

**SAN DIEGO SANTAS
A CHAPTER OF FORBS**

Membership Meeting Minutes for October 6, 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: 12:50 pm at the Golden Corral **Adjourned:** 1:28 pm

The meeting was called to order by John and he welcomed the members present. He asked if we had any guest(s) present. Ken Ball's friend Sandy was present. John led the members in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance**; the **Invocation** was given by Mark Hartman; then the members sang "**God Bless America.**"

Member(s) Not Feeling Well: Joe informed us that Cindy was not doing well. He said that she had Covid, a few weeks back, but she keeps getting worse. Joe said that Cindy will only drink Ensure, and that she keeps getting weaker. He said that she needs our prayers. Joe said that she is a Christian Scientist and does not believe in going to doctors or to the hospital. **Please Note: On October 27, 2021, Joe said Thanks for your prayers; that Cindy is doing better; she is eating and is able to get out of bed, but is still weak. Please continue to pray that Cindy continues to get stronger and gain her strength back.**

Members Minutes from September 1, 2021, was up for approval and since there were no corrections or additions noted; Minutes were **Approved.**

Treasurer's Report for October 2021 was given by Kathie who stated that the totals are still in transition, because she is still pending receipts for money spent. She said that she can give tentative totals that she has so far. She said that the total in the General Fund is \$ 18,082.81; which includes the **tentative** Special Delivery Fund of \$ 9494.82; and the Reunion Fund has \$2,161.81. **Please Note that the Treasurer's Report was Approved at the Board Meeting.**

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

Oct 3	Susan Larson	Oct 3	Thomas Higgins	Oct 5	Lisa Walsh
Oct 8	Debbie Fallon	Oct 15	Will Conley	Oct 15	James Larson
Oct 20	Teresa Hudson	Oct 20	Sandy Riffe	Oct 23	Darlene Vandale
		Oct 28	Dan Dorschel		

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Location for the November 3, 2021 Meeting:

- The November 3rd and future meetings will be held at the Golden Corral in El Cajon, with the Board Meeting at 11:15 am and Members' Meeting at 12 noon. The address for the Golden Corral is 390 W Main St, El Cajon, CA 92020.

2. Fund Raiser Dinner

- **Money Raised:** Kathie said that she will have a more accurate total at the next meeting; once all the receipts have been accounted for.
- **Food Handler Cards:** Kathie asked those members who took the Food Handlers test and have not been reimbursed, to please see her after the meeting for reimbursement.
- **Volunteers:** John wanted to thank all the members that volunteered: Ken Brassell, Steve Schafer, Maria Nollet, Harmonica John Frazer, Dena and David Kerr, Ed Nabors, Bob Perry, Randy Floyd, Kathie Wellington, Jim Long, Dan Wheeler, Bernice Brassell, Mark Hartman, Pam Scatterday, Rod Scatterday, Greg Cook, Tom Shaff, Joe McGrievy, and Dale Law. John also what to acknowledge and thanks the non-members that volunteered: Steven Schafer Jr., Djani Schafer, Myshi Schubert, Terry Lunceford, Vikki Powers, Kaci Carter, Kelly Tucker, Darby Powers, Jaymie Wellington, and Bernice Brassell daughter, Janice.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Santa Special Delivery:** Kathie informed the Santas that there is a sign-up sheet being passed around for Santas to sign-up to volunteer for our Special Delivery program.
 - It was asked if someone could give a description of what the job entails. Kathie asked Joe if he could do this.
 - Mary Ann said that the Guidelines for the Santas' duties were emailed out to the Santas before our October meeting.
 - Joe said that the Santas' Special Deliveries are delivered to needy families; many from Breast Cancer Angels. Joe said the Santas make contact with the families and get the wants and needs of the children.
 - Joe said that what he does, he contact the parents and arranges to stop by to meet the children. This happens before Christmas. He goes as Santa, but not in his Santa suit, but in Santa like attire. He talks to the children and finds out what they want for Christmas. He also talks to the mother/father and finds out if there is anything else the children may need. The Santas also set up a date to come by as Santa to deliver the gifts. Usually it is Christmas or Christmas Eve.
 - Mary Ann said that a gift card is purchased from the grocery store that the families shop at and is given to the parent(s) for purchasing the Christmas meal.
 - In 2020, Kathie contacted the family and found out where they do their grocery shopping. Mary Ann then purchased and mailed those meal gift card, with a note, to the family so that they can purchase the groceries for their Christmas meal.
 - Joe said that what he usually does is when he speaks to the parent(s), before his first visit with the children, he find out where they buy their groceries, and he purchases the food gift card before his first visit with the children so he has it to give to the family at the first visit.
 - Joe said that the Church he works with, the women there will sometimes buy the children's clothes and wrap the gifts for him.
 - Then he sets up the date and time for the delivery and visit with the family with the gifts dress in his Santa attire.
 - Joe said that Bob Perry still does a family he did his first year with the Santas' Special Delivery.
 - John Frasier asked about the area of service. Kathie said she let the Santas know the different areas where the families live and they can select the different areas they are willing to do.
 - Glen Bailey said that zip codes would work. Kathie said she also using the zip code with the Santas.

2. **Dues:** Mary Ann said that the membership dues for our Club of \$10 is payable to Kathie starting next month in November.
3. **2024 Reunion:** John said that our Club will be hosting the FORBS 2024 Reunion. He said that our Committee Chairperson is Jacquelin Balogh-Bailey.
 - Jacquelin said that after the Christmas season, we start the planning process.
 - It was mentioned that the Town & Country Hotel has reopened.
4. **2022 FORBS Reunion:** Mary Ann said that the 2022 Reunion is being held at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel and the links to review the available Registration Packets, to Register and also information on the hotel, are below:
 - 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. **2023 FORBS Reunion:** Ric Erwin, FORBS' Chairman, said that the 2023 FORBS Reunion will be a cruise. It will be on the Carnival line. It is a five day cruise out of Long Beach. He said there are two days at sea, and that we when the Reunion part of the events will happen during those sea days. The cruise will stop at two ports, more information to follow.

TRAINING: Joe gave training on the characteristics of Santa

Since there was no other business, meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Mary Ann Schafer, Secretary