



GOLD DIGGERS NUGGETS



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



March 2023

Two Thousand Twenty-Three! Yahoo! We made it!

Happy New Year. Well, the new year started off with a bang. We headed to Indio for the Western F.M.C.A. Rally. The Gold Diggers usually go in four days early to fill and distribute the welcome bags which are passed out to people who attend the

rally. The task of handing out and filling of the welcome bags could not have been completed without the help of the Gold Diggers volunteers and people from other chapters. The Gold Diggers had six of our members who were able to attend and help with the task. They were the Calbreaths, Garcias, Yarberrys, Donatellis, DeZonias and the Carolan's. The welcome

bags are filled with brochures on different products that are available to people who set up booths in the exhibition buildings. Plus, info pertaining to the R.V. lifestyle. The volunteers who help set up and run the rally are treated to a dinner one night. There is entertainment three nights of the rally. Plus, one or two other food vendors. Plus, free ice cream a couple of times for those attending. Gold Diggers provide dinner for the people who come in early to help fill the welcome bags. Dan and Delia Garcia helped with the food set up and serving with his "almost a kitchen" he has set up in the bays of his motorhome.

Thursday the 12th of January there was a parade where most of the different clubs decorate a float or just dress up and march in the parade through the campground. The clubs throw candy and have a good time. Patty Stahl sets up a judging area and asks people to judge the clubs as they pass. They pick different winners for the categories. This year the Gold Diggers decorated the car with items from the Dollar Store, marched and had a great time. The Gold Diggers won one of the six trophies for Best Theme.

March 2023

What Rain? It does not rain in California. Well, that belief did not pan out as stated. Nine Gold Diggers went to Duck Island in Rio Vista. It did rain and the wind blew, but we had a nice club house and were able to stay inside most of the time. Thursday night was a potluck dinner and after dinner we had our Chapter meeting. Galan and Betty came over for the meeting, and we discussed all the things going on. Galan went over the outings he has scheduled for 2023 and was looking for Trail Bosses for some. He will attach a schedule with the newsletter. Dan and Delia came for dinner Saturday night and brought the Trophy we had won in Indio. A club flag was presented to Mike and Barbara Donatelli. Thanks to the Donatellis and the DeZonias for a great weekend and great food.

A good time was had by all, and we are looking forward to our next outing at Betabel. See you there!

I just got a telephone call from Penny Burns. She called to let me know that Robert passed away while they were wintering in Arizona. We will all have Penny in our hearts.

Al and Darlene

SECRETARY'S REPORT



FMCA GOLD DIGGERS

March 9, 2023
Duck Island RV Park
Rio Vista, CA

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:56 p.m. by President Al Calbreath. Officers present were Betty Smith, Secretary; Galan Smith, Acting 1st Vice President/Wagon Master and Darlene Calbreath, National Director.

President: Al thanked the Donatellis and the DeZonias for the "bang up job" they have done on this rally!!

Al reported on Indio. The big news was the Gold Diggers won a huge trophy for "Best Theme"!! They wore little head bands with ears and also tails; sang our Gold Digger song; and Barb painted noses and whiskers and won over the judges! Al said it was a much smaller rally than usual. There was no main tent, no golf carts, only one new RV vendor, but they all had a fabulous time. Darlene said she and Holly Yarberry tended the table at the Chapter Fair and attendees were very impressed with our display of past trophies (2nd largest amount of trophies at the Chapter Fair). He said that the Carolans, Donatellis, DeZonias, Garcias and Yarberrys "worked their tails off"!!

Secretary's Report: Betty read the minutes of the December 3, 2022 meeting, and they were approved as written.

Treasurers Report: Suzanne wasn't able to be here tonight, but Al shared her report. The net profit for 2022 was \$50.24. The February 28 balance includes 2,096.00 Duck Island

registrations. After the Duck Island Rally expenses the balance will be about \$6,000.00 (report will be sent with Gold Digger Nuggets).

