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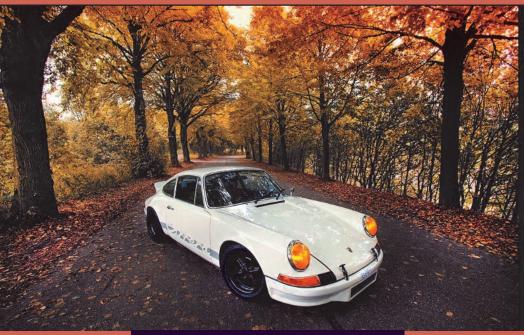




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Diablo Region 2012 Event Calendar				
January	July			
Sat. 6th Senna Movie>Jacquie	Sun-Sat 8 th – 14 th Parade (Salt Lake City)			
Sun. 22nd Blackhawk Museum Extravaganza>Jacquie	Sat. 14 th Epicurean Napa Valley Playday>Lillie			
Extravaganza-Jacquie	Sat. 28 th Moss Landing Tour >Ed Won & Luis			
	Soler			
February	August			
Sun. 5th Super Bowl>Walt & Jacquie	Sat. 4th Jellybelly Tour>Paul Smith			
Sat 11th Keller Estate>Lillie Sat/Sun/Mon 18, 19, 20 Death Valley	Fri-Mon 17th - 19th Historics			
Tour>Loma Prieta Region	Sun. 26th Annual Family Picnic>Elsie			
Sat 25th Africa Tour Presentation>Lillie				
March	September			
Fri. 16th Driver Education Thunderhill>Mike	Sat/Sun 8th & 9th James Dean Tour>Ken			
Roberts	Sat. 15 th Oktoberfest>Walt & Jacquie			
Wed. 28th Mallya Auto Collection Tour>Jacquie				
April	October			
Sat/Sun 14th & 15th Russian River Valley Wine Tour>Paul Smith	Sun. 7 th Concours at Porsche of Livermore>SVR			
Sun 15 th Rally School and Rally-Getting Ready for Salt Lake City>SVR	Sat/Sun 13th & 14th ClearLake Tour>Paul Smith			
Sat 21st Detailing Tech Session Porsche of Livermore>Ingrid Plooy	Sat 13 th DE 101-Thunderhill>Mike Roberts			
Sat 28th Habana Cuba Tour >Lou & Kathy	Mon. 29th HPDE Thunderhill>Mike Roberts			
Soler				
May	November			
Sat. 5th Corral Tour (Cinco de Mayo Tour)>Lillie	Wed. 7 th DE 101-Laguna Seca>Mike Roberts			
Sat. 12 th Detailing Tech Session Porsche of	Sat. 17th Planning Meeting/Tour 101>Marc & Mary Giamonni			
Fremont>Luis Soler	Mon. 19 th HPDE Laguna Seca>Mike Roberts			
Thurs. 17th Track Day with HOD>Mike Roberts	Sun. 25th California Auto Museum>Walt &			
Sat. 19th Bocce Ball>Paula Ciopyk	Jacquie			
Sun. 20th Marin Concours				
Sun. 27th Wash N Shine>Walt Lietz				
June	December			
Sun. 10 th F1 Canada Grand Prix>Mike Roberts	Sat. 8th Christmas Holiday Party>Patrick & Linda Schmidt			
Sat. 16 th & 17 th Arnold Tour>Jack & Cathy Kuhn	Linda Scimilat			
Sun. 17th Yountville Car Show				



Doug's Corner

I missed out on Paul's Clear Lake Tour, but did get very positive feedback from those who attended. This is our second overnight trip of the year and they seem to go over well with mem-

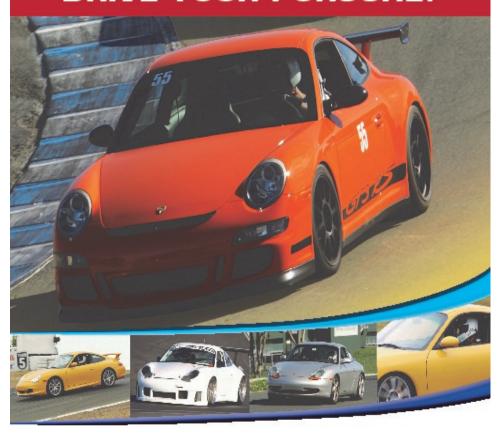
bers. If you have a Diablo event in mind for next year, please attend our Planning Meeting on Saturday November 17th. There will be free food. And if you are new to planning an event, the first few minutes will include a discussion and some handouts to help the process.

