Chapter U Gathering Chuy's Restaurant, Selma TX. 1/16/2019

Chapter U held their first Gathering of 2019 on Wednesday evening, 1/16/2019 at Chuy's Restaurant in Selma TX. With a slightly smaller crowd than usual we welcomed 22 members and one guest to the meeting. Our guest was our Director **Ed Smith's** mother **Lois Swanson**, who also joined us at the Christmas Party in December. It was great to see her again. After the members had taken advantage of the great food at Chuy's, Ed & Helen Smith brought the meeting to order at 7 pm with the Welcome and the Pledge of Allegiance. 2019 is off and running!

Ed did a quick rundown of member Birthday's and Wedding Anniversaries for January noting one particular anniversary. **Rick & Pat Kendrick** will be married 50 years on January 31st. They will be taking a very special trip soon to celebrate this occasion and a big round of applause and congratulations was in order from the members tonight. In this day and age this is a very special accomplishment. Congratulations again **Rick & Pat** and many, many more!



50 years and counting! Congratulations Rick & Pat Kendrick

Chapter U has a New Couple of the Year and Membership Enhancement Coordinators for 2019. **Phil & Sandy Aquirre** were awarded the COY at the Christmas Party in December for all of their efforts in 2018. They also stepped up to try and fill the large shoes of **Tom Hendricks** who has been our MEC for the last few years. They had a fun game for us tonight and they took control of the raffle festivities at the end of the meeting. Thank You **Phil & Sandy** for stepping up. 2019 will be a great year with your help at the MEC position and ya'll certainly deserve the Honor of being the Chapter U Couple of the Year. Congratulations!



Chapter U 2019 Couple of the Year and MEC's Phil & Sandy Aquirre

Next, **Ed** ran down some of the Chapters upcoming events.

Saturday 1/19/2019 is the Wreath Pickup at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. Members will meet at the Cemetery, at Shelter 1, at 7:30 am to begin the cleanup. They will go to lunch in the area afterwards.

Saturday 1/26/2019 is the Texas District Mid-Winter Roundup in Paris TX. **Saturday 2/2/2019** is a Ride to Gonzales TX. for the Hot Rods and Hatters Car Show. The First Aid and CPR Class that was scheduled for **2/1 & 2/2** has been cancelled due to low participation. Watch the calendar for a possible reschedule of this event.

Saturday 2/16/2019 will be the annual Valentines Ride and Lunch. Destination will be in the Canyon Lake area. Watch for more details coming soon.

Wednesday 2/20/2019 is the next Chapter Gathering at Chuy's Restaurant in Selma TX.

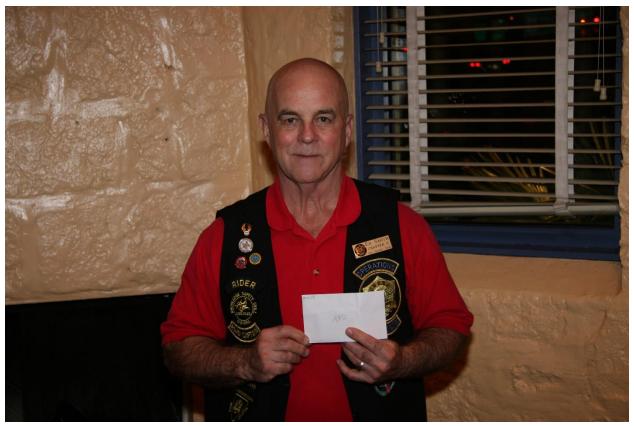
Ed is having computer problems and has been unable to update the Chapter Website lately. He is working to correct this problem but he will be sending out emails to announce events and changes to the calendar. So for the time being, be watching those emails closely for announcements.

Finally was the Prize Raffle to finish off the night. The big winners were,

20%, \$17.00, Bob Priester
30%, \$26.00, Gary Ellis
\$25.00 Gift Card from Kent Motorsports in New Braunfels, Gary Ellis
\$75.00 Gift Card from Kent Powersports in Selma, Ed Smith
Last Chance Winner, \$10.00 Chuy's Gift Card, Tim McGee



Loos like Gary Ellis plans to continue his winning ways in 2019



Chapter Director and Big Winner tonight Ed Smith

Congratulations to all of tonight's winners and Huge Thanks to our Sponsors **Kent Powersports Selma, Kent Motorsports New Braunfels**, and **Chuy's Restaurant Selma.**

Until we meet again,

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