



49ers 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally

Message from our President

There was a party and lots of 49ers came. Our 46th Anniversary Party was fun, with good food and very nice fall weather. We had some prospective members and new members visit.

The elections brought only a few changes.

Donna Ventura ended her reign as President, and we are very grateful for her service. She will continue to assist our club as the Parliamentarian and help where she is needed. Thank you, Donna. Nick Roenick assumed the President's role. He is a former

GMCWS president and 1st VP of Tech.



Barney Noel took over as 1st Vice-President. He is a historian extraordinaire and has served at other service organizations. He was the Grand President of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Dean Hansen resumed as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. He is the FMCA representative and will help you with any info you need.

Jack Christensen graciously stayed on as Treasurer. He keeps our books on the straight and narrow. **SOOO, PAY YOUR DUES**.

George Beckman remained as Secretary. He also is the web master for <u>GMC49ers.org</u> our web site. We are looking forward to his good writings. Gwen Hansen is our Recording Secretary. She does a great job of recording the minutes in the meetings.

This fine group of officers will keep our club running on all eight cylinders.

We are looking forward to our annual first rally of the year at Casa De Fruta in Gilroy on Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. The hosts Deo and Jodell have hosted this party several times with great success. There will be no ballroom party sponsored by the park like in past years, the pandemic seems to have ended that fun night, but we will have our own New Year's Eve party at the club house. Please register with the park directly (408-842-7282) and mention you are a GMC 49er for the good parking spaces. Contact Deo or Jodell for more details. We will see you there.

Nick Roenick GMC 49ers President

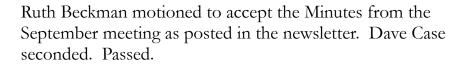
### **Business Meeting**

#### November 12, 2022 Plymouth, CA

Meeting was called to order by President, Donna Ventura, at 9:35 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave Case.

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Past Presidents in attendance: John and Alyce Shutzbaugh; Dave Case; Doug Norton; George Banovich; Bill Wevers; Joe Nehl; Fay Curtis.





**Treasurers Report:** Jack Christensen reported that we currently have \$1799.12 in our account. He encouraged everyone to pay their dues for 2023 as soon as possible. John Shutzbaugh motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. George Banovich seconded. Passed.

**Secretary's Report:** George Beckman encouraged us to use the 49er website. As a reminder, the website is gmc49ers.org. We also have a Facebook account. If anyone has pictures from any of our rallies, please send them to George. Also, if you have any changes or corrections to your information in the membership booklet, please let him know, or those errors will continue to be published.

**FMCA** – Dean Hanson reminded us of the system program for emergency coverage that is available to members, which is included in our dues. Also a reminder that our liability insurance through FMCA is available to us during any of our rallies. Dean also has the information on the FMC Rally coming up in Indio, January 11-15 if anyone is interested.

**Sunshine Report** by Alyce Shutzbaugh. No illnesses reported, which is good news. Ruth Beckman wanted to discuss safety issues within our GMCs, especially while driving down the road. We were reminded of Gwen Hanson's recent "accident" while walking down the aisle of their GMC while on the road.

Jim Kanomata, our **Western States Coordinator:** Dave Case requested our information regarding upcoming rallies, as to location, dates, etc. be included on their website so other clubs can know of our activities. Discussion followed. Nick Roenick encouraged all of us to reach out to other GMC owners to consider joining our membership. Donna Ventura suggested that if/when we sell our GMC, maybe we include a membership to the 49ers to the new owners. Alyce Shutzbaugh thanked Jim Kanomata for his continued relationship with Western States on our behalf.

**Future Rallies:** Nick Roenick and Donna Ventura have already secured all the venues for the 2023 season. They are as follows: January (New Years) at Casa de Fruta – hosts are Trovaos and Banoviches. March rally is back at St. Sava. Rally hosts are needed. Contact Ruth Beckman...she has all the information needed. May rally is in Colfax. All dry camping. Hosts are George and Ruth Beckman.

July rally is back in Guernevile at Parker Resort. Dee Soza and Jenny Lyson-Soza are the hosts. September rally is in Feather Falls, near Oroville. Robert and April Cowan have volunteered to host. Our Anniversary Rally in November is back in Plymouth CA at the 49er RV Village, where we have been celebrating for the past few years. Hosts are needed. The resort is going through some changes so it will require communication with them ahead of time to insure our return is confirmed. Grace Kanomata has all the information.

**New Business:** John Shutzbaugh said Jack Christensen has only a few 49er flags left, so if we need more, they will have to be ordered. Fay Curtis said that in the past they were suppose to be handed over to new clubmembers. Discussion followed. Joe Nehl suggested that at the same of any GMC, we transfer the membership for the balance of the year to the new owner. Discussion.

Thank yous were extended to Anniversary Rally hosts, Dave and Vickie Case, Jim and Grace Kanomata, and Dean and Gwen Hanson

New Officers were introduced. President, Nick Roenick 1st VP, Barney Noel Secretary, George Beckman Recording Secretary, Gwen Hanson Treasurer, Jack Christensen FMC Liaison/2nd VP, Dean Hanson – Alternate: Manny Trovao Terms of office begin immediately.



