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*Sunday, November 18
5 P.M.*

*At: ROUND TABLE PIZZA
14940 Camden Ave in
San Jose*

It's that time of year to again start setting up the calendar for LPR's activities for the coming year.

Come join us to lock down the date for your event or to suggest your idea for an activity for the club in 2019.

SECOND ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS AND DAVENPORT LUNCH TOUR

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Join us to get in the holiday spirit with Toys for Tots, enjoy some of our great mountain roads, and lunch with fellow LPR members at the Davenport Roadhouse. We'll again meet in Saratoga Village at 9:45 am for a driver's meeting and depart for the Boulder Creek Fire Department at 10 am, where we'll meet the fire chief and donate our Toys for Tots*. After a short break, we'll continue to Davenport for lunch.

The Davenport Roadhouse has again put together a menu for the group that includes multiple appetizer and main course choices. The \$40 per person price includes appetizer, main course, a drink and gratuity. A full-service no-host bar is also available. In addition to the lunch fee, there's a \$5 per car LPR tour fee.



Please RSVP to John and Honore D'Angelo at 60thclubcoupe@gmail.com by November 25th and either send a check in advance (177 Barford Avenue, San Carlos, 94070) or bring payment with you. The group is limited to the first 50 people who RSVP.

*Santa Cruz county Toys for Tots has a high need for gifts for older kids: soccer balls, board games, art sets, larger sized bike helmets, batteries and the like. Please note that toys need to be new and unwrapped. Toys for tots cannot accept / distribute used toys. Kindly avoid guns , toys of aggression and unwrapped stuffed animals.

POST Positions



Kevin Bennett, Editor

During Obama's tenure as president his banner achievement was the Affordable Care Act. It was also his most controversial. His mistake was that he did not include the opposition party in the process. Obamacare passed on a party line vote. As a result, the electorate has been bombarded with a flow of non-stop scapegoating and a refusal by the opposition party of attempting a fix. Of course, it didn't help that the program failed to meet its promised goals, as costs have skyrocketed and many remain uninsured, but the fact remains that it was a one-party implementation and, as we have seen, when the leadership in government changes, the nascent system can become unstable. Because Obama refused to make the concessions necessary to get support from the opposition, he resorted to an "imperial presidency" by implementing programs by executive order rather than through legislation. As a result, a great deal of the work that Obama did in trying to establish long term goals for ameliorating climate change are now being unwound by Obama's replacement as Trump works to fulfill his short term promise of creating more jobs.

When Obama set fleet mileage standards for the auto industry one would imagine that it set in motion a flurry of activity by the industry to conform. Because the mileage mandate was not done as legislation, Trump has relaxed them, believing, probably rightly so, that removing this burden will help the auto industry and thereby, spur employment.

Obama used the EPA to place so many restrictions on the coal mining industry that many, if not most, mines were closed and miners put out of work. With the loss of cheap coal, much effort was being put into developing new, cleaner sources of energy. Trump has now rescinded those regulations and miners are being put back to work but, without taking a position on the climate change debate, the current process must certainly be creating a fair degree of chaos in the planning departments of the nation's energy providers, if not exacerbating climate change.

Now, under the Trump administration, the much ballyhooed tax code revision is, so far, the only significant legislative success and it, like the Affordable Care Act, was passed on a strictly party line vote. Its permanent (well, as permanent as legislation can be) elimination of the estate tax and significant lowering of the corporate tax rate was accomplished under the cover of a temporary tax cut for the middle class and financed by a huge increase in the national debt. The tax revision even seemed to be devised to punish the most liberal, and not surprisingly, the most wealthy states by limiting mortgage deductions on million dollar homes. It, like Obamacare before it, has been reviled by the opposition party and will almost surely be targeted for repeal or major revision should the Democrats retake the White House.

