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Presidential Ponderings



It appeared that all attendees enjoyed our meeting at the Carson Nugget. We had a good selection on the buffet and an enjoyable "attitude adjustment and social hour" prior to the buffet.

If you were not among the 70 or so in attendance, you missed a very informative presentation by Dorla Stalling, who is Chairman of the Nevada Board of Parole Commissioners. Dorla was one of the winners of our many "Pot-of-Gold" prizes. Following the meeting, Dorla expressed her interest and was immediately provided an application by our Secretary. Ray doesn't miss many opportunities.

Hopefully all of you had a pleasant Thanksgiving Holiday and are "tuned up" for the annual "Footprinters Annual Christmas Meeting" at the HOYT RANCH.

As a reminder ... Ray and Larna provide the liquid libations ... The hot dishes, snacks, salads, and desserts are provided for those of us who come to share in the fellowship.

For those who have not attended this function previously:
FROM HWY 395-- GO EAST ON JOHNSON LANE TO VICKY---TURN LEFT(NORTH) ON VICKY TO SANDEN LANE---TURN RIGHT(EAST) ON SANDEN LANE TO 1355.
We look forward to seeing all of you on December 16 at 2 pm for the IFA Christmas Party.

We also wish all of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS and a super year in 2002.

Clay

Furnished by Clay—Continued on right

Things to do if you loose your wallet or Credit Cards...

A corporate attorney sent this out to the employees in his company. I pass it along, for your information.

We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed as in your name, address, SS#, credit, etc. Unfortunately, I (the author of this piece who happens to be an attorney) have first hand knowledge, because my wallet was stolen last month and within a week, the thief(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more.

But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case



From The Vice-President

The November meeting at the Carson Nugget, was attended by 69 members and guests. I am sorry to say that I was not one of them. A medical problem has kept me at home for the last several weeks. I understand that Dorla Salling, gave a very good talk. Thank you Dorla.

The December 16, Christmas party at the Hoyts is due up next. This is always a great event so be sure to be there. Calling ahead for reservations isn't required for this event.

The January 17, meeting will be at the Topaz Lodge. We have a tentative speaker but he wanted to wait a little longer before confirming. What I need from you is ideas for future programs and speakers. I am running out of ideas so any suggestions would be appreciated.

Bruce

Cont.

this happens to you or someone you know. As everyone always advises, cancel your credit cards immediately, but the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them easily. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen, this proves to credit providers you were diligent, and is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one). But here's what is perhaps most important: (I never ever thought to do this) Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and SS#. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me and application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost 2 weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done.

There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them in their tracks.

The numbers are:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285,

Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742,

Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289,

Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271

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December Birthdays

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Scott Watts	2
Rodney Snead	3
Red Baker	10
Zola Parrish	15
Joe Fay	16
Stan Watson	20
Ross Spinner	21
Dell Durboraw	24
Sam Quintana	26
Bobby Harmon	28
Tom Prettyman	29
James Perry	30

THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING, SILENT, ALONE, CURLED UP
ON THE FLOOR IN THIS ONE BEDROOM HOME.

THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE, THE ROOM IN SUCH DISORDER,
NOT HOW I PICTURED A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.

WAS THIS THE HERO OF WHOM I'D JUST READ? CURLED UP
ON A PONCHO, THE FLOOR FOR A BED?

I REALIZED THE FAMILIES THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT, OWED
THEIR LIVES TO THESE SOLDIERS WHO WERE WILLING TO
FIGHT.

SOON ROUND THE WORLD, THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY,
AND GROWNUPS WOULD CELEBRATE A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS
DAY.

THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR,
BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS, LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.

I COULDN'T HELP WONDER HOW MANY LAY ALONE, ON A
COLD CHRISTMAS EVE IN A LAND FAR FROM HOME.

THE VERY THOUGHT BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY EYE, I
DROPPED TO MY KNEES AND STARTED TO CRY.

THE SOLDIER AWAKENED AND I HEARD A ROUGH VOICE,
"SANTA DON'T CRY, THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE; I FIGHT FOR
FREEDOM, I DON'T ASK FOR MORE, MY LIFE IS MY GOD, MY
COUNTRY, MY CORPS."

THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER AND DRIFTED TO SLEEP, I
COULDN'T CONTROL IT, I CONTINUED TO WEEP.

I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS, SO SILENT AND STILL AND WE
BOTH SHIVERED FROM THE COLD NIGHT'S CHILL.

I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE ON THAT COLD, DARK, NIGHT,
THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR SO WILLING TO FIGHT.

THEN THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER, WITH A VOICE SOFT
AND PURE, WHISPERED, "CARRY ON SANTA, IT'S CHRISTMAS
DAY, ALL IS SECURE."

ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH, AND I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT.
"MERRY CHRISTMAS MY FRIEND, AND TO ALL A GOOD
NIGHT."

This poem was written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa. The
following is his request..... PLEASE, Would you do me the kind
favor of sending this to as many people as you can?

The following was contributed by Jim Terborg

Letter from Santa

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, HE LIVED ALL ALONE, IN
A ONE BEDROOM HOUSE MADE OF PLASTER AND STONE.

I HAD COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE, AND
TO SEE JUST WHO IN THIS HOME DID LIVE.

I LOOKED ALL ABOUT, A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE, NO TINSEL,
NO PRESENTS, NOT EVEN A TREE.

NO STOCKING BY MANTLE, JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH SAND, ON
THE WALL HUNG PICTURES OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.

WITH MEDALS AND BADGES, AWARDS OF ALL KINDS, A SOBER
THOUGHT CAME THROUGH MY MIND.

FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT, IT WAS DARK AND DREARY, I
FOUND THE HOME OF A SOLDIER, ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY.



From the Secy/Treas.

With this issue of the *Carson Valley Footprinter*, I am going to shift gears just a little bit. The history segments have pretty much run their course. I'm not going to submit "minutes" of the past meeting in the strict sense of the word, but just a synopsis of what happened, who our guest speaker was and what they talked about – it may stimulate more of you to come to a meeting.....

I also have put together a short piece on the current Nigerian bank scam situation that seems to be making the rounds on most everyone's e-mail. I mentioned this at the last meeting for those who were there.

I have been distributing current membership cards at the last few meetings to those who have been attending. Anyone I miss at the December Christmas potluck at the Hoyt house will have their membership card mailed to them.

Don't forget December's event – the annual potluck at the Hoyt house – 1355 Sanden Lane in the Johnson Lane area. Sunday, December 16th at 2pm. Just bring one of your favorite finger food dishes, and I'll supply ALL of the liquid refreshments. No Pot of Gold at this soiree.....just come and eat, drink and be merry! See you then!

Ray

November Meeting Highlights

Our guest speaker was Dorla Salling, Chair of the Nevada Board of Parole Commissioners. She spoke on the function of the Parole Board, how it differs from the Pardons Board, and its current makeup (men vs. women, political parties). She advised that there are currently approximately 10,000 inmates in the Nevada prison system; each year, 7000 sentences are seen face-to-face by the Parole Board. She described how parole hearings are conducted, and that crime victims are always advised of those hearings. She advised that the current rate of recidivism of Nevada prison inmates is 30% (80% in California). The Parole Board meets 2-3 times a month in northern Nevada and 4-5 times a month in Las Vegas on parole violators to decide whether to reinstate or revoke their paroles.



Dorla Salling

Three new members were voted into our association: Warren Thayer, William Neumann and Elizabeth "Liz" Neumann. This brings our membership to 114 regular members – the largest chapter in our District.

The Early Bird drawing (2 drawings) resulted in Billy Watson and Dell Durboraw winning free dinners.

ANAGRAM-OF-THE-MONTH

DORMITORY = DIRTY ROOM

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The Editor's Space

There ought to be a law ... A key component of winter driving is *visibility*. What damages that as much as anything is the spray we get from passing vehicles and from those we are following. Why aren't pickups and SUVs required to have mudflaps to help keep this to a minimum? Seems like a straightforward safety regulation; yes, I know it would be difficult to enforce.

Faces in the Crowd

Familiar

New



Stan & Billie Watson



Bill & Liz Neumann

Nigerian Bank Scam by Ray Hoyt

The frequency with which these scams have been appearing on the internet is on the rise. If you have been receiving emails from individuals purporting to be bank officials from Nigeria, or even other 3rd world countries, beware.

Typically, a person will send out an email introducing himself as a bank official who is looking to deposit a large sum of money into your bank account, saying that the money needs to be hidden from an heir or next of kin to keep it from falling into the wrong hands. The gist of the scam is to get your bank account number so that they can purportedly wire transfer this money into your account. They offer to let you keep a certain percentage of the money, usually in the neighborhood of 30%, for allowing them to use your account to get the money out of the country of origin.

They always stress the importance of maintaining maximum secrecy and confidentiality of the arrangement.

As soon as they acquire your bank account number, they will drain YOUR account of all YOUR money. All of the information they have provided is fictitious.

The latest one I received claims to be from a Mr. Mohammed Aduba, Manager of the Union Bank Nigeria PLC, Lagos, Nigeria. Do not be taken in by any of these pitches. These scams have been making the rounds for years and years.

These scams have also been perpetrated via the U.S. Mail. No exposure to a biological or chemical agent from any of these Nigerian scam letters is known to have occurred.



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