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### Presidential Ponderings



IFA party-goers were treated to another in the series of great Hoyt-hosted Christmas parties, as

you know if you were there. Thank you, Ray & Larna, for your wonderful hospitality!

December was certainly a partyfilled month for most of us. Now



we can recover for a month or so. But don't forget to call in your meeting reservations early for the Jan meeting and qualify for the Early-Bird free dinner drawing. Dave Trueblood was the lucky winner in November. Enjoy your free dinner Dave.

I expect to have name badges for those who didn't already get theirs. Please remember to wear them for the meetings.

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas, and hope you will have a pleasant and prosperous New Year...(and new Millenium.)

Fred

### CALL IN BY JANUARY 11TH.



## From The Vice-President



Hopefully all of you had an enjoyable Christmas holiday. Now it's time to wish you all a prosperous Y2K+1.

Thanks again to Ray and Larna Hoyt for hosting a very nice December gathering.

Our first meeting of 2001 will be at J T BASQUE BAR & DINING ROOM on Thursday-January 18. Our dinner cost will \$21.00 per person. We will have chicken and steak, served family style. J Ts will also provide one carafe of wine per 6 persons. Additional wine may be purchased if you desire to do so.

We have not confirmed a speaker at this writing. We do, however, have a couple of likely possibilities.

Meeting time remains the same; attitude adjustment at 6 pm with dinner at 7 pm.

Come, have a great meal and start the new year with good fellowship.

Clay



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### From the Secy/Treas.

We had about 50 in attendance at the December Christmas Party. Thanks to all who brought all the delicious food; my wife and I enjoyed hosting again this annual affair. I think I noticed Paul Conrad with his digital camera prowling the house – no telling what we may see in the way of candid shots.....

We have 5 new members to swear in and present their membership credentials to:

Joel Morrison Stan & Billie Watson Jay & Jean Tomlinson

Welcome to our new members; we hope to see you at the January dinner to officially bring you aboard.



Welcome also to reinstated member, George Stephenson. He has re-affiliated with the IFA, formerly a member of Peninsula Chapter #35. He is retired from the Belmont, California Police Department (San Mateo County).

For those of you with Internet access, check out the International Footprint Association website for the Carson Valley Chapter webpage. Go to <a href="www.footprinter.org">www.footprinter.org</a> – click on "Chapters," scroll down to our chapter, and check us out. I supplied some historical information, the identity of our current Board members, and who our past presidents have been to IFA's webmaster, he designed the page. I think it looks pretty good. We can submit additional data, photographs (Paul, are you paying attention?), and anything else relevant to our chapter activities for inclusion on the page(s). Please send them to me for forwarding to the webmaster. IFA has assigned us two e-mail addresses, both of which automatically forward to my computer: <a href="mailto:mhoyt@footprinter.org">mhoyt@footprinter.org</a> and <a href="mailto:Chap72@footprinter.org">Chap72@footprinter.org</a>. You can use either of these, or our regular e-mail address of <a href="mailto:hoytml@nanosecond.com">hoytml@nanosecond.com</a>.

See you at the dinner.

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### January Birthdays 💾

Ron Pierini 1 Dawn Centelli 9 Michael Delczeg 7 Ann Hersey 15 Eugene Schmid 25

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Life is what happens to you while you are making other plans. — Alfred Marshall

Intent? What intent? We are a nation that deals with folks' actions. Paul Conrad, Nov/Dec 2000

Scofflaw of the month ... Woozy Walter—He may drive and look like he was drunk ... but that's not it!. It's the 8 medicines he's taking all at once. He's so phased out his reaction time to anything is about five seconds. Quote—"I've got to get to the restaurant—I'm so out-of-it I need some food in me!"



### The Editor's Space

Yep folks, that's what you really looked like at the Hoyt's Christmas party. We're fortunate to see

individuals such as Bill Shay in his most festive Christmas mood!

The food spread was quite spectacular as we see such party animals as the *Coursey*, the *Allgeier*, and even a *Christ* grazing over the offerings. I'm sure no one went away hungry ... but on another note ... Oh—

the dead keys on the piano! Is there anyone that can

bring a high
"F" next
Year?

