



Gold Diggers Nugget



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President Marilyn Johnson

President's Reports

January 2017 — Indio Fairgrounds

2017 is here already and the WMHA Rally in Indio is history. The years seem to be flying by. The weather was unpredictable, cooler and enough rain to flood the ground Friday. That night a pumper truck arrived and over 70,000 gallons of water was pumped out. Saturday morning the water was gone but mud remained. No dust anyway!

Thirteen Gold Diggers coaches arrived at the Indio Fairgrounds ready to volunteer. After all the coaches were parked and everyone had lunch we were off to stuff the Welcome Bags. The next 3-1/2 days were spent handing out the bags to hundreds of FMCA members attending the rally. Our Welcome Booth was located in the lobby of the Fullenwider Building again this year.

We met many new people at Chapter Fair who are interested in learning about FMCA Chapters. WMHA continued their promotion to pay the first years dues for anyone joining their first chapter during the rally. We once again gained applicants from this promotion. **Katherine** and **Michael Boyle** from Santa Clara are our newest.

This year's parade theme was "Beach Party" and everyone seemed to have fun with it. Most of our group participated in the parade and the Gold Diggers won the Mayor's Trophy. "Viva Las Vegas" is the theme for next year.

Another award this year went to our newsletter editor, **Karen Jautaikis**, for the Best Midsized Chapter Newsletter. Congrats, Karen, you are doing a great job!

Many thanks to our wonderful trail bosses **Al** and **Darlene Calbreath** and **Betty** and **Galan Smith** for another great rally.

We're looking forward to doing it all again next year and hoping more Gold Diggers will join in the fun.

Upcoming Rallies

May 11-13 Thur-Sun
Casa de Fruta, Hollister
Jim & Bonnie Roberts
Jack & Claudia Pedrozzi
Horace and Sandria Tutt

July 13 -15 Thur-Sun
Jackson Rancheria
Ken & Marilyn Johnson
Patricia Stahl

Sept. 14-16 Thur-Sun
Heritage RV Park, Corning
Joe & Jo Macaluso
Colleen & Donovan Lushenko

Nov. 9-12 Thur-Sun
Woodland Fairgrounds
Pete & Karen Jautaikis
Additional help needed

Nov. 30-Dec 3 Thur-Sun
Lodi Fairgrounds
Officers

Jan. 10-14 Wed-Sun FMCA
Western Motor Home Area
Indio Fairgrounds

March 2017 — Chowchilla

The Lakes RV Resort is a nice place to hold a Gold Digger rally. Sixteen coaches arrived for the Monday -Thursday outing. We enjoyed some nice weather, good food, time to visit with friends and fun activities

It was a pleasure having our newest applicants, **Katherine** and **Michael Boyle**, join us for their first rally. We also enjoyed having our newest members, **Horrace** and **Sandria Tutt**, who were inducted into the Gold Diggers and received their flag. The Tutt's also jumped right in and volunteered to help trail boss the next rally.

Wednesday **Pete Jautaikis** set up tee times for everyone who wanted to play golf. It seems we have many of our group enjoying some time on the golf course.

After dinner Tuesday many of our members played Left, Right, Center. Wednesday evening after a great pot roast dinner we played card bingo.

Thank you to our hard working trail bosses **Karen** and **Vern Jenkins**, **Mary Martin** and **Earl Irons** and **Barbara** and **Rick Jennings** for a great rally.

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Secretary's Report



Betty Smith

January 2017, Indio Fairgrounds
No meeting was held.

March 2017, The Lakes RV Resort, Chowchilla

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by President Marilyn Johnson who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers present were President, Marilyn Johnson; Secretary, Betty Smith; Wagon Master, Al Calbreath; Assistant Wagon Master, Galan Smith, and Treasurer, Margie Baygell.

Minutes: Betty read the minutes of the December 3, 2016 meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes as presented.

New Applicants: Marilyn introduced our new applicants, Michael and Katherine Boyle who joined at the Chapter Fair in Indio.

New Members: Sandria and Horace Tutt from Sacramento were welcomed into the Gold Diggers and given their flag.

