



BLACK DIAMOND TELEGRAPH



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DUES!

As many of you should be aware of, dues are payable at this time. Actually in many cases, they are more than payable, they are **LATE! Currently we have 36 paid members, and 12 members who remain unpaid.**

NEW MEMBERS

The club welcomes new members Joseph and Judy Veron, George and Kathy Schultz, Bobby O'Gurek, Angela McGlinchey, Ryan Boyle, Emmett and Karen Donahue, Wayne Fritzinger, John and Mary Louise Henry, and Craig Hockman. We hope to see you at the next meeting.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

Will be held as all meetings are at the Palace in Lansford on February 12th at 7:30pm.

MARGARITAVILLE GOLF TOURNAMENT 2005

Plans are underway for the second annual golf tournament. This year it will be held on August 20th, 2005 at Mountain Valley Golf Course. Following the tournament will be a performance by Parrot Beach. Please mark your calendar accordingly! More details to follow!



FUND RAISING IDEAS

The club is looking into possibly having a fundraiser for Alzheimer's disease research, any ideas, please come to the next meeting and pass them on. We are also looking into working the phone bank at the American Cancer Society Telethon, and maybe the Relay For Life. I have been in touch with the Cancer Society and will hopefully have more to share at Wednesday's meeting. We'll pass on more information as it becomes available.

BUFFETT NEWS

Jimmy has contributed a new song titled "An Attitude of Gratitude" to a cd "Thanks and Giving All Year Long" to benefit St. Jude's Hospital. Other contributors are Sheryl Crow, Uncle Kracker, Billy Crystal, and even Kermit the Frog...and others...

It can be purchased thru Amazon.com, and other sites online.



PARROTBEACH SIGHTINGS

According to their website there is nothing of local interest scheduled with in the next few months. Should that change I'll let you know. Maybe Remy can help me out here?

Here are a couple of pics from the November show at the Palace



I would like to be able to post some pictures from the New Years Eve extravaganza at Penn's Peak, but we forgot our camera. I can't speak for the handful of other club members that were there, but Carla and I had a great time.

John Valby was rude and crude, but I thought he was funnier than Raymond. But that's just my opinion, and anyone who knows me will agree...I'm a pig!

DIS AND DAT

Thanks to a heads up from Kevin, I joined the PHIP newsletter discussion group, and hope to be able to make some positive changes in the future.

I know that I haven't actually been on time with every newsletter, and as much as I would like that to change, the truth is that it's probably not going to change. Sorry. This edition was originally going to be sent out closer to Christmas, but just didn't happen.

If anyone ever has anything to add to our newsletter, kindly email me at fbartelt@ptd.net, and I'll welcome it! I welcome any suggestions, constructive or otherwise.

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!

Here's a recipe, courtesy for the Coconut Telegraph, from "The Essential Book of Boat Drinks& Assorted Frozen Concoctions"

New Orleans Punch

1 jigger raspberry syrup
 2 jiggers lemon juice
 1 jigger Jamaican rum
 2 jiggers bourbon
 2 jiggers strong, cold black tea
 Orange slice, garnish
 Fill shaker with ice, add ingredients, shake and strain into a glass

"So I saddled up my sea horse,
 With my fly rod in my hand,
 I was not looking for salvation,
 Just a salty piece of land"

From "A Salty Piece of Land", off the free cd that accompanies the novel of the same name.