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Presidential
Ponderings

Another great meeting is under our belt. For those of you that could not attend you missed one of the best meetings and speakers of the year. It was a real pleasure to have Bobby Wartgow, the Assistant Fire Chief and director of the Paramedics for Douglas County and his lovely wife Sandy to accept our invitation. I know he spoke beyond the time frame we normally allow, but there were so many questions that he was answering that I did not have the heart to deprive our members the opportunity to ask their questions and get the answer.

As you are aware Joel Morrison and His wife Pam were missing from the meeting. Joel went to the hospital on the 18th for a spleen operation. The operation was only scheduled for an hour but lasted for five and a half. We are grateful that he survived the operation and was well enough to come home on the 20th. Glad to see you up and around Joel, we will all look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

I want to give a special thanks to Betty Toudouze for the extra effort she gave to be among us and sell the ball point pens that carries our I.F.A. identification. I am sure all of you that bought the pens will enjoy them; they write very well and are comfortable in your hand.

As you know, Norma and I attended the mid year I.F.A. convention in Laughlin. Our chapter was singled out as the "STAR" of region 2 for our growth in membership. It was a proud moment for me for me to be your president.

I also had another great honor at our meeting and that was the naming of our Secy/Treas Ray Hoyt to one of the highest honors that we could bestow on him, "MR. FOOTPRINTER". We also honored him with a Footprinter Watch so that he will always remember how important he is to this chapter. Keep up the good work Ray its a pleasure to work with you.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank our greeters for the meeting. These ladies do a terrific job for us Thanks Pat Sikes and Ann Hersey for your help in greeting our members and their guests.

I will look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting at the Topaz Lodge.

Grady



From The V-P

Well, I sure did miss being at the meeting this past month. I had some surgery and am recovering nicely. I have had nothing but good reports on how good our speaker was and that everyone enjoyed him very much. Our turnout for the meetings continues to be terrific and we hope it continues this way.

Our speaker for March will be Sgt. Lance Modispacher of the Douglas County Sheriffs Department. If any of you have ever heard him speak you know what an entertaining man he is, and if you have not, you are in for a real treat. The meeting will be at the Topaz Lodge on March 20 at a cost of \$14.00 per person.

Keep up the good work on the Pot of Gold donations. You all have been really great about this and it is truly appreciated. The more donations, the more we will be able to help our law enforcement agencies.

In April we will be having Judge EnEarl speaking to us about his alternative sentencing program. This should be very interesting to all.

See you at Topaz Lodge.....

Joel

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Henry David Thoreau



From the Secy/Treas.

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The Editor's Space



I'd like to start out by bringing 2 returning newsletter advertisers to your attention. Lon Curtis has sent in his business card (Past Grand President of IFA in 1986-87), as has Cheryl Morris of Stress Busters Massage Therapy (Ruth Quintana's daughter). Welcome back.

Since my last column, the Hoyt residence is sporting a brand new roof! Our house and three of our barns have been totally re-roofed, and three other barns have had their roofs repaired. We feel so much better knowing that it is highly unlikely that we will get rained on in our living room!!!!!

Our ball point pen fund raiser seemed to be a success. With the able assistance of Betty Toudouze at the last meeting, we sold out our supply of 77 pens. I know some of you, like me, have tons of pens around your place – thanks for supporting us.

I'd like to explain to you, especially to the newer members, how we arrive at the price for our dinners. When we get a dinner cost locked in from our restaurant, we round that price up to the nearest whole dollar. This accomplishes two things: first, it reduces the changemaking to a minimum when you pay yours truly; second. it gives us a small cushion to "comp" our guest speakers and our "early bird" winners and still come close to even. I keep a running tally of our progress each year - if we end up in a negative condition (which is rare), it isn't very much. We usually end the year with a small surplus which goes into our annual project fund. The rounding is not intended as an additional fund raiser. It is designed to cover guest speakers and early bird winners only. Based on our recent attendance at dinners, it must be working OK.

Speaking of that, our dinner attendance is getting to be larger than the other District 2 chapters have members!!!!! This association year (July 1 to present), we have an average attendance of 83.3 people, with a high of 99 in November!!! We have a very active chapter – keep up the good work.

Our membership currently stands at 138 regular members and 3 associate members. The associate members are: Glen Lade, a regular member of chapter 7 (East Bay or Oakland as it used to be called); Joe Pon, a regular member of chapter 1 (San Francisco); and Wally Maxwell, a regular member of chapter 2 (Los Angeles). Wally now lives in Elko, NV.

That's about all for me this month. See you on the 20th.

Ray

Hi Folks, It seems like the past month has really flown by. I know it was a short month but time compression is in full gear. I spent over 20 hours this past month on Citizen's Patrol duties but that's small peanuts compared with what Warren Thayer must spend keeping things coordinated.

I'm also in the throes of installing a new computer. As a matter of fact, this document is the first piece of work produced on it. I'll replace my picture next month showing the new machine. This exercise certainly does teach a lot as I went to new versions of the operating system and major programs. There were bumps such as needing to restore the whole system to factory settings because one of the programs I installed killed Windows. Still lots left to do.

Like all of you I'm concerned about the impending Iraqi conflict. Two things: I hope our country's decisions are based upon justice and compassion and not greed and revenge. Secondly, let's keep up the prayers for all placed in harm's way and keep yourselves vigilant to threat.

Here's hoping March winds don't blow us all away! (BTW, I mean the winds from the mountains.)

Paul

ANAGRAM-OF-THE-MONTH

The earthquakes = That queer shake

March Birthdays Robert Dutton 4 Beverly Thayer 14 Jay Tomlinson 14 Nancee Goldwater 19 Donald Hunter 23 Dick Upton 21 27 Bill Depew 28 Jim Terborg Dave Trueblood 28 Robert Morrow

Finish each day and be done with it.

You have done what you could. Some blunders

And absurdities have crept in. Forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it

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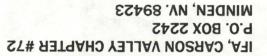
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