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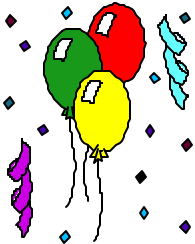
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MEMBERSHIP

Happy Birthday to these September Birthday Boys

Neil Z. 9/03/02



We want to wish all of our members a Happy Birthday. If we miss yours it's because we don't have it.

Minneapolis Convergence

I just wanted to comment on how Convergence and ABC board meeting went. Convergence went very well, wonderful hotel; the boat tour was very interesting. We went through the lock, which is where boats go through to reach the different levels of the Mississippi River. I bought a captain's hat because I forgot to bring one from home and I didn't want my head to get crispy. Many of the guy's thought I looked cute in it so some went and bought one for themselves. The shopping at the Mall of America was fabulous, a few of us went together and took the mall by storm, at least a gay storm of huge loud men. We only had a little elevator trouble this year not like at the hotel in Dallas last year. I saw many old friends and met several new ones. It was so interesting to see Jay Kline's twin Phillippe. They are so much alike, in their manners, in their hand gestures, it was creepy.

The ABC board meeting was small this year compared to last year, it seemed many clubs were not represented. Houston was admitted to ABC and paid their dues to start a new club. I wanted to ask, President Ron S. if there was a period where a club may have to wait before you had convergence again of course he said no, as I am sure some of you would have told me, but we were asked if we would be interested in having Convergence 2004. I said I didn't have a proposal with me and he said that if we were interested to make one up and send it to each of the board

members of ABC, by the end of September. I said I would ask. Ron commented on how much fun Denver was as well as many of the other board members sitting around the table. Elections were held and Ron S. took President again, even though he really didn't want it, like I said before there weren't that many people there, John Kinnard is VP and others were newly elected. Portland is having West Coast Conference and Atlanta is having East Coast Conference. Washington D.C. is having Convergence next year, and they presented their proposal again and I have extra folders about Convergence 2003 if anyone is interested. The meeting was short and ended. After that, rumors flourished rapidly about Denver having Convergence in 2004. People would see my name tag and comment and say how much fun they had in Denver and are so glad Denver would host it again.

I believe I had the foot in mouth syndrome when I asked Ron S., the question, but I think we could do it again. I have heard we made mistakes and learned from them. I hope that all of you as a group would consider that we try it again. I realize it is an extreme amount of work and I know I am willing to give it my all. The present board has said they are willing to give it a try. I hope the rest of the members would consider it as a positive thing and be willing to give impute. Please let me know how you feel as soon as possible. And Mac and Bob when you read this don't forget to try to come for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner this year. I hope to see more of you at our monthly events. We are scheduled with lots of fun things to do for the following months. Thanks for listening.... David

SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

On Saturday night, September 7, 2002 our monthly theme social was held at the home of Dave Watters . The theme was "Back To School". In keeping with the theme, the few attendees, each brought a home made sack lunch and then traded it with another guy. After a few comments about bag contents, each of us was able to recall a favorite school memory. Since the movie "Back To School" with Rodney Dangerfield was unavailable, we watched "Meet The Parents" an equally funny film. Small gatherings can be fun, but a bigger group increases the fun quotient! If you weren't there, why not? This is your club; participation by members is vital for the clubs success. Consider attending next month's get together on Saturday October 5, 2002. See you there.? ?

SEPTEMBER MID-MONTH

Due to booked reservations for the Hay Ride we were not able to set up with any of the Companies for this wonderful event, however we will be doing Dinner and a movie out or vice versa. This is schedule for September 21, 2002. We will send out a reminder as to the time and place for the Mid – month social.

“EDITORIAL”

From The Editor Of The Newsletter

I would like to start off by saying that as a club we have always had a lot of good times and bad times together. We, as a club have some concerns that have bothered me in the past for sometime. In this editorial I am expressing my own opinion about these concerns in our club, but as well to any other clubs across the nation that have experienced problems which have caused a separation among each other in their clubs. There will always be differences of opinions, and that sometimes causes some friction among others in the club. I personally believe that we all make mistakes because we are human and it seems that a lot of people take things too personal. We need to stop and think about what we are doing. It seems like some people don't like certain ones in the club and they don't bother to come to the club events or to the meetings because of them. Remember guys, this is your club, you go there for the club and not yourself. Personally I'm in a situation where I have a problem with someone in the club but that does not stop me from coming. I go there because it's my club and I have a good time with each and everyone that is there. If we all stayed away because we didn't like someone, there would not be anyone there to socialize with. So, are we there for ourselves or for the club's sakes? All the club's are trying to increase in membership not decrease! It would cause clubs to fold up and certainly we don't want that to happen.

