



# CHISPA NUGGET



January 2024

**MONTHLY MEMBER DINNER  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3RD  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

**Beginning at our November member dinner you could bring a guest to the dinner even if they are not eligible to become a Native Son. I will keep repeating this for a couple more member dinners. The only thing that has to happen is the guests must wait in the bar area until the meeting is over.**

Now is the time to call in, don't wait until the last minute. You can send an email to [chispa139@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chispa139@sbcglobal.net) or call 209-728-8902 and leave your name and the number in your party. The cost is \$20. Please call in by January 1st.

Well we are starting a new year so I am hoping that we can begin to get a larger crowd for our member dinners in 2024. We haven't found a new cleanup crew so please read the article about our new cleanup process for 2024. Rocky and Carol did this for 12 years and they have decided that is enough. If anybody knows of someone who might be interested please let us know.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD JANUARY 17TH**

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. In the last Nugget I said the meeting starts at 5:00 and apparently most of the board members thought it was 5:30. I have highlighted the 5:30 so the board knows the correct time.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
JANUARY 21ST**

We continue to have huge turnouts for our pancake breakfasts and December was no different. We served a total of 193 breakfasts and we had plenty of helpers. I want everyone to know that

this was the most breakfasts we have ever served. Our previous high was in August when we server 185. If you attended you know how busy we were.

The breakfast workers were: Alan Brown, Glenn Plowman, Glenn Berry, Rocky Chick, Bert Abreo, Ron Rivera, Mike Cilenti, Tony Droubay, Howard Lyon, Patrick Burke, Louie Clark, and Bruce Ross. I hope we can add some new names to the list next month to take a load off the regulars.

As usual we didn't have a lot of members in attendance so I am hoping that more members will attend. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee and OJ for \$10. Come on down and enjoy this wonderful breakfast.

**DECEMBER CHRISTMAS  
SOCIAL**

I arrived at the parlor to help with the setup and found out that the Native Daughters had put up the Christmas Tree and put some decoration on each table. I want to give a special thanks to Nora Tramontana for her donation of 18 of our 28 raffle prizes.

I was surprised by the small turnout for this dinner to celebrate Christmas. We only had 77 people who were treated to a great meal. We got some last minute people calling which is always a problem for the cooks. It worked out but I don't know what I have to do to get everyone to sign up for the dinners in a timely manner.

We started as always with hors d'oeuvres. Since we had such a small crowd we didn't bother to call out the tables by number. The line was never too long and the servers allowed everyone to get the amount they wanted. The servers were: Tony Droubay, Howard Lyon, Jeff Vermillion, Bruce Ross, Rocky Chick, and Mike Cilenti. My thanks for these guys for handling that.

The dinner was turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, and green beans and everything was delicious. After the meal the dessert was served and everyone cleaned their plate. We then had our raffle. Glenn and I sold tickets throughout the evening. Glenn sold 50/50

tickets and I sold raffle prize tickets. I apologize for two things, I stapled the tickets on the bags upside down and I didn't mark each item with the bag number. We still made a good bit of money on the 50/50 and raffle prizes. Here are the winners of the 50/50.

Amount	Name	Donation
\$25	Rick Ryan	\$5
\$35	David Wells	\$15
\$45	Carol Chick	
\$65	Alan Abreo	

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

**CRAB FEED  
FRIDAY JANUARY 19TH**

We are having a crab feed this year. We will have pasta in addition to the crab so if you aren't a fan of crab you can come and enjoy the event with your friends. With the high price of crab we will be charging **between \$50 and \$60** and for the pasta only crowd we will be charging \$20. To make reservations please call the hall at 209-728-8902. Please call by January 15th at 3:00PM.

At this time we don't know what the price of crab will be or even if enough will be available to hold the event but we are hoping we can pull it off. Once we find out the price of crab we will send an email to everyone in the roster with the price of the crab feed.

**One important note with the high cost of crab we would like to ask that everyone who makes a reservation to please attend. If you make your reservation and have to cancel please do.** The doors open at 6:00 for this social like most socials. We will begin setting up the tables that morning at 9:00 AM. I will send an email reminding you about the setup the week of the event. **PS: we will be holding our Cioppino feed on Saturday, February 17th so mark the date on your calendar.**

**Editor's note: As many of you know Carol Chick and her cleaning crew have retired. We are still looking for a replacement. Starting with our January member dinner we will all be busing our own tables after the dinner. We will also be putting the chairs and tables away. Bruce Ross said**  
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**THE CHISPA NUGGET**

**January 2024**

Capricorn December 22 - January 19 Capricorns rise to the occasion when faced with a new task or deadline.