We had a great turnout at Livermore Porsche for the Zone 7 Concours. Thanks to those who helped put it together, both in the Diablo Region and Yosemite Region. And, of course, thanks to Livermore Porsche for hosting the event and putting on an excellent lunch buffet. We were able to raise \$500 for the Diabetes Foundation.

I got the Cayman checked out recently for the DE at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. (Thank you Fremont Porsche!) It will be my first (and also for many other's) time at Laguna. Looking forward to driving the "corkscrew." The DE program is moving forward with walkthrough and video sessions a few weeks before the track days. These are specific to the upcoming track location and especially helpful for rookies and the beginner group. (That's me.) You get a nice presentation, lot's of interaction, Q&A and videos of the track in action, all before you get there. Even if you are just curious and never really saw yourself on a track, this is the place to come and learn more about it. Yes, they are free. As I write this, Laguna is almost sold out. But, I have a feeling we will be going back next year, and the walkthrough-video discussion is November7th, in case you want to go.

The Diablo election has been very active. Thanks for your participation. Only our third year of on-line voting and it not only saves the Region many hundreds of dollars on postage, but it makes it very easy to vote. Our thanks goes to Steve Jones for setting this up and making it work. By the time you read this, we will all know who the Board members will be for 2013.

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By Mike Roberts, Driver Education Program



The most challenging part of the day is driving home...cruise control is set to 'barely legal', the night is dark and the bugs patrolling I-5 are out in force as they fly in to sacrifice themselves in the name of Porsche. The windshield is full of them – seeing out is getting increasingly challenging as my tired eyes are tempted to focus on the insects' mass suicide right in front of me, rather than the monotonous regularity of the freeway.

Catching up with a couple of cars ahead, which have inevitably slowed because we have caught up with the usual SUV driver doing 50 mph in the fast lane as they struggle to overtake a laboring juggernaut on the right, Lewis Hamilton in a silver minivan dives up the inside of me and pulls in front with feet to spare, then hits the brakes. Thanks Lewis. I congratulate him with all the warmth my xenon full beams can muster. It's probably petty of me - it was the sort of move that brings stewards' enquiries...but not on I-5.

I'm driving back from Thunderhill on Monday October 29th and we've had a great day. The weather was perfect, the drivers were all smiling. Our Sunday evening before was spent with 24 of us checking-in, then sitting down to dinner and the final Game of the World Series.

The post-event survey is young, yet one of the contributors said: "Lots of track time, small run groups, low stress environment, and PCA Diablo members are SO much cooler!"

I don't know who it was – but thank you. That just says it all!

The Diablo DE formula is unique in the track day world right now. Noone has just three run groups and limits the size of their events. It's a privilege we get from being a Club, a non-profit and a volunteer organization, with a great group of people who are happy to offer their time and energy to help others enjoy a new dimension of driving involvement.

I'm grateful to our instructors who enthusiastically pass along their knowledge to others. My sincere thanks also to Kay Maloy who makes the day run smoothly because everyone gets checked into the right groups and has the information they need, to Jeff Urnes who, as CDI, coordinates our instructors, Mike Ciopyk who gets Motorsportreg.com to

support our registration process, often starting months before our events, Tom Davenport, Ken Wu, Ed Won and Adam Cipriano for creating and delivering our Introduction Sessions, which contribute significantly to the success of our track days and at the track, Adam and the Grid Tech team who help to support our safety standards. This is a team effort.

