

Merry Christmas Happy New Year!!

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In a sparkling atmosphere enhanced by delicious food, festive drinks, and non-stop socializing, the **San Diego Jaguar Club** held its annual gala Holiday Party. This year, our festivities were held in the elegant Rancho Santa Fe Ballroom of the San Diego Marriott Del Mar on Saturday, December 8th. Graciously hosted by Nedra and Grant Rummell, our soiree was attended by 77 Club members and guests. It was really good to see so many new members in attendance.

On arrival, guests were treated to a cocktail hour with platters of gourmet appetizers which were circulated by hotel staff. The dinner was exquisite and the service staff was extremely attentive and helpful.



Hosts Grant and Nedra Rummell welcome guests



Director elect Bob Procotor with his wife Ali and Paul Novak



Mike and Gloria Hardcastle-Taylor arrive



Bob and Pat Harding



New member Garrett Stroud joins the party



1st Vice President elect Jay Stamets with his wife Ann



A festival mood with (L-R) Roger McDonald, Parvin and Mitch Cohen, Vic Chang, Ginny and Dick Cavicke, and Paul Novak



Barbie and Jerry Newman (L), and Roger and Diane McDonald reunite. Years ago, Jerry and Barbie were Best Man and Bride's Maid at the McDonalds wedding. They married underwater at the Great Barrier Reef. Nothing boring about our members!



New members Howard and Barbara Kern



Haley Holmes and friend Nicole Phillips in front of the tree

During a decadent dessert, President Grant Rummell welcomed attendees and introduced new members. He thanked outgoing Board members for their service in 2012. He then presented awards to departing board members Mike Smith, for service as 1st Vice President in 2012 and Director 2009 - 2011; and Dan Jensen, for service as Treasurer in 2012 and 1st Vice President in 2011. For years of selfless service to the Club, Vic Chang was justifiably awarded the position of Director Emeritus.

Due to his past service to the Club in many respects and current position as Chief Judge, Paul Novak was honored by the Board as 2012's Most Valuable Member.



Paul Novak hefting the prestigious Tuchscher Trophy. It was a three-way tie this year!



(L-R) Harvey Williamson, Bob Harding, Ken Kim, Bruce Tegman, Ann Stamets, and Karen Holmes

In recognition of achieving the highest points in the Champion Division of the 2012 SDJC Concours with a Jaguar older than 20 years, Ken Smith, Stan Elman, and Paul Novak shared the honor with a three-way tie with 100 point Jaguars. Paul accepted the massive trophy for them all.

Finally, president elect Stick Holmes introduced the new 2013 Board which, happily, included two new selectees: Jay Stamets as 1st Vice President and Bob Proctor as Director. After Stick's toast to the New Year, Grant and Nedra held a drawing for door prizes (one per table), after which members enjoyed dancing to the music of the Pier Group.



Tolly and Harvey Williamson, and Pete and Crista Rieth socializing prior to dinner



Tom Wright with Irene Chandler



The Pier Group

Photos provided by the McDonalds and Kathleen Steele



Bruce and Ann Mortland



Ray Waite with Ruth Corcoran



President Grant and Nedra Rummell hosted the festivities



Grant turns over the Regal Scepter to Stick



The 2013 Board of Directors (L-R) Bob Proctor, George Klein, Grant and Nedra Rummell, Jay Stamets and Stick Holmes

As an aside, there was a final drawing for a free one night vacation at the hotel presented by hotel management. Paul Novak was the winner. Now let's tally this up....he got Most Valuable Member, the Tuschschler Trophy, and the Grand Door Prize. It's a good thing Paul attended or we would have had to cancel the whole party!

The entire splendid event went off without a hitch due to superb planning by Nedra and exquisite execution by the hotel management and staff. Many thanks go to the Rummells and the Marriott Del Mar for making this year's Holiday event truly memorable.