In 2001, mediation between the two political parties in Washington began a precipitous decline as George W. Bush appointed Miguel Estrada to the D.C. Circuit Court. He was eminently qualified for the position but the Democrats in the Senate, for the first time in history, chose to filibuster his confirmation and deprive a sitting president of his choice for a judicial position without determining that the appointee was unfit for office. The Dems went on to do the same to a total of ten Bush appointments. It has been recently determined that part of the reason for this new tactic was that the Democrats felt that Estrada was being groomed for the Supreme Court and, in a perversion of fairness, it was important that a Democrat nominate the first Hispanic to that institution. Additionally, perhaps, it was a result of Bush's controversial win over Al Gore in the 2000 election, but the filibuster was, seemingly, the beginning of the scorched earth politics that we are witnessing today. When the Republicans chose to use the same tactic during the Obama years, the Dems simply elected to do away with the filibuster and approve his appointments with a simple majority.

In 2007, Chuck Schumer, announced that he would not let a Supreme Court nomination by George Bush to be considered in 2008, the final year of his presidency. No seat opened that year, but Schumer exhibited hypocritical outrage when the Republicans actually implemented Schumer's plan, blocking the nomination of Merrick Garland in 2016, and resulted in the Neal Gorsuch appointment last year.

Political rancor seemingly supercedes all in Washington. Legislative rules are literally blocking the will of the people. A bipartisan immigration reform bill actually passed in the House of Representatives but its likely passage was blocked by the Senate leadership when it was not allowed to come to the Senate floor for consideration. These procedures actually ensure that the internecine warfare between the two parties is maintained at the highest level and no moderate programs/legislation can be passed. It appears to be simply a waste of effort to build a coalition in the center that might give succor to a constituency that encompasses moderate members of both parties if the leadership of one party can block their negotiated consensus from consideration because an agreement doesn't satisfy the strict demands of that party's fringe.

The vitriol coming from the left has been especially toxic and Trump almost revels in giving them fodder on which to feed. The result of this, however, seems to be a race to the fringes to see who can out-oppose the Trump administration. We can expect the Bernie Sanders wing of the left to play an even larger role in the 2020 election cycle; think universal, single-payer healthcare and free college for all, but at what expense? Gavin Newsom, who seems a shoo-in to be the next governor of California, is now touting universal healthcare for illegal immigrants, seemingly another all-out attack on Trump's immigration policies from a blue state, but again, at what cost?

Something big needs to happen to override this divisive bent in both parties to unite the country in a common cause. Unfortunately, that usually entails violence and death on a grand scale... not a pleasant thought.

2018 Awards Banquet

Celebrate the Magic of the Holidays

**Saturday, 8 December 2018... 6:00 p.m.
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**Saturday, December 15th
2:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Appetizers and desserts will be provided
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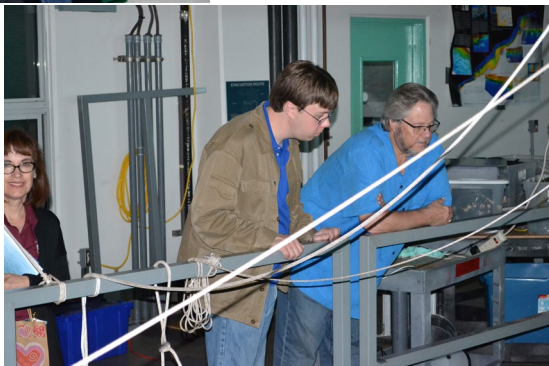
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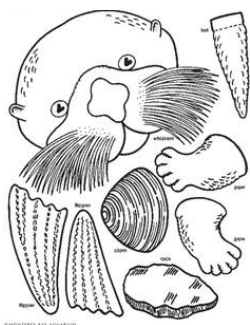
Left: Emilie Highley loves a raffle. In fact, she just eats them up!

Below: The Johnny Mussers check out the facilities at MBARI.



Left: Todd Walsh hosted the group in this theater, using visual aids to tell the story of the facility's accomplishments.

Below: Em's ticket purchase worked out well as Bill holds the prize.





MBARI Tour and Visit to Jacob's Heart

By: Margie Jensen

"MBARI, what is a small nation state in Africa."

"BZZZT" Wrong!

The double jeopardy answer is "MBARI, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute" located in Moss Landing, California. MBARI, is funded by the Packard Foundation and works in conjunction with the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

On September 15th, another perfect day in Paradise, the tourists began to arrive at MBARI. As our group trickled in, we gave each other slaps on the back, and hugs. Some of us hadn't seen each other in a good while.

