

A 'Whale' Of A Feast

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It's a whale of a firemen's barbecue in Davenport — that old whaling town on the north coast.

The annual firemen's night to holler was attended by 70 trenchermen — firemen, former firemen, cement plant officials and guests of the Davenport Fire and Rescue Squad.

This squad last year performed 30 rescues from the waters and shores of the Pacific and it was this squad in 1970 that was named the county's "Men of the year" for their humanitarian services.

March 16 was firemen's stag night, hosted by the Lone Star Cement Plant in Davenport and held in honor of the town's former firemen.

It was a thirst - quenching, feasting night featuring venison scallopini, country - style spareribs, Mexican beans and the superb sausage created by Italo Bertoli of Santa Cruz.

The night features an exchange of commemorative gifts from John I. Brotzman, Lone Star plant manager to Fire Chief Elio Orlando, and from the fire chief, Brotzman received a home plaque bearing his name.

Brotzman gave the firemen a framed setting of match book covers representing the three owners of the cement plant which has been primary in the economy of Davenport for more than half a century.

This ownership includes the original builders of the plant in 1906, the Santa Cruz Cement Co.; the second owners, the

Pacific Cement and Aggregates Co. which purchased it in 1957, and the present owners since 1965, the Lone Star Cement Co..

One of the firemen suggested breaking open the case and using the matches, to which statement Orlando exclaimed, "Anyone who does will spend the night in the goosehouse."

"Brotzman's boss," as he was introduced, Don E. Engels, manager of the Northern California Division of Lone Star Industries, said, "My hat's off to the Davenport Rescue Squad for the great work you do."

The guest list included Santa Cruz police Chief Geno Pini, SC Fire Chief Charles Schneider, John Malony (Air Pollution Department), Louie Facelli (former restaurant owner and chief baroque cook), former SC fire captain Burrell Clark, Stanford fire chief Frank Jurian and Stanford fire marshal Pat Cady.

Also on the guest list was district Supervisor Phil Harry.

Harry said of the evening, "I get a kick out of the whole deal. I grew up in a small town — it's a different perspective than a person gets when he grows up in a place like San Francisco."

Stanford Chief Jurian told Orlando and his men, "I am proud to be associated with the Davenport Squad — it performs a life service."

He continued, "Elio (Orlando) is the greatest ambassador there is. He comes up to our station and tells me 'we need this and this and this'; finally, I feel like saying, 'Elio, next you'll ask for my wife.'"

Also from Lone Star Industries were John Giannini, sales manager, salesman Don Weeks and head chemist, Fred Tacke.

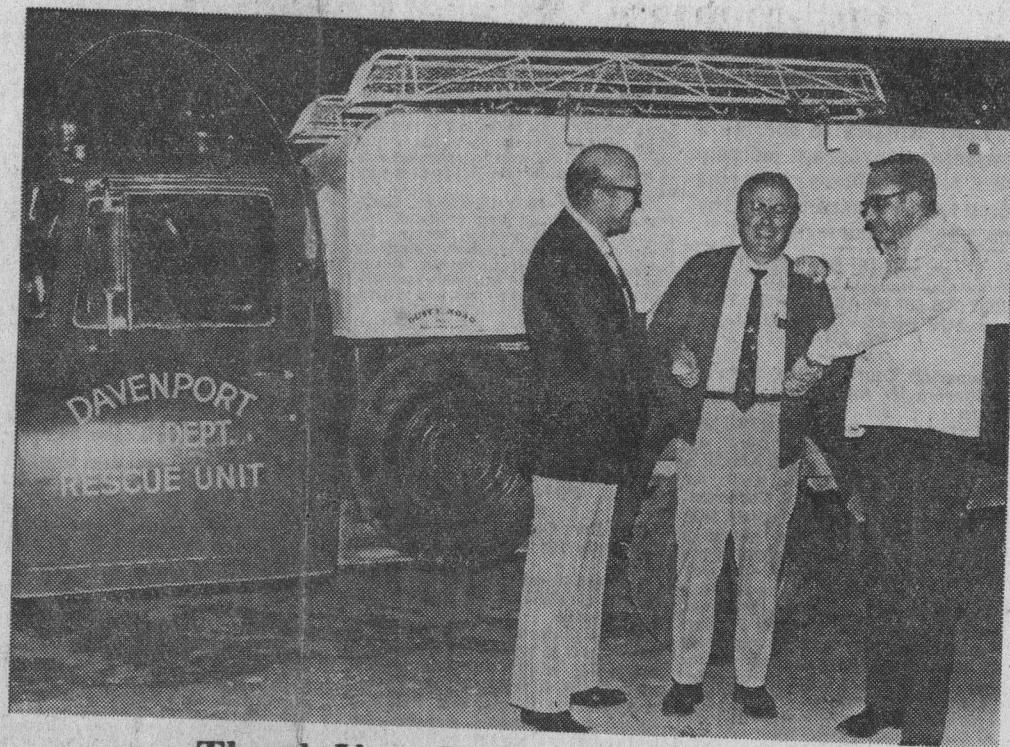
The deer in the scallopini was supplied by hunters Nello Radicchi, Bob Locatelli, Al Welden, Orlando and Brotzman.

One fireman said, "It's tasty not for its seasoning, but for its out-of-seasoning."

Another presentation of the evening was an emergency light for the Rescue Squad donated by Lee Vernon of the Civil defense county unit.

The Davenport Rescue Squad is led by Chief Orlando, Assistant Chief Gary Scofield and Commissioners Frank Garaventa, Ben Wilson, Lud McCrary, John West, Orlando and Secretary to the organization, Alvin Gregory, a former commissioner and former Santa Cruz supervisor.

The evening was capped off with tales by Louie Facelli of the early and present settlers of the area.



Thank You, Davenport Firemen

Davenport Fire Chief Elio Orlando (center) accepts the warm handshakes of executives of Lone Star Industries, owners of the Davenport cement plant,

during festivities at the annual firemen's barbecue. Standing left is Don E. Engels, manager of the Northern California Division, and John I. Brotzman,

Davenport plant manager. The camper (for emergency gear) was recently donated to the Davenport Rescue Unit by Lone Star Industries.

County Pageant 'Pacific' Theme

"Baoi Hai — Songs from the Pacific" will be the theme of the 1973 Miss Santa Cruz Pageant at the Cocoa - nut Grove April 19.

Ken Kenoyer, pageant director, and Diana Gill Pleasant, entrants director and executive secretary, expect to present a show with at least 10 Santa Cruz County candidates for the crown of Miss Santa Cruz County.

Janice Todd, the present Miss Santa Cruz Queen, will be on hand to crown the new winner, and will also sing in a production number as an added feature. Also appearing on the show as guest artist will be Chris Allegri, Miss Scotts Valley, who will also do a vocal number.

Also featured will be the Patti McDonald Singers and Band

and a special troupe of Tahitian dancers from Ruth Scofield's Dance Studio.

Special events scheduled prior to the pageant will be a mother - daughter orientation meeting Wednesday in the Seaview Banquet room at

Dream Inn.

Larri Kocsis will be in charge of patrons tickets, John Kramarz will handle judges selection, Kay Jern will be make - up consultant, Earl Lovisone will be the program chairman, Charles Downey will

handle stage manager chores, Dorothy Jelcick will be in charge of chaperones, Frederic Mehrling with the aid of Seaside Security Department will be in charge of security and Hugh McConnell will handle publicity.

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