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PHOENIX CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING

Marie MacGill

The December 10th, last meeting of the year was a fun filled evening with some good fish stories and a packed house.

We also had some very sad news that was hard to take. Homer Green has lost his dear wife Betty, of a heart attack while undergoing minor surgery. Homer, our deepest sympathy goes to you. Our sympathy also to Elnora and Jim Westfall on the passing of Elnora's Mother. We are all sending our prayers and get well wishes to Velma Fulton, who was injured in an auto accident. Hope you are well real soon, Velma. Get well wishes also go to Doug Carr who has had heart bypass surgery.

The candidates who were nominated for 1981 offices in November were elected and are as follows: President - Paul Schoonover, Vice President - Les Ormsby, Treasurer - Voncielle Gottbreht, Secretary - Mary Reinert. Directors: Mary Parker, Chuck Hoyt, Jim Westfall, Meredith Williams, Dave Conner and Jack Ebert. Audit committee: KenDeHoff and Bill MacGill. We extend our best wishes to our new president and his new team.

A standing ovation was given to our out-going president, Chuck Woodward, and his officers for their fine services of 1980.

We heard the fish story of all fish stories from Story Teller and Fish Catcher, George OSO Rodgers. George and Maxine Rodgers with guide Carlos, went to the Sand Dunes with buddy boat, DOTTIE H (Dick Harmon). After not having any luck there, they went to the 24 mile reef. Just after they started fishing they saw a large fish pop out of the water. They looked again and saw a nine foot shark circling around the fish. When they got close enough, they saw a grouper floating. When they hauled it in, it was minus it's tail. The sharks first bite off their tails so they are immobilized then devour them. It's good that George picked up the wounded grouper or they would not have had any fish for dinner. Just go fishing with George and he'll get you a fish one way or the other.

It was announced that the Christmas Party has been moved from Wimpy and Jayne Jaskowiak's to the Fish Fry Shack, with Santa Clause stationed on the front porch.

Guests were Joe and Pauline Greene of 1731 W. Earl Drive, thanks for coming. We were also happy to have Ed and Jane Jones, members whom we hadn't seen for a long, long time. Hope you will join us again soon.

Jim McCullough told us about the shootout the police had with a man, Friday night, December 5th. It seems that the man stole a car in Rocky Point and drove it to Cholla Bay where he got tangled up with Officer Luis and Agustin. A blow by blow description of the action was being given

over the CB by Cholla resident, Butch Heldt. His house seems to have been in the line of fire. I understand that the thief with his bullet wound is now behind bars, thanks to our good police force in Cholla Bay.

We were told not to use Channel 16 on VHF unless it is an emergency and to switch channels after you contact your party for conversation.

Door prizes went to Mary Frances DeHoff (key chain and T-shirt), Doris Davis (a beautiful Poinsettia) and Hal McKenzie (Jumper cables). Betty Waggoner won George Rodgers little boy doll in the Christmas raffle. Von Gottbreht drew her own name to win a beautiful ceramic Christmas tree. A pair of snowmen went to Phyllis Pennington.

This is all for this old year.
PLEASE, EACH AND EVERY ONE HAVE A
VERY BEAUTIFUL AND HAPPY 1981 - - -
May God Bless.



A GLORIOUS TRIP to BIRD ISLAND

We arrived at Cholla Bay the afternoon of June 12, 1980. Looking at the weather and sea carefully, we signed out for 3 nights and headed for Gillespie Bay. (We had light westerly winds, 10 knots)

If you have ever anchored in Gillespie Bay at extreme tide, you know it's tricky. You better have your tide charts and your wits about you! There is a long sandbar protecting the entrance of the estuary and at low tide, the best entrance is the N.W. channel. To find this you first go with someone who's familiar with the area. Then with landmarks and careful knowledge of current and wave action, you enter.

We made it easily thru the outgoing tide about 4 PM. We felt relief knowing that the tide wouldn't leave us high and dry for 6 hours. We didn't want to re-anchor at night!

We anchored in "our hole" on the west side of the bay behind the bar. We caught crabs and small bass for dinner and hit the sack.

In the morning we exited the same channel with the incoming tide and headed for Bird with coffee in hand.

Upon arriving at the west end of Bird Island, we found rough water and extreme low tide. We caught some granddaddy sierra, some bass and headed with curiosity to a small tidal bay S.E. of St. Georges Bay. It was clear beautiful water with much current rushing in. We saw manta rays and crabs. As we looked closer we saw that the estuary had offered little protection. We felt this was not the place to stay as we would have to go dry at low tide, for the maximum protection.

