

STATE STAFF MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2004

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FALL FIESTA, DUNNICAN, CA.

OPENING

Charles Horner opened the meeting at 10:05. There were about 45 people in attendance. Charles led the flag salute and June Jackson gave the prayer. Charles announced that chapter "C" would not be here as Jan Campbell's mom had passed away and the memorial services were today and she was very well liked by the chapter members and they would be attending the services. Phyllis Horner is not feeling well and is having a lot of tests done trying to find what is wrong, she is trying a new medicine and it is letting her keep some food down and that's a good sign. We all send our wishes to her for a speedy recovery.

Charles read a short piece called "Common Sense" it was interesting, funny and gave you something to think about...

Charles introduced his State Staff and said Don and Shelly Tolbert would be taking over Gary Campbell's position in the Bay area, welcome aboard Don and Shelly. The chapter directors each introduced their selves and the members that came with them and there were a few new directors.

A Jim and June Jackson

B Tom Garske-New

C Andrea Fredona, 714 Singleton Road San Jose Ca. 9511-1344. Telephone (408) 578-2351-New

D not here: John and Kathy Carlson

E Jim & Sherry Nicolaisen-New

F Phil and Charley Messer

J Steven & Virginia Fritch-New

K not here: John and Ann Haugrud

L Jimmie Phillips

M not here: Aaron Hardesty

N not here: Buck and Charline Buckley

O Ken and Sandra Downs-New

P Harry and Karen Davis

R not here: Paul and Sonia O'Brien

S Christy Sonneborn and Dennis Therien

T Milton and Lonna Appelfhof

V Steve and Ralphine Andrus

Y not here: Marilyn Johnson and BJ Asst CD

Z Don and Shelly Tolbert

New Business

Chapter checking accounts, if your chapter is using the National checking account ID number, you need to get a new one for your chapters as you are not to be using that one. Charles said you can get a S4 form from the IRS or online and it simple to use.

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John Hunrath, State Web master, reminded chapter's to send him a flyer regarding the upcoming chapter events for 2005, he will put them on the web site immediately so others may get the flyers. He would also like for members to send any photos they might have regarding their events or anything that involves GWTA members and at the years end he will put them all on a CD and send to National to use for various GWTA things.

Gary Campbell outgoing assistant director, Gary sent an e-mail congratulating all who went to Gold Rush and all who won awards while there and we had a number of our members who won awards.

Old Business

Review the points of concern from the August 21, 2004 state staff meeting.

1. Need for information booth during the rally and registration closer together.
Answer: To have them together once the main rush on Friday is over, the registration workers should be able to answer most questions, will discuss further at a later date.
2. Ran out of ice cream
Answer: Will see that we have more on hand.
3. Need to have someone to handle family games.
Answer: Chapter "C" has agreed to do it. Chapter "T" had already filled this need. So
4. Do we need so many trophies?
Answer: Couldn't decide will discuss again at a later date.
5. We need judges for costumes. Charles and Phyllis will find local non partial Judges
6. Do we want best dressed couple, and best dressed costume.
Answer seemed to be no to both questions. **This will be discussed futher.**
7. Do we want best dressed theme.
Answer: yes.
8. Do we want to have skits?
Answer: Yes.
9. Do we want to wear chapter dress?
Answer: Yes, but with a lot of discussion about whether to wear chapter colors or other colors, It was determined that we should follow those guidelines set for National as we would continue participation at Gold Rush.
10. We need to rename the skill course and make it more fun? No competition.
Answer: Lots of discussion, but still no real answer.

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11. Do we need an auction?

Answer: No. maybe a silent one.

12. Do we want each chapter to have their own theme

Answer: A clear No.

13. Do we need to get a group for security?

Answer: Suggestion was for gate security and someone to be checking out the camping area for unauthorized people. Harry Davis from chapter "P" volunteered to head up security for the rally. There was quite a discussion on whether to have wristbands or the neck badges we are using now, no final decision made.

14. Need to check badges to see if people are registered.

Answer: Lots of discussion no final answer. Maybe escorts for people who may want to check out GWTA and then be escorted by a designated person to see that area and then escorted back to the gate by that person.

