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Prez Sez

by

Jim Walker

2024
Our 59th
Year

Hello to all you "BOTTLENECKERS!" You probably still have some Halloween Candy laying around and I hope it satisfies that sweet tooth? There are many activities going on in October and November has just as many, with Turkey day being the best for most families. I always grab a turkey leg!! Of course our annual White Elephant Sale/meeting is about to happen, so I hope you're all starting to gather up some goodies for the auction table? Most members know what this special event is all about but here are some reminders: Bring items with some value, not junk! Delectable Food is OK. Pies/Cakes/cookies, etc! Collectible items for sure, things that you would like to own/eat? And, of course, a pocket full of cash! Almost forgot, a smile and a sense of humor will help. An important function every November is the nomination/election of club officers. I'll give everyone a chance to throw their hat into the ring for any of our officer positions. Please contact any existing officer with questions about this important event! We have an outstanding club and all members should be proud of this fact. I'm pleased to announce the Schweigharts are willing to host our annual Christmas party. Tim and Laura have truly shown their allegiance to the "BOTTLENECKERS", so please plan on attending to support their efforts.! More info on this coveted event at this meeting. Be there or be square! **FREE-FREE, A TRIP TO "MARS" FOR 900 EMPTY JARS! BURMA SHAVE!**



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MEETING MINUTES 10/17/24



President Jim Walker called the meeting to order at 6:06PM and led all in the pledge of allegiance. He asked our two new mem-

bers, Deborah Bast and Steve Mitton, to introduce themselves.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Treasurer** DIXIE BRYANT gave us the Club balance and informed us that our meeting room rent has been paid up; \$37 per meeting (4 hours) – such a deal. **Editor** MIKE BRYANT thanked Paul Dragos for contributing two articles. All members are welcome to do such. **Librarian** TERRY MONTEITH was absent, but there is no more library. But President Jim still wants someone to hold this position. **Sunshine Chair** PAT WALKER shared that a sympathy card was sent to Mike Polak's family after hearing about his passing. **Membership** PAUL DRAGOS got together with Dixie Bryant and culled the unrenewed members from the roster. We now have 69 members. We need more members - get your friends to join our great Club. **Historian** currently vacant, but we need someone to take over this position.

OLD BUSINESS: Get your raffle tickets for the antique 1930 Telechron G.E. refrigerator clock, donated by Paul Dragos.

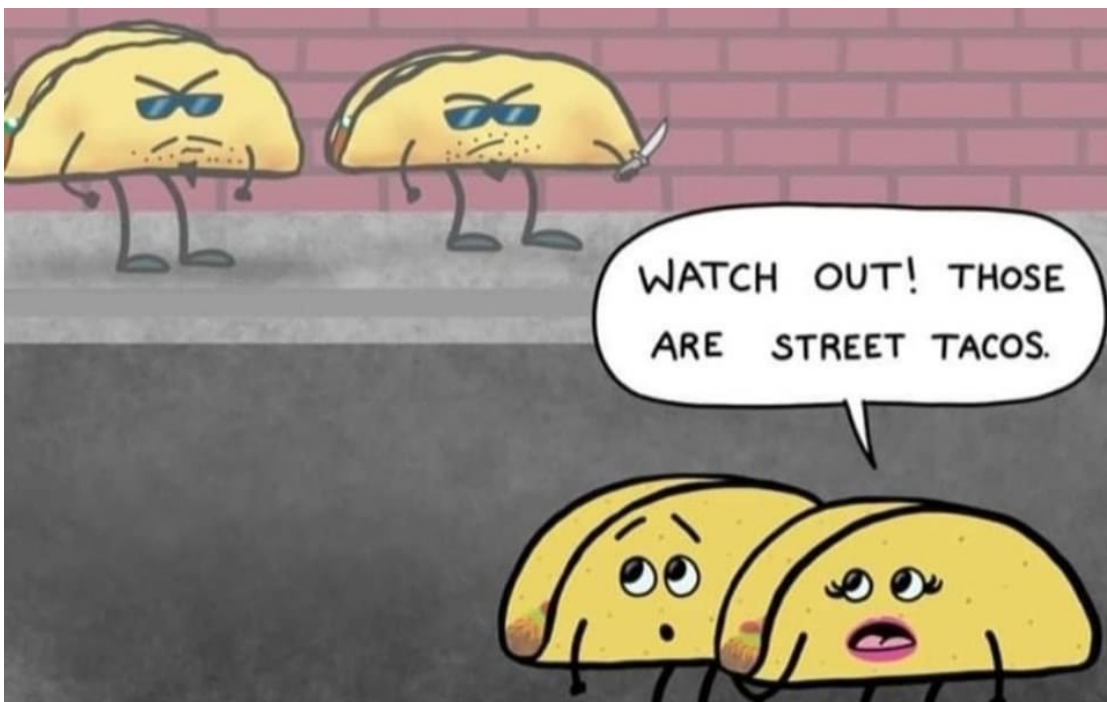
The winning ticket will be drawn at our December party