Soon, we were met by Todd Walsh our guide and more importantly MBARI's AV Specialist. He walked us through a warren of halls and offices to a beautiful bay view lecture hall. I don't know what was more breathtaking, the view of the bay, or the beautiful underwater photos that he were regaled us with.

Todd showed us pictures of their research ships, the Pt. Lobos, the Rachel Carson and the Westcoast Flyer, which is cruising along the west coast of Mexico at this time. Among the fabulous pictures was a pre-historic squid called a Salp, a White Sided Dolphin, which reminded me of a Beluga Whale. The Gulper Eel isn't all that photogenic, but was discovered here in Monterey Bay's trenches. The most exciting pictures were of the microscopic, bioluminescent

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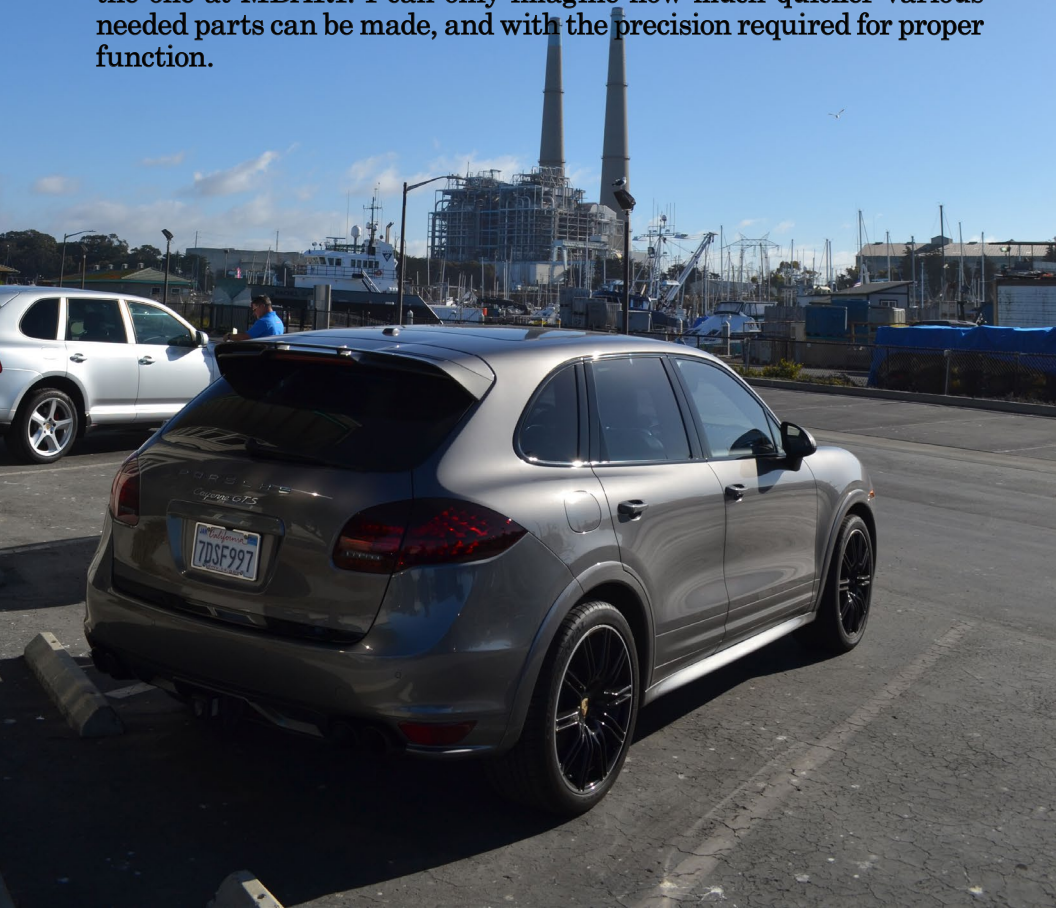
plants and animals.

Seeing them was like watching a lightshow at Griffith's Observatory. Most fun was viewing the many jelly fish wiggling their tentacles and puffing by the camera lens. They looked like floating strings of Christmas lights.

These great photos came from the institute's ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) which is dropped into the deep canyons just outside the bay. Some are dropped as deep as 4000 ft.

