

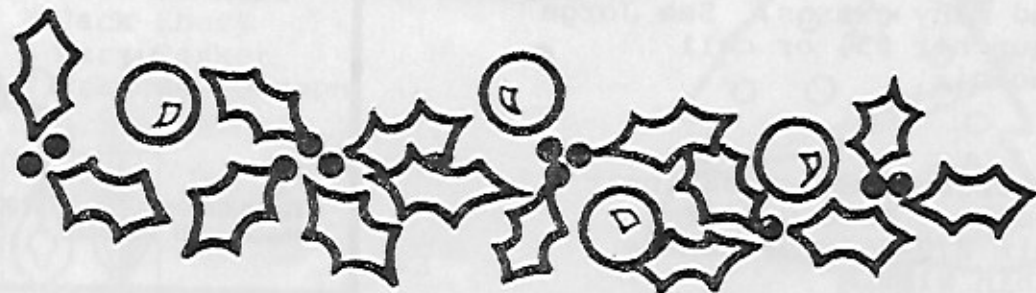


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PHOENIX CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING  
By Marie MacGill

It was nice to see the meeting room full, but a little less noise and commotion would have shown more respect for the speakers. Mary Reinert, our secretary, was ill with pneumonia so Vice President, Les Ormsby took the minutes. Thanks, Les, and we all hope to see Mary at the December meeting.

Sick Bay reported that Bob Parnell had been ill and confined to the hospital, but was out now. It was reported that the radio operator, Augustine's wife had been ill. Also, sadly we report that Senor Ramon Villa, who lived at the Bay passed away. Our sympathy goes to his family.

Gene Court donated two air splints to the Club. The splints will be kept at the Radio Shack for emergencies.

Jim Westfall of Ship's Store has many lovely items for sale. You might check for Christmas gifts for your families and friends. The yellow jackets would make wonderful gifts for everyone.

Betty Groves donated a beautiful ceramic Christmas tree for the December raffle. Everyone is encouraged to purchase raffle tickets so that we can really give the kids of Cholla Bay a tremendous Christmas party. Speaking of the Christmas party; George Rodgers asks that we all please bring goodies to the Dec.

meeting such as canned goods, fruit, meats and any goodies that would be of benefit. George also asked that people call him on Channel 3 when they arrive at the Bay and offer their services during the party which is scheduled for December 12th.

The people nominated for 1982 officers are as follows:

- President - Dave Connors
- Vice Pres - Jack Ebert
- Secretary - Mary Parker
- Treasurer - Frances Johnson

Nominated board members are:

- Les Ormsby
- Joe Blunk
- Jim Westfall
- Joe Reinert
- Butch Wilda
- Von Gottbreht

The election of officers for 1982 will be held during the December 9th meeting, so lets all be there to give our support.

Bob and Ann James, taxidermist specialists were at the meeting and gave a beautiful slide program of fish and fishing in Alaska. Thank you Bob for the beautiful and interesting entertainment. If you would like your big (or little) catch to be permanently mounted, be sure to call Bob or Ann at (602) 995-8646. Their Alaska address is: Mile 152 Sterling Hwy, Anchor Point, AK 99556.

Door prizes were won by Mary Parker (kerosene hanging lamp), Frank Abram (money clip) and Roma Blunk (ship model).

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TUCSON CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING  
By Irene Drake

We welcomed new members, Frank and Norma Lach, Maynard Pat Peterson, John Landers and Mr. & Mrs. Childress. Guests were Mr. & Mrs. Larson and daughter Carla, and Fred Boyer.

Sara Hohlenkamp won the door prize which was a Cholla Bay lined jacket and Mr. Horton won the other prize, which I didn't see. Hope he liked it.

The December 2nd meeting will be a potluck. Free beer. Come and see who wins the fine barbeque and then check the Ship's Store for some excellent ideas for Christmas.

The Nov. meeting was honored by a fine speaker, Mr. Parker from the Red Cross, on water safety. A good remark from Mr. Parker was -- Don't be embarassed, how old you are or how long it takes , learn to swim or at least float.

