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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Another year has come and gone.

The Gold Diggers met for their end of year rally at the Lodi Fair Grounds.

The Gold Diggers spent three days eating and visiting. Friday night Suzanne fixed and served a great turkey dinner. Saturday Galan and Betty fixed their prime rib and served us some of his home-made Sangria wine.

Jim and Bonnie Roberts had a craft for us to do Friday during the day. After dinner both nights Betty and Patty had games for us to participate in.

We had two new couples join us for the weekend - they were Scott Johnson and Silvia Reynoso and Keith and Mary Richardson. Saturday night dinner we had Roland and Linda Hatterle join us.

Saturday Morning, we had our business meeting and swore in the new officers for 2024 and existing officers who stayed for another round.

Gold Diggers Officers for 2024 are President John Carolan; V.P, Galan Smith; Wagon Master, Joyce Carolan; Secretary, Betty Smith; Treasurer Suzanne Salter and National Director Dan Garcia.

Joyce Carolan talked about all the rallies they have scheduled for 2024. It looks like she took the Bull by the Horns and has rallies scheduled for the whole 2024 year.

FMCA cancelled the rally that was scheduled for Indio in January. This West Coast Rally had been going on for over 20 years. The numbers were just not coming together because of the amount of people who signed up to attend and exhibitors for the exhibition halls. Darlene and I have enjoyed working with everyone over the years and feel it is time to turn the reins over to someone else. We will still be attending future rallies and look forward to continuing the friendships we have made as members of Gold Diggers.

Al and Darlene

Gold Diggers Officers 2024 - 2026





SECRETARY'S REPORT FMCA GOLD DIGGERS

September 6, 2023
Feather Falls KOA
Oroville, CA

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:28 a.m. by President Al Calbreath. Officers present were Betty Smith Secretary; Galan Smith, Acting 1st Vice President/Wagon Master, and Darlene Calbreath, National Director.

Secretary's Report: Betty read the minutes of the May 25, 2023 meeting, and they were approved as written (with corrections).

Treasurer's Report: Al reported, for Suzanne Salter, that we started out 2023 with \$6,675.00, and we now have \$6,107.00.

Rallies: Unfortunately, the Grass Valley Rally, July 19 – 22 had to be called off for lack of a Trail Boss. Al reported that the Lodi rally will be November 30, 2023 with us leaving December 3. Suzanne will be bringing a full turkey dinner, and we will also be having prime rib one night. The Lodi Light Parade will be held on December 1. There was discussion about comping part of the Lodi rally. Joyce Carolan moved that registration fee be comped (for members only). The motion was seconded and carried. FMCA will be having their annual Tucson rally March 19 and 20, 2024.

Indio 2024: Al reported that we need to have 6 rigs in order to keep our preferred parking under the palm trees and our three nights of free camping like we have for the last 20 years. Darlene went over all the things the Gold Diggers are expected to do at the rally, assemble the "Welcome" bags and hand them out, Chapter Fair. Plus, someone needs to Trail Boss. We will be having pizza Saturday night, the Volunteer dinner on Tuesday night and dinner at camp on Sunday and Monday. The folks who will be going so far are the Donatellis, Garcias, DeZonias, Blalocks, and possibly the Smiths and Yarberrys. Al will be contacting the Yarberrys as we need to let FMCA know if we will have the required number of RVs and will

be there to do the Welcome bags. The theme this year is “Arabian Nights”. Al said that one of the six rigs attending need to go to the Orientation at Bakersfield this month. Meals are provided plus \$100.00 reimbursement for fuel.

National Director: Darlene reported the highlights of the FMCA news. Reportedly, they have an offer of 10 cents discount on fuel.

Membership: Our membership is currently at 18, and we have two new rig families who have indicated they may attend Lodi. Betty reminded everyone that our annual dues of \$15.00 are due and payable in October and she will be sending out an email.

Election of Officers: There was a lengthy discussion on the election of officers for 2024 – 2025. The duties of the officers being replaced were read from the Standing Rules. Betty has agreed to continue as Secretary and Suzanne will continue as Treasurer.

Al reported that the RV park will be furnishing a pancake breakfast tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. for the entire campground.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. Respectfully submitted, Betty Smith



FMCA GOLD DIGGERS

December 2, 2023
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
Lodi, CA

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:03 a.m. by President Al Calbreath. Officers present were Betty Smith Secretary; Suzanne Salter, Treasurer; Galan Smith, Acting 1st Vice President/Wagon Master, and Darlene Calbreath, National Director.

Secretary's Report: Betty read the minutes of the September 6, 2023 meeting, and they were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne reported we have approximately \$8,000.00 before Lodi rally expenses.