Next week we begin the run up to our Laguna Seca track day on November 19th. The Introduction and Walkthrough is on Wednesday 7th at 6.30pm in the Walnut Creek Civic Center Lounge, 1375 Civic Drive – in the main building...drivers are encouraged to join the presentation, which will start on the basics and then move onto walking through in-car, video laps of the track, plus tips and advice on preparation. Then we'll have pizza...no charge for the evening and we anticipate a packed house.

If you are going to Laguna and would like to stay over the night before, we have a block of Rooms at the Embassy Suites at a rate of \$152, call them up and mention 'Group Block PCA'.

If you have not already signed up for Mazda Laguna Seca, we are now wait-listing all groups. Of course, there are often last minute cancellations, so if you would like to try for a place, register on Motorsportreg.com - we will only charge you if one opens up.

This will be a great day, not only for participants, but also for anyone who would like to come out and experience this unique venue - the first time ever for Diablo Region. I always get excited just driving into the facility, you climb up the hill and then the track unfolds in front of you and you cross the bridge and descend into the paddock. It's the place where the Rennsport Reunion happened last year, where driving legends have been crowned and where you can simply say — "I was there".



Upcoming Diablo PCA HPDE event... and supporting activities

FREE TRACK DAY INTRODUCTIONS AND WALKTHROUGHS: For Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca,

7th November, 2012 6.30p – 9pm, Civic Park Community Center Lounge, 1375 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek.

Come out and meet instructors and fellow drivers you'll see at the track – they are not mandatory for first timers, but STRONGLY RECOMMENDED! (if 'just interested', you are welcome). No sign up required.

FREE TECH INSPECTIONS:

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NEXT TRACK EVENT:

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Membership Report

New Members

Arrow, Michael 2012 911S, Silver

Byles, Doug 1982 911, Silver

Fernandez, Juan 2008 911, Gray

Fox, Gerald 1999 911, Red

Haynes, Shanie 2012 911, Black

Markley, John 2008 Cayenne, White

Merryman, Jim 2013 Panamera, Black

Total New Members: 7

Transfer In Members

Alambat, Clement Transfer from 1995 911, Black

Golden Gate (GGR)

Crawford, Steve Transfer from 1987 Carrera, Red

Golden Gate (GGR)

Jones, Kenny *Transfer from* 2003 Boxster S

Golden Gate (GGR)

Lai, David *Transfer from Golden* 2006 Cayman S, Gray

Gate (GGR)

Majowicz, Tony *Transfer from* 1988 911, Red

Golden Gate (GGR)

Ornelas, Mario Transfer from 2008 Carrera S, Black

Golden Gate (GGR)

Total Transfers In Members: 6

Affiliate Members: 64
Family Members: 373
Primary Members: 656

Total Members: 1,093



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And, the Election Results Are In...

Thank you to all the members who took the time to logon and submit their ballots to select the new members of the Diablo Region Board of Directors for 2013-2014.

The following individuals will begin serving a two year term January, 1 2013:

- Nancy Bocanegra
- Ingrid French
- Marc Giamonna
- Dale Miller
- Mike Roberts
- Ed Won

Congratulations to those members who were elected to fill the new Board openings! We appreciate your commitment to Diablo Region.

These members join Doug Wiebe, Ingrid Plooy and Satoshi lwahashi to make up the entire Board for 2013.





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Paul Smith and Nancy Bishop's Clearlake Tour By Lara Speyer and Brian Pihl

Brian and I just met last night to go over our lovely memories of the wonderful Clear Lake railway caboose and wine tour. Most of our focus was on the people and the lavender and gold landscape dotted

with oak trees, cows, sheep, horses, raptors...and oh the vineyards full of all things grape!

We were so much looking forward to the trip and wanted to be



prepared and contribute to the luncheon at Langtry Estate and Vineyards that we ended up taking more time than anticipated shopping and got to the Cordelia Denny's in time to chat a little, sign release forms, and talk briefly about Porsches. We made the drivers' meeting but missed the breakfast. Wah, no waffles.

