

**SAN DIEGO SANTAS
A CHAPTER OF FORBS**

Membership Meeting Minutes for September 1, 2021

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Board Members: President John Lorne Jr., Vice-President Joe McGrievy, Treasurer Kathie Wellington, Sergeant at Arms Greg Cook, and Secretary Mary Ann Schafer

Commenced: 12:51 pm at the Olive Garden, Grossmont Center El Cajon **Adjourned:** 1:54 pm

The meeting was called to order by John and he welcomed the members present. He asked if we had any guest(s) present and there were none. John led the members in reciting **the Pledge of Allegiance and singing "God Bless America."** The **Invocation** was given by Mark Hartman.

Member(s) Under the Weather: The only member that was under the weather due to heart surgery was Richard Stahley; however, it was great having him back in our meeting today.

Members Minutes from August 4, 2021, was up for approval and since there were no corrections or additions noted; Minutes were **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report for September 2021 was given by Kathie who stated that there is \$8,188.45 in the General Fund, \$3,925.09 in the Special Delivery Fund; and in the Reunion Fund there is \$2,161.81, for a total of \$14,275.352. The Treasurer's Report was Approved at the Board Meeting.

Sunshine Report given by Pam Scatterday and she announced the September's Birthdays and Happy Birthday was sung by the members.

Sept 2 Sharron Conley Sept 3 Joe McGrievy Sept 4 John Lorne Jr.

Sept 7 Marilyn Tagart Sept 10 Patricia Dawson Sept 19 Mike Stillwell Sept 27 Glen Bailey

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Location for the October 6, 2021 Meeting:

- Mary Ann stated that the October 6th meeting will be at the Golden Corral in El Cajon, with the Board Meeting at 11:15 am and Members' Meeting at 12 noon, if the room is available. The address for the Golden Corral is 390 W Main St, El Cajon, CA 92020.
 - It should be noted that Eileen Lapin stated the Long Horn Steakhouse has a private room, however it is not a closed room, and it is open to the public.
 - Mark Hartman and Tony Williams said that they would like a different restaurant. Mary Ann said that finding a restaurant is not the sole responsibility of the Board, if a member has a certain menu or area in mind, to please find a restaurant that they like that has a private room, and can accommodate 50 to 60 people. If they find one, bring the information to the Board, and we will see if we can use it..
- **Note: The room is available so the October 6th meeting which will be held at the Golden Corral.**

- John Frazier asked why the meeting started late. He was told, by the Board, that due to it being our first time at this restaurant, the Board meeting started late due to having to wait in line to get and that the Board had a lot of things to discuss with the upcoming fund raiser dinner.
 - The Board has decided to accommodate for the waiting time in line, that the Board Meetings will start at 11:15 am and the Members Meeting at 12 noon.
 - **The Board is also asking the members if they are coming to the Board Meeting, to please be quiet unless you have a comment about what the Board is discussing. It was quite hard for the Board to hear with the ancillary talking going on by its' members. Thank you.**

2. Fund Raiser Dinner

- **Tickets:** Kathie asked that those who took tickets to sell, if they could please turn in the money they have so far at the end of the meeting. And if someone needs additional tickets to sell, to please see her.
 - Mary Ann also clarified a misconception that if you volunteer at the fund raiser dinner, that your meal is free. Sorry, if you want to eat, you will need to buy a ticket. Mary Ann said that she buys herself, Steve and her children (who are adults and voluntary) meal tickets every year, but they never get the opportunity to eat, because they are busy serving. So please buy a ticket and help fund the Santas' Special Delivery.
 - Pam Scatterday asked if tickets can be purchase at the door. Kathie said "Yes."
 - Steve Schafer asked, if we could get a count on the tickets sold, so that when they purchase the food, they have a better count on how much to buy.
 - Ken Brassell said that we should count on about 300. He also said that he will be turning in another \$1943. He said that we all should be selling tickets or asking for donations.
 - He said that he and Kathie went to the Rotary Club meeting, being held at the Elks Lodge, and they had \$300 in donation.
 - Ken also said that out of the money he has sold or collected, he is keeping out \$40 for the posters he had made; \$100 for the alcohol permit; \$100 for the Bartender, and he noted that the Exalted Ruler, himself, is paying for an additional bartender; and \$100 dollars for two \$50 tips for the two janitors for everything they will be doing.
 - Ken said that there should be 24 round tables and 12 – eight foot rectangle table and approximately 289 chairs, we will be using the grass area also.
 - Ken said that we should be able to use the social room which also seat 100 and has air conditioning.
 - He said that using the dining room, is not a good idea, due to the extra cleaning that goes into it.
 - Ken said that out of the 270 tickets he took, he has 51 left. He sold 208 tickets and the bar has sold 19 tickets for him.
 - Dale Law asked if there will be a room for entertainment, and Ken said that we will be using the stage area in the patio area.
 - Eileen Lapins asked about the big fans, and Ken said that the fans will be there.
 - Tony Williams said that he will buy a couple tickets from Ken after the meeting.
 - Steve asked if we could send an email on how many tickets actually have people coming or was it donations. Kathie said about 330 tickets have sold, but not all are coming.
 - Ken said that he estimates 300.