President: Al reported that the Indio 2024 rally was cancelled due to low attendance. FMCA estimated they would lose \$55,000.00 if they didn't cancel. Dan Garcia attended the Indio Orientation meeting in Bakersfield. The FMCA Tucson rally will be held March 20 – 23, 2024. Al welcomed our visitors Keith and Mary Richardson and Scott and Silvia Johnson. The website will be renewed at the first of the year. The FMCA Redmond, Oregon rally will be held in August 2024. June Davis, our Honorary Member, was remembered and will be greatly missed. Al and Darlene had a beautiful display of all the Gold Digger trophies won over the years and other memorabilia, and Leonard David added a memorial honoring June to this display. A Celebration of Life will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 9 at Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 1600 Carver Road in Modesto.

National Director: Darlene said FMCA is in the process of electing and appointing new officers for 2025.

Wagon Master: Galan reported that the March 2024 rally will be held at Flag City. (After our election of 2024-2026 officers, Joyce Carolan, our new Wagon Master, reported on the remainder of the 2024 rallies.)

Membership: Our membership is currently at 18, and we have received applications from Keith and Mary Richardson and Scott and Sylvia Johnson. (After the meeting, we received an application from Roland and Linda Hatterle.)

New Business: Everyone enjoyed a craft project, making decorative plates, led by Bonnie Roberts. Bonnie was presented with a gift for all her hard work!

Election of Officers: Al reported that ballots in favor of the slate of 2024-2026 officers were received and unanimously approved. The following 2024-2026 officers were elected and sworn in by Al: Chapter President – John Carolan; Chapter 1st Vice President/Wagon Master – Joyce Carolan; Chapter 2nd Vice President/Assistant Wagon Master – Galan Smith; Chapter Secretary – Betty Smith; Chapter Treasurer – Suzanne Salter; National Director – Dan Garcia. Al presented John with the President's gavel.

Darlene and Al were thanked for all the hard work and service they have done for Gold Diggers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m. Respectfully submitted, Betty Smith

MEMBERSHIP

Betty Smith

December 17, 2023

As of this newsletter, we have 18 Active members; 3 Applicants and 1 Life Member. Tillie and Ignacio Curiel are selling their RV but have paid their 2024 dues as they want to be able to come to one of our rallies if it's close to where they live.

Our new Applicants are Keith and Mary Richardson from Cameron Park. On their application, they listed Mary's occupation as "school business" and Scott's as "almost-IT". They drive a 38 Newmar Dutch Star.

Scott and Sylvia Johnson are from Granite Bay. Scott lists his occupation as "MBA/executive management consultant" and Sylvia lists hers as "water resources/civil engineer at the Dept. of Water Resources". Their Special Interests are: Silvia, canning, crafts and genealogy, Scott's are ice curling, hunting & shooting sports, veterans & service-disabled veterans' groups, business owners' groups. They drive a 2017 Thor Palazzo.

Roland and Linda Hatterle from Lodi. Their special interest is wine drinking. They drive a 36' Foretravel. Roland and Linda are former FMCA Ambassadors.

FEATHER FALLS, OROVILLE RALLY



LODI GRAPE FESTIVAL RALLY



Parade Trophies



Suzanne cooking the turkey



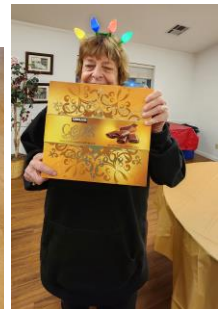
Bonnie teaching us to make plates



John and Leonard working on the puzzle



Voila!!!



Barb won the game!!



We presented Al and Darlene “Thank You” gifts for all the many (eight years since 9-16-15) years they have served the Gold Diggers.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES



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| Oct | 25 | Calbreath, David & Marsha |
| Nov | 3 | Calbreath, Al and Darlene |
| Nov | 4 | Donatelli, Mike and Barb |
| Dec | 4 | Salter, Dan and Suzanne |



- Oct 3 Davis, Leonard
- Oct 4 Roberts, Bonnie
- Oct 7 Calbreath, David
- Oct 19 Salter, Dan
- Oct 26 Calbreath, Darlene
- Nov 4 Drought, Peggy
- Nov 14 DeZonia, Jan
- Nov 26 Roberson, Mary
- Dec 6 Smith, Galan
- Dec 8 Garcia, Delia
- Dec 11 Smith, Betty
- Dec 11 Stockbridge, Mary
- Dec 20 Nelson, Donald
- Dec 27 Boyd, John
- Dec 29 Carolan, John
- Dec 30 Roberts, Jim

2024 RALLY SCHEDULE

| DATE | LOCATION | TRAIL BOSS(ES) |
|-------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Mar 18 - 21 | Flag City RV Resort, Lodi | Jeanne Morrison, John Boyd and Keith and Mary Richardson |
| May 14 - 17 | Heritage RV Park, Corning *** | Holly and Larry Yarberry |
| Jul 23 – 25 | Olema Campground near Pt. Reyes | Patty Stahl |
| Sep 3 - 6 | Feather Falls Casino, Oroville | |
| Nov/Dec | Lodi Grape Festival, Lodi | Officers |

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.