Acting 1st Vice President/Wagon Master: reported on the 2023 rallies he has scheduled and passed out a paper with a list which will also be published in Gold Digger Nuggets. May 17-20 Casa de Fruta, Hollister; July 19-22 Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley; September 5-8 Feather Falls Casino, Oroville; Nov/Dec Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds, Lodi (date to be determined). We need Trail Bosses for May, July and September and the Nov/Dec rally will be Trail Bossed by the Officers.

Membership: Betty reported that as of today We have 16 Active members and one Life member. Of our 4 Applicants, John and Joyce Carolan attended their 2nd rally in Indio and will receive their flag at the next rally they attend, and Barb and Mike Donatelli will be receiving their flag tonight bringing our Active membership up to 18.

Barb and Mike Donatelli received their Gold Digger flag tonight. Welcome, Barb and Mike! Glad you are aboard!! (Hooray for the Donatellis, even though they have just co-Trail Bossed this rally with the DeZonias, they have volunteered to Trail Boss for one of our upcoming rallies!!)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Smith

TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer's Report February 28, 2023

The Chase checking accounting balance as of February 28th is \$8,215.07.

The January 1st balance was \$6,675.74 which included \$252.00 for Indio Rally. There was a \$36 Indio Rally refund in January and the Indio food expenses were \$312.21. The parade

expenses were \$187.61. Web site expenses paid in February were \$180.85. Income from jacket sales was \$160.00.

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Suzanne Salter, Gold Digger Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP

Betty Smith

April 1, 2023

As of April 1, 2023, we have 17 Active Memberships as Mike and Barb Donatelli were inducted at Duck Island. Welcome Mike and Barb!! Mike and Barb live in Jackson and their interest is "golf"!! We have two Associate memberships John and Joyce Carolan and Ignacio and Tillie Curiel; however, John and Joyce attended their second rally (Indio) but will wait until their next rally to receive their flag. Ignacio and Tillie have one more rally to get their flag. And, of course, we have one Life Membership, Leonard and June Davis.

We've had a lot of interest from new FMCA members who I contact every month as the new FMCA list comes out.



Mike and Barb Donatelli

INDIO RALLY



DUCK ISLAND RALLY



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES



		Roberts, Jim and Bonnie	Apr	7	Calbreath, Al
	May	Smith, Galan and Betty	May	6	Yarberry, Larry
May	4	Carolan, John & Joyce	May	9	Salter, Suzanne
May	17	Nelson, Donald and Mary	May	15	Blalock, Penny
May	23	Davis, Leonard and June	June	23	Stahl, Patricia
June	1	Roberson, Gabe and			
June	8	Mary			
June	30				

2023 RALLY SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TRAIL BOSS(ES)
Jan 10 -14	Riverside Fairgrounds - Indio	Al and Darlene Calbreath
Mar 8 - 11	Duck Island RV Park, Rio Vista	Jan and Larry DeZonia Barb and Mike Donatelli
May 25 - 28	Betabel RV Park, San Juan Bautista ***	(RV park & dates changed) Jan and Larry DeZonia Barb and Mike Donatelli
Jul 19 - 22	Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley	NEED TRAIL BOSSES
Sep 5 - 8	Feather Falls Casino, Oroville	Darlene Calbreath and Marsha Calbreath
Nov/Dec	Lodi Grape Festival, Lodi	Officers

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GOLD DIGGER GOODIES

Order Tee Shirts from-Betty Smith, betsmith38@hotmail.com

The cost of each is \$19.50. They only come in men sizes, Medium to XXX large. They are black with Gold Diggers Logo on the front in brilliant gold color.

Order badges from: BADGES R US badgesrusinfo@gmail.com or (760) 212-0682, Susan Cox, P.O. Box 22012, Mesa, AZ 85277. Name badges, \$7.25, including taxes, shipping/handling is \$5.00 per address (not per badge). Bola Ties are \$4.50 extra. (Specify color). Please include on your badge your name (s), & the words Gold Diggers, FMCA number, and City.

Order Jackets: We have new jackets in stock with our logo on the back, size S.to XXL \$34.00. The embroidered name on the front is an additional \$6.00. We have 3 size Small and 1 size Large gently used jackets for \$20.00 each.