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The President's Message

Hi Everyone:

I would like to thank all of you for the encouraging words, the cards, the prayers, and the help. Something is working because the every day things we do are starting to become easier for me to do. THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

It was such a great Christmas party at Ray and Larna's Goat Farm. Also Dogs, Cats, and ?. I don't want to leave anything out. They have

the greatest Party Room for such occasions. I think I am envious. The food was outstanding, and I think everyone had such a good time. Even all the old invalids were there to get in the Holiday swing.

I would like to thank Ray and Larna for hosting the party.

I hope to be in good shape by the January meeting at C.V.I. on the 15th.

SEE YOU THERE!

Dorman



From the Vice-President

I'm sorry I missed the Christmas Party but I had a previous commitment.

Our next meeting will, again, be at the Carson Valley Inn on

January 15th at 6:00 PM. Our guest speaker will be Richard Morissette. Richard was the Nuclear Systems Engineer on the Yucca Mountain Project. He will give us a new perspective on the safety of the site.

It will be good to see Dorman Dane and Paul Conrad back at their posts. We all missed you.

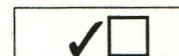
Dinner will be Tossed Green Salad with your choice of dressing. Chef's Choice Beef, Pork, Chicken or Turkey. Rice Pilaf, Potato and Vegetable Du Jour. All this topped off with Chef's Choice Dessert. The price will be \$17.00. The No Host Bar will be open from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM.

I have guests booked through March. However, that leaves four remaining months open. I would appreciate your input as to the choice of speakers and subject matter you might like. Let me know and I'll do what I can.

I'll see you in January.

Dennis

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Dick Hill	13	Walt Nowosad	13
Ann Hersey	15	William Sisley	21
Dennis Johnson	22	Kathie Kasper	22
Eugene Schmid	25		

Happy Birthday!

ANAGRAMS-OF-THE-MONTH

Indomitableness = Endless Ambition

Barbie doll = Liberal bod

Ronald Reagan = A Darn Long Era



The Sec'y/Treas. Message

Well, Christmas and New Years are behind us; it's time to try to get back to normal, whatever normal is... I don't really have any Footprinter news to impart, so my column this month will contain another piece of helpful information.

DON'T EVER DIAL AREA CODE 809

Don't ever respond to emails, phone calls, pagers, or web pages which tell you to call an "809" phone number. There are some different permutations of this scam, but here's generally how it works.

You will receive a message on your answering machine or pager which asks you to call a number beginning with area code 809. The reason you're asked to call varies. It can be to receive information about a family member who has been ill, to tell you someone has been arrested or died, or to let you know you have won a wonderful prize, etc. In each case, you are told to call the 809 number right away. Since there are so many new area codes these days, people unknowingly return these calls.

The 809 area code is located in the British Virgin Islands (The Bahamas). The 809 area code can be used as a "pay-per-call"

number, similar to 900 numbers in the U.S. Since 809 is not in the U.S., it is not covered by U.S. regulations of 900 numbers, which require that you be notified and warned of charges and rates involved when you call a "pay-per-call" number. There is also no requirement that the company provide a time period during which you may terminate the call without being charged. Further, U.S. homes that have 900 number blocking to avoid these kinds of charges should be aware that this feature does not work in preventing calls to the 809 area code.

DISREGARD ANY MESSAGE THAT ASKS YOU TO CALL A NUMBER WITH AN 809 AREA CODE. If you make such a call and subsequently get billed by your own local phone company for thousands of dollars in charges, a complaint to your phone company will do no good. You made the call, and they are simply providing the billing for the foreign company. You'll end up dealing with a foreign company that argues they have done nothing wrong!!!

See you at the January meeting. By the way, for those of you who keep my email address in your address book, my email has changed to: hoytr@earthlink.net.

Ray



From the Newsletter Editor

I'm hoping for a Happy New Year for all of you and that we'll see you often in 2004! Which brings me to the first thing to mention. We've just been through a season of exhaustive giving, but now it's time to turn attention to the Footprinter *Pot-of-Gold* project to furnish gifts as an incentive for our sole fund-raising mechanism. Each year we do lots of good with this program and I'm sure this year will be no exception.

Dept. of useless information—I just noticed *What on Earth* catalog is having a sale for \$5.95 on the **365 Days of Duct Tape** daily 2004 calendar. Better jump on that before it runs out!

In a departure from what I usually include I was sent a copy of an e-mail sent to troops from a Lt. Col. regarding the status of Iraq which I think is important enough to share here.

As we approach the end of the year, I think it is important to share a few thoughts about what you've accomplished directly, in some cases, and indirectly in many others. As you read about these achievements you are a part of, I would call your attention to two things:

1. This is good news that hasn't been fit to print or report on TV.
2. It is much easier to point out the errors a man makes when he makes the tough decisions, rarely is the positive as aggressively pursued.

Since President Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1 . . .

- . . . the first battalion of the new Iraqi Army has graduated and is on active duty.
- . . . over 60,000 Iraqis now provide security to their fellow citizens.
- . . . nearly all of Iraq's 400 courts are functioning.
- . . . the Iraqi judiciary is fully independent.
- . . . on Monday, October 6, power generation hit 4,518 megawatts—exceeding the prewar average.
- . . . all 22 universities and 43 technical institutes and colleges are open, as are nearly all primary and secondary schools.
- . . . by October 1, Coalition forces had rehab-ed over 1,500 schools—500 more than scheduled.

- . . . teachers earn from 12 to 25 times their former salaries.
- . . . all 240 hospitals and more than 1,200 clinics are open.
- . . . doctors salaries are at least eight times what they were under Saddam.
- . . . pharmaceutical distribution has gone from essentially nothing to 700 tons in May to a current total of 12,000 tons.
- . . . the Coalition has helped administer over 22 million vaccinations to Iraq's children.
- . . . a Coalition program has cleared over 14,000 kilometers of Iraq's 27,000 kilometers of weed-choked canals which now irrigate tens of thousands of farms. This project has created jobs for more than 100,000 Iraqi men and women.
- . . . we have restored over three-quarters of prewar telephone services and over two-thirds of the potable water production.
- . . . there are 4,900 full-service telephone connections. We expect 50,000 by year-end.
- . . . the wheels of commerce are turning. From bicycles to satellite dishes to cars and trucks, businesses are coming to life in all major cities and towns.
- . . . 95 percent of all prewar bank customers have service and first-time customers are opening accounts daily.
- . . . Iraqi banks are making loans to finance businesses.
- . . . Iraq has one of the world's most growth-oriented investment and banking laws.
- . . . Iraq has a single, unified currency for the first time in 15 years.
- . . . satellite TV dishes are legal.
- . . . foreign journalists aren't on 10-day visas paying mandatory and extortionate fees to the Ministry of Information for "minders" and other government spies.
- . . . there is no Ministry of Information.
- . . . there are more than 170 newspapers.
- . . . you can buy satellite dishes on what seems like every street corner.

There's still more, but out of room. See me for the rest.

Paul



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