NEW BUSINESS: President Jim announced that the Schweighart's will be hosting our December party on Sat. Dec. 14th from 11:30 AM to 4 PM. It will be outdoors with heaters. Our Nov. meeting will be our White Elephant Auction so please donate some good items to auction off. Baked goods or other treats are also welcome as donations. Our Nov. meeting will also be our annual election of 2025 officers. Dixie would like to step down from the Treasurer's office after doing it for 9 years. Please consider volunteering to serve as all positions are open. Larry Westfall bought bottles for our raffles at the L.A. Show. He and the Lawsons will get more good bottles at the Auburn Show in November. Paul Dragos brought a 1949 Meck TV, a decorative piece to raffle. Mike Bragg announced that Larry Stone's San Diego Antique and Vintage Show and Sale in El Cajon has shut down; but a good alternative is the Grove Antique Mall's **Pickers Market** at the La Mesa American Legion Hall (8118 University Ave, 91942) on the second Wednesday every month. Tables cost \$40 to sellers. Set-up is at 10AM, doors open to buyers at noon – till 3PM – free admission. Contact lemongantique@gmail.com for more info.

BREAK: Show N Tell was held before the refreshment break. Jim Livingston shared some European bottles and some fall-themed ACL sodas. Tim Schweighart showed an experimental 1980s plastic-body Coca Cola can (with aluminum top). Doug Porter shared two new milk bottles he acquired. One is an etched U.S. Minor (Ken Gallo has an embossed one). The other is an embossed 1937 Creamland Dairy Products. Joni Cooley sold 50/50 tickets and Tami Harman the raffle tickets. Nancy Fowler provided the treats – enjoyed by all. Raffle items consisted of seven bottles. The raffle brought in \$40 and the 50/50 \$14. Dixie Bryant won the \$7. Tami Harman, Mike Bryant, Chuck Gildea, Matt Hampton, and Joni Cooley all won bottle prizes. The TV raffle winner was Tom Dunning.

PROGRAM The program was a very educational slide show presented by Jon Lawson on Salon W. Craigie's time in San Diego and the liquor bottles he used. Jim Walker brought his three Craigie bottles to share; a 5th and two sizes of pumpkin seed flasks.

Submitted by,
Carol Serr
Secretary



“Spaghetti Poodles” by Paul Dragos



When I was five years old, my mom let me cross the street all by myself to attend a yard sale. I had a total of fifteen cents (this was a LONG time ago). I saw three porcelain poodles, for sale for twenty-five cents. I asked how much was just one of the small ones but they said they were selling all three together. So, I crossed back across the street and asked my mom for another dime (not the last time I would be asking her for money). I purchased the three poodles, and gave them to her as a present. She kept it for all these years on her dresser and after her passing, I now keep the trio front and center in my display case. I did a little research and was astounded at what I discovered, “Spaghetti Poodles” were a VERY big thing in the 50s. Where were they produced? JAPAN! Yes, Japan. With a nickname like “Spaghetti” you might be inclined to think Italy, after WWII, Japan was desperate

to begin economic recovery and would make anything that was selling. In the 50s, poodles were the chic item to have. Owning a poodle was the quintessential show of elite-ness, and displaying anything poodle was just the “In” thing to do. Spaghetti poodles were mostly small, about an inch and a half to two inches high, and came in a variety of colors and poses. They were called spaghetti because of the fluffy protrusions that resembled strands of the tasty pasta. Today, these canines are quite collectable, ranging in price from \$20 to several hundred on eBay. Next time you are at a garage sale and see a small porcelain poodle, take a look, it might be a valuable item or just another pet.

