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Presidential Ponderings



The year 2001 is behind us and we had, basically, a very successful year. Our membership increased in spite of some attrition from members moving to new locations.

The "Christmas Meeting", at Ray and Larna Hoyt's home was certainly a "Grand Finale" to the year. Those who were unable to attend really missed a nice gathering, with an abundance of food, beverage, and yes, a lot of conversation and fellowship. I'm quite sure that at least one half of the world problems were solved that afternoon. Ray and Larna, Thanks again for hosting a really fun affair.

Most of you are aware that Bruce Folker had surgery on December 19. He is home now and I'm sure that he'd appreciate a call from you. Bruce tells me that he's arranged meeting locations through June of 2002.

We have received correspondence, from the Grand Chapter, regarding the 2002 Mid-Winter Conference to be held at the Peppermill Hotel & Casino Reno on February 7-9. Since this meeting is in our backyard, we will, hopefully be well represented. Those wishing to attend must register ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1 2002, in order to receive the Convention room rate. All attendees are required to pay the \$10 registration fee. We will discuss meeting particulars, along with several proposed By-law amendments, during our January meeting.

Hopefully all of you had an enjoyable Holidays. We look forward to seeing all of you at Topaz Lodge on January 17.

Please remember to start the new year by phoning in your meeting attendance intentions.

Clay

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From The Vice-President

The medical problem that has caused me to miss the last two footprinter events is now on the mend so I hope to be at Topaz Lodge in January.

The schedule of meeting places for the next six months is as follows: January 17, 2002 Topaz Lodge cost \$12.00

Program: Bernie Curtis, Supervisor

February 21, 2002 Carson Nugget Cost \$14.00 Program: Tom Hammill, Ret. NHP Patrolman

March 21, 2002 Carson Nugget Cost \$14.00

Program: Jeff Ackerman, Pub/Ed Nevada Appeal

April 18, 2002 Topaz Lodge cost \$12.00

Program: open

May 16, 2002 Carson Nugget cost \$14.00

Program: open

June 20, 2002 Topaz Lodge cost \$12.00

Program: Open

Bruce

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Ron Pierini 1 Dawn Centilli 9. Michael Delczeg 14 Ann Hersey 15 Eugene Schmid 25

Happy are those whose life is today.

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HERE ARE THE NUMBERS TO CALL EACH MONTH TO GIVE A "YES" OR "NO" FOR THE MEETING! Clay/Glennis 265-1030 Bruce 782-3704 Fred/Ann 266-3435 or Ruth 265-6238



From the Secy/Treas.

As I sit here in front of my computer on New Year's Eve trying to put this column together, I am reflecting on a number of accomplishments this chapter has achieved during 2001. We added 23 new members this year, our September meeting drew a record 84 people who contributed a record \$303 to the Pot of Gold, and we held our 10th anniversary dinner/meeting in June.

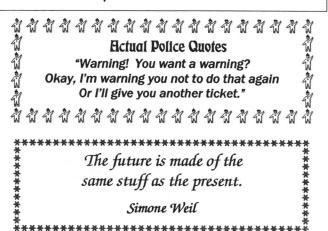
I hope that everyone had a happy holiday season. From all indications, the December get-together at our house was a success. We have been hosting this annual event every year since 1993. We hope to do so for many years to come.

All of you should have your current membership cards. I was going to mail the last of them out in December; however, with the heavy Christmas mail, I decided to wait until the first of the year.

Anyone who has ideas or suggestions for a worthy cause to be considered for our Annual Project donation (s) should make their ideas known to a Board member. The Board of Directors will consider any suggestion, and make their recommendations to the general membership who will make the final decision. Our most recent projects have been Douglas County Sheriff's Office related – programs which are either not funded or under-funded by the county. Let us hear from you.

It looks like I will be out of town for the Jan. 17 dinner meeting at Topaz Lodge. I trust that everything will go well.

Ray



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There ought to be a law ... [And, there is!] ... Did You know it's against the law to be driving your vehicle around if it has a cracked or broken windshield? It's both a safety and visibility issue. If the NHP or DCSO spot you they're apt to provide you with a ticket. Get 'em fixed, folks!



