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Lobster Fest and Preparations



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BEFORE THE BALL (AND THE BELL)



Under the already raised tent at the Community Centre, **President Jack** took us through an improvised flag salute with **Jim Passage** holding two flags high, before **Keller McDonald** sang us through a rather improvised version of the old classic; "*I've been working on the lobster fest*".



Ken Jacobs and **Jack Dunlap** distributed sandwiches and salads for lunch and after small eating break, **President Jack** got us going at what we all thought would be an intense session.



The session consisted of **President Jack** gathering the board of directors for a brief meeting at the podium, all of us singing "*Happy Birthday*" to **Edwin Wilson**, which cost him \$10, and then **Aleia Coate** sent everyone but ten people home.

Turned out the committee and volunteers had done such a great job so far that there was just nothing left to do until later!



🍎 GETTING READY SATURDAY MORNING 🍎









THE MAIN EVENT – LOBSTER FEST



Golly gee! What an evening! Maybe, just maybe, this club knows how to throw a party. Great Fun. Your roving correspondent is walking on a cloud after having bid on, and purchased, a vacation in France. A real genuine “high” prevails. So, forgive him if these “scribe notes” are somewhat over enthusiastic! Here are a few quick mentions of happy recollections of the affair last evening:

Arriving to see a tall trapeze with young folks climbing ropes. YES – that looks like fun! Let’s have a party. And there alongside the main entry was **President Jack** in formal costume –a circus conductor if ever there was one. Yes – champagne please, Henry – Cheers.



The dining room was a delight! The draped red and white ceiling fabrics suggesting a real big top. Well done say I. And why are there pictures of red lobsters under the dinner plates ? Those were carefully arranged bibs ready for use. Yes, this instant dining room will do very well, thank you. Now – good people are arriving – I see familiar faces and see many new faces. Good, lots of visitors are here. And they all look ready to enjoy themselves. Let’s look around. Hmmm. Here is a room with lots and lots of wine! My kind of room! And **Norm Stupfel** sitting alongside the door enjoying being in such a heavenly spot. This should be lots of fun!

Hey, let’s have a look out back. Here is a real tent. And my, what a display! The silent auction is quite something this year. And **Tony Givens**, fellow scribe, ready to take note of all that is noteworthy. The bar that was in the main hall on Friday is now well established and open for business. There it is beyond the silent auction tables.

Steve Levenberg was in full magician regalia. Yes, he fooled me. Did he or did he not just borrow a twenty-dollar bill? Will I see that bill ever again? The answer- yes I did! He is very talented. You might want to leave your billfold at home if planning to see him do magic tricks.

This is a warm and a wonderful evening in Sebastopol – Just right for bidding on bird houses, on jewelry and gadgets, on art and on classes and on restaurant meals. Pens are writing numbers on bid sheets everywhere that I look. Yes, this just might be a good evening for raising money for good causes.

Jacqui Mielke explaining her exploits as a successful catcher of unwanted squirrels in a former life. And what a nice garden table – that might do well in my dining room. More bird houses and bird

feeders - and even a large bat house. Not a bath house, but a place for wild bats to rest their wings. Guests that could not find anything to their liking here, must surely be visiting from another planet. **Cindy Carter**, is this ALL her doing? She really can create a thrilling silent auction!

Now we are all under the big top, finding our tables and taking our seats – let the show commence! Balletto wine – wonderful! And here is a circus slide show with familiar **President Jack** doing what he does so well! And here comes **Tom Boag** with four or five fellows in a parade to DUMP our meals on the table. And lobster fans and gourmet seafood folks all saying how terrific this lobster is. Tasty say all! Many teen agers in green tee shirts – they are having their own party I think. Three cheers to Interactors!

