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The President's View

Well folks, dinner at J.T.'S was a success and there was a lot of good food and wine to be had. The tables were a bit close together but that just made the atmosphere friendlier and easier to chat with one another. Judge David Gamble is a great speaker and he had an interesting topic: abused and pregnant women's shelter for women and girls with no other option. (This is in he and his wife's own home)

Many thanks to Diana Switzer for agreeing to help out by being acting "Sgt. at Arms", while Alice Duvall is vacationing, and helping to sell raffle tickets. Please, for those of you who forgot, we need prizes for the "Pot of Gold" each month, as this is our only fund-raiser (Income) at the present time.

Welcome to our newest members, (we installed four at the January meeting) and we hope you will enjoy our friendly group.

It was good seeing you all and we hope to see you at our next dinner meeting at the RiverBend Grill at Genoa Lakes Golf Course on February 17. Have a good month,

Rodney

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Now, Mr. Vice-President!

Hey guys and gals, I blew it. I dropped the ball. I forgot to mention last month that the time for the dinner was 6:00 PM. My sincere apologies to all those who were kind enough to call and ask.

Many thanks to all of you who answered the call in last month's newsletter...to call if you are NOT able to attend. Our phone team really appreciates the response. Each non-attending call we get can save us several calls to find out. Again, thanks. Keep up the good work!

And now for our February 17 meeting...it will be at the Riverbend Grill, which is the club house at the Genoa Lakes Golf Course. Go north on Jacks Valley Road from Genoa, maybe a few km, look for a turn-off on the right labeled Genoa Lakes Golf Course. After passing the guard post, keep following the curving road until you come to the Club House...(look for a herd of golf carts.)

Gather at 6:00 PM, our traditional starting time, eat at 7:00 and we'll try to be on our way out by 9:30. The buffet menu will include prime rib, Sicilian chicken, veggie-medley, garden salad, and for any of us who are not dieting, (and a few who are?) a tempting array of desserts. The tariff, \$18.00 each. Our program will be about flying, Douglas Airport activities, and such, provided by Linda Mae Draper, airplane driver, and an all-around interesting person.

Now let's talk March. March 16, actually. We will return to that always popular gastronomical gathering place, the Topaz Lodge. This month we will opt for the top of the line buffet menu, at \$14.00 each. Hey, this place is tough to beat! Menu items include small steaks, lemon/ pepper chicken, baby back ribs, salmon filets, meatballs chicken wings, fried shrimp, mashed taters/gravies, french fries, green salad, Romaine salad, pasta salad, 4bean salad, steamed veggies, and desserts for the brave. Yum! Our program will be about forensics. Speaker identity to be revealed in the next newsletter. Stay tuned.

I do welcome your comments and your suggestions about eating places and speakers.

Fred

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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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