- We will be cooking in the inside kitchen (the potatoes) and outside kitchen (the Chili).
- John Frazier asked if we need health card and it was said that since it is a private area, no.
- **Raffles/Donation:** Kathie asked the membership if they go to restaurants, store or wherever you shop, talk to them about our Club and the Santas' Special Delivery and asked if they can donate a gift card or anything else.
 - Kathie said that she was at the Texas Road House Restaurant at Parkway Plaza and was talking to their manager about what we do. They have adopted our event for the month of October. If customers make a donation to our fund raiser event, they receive a free appetizer. They will be making a banner to advertize the October fund raiser at their restaurant.
 - Joe recommended that we have Santas' volunteer to go and be Santa there during the October month. It was said that it probably would not work, due to the space available.
- **Volunteers:** Mary Ann said that there is a volunteer list going around, and we need those who can help to please sign up. She will be sending out an email to those who volunteered, with what time to show up to assist.
 - Ken said that Tom Shaff will be at the entrance door, directing the diners and will be where Santa is.
- Ken asked if there could be extra quart containers to sell any extra chili for \$5 each. Mary Ann said we have some.
- Ken also said that Bernice will be making her delicious red velvet and cream cheese cupcake to auction off.
- Ken said that Bernice will be helping by assisting the diners on where to seat.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2022 FORBS Reunion:** Mary Ann said that an email was received from Ric Erwin, FORBS Chairman that the website for the Reunion will be up on September 2nd.
 - Link to Register for Reunion: <https://fs2.formsite.com/55v3Hm/pbjoor5sgp/index.html>
 - Link to Review Packages: <https://forbsantasreunion.com/packages/default.html>
 - Book your room, \$121 plus taxes and fees, at the Knott's Hotel on 7675 Crescent Avenue, Buena Park, CA 90620 Phone number (714) 995-1111. Remember to tell them you are with FORBS for the January 2022 Reunion.
2. 2022 FORBS Membership Renewal are Due, Dues are \$25. Click the link to renew or join: <https://forbsantas.com/joinus/default.html>
3. Remember you can also buy Santa Insurance through FORBS.
4. Joe introduce Brittney Skipper-Ruz owner of Royal Entertainers. Brittney said that they have changed their Santa group to Royal Santas. She said that they work with the San Diego Padres, and other group that need Santas. They have workshop to provide training, and they provide the Santa outfit. Brittney says that they are getting busy and she needs to bring on at least five Santas, especially in North County.
 - She says that her Santas work off an on-line Calendar, which the Santas can go into and mark when they are available, and also when jobs are offered to them, to accept the job.
 - Brittney said the Joe does the training.
 - Ken asked what types of jobs her Santas do.
 - Brittney said they work hotels, jobs for the Padres, Meet and Greet, and home visit.

- Tony Williams said that he received an email for a job offer for a Chick Fil-A, however, he was frustrated because he did not know where the offer came from because there was no name.
 - Brittney says that the Santas have to check and use their Calendar.
 - Mary Ann also said that she gets some request for Santa jobs via our website. But with those jobs she sends an email out to the Club's Santas, with the information she has, but the email has her name on it.
 - Dale Law said that Joe Mystic does the training and teaches how to up your game, with teaching and using videos.
 - Mary Ann asked if the training was available for our Santa members or just those that worked for Brittney. Joe said it is a closed training; you have to work for Brittney to attend.
 - Richard Stahley highly recommends the training, if you work for Brittney.
 - Brittney said that if you are interested to see her.
5. Jim Long said that Santa True is holding a three day training in Simi Valley, Mors head, the 25th through the 27th. He said the cost is \$240.
6. **Breast Cancer Angels:** Kathie said that she has made contact with Breast Cancer Angels for eligible families in San Diego for our Santas' Special Delivery and will be canvassing for Santas to do the deliveries next month.
- Ken and Bernice Brassell said that they have organizations that they work with that need Santa's deliveries: Missed Place Children, Keva, Battered Women and others.
 - Ken will send a list to Mary Ann.
7. Kathie asked the members, that when they come in, if they don't have a FORBS badge, to please pick up a temporary badge, with your name on it, or use the wipe off marker to write your name on the badge so we can all get to know your names.
- And when you leave the meeting, return the badge to the box for the next month meeting.
8. Dan Wheeler said there are Santa Jobs available. He said that he had an Ashley from New Marnil, contacts him and said that she is looking for some Santas. Dan said you can contact Ashley at (858) 500-6559 for more information. Once contact is made, she will request Santa pictures of you.

Since there was no other business, John adjourned the Meeting.

Submitted by Mary Ann Schafer, Secretary