



The Exciter

The Exchange Club of San Jose meets Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m., Shark & Rose Restaurant, 69 N. San Pedro St.

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Prez Says . . .

While we are in the midst of selling Cioppino tickets to associates and acquaintances, it is also a good time to practice our pitch for Exchange. Do you have a good 1 -2 minute spiel on what is Exchange? Think about it, it's a good thing to brush up and present to anyone who may be interested.

People are always pitching something that interests them, it only makes sense that you have your pitch ready, too. For example, I was buying running shoes (no, for walking) and the sales guy was telling me about the Leukemia Society team marathon program. After explaining that was a little out of my league, I told him about my involvement with the San Jose Exchange Club. Luckily, my two minute pitch was well-practiced. The upshot is that he works with retired police officers in coaching the Leukemia marathon walkers, and was very interested in receiving an invite to the Cioppino Night! See how that worked? It all has to do with being prepared for anything. So let's get out there and market the heck out of our Club!

That's all for now. See you Tuesday.

-Lori

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Announcements

Nominations for **Exchangite of the Year** and **Lifetime Achievement Award**. Recognition for outstanding contributions is an important element for personal growth. Every local club has Exchangites who deserve such recognition. The criteria, process, and forms are in the *District Trophies and Awards Booklet* and on the district web sit. Please complete a nomination form for your most deserving Exchangites. They are due in May, but start working on them now.

Don't forget about our **Associate Membership**. Associate members only pay \$10.00 per month, plus \$20.00 for any lunch attended. This will enable new members, who may not be able to attend luncheons very often, to still enjoy the benefits of Exchange.

YIKES! CRUNCH TIME FOR THE CIOPPINO NIGHT

Sales are lagging and we must have at least the same number of tables sold as last year. That translates to about two tables per member.

Have you sold your tables yet? Right now, we are BEHIND the count for last year. As far as cash in the bank, we have only sold 2 tables! The time is NOW, please turn in your ticket sales money.

Candidates for District Office. The district organization's fundamental purpose is to provide the guidance and mentoring wherever it may reside within the district. To administer this provisioning process, the district needs motivated, dedicated, experienced Exchangites to serve as facilitators in the divisional areas and as officers of the district organization. To be a candidate for a district office to be elected at the District convention in June, an Exchangite need only satisfy the prerequisites and conditions outlined in Article X of the *Bylaws*, and forward their name to Ed Harvey or Rick Gordon, by May 20th. A form for a suggested candidate to complete is on the district web site.

CIOPPINO NIGHT PLANNING MEETING

We will have a last minute planning meeting on Tuesday, April 23 at 5:10 p.m. at Phil's office. Please use your best efforts to attend. Our President is requesting everyone to attend this meeting. We want the evening to go smoothly, but it takes planning.

CALLING ALL CIOPPINO POTS

As you will recall, the Cioppino is brought to the tables in a family-style serving pot. These pots come from our households, and we will need about 30 of them, and 30 large ladles, to make the evening successful. The pot should be **3-4 quarts**, minimum size is 3qts (24 cups), about the size of a spaghetti pot. Chef Bruce is asking that each member commit to obtaining two pots and two ladles to be loaned for the event. Please bring the pots and ladles to lunch on **Tuesday, April 30** and we will store them until Friday. You will be able to pick them up on Friday.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON APRIL 23:

Our president is calling a special **Meeting of the Board** on Tuesday, April 23, 5pm, at Phil's office (95 South Market Street, Suite 500, San Jose) in order to discuss the feasibility of **Jr. Exchange scholarships** this year. We need a quorum, in that we will need to act of the matter. Please let Lori know whether you plan to be there.

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Captains On Deck!

4-23, Jim Gunderson

Invocator/Pledgleader: Phil Griego

Finemaster: Lynda Brown

SPEAKER: Cherie Christiansen re: Estate Planning

4-30, Bruce Newgren

Invocator/Pledgleader: Bonita Gibson

Finemaster: Jerry Hall

SPEAKER: To be announced

5-7, Rob Nuddleman

Invocator/Pledgleader: Jon Rensen

Finemaster: Dan Webb

SPEAKER: To be announced

5-14, Darell Snuggerud

Invocator/Pledgleader: Dan Webb

Finemaster: Jim Gunderson

SPEAKER: To be announced

Special Note: Contact Jerry Hall if you need help getting a speaker.

The Exchange Club

Covenant of Service

Accepting the divine privilege, of single and collective responsibility as life's noblest gift, I covenant with my fellow Exchangites:

To consecrate my best energies to the uplifting of Social, Religious, Political and Business ideals;

To discharge the debt I owe to those of high and low estate who have served and sacrificed that the heritage of American citizenship might be mine;

To honor and respect law, to serve my fellow men, and to uphold the ideals and institutions of my Country;

To implant the life-giving, society-building spirit of Service and Comradeship in my social and business relationships;

To better serve in Unity with those seeking better conditions, better understanding and greater opportunities for all.

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Upcoming Events

April 23- Cioppino Planning Meeting, 5:10 p.m. Phil's Office

April 23- Special Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m. Phil's Office

April - National Child Abuse Prevention Month

May 3 - Cioppino Feed

Trivia Question:

This week's trivia question is neither trivia nor a question. It is an offer to give a raffle ticket to every member who submits a written one to two minute pitch on "what is the San Jose Exchange Club". Entries must be provided to me before or at the meeting on April 23. Why not send me an email now?

Write down your answer and bring it to the next Exchange Club meeting for a chance to win a prize!

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