President, Nick Roenick, wasting no time in his

new position, ;) motioned to increase the yearly membership dues from \$25 to \$35. George Banovich seconded. Motion passed. This increase will be effective January 1, 2024. Associate members and "friends" were defined by Nick. Their increase in dues will be

from \$7 annually to \$10 annually. They are entitled to one membership booklet in addition to newsletters. Ruth Beckman made this a motion. Donna Ventura seconded. Passed.

Dean Hanson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bill Wevers seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gwen Hanson Recording Secretary

# Dues are Due

Here's the big to-do: club dues are due before the dew sets on December 31st. Dues remain \$25 for this year, but the news is that dues are due increase to \$35, next year. This will be the first dues increase since the club began. It is due time to do a dues change. Please review your roster data to ensure there are no errors.

#### Crafts

Grace had a folding party!



#### Secret Societies

Barney gave a marvelous talk about the historical buildings of the Native Sons, Masons, Odd Fellows, Rebeccas, and more. Who knew that many "secret" organizations were formed for insurance purposes? It was most interesting to see parlors that have retained their original furnishings.



Our Dinner Dance was a wonderful event. The food was delicious, the dancing fun, and the company stellar.







# Rally Report

Hosts: Jim & Grace Kanomata; Dave & Vickie Case; Dean and Gwen Hanson



The GMC 49ers 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally was held at the 49er Village RV Resort in Plymouth, CA. The theme of the rally was: "Thanks for the Memories". Would you believe some of the young people had no idea who Bob Hope was!

There were 17 coaches, and two in hotel/cabin. Those attending were: George & Jodell Banovich; George & Ruth Beckman; Dave & Vickie Case; Jack & Cecilia Christensen; Gordon Fullmer & Sharon Whipkey; Dean &

Gwen Hanson; Jim & Grace Kanomata; Barney Noel; Nick Roenick & Donna Ventura; John & Alyce Shutzbaugh; Dan & Jhaya, Kyle, Kaleb and Khloe Sanchez; Doug & Irene Norton; Bill & Karen Wevers; Fred Lange & Grace Rose; Fay Curtis; JoAnn Mell; Lee Cramer; and Joe & Kathy Nehl. We missed the following who signed up but could not make it to the rally: Dave & Cheryl D'Arcey; Craig 'Rusty' & Sharon Heyne; and Chris Musselman.

The weather cooperated nicely, a little on the chilly side; but turned warmer during the day.

Friday, Dean Hanson checked the kitchen appliances to see if they were working properly or not. John Shutzbaugh prepared his famous Bloody Mary for those who dared. It's been said that "It's five o'clock somewhere!" The "dinner" was delicious heavy appetizers and Grace's spaghetti. Gwen prepared photos of the 49ers and displayed them on each table with balloons. Dave Case prepared a "Thanks for the Memories" slide show of past rallies. There were many familiar "old timers" on the slide show which brought back memories for us old timers as well. Dave was not able to scan the old photo albums which would have made his slide show over two hours long! The theme turned out great and we will be creating more memories yet to come. Thanks, Dave! Gwen did a trivia game after dinner. I saw a group playing Mexican Train dominoes game.

Saturday, Gwen Hanson prepared and served her egg casserole. There were bagels and muffins, juices, and coffee with additional libations compliments of Barney. After breakfast, we had our business meeting. Barney Noels presented power point of the Secret Societies of the area. How about an underground tunnel for the mayor and other important men to secretly hike the tunnels to visit someone on the other side?

Some ladies went on the Christmas crafts shopping spree at the local churches. The Hosts decorated the club house with the Japanese paper cranes, fairy lights and silver bling over white table clothes.

The dinner was catered by Fork & Tie. The pork belly appetizer was delicious, could have eaten more. The dinner was Prime Brisket and Smoked Chicken, salad, mixed seasonal root vegetables and butternut squash. Anniversary cake was ordered through the local Safeway bakery. The evening's entertainment was provided by the Matrix band, same group performed for us last year. So good to see all of us dressed up. Some of us did a fantastic job of staying on our feet dancing the slow dances, line dancing, hula, and even the Texas Two-Step with Gordon and Sharon. Perhaps they can teach the rest of us how to dance this to prepare for next year's anniversary rally? Did you know that the GMC 49ers are known around the GMC communities as "The Partying Group?" Now you see why!

Sunday, we served continental breakfast with boiled eggs, bagels, muffins and cleaned up the club house and wished everyone safe travels. Some members may be attending the New Year's Rally at Casa de Fruta with Manny & Deo Trovao and George & Jodell Banovich. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Great Big Thank You to Vickie and Dave Case and Gwen and Dean Hanson for all your coordinating and helping with the Anniversary Rally. Grace & Jim Kanomata

# Thanks for the Memories



Dave Case scanned a historical record of our clubs events from the very beginning. With music, and slides, we were able to see the shoulders we stand on today. Of course, many have passed, but Dave's tribute to members new and old gave us a feeling of family. Thanks to Dave, for hours and hours of work.



# Rally Fun



A Fake Picture of George Working



High Voltage Grace



And Old Friends



Got 15 MPG...



Doesn't Our New VP Look Official?



Finest Bib and Tucker

# Future Rallies

Dec 31-Jan 1 Casa de Fruta, Gilroy

March 10-12 St. Sava, Jackson May 5-7 Colfax Community Center July 7-9 Parkers Resort, Guerneville Sept 8-10 Feather Falls Casino & RV Park, Oroville Nov 10-12 49er RV Park, Plymouth (tentative)

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