ATTENTION: Don't forget the New Years Eve Party at Dennis Hohlenkamps, Cabin #433. All are welcome, BYOB and have a ball.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - I need a few people to help afix the address labels on the Chatter and to get the Chatter to the post office. Also, could use someone to help sell ads for the 1982-83 year. No experience needed, just your time and efforts. Contact your Editor, Nancy LaPointe, 279-3628. No offers refused..... (Within reason, that is!)

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## MEXICO'S NEW REVOLUTION

By Former Arizona  
Governor Jack Williams

La Revolution is the name of one of the three gigantic rigs drilling for oil today in the Sea of Cortez, two off Rocky Point and one off Guaymas. Rocky Point, Cholla Bay, Pelican Point and even Sonoita and Luckville will never be the same if the drilling is successful. These erstwhile sleepy little villages will turn into boom towns.

Our visit to La Revolution took us four hours out of Rocky Point on a broad-beamed, twin diesel, 35' craft which sped along about 10 knots an hour. Enroute, the craft not only swayed from side to side, but tilted up and down, bow and stern, as well as cork-screwing thru the rather big waves. Its primary use is to transport crew members. Below were rows of airplane type seats that could be tilted back for a nap. The gulf was hazy and the gigantic oil rig suddenly looming up in front of us was abrupt and starting. A great aircraft carrier couldn't have looked any bigger and the drilling tower appeared as tall as the statue of liberty. Guyed down by hawsers to huge concrete anchors, the part above the sea consisted of a series of platforms with slippery metal gangways going up and down, like stairs. We hauled up close and threw some ropes aboard to haul us tight. We were bobbing like a feather in a gale alongside that huge contraption. Of course, our diesels kept roaring and the screws kept turning.

There was a maelstrom of foam and water, surging over the beams and girders of the rig; and a torrent of sea now and then between our craft and the rig. One minute we were even with the landing platform and the next, three feet below it!

The transfer was made with difficulty; but we all climbed on the narrow platform and then hauled ourselves up the gangway to the second level of the rig. I quickly observed that if the OSHA folk were ever to see La Revolution, they'd have a lifetime of work cut out correcting safety factors.

It was built in 1946 and wore itself out, drilling off Tampico; before being hauled thru the Panama Canal in 65 days and finally put in place off Rocky Point. Early this year they were down about 12,000' and can go as deep as 25,000 feet. The sea bottom where they were drilling is about 180 feet. Our host told us if they don't find oil where they are drilling now, they have five other locations to move to. But, it takes about a year to put the rig in position. The size and complexity of the huge platform was mind-boggling. Anchored by giant concrete blocks, the rig extended under water with a base compartment, a series of platforms rising high above sea level. Metal stairs or gangways, worn and slippery from use, enabled the crew to go from one level to another. A coating of oil didn't make the ascent any easier either! Everywhere was rust and grime and oil and although the platform were decked by metal screens over which one walked, now and then a huge gap appeared and one had to gingerly tight-rope walk along a girder. But, laid out in neat piles could be seen the drilling pipes that when connected together plunge into the sea bottom with a drill bit on the end. Huge cranes, cavernous areas with twenty foot ceilings, great containers of cement, cable, chains, a huge drill bit with tungsten teeth that rotate, machine shop, store room, and over everything the grime and rust and debris from over three decades of work were everywhere to be seen.

A visit to the crew quarters was a delightful surprise after the rust, grime, oil and dirt of the rest of the rig. It was neat and comfortable. The men spend 14 days on the rig and 14 days off. Sixteen tons of water are made and used daily for drinking and sanitary purposes. We made use of some of that water to wash up, and then survey the neat shining walls, the tables and chairs and the galley where we had some coffee and a donut.

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Mexico's New Revolution (cont.)

Then came the ghastly trip back from the rig down to the little cork we were to ride back on. There it was, bouncing up and down, yawing out from the rig and then smashing against it! I gingerly climbed down, tried to sit and put a foot over. "Stand up, Stand up" shouted some helpful soul. I stood up, ducked under a wire cable; stood with one hand grabbing the rig and the other reaching out for the rail of the shore boat. I finally grabbed the rail and jumped. Somebody caught me and cinched me with a bear hug.

