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Ch. 121 BBQ Report

It was a beautiful summer Sunday, August 10th, when 66 hungry folks assembled at Williams Park in Langley, BC, for the annual Ch. 121 BBQ.

The Ch. 121 Chefs were hard at work at the 3 grills, preparing 2 types of sausages, steak and chicken, along with corn-on-the-cob and numerous other treats.

The picnic site at Williams Park is a wonderful layout. There are the built-in grills, and plenty of covered table area for all to sit in the shade, and catch up with each other. There is an attached room, where an active Mart was set up as well.



Some of the field fresh corn waiting to go into the pot.

After passing out some complicated horological Bingo cards, it was decided that there was some "fatal" error on the cards, and the Bingo game was called off. Instead, we moved right on to the Raffle drawings. They must have had a prize for almost everyone in attendance!



Chapter 121 President, John Connolly, at the grill with a batch of sausage



Leon Jaussaud selecting his Raffle prize.

BBQ Report — Con't.

By then, it was time for lunch, and the lines formed up. There was a table with the various meats, and the corn, and another table with lots of salads. A wonderful feast! After folks finished with the main course, there was yet another table loaded with deserts — cakes, pies, and fruit. There was more than enough for all!!



The beginning of the line at the “meats” and “corn” table

After everyone recovered from stuffing themselves, it was time for an auction. A lot of nice tools and other items from an estate were sold. There were a number of very good buys made by both folks from the US as well as our Canadian friends.

Mysteriously, while we were waiting for the announcement of the preparations for the Bocce Ball Tournament, folks seemed to be packing up and disappearing. **THERE WAS NOOOOO BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT!!!** Could this have been a conspiracy by the Canadians to KEEP the trophy for another year????



The “Grille Masters” taking a bow, from left — John Connolly, Dennis Radage, and Ray Saunders.



Auctioneer Ray Saunders working the bid, while Dennis Radage displays the treasure.



Ron & Mary Kowalski enjoying the picnic



More Chapter 50 folks catching up

Chapter 50 -- Upcoming Meetings

September 14th – Regular meeting – Edmonds Senior Center. **NEWS FLASH –**

This will be the Recognition/ Celebration of Chapter 50s – 50th Anniversary! Please come join us for this event! We plan to have a time for early members to give us some recollections of early Chapter 50 history. Please be thinking of what you can share with us.

September 20 & 21 – Connell Multi-Chapter Mtg. Hosted by Chapter 53. See Information and link to Registration form to follow.

October 5th – Regular meeting – Edmonds Senior Center. This is the annual AUCTION meeting, so be planning on what you will bring to sell.

November 9th – Regular meeting – Edmonds Senior Center. The program will be by Rubens Siegleman – “Everything you wanted to know about Tuning Fork Watches”.

HELP !!

You probably know that it is Chapter 50s turn to host the annual joint Chapter 50/Chapter 135 Christmas Party this year. All the “basic” arrangements have already been made – we have the room reserved at the Best Western Executive Inn in Seattle as usual (on Sunday, December 7th). But we really need someone (or a couple people) to take over the organizing the small details that make the party so enjoyable. We were lucky to have Pat Gross do it for many years, and Karla Schweinfurth did it last year.

Is this something that you would be willing to do? If so, please contact one of the officers and let us know.

THANKS!!!

September Connell Multi-Chapter

On Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21, Chapter 53 will host the “World Famous” Connell Multi-Chapter meeting at the Connell Community Center in beautiful downtown Connell, Washington. Saturday will feature a Spaghetti dinner followed by a “How to” and “Hobby” fair. Sunday will feature a Mart in the morning, lunch, door prizes, a free table and an auction. The Community Center is an excellent facility for this event, and I’m sure you will enjoy the fellowship.

More information and a registration form is available at this site: <http://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NAWCC/f24d2e59-bb3e-474b-a0d9-029e188c4644/UploadedFiles/2014%20Multi.pdf>

Chapter Volunteerism (???)

I hesitate to write this piece, since my intention in publishing these monthly newsletters is to present an upbeat reporting of Chapter activities for your enjoyment. However, it has been my perception over the last months that we have had occasion to be publishing requests for more and more help for various Chapter activities, and have been receiving little to NONE in the way of response

I know that we are all busy with our own things, but if Chapter 50 is to survive and prosper into our 2nd 50 years of existence, we will need help from the members. So, I would ask you this question: Is the existence of Chapter 50 important to you? If the answer is "Yes", then I urge you to get more involved. Make an effort to extend yourself and seek out some ways that YOU can contribute to the Chapter. If you are not involved because current Chapter activities don't meet your desires for the Chapter, contact your Chapter Officers, and tell them what YOU want to see happen. Please do not just sit back and expect "someone" to take care of Chapter 50s activities. This should be YOUR Chapter.

If your answer is "NO", I'm not sure why you are even reading this. Let us know that you have no current interest, and we'll take you off the mailing list.

There is no shortage of help needed. I will list some of the current need:

Puyallup Fair Booth Duty:

We need 2 people for each of 2 shifts (11-4PM & 4-9PM) from Sept. 5 through Sept. 21. There are still open slots. Contact Julia Mueller momijulia@hotmail.com or 253-759-4862.

Host Duty for next 3 Meetings:

We have 3 important meetings coming up. Sept. 14th will be our 50th Anniversary Meeting, Oct. 5th is the Annual Auction, and Novemeber 9th features Rubens Sigelmann's program. We need Hosts to supply snacks for all of these meetings. Contact Dick Krueger dickkr1@frontier.com or 425-205-0448.

Christmas Party Coordinator(s):

The joint Ch. 50 / Ch. 135 Christmas Party is set for December 7th. It is Chapter 50s turn to be the Host Chapter. We have the room reserved at the Best Western, Seattle again, but need someone (or more) to coordinate with the Hotel on food and decorations, and all the other details that make for a fun party. Contact Dick Krueger dickkr1@frontier.com or 425-205-0448.

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Auction Meeting Help:

Oct. 5th is our Annual Auction meeting. Row Kowalski has been organizing this with help from our Ch. 121 friends. Ron has provided a listing of positions that need to be filled.

In the past years, we have relied on major help from our Chapter 121 friends, but we should try to be more self sufficient as the host Chapter if we can.

The following is a listing of the Auction Staffing Positions that we need to cover:

- ◆ **Assignor:** Assigns an auction number to each item and writes a brief description as given by the seller. (example—Ansonia, Shelf Clock, Working) Collects \$1 per item.
- ◆ **Arranger:** Makes sure that all items are arranged in numerical order for the auctioneer.
- ◆ **Presenters:** Take items from table and hold up while auctioneer sells them. (Two persons required – alternating items).
- ◆ **Auctioneer:** Two persons required. Second person gives auctioneer a break.
- ◆ **Recorder:** Records the selling price and the number of the buyer.
- ◆ **Paddle Seller:** Sells bidding paddles for \$2 each, and records the name of paddle buyer.

While not part of the actual auction, we also need a 50:50 Raffle ticket seller. This is a very import part of our meetings, since it helps pay for the meeting room.

Ron asks that you reply to him with your first and second position choices. Contact Ron Kowalski—ron.k@comcast.net or 360-319-5554.

With that, I'll wrap up my "Rant". If I've offended your sensibilities, I'm sorry. I do really feel that the only way that our Chapter will survive is to get members more involved. I hope that you feel the same way.

Thanks for reading this far!

Dick Krueger
Secretary, Chapter 50