Treasurer's Report: Margie gave the Treasurer's Report. She closed the 2016 books and thanked Suzanne Salter for her help. The year ended with \$5178.45 in the Treasury.

Wagon Master: Al reported that Bonnie and Jim Roberts and Claudia and Jack Pedrazzi have volunteered to be Trail Bosses for Casa de Fruta May 11-13, 2017. Pete and Karen Jautais have volunteered to Trail Boss for Woodland in November, but we need co-Trail Bosses. Al said that if we don't get members to volunteer to be Trail Bosses, we will need to cancel some of the meals we are used to as it's too much of a burden for one set of Trail Bosses to be responsible for the whole rally. Al reported that Jackson Rancheria needs to have a final count 30 days prior to our rally which means registrations must be in by about the first week of June.

Al thanked our Trail Bosses, Karen and Vern Jenkins, Barbara and Rich Jenkins, Mary Martin and Earl Irons for Trail Bossing this rally.

National Director: Marilyn announced that due to health issues, Bob and Sue Wirth will be selling their rig and Bob will be resigning as National Director. We need to have a representative at the Indianapolis National Rally as FMCA will be voting on whether to accept 5th wheels and towables. Their thought is that the change will bring in younger members and

increase our membership. If this passes, the Bylaws will be changed from "motor homes" to "recreational vehicles". (It's assumed that this will not include tent trailers). This will need a 75% approval to take effect. Statistics show that purchases of recreational vehicles/motor homes are approximately 47 years old and less than 10 % are buying motor homes, the rest are buying towables and 5th wheels. It was noted that even if this passes at the FMCA level, chapters will have the option of either accepting it or rejecting it.

Historian: Rick Jennings is again requesting for photos members may have taken at the rallies for the Historian book. He said that because of health issues he and Barbara were not able to attend all the 2016 rallies. Betty gave him a CD of the 2016 rallies she and Galan have attended.

Newsletter: Karen Jautais encouraged people to contribute articles and such to the newsletter.

Membership: Betty announced that we have two Associates at this time, the Boyles and the Haydens. Unfortunately, the Tim and Linda Hobson were dropped from the Applicant list because they only attended one rally in the year they were Applicants. We now have 25 members, 3 Associates, 2 Applicants and 1 Life Membership members.

Sunshine: Marilyn announced that Lola Reece had heart surgery and is doing very well. Also, Bob Wirth is also having health problems.

Indio 2017: Marilyn announced that we won the Mayor's Trophy at the parade. The rally theme for 2018 is "Viva Las Vegas". Betty mentioned that she has cone heads and beach t-shirts left over from 2016 and 2017 for anyone who would like one. If not, she will donate them to a thrift store. Marilyn presented Jack and Claudia with their "Perfect Attendance for 2016" badges. Marilyn and Ken and Suzanne and Dan Salter also earned "Perfect Attendance for 2016" badges.

Galan Smith announced that if anyone is interested in upgrading their RV, he knows of two motor homes that are available.

Pete Jautais went over tomorrow's golf schedule.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Smith, Secretary



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Membership Report—April 1, 2017

As of today, we have 25 Active members, 3 Associates, 2 Applicants and 1 Honorary Member. We also have new applicants.



We have new applicants who joined at Indio, **Katherine and Michael Boyle** who also attended our Chowchilla rally. Michael and Katherine are from Santa Clara and their special interests are hiking activities and tours. Welcome Katherine and Michael!!



Horace and Sandria Tutt were inducted into the Gold Diggers and given their flag. Welcome Horace and Sandria!

Indio-January 2017



Stuffing welcome bags—Linda and Dave David



Fashion Show Models. Third from left our own Betty Smith; far right our own Karen Jenkins. Woohoo!!