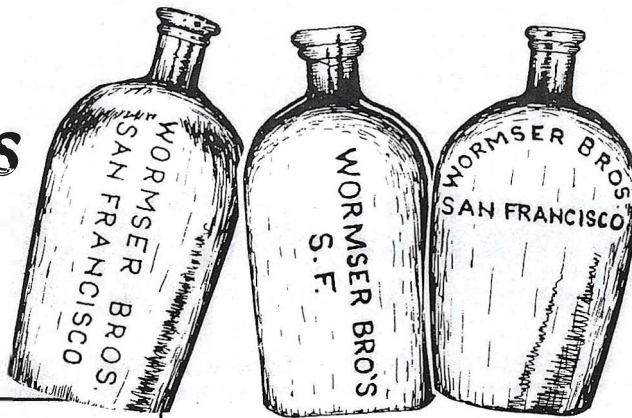


Contributed by Rick Hall

Ol' Ed TALKS ABOUT WHISKEYS

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of the Old West"

Drawing
by Thomas



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Louis Wormser started in a small way in San Francisco in the year 1850 and later was joined by his brother Isaac in 1856. After 23 years, they sold out to Messrs. Braeg and Frank.

Throughout their ownership, the Wormser Bros. not only sold whiskey, but also sold and distributed bitters. Their bitters as well as their whiskey flasks are in great demand. Their whiskey flasks consist of one embossed horizontally in a semi-circle, i.e., Wormser Bros. in semi-circle and horizontally San Francisco. The other two were embossed vertically Wormser Bros. San Francisco. The difference is in the roll collar. Another flask exists that is embossed vertically Wormser Bros. and the reverse Fine Old Cognac.

As to the bitters distributed by the Wormser Bros. a barrel in shades of yellow-amber and

amber with a crudely applied top exists. A square, heavy aqua bottle also a bitters embossed Dr. Wormser's Bitters on one panel and in another panel U.S.A. can be found. Last but not least, two cylindrical fifths, both with fluted necks and shoulders, both bearing the same embossing i.e., Dr. Wormser's U.S.A. Indian Root Bitters appear once in awhile. The first was made in in aqua with a deep kickup. The second is identical with the exception the neck is a bit longer with a whiskey top and came in shades of olive-amber and amber with a slight yellowish-green.

Needless to say the Wormser bottles are few and far between but with spring just around the corner, you might knock the rust off the old shovel and dig yourself one.

Ol' Ed

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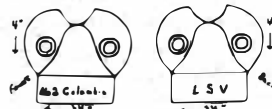
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WHITE ELEPHANT SALE



November 21th is our much anticipated, spectacular, colossal, stupendous, not-to-be-missed auction of curiosities, collectibles, and countless surprises! Please bring your special contributions to be placed center-stage for this always entertaining club fundraiser. This is not a venue for cleaning out your junk! Donate items that others would be pleased to own, bakery treats too!



OCTOBER MEETING



**Chuck Gildea Escapes the Camera
Checking out the Nice Sale Items;
Below with Winning Raffle Ticket
Bottle.**



**Dixie Bryant Wins the
50/50 Drawing !**



**Happy Tami Harman's Ticket Drawn First—
Selected a Small Drug Store Bottle**



**Get Your Raffle Tickets for
the 1930 G.E. Techron Clock
Donated by Paul Dragos!**



**Mike Bryant Picks an Amber Flask with his
Winning Raffle Ticket**



Matt Hampton Makes His Raffle Bottle Choice While Matt Lawson Looks On



October Meeting Continued



Nancy Fowler Provided Tasty Snacks!



