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The President's Message

The Carson Chapter of the IFA got some heavy exposure in the local paper this past month. Every time a Carson Valley resident reads about Chapter #72, it's one more opportunity for increased membership.

Appreciation has got to go to folks like Pat Sikes and Ray Hoyt for getting these articles to print. There was a "feel good" quality about having Deputy Sheriff Will Lynch receive our first Service Recognition Award, presented by Sheriff Ron Pierini. We expect this to be in the local paper, and the award may grow in esteem and stature by word of mouth.

The August dinner/meeting at the Carson Nugget had a good turnout, generous donations for the Pot-of-Gold, an interesting speaker, and it put my first time jitters behind me. Wiley Clapp was clearly a subject matter expert on handguns, a topic of timely concern (homeland security starts at your front door for many). He felt compelled to top my embarrassing moment

story with a tale about one brown shoe and one black shoe in court. I'll reach down and see if I can top him for our September meeting.

It was fascinating to see Bev Thayer and Margie Runyon move about the room with adolescent speed. They were greeters and our distributors of the Pot-of-Gold gifts. It hadn't occurred to me, being that it was my first time, that the faster I read the numbers, the more fleet of foot they would have to be. I was like a kid with a new toy. Go speed racer, go! Sorry Bev and Margie, but you did rise to the challenge. Thank you.

Our location for the September 16 meeting was not announced at our last dinner. Instead, we asked you to check the monthly newsletter. Please take notice of the first vice president's message below. I don't want to steal his thunder, but this worries me a lot, so I'll just give ya a hint, it's at Walley's Hot Springs Resort (something different).

Thanks. See you in September.

Phil



Vice-Presidents' Stuff

Working for you, the members of IFA, Chapter #72 and attempting to achieve what is in the our best interest is what I consider to be my most important responsibility. My beliefs in connection with this statement are: (1) Members need to feel comfortable

at our dinner meetings. When the meeting is concluded, you should believe your time spent was worthwhile. (2) Good quality food should be served at a reasonable price. (3) A suitable meeting/dining environment and speaker facilities are very important. This, so all members can understand and participate in what is taking place, and (4) The guest speaker(s) and his/her topic should be interesting enough to make all members want to attend all of our scheduled meetings. Now, because I do not want to operate in a vacuum, if any member believes I should add too or change any of these beliefs, please contact me at 775-783-9759 or E-mail rabitbrush@aol.com.

Here are a two old clichés: "Change for the sake of change is no good", and, "The grass is greener on the other side of the fence". Now, the stage is set! Here is what I've been involved with: Feedback from some of our members indicates they are not happy with the Topaz Lodge, its food or the speaker facilities. This information is further substantiated by the fact, over the past several meetings, member attendance has dropped from 80 to 60 to 50. Therefore, I met with Phil Doel, Topaz Lodge, Banquet Manager.



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The Sec'y/Treas. Message

The first dinner of the new Footprinter year is in the books. We had 89 in attendance. What a great start to what should be another very successful year for our chapter.

We still have 9 members from whom I have not heard regarding their dues renewal. If you don't remember whether or not you renewed, give me a call. I plan to send out another dues reminder to jog your memories.

We continue to grow. We have added 9 new members to the chapter since July 1. Congratulations to the new members and to those who recruited them.

Our newly-instituted Service Recognition Award program for area law enforcement and firefighter agencies kicked off in August. The Douglas County

Sheriff's Office selected Deputy Sheriff Will Lynch as the first recipient for this award. It is anticipated that this will be a quarterly event.

Don't forget to check out the Footprinter website at www.footprinter.org. You can find out quite a bit about the organization, where chapters are located, and other interesting information. Be sure to check out the Chapter 72 page, too.

Remember to call in your dinner reservations at least a week ahead of time to be eligible for the Early Bird drawing for a free dinner. Numbers to call are on the front page of this newsletter. Don't forget to bring a little something for the Pot of Gold.

See you at the next dinner.

Ray



From the Newsletter Editor

Well, everyone else was so chatty, they left no room for me! See you next month with an important message. *Paul*

The Ed Shapiro Award

Each year, the Awards Committee meets prior to the annual Convention and selects the winners in a number of award categories. These selections are based on submissions by the chapters. The Awards Committee consists of the 1st through 5th Grand Vice Presidents. One of those awards is the Best Achievement Award for Chapters of 10 members or more; this award is entitled the Ed Shapiro Award.

The Grand Chapter awards program began in 1975; the Ed Shapiro award was first awarded in 1976. For the year 2003-2004, Chapter #72 was the winner of this award.

Chuck Collins of Denver Chapter #20, the Grand Historian of the International Footprint Association, has done some research on the this award and the person for whom it is named. Some historical information in Chuck's possession, dating back to the 1930s, listed Ed Shapiro as a member of San Francisco Chapter #1. Chuck consulted with Al Graf, a long-time member and most recent President of SF Chapter #1, and learned that he and Ed Shapiro were real close friends.

Shapiro, although he had never held any national office, attended many Grand Conventions with Al Graf. Shapiro donated a lot of money to the local and Grand chapters. He owned a used car business in San Francisco, known as "Horsetrader Ed's."

Ray

September Birthdays

Emmett Hahn	2	Jerry Goehring	3
Ron Weeks	3	Cindi Osowski	11
Paul Conrad	12	Barbara Stapleton	17
Sheila Mitchell	17	John Wise	21
Liz Neumann	24	Earl Hanes	25
Juanita Coyle	28	Larry Parrish	28
Billie Watson	28		

Happy Birthday!

IFA Recruiting

The Recruiting Program is progressing nicely, thanks to the foresight of Chap 72.

Income to #72 from other chapters plus #72 awards has slightly exceeded the initial investment of \$488. Awards to Chap72 members have included:

Butch Blume (2 members, not yet presented)
 Paul Conrad (2 members)
 Dorman Dane (2 members)
 Fred Hersey (11 members)
 Camille Howard (2 members)
 Bill Neumann (2 members)
 Rodney Snead (2 members)
 Warren Thayer (2 members)
 Dick Upton (2 members)

My congratulations to all of you,

Fred Hersey



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Vice Presidents' Stuff

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Together we easily developed plans to change and improve both of these items. Our next meeting at the Lodge in the March, 2005 time frame should prove to be very pleasing for all attendees.

Change can be good! We will be trying a new location for our September 16, 2004 meeting. (This is "The grass is greener portion") Mark you calendars! The meeting location will be at Wally's. It's on Foothill, just a few miles south of downtown Genoa. Our meeting will be held in their gazebo area. Sounds different and exciting! No host drinks from 6:00PM to 7:00PM. The pledge of allegiance will be lead by our Immediate Past President Dorman Dane. For your dinner; you will have a choice between

two salads and two entrées. Vegetables, desert and beverage are also included. The price will be \$18.00.

MS Anamarie Lopategui will be our guest speaker. She is currently the Evidence Technician for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. She is a native Nevadan and graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno. Her major was in Biology and Criminal Justice. Her presentation will deal with the evidence (5,500 peaces annually) she collects. She will also explain some of the latest advancements in fingerprinting and the collecting of DNA. This is going to be a real show and tell session, don't miss it.

Larry and Rocky

Eventually, you will reach a point where you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

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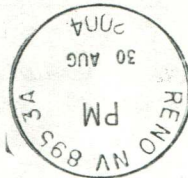
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