After almost an hour and still riveted by Todd's photos, we left the lecture hall to view the ROV. It was suspended above a three story tank poised for new experiments or to be loaded onto a research vessel for more ocean exploration and sampling. After our question and answer period about the ROV was complete, we headed toward their machine shop. Our various engineers began drooling.

The high tech machines sure were interesting and a far cry above the days of hammers and chisels. The scale and the technological precision of these machines are amazing to the layperson's eye. Having only seen pictures of a 3-D printer, it was amazing to see the one at MBARI. I can only imagine how much quicker various needed parts can be made, and with the precision required for proper function.



A bit later Todd took us out to the harbor where the “Rachel Carson” was docked. Checking out the equipment and hearing Todd explain about how everything worked was remarkable. Of course, we peppered him with a lot of questions. Soon it was time to go, and with many “thank yous” to Todd, we said good-bye.

Our caravan then headed up Highway 1 to Jacob’s Heart.

We were met by Mariela, a Jacob’s Heart survivor herself. We enjoyed a glass of wine in their reception area and reading room. With all present and accounted for, we proceeded to tour the facility.

A poignant moment came when she showed the memorial hall filled with pictures of children who have come to Jacob’s Heart. We all were deeply touched when we saw Mariela’s photo up there as well.

Mariela showed us pictures of Jacob and several other children behind the founding of Jacob’s Heart and lead us to the Jungle Room. It enticed us to jump into it and play, but we didn’t. Instead we “Ooh’d” and “Aaah’d” at the giant stuffed animals, as well as the jungle play house, table and chairs. So cute! Mariela told us that the kids run to this room first whenever they come.

We viewed the toy and baby closet. This is for the siblings. They can get a toy or baby supplies. The clothes and pampering room, provides moms and dads with spa supplies, toiletries, clothes and shoes.



Next, we followed her to a large room where every week volunteers set up grocery bags and

Ah, the tales that this drill bit could tell. If only someone would listen...

other needs for parents to take with them. This room doubles as an art room, and leads to a teen space with activities suitable for them. It is bordered by a kitchen which welcomed the LPR tourists with some snacks and drinks.

After some nourishment and friendly conversation, we were ready to try and win one of the beautiful raffle baskets. Winners were Diana Hallock, Dave Dunwoodie, and Emilie Highley. After raffle ticket sales and donations were collected, LPR donated \$3,400.00 to Jacob’s Heart.

This brings us to the final Jeopardy answer. “A great day!”

...to the question, “What is the MBARI tour and Jacob’s Heart trip?”



Left and below: Mariela tells the group the story of Jacob's Heart straight from the heart... based on her personal experience as a child survivor and as a Jacob's Heart alum.



Above: Gift baskets for the drawing that added to the final sum that was donated to Jacob's Heart by the tour.



Right: Prez Peter and his main squeeze pose for a photo with the industrial back drop of Moss Landing.





Above: There's office humor in science oriented facilities too. The only otters seen were outside.

Left: Hal is about as intense using these lenses as he would be staring into his neighbor's window.



Above: The Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute is seemingly surrounded by a school of Porches.

Left: Margie is measuring... "I wonder if this would fit in my bathroom?"





Left: Dave Dunwoodie seems to have an in with the raffle gods. Here is is holding yet another prize!

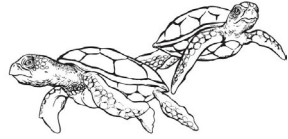
Below: Diana and Hal Hallock were the proud winners of the third and final raffle basket.



Left: The tour members await some guidance in the parking lot outside of the MBARI facility.

Below: Jacob's Heart is dedicated to the support of children with cancer. The problem with most children is that they leave their handprints literally everywhere.





Above: John Gould exchanges pleasantries with Bill Highley outside of the MBARI building.



