

Holiday Party 2018

**Western Wheelers**  
**Minutes from the Annual Members Meeting and Holiday Party**  
Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018  
Michael's Restaurant at Shoreline

*Submitted by Bill Sherwin, Secretary*

The annual club business meeting was called to order by President Robert Sexton at 7:40 pm following the annual holiday dinner at Michael's at Shoreline.

Robert briefly mentioned the initial safety program efforts headed by Bill Sherwin. Robert recognized Tom Ockenden and REI for promoting the club at REI.

**Elections:**

Robert took his farewell as President of the Club and announced the election of the new board of directors for 2019. A total of 294 votes were cast in the online election. Tallies are posted on the WW website.

President: David Schorow  
Secretary: Bill Sherwin  
Treasurer: Mike Rissi  
Events Chair: Cindy Asrir  
Ride Chair: Mindy Steiner  
Chief Editor, Flat Tyre Newsletter: Peggy George  
Membership Chair: Vern Tucker  
Sequoia Chair: Randall Braun  
Web Chair: Emily Nishihira

**Members At Large:**

Lisa Burque  
Robin Davis  
Guy Shuman

Robert also expressed thanks to Christine Fawcett for her service on the board and for organizing Wilderness First Aid classes, and he recognized departing board members: Mona Schorow (webmaster), Dave Ziegler (editor in chief), and Members at Large Mike Grobler and Adrienne Harber for their service in 2018.

**Ride Chair Awards:**

After thanking Eric Greer for his work as Club Statistician, Mindy Steiner recognized the contributions of the many people who lead and/or coordinate rides. **Ride Group Coordinators:** George Schuttinger, Mike Jenkins, and Tom Stephany. **LDT Coordinator:** Guy Shuman. **Fall Fun Series Coordinator:** Robert Sexton. **R and R series Coordinators:** Randall Braun and Ron Dell'Aquila.

The club has offered over 1,000 rides this year, an average of 85 rides per month and we've had 136 ride leaders.

Mindy recognized the **Top Four Ride Leaders for the club in 2018**: Vern Tucker with 60 rides led this year: Guy Shuman with 58 rides: Dave Fitch 53 rides and Cheryl Prothero 46 rides.

She also awarded an **Honorary Lifetime Membership** to Howard Shafer for the milestone of leading over 300 rides. His total so far is 310 rides.

She then conducted a raffle for club jerseys. The winners were Pete Letchworth, Don Johann and Janice Richards

Mindy concluded by acknowledging and thanking the volunteers who have helped her this year with various tasks: Dave Stein, Richard Exley, Frank Houghton, Steve Prothero, Lisa Burque and Cindy Asrir.

Robert Sexton introduced Mona Schorow, who presented a Member Appreciation award on behalf of the board to Emily Nishihira for her many contributions to the club..

Cindy Asrir also presented a Member Appreciation award on behalf of the board to Mona Schorow for her service to the board and her many contributions to the club.

Cindy also presented an appreciation award to Robert Sexton on behalf of the board for his service as board President and his 2018 leadership of the Fall Fun Series.

Robert presented the Lefkowitz Award to Larry Dean for his bicycling advocacy work with Walk-Bike Cupertino. The award was accepted by Bert Nelson on Larry's behalf.

Vern Tucker presented an award to David Ziegler for his 22 years of service as editor of the Flat Tyre. Dave was also awarded lifetime membership in Western Wheelers.

Robert also recognized the Sequoia Team Captains and presented Randall Braun with the President's Award for his work on the Sequoia. This heartfelt presentation praised what Randall brings to the ride.

### **Photo Contest Awards:**

Ron Dell'Aquila and Vicki Pelton announced Photo Contest results. The contest drew 45 photos from 33 people, with 112 votes.

First Place: Robert Sexton "Morning Montebello"

Second Place: John E. Gayler "Biking the Mid-Atlantic Rift at Thingvellir"

Third Place: Cindy Asrir "Onward and Upward in the Eastern Sierras"

Committee's Choice: Mike Grobler "The Dish"

Ron and Vicki recognized Chain Reaction for the generous donation of four bicycle lights for the winners.

**2018 Board Member approval of minutes:**

Name	Initials	Date
Cindy Asrir		
Randall Braun		
Christine Fawcett		
Mike Grobler		
Adrienne Harber		
Mike Rissi		
Mona Schorow	mks	12/26/18
Robert Sexton		
Bill Sherwin		
Guy Shuman		
Mindy Steiner		
Vern Tucker		
Dave Ziegler		