

# *News from the President*

Hello fellow fly fishermen,

It's actually NOT time for our December club meeting. This month's program will be our Christmas party at Berry Creek Country Club. We will have our Christmas meal and once again have several items for silent auctions-both fly fishing related and Non-fly fishing related. We also will be raffling a fiberglass fly rod and tickets are VERY reasonable. This is the one time each year we can bring our spouses and actually see each other wearing something other than fishing clothes! Many spouses attend and some members just come alone-everyone is welcome. If you are interested in coming, be sure you have paid your 2016 dues and contact Randy Johnson to get on the list. The food is always great and everyone enjoys visiting with each other and getting to know each other a little better. Cost of the meal is \$27.00 and is all-inclusive. You do need to RSVP if you are coming as they only prepare the meals that are ordered. I guess you COULD come at the last minute-you just wouldn't get to eat! As an added treat this year, Susan Gaetz of Casting For Recovery will bring a short presentation about CFR for the wives to let them know we really do have SOME redeeming value!

I only have one other bit of news, but it is an IMPORTANT one. Starting in January we will be moving our meeting place AND our meeting night. We were running into several upcoming conflicts with our current meeting location so we are now moving to the Boy Scout Hut in San Gabriel Park and will be meeting on the **THIRD TUESDAY** of each month. Our first meeting will be January 19th and the address is 441 East Morrow St. If you go to the Community Center it is the brown house to the left as you drive up to the Community Center. We are hoping more folks will have less conflicts and will attend on Tuesday night versus Thursday night. This also strengthens our relationship with the Boy Scouts and the building is more "rustic" which feels more like a Fly Fishing Club location! There is a much more open area for casting (once the days start getting longer in the Spring), and we can also use the building at other times, like officers' meetings and club workshops. This also opens up the possibility of joining with Austin Fly Fishers and Living Waters Fly Shop to bring in an out of town speaker and share the expenses-- San Gabriel meeting on Tuesday, fly tying at Living Waters on Wednesday, and the Austin Club meeting on Thursday. All in all, we think this will be a good move for our club.

Don't forget to bring your checkbook for the raffles and silent auctions and bid generously. This is our major avenue to raise \$ for Casting for Recovery and Reel Waters.

I think that covers it for this month. Hope to see you at the Christmas party, and if not, have a Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year. See you at the Boy Scout Hut Tuesday night January 19, 2016!

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