Four more hours back to Rocky Point and then an additional five hours back to Phoenix and complete exhaustion; but the trip was a revelation and if La Revolution hits oil, there will be a revolution indeed all along the West Coast of Mexico -- a good revolution for it will bring benefits to everyone.

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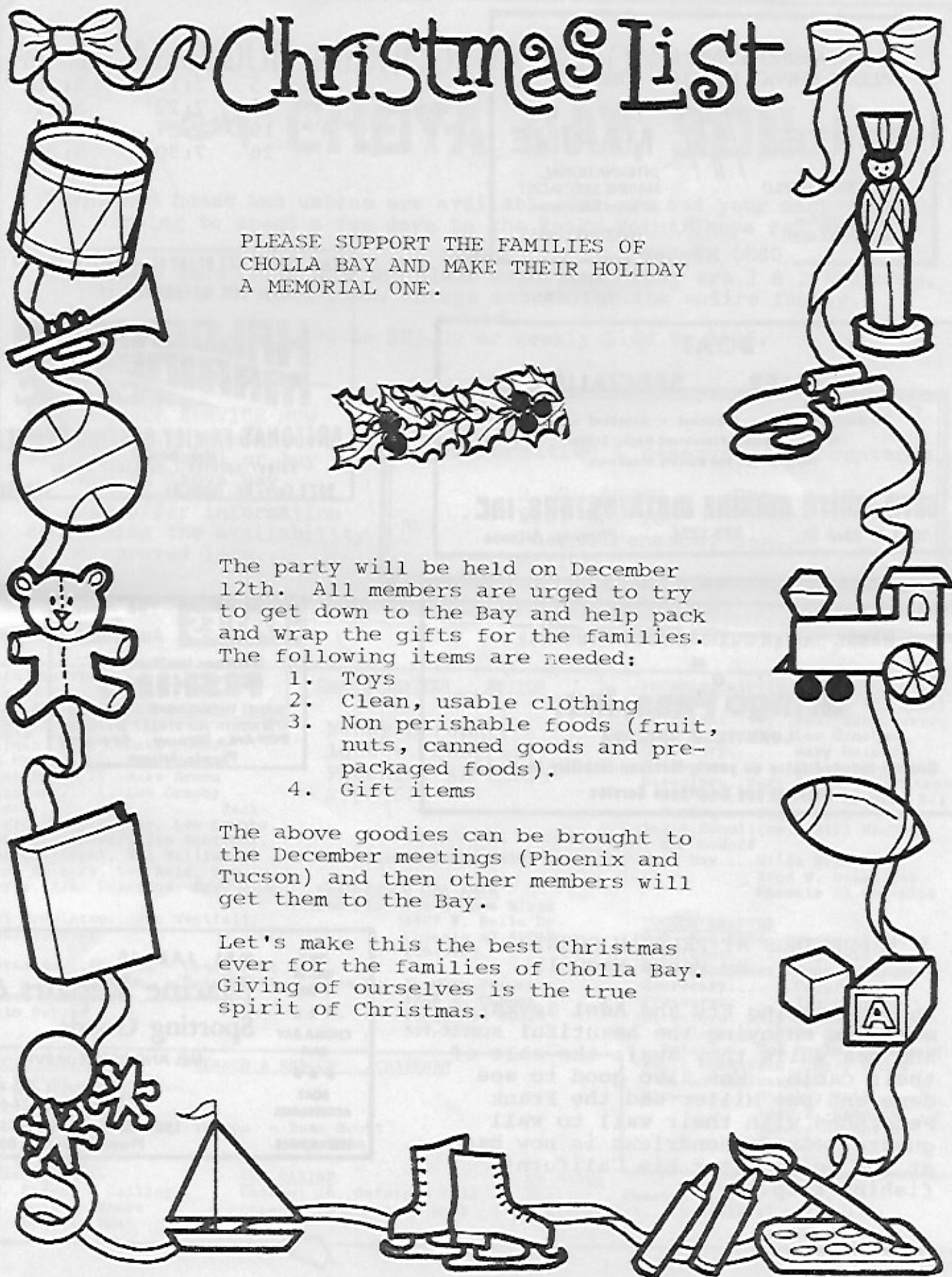


The party will be held on December 12th. All members are urged to try to get down to the Bay and help pack and wrap the gifts for the families. The following items are needed:

1. Toys
2. Clean, usable clothing
3. Non perishable foods (fruit, nuts, canned goods and pre-packaged foods).
4. Gift items

The above goodies can be brought to the December meetings (Phoenix and Tucson) and then other members will get them to the Bay.

