



# CHISPA NUGGET



February 2020

**MONTHLY MEETING WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 5TH  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

Even though we changed our first member dinner from the 1st Wednesday to the 2nd Wednesday in January we still had a decent group of 48 paid members and guests.

As always I was hoping for a larger group but it still was a good way to start the year. February's dinner will of course be on the 1st Wednesday of the year so make sure you make your reservations by Monday, February 3rd. When we know how many are coming we can order enough food for the group. I hope that someday I can count the reservations and it will match the number of members in attendance.

I hope to see you in February a few days after the Super Bowl. It is fun to have some new teams in this and we can all sit around and talk about the winner. The doors open at 6:00 PM with dinner served about 7:00 PM.

**NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16TH 7:30 - 11:30**

We only had 92 at our December January 19th breakfast. This number of guests matches the average number we had last year. The crowd came in at a nice slow pace so our servers had no trouble keeping up with the orders. I of course ended the breakfast by having my own breakfast which as always I enjoyed very much.

The crew was Ron Rivera, Tim Davis, Mike Cilenti, Louie Clark, Rocky Chick, Bowen Chick, Bert Abreo, and Kevin and Cliff Von Aspern. If these names seem familiar it's because we always seem to get the same guys with no new helpers. As a Native Son I would think you would volunteer some time to relieve the regular helpers. It is a fun outing and you can buy yourself a nice breakfast when you take your break from working.

Other than the servers we have very few of our brothers attend these great breakfasts. Even if you don't come you can

always spread the word about the great Native Sons breakfast on the third Sunday of every month. Tell one, tell all, an amazing all you can eat breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee, and orange juice for \$7. Can't be beaten anywhere.

**CRAB FEED FRIDAY JANUARY 17TH**

We had 104 on the list for crab and 5 on the list for pasta. As it turns out we sold 90 crab dinners and 5 pasta dinners. The setup crew arrived between 2:45 and 3:15. An announcement was made to start the setup about 3:00 and the setup crew was Tim Davis, Kevin Von Aspern, Dick Terry, Tom Kingshill, Ron Rivera and Paul Turounet. It went very nicely with this nice big group.

Of course Rocky Chick and Bert Abreo were in the kitchen the whole time preparing for the dinner. Instead of having everyone going to get their hors d'oeuvres a plate of hors d'oeuvres was put on each table and they disappeared quickly. About 6:30 the serve yourself salad and clam chowder was put out. A lot of people lined up to get both. Nothing but compliments about the clam chowder and the salad. Some time after 7:00 the crab was passed out to each table. Bowls of crab were delivered to each table and then everyone dug in. The servers kept filing the bowls of crab and it appeared at times like the tables were competing to see who could eat the most crab the fastest. They truly took it to heart when we said "all you can eat". The servers that I remember were Rocky Chick, Bowen Chick, and Steve Mather.

Rocky had gotten the crab from a new source and it turned out that everyone in the room said how great the crab was. While the crab was being distributed they went around and served pesto pasta to all the pasta eaters. When you hear how great everything is all evening it makes for a pleasant evening. Before the crab was served it was quite noisy but after that all you could hear was crab cracking. Somehow while all the food was being delivered we had a new

raffle group consisting of Steve Mather and Bowen Chick. They did a great job of selling tickets and because of their efforts we ended up with 5 lucky winners. Here are the winners and their winning amounts.

		Cleft Palate
<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Donation</u>
\$45	Tom Kingshill	\$20
\$50	Gary Arthur	\$50
\$60	Phyllis Turounet	\$10
\$70	Peggy Lucas	\$70
\$85	Nora Brown	\$20

I want to thank all who participated and congratulations to the winners. As you can see above all of our winners donated all or part of their money back to Cleft Palate and the HPF fund.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ATTENDANCE**

As you read in the article about the crab feed we had 15 fewer people show up than had reservations. **I want you all to realize how important it is to call in and cancel if you can't make it. This is especially true for our upcoming Cioppino feed in February. Since the cioppino has many more ingredients than crab alone, it is much more costly.**

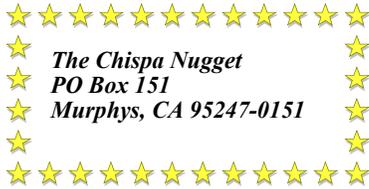
**ANNUAL CIOPPINO FEED  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15TH**

**We want everyone to call in to the hall on Feb. 9th, 728-8902** and leave your name and the number in your party **because that is when we are ordering the ingredients.** We always order enough to accommodate more but if you do call in late we will try to fit you in. We are going to charge \$50 for this meal which is only \$5 more than last year.

