



GAVEL TIDINGS

IOBG DISTRICT 19

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President's Report



Ray Mitchell

We finally made it back from Portland. It was a long, yet very enjoyable trip as we took the opportunity to visit family in Crescent City and on the Oregon Coast before heading to Portland and then heading north to visit friends near Seattle then back to the Oregon coast and home. My truck was in the shop so all of this was in Glenda's Camaro convertible. Need I say it was very cozy with uniforms, formal wear, and everyday clothes for two weeks.

Unfortunately, Portland lived up to its reputation, and it rained for most of the time we were there. Even so, Portland is a beautiful city, very progressive and wonderfully clean, and if you are a Starbucks or a Brew Pub fan, you would be in heaven. We were hosted by IOBG District 5, and they did a superb job. We visited the Portland and Columbia River Yacht Clubs, both of which overlook the Columbia River. If you are in the area, be sure to stop by, show your IOBG card and you will be welcomed with open arms.

Because of the rain, we did not

visit the Rose Gardens and most festivities were held inside. As this was a Centennial celebration, the Royal Rosarian put on an outstanding performance. IOBG International Officers, President Steve Willing and President Elect Chuck Browning were both Knighted into the Court of the Royal Rosarians. The Knighting ceremony follows English Royalty and was all Pomp and well regimented. The Grand Ball was just that, Grand. Excellent food, outstanding company, terrific music and beautiful roses everywhere. And of course I cannot forget to mention the parade. I do not recall how many entries, but it went on for over two hours and is bigger than anything we have in Northern California. A lot of local pride and once again, Roses, Roses and more Roses.

Delta District 19 was the most represented, with 13 members present for all activities.

Speaking of number of members, Thanks to your support Delta District 19 is fifth in the country with a total membership of 118. District 7, Ohio has 224, District 8, Florida has 204, District 9, Michigan has 146 and District 1, Washington has 122.

Try to make try to make one of the International meetings this coming year; they are more fun than you might think.

Looking ahead to August 4th,

Past Director Herman Meyer and new International Auxiliary Vice President Sue Meyer will be hosting a barbecue at their home in Oakdale for the purpose of accepting nominations for 2013 Officers of Delta District 19. As always, we will be accepting nominees for all board positions, but especially Treasurer. This is probably the most important position on the board and the most fun. You get to make contact with most of our members are responsible for keeping up membership records. You do need to be able to work with a computer. Please let our Membership Committee or one of our officers know if you are interested.

As you travel this summer and fall, keep in mind that while reciprocity is a privilege, not a right, your IOBG membership card may open many doors for you. As I am sure many of you have, Glenda and I have visited many beautiful clubs out of the area and have been welcomed as if we were part of the family. And we have never been asked if we came by boat, car or a land yacht.

Get out and enjoy our beautiful Northern California weather!

Ray Mitchell

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The list of dinners for Delta District 19 Fund Raisers for Gary McGrath 7-28-12 Driftwood Y.C.

Maine Lobster Dinner \$35.00

Chicken Dinner \$25.00

8-4-12 BBQ @ Meyer Haven Ranch
\$25.00

9-22-12 Pittsburg Y.C.

Maine Lobster Dinner \$35.00

Chicken Dinner \$25.00

John Anthony

District 19 Directors Office

WANTED! WANTED! WANTED!
IOBG District 19 needs a Treasurer for 2013. If you would like to volunteer, or if you would like to nominate a candidate, please email to me the nominating Committee Chair, Past Commodore Peter Oswald, at proswald1@gmail.com with your nomination. Candidates need not be a CPA to perform this function. The treasury of District 19 is basically like your personal checkbook. The Treasurer collects dues and sends to international their portion.

The remainder goes into District 19 bank account. This account amounts to about \$5k annually. Only a few disbursement checks are written monthly. In addition to the Treasurer, all other 2013 offices of District 19: President, Vice President, and Secretary, are open for nomination from District 19 members. Again, if you have nominations please email them to me as Nominating Committee Chair. Thanks for volunteering PC Peter Oswald, 2013 Nominating Committee Chair

PC Peter Oswald

Stranger Than Fiction

In 1898, Morgan Robertson may have unknowingly seen the future when he published a novel called "The Wreck of the Titan". It described the maiden voyage of a transatlantic luxury liner named Titan. Although described as unsinkable, the liner strikes an iceberg in April and sinks with the loss of 3,000 people.

Fourteen years later, in 1912, the Titanic, a real English transatlantic luxury liner, strikes an iceberg on her maiden voyage in April and sinks with the loss of life of 1,498 passengers and crew.

As remarkable as this is, it begins to stretch credulity, however, when the Titanian is added to it .

The Titanian was an English coal ship berthed on the Tyne River in northeast England when she was loaded and sailed for Canada in April, 1935.