While we were in the Denny's parking lot Brian couldn't help but notice



how incredibly well prepared and thoughtful these tour-masters (Paul and Nancy) were in putting the trip together. Very impressive - the Packet of info, the name tags, water, the pens, Candy Bar game, the Walkie Talkies!! Plus the friendliness and welcome to all, newcomers (Brian and I) and old friends was appreciated. The people, the places, the FeatherBed Railroad Inn was so cool and quaint right on the lake with a Parrish sunset to die for! Thank you

both for all the work and research you did making this such an interesting fun and fabulous weekend!

Brian especially appreciated the organizing of the cars, the participates cell #s, and the care that was taken to make sure that no Porsche was left behind as had happened on a past tour.

As we prepared to leave we couldn't help but notice what absolutely per-

fect weather it was. Sunny and warm. Salubrious autumn in California wine country..with hints of bay laurel and pears..It's pouring down rain here fresh and hard now in the east bay.. But on our wine tour weekend not a drop. We had a wonderful ride through the beautiful sunshiny countryside on quiet winding country roads. The toasty brown straw colored hills and beautiful fall colors. Cows and sheep dotted the landscape along with horses, swallows, and raptors.



Our first stop, Langtry Estate and Vineyard named after turn of the century beauty queen Lillie Langtry, an astute business woman, brothel owner, mistress of King Henry the 7th, courted by royalty in Europe before moving to this side of the pond. Lillie was described by a very beautiful woman as being the most beautiful woman in the world and used her beauty and charm very intel-

ligently to do great things. She was described by our host as combining the beauty of Sophia Loren with the brains of Oprah Winfrey.

At one point Miss Langtry got so behind in her taxes she had to give the property up to pay off the back taxes. She had married into the property and in her own right raised horses that were faster than her



husband's. At first you think she didn't do so poorly by losing the property because she avoided paying a huge amount of money and later it's been told that she won a high stakes bet in Monaco so large that it took the casino 3 years to pay her!



We had a wonderful picnic at the winery, beautiful view, lots of history and a fabulous tour of both the winery, Lilly's home and Fred Gibharts' hunting lodge given by Scotty, Mr. Handsome in the hat. It was very interesting to hear about the history of California wines at both the Estate and the winery. It seems that Langtry was the pioneer of vineyards in

early California history even before Napa and Sonoma.

We recall hearing something about a roofer from Germany that worked so hard and was so good at his craft that he received an entire Napa vineyard in exchange for his work at the Langtry property.

We also recalled that our host told us that Lillie was afraid of wild boar (as seen in the photo at the hunting lodge) and other animals and paid a bounty of \$1 dollar to anyone who would leave a carcass at her gate which promptly got spent at one of her stores or brothels in town.

We next drove to Ceago Vineyard. Brian and I did no tasting but enjoyed the Mediterranean style architecture and the beautiful landscaping and especially the heavenly fields of lavender. At one point I ducked into the tasting room and store and entranced and ensconced myself in the lavender heaven. I swear I was drunk on lavender because I hadn't had a drop of alcohol all day! Ceago is right on Clear Lake and boasts its longest pier.



We strolled down the pier to the lake looking at reeds and marshes where the grebes eggs lay.



We then drove to our digs the wonderful FeatherBed Railroad Inn, where all the rooms are real cabooses with a theme! We were totally enamored by the place, so cute and fun. We had a wonderful dinner outside at picnic tables with another Parrish-like sunset and wonderful tasty food. Even had special vegetarian dishes for the two

vegetarians on the tour! The homemade pear crisp with vanilla ice cream was dessert to die for.

We watched part of the video "Whatever Happened to the Electric Car" in our caboose (very interesting), took a Jacuzzi bath while himself snoozed and floated off to dreamland.

Each of the four wineries Paul and

Nancy choose to explore was so special, I would happily do the exact same tour over again! On Sunday morning, after a lovely breakfast at

the FeatherBed Inn, we took off to tour the harvesting process at a couple of wineries and then lunch at a yummy Mexican restaurant and then

home.