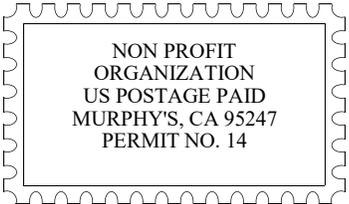
Because of the cost of this meal, it is important that you make a reservation. Then on the evening of the event show up and we will have your name on a list. Bob Koopmann has his own crew who work to make this meal very special. This event in my estimation is the best meal of the year. Remember doors open at 6:00 with dinner about 7:00. I hope we can get a lot of members to attend. Don't forget this is a

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Aquarius January 20-February 18 Aquarians shouldn't let anyone talk them out of or into something they just don't want to do.

Pisces February 19-March 20 Pisceans feel that healing is a way of life and many enter the field of medicine, nursing, and social work

**HONORED BROTHERS** Our senior February birthday member is Gerry Marquette who will turn 87. Our youngest brother in February is Dylan Smith who will be 38. The age difference is only 49 years.

We only have 12 birthday brothers in February but I am hoping many of them can make it to our member dinner.

BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

6	Mike	Roscelli
7	Gerry	Marquette
10	Don	Warner
15	Charles	Creighton
16	Alan	Anderson
16	Joe	Archambault
17	Jesse	Kreisberg
18	Vaughn	Tribble
22	Dennis	Downum
24	John	Gilbeau

28	Rocky	Chick III
28	Walt	Patterson

**CIOPPINO FEED CONTINUED**  
 "friends" and family dinner so get out there and drum up as many guests as you can so this event will be a great success.

We will be setting up for the event on the morning of the 15th 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. The cost of crab and all the other fish and shrimp force us to charge this amount. It sounds like a lot but for what you get you won't be disappointed. This event is one of the two best fund raisers for our parlor so make it a point to attend. My mouth is watering just writing this article. See you there.

**Editor note:** I was hoping to have great news about our membership drive for 2020 but I am sorry to report that we still have about 50 members who haven't renewed. This of course means that we will have to send out 2nd reminder notices to these members. The notices will be going out in February. I am hoping that all of them are going to rejoin. When they get their 2nd notices I hope they will call the parlor and let us know if they don't plan on renewing. If there are any financial reasons that they haven't joined let us know also because Grand Parlor will assist us in paying their membership.

I am putting this note in to let everyone know that because of the increase in prices for many of the things served at the break-

fast we are going to raise the price of the breakfast to \$8. This price increase will go in to affect at the pancake breakfast in March.

Editors note: As you know you receive this newsletter in the mail on a monthly basis. I want you all to know that even though I write the articles it would not get in the mail without the work of helpers. For years it was Bob Loeffler and Bill Schwoerer who helped with the folding and taping. I am pleased that recently I have gotten a couple of new helpers, Kevin Von Aspern and Ernie Wilberg. I want all of you to thank them for their efforts when you see them.

**JANUARY MEMBER DINNER**  
 We had 48 paid in January which is a nice crowd. Evidently everyone was in good mood because we had a big raffle. The meal was great as always and everyone enjoyed their dinner. Here are the 6 raffle winners.

Amount	Name	Cleft Palate Donation
\$10	Jesse Kreisberg	\$10
\$20	Craig Whitty	\$15
\$30	Jim Bidwell	\$10
\$40	Bill Schwoerer	\$40
\$50	Gary Arthur	\$50
\$60	Steve Mather	\$60

Thanks to all who participated in our raffle. The raffle is one of the things that helps us build our bank account. The happy winners all donated to Cleft Palate and the Historical Preservation fund.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY**  
 Feb 5 NSGW Member dinner  
 Feb 14 Valentine's Day  
 Feb 15 Cioppino Feed - 6:00 PM  
 Feb 16 Pancake Breakfast - 7:30-11:30  
 Feb 17 Presidents' Day

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