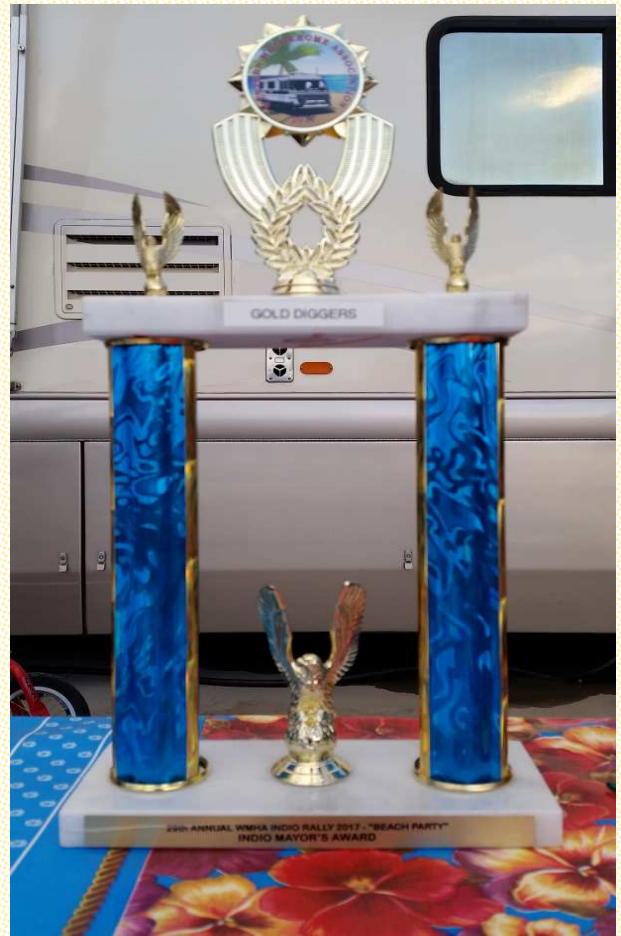
Hula Girls! L-R Jo Macaluso, Betty Smith, Darlene Calbreath, Karen Jenkins, Margie Baygell, Linda David



Thanks to the rain, it really did feel like a beach party!



President Marilyn receiving the Mayor's trophy.



Looking good!



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April

- 5 Judy Hayden
- 7 Al Calbreath
- 8 Karen Jautaikis
- 12 Sally Bray
- 14 Michael Boyle
- 28 Barbara Jennings
- 29 Tom Bray
- 30 John Mangney

May

- 5 Earl Irons
- 8 Lola Reece
- 9 Suzanne Salter
- 18 Ken Ketterling

June

- 2 Richard Jennings
- 6 Ken Johnson
- 7 Teri Broleman
- 19 Rich Cerniglia
- 23 Patricia Stahl
- 26 Julie Mangney
- 26 Karen Jenkins
- 27 Kurt Simon

April

- 17 Rod and Diane Johnston

May

- 4 Jim and Bonnie Roberts
- 8 Don and Helen Johnson
- 17 Galan and Betty Smith
- 19 Bob and Teri Broleman
- 20 Donovan and Colleen
- 27 Kurt and Betty Simon

June

- 8 Leonard and June Davis
- 30 Gabe and Mary Roberson
- 31 Vernon and Karen Jenkins



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Outerwear and Badges

Jackets and Hats in stock. NEW jackets, size Small to XXL \$35.00. We have 4 size Small, 1 size Medium, gently USED jackets for \$20.00 each. Hats are \$10.00 each. Please contact Marilyn for more information.

Tee Shirts in stock. They come in men sizes, S-XL (\$21), XXL (\$23) and XXXL (\$24). They are black with Gold Diggers logo on the front in brilliant gold color. For more information, please contact Betty Smith, (209) 786-9876 or cell at (209) 405-0504, or email at: bettysmith8498@comcast.net.

Order badges from: BADGES "R" US Badges-Rus@aol.com (760) 212-0682, 411 N. 6th St. # 2444, Emery, S.D. 57332. Name badges, \$7.25, including taxes, shipping/handling is \$1.00 per badge, max. \$4.00. Bola Ties are \$2.50 extra. (Specify color). Please include on your badge your name(s), & the words Gold Diggers, FMCA number, and City.

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That's all folks! Will we see you in May at Casa de Fruta?