Paul



IFA History, Chapter 6 It was Past Grand Secretary Geauque's contention that the IFA was the only organization of its type in existence, and it should not be permitted to lapse into common-place programs, like many lodges and organizations have done. He believed that by keeping the IFA different, interest could be maintained throughout the years, and in time, the name International Footprint Association would be seen in print throughout the world like the Elks, Masons, Knights of Columbus, the Shriners, Odd Fellows, and many other organizations. Continued on Page 3



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The question has often been asked why the fictional story of Robinson Crusoe and his man Friday has been used in connection with this organization. Secretary Geauque, in the early days, thought that the fact that Robinson Crusoe had discovered a footprint on the sands of the beach of the island where he was shipwrecked alone, and the footprint was of Friday, who cooperated so nicely with Robinson Crusoe, that it would be a very fitting symbol. Secretary Geauque, therefore, drew many cartoons of Robinson Crusoe discovering the footprints which led to Friday; those cartoons were circulated to a great extent, and subsequently were adopted after the organization became a going Association.

To further digress, it was in 1932 that Phil Geauque built the famous "Footprinter's Caboose," a replica of a regular railroad caboose, which he mounted on an Army truck chassis. At one end was the observation post, in the center were two sleeping berths and washroom, and on the other end was a dining room with chairs and dishes decorated with footprints. The caboose was towed to Fresno by Roy Day with his tow car, via Burlingame, San Mateo, Oakland and Sacramento. An overnight stay was made at Sacramento, where the caboose was parked by the Hotel Clunie at 8th and K Streets. It was open for inspection to the public. The next morning it was taken to the Department of Motor Vehicles, where it was again open for inspection. Upon its arrival in Fresno, it was parked in front of the California Hotel, where it remained during the first IFA convention, open at all times for inspection, and causing a great deal of attention. It was subsequently sold, and its last known whereabouts had it at Hunter's Point in San Francisco, where it was being operated by a railroad engineer and his family. By 1955, IFA chapter numbers had been assigned to the following areas:

- 1. San Francisco, CA
- 2. Los Angeles, CA
- Salt Lake City, UT
- Sacramento, CA
- Phoenix, AZ
- Dunsmuir, CA
- Oakland, CA
- 8. Bakersfield, CA
- Las Vegas, NV
- San Jose, CA
- 11. Fresno, CA
- 12. Salinas, CA
- 13. Reno, NV
- 14. Klamath Falls, OR
- 15. Santa Rosa, CA
- 16. Medford, OR
- 17. Seattle, WA
- 18. San Bernardino, CA
- 19. Portland, OR
- 20. Denver, CO
- 21. Tacoma, WA
- 22. Pueblo, CO
- 23. Cheyenne, WY
- 24. Provo, UT
- 25. New Orleans, LA
- 26. Olympia, WA
- 27. Ogden, UT
- 28. Redding, CA
- 29. Aberdeen, WA
- Susanville, CA
- Ventura, CA
- 32. Ukiah, CA
- 33. Willows, CA

In late 1955, the entire Bylaws were carefully gone over by a Bylaws Committee appointed by then Grand President Ray Kunz of Sacramento.

Many changes were recommended to the Advisory Committee of the Grand Chapter in February 1956. The mid-winter meeting was called to order Footprint Headquarters in San Francisco on February 23, 1956; attended by both the Advisory and Budget Committees of the Grand Chapter, as well as some past and present Grand Officers. The major topic of discussion centered around the proposed amendments to the Bylaws as recommended the Bylaws b y Committee. After a thorough discussion of all proposed t h e amendments by the Advisory Committee, this group then voted to recommend their adoption to the Grand Board of Directors, the Grand Chapter officers and delegates of the subordinate chapters, at ensuing National Convention in mid-1956.

To be continued.....



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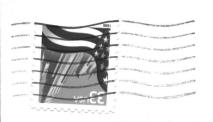
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1992-93 Doug Tucker

1993-94 Eston "Red" Baker

1994-95 Bill Shay

1995-96 Ray Hoyt

1996-97 Lon A. Curtis

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