When near the spot were the two ships with names like hers had been lost, a member of the crew on watch near midnight began to have strange feelings of foreboding that grew stronger and stronger by the minute. Perhaps it was due to the awareness of another coincidence—the fact that he had been born on the day of the Titanic disaster— that made up his mind. "Danger ahead!" he bellowed to the bridge.

The vessel was heaved to and suddenly a huge iceberg towed in the black darkness ahead of the ship. Soon trapped in an ice field,, the propeller of the Titanian was disabled and it wasn't until nine days later that two icebreakers from St. John's Newfoundland, freed the vessel and it was towed to a repair yard in St. John's



Sandee Clark

June Treasures Report

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With the help of Gary and Estella McGrath I've taken over as your new treasurer. I would like to thank both Gary and Estella for being so helpful and offering to help anytime it's necessary. I've called them more than once.

I've spent that last few weeks going through all of the items

in the checking account and familiarizing myself with how things are logged. At first it was a bit puzzling, but I'm up to speed at this point. I just want to make sure that each item is correctly recorded so I can properly do a budget for next year.

After going back to October 2011 bank statement and working through today, I've ascertained that your clubs money is to the penny and all is in order. I again thank Estella McGrath for making the transition so easy.

We currently have 118 members who have renewed their membership for this year.

I've heard several of our members talk about having to fill out the renewal forms each year and I've got a plan that will eliminate that when I send out the renewal forms for next year. Stand by for that.

As always your clubs finances are available at anytime for review. If there are any questions or concerns feel free to contact me @ sandeelclark@att.net or (209) 883-1330.

Sandee Clark

Treasurer,
IOBG Delta District 19

**Delta District 19 IOBG
Auxiliary**

I'd like to give a "shout out" to IOBG-IOBGA's Delta District 19 for being the largest contingent at the spring regional meeting held in Portland, Oregon this June. I think I counted thirteen of our chapter's IOBGA members there. Okay. So the regional meeting probably was not the total motivating force for this turn out. Maybe the fact that this year was the 100th anniversary of the Rosarian's Rose Festival was a more compelling reason for the participation. Anyway you look at it, we were a formidable presence and two of our IOBG members were among fifty notables that were knighted. That is something to be proud of.

Business matters and issues were also addressed that weekend. Folks were nominated for the various offices with their induction taking place this coming October for the year 2013. Among those nominated is our own Estella McGrath to be the International

President of IOBGA. She likely will wear that hat along with being first lady to our Gary McGrath as he assumes the post as president of the main body for 2013. Thank you both for your dedication and devotion to our organization.

Back home, it is now time to focus on the nitty-gritty of hosting an upcoming convention for the purpose of installing Gary as International President of IOBG. As members of Delta District 19's auxiliary, we are challenged with supplying funds and energy toward this event. To that end, a Bar-B-Que in Oakdale at the Meyer Haven Ranch will be held on Saturday, August 4th. Sumptuous, lip-smacking, finger-licking, ribs, chicken, steak and sausages with mouth watering sides will be offered not to mention homemade pie a la-mode. All of the food for the picnic will be donated so if you have a specialty picnic dish, please feel free to bring it. 100% of your \$35.00 donation (See Flyer page 5) will go toward Gary's convention. Plan on coming to the Meyer Ranch and support Gary while en-

joying a little "cowboy capital of the world" hospitality.

One last thing....for those of you who have not received your 2012 membership card, I offer my apologies. If, by the August Bar-B-Que, you haven't received it, you can be the first in line to toss fast pitch at me in the dunk tank!!!

Regards,

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WHEN: AUGUST 4th 2012 (2 PM TILL ?)

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before close of business August 3d.

THIS IS A FUND RAISER FOR IOBG AND IOBGA TO CELEBRATE THE INSTALLATION OF P/C GARY McGRATH AS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT (grand pooba) IN 2013.

FOOD AND SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED BY HERMAN & SUSAN MEYER, BYOB AND YOUR FAVORITE FINGER FOOD IF YOU MUST. BB'Q SAUCE BY P/C OTIS BROCK. NEW YORK STEAK, RIBS, & CHICKEN COOKED ON THE GRILL BY P/C JERRY STILES (vwyc) and my boys. (CANNED TUNA FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW WHAT WE RAISE ON A RANCH).

**COST: \$35.00 per head. (ranch talk for "per person") INCLUDES 10 RAFFLE TICKETS,
ADDITIONAL TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED**

GAMES: YES----RING THE WINE. Toss a Mason jar ring on the bottle of wine and you own it. 10 rings for \$20.00. Ring all 10 and it's 2 buck Herman

GAMBLING? YES----50/50 RAFFLE—ONE WINNER TAKES THE NET POT!!