Jon Lawson Presented a Very Educational Program on Salon W. Craigie San Diego History and Bottles



Tom Dunning Won The 1949 Meck TV

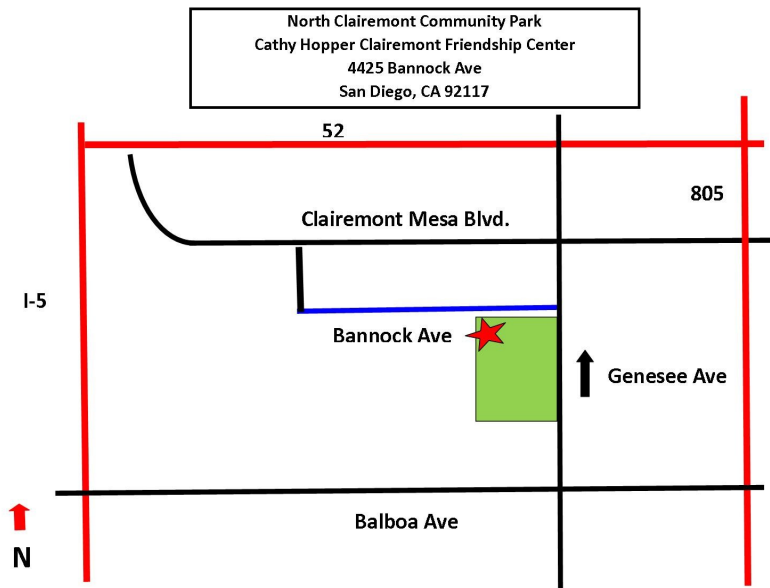


You Never Know What Will Show Up at Our Meetings Unless You Come! This Month Was a Free Drawing For This Decorative 1949 Meck TV, Donated By Paul Dragos!



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**No Meeting Raffle Items Due
to White Elephant Sale**



**Donate items that others
would be pleased to own,
bakery treats too!
Bring Your Shopping \$\$\$**

PROGRAMS

Subject To Change

REFRESHMENTS

JAN. 18 Extended Show & Tell

The Walkers

FEB. 15 Presidio Glass and Other Artifacts by **Steve Van Wormer**

Jeff McGreevy

MAR.21 Samplers by **Paul Dragos**

Mary Nokes

APR. 18 High End Watches by **Paul Dragos**

Paul Dragos

MAY 16 Metal Detecting by **Jim Walker**

The Hinners

JUN. 20 ACL Sodas by **Mike Bryant & Tom Knapik**

The Westfalls

NO MEETING JULY & AUGUST – PICNIC INFO WILL BE PROVIDED

SEPT. 19 Bottle BINGO & **Ice Cream Social**

Mike & Dixie


OCT. 17 SW Crague by **Jon Lawson**

Nancy Fowler & Lynn Stafford

NOV. 21 WHITE ELEPHANT SALE!!!

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY 12/14 11:30—4:00 At The Schweighart's Home

MEETINGS START AT AROUND 5:30 PM



**You Are Invited To The
San Diego Antique Bottle & Collectibles Club
Annual Holiday Party & Potluck**

**Saturday December 14, 2024
From: 11:30 – 4:00 (Meal Served at 1:00)**

**At The Home Of Laura & Tim Schweighart
1123 Santa Luisa Dr
Solana Beach, CA 92075**

The Club Will Provide the Main Dish & Drinks
Members Are Asked To Bring The Following:

Last Names A-G -----Please Bring Salads with Dressings
Last Names H-L,-----Please Bring Desserts
Last Name M-Z-----Please Bring Side Dishes, Veggies,
Appetizers, Chips Dips etc.

**If You Would Like To Participate in A Gift Exchange:
Please bring a wrapped gift suitable for either a male or female valued
at \$10.00**

Great Food ~ Door Prizes ~ Trade Tables ~Fun & Friendship

**DIRECTIONS: I-5 North, Exit East on Lomas Santa Fe, Straight Across
onto Santa Helena, Right onto Santa Victoria, Left onto Santa Luisa Dr.
I-5 South, Exit East on Lomas Santa Fe, Straight onto Santa
Helena, Right onto Santa Victoria, Left onto Santa Luisa Dr.**

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