

SAMOA
December 11, 2008
General Membership Meeting

Location: Coco's Restaurant, Sacramento
Call to Order: 7:00 pm

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HO! HO! HO! and a good time was had by all! Santa Robin George opened the annual Christmas meeting and elections with a HO! HO! HO! He introduced the Board members in attendance: Mike DeLaurentis, Jeanne George, Pam Hunt, Ron Petrich, Mark Brooks and Jack Parker Life members introduced were Skip Noyes and Dennis Swaney.

Mike DeLaurentis announced the first Support for Troops package has already been sent to Dylan Hunt, son of Pam and Randy Hunt. We have two more names on our list to send boxes to, but we need more! On the SAMOA Web site there is a list of items that the soldiers overseas have requested and we are asked to bring some of these every meeting to keep the supply up for our guys serving our Country!

Next month the annual meeting will NOT be at Cocos. It will be at the Plaza.HofBrau at Watt and El Camino. This is a test to see how we like it and whether we feel there is more room and good food.

Officer Reports:

Secretary – Pam Hunt

Since Pam was speechless, Jeanne continued with her report

Treasurer – Jeanne George

We currently have 115 memberships, 187 members and 123 cars in SAMOA. There is one more sweat shirt available-size x-large in pink. If you are interested, see Jeanne. The annual audit is being done next week. The finance committee will review the books and prepare next years budget.

Media – Ron Petrich

The new Web site is now up and running. Ron has done an awesome job. Check it out! Ron would like an artist from the club to design a new logo. Ron also presented Ralph Gingrich with a special page of his own...a big E!

Tech Talk –Mark Brooks

Mark was speechless tonight.

Events – Jack Parker

Past Events

Two letters from the Sacramento Children's Receiving Home have been received thanking us for both the cash donation and the toy run.

The Christmas party was judged to be a great time. Thanks to Gundi and Gary.

Coming Up

Wreaths Across American will occur on Saturday December 13. We will meet at 7:45 am at the McDonalds in Davis. Mike D will lead us on a short run to Dixon for the ceremony and then the laying of the wreaths on the veterans graves.

The next full moon drive will be on December 12th. El Presidente will lead any hearty souls on a top down tour of the Delta starting in West Sacramento.

January 4th will be the Hangover Run. Remember that you must still be hung over from New Years Eve!

The Super bowl run will be on February 1st. Ron will lead you on a drive to Napa. This will start at 7:30 at McDonalds in Davis.

The Presidents Run will be on February 22nd. It will go through the foothills and end up at the Roadhouse in Capay.

Vice-President – Mike DeLaurentis

New Members and Guests:

New members Vlad and Angela Pokadko were at their first meeting tonight. They recently bought a 2000 White Miata. Vlad is into drag racing and would like to compete in autocross. They recently got married and bought a new house.

Pat and Mike Luck are neighbors of David Chin. They just bought a 2008 hardtop . Mike works for the State of California and Pat is a retired State worker.

Awards Ceremony

President Robin is honoring those who have helped make this club what it is. Decals were awarded to Pam and Randy Hunt for leading the Loon Lake trip and to Gundi and Gary Bechtold for the Christmas dinner.

There were special backpacks-carry all bags awarded to those who gone over and above serving the club. Seven members have led events over the past 3 years in a row. Between them, they have led 42 events. They are Skip Noyes, Ralph and JoAnne Gingrich, Vince Weiss and Kathi Bell, Rod Gonzalez, Fran Rowell, Graeme Kinsey and Denise Correia.

We also had four Officers that have put on multiple events in the past three years. In addition to their other duties, they have led 57 events! They are Mike DeLaurentis, Robin George, Jack Parker and Ron Petrich. Ron has organized the Got Guts the last three years and has raised \$34,000 for charity.

Other officers recognized were Mark Brooks, Jeanne George and Pam Hunt. There were also several other members who have made a significant contribution to the club. They are Bob Bacon, Terri Bacon, Wes Zicker, Adi Damamia, Dave DeNuzzo, Frank & vi Nicholson and Helen DeLaurentis.

Elections – Rod Rodriguez

Ballots have been placed on the table. The Technical position is blank at the moment, but Bob Bacon has been nominated to run. There is a motion to suspend Section 6.03 in the Club Bylaws, which limits the numbers of years one person can serve in an office. It was unanimous to suspend this section and elect the slate of officers as is.

Raffle:

Skip noted that the first raffle prize in 1992 was a washcloth with some window cleaner! How far we have come....Also, Jenn and Mike Sipe will take over raffle duty from the Bacons next year.

Remote mini car –Ellen
Tool kit-Rod
Wine-Sharon
Wine-Margie
Tire clock-Mark
Remote control car-Jan
Umbrella-Gary
Wine-Robin
Harmonica-Terri
Fire Extinguisher-Pam
Multi tool-Pam
Map book –Mike
Flashlight-Clay
Engine Degreaser-Ross
Wine-Diana
Wine-Ron
Chocolate-Ross
Blue tooth Headset-Jo
Wine-Ron
Wine-Mark
Wine –Ron
Large Tire clock-Jeanne
Jumbo Screw drivers-Mike

Custom Wash and Wax by Skip-Vlad
Center Piece-Jeanne
Center Piece-Jim
Center Piece-Vlad
Center Piece-Clay
Center Piece-Frank
Center Piece-Mike
Center Piece-Jackie
Center Piece – Mark
Center Piece-Helen
Center Piece-Jan

This year, the officers decided to select “special” gifts to donate to the raffle. The gifts had no “restrictions” as to good taste or common decency and each officer had to present their own gift to the raffle winner. This secretary cannot even begin to describe the gifts in all their glorious wonder, so I will keep it clean and simple.

From Mark to Frank-three anatomically correct and active animals- a sheep, a polar bear and a penguin.

From Ron to Margie-a model Miata that Ron had had in his basement for years.

From Pam to Helen- Fanny Floss

From Ron to Linda Moe-Free gas once a week for the next month- 4 cans of chili with beans.

From Jack to Mike-“rollover protection”- a hard hat and a box of Excedrin.

From Jeanne to Mark- an economy “cut back” picnic basket full of delights like Spam, Cheez Whiz, thin mints and other delights.

From Mike to Pam- one half bottle of wine-Mike said “it had to be under \$10 so I drank half of it!”

From Robin to Margie-a Singing Big Mouth Belly Bass for her wall.

And to all a good night!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.