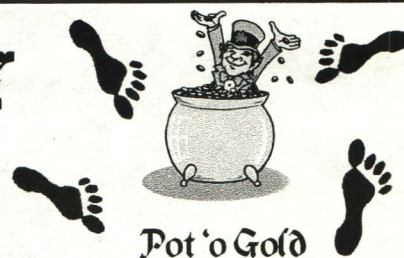




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Presidential Ponderings

By time you receive this newsletter Santa will have come and gone and hopefully taken with him the terrible weather that has been around since the 16th of December.

This time of the year there is not much to talk about and especially so since we had to cancel our annual Christmas party. Ray and Larna have really had a hard time with the weather. Tile off the roof, leaky windows, and the barn yard was a disaster. Well, let's all wish them the very best and hopefully we will have a bigger and better party next year.

It has been a fast six months for Norma and I with the Footprinters and it has been a real pleasure to be your President and Sergeant At Arms. We have had a lot of fun, but more than that we have had an increase in attendance and our Pot-Of-Gold has been terrific. We have had some great guests and all had very good talks to pass along to us. Needless to say we are grateful for their time and courtesy to come visit with us.

The last six months of our year appears to be just as exciting as the first six months. Joel has arranged for speakers and meeting places for the balance of the year. He will be telling you about them over the next few months.

I spoke with Captain Ray Alcorn the other day and he is recuperating very well. We will certainly look forward to having him as our guest again some time next year. In the meantime lets all wish him a rapid recovery.

As a last reminder we need some advertising for our letter. It costs only \$20.00 a year. I'm sure we all know someone in business that would like to reach our growing group to sell their services or products. Be sure to mention this great opportunity to everyone that you do business with.

In closing out the year of 2002 Norma and I wish each one of you a Happy and Healthy Year for 2003. May the wind be always at your back.

Grady



From The V-P

The speaker for the January meeting will be Deputy Greg Hubbard. Deputy Hubbard wears many hats for the Douglas County Sheriff's Department. The one I am most familiar with is his running of the Senior Law Enforcement Academy each spring. He will be telling us about this venture at our meeting. The meeting will be at the Carson Valley Inn on January 16th and the cost per person will be \$17.00.

After the first of the year we will be actively searching for additional meeting places to accommodate our growing attendance. You folks have outdone yourselves the past few months. Keep up the good work and any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

I hope everyone is surviving the weather and the windy storms we have been having. It is snowing at my house as this is being written. We lost a few planks from the fence and had our boat cover torn but consider this to be minor compared to some of the reports we have heard.

I hope you all have had a very happy holiday and do have a prosperous new year. See you all at the Carson Valley Inn in January.

Sincerely,

Joel

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FOR JAN. 16TH
MEETING.**



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*To escape criticism:
Do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.
Elbert Hubbard*



From the Secy/Treas.

About the Christmas party...

As a lot of you experienced during the afternoon on Saturday 12/14/02, a hurricane went through our area and played havoc with us. We lost a significant amount of shingles from our roof; in some places, the tar paper is gone leaving the bare roof sheathing to the weather. We also lost the roofing material from quite a few of our barns. A piece of roofing sailed through one of our garage windows spraying everything with small pieces of glass. One of our next door neighbor's barns (approx 8' deep, 16' wide, and maybe 4 or 5' tall), which was not anchored down, was picked up by the wind and carried through the cyclone fence between our yards, hitting the top of our horse trailer, mowing down one of our interior fences, and came to rest on its top in our back yard!!!! One of the windows (facing south) in our family room developed a severe leak causing water to pour in. We managed to get towels down to soak up the water before it soaked the carpet, nearby sofa, sill, etc. We lost a few trees, like most everyone else around the neighborhood.

BUT, all of our animals are OK, Larna and I are OK, and everything else can be repaired. With the power outage from approx 4:00 PM until almost 11:00 PM on Saturday night, and the water pouring in the leaky window in the room where most of the serious activity (bar) was to occur on Sunday, there just wasn't any way we could go forward with the party. We called our president, Grady Goodwin, and explained the situation to him. He and those he recruited to help him, began calling the membership to advise them of the cancellation.

We've been doing this Christmas party for many, many years, and have thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie that this event is all about.

How hard was the wind blowing here? We've heard from the high 80s to the high 90s to even the low 100s miles per hour. We heard from the Nevada Highway Patrol that in some areas the velocity qualified as a level 4 hurricane (131-155 MPH). The wind in a level 1 hurricane blows at 74-95 MPH, level 2 is 96-110 MPH, and level 3 is 111-130 MPH. We were certainly a solid level 1 at the very least.

This was enough excitement for a lifetime for this SF Bay Area person!!!!

See ya in January. Have a happy and safe holiday.

Ray

The Editor's Space



Well folks, the demise of the Christmas Party left me without any pictures for the month and a lot of space to fill. I do have some material about what happened when Australians were forced to turn in their guns. This was supplied by Jim Terborg and appears on the next page. Thanks, Jim.

All this snow lately has reminded me of a couple of considerations I have learned about doing snow shoveling. First, bundle up well and protect the area of your face just below your ears with a scarf or ear flaps. Why? Because chilling this area can affect one of your facial nerves and result in Bell's Palsy. Perhaps you remember my case of this when I was inducted into the Footprinters. That was the cause. Secondly, for which I fortunately do not have personal experience, be sure and breathe through your nose. This pre-warms the air before it gets to your lungs and prevents chilling your lungs and blood supply. In some cases this may trigger a heart attack.

It has been a considerable pleasure for me to get around to meet so many of you folks and take pictures for this newsletter. I hope eventually to get around to everyone so if I haven't taken your picture and you spot me at a meeting flag me down!

I'd like to add my wishes for a peaceful, happy, and safe holiday season for each of you. And, please watch out for those slick, icy spots on the roads. We all want you around for 2003!

Paul

ANAGRAM-OF-THE-MONTH

Paul Conrad = A Darn Cup Lo

January Birthdays

Ron Pierini	1	Dawn Centilli	9
Michael Delczeg	4	Dick Hill	13
Walter Nowosad	13	Ann Hersey	15
Emmett McArdle	16	Dennis Johnson	22
Eugene Schmid	25		

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Anonymous

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Thanks for your Pot-of-Gold gifts!

Hi Yanks,

I thought you all would like to see the real figures from Down Under. It has now been 12 months since gun owners in Australia were forced by a new law to surrender 640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed by our own government, a program costing Australian taxpayers more than \$500 million dollars.

The first year results are now in. Australia-wide, homicides are up 3.2 percent; Australia-wide, assaults are up 8.6 percent; Australia-wide, armed robberies are up 44 percent (yes, 44 percent)! In the state of Victoria alone, homicides with firearms are now up 300 percent. (Note that while the law-abiding citizens turned them in, the criminals did not and criminals still possess their guns!) While figures over the previous 25 years showed a

steady decrease in armed robbery with firearms, this has changed drastically upward in the past 12 months, since the criminals now are guaranteed that their prey is unarmed. There has also been a dramatic increase in break-ins and assaults of the elderly. Australian politicians are at a loss to explain how public safety has decreased, after such monumental effort and expense was expended in "successfully ridding Australian society of guns." You won't see this data on the American evening news or hear your governor or members of the state Assembly disseminating this information.

The Australian experience proves it. Guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property and yes, gun-control laws affect only the law-abiding citizens. **Take note Americans, before it's too late!**



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