

THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC GLASSBLOWERS SOCIETY

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Section: San Francisco Bay Area

We had our annual fail Glassblowers Gathering September 28th and 29th, after a two year absent because our Section hosted the 2000 Symposium in Lake Tahoe. Due to the terrorist attacks on September 11 our meeting had an unusually small turnout. We had about 75 people attend our Section meeting. In attendance we had our current President, Gary Coyne, two past Presidents, Jim Merrit, and Richard Gerhart

Our meeting was supported with numerous exhibiting companies. Kimble/Kontes, Wimad, Friedrich and Dimmock, Chemglass, GM Associates, Quark Glass, PEG, Litton, New Jersey Diamond Wheel, Glass Wherehouse, Carlisle Machine Works, Wale Apparatus, and Farlow's Scientific Glassblowing, Inc.

On Friday we had our annual golf tournament we had 40 players. I was in the last foursome and had to play the last hole in the dark and headlights on the green. My team did birdie the par 5, and we ended up at 3 under. First place was at 4 under and there were two teams that tied for first. All the players had a great time and we will do the golf thing again next year.

At the Section meeting on Saturday we had many demonstrations of artistic and scientific glassblowing. We had three Seminars, Bonnie Clark from North Jersey Diamond Wheel did a seminar on diamond wheels, Gene Sasville from Farlow's Scientific did a class on Hydrofluoric Acid and safety, and Tim O'Brien from Litton Engineering did a seminar on servicing a glass lathe.

I conducted the business portion of the meeting. I talked about the BOD meeting last June and the motions that were voted on. I also talked about sending to the ASGS a donation to the New York and Washington DC

disaster relief groups. Our section did a raffle and all the money that was collected for tickets sold in the raffle, which came to \$???, and after speaking with a number of people at the meeting we decided to send the money the raffle collected to the Rotary District 7230 NYC/WTC Disaster Relief Fund, in the name of the ASGS-SF. I spoke about our current officers Vic Mathews, our Section Secretary and Treasure and about the Directors positions held by myself. Vic has been holding these offices for 15 years and as of the 2002 Symposium he will be stepping down as Secretary, but will still continue to be the Section Treasurer or at least until we can find someone to takeover. As for the Director position I have held this position for four years and working on my fifth year. As of the 2002 Symposium I will step down as Director. I asked everyone for any nomination to these positions and told everyone that if we cannot find anyone to serve we might have to become inactive as a Section. Currently, I have nominated Victor Gallicchio for the Directors position. Victor Gallicchio and will be attending this BOD meeting. We will have an election in the Spring of 2002.

President Gary Coyne addressed the people and made several comments about the future of the ASGS and other business news that I hadn't brought up.

We had many people donation to the raffle, Tom Orr's a mounted glass Golf club with tee and ball, Firelight oil lamps, TV with VCR, glass cases from Kimble, and three paid National membership dues for next year donated by our Section. One of the people that won the ASGS membership certificate deiced to donate it to a Junior member after speaking with me about the ASGS and what we were all about. He did not want to become a member because he made perfume bottles and that the certificate should be given to someone that could take advantage of the benefits that the ASGS could provide. Vic and I deiced to give the certificate to the only Junior member that did a demonstration at this show, Darren McGinnis from FSG.

Overall the meeting was a success. Our next meeting is not scheduled as of yet for the spring.

Respectably Submitted

Gary Farlow

ASGS-SF Director

American Scientific Glassblowers Society Directors Report

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