The Editor's Space

Happy New Year, everyone;
And may 2002 be a great year for you and yours. Have lots to cover this month so better get on with it.

First, I was quite affected by how many of our friends across the country were directly impacted by the events of Sept. 11. Their Christmas cards and notes shared the obvious sadness. Our old neighborhood in New Jersey lost 15 of it's residents and numerous other cards and letters mentioned personal connections to the tragedy. Makes you very aware of how closely all of us Americans are tied together in innumerable ways. We pray for our brethren everywhere.

Faces in the Crowd



Pete & Mary Jane Harding

The DCSO will again this year hold the Senior Law Academy. This 11-week microscope into county law enforcement offers many insights into "How things work". It's one afternoon a week and in the past has been open to county residents 55 and up. They may widen the age window so you'll need to sign up early. Pre-registration can be done now by calling Carol at 782-9902. The exact dates have not yet been set but March or April would be the likely start.

Well, I finally took the "ride-along" with a DCSO deputy and my report is included in this issue. My goals were to better understand how the patrols were conducted and to learn what goes on day-to-day in the valley. It was an interesting session and I would like to extend thanks to Sgt. Stan Lamb and Sgt. Lance Modispacher for arranging this and to Dep. Anthony Elges for his cooperation, helpfulness, and consideration during the ride. Tony was the latest of a class set of officers I've met in the DCSO.

Paul

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The Ride-Along

It's nearing 2:30 P.M. on Friday, Dec. 21st. The 2:00 briefing has ended, the shift assignments made, cars assigned, logs completed, and the weapons checked out

Tony and I have drawn car 302, an old 99 model with over 95,000 miles on it—hard miles. Our beat is the Heart of Minden and Gardnerville from Muller in the North to Industrial in the South. Of course, that assignment doesn't keep us from assisting or taking calls in other areas as we're needed.

We head down a side road off Buckeye checking on an outlying area—all quiet. Before long Tony spots an outdated license tag and lites up, pulling the offender over. The license check is quickly made through the system and the owner is valid. Just a warning this time and we go on. They radio chatter and calls are fairly frequent but the speakers in the car do a good job and it's all intelligible.

Next, it's a report of a child locked in a car and no adult in view. Another car handles that one. Soon we launch out of the territory to aid another officer in collaring a person with outstanding warrants in Washoe. A field sobriety test is given. He's got a suspended license, no insurance, and more. Cuff him and take him into the jail while 302 draws the duty to return the minor passenger to his home.

A gal almost runs into a cop car and is pulled over. No license, crossed over dbl yellow line, no insurance, and acts drunk—She's a diabetic she claims so she's ushered down to the jail where a call is put out for a medic to give a diabetic test. We spend a half-hour in the jail control room and watch *guests* get their gourmet meals delivered through the iron grating. It's a stern place

where inmates stand at attention, facing the walls, while awaiting instructions.

Back on the beat we check out a fellow who's been on a 4-day drinking binge and has threatened suicide. Another deputy arrives to help chat with the fellow and check out his car.

There's another DUI call and we watch a fellow making quick lane changes. Then there's a 911 hangup. No one knew anything when the phone was called back so we checked the place out. A bunch of kids hanging out, the sweet smell of Marijuana

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in the area and three kids slip out the back door.

We stop a couple boys in a truck with no plates and find they just bought it and everything checks out.

The next gal is known to the officers. She's driving her junker, with no plates, kids not in seat belts, and then shows a fictitious temporary license which she has whited-out, photo copied and printed new dates. Two officers and I all agree it's a phony and she fesses up. She is awarded a ticket for the registration.

We race toward a call for a child not breathing, sirens and lights flashing, but an almost surreal silence inside our car. A paramedic arrives before us and we get called off.

We then wrap things up spotlighting a field where two fellows had been joyriding a quad ATV and rolled it. Tribal police and three squad cars converge. All this in the quiet Carson Valley on one shift! Ray & Larna Hoyt 1355 Sanden Lane Minden, Nv. 89423

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