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Christmas Cheer!

Tis the season to be jolly and look at us, Granada, we had plenty of action. Santa, singing, drink, food, photos. Singing the good news of Christmas was one of our favorites "The Songbirds" 22 voices filled the room with plenty of glee also the "Cable car Carolers". So the old year ended with a toast and a song "Auld Lang Syne". Let the Happy New Year 2013 begin! Ed.



Photography by: Kevin McGlynn

A CHANGE OF P(L)ACE. by "Russian" John

There are so many places in the neighborhood where an affordable change of place meal can be had. I hope some of you try and enjoy this month's selections.

EL SUPER BURRITO. On the corner of Sutter and Polk. This is the closest to Mission District Mexican food as you are going to get in this neighborhood. The best deal here is two soft tacos with your choice of meat, served with rice and beans for under \$7.00. They also serve a killer "Cocktel de Cammerones" or Mexican style prawn cocktail and, my favorite when I can afford it, a burrito stuffed with prawns in Chipotle (smoked red Jalapenos) sauce. Also, you have got to try their Cantalope Agua Fresca, a melon flavored juice blend.

DARBAR PAKISTANI CUISINE. On Polk St. Their lunch buffet is available from 11 am to 3 pm for under \$8.00. Pakistani food is just like Indian food with the one exception that, being Moslem, they may serve and eat Beef. The buffet table usually includes Tandori Chicken, Chicken Tika Massala which an old Sikh friend of mine calls "Baby Food" due to its mild spiciness, and a fantastic spinach and potato dish. And don't forget the Naan, that wonderful Indian flat bread. One word of warning though, this stuff can get pretty spicy. Fortunately they bring water to the table in one liter caraffes.

YEMENT'S MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD. On the corner of Sutter and Larkin. I ate here for the first time two weeks ago and it was fantastic. Their prices are a few dollars higher than the range I shoot for but well worth it. I had roasted lamb served with a tomato garlic sauce. The portion was so large that I should have taken some home with me, but tasted so good that I could not stop eating until my plate was clean. That meal ran about \$16.00. The service was attentive and friendly. I gave this place a five star rating on YELP.com.

A Granada Welcome to

Laura & Robert Aguirre
 His Yu Ng
 Yi Je Ng
 Cui"Joanne" Liang
 Lim Mark Lai
 Beatrice Watts
 Robert Oleson
 Penelope Lahey
 Paul Jeske
 Michael Fantasia
 Alex Fraser

Oh Christmas Tree.

Why do we have a decorated Christmas Tree?

In the 7th century a monk from Crediton, Devonshire in England went to Germany to teach the Word of God. He did many good works there and spent much time in Thuringia, an area which was to become the cradle of the Christmas decoration industry. Legend has it that he used the triangular shape of the Fir Tree to describe the Holy Trinity of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The converted people began to revere the Fir tree as God's Tree, as they had previously revered the Oak. By the 12th century it was being hung, upside-down, from ceilings at Christmastime in Central Europe, as a symbol of Christianity. The first decorated tree was at Riga in Latvia, in 1510. In the early 16th century, Martin Luther is said to have decorated a small Christmas Tree with candles, to show his children how the stars twinkled through the dark night. Ed.



Granada Christmas Tree



The Cable Car Carolers breezed into The Granada 30 voices strong with their holiday cheer. Our tree trimming party was fun, our tree look beautiful this year after some makeovers. Christmas dinner was on the 24th and all the faithful joined in exultation as champagne flowed at our New Years Eve Happy Toast to say Amen to the old year and hooray for 2013. I stop for a moment to remember my Mom's passing December 8th, she'd be 94. My



daughter, April, above, in old town San Juan Puerto Rico recently. Let's remember our beloved Giants, the World Series Champions. I know you all join me in looking forward to next season and the next Granada AT&T Park tour. We have done many things this last year and I continue to look forward to serving you in the new year, remember my door is always open.

Tony Davidauskis, manager

January Birthdays

RESIDENTS

8 Victoria Hathorne
 9 Alexander Harrison
 10 James Moran
 12 Charles Palk
 12 Robert Aguirre
 16 Alice Beaulieu
 19 Sam Bell
 19 John Susoeff
 19 Constance Thomas
 19 Michael Gainer
 27 Obery Ferguson
 28 Ryan Abels
 28 Michael Stanfield
 31 Karina Schmidt



EMPLOYEES

5 Juan Esparza
 7 Rita Ang
 9 Jos Dieguez
 11 Carmen Tung
 20 Mauro Pot
 25 William Truly
 27 Shella Robin

