

SAMOA November 13, 2014 General Meeting.

30 persons were in attendance including the waitress.

President Robin George opened the meeting precisely at 7:00 PM and started with a brief recognition of veterans. He reminded all that the charity chosen for our support this year was Fisher House (www.fisherhouse.org) for all of the wonderful work they do for our wounded military members, their families and friends. The "hat" was passed for those who had been unable to make a donation and the final total of our donation came to \$825. A check for that amount was going to be delivered to the Armstrong and Getty radio show the next day as they were conducting a fund raiser for Fisher House.

Bob Castelli walked in and another waitress began helping out therefore 32 persons were in attendance.

Robin reminded everyone that the December meeting included our annual business report and elections. He indicated that all officer agreed to serve another year in their respective positions except Ron Petrich but that should not stand in the way of anyone who wanted to hold an officer position. Robin indicated that he would like to serve one more year as president, taking the club through it's 25th anniversary year, but then would definitely step down. With regard to Ron, Robin told everyone that Ron had to step down due to continued health issues but he would continue to maintain the website until someone stepped up and then would ensure a smooth transition. Ron has done a beautiful job keeping our website interesting, informative and timely and his service to the club will be greatly missed.

Charter members Skip Noyes and Dennis Swaney; and life time member Ralph Gingrich were recognized. Past presidents Robin George and Mike DeLaurentis were recognized.

Robin reminded everyone the importance of RSVPing for events and showing up when one does RSVP. We had 75 RSVP for our October meeting at Elk Grove Mazda so they purchased food, and SAMOA purchased wine, for that sized crowd. Only 50 showed up, however, which was a poor reflection on our club and caused a great deal of waste for Elk Grove. A fair amount of time and effort goes into planning an event so the least members can do is to RSVP when asked and stick to their commitment. It is understood that sometimes last minute issues arise that precludes someone from attending an event that they originally agreed to attend however our membership has a pretty bad record of not RSVPing and/or no showing.

Treasurer Jeannie George announced that she had a few SAMOA T-shirts and ball caps available for sale and also offered discount smog coupons to anyone needing one.

Newsletter Editor Jennifer Sipe displayed several potential SAMOA 25th anniversary mens and women polo shirts and ball caps that are being considered.

Tech guy Lee Galati tried to give away a set of brand new snow chains to no avail. He talked about a part of our website devoted to owner modifications and that he was going to email contributors to that web site in order to develop newsletter articles. He also distributed a survey in an attempt to gauge member interest and new ideas.

Events chair Mike Sipe reviewed upcoming events.

Jen advised that the 12/6 Christmas Party needs more attendees in order to ensure we have a private room.

The 12/7 Shriner's Christmas rally4kids is an event with a good purpose and all are encouraged to attend. Those that can't attend but still want to contribute a gift should contact any BOO member who will deliver it.

The 1/4 Hangover run will finish at the Yuba City Butte Brewery. It will also have a passenger sway component to it.

Ralph Gingrich is going to re-do the Hair in the Wind event. He is also looking for other than Miata convertibles to attend so if you have an OTM convertible, or no someone who does and who is willing to attend, please let Ralph know.

Mike DeLaurentis talked about a Christmas Light decoration event which he will schedule for 12/23. Those who attend are encouraged to recommend their favorite display and he will attempt to work them into the run.

Jen told a groaner but she at least told it - and didn't read it.

Many people purchased raffle tickets and a few of them even won prizes.

Robin adjourned the meeting at 8:14 when most people were standing up and heading for the door.

Minutes submitted for Secretary Ellen Frosch by VP Mike DeLaurentis.