The wind was picking up so we headed for our anchorage at St. Georges Bay.

What a lovely afternoon and evening! Clive wind surfed and I sunned and fished. I caught sharks, catfish (Ugh) Bass, stingrays and crabs.

Upon returning to Bird Island we found the water calm and the fishing good! I caught among other things, a rock wrasse. Beautiful fish! We had it for dinner. It feeds on the bottom so it was a delicacy - tasted like lobster!

During our lunch hour, we saw our sister ship, the 24' Sea Ray - P.J's PRIDE. It was delightful to see some people we know - the Vanovers. They were out of Playa de Oro with another boatful of nice folks. We fished until the afternoon breeze came up. Our new friends in the yellow boat left to go back to Playa del Oro, then the Vanovers and the Jordans set anchors for dinner. There were 2 - 25' sailboats anchored in our vicinity. One was at least 200 yards distant but our fellas decided that the young couple aboard wanted privacy as they were sporting an all over tan - so much for sailors!

Joan and I were getting dinner and it so happened that our friends in the yellow boat returned to our leeward anchorage. It seems that the wind and tide were too much, so they spent the night with us at Bird Island.

We all tied boat to boat in the lee for our fish dinners then separated to our own anchorages for the night.

The wind let up about 2 AM and we all slept good.

What a sunrise! After breakfast, we fished and headed for 16 mile reef around mid morning. We caught a few nice little fish and then returned to Cholla.

We had had a beautifully enjoyable time and wanted to share this account of one of the many such trips the Jordans have taken over the years. If anyone is capable, come along with us, we really have a paradise at our disposal!

Noël & Clive Jordan

P.S. This story was in the works from June thru early August when I saw in the Chatter that we are not the only ones interested in a St. Georges Get-Together!

Coverage of the November 15th Rendezvous at St. Georges Bay will follow in February.

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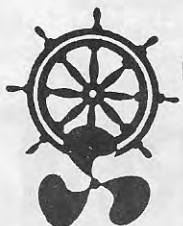
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- 1 C powdered sugar
- 1 C Cool Whip

Blend ingredients until fluffy & spread on cooled crust.

3rd layer:

Cover with sliced bananas & 2 small boxes of banana cream pie filling. Use only a total of 2 1/2 cups milk.

4th layer:

Spread with Cool Whip.

Peggy Drake



FROM A NEW MEMBER

I see you at the meeting but you never say hello;
 You're busy all the time with those you already know.
 I sit among the members, still I am lonely;
 The new ones sit there with me while you quickly pass me by;
 But, gosh, you guys have let us in; you talk of fellowship;
 You could just step across the room but you've never made the trip,
 Why can't you nod and say hello, or stop and shake my hand,
 Then go and join your other friends? Now that, I'd understand.
 I'll be at your next meeting, too, on that you can depend.
 So, won't you introduce yourself? I want to be a friend!

From the Payson Lodge #2154
Bulletin.

"THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

When we were living those "Good Old Days"
They didn't seem so good;
We read by the light of a kerosene lamp,
And heated the house with wood.

We carried water up the hill
To wash with --- cook and scrub;
And we took our baths behind the stove
In a galvanized laundry tub.

I can still smell the old lye soap,
And feel the sting and hurt
When some of it got in my eyes ---
But it really got the dirt.

We slept on cornhusk mattresses;
Sometimes three in a bed;
If you were late, you got the foot
The early ones took the head.

We waded snow and ice and mud
To get to the 'seat of learnin'
With a pot-bellied stove that froze our backs
While our fronts were nearly burning.

We drank from a cup by a water pail
On a bench where the teacher put it;
And whatever ailment any kid had
The rest were sure to get it.

In winter you milked in a drafty barn;
The wind whistled through the cracks;
And the swirling snow, while you were inside
Filled up your fresh made tracks.

A little house at the end of a path --
Half hidden with brush and weeds --
In summer's heat and winter's cold
Served all our family needs.

Now you may look with envious eyes
To these times, that is, if you are twenty;
But I've been through those "Good Old Days"
And ONCE, my friend, is plenty.

Uncle Ben Sez:

On my 89th Birthday -- Glad you came by,
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Submitted by Bob Fulton
Author unknown

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AIR FILTER	Filtro de aire
AIR FILTER CARTRIDGE	Cartucho del filtro de aire
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