

Lodi Rotary Shrimp Mania 2020

Shrimp Mania has come and gone again. This annual event is the club's major fundraiser for the year. It seems every service club tries to take advantage of crab and shrimp season – poor crabs and shrimp.

Our event was held on February 8th at the Japanese Culture Center in Lodi this year as it has been for the last two years. Even though we tried to stay away from conflicting celebration dates we managed to schedule the same weekend as Lodi's famous Wine and Chocolate event. But despite this, the event was a great success; we had close to 200 (the hall will hold 220).

Our event was MC'd by our IPP Kirk Stangeland, (The microphone was taken from Kirk more than once by the President). The live auction and raffle were supervised by DGE Sherry Cotta. Additionally, Sherry experimented with a recipe for blueberry margaritas which we are sure accounted for the generous bidding that took place.



We were honored to have DG Jim Pierce in attendance along with DGE Sherry Cotta. Jim pictured on the left being introduced by President Mike Hodge. On the right the Master Chefs (Dan Ingram, Mike Smith, Greg Evans, Jeff Thompson and Mark Chandler). The menu has remained the same for the last three years: Cajon boil shrimp with small potatoes, cobettes, sausage, pasta, salad, bread, salad and cupcakes.



We have kept the price down to \$55 (includes one drink) for the last two years. Our master chefs tend to the details of the meal while other Rotarians pitch in with covering everything else. Finances are not complete, but it looks like we made over \$20,000 this year.



We had our Interact club serve and help with cleanup and boy did they earn their money. For that nifty service they walked away with a check from the club for \$500 and over \$600 in tips from grateful guests. Dinner was started with shrimp cocktail and finished with cupcakes with our signature topper.





Pictured on the left Sherry Cotta supervising the auction and raffle. We had some wonderful donated gifts for live auction which included one week stays in condominiums anywhere in the world and a flight for two over the Golden Gate bridge (pictured on the right).

San Francisco Bay Tour and Lunch for 2



Take an unforgettable flight over Lodi's vineyards, Delta waterways, and to Napa Valley where we will land for lunch. After a good meal we will fly over Sausalito Bay and then down the coast to San Francisco. After getting clearance from Air Traffic Control we will fly over the Golden Gate Bridge, along San Francisco's shoreline, around Alcatraz, before heading back.



Flight Details
 Approximately 2 Hours Flight Time
 Alternate Destinations Possible
 Plane—1972 Cessna 177RG
 Cruise @160 MPH
 *450lb Max. combined weight for 2 passengers

Donated and Hosted by Dan and Carol Ingram

For those of curious about the menu below is a partial shopping list of ingredients. The image on the right is shrimp mascot pictured in the advertisement for the event.

100# shrimp 16 - 20 count in shell, no head Smart & Final * \$899.50

50# Cajun Andouille Sausage – Lockeford Sausage * \$275.05

50# small red potatoes - Costco \$89.90

Corn – 300 half corns Walmart \$76.23

50 onions Costco \$23.96

100 garlicks Costco \$24.95

60 beers Costco \$55.50

100 lemons Costco 50 for boil and 50 for tables \$29.95

48 cubes unsalted butter – Costco \$32.67

Zatarain's Creole Seasoning, 10 cups - Walmart \$16.80

Zatarain's Oil, one small bottle - Walmart \$1.98

Old Bay, 13 cups - Amazon * \$31.52

Salt - 2 ½ cups – Walmart * \$2.79

Lodi Rotary Club

Shrimp MANIA

Saturday, February 8th, 2020
 No Host Cocktail Hour Begins at 5:30 PM
 Dinner at 7:00 PM
 Location: Japanese American Citizen Center
 Corner of Stockton and Elm Streets, Lodi
\$55 per person
All You Can Eat Shrimp
 Purchase tickets from any member of Lodi Rotary or at the Lodi Chamber of Commerce.
 Call (209) 367-7840, ext 104 for information.



Most of all we had fun. The money raised by this event will go fund community projects in Lodi. Amongst the many groups we support are the WOW Science Museum, the Village for Developmentally Disabled, local schools, Love Lodi Day, the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy and many others. This year our club helped the Downtown Batangas Rotary Club to buy an Ultrasound Machine for the regional hospital. Next year our club celebrates our Centennial. Lodi Rotary was chartered in the Spring of 1921.

(Submitted by Mike Hodge, President Lodi Rotary)