We even got to feast on green grapes hanging in perfect jewel-like clusters from the arbor at Vigilance Vineyards. While looking over the patchwork landscape from our perch on the hill, I was amazed at the sweetness of the little green grapes and also that on the same cluster were abso-

lutely deliciously perfectly ripe grapes and also scrumptious little raisins! >What a lovely and interesting group they all were ...charming and beautiful. We loved the stories, the landscapes, the food, the weather and the fall colors.



The only wines I tasted we're at the Brassfield Winery and I must say I thoroughly I enjoyed it! Plus cheese with the whites and chocolate with the reds. I actually bought two bottles! A lovely Pinot Grigio and a port-like red. Yum! It was a pretty place that reminded me

of a cloister or monastery somehow.

To Sum It All Up:

It was so fun to meet and talk and drive with everybody.

Brian said what the speaker at the Hershey Porsche Parade said really struck home, "IT ISN'T JUST ABOUT THE CARS; IT'S ABOUT THE PEOPLE!!"

Hear hear and vroom vroom!





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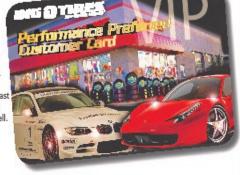
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Food and Friends Walnut Creek Breakfast

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Don't forget to wear your name tag so everyone knows your name. This is a great way to casually meet other members and catch up on upcoming Region events.



Tri-Valley Saturday Breakfast

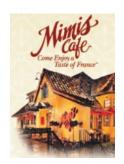
If you can't get up in time to get to the Saturday morning breakfast at Buttercup Grill & Bar in Walnut Creek, drive over to Dublin and join a few hungry members at Mimi's Cafe We meet each month on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30AM.

The next breakfast is scheduled for November 10th and again on November 24th. We hope to see you there. We have tables reserved in the backroom.

Mimi's Café 4775 Hacienda Drive, Dublin, CA

Check directions at:

http://www.mimiscafe.com/



Food and Friends Monthly Dinner

Come join the fun, festive conversation with fellow Diablo members and delicious food on the 3rd Thursday of each month at:

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2013 Planning Meeting

When: Saturday, November 17, 2011

Time: 6:30—9:30 P.M.

Where: Marc and Mary Giamonna's home, located at:

1111 Codorniz Lane, Walnut Creek

Directions:

Hwy. 680 N, Exit Ygnacio Valley, turn right.

Hwy 24 East, Ygnacio Valley, turn right.

Hwy 680 S, Exit S. Main St, (continue on Main St.)

Turn left on Ygnacio Valley Rd.

Drive Ygnacio Valley past John Muir Hospital

Turn right on Walnut Avenue

Enter next roundabout and take the 1st exit onto Oak-

Grove Rd. Oak Grove Rd. becomes Castle Rock Rd.

Turn right onto Comistas Dr.

Turn slight left onto Codorniz Lane. Their home is on the right.

Bring your support, ideas and input for 2013 Events!

Pizza, soft drinks and water will be provided.

Bring your own "adult" beverage.

Things we will discuss:

Tours DE Program Events Breakfasts Dinners

Tech Sessions Wash 'N Shine Special Events

New Events Increasing Turnout Charities Rallies

A special presentation by Ingrid French on Tour 101, a guide on things you wanted to know about tours from the perspective of the tour leader, sweeper(s) and participants.

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BLACKHAWK MUSEUM EXTRAVAGANZA

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Date: Sunday, January 27, 2013

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm Location: Blackhawk Museum 3700 Blackhawk Plaza, Danville

Cost: \$35 per person

Come join us for our annual awards party and enjoy the event while nestled amongst a multitude of exceptional, one of a kind automobiles.

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- A special display of Porsches on the Plaza
- Please let Patrick Schmidt know if you would like your car displayed on the plaza. A committee will choose up to 40 cars. Cars will be parked beginning at 9:00am
- Docents to provide guided tours of the Museum
- A gournet luncheon catered by Scott's Catering
- No Host Bar (no outside alcohol allowed)
- Door Prizes
- Guest Speaker
- A chance to heckle/congratulate your friends as they receive their awards.