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HAPPENINGS AT PELICAN POINT  
By Marie MacGill

Enjoyed seeing Erv and Adel Seyks who were enjoying the beautiful sun and sea while they await the sale of their cabin. Was also good to see Gene and Dee Miller and the Frank Petersons with their wall to wall guests. Grady Hendricks is now back at the point after his California fishing trip.

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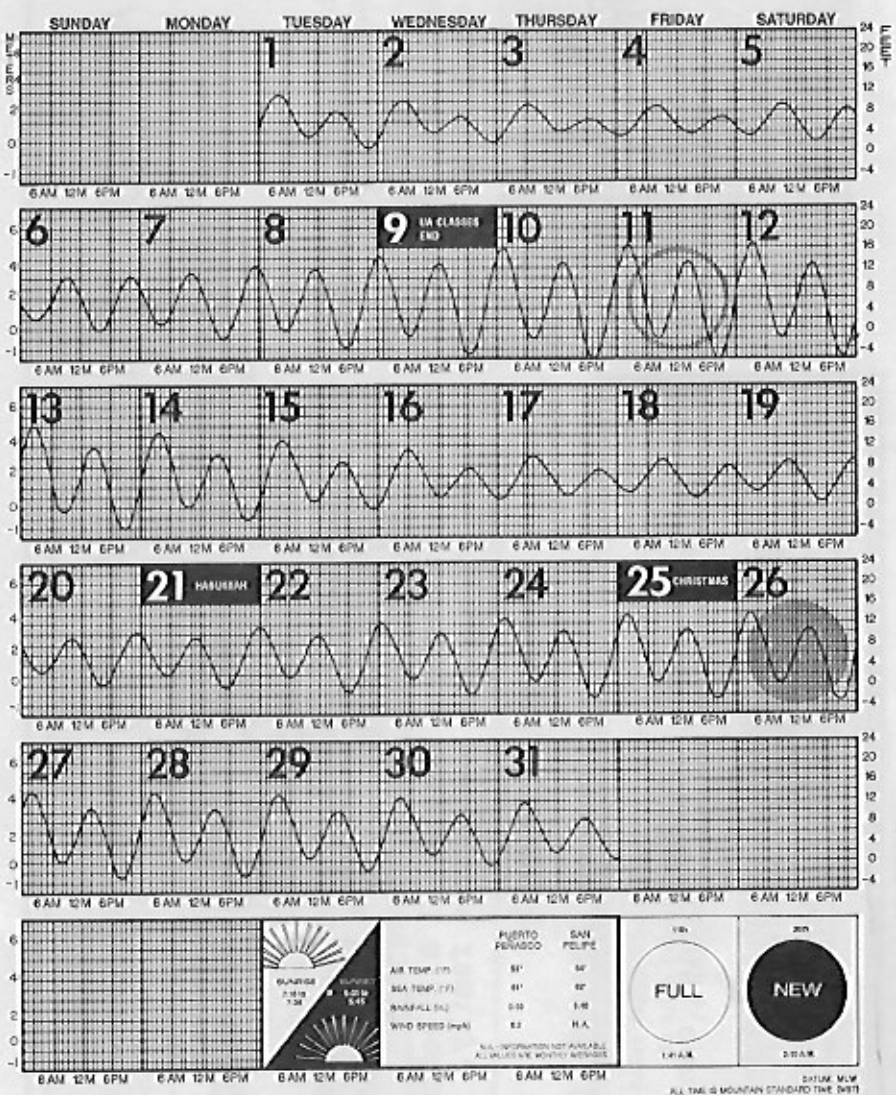
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