

When asked to write  
The September NSC Picnic article  
It was not a task  
That I ever sought out for

I was an invited friend  
Crashing NSC's best  
Was not a member  
But was welcomed no less!

The grub was really good  
The people were chilled  
The grill was hot  
Karen had mastered, with amazing skill!

She said grab a plate  
Want a rib or a dog?  
There's salad, spam musubi  
And homemade Cole slaw!

My kid grabbed some chips  
From this Dorito bag  
Was 3 times the size  
Thanks to Costco, they had

She sat at the table  
I joined her and met Winston  
And there sat Shamoo  
Who was calm as a kitten

The park was so pretty  
Temp was 85 degrees  
Karen and Curtis nabbed it early  
Thank goodness for the breeze!

At Las Palmas Park  
Together we ate.  
Tonkatsu, butter mochi  
And Kahlua bundt cake!

Eating and laughing  
Under a shady grove.  
It's the annual NSC Picnic  
Where so many drove.

Mahjong was played  
Many invited  
A 3D printed toy  
Went around very excited!

### **Left, Right, Center**

Was the game that we chose  
Three dollars to play  
Beat your friends and your foes

The box started empty  
And gradually filled  
With and one and a two  
Then came heaps of bills

We laughed and shrieked  
Seeing each one of those dollars  
Playing **Left, Right, Center**  
While our \$\$\$ got bigger and smaller!

We went around and around  
Saw the pot building up.  
From the **C's** that were thrown  
Or the **DOT** good luck!

There were 22 folks,  
That played the game.  
At the very last round,  
It went insane.

I was out of the game  
for the last fifteen minutes.  
But thanks to my neighbor  
Her "**R**" got me back in it.

And that was the moment  
I could not believe  
I had won the jackpot  
All \$66 dollars **HEE-HEE!**

Thank you NSC  
For this fabulous Luau.  
Held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August  
Where I won big and shouted **WOW!**

That's when I decided  
To get more committed.  
I became a new NSC member  
And have fun while I'm in it.

-Charlene Down