



BUGLE CALLS, DECEMBER 2022

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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1. CHRISTMAS PARTY, DEC. 8

Denny's Restaurant

Please bring a wrapped gift, and perhaps some Xmas goodies!

6:00 Dinner

7:00 Short Meeting & Program

7:30 Gift Exchange Game

8:30 Book Raffle

2. JANUARY 13 MEETING

Bring a book or item to show and tell about.

3. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

No message this month.

4. AFTER ACTION REPORT:

By Ron Vaughan

a. Everyone enjoyed our November West Coast Conference. Gordon Rhea did an amazing job of filling in for the two speakers who were unable to attend due to illness. He had a folder of notes, but never needed to refer to it! One person, Alex Johnston, flew in from the Williamsburg, VA CWRT! A conversation with Keith Poulter (North & South magazine) turned into his publishing an article I wrote about Jo Shelby!

REPORT ON 2022 WEST COAST CWRT CONFERENCE:

INCOME: 33 + Registrations X \$200=\$6600 + Poulter's donation \$100 + Steve Madden's donation \$1000, sub-total (\$7700)

OTHER:

Quilt auction, \$600

Silent Auctions, \$160

Raffles, \$286

Subtotal=(\$1046)

GRAND TOTAL=\$8746

EXPENSES:

Rooms (9 nights, 4 persons)= \$1356 (Meg G, Jim S, Doug W, Gordon R)

Meals & Meeting Room= \$4,762

Gordon's Flight= \$655

Program booklets (copy & covers)=\$124

TOTAL EXPENSES= \$6,897

PROFIT= \$1,849

One left over problem: When the 2021 Conference had less than a dozen signups by Oct 1st, I called the Wyndham and cancelled my room and the ones for our speakers. A month later we received a credit card bill for "No shows" for those rooms! I called the hotel, who said that they could not refund my credit card, but would deduct the \$700 from the 2022 Conference meal expenses.

As we checked out at the end of this conference, the manager said they had not been able to cancel those 2021 rooms, because I had used Wyndham Rewards points. I would have to settle with them. I have called Wyndham Rewards customer service numerous times, but no one has ever answered! I have emailed them, but no response. A lawyer friend recommended I take it to small claims court, but that could create "bad blood" with the hotel and make future conferences with them difficult. Perhaps we will try another venue?

At the end of the conference, there was an idea to have a joint sponsorship with Sacramento CWRT, and use Fresno, due to its central location.

b. NOVEMBER CWRT MEETING:

I misplaced my notes from the meeting! There were 10 persons present. Michael Spencer presented a short talk on Fredrick Douglass.

The following is from Wikipedia:

Born February 1817 or 1818, and died February 20, 1895. He born into slavery, but became an American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman. After escaping from slavery in Maryland, he became a national leader of the abolitionist movement in Massachusetts and New York. His oratory and anti-slavery writings made him famous. Accordingly, he was described by abolitionists in his time as a living counter-example to slaveholders' arguments that slaves lacked the intellectual capacity to function as independent American citizens.

Northerners at the time found it hard to believe that such a great orator had once been a slave. It was in response to this disbelief that Douglass wrote his first autobiography. Douglass wrote three autobiographies, describing his experiences as a slave. They It became a best sellers.

Following the Civil War, Douglass was an active campaigner for the rights of freed slaves. His last autobiography, [*Life and Times of Frederick Douglass*](#), was published in 1881 and revised in 1892, three years before his death. Douglass also actively supported women's suffrage, and he held several public offices. Douglass became the first African American nominated for Vice President of the United States, as the running mate of Victoria Woodhull on the Equal Rights Party ticket.

Douglass believed in dialogue and in making alliances across racial and ideological divides, as well as in the values of the U. S. Constitution. When radical abolitionists, under the motto "No Union with Slaveholders", criticized Douglass's willingness to engage in dialogue with slave owners, he replied: "I would unite with anybody to do right and with nobody to do wrong."

5. CIVIL WAR HUMOR

From "The Blue & Gray Laughing"

Jon Harelson was appointed chief of the Nitre Bureau in Selma, Ala. He wrote an appeal in the Selma newspaper for Chamber-lye, begging families to preserve it for him, and promised to send a cart around every morning. Some wag wrote the following poem:

"Jon Harelson, Jon Harelson,

You are a funny creature;

You've given to this civil war

A new and useful feature.

You let us know, while every man,

Is bound to be a fighter,

The women, bless them, can be put

To making lots of nitre.

Jon Harelson, Jon Harelson,

When did you get the notion

To send your barrels round our streets,

And fill them with that lotion?

We thought the ladies did enough

At sewing shirts and kissing,

But you have put the lovely dears

To patriotic pissing.

Jon Harrelson, Jon Harelson,

Can't you suggest a neater
And faster method for our folks
To make up your salt-petre?
Indeed the thing's so very odd,
Gunpowder like and cranky,
That when a lady lifts her shiff,
She shoots a horrid Yankee!"