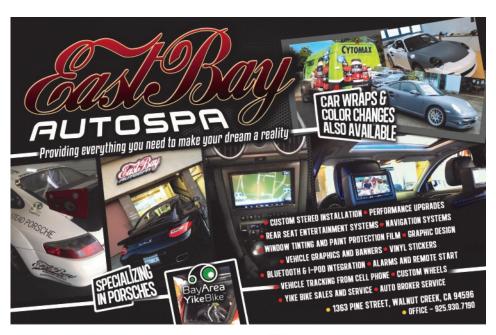
Luncheon Menu:

- Spinach Salad
- Three Cheese Ravioli with Tomato, Olive Sauce
- Pistachio Crusted Salmon with a Ginger Orange Sauce
- Carved Roast Prime Rib, au jus, Horseradish sauce
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
- Rum Cake with Caramel Walnut Sauce
- Coffee and Hot Tea

You can complete your reservation on Motorsport Reg starting 11/13. You can also indicate on Motorsport Reg if you would like to park your car in the rotunda of the museum - 40 cars will be chosen.

For additional questions, please RSVP to Jacquie Lietz at jhl_online@yahoo.com or 925-256-7620

IT WILL TRULY BE OUR EXTRAVAGANZA OF THE YEAR!!





Military Vehicle Technology

Foundation Tour

Saturday, January 19th, 2013

Led by Lillie Echevarria



Did you know this hidden jewel was located in the Bay Area? What is MYTF?

The Military Vehicle Technology Foundation (MVTF) oversees one of the largest and most significant collections of historical military vehicles in the world. Their goal is to acquire, restore, and interpret the historical significance of 20th and 21st century military vehicles. Domestic and foreign combat vehicles such as tanks, armored cars, self-propelled artillery, and other technically interesting mobile platforms are the focus of the collection. Aside from the vehicles, there are towed artillery, antitank, and antiaircraft guns.

January 19th is not a regular Mimi's (4775 Hacienda Dr., Dublin) breakfast gathering, some of us will be there early if you want to join us; otherwise plan on arriving at 8:45 am for Driver's meeting with a departure at 9 a.m.

We will have a leisurely drive through some Bay Area backroads and enjoy a fixed-prix menu at a local restaurant. After lunch, we will continue to the MVTF Museum. The museum tour will last approximately 2 hours.

The total cost per person is \$42 - it includes:

- At MVTF: \$20 tour donation pp MVTF is a 501(3)c organization thus tax deductible.
- At Restaurant: Fixed-Price lunch menu main course, drink, tax & tip. Selections on Registration Page.

To register online, click on this link

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by no later than Monday, January 14th – 30 people limit

For further questions, contact Lillie at lillie62peru@sbcglobal.net or 925-549-5454

California Auto Museum Annual Tree Decorating and Potluck

When: Sunday, November 25th

Where: California Auto Museum, 2200 Front Street, Sacramento

Time: Caravan leaves at 12:30 from Buttercup Pantry in Walnut Creek. Tree decorating begins at 2PM and Potluck begins

at 4:15.

This is a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season with any of your friends and an opportunity to meet other Automobile enthusiasts and see a great collection of cars in the Museum.

Bring an ornament for the tree! We will have a Christmas tree to decorate and an ornament that you've made showing your car and/or yourselves is a great way to show the 1000's of people that pass through the Museum during the Holiday Season just what a great car club PCA is.

- If your last name starts with A-J bring a main dish (casserole, spaghetti, KFC, etc.) to share
- If your last name starts with K-R bring a side dish (salad, vegetables, fruit salad) to share
- If your last name starts with S-Z bring a dessert (pie, cake, cookies, brownies) to share

The museum has a refrigerator and microwave available and they provide beverages, utensils and paper products.

Last year there were over 300 people from different car clubs that attended and everyone brings a dish for the Potluck to share with the other car clubs. Walt & Jacquie Lietz have attended for the past 2 years and had a great time and were winners of several fun raffles prizes.

If you plan on joining the fun this year, please RSVP to Jacquie Lietz by Wednesday, November 21. We need to have a head-count by this date to reserve our tables.

Jacquie Lietz 925-256-7620 or e-mail jhl online@yahoo.com



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