can see what may be going wrong.

Chispa139 finances: When we have our monthly member dinner I give a report on the current financial status. I have reviewed the expenses for running the parlor in 2022 to show how much it costs to keep the parlor open and make repairs as needed. This year we had some extra expenses because of a leak in the roof. The cost was about \$4,000 which was paid out of the rental fees. We were lucky the rentals this past year had picked up. As all of you realize owning a building you have needed repairs so we have to make enough money on our activities like our socials, our pancake breakfasts, and our other events like Murphys Days sandwich and bar income.

We all pay dues of \$72 but of that amount we pay Grand Parlor \$50 per capita leaving only \$22 remaining to offset some of our costs. The per capita tax will probably go up again this June so

if that happens we will have less available to offset our expenses. What you may not realize is that income from our socials, member dinners, pancake breakfasts, and bar income is all taxed by the state. The tax is 7.25% which we pay because the tax is built into our price. An example is the member dinner. We charge \$20 but after paying for the taxes and the cleanup we only have a net income \$13.14. Since our average attendance at our member dinners is 37 members the cleanup cost is \$5.40 per person and the tax is \$1.75.

These figures explain why attendance is important at all of our events. All of our members who live in high fire areas know how much insurance has gone up in the last few years. In 2021 we paid about \$3,500 to insure the parlor and in 2022 that was raised to \$7,785. I went through our finances for 2022 and found that the income from all our activities and we spent about \$650 more than we brought in. Since the insurance, utilities, food and beverage costs will also go up we need better attendance to build a reserve. We charged \$50 for the crab feed and are charging \$60 for the Cioppino feed because these are the activities where we can make a nice profit and help us keep the parlor open for our members. I will of course keep mentioning this in future newsletters.

January Member Dinner: The meal was great as usual so those who didn't attend missed out. Glenn Barry handled the 50/50 raffle as usual. The raffle prize winners were:

Amount	Name	Donation
\$10	Ray Rogers	\$5
\$20	Dick Terry	\$20
\$30	Louie Clark	\$20
\$40	David Wells	\$20

As you can see all the winners donated back to the parlor.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY
 Feb 1 NSGW Member dinner
 Feb 14 Valentine's Day
 Feb 15 NSGW Executive Board Meeting
 Feb 18 Cioppino Feed - 6:00 PM
 Feb 20 Pancake Breakfast - 7:30-11:30

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