

Feels Like The First Time

Our annual Holiday Party on Dec 11th was a lot of fun. Thank you to everyone for helping to make this event a rousing success. A truly great time was had by one and all!

Appreciate your vote of confidence in electing me Club President for 2011/12. I am every bit as excited and committed now as I was when we founded Golden Gate Goats back in October of 1996. Two things motivated me to return at this time. The first is that I realized how much I missed getting together with our members and attending events. The second is that several members at various times had voiced their concerns about dropping membership and reduced participation. I had noticed this as well, and I can assure you, as our Founding Father, it was a reality check. What made me take action, though, was reading and absorbing Jim Lent's article in the September newsletter titled "Happy 14th Birthday for the Golden Gate Goats, How Many More?" Is this really happening? Yes, folks, it most certainly is.

I ask all of you to clear your head for a few minutes and reread Jim's article, allowing yourself the opportunity to really think about the points made. While those thoughts are fresh in your mind, kindly e-mail to me your answers to the questions asked in the member survey I e-mailed out a couple of weeks back. I challenge each and every one of you, especially those of you not participating, to become personally accountable and give us your input regarding events and activities. We have a clean slate and control our future. Tell us what you want to be doing, likes/dislikes, etc. We will try to implement as many ideas/suggestions as possible. Member input and participation is critically important. Our club needs to be driven just like a car. Without your input and participation we cannot and will not move forward.

All of your ideas and suggestions will be discussed at our Saturday, January 8th meeting at The Englander. Be prepared to brainstorm, I will be expecting participation, and those of you that know me well are aware that I will ask for your input. Not to put you on the spot but because I respect and value what you have to say. Let's plan to fill the open board position of Secretary at this meeting if not sooner. Any volunteers? The goal of this meeting will be to prepare for our event planning meeting on Saturday, February 12th. I made the decision to move the February meeting back to The Englander to take advantage of the meeting room. March through May meetings will continue at The Englander but move to the 3rd Tuesday of the month with dates of 3/15, 4/19, and 5/17 taking us to summer vacation. Beyond that, I would like to discuss the possibility of moving our meeting location with the goal being to increase attendance. Appreciate your flexibility with our making these changes.

When we all get back the enthusiasm we once had, everything will be fine. Your club officers have it, the folks at our Holiday Party have it, and our loyal core members have it.

There is power in numbers; SHOW US THE WAY!!!!

See ya in the fast lane;

Prez John