Signed

Tony Colosimo (Newsletter Editor)

MEMBER POLL

Since this is your club and it seems that everyone has a busy schedule how would it be if we were to change the monthly meeting to a weeknight? I would like your opinion on this and maybe we can recruit more new people if it was held on a weeknight instead. We are willing to work with the club members to help meet their needs. So please let us know what you think is successful for your club. Please feel free to call me at 303-373-4027 or any board member that you know. We appreciate your in-put.

BOARD MEETING

The board meeting on Saturday night, discussed convergence, the list that was finally found that suggested some new ideas making club improvements. Changed the plan for hayride to a new function, which will be told at mid-month this month. Changed the October's club meeting to Tony and Ron's house. Discussed where the Halloween decorations would go to after the meeting in October. End of meeting.

OCTOBER SOCIAL

The October social for next month with the theme " FALL CRAFT NIGHT" will be a lot of fun and enjoyable. We will have several different craft projects for individuals to work on and show their talent as well. After the crafts are completed we will donate them to a special group or organization to show our appreciation for what they have done for the community. The club meeting that night will be held at Tony and Ron's home, the address is 15740 E. 48th Place, Denver. If you need directions on how to get to their place please call 303-373-4027 and I will gladly give you the directions. Hope that you will be able to make it.

NEWS FLASH

“NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF GMR OF THE ROCKIES

Hello Everyone:

GMR is hosting the **MCA** planning committee meeting October 25-27, 2002 in Denver. I am letting you know early enough, that we are going to need some help. Please let me know or any board member know if you are available. I would really appreciate your help.

Thanks,
David

WANTED

The GMR of the Rockies is looking to fill another position on the board. We need to fill the position of the Treasurer. If you would like to become a member and hold a position please contact David Watters at 303-364-4336 and let him know. We would love to have you on board.

WE HAVE A NEW COLUMN NOW

If you have any recipes that you would like to put in the Newsletter so that everyone can try a new recipe please feel free to contact me, Tony, at 303-373-4027.

A NEW COLUMN
“RECIPE”

NO YOLK DEVILED EGGS

This recipe is good for those that are allergic to egg yolks

10 Hard boiled eggs
¾ Cup mashed potatoes prepared with skim milk and margarine)
1 Tablespoon fat-free mayonnaise
1 Teaspoon prepared mustard
2 to 3 drops of yellow food coloring
Paprika

Slice eggs in half lengthwise, remove the yolks and refrigerate for another use. Set whites asides.

In a small bowl, combine mashed potatoes, mayonnaise, mustard and food coloring.

Stuff mixture into egg whites, sprinkle with paprika. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

REMINDER

Membership dues are due next month in the month of October, so make sure that you re-new your membership to be a part of the club. Remember this is your club and we have a lot of activities plan for the remainder of the year. We also would like for your in-put of ideas and activities that you would like to have or do.

Calendar of Events

Club Event	Place	Time	Date
Convergence 2002	Minneapolis MN		8/30/02-9/02/02
"Back To School" Bag Lunch night	D. Watters House 482 Galena St.	7:00 PM	9/07/02
Bring A Friend Hay Ride/Dinner	TBD	2:00PM	9/21/02
Fall Craft Night	Tony & Ron's Home	7:00 PM	10/05/02
<u>MCA Coordinator Mtg.</u>	Ramada Inn Colfax Ave.	TBD	10/26/02
<u>Holiday Food Drive</u> "Recipe Exchange Night"	Mike Packard 15750 E. 48 th Pl.	7:00PM	11/02/02
<u>Black Hawk Night</u>	Black Hawk ,Co.	2:00PM	11/16/02
<u>Thanksgiving Potluck</u>	D. Watters House 482 Galena St.	2:00PM	11/24/02
Chinese Christmas Dirty Santa	D. Watters House 482 Galena St.	7:00PM	12/07/02

- For more information on these and other big men's events, see the Big Events! Page at WWW.chubnet.com