

## A Bit of History About the Monthly Dineouts

In 1985 Tom and Jeanne Richards arrived in San Diego. Eager to learn about Pacific Beach, to make new friends and to become involved with community events, they visited the Pacific Beach Town Council. Mary Wilding, the secretary, knew about a group that got together once a month for dinner at various restaurants. Tom and Jeanne joined the Town Council that very day. When they contacted Dr. and Mrs. Harry Whelphy, Dr. Whelphy was the Honorary Mayor for 1985 and 1986, they were informed that advance dinner arrangements were always made for a Tuesday evening, knowing the owner/manager would appreciate their attendance on a slow business night, and to eliminate any conflict with the first three Wednesdays—Board meeting, Sundowner and General meeting. It was determined the first Tuesday after the third Wednesday would be the date for dinner. No, it is not always the last Tuesday of the month. There would not be a dinner night in November or December. The monthly event was referred to as THE DOG—acronym for The Dineout Group.

That same year, Tom and Jeanne inherited the responsibility of contacting the restaurant owners/managers who selected three or four entrees along with salad and sometimes soup and dessert, established one price that included tax, gratuity and one non alcoholic beverage. Tom and Jeanne became involved in many community programs, always giving above and beyond. In 1988 they passed the torch to Georgina Smith and Elaine Hespel.

Since January 2000, it has been my pleasure to contact the restaurant personnel. All those on the mailing list call me with their entrée selection. The restaurant manager is informed of the number of attendees and a total for each entrée. If you are not on the mailing list, or if you would like to join us at the restaurant noted in the SEAHORSE SEZ please call me and I will mail you the menu for that event. The cost of the meal is paid in cash. The purpose of the DINEOUT is to give something back to local restaurants and make new acquaintances. We have always been well received and thank the owners and/or managers for their generous consideration. THANK YOU TO: CAFÉ ATHENA, CAFFE BELLA ITALIA, CHATEAU ORLEANS, CHINA INN, COSTA BRAVA, KARINYA THAI, LOTSA PASTA, MARINO'S, NICK'S AT THE BEACH, PERNICANO'S PIZZERIA UNO, STAR OF INDIA, TD HAYS, THE FISHERY, THE GREEN FLASH, LAMONT ST. GRILL, TAYLORS, WORLD FAMOUS