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♥ February Birthdays ♥

Richard Carty	4	Lillian Heckers	5
Jeanne Johnston	7	James Phelps	7
Al Walker	11	Frank Woomer	21
Dorothy Webster	22	Liz Hohndorf	26
Gee Gee Gust	29	Gerald Webster	26

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The Sec'y/Treas. Reports

As some of you may know, our chapter Bylaws say that members who fail to pay their annual dues shall be dropped from the rolls after they are delinquent for six months. Your Board of Directors feels that 6 months is a bit excessive to wait for someone to pay their dues; we have to keep sending them monthly bulletins, etc.

Accordingly, your Board is recommending that the appropriate Bylaw section be amended to change the 6 months down to 3 months. It would then read: "Any member who fails to pay his/her annual dues within three (03) months after the same falls due shall be automatically dropped from the membership rolls of the Chapter." This change will be voted upon at the February meeting of the membership.

Those of you who attended the January meeting at the J-T Bar heard me say that the Board had prepared a guideline Budget for the remainder of this chapter year which ends June 30, 2000. We intend to prepare another one toward the end of this chapter year which will be a little more reflective of the actual situation. The more historical data available, the better able we will be to make accurate projections. In any event, it is a start.

Recruiting continues to be going at top-notch speed. Great work to those who continue to talk up our organization.

See you at the Riverbend Grill.

Ray Hoyt

The Editor's Discourse

So, did any of you watch the DCSO's program with Ron and Lance on Thursday, Jan 6th which I wrote about in last month's newsletter? As I watched it I could feel for how they wondered if there was anyone out here in front of their television sets. There were only three calls in, including mine and that left them filling a lot of air time. Let's support this fine education effort.

Off in another direction - I felt that since Target and Home Depot were our county's first big box store it might be useful to chat a bit with them about security and other items the Footprinters might find interesting. Target has an asset protection team including a security chief and uniformed officers. Home Depot's approach is to form Loss Prevention crews and have all employees take a larger stake in security. Both stores have full store surveillance and Target augments this with undercover shoppers.

In case of a parking lot accident both stores will help with the incident report made to the DCSO, but have no liability. The lots are private property and mishaps are between the involved parties. In case of closed roads, emergencies, etc. Target *may* permit an occasional RV to stay in their lot overnight but Home Depot says **no**.

Both stores have strong safety programs with many public safety concerns, chemical storage and more. Target mentioned that in case of an in-store liquid spill the closest employee stays at the scene until it's cleaned up. They are pleased to be in Douglas County and want you to know they're making their stores as safe as possible. Each has well-defined procedures which their employees follow in case of any incident.

Paul Conrad

To do anything in the world worth doing we must jump in and scramble through as well as we can. — Sydney Smith

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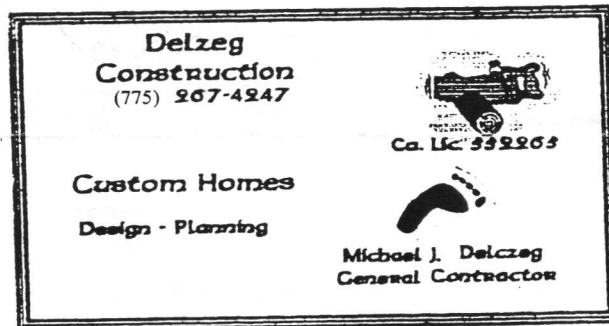
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