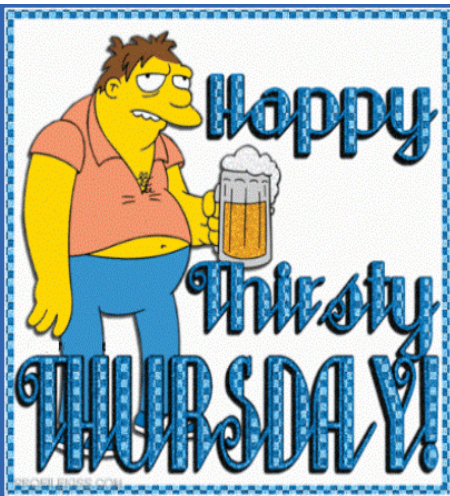
Right: Despite the large parking lot occupied only by the cars on the tour, we just can't help parking to make a quick get away.



Above: I'd swear that I know this gentleman but can't quite place where we met.



Right: After the tour of MBARI's real estate the group perused the institute's floating stock, in this case, the Rachel Carson.



On the first Thursday of every month LPR members will be found at the East Cliff Brewing Company. The plan is to have a little beer, a little food, a little conversation and A LOT of fun!

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The fun will begin at 5 pm until ???



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Year End Awards Banquet



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1802 Willow Pass Road, Concord, CA

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LPR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2018

Guests: Ken Jensen, Angie Reed, Iain McNeill, Ed Tefankjian, Kris and Tony Vanacore, Janell Mann, Doris and Russ Britschgi

Call to order: at 7:03 p.m. September 2018 Board Meeting Minutes (distributed via email). Motion to approve the minutes: Emilie moved, 2nd - John G. Minutes approved.

Board of Directors

President-Peter Ridgway: Generic email addresses for officers and committee chairs. Peter will send the PDF to officers and committee chairs. New membership directory update. Will be printed and sent out.

Vice President –Debbie Bennett/Emilie Highley :

OctoberFest at the Smith's, 65 attendees \$1405.00 collected and submitted this evening. Reported on upcoming events.

Secretary-Margie Jensen: Via an email vote: Johnny moved that we spend \$425.00 to get an SSD drive for the new Treasurer's laptop. John Gould second. All board members voted and the motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer-Johnny Musser September Expenses : \$ 5,207, Inc. \$ 5,003 YTD Net \$ 10,820

Membership-Karen Morgan: New Members from PCA: 3 - Daniel Deng of Santa Cruz, 2008 Cayman S - Eric Horton of Aptos, 1986 944 Turbo - Joerg Uhr of Basel, Switzerland, 1981 924 Turbo Motion to accept new members by Karen, 2nd __ John G.. Motion passed.

Activities-Suzette Pangrle:

October Events; The Train, Trolleys, and Beans Tour on 10/13– Insurance has been received and forwarded onto Steve Douglas. AX on Sunday, October 28th – Insurance received and forwarded to Anne.

November Events; The Blue Lakes Tour 11/3&4 – Insurance was requested in Sep-

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tember. It is expected at any time.

2019 Activities Planning Meeting on 11/18 will be at 5PM at the RoundTable at 14940 Camden Ave in San Jose.

Member-at-Large-John Gould: Needs plaques to be returned, so new officers and award recipients can be engraved on them. Under discussion is whether to continue the plaques.

Committee Reports:

Autocross-Anne Roth – AX#7 – Maiden flight of PRONTO. Any problems we had with Pronto were all operator errors. 64 Attendees. Inc. \$2748.49, Est Exp. 1495.00. Net to LPR \$1253.40

Charity-Kathy Musser –Nothing new to report.

Concours-Open /

Goodie Store-Bob Morgan: nothing to report.

Hospitality-Sue Sickal, Emilie Highley: No report . . . everyone is healthy

Prieta Post Editor-Kevin Bennett: absent

Public Relations-Ken Iles: absent

Safety-John Reed: The Observer's Reports for the September Autocross and Tour were sent to PCA National in a timely manner. The release forms were received by the LPR Activities Director. No incidents to report.

Social Media-Diana Hallock: Social media is doing well

Tech-Peter Ridgway: No report

Tours-John Reed: Reported on upcoming events.

Webmaster-Jim Turk: Generic addresses are up. Let him know, if you have any problems. Voting is now open. Closes on Oct. 31st.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Adjourn Meeting: 8:11 p.m.

NEXT MEETING-7:00 P.M. TUESDAY, November 6, 2018

At: Round Table Pizza, 14940 Camden Ave, San Jose



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