15. We need a food vendor?

Answer: Charles said if a chapters wants to do that let him know and if anyone knows someone who might interested let the vender coordinators know.

16. Need for a short ride at the rally

Answer: All agree we need a ride, no volunteers to put it together.

17. Need a microphone for Joanne to make announcements?

Answer: NO she will have a radio instead.

Board of Directors

Ed Davis told us Bruce Keenon's mom is very ill and not expected to make it. You might want to send Bruce and his family a card.

Liz Gray is stepping down from doing the Touring News leaving the association to do other things.

Ed said the insurance the association needs is costing \$32,00.00 this year, double what it was last year. They are looking to see if a better price can be found.

Region "B" lost the least members on the last printout but we need to recruit new members all the time.

Bob Hargrave was asked about the amount of money in the helping hands fund and how it was spent. He said they had taken in \$11,000.00 and had spent \$5,000.00 as of thirty days ago, but he wants to know where it is going to and can't get that information as it's an operations issue. There was a lot of discussion but nothing

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changed. (The Board gets a monthly statement and it includes incoming monies and outgoing but isn't broken down by specific item.) Bob says he and Bruce Tannock are working to see if things can be made clearer.

Region "B"

Don Fisher as the out going director presented Milton Applehof and chapter "T" with a card and \$50.00 in gift certificates for ice cream for being the chapter who sold the most raffle tickets for Gold Rush in Northern California. Don had already sent each chapter a check for a percentage of what each sold in tickets for Gold Rush.

The presentation today was out of pocket from Don and Phyllis and was neat.

Don showed us a shirt that chapter "V" had come up with to encourage people to buy and wear to get others interested in going to Grand Junction, Co. next year. The shirts are \$17.00 each with a name \$22.00 and all the money will go to helping hands. John Hunrath will have all the information on the state web site shortly.

GWTA Chapter Olympics Program

Information is included in each packet for chapter directors and Charles asked everyone to take it back and review it with their chapter members as it is a good program

Ride for Kids up date

Terry Owens gave a short report and said \$245,941.92 was brought in that day. One couple turned in \$65,000.00 on behalf of their son Sam who passed away two years ago. The Harry's put on a golf tournament and all the funds go to Ride for Kids.

Terry said when they received the check his heart really started pounding and it was a while before it was back to normal.

Rider Education

Les Long asked everyone to get others to take part in the skills and games when they attend the state rally.

State Calendar for 2005

We have three more events for 2004 and they are.

November 5, 2004 chapter "V" Woodland Toy Run

December 5, 2004 Chapter "L" Toy Run meeting at Kmart Lake Port

December 12, 2004 Chapter "N" Bowling for Tots Jackson

Events for 2005

A Polar Bear ride January 1, 2005

B none yet

C Miniature Golf May 14, 2005 Ride for Kids

D None yet

E Blossom Trail Ride March 6, 2005

F February 5, 2005 Mid Winter Gathering

May 13, 14, and 15 2005 Rollins Lake (Mothers Day)

J June 10, 11, and 13 2005 Fun Time Campout

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K none yet

L April 2005 Poker run second Sunday

M none yet

N none yet

O Golden Throne January 9, 2005 Orland Country Kitchen

April 23, 2005 Fallen Rider Memorial, Redding

August 12, 13 and 14 Crater Lake Campout

P Ride to the Sky date to announce later

R Working on a ride to be announced later

S July 8, 9, and 10, 2005 Lake Tahoe Campout south shore

T May 6, 7, and 8th 2005 Cinco de Mayo, Gridley Fairgrounds

V April 17, 2005 Shawnathan Toy Run (new and clean used stuffed animals)

Y none yet

Z May 21, 2005 Mall Show in Milpitas

October 8, 2005 October fest, San Bruno

When planning your chapter ride calendars try not to put something on an event date for another chapter and try to go to that event and support their event.

50/50 drawing will be right after the tortilla toss.

Meeting adjourned 1:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Delores Reynolds

P.S.

Skip Paquette won the tortilla toss with a winning throw of 72 feet