



# CARSON VALLEY FOOTPRINTER



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## Presidential Ponderings



And finally, please be advised that the Herseys will be in NJ until Oct 18...and NOT at home to receive RSVP's for the Oct 19 meeting. Please call one of the others for this purpose. Thanks.

*Fred*

I was delighted to see so many of you at the September meeting. If you missed it, you missed a great meeting. We received a very colorful plaque from the Douglas County Search and Rescue President, Lois Knudsen, in appreciation of our \$1000 check. Our keynote



**Capt. Ray Alcorn**

speaker, Capt. Ray Alcorn, USN Pilot, Retired, gave a spellbinding account of his seven years as a POW at the Hanoi Hilton and other POW camps. He received a standing "O". We thanked him for his service to our country.

A motion was passed to have a drawing at each meeting of all the members who call in their RSVP's on or before the Thursday before each meeting...including those call in a zero reservation. The member whose name is drawn will receive a FREE dinner at the next meeting. Elza Turkington was the lucky winner this month. (He was not present, but he had let us know well in advance.)

Our Pot O' Gold prize table seems to be shrinking. Hey, look around. There must be a neglected . \_\_\_\_ Gift (fill in the blank: birthday, Xmas, wedding...) hiding around the house somewhere. We have a reputation to uphold, you know...

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## From The Vice-President



First of all, kudos to those of you who phoned your reservation YES or NO to us by September 14th. This week of lead time is most helpful.

Secondly, please excuse my failure to check on the room set-up and bar arrangements prior to the meeting on Thursday.

Our next meeting will be held at River Bend Grille at Genoa Lakes Golf Course on Thursday, October 19. We will be served a buffet with two main entrees--- Lasagna and chicken, at a cost of \$18 per person. Our speaker will be Carson City Judge David Nielsen, Special Master of the Juvenile Court.

Please remember to phone in your YES or NO reservation on or before October 12----- You could be the winner of a cost-free dinner! As usual, our meeting will start at 6pm with cocktails, with dinner to start at 7pm. See you there.

*Clay*

**By The Numbers!**

**HERE ARE THE NUMBERS TO CALL EACH MONTH AND GIVE A "YES" OR "NO" FOR THE MEETING!**

**Clay/Glennis 265-1030 No Fred in Oct.!**

**Rodney/Sharon 267-5066 Ruth 265-6238**

**CALL IN BY OCTOBER 12TH.**



When Done





## From the Secy/Treas.

First of all, welcome to John Louritt as our newest member. He was sworn in at the September meeting. John and I go way back when we both had real jobs, serving and protecting, etc.

In the last bulletin, there was a notice on page 3 of a Proposed Chapter By-Law Amendment relating to annual elections. The notice indicated that the membership would be asked to vote on the proposal at the September meeting. Inadvertently, that vote was not taken as stated; this should serve as notice that the vote will now be taken at the OCTOBER meeting.

I am informed by Grady Goodwin that he has some hot prospects for advertisers in our bulletin. Thanks Grady. If anyone else has any ideas about advertisers, gather up a business card and \$20 and we'll run it for a year. Check with either Editor Paul Conrad or me.

The history of IFA continues with Chapter 3 in this issue.

*Ray*



**Lois Knudsen and IFA friends.**

## 🎂 October Birthdays 🎂

Shaaron Snead	1	Alice Duvall	5
Jim Bergstrom	12	Roy Stephenson	20
Bruce Folker	25	Robert Seligman	25
Jeanne Gill	26	Ray Hoyt	31

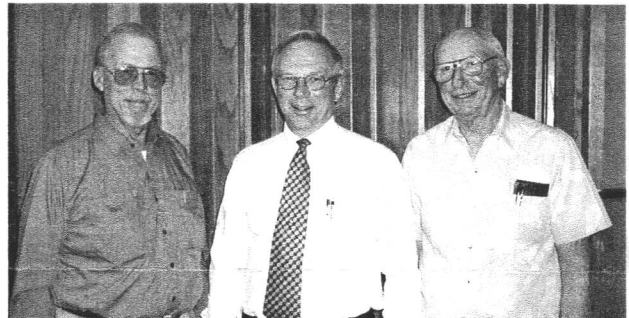
*Perseverance is a great element of success. If you knock long enough and loud enough at the gate, you're sure to awaken someone. — H. W. Longfellow*

**Scofflaw of the month ... Squeezum Sally—Yes, you saw her during Hwy. 395 construction. She's the one who zipped by the lanes merging to a single one and elbowed her way back into traffic at the final merge point! Her quote—"Of course I'm in a hurry—I'm far too busy and important to wait for all of you!"**



## The Editor's Space

As were most of our attendees, I was fascinated with Capt. Alcorn's presentation at the Sept. meeting. Many thanks to our officers for providing such quality speakers.



I didn't learn the topic for Sgt. Lance Modispacher's TV show but remember that the first Thursday of each month the new program is a live telecast. During later Thursdays the program is reshown.

October is another month to pay special attention to the children in our neighborhoods. Halloween parties, school outings, and after-school fun on the streets and sidewalks can spell trouble if we're not extra careful. Sudden weather changes add to the list of hazards.

*Paul*

## IFA History, Chapter 3

In 1931, Geauque suggested that the Footprinters hold a convention of their own in San Francisco. The majority of men who got together in San Francisco at that time were against it and said it was a crazy idea. However, Geauque, Britt, Morse, Christensen, Schoppe and Vervais went ahead with the plans and all members were notified that the convention was to be held at the Whitcomb Hotel, which it was, and at which time there were approximately 300 in attendance.

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Schoppe's and Vervais' Public Relation Fund financed this convention. Among those present were Governor Fred Balzer of Nevada, also Sheriff Russell Tratten of Reno, and the Footprint Association presented to Sheriff Tratten a solid gold badge of office. It might be said that it was the convention which really started the Association on its way.

Phil Geauque did all the secretarial work from the office of the U.S. Secret Service in the Main Post Office Building, 7th and Mission Streets, San Francisco.

Bob Morse was Treasurer and did his work in the Postal Inspectors' Office in the same building. Eventually, the work became too voluminous to be carried on in the Government offices and it was then that office space was rented in the Grant Building, Room 206, 1095 Market Street, San Francisco.

In December 1945, Robert Morse passed away and Michael Strazzo, then Grand President, appointed Walter J. Vervais, who was Assistant Treasurer of

the Grand Chapter, to succeed Morse.

Many of the early members who paid \$1.00 upon joining, asked about the idea of such an organization, and they were told, "This Association is organized for the sole purpose of encouraging social and brotherly friendship between peace officers, Federal law enforcement agencies, Chief Special Agents, investigating units of commercial businesses contacting peace officers, and all men having a sympathetic attitude toward law enforcement agencies."

At that time it was just one organization and it made no difference where you resided; you belonged to the Association with its headquarters in San Francisco.

The Footprinters grew so fast that on January 26, 1932, they became incorporated and since that time have been known as the "International Footprint Association, Inc."

To be continued.....



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