

2012 New Members Night

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The 7th Annual New Member's Dinner was held again at the San Marcos Country Club on Friday night April 13th. We are now learning that if you want rain, and I mean lots of rain, ask Nedra Rummell to sponsor and hold a Jaguar club event. March, Joe's Crab Shack, rain and low snow levels – April, and again rain and low snow levels. Wouldn't really be fun to have Nedra plan events if we lived in a tornado prone part of the country?

The country club did their usual fine job of preparing the facility for a great event. Okay, this year the special parking for a jag corral wasn't used as much as past years because of weather, but the room was perfect with its Jaguar themed decorations and displays for the many gatherings that took place during the warm-up hour. We had reservations for a large group of 71 and had 10 people who just could not make through the difficult conditions.

Of particular note: It seems the reserved tables based on Car types and a mix of new and old members always seems to work. The table by table introductions by each member gave them a chance to show they can be more entertaining than the toastmaster (not that hard!), and is a special part of the night.



Hosts Grant and Nedra Rummell at the check-in table



Rex Ryan and his daughter (and new member) Meleen Michalek



Mary Lou Owen with Bob and Pat Harding are on hand to welcome new members



Haley helped Diane sell raffle tickets and Francine Kearney sold Logo wear



L - R Vickie and Lloyd Prosser with Francine and Dick Kearney



Parvin and Mitch Cohen win a raffle prize!



Diane and Roger McDonald



Tolly Williamson, Deborah Harding and Kathleen Steele

Some separate comments:

- **Karen Holmes** winning the longest distance travel award by swimming down the freeway from work in OC.
- **Robyn Phelps** winning her first raffle prize in 22 years. Maybe she should have tried the monster lotto drawing instead.
- **Katherine Partain** being the practical gal she is, taking the animal print rain pouch as her raffle prize and wearing it home, so appropriate for the evening.
- **Ray Waite** with the great story of how he used the tools he donated to the raffle.
- And then **Deborah Harding**, selecting the raffle Tiara and wearing it and telling us she didn't have a high school prom and now she had a chance to pretend she was the prom queen. But later in the evening, I spotted **Joe Harding** wearing the Tiara instead. Reminded of the TV commercial with the smiling egg wearing a crown. Maybe Joe will be crowned later for stealing Deborah's Tiara.
- And then the questionable official decision that the no-kitty-kitty was raised to a \$2 fine because real English drivers should be expected to drive their English cars in normal English weather. Okay lame, but it worked-- the no-kitty-kitty was overflowing.

Again, special thanks to Diane McDonald, who dresses the part so well, of conducting an animal themed raffle, the Kearney's, Dick and Francine, for their expert hawking of Logo wear, Roger McDonald for photos we will save, and Dan Jensen and Paul Novak for their presentation of the Concours oriented events.



Many thanks go to Nedra and Grant for hosting this event on a yearly basis. It require detailed planning and effort. It is one of our most favorite and well-attended events! Ed.

Photos by the McDonalds