

## JANUARY MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

On January 5 several members braved the snowy and icy roads to attend the monthly club meeting at La Burrita in Grants Pass. Present were Wayne & Terri Griffith, Gordy & Mary Jane Prudencio, Jaime & Tracy Alarid, Andrew Strange, Archie & Jeanie Clay and guests Boe & Audi MacAllister.

After dinner president Wayne started the meeting. The AKA club insurance dues are to be paid yearly in November. Somehow we got off schedule and were paying them in May or June. All clubs are now required to pay them in November of each year. The amount has increased to \$200.00 per year. It is still a bargain as it protects us from damages if there would be an accident while flying our kites. A check was written and was sent to the AKA keeping our insurance in force. Going forward our insurance dues will be paid every November.

Our Club award for Kite Club of the year was sent but our name was spelled Wind Chasers. We voted to have it changed to the way we spell it. The AKA agreed to correct the spelling and will send the corrected award to Brett. What a honor to be chosen from all the kite clubs in America for kite club of the year.

Working together we are strong and will continue to introduce many people to the joys of kiting. Our contacts on the beach and wherever we fly kites are so important. We have the opportunity to introduce and expose the many friends and people we meet to the world of kiting.

Tracy gave the treasurers report. Income for December was \$213.00. Expenses were for the Christmas Brunch at the Elk Valley Casino of \$345.00. End of the year cash on hand is \$1838.83.

Archie reported that all the kids kite kits are completed for the year. We started with 700 kits last year and we felt we should have the same amount prepared this year. We had 200 left so we needed to make 500 more this year. The weather was stormy and with nothing else to do Archie and Jeanie started the project and completed all 500 of the kite kits. The lines and tails are also completed. This supply should cover all the kites needed for the festivals and the free kites for the monthly Fun Fly's.

## KITE EVENT CALENDAR

January 12-15 Oregon Kitemakers Retreat (OKR) Rockaway Beach, OR

January 21-23 Windless Kite Festival Long Beach, WA

February 2 Monthly Kite Meeting 6 PM Wild River Brewing & Pizza 595 NE E Street Grants Pass, OR

February 4-5 Monthly Fun Fly South Beach Crescent City, CA Weather Permitting

March 2 Monthly Kite Meeting 6 PM Location TBA

March 4-5 Monthly Fun Fly South Beach Crescent City, CA

March 9-12 Fort Worden Kitemakers Conference Stanwood ,WA

March 11-12 Kite Party Huntington Beach, CA

Wishing you sunshine and great winds for kite flying in 2017.  
I hope by February that we can be flying kites again on the beach.  
Your secretary, Jeanie