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Presidential Ponderings

I want to thank everyone who came to the dinner at the River Bend Grille. Many have said that this was the best dinner/buffet that we have had so far. (The food was great!) A good time was had by all. We all became better informed about our local Minden/Tahoe Airport, thanks to speakers Linda Mae Draper, of NIFTI (an international flight school) and Jim Braswell representing the airport.

On a more serious note, I would like to thank all the members that call & make reservations & also those that call to say they can't make it. Our big problem is members that make reservations & then don't show up. (We have to pay for your dinner). When we contract with banquet people we have to guarantee a certain number of dinners, and we have to meet that guarantee. This number is set by your reservations. Most places allow for a 5% overage (if you show up without calling) usually 3-5 people. **BUT**, if you don't show up and we are under guarantee, we, the Footprinters, must make up the difference from our small treasury. (Money to be used for donations to Douglas Co. Sheriffs). At our last meeting we had to pay out \$106 to cover "no shows". Fortunately we had the money there from our "Pot of Gold". This kind of defeats the purpose.

When you come to one of our dinners you pay the cost of the dinner rounded off to the next highest \$, so if the cost of the dinner is \$10.15, we charge \$11, if its

\$10.99, we charge \$11, we don't add anything to the cost to cover guest speakers or no shows. Four or five "no shows" at \$20 a dinner adds up, and this has happened enough times before that it bears mentioning. **We no longer add the \$2.50 per dinner that you used to pay.**

So if you make reservations, please try to come, or notify us several days ahead that you won't be able to make it.

Many thanks again 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 for the "Pot of Gold".

On a business note At our last meeting we voted for and accepted the nominating committee for the next Footprinter year as follows:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Jim Schramm
Bill Shay

Fred Hersey
Vic Christ

If anyone wishes to participate and be considered for an elected office please contact Rodney Snead, 267-5066 and he will submit your name to the nominating committee. First nominations will be held at the April meeting, second nominations and elections will be held at the May meeting. Installation of new officers will be held at the July Footprinters Picnic/BBQ.

It was good seeing you all and we hope to see you at our next dinner meeting at the Topaz Lodge. (another great buffet)

Have a good month,
Rodney

March Birthdays

Robert Dutton	6	Richard Upton	21
Donald Hunter	23	William Depew	28
Dave Trueblood	28	Ralph Buscher	29
Robert Morrow	31		

Please send your love and prayers to **Fred Hersey**, as he will be going to Carson/Tahoe Hospital for colon cancer surgery on March 10.

Also, **Dick Centilli** who has suffered a heart attack. And, **Jerry Webster** who acquired two broken ribs in a recent fall.

From The Vice-President

At the risk of sounding like a broken record...a large number of you have been calling us with your reservations, and NON-reservations! It is a great help to our crew to get these calls in a timely fashion. We do thank you very much. For those of you who would like to help...all it takes is a call saying, "Put us down for a zero reservation for this month, but we'll see you next month."

Oh, yes, last month I did forget to mention that you should call Fred or Ann at 266-3435, Ruth at 265-1463, or Rodney or Shaaron at 267-5066. Some of you did manage remember who to call in spite of my oversight. Thank you.

The March 16 feeding frenzy will occur at the Topaz Lodge, 6:00 musical tables, 7:00 buffet line. \$14.00 each. Most of you know by now how great their buffet is. Refer to Your February for menu details. Our speaker will be Lt. Kathy Tadich of the DCSO. Her topic will be "Forensics."

Thanks for tha "atta-boys" from a number of you. However, if any of you have constructive criticism, hey, I'll listen to all of your suggestions. (Just make sure my hearing aids are "ON.")

Many thanks to Jay Lather, and Bueno, for their help in providing a great dinner at the Riverbend Grill.

Fred

From the Sec'y/Treas.

Our membership currently totals 108 regular members and 2 associate members. Our growth has been outstanding, and to those who continue to recruit, we thank you.

Regarding the Nominating Committee that our President has already told you about in this bulletin, remember that the committee will make its report to the membership at the April meeting. Soooooo, if you or someone you know is interested (or will acquiesce to being drafted!), get that info to the committee or the president in sufficient time.

I was also going to write about the **NO SHOWS** at the February meeting. I think, however, that the president covered it. I could add, however, that I have averaged out the income and expenses since July 1 for our dinner meetings (dinner income and expenses only), and we are very close to being even. Although the February no shows caused a significant deficit, over the course of the year, it is being absorbed. See you at Topaz.....

Ray

The Editor's (small) Space

(Good thing I write real tiny!)...

Several odds and ends this month - You might pay special attention to the ad page in this issue. I've scanned all the ads in and touched them up to be more legible as well as rearranged them on the page. Our advertisers help defray the cost of printing the newsletters so it's good business for our members to patronize them.

Of special note is this month's DCSO TV program. It's telecast live on the first Thursday, March 2nd, on channel 26 at 7 PM, and repeated weekly the rest of the month. The March broadcast covers various "Seniors" topics. Included will be **TRIAD**, **RUOK**, the Sr. Law Academy (more in a bit), and other items of interest to many of us. Viewers are encouraged to call-in during the live hour on 782-6288. Sgt. Lance Modispacher, who hosts the program, also asked me to remind folks they can call the DCSO anytime they're uncomfortable with a situation in their neighborhood and request it to be checked out.

The 5th Senior Law Academy course will hold weekly sessions Tuesday afternoons March 28th through Tuesday June 6th. There are a wide variety of interesting topics and you'll feel more secure here in the county when you have a good understanding of what these folks do and who they are. Rodney and Shaaron, Judy and myself, as well as several other *Footprinters* are class graduates and any of them will be happy to discuss their experiences. Class topics are varied each academy. Students must be Douglas County residents of at least 50 years of age. Class size limit is 50 folks and background checks will be performed on applicants. Call the sheriff's office at 782-9902 for details.

Finally, OK Rodney - *just wondered if you're paying attention - sure*, I'll continue to produce this newsletter indefinitely. But, something different will have to be done for July and August as we'll be away. Maybe send postcards with meeting notices? If anyone really wants their name on the masthead I'll be willing to relinquish the post.

... But, it is kinda fun!

Paul

P.S. RUOK - Are You OK?

In matters of style follow the current, but when it comes to moral issues stand like a rock. — Thomas Jefferson



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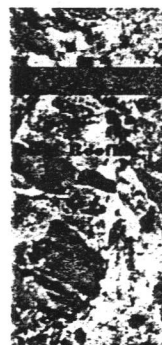
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