Aquarius January 22 - February 18 Aquarians are humanitarian and involved in social programs that assist others.

**HONORED BROTHERS** Brother Ernie Rockholt is the oldest this month and he will be 84 in January. The youngest brother this month is Ian Morford and the difference between the oldest and youngest is a whopping 58 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 JANUARY**

1	Chris	Rush
3	Jerry	Pezzi
6	Tim	Folendorf
11	Ernie	Rockholt
12	Bill	Eltringham
14	Ian	Morford
16	Jim	Phelan
19	Kenneth	Gaultney
19	Steve	Ageno
24	Charles	Cuneo
31	Eric	Davis

**DUES NOTICE:** Please take the time to pay your 2024 dues which should be paid by the end of December. I will keep including this notice until all the dues have been received. The dues amount will be \$72. There will be no mailed notice asking for your dues. The top of this page shows the address where you mail your dues.

We have 41 who have paid but payments are coming in slowly. We currently have 136 paid members in our roster so we still have a long way to go. I repeat you create a lot more work for Steve Ageno and myself by not paying on time. Please make out your checks to N.S.G.W Chispa139.

**that at the January member dinner he is having someone come to see if they might want to handle the cleanup after our meals.**

**If this doesn't work out we will continue to pursue a group to cleanup after our meals. If we don't find someone we will have to get a group of volunteers to sign up for this process and we will have to have a large group so one individual won't have to help more than once a month. We won't know what the cost would be but I believe it will be quite a bit more than Carol was charging,**

**NATIVES SONS MARCHED IN THE MURPHYS CHRISTMAS PARADE**

I missed this parade but we managed to have enough people show up to carry the flag. We had more than enough volunteers a day before the parade but we ended up with 4 people including myself who couldn't make it.

With that many missing we had a couple of guys who handled 2 loops on the flag. I believe the banner was carried at the front of the parade followed by flag carriers: Steve Mather, Bruce Ross, Glenn Berry, Alan Brown, Jeff Vermillion, Tony Droubay, Gregg Smith, Tad Folendorf, Dave Lazzari, Louie Clark, Dan Young and Bruce Cavestri. I know that the crowd enjoyed seeing our local parlor marching. This is one way we can hopefully recruit some new members to join.

**Chispa139 Finances:**

I am always letting you know how important it is to attend our functions. We had a good year overall in terms of income from our various functions. Now what does it cost to just keep the parlor open.

- Annual expenses with 136 members:
- \$3,432 NSGW per capita 2023-2023
- \$4,201 NSGW insurance
- \$157 Office supplies
- \$471 Post office stamps, PO Box
- \$475 Accounting - taxes
- \$400 Sprinkler checkup
- \$1,200 2 stipends to Grand Parlor
- \$730 Sewer
- \$1,232 AT&T

- \$1,789 Trash removal
- \$876 Water
- \$6,422 Electricity & propane heating
- \$25,239 total annual expenses

I have not included the cost of the liquor license since the rental corporation of the parlor pays for these. We also have extra expenses that come up like this year.

- \$912 new printer/copier
- \$910 new computer
- \$2,775 new swamp cooler
- \$4,597

The hall is way behind on things that need repair like, painting inside and we don't have a quote for that, paint outside probably \$20k, sheet rock repair needed small cost but necessary.

We currently have in excess of \$20K in our bank account that is available for 2024 but as you can see from our annual costs without continued good attendance that amount will quickly be reduced. Dues are important but out of your \$72 we only have \$16.38 for remaining for our expenses. That works out to \$2,228 for our 136 members. A drop in the bucket for our overall annual requirements.

**December Member Dinner:** The total number of paid was 37 which is a low turnout. Glenn Berry handled the 50/50 raffle as usual. The raffle prize winners were written very clearly by me but it seems that my filing system is as bad as always so I don't have the names of the winners.

With this low turnout we only collect \$160 in the raffle. The 50/50 winners got a total of \$80. In checking the books I saw that the \$80 passed out to the winners all of them donated their winnings back to the parlor. I want to thank all of you for your participation and the generous donations to the Native Sons.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER**

- Jan 3 NSGW Member dinner - 6:00 PM
- Jan 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 17 Executive Board meeting - 5:30 PM
- Jan 19 Native Sons Crab Feed (\$50-\$60?)
- Jan 21 Pancake breakfast - (7:30-11:30)

**NSGW HALL IS FOR RENT**

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