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The President's Message

September's dinner meeting at Walley's Hot Springs Resort was an event to remember; some even called it a pleasant experience. It certainly was different. We are venturing out to explore new venues, and it is helpful to hear what you're thinking. I had made an appeal for

your input at the meeting (call me), and for those who find it easier to use e-mail, you can contact me at pkkasper@charter.net.

The supporting cast did a great job and kept the wheels turning. My appreciation goes out to Ann Hersey and Betty Toudouze. I forgot to publicly thank you at the meeting. Fred Hersey, as expected, did a fine job leading us in the pledge of allegiance.

Our speaker for the evening, Anamarie Lopategui, was a big hit. You could get a measure on that just from the volume of questions coming from the audience. She took an interesting, but complex subject of forensic science, and presented it in such a way even I could understand. I learned a lot, but please don't ask me to explain it.

The Pot-of-Gold did well, and don't forget this is our only source of revenue. When you bring an inexpensive gift it adds to the cause, and no one doesn't like to unwrap a present. Next month should prove to be equally pleasant and interesting. Take note of the VP's message below, and I hope to see you all there.

Phil



Vice-Presidents' Stuff

Change is good! Our September meeting at Wally's Hot Springs was very nice. The atmosphere was cozy. The food was excellent and our guest speaker Ms. Anamarie Lopategui gave a fine show and tell presentation in connection with her duties as the Evidence Technician for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

It looks like fall has arrived with a bang! Or, am I the only person in the Carson Valley who turned the heater on? In addition, I used the wipers on my vehicle and the blades were flopping all over the windshield. So, I believe it's time to tune-up the old vehicles for the fall and winter unknown eventualities. This is especially important since, during inclement weather conditions, we want our members to travel safely and with confidence to and from our monthly IFA meetings.

I've been kind of busy trying to line up speakers for the coming year, 2005. I've zipped off letters to: the Levi Straus Corp. for a historical presentation on Levi's (Jeans); John Tyson (KOLO Reporter), topic, maybe the Carson City, Waterfall Fire and his experiences; Brian Sandoval, Nevada, State Attorney General, topic, Nevada's prospective on Yucca Mountain; Chaplain Lt. Cmdr. Andrew P. Sholtes, topic, The Islam religion and how it relates to terrorist activities against the United States. If I have piqued your interest with this list of potential speakers, then be sure to set aside the evening of the third Thursday of each month (July and December are excluded). Do it now!

Captain Thom Merry, MD will be our guest speaker at our IFA October 21, 2004 meeting. He has a very successful medical practice in Gardnerville, NV (The Merry Medical Team). By a very recent survey, his practice was just rated number two in the Carson Valley. In addition to his medical practice, he is also



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The Sec'y/Treas. Message

On the membership front, it appears that we will lose 9 members due to non-renewal. There is still time, as I write this column, for last minute renewals to come in. The good news is that we have already brought in 13 new members since July 1. We are off to another growth year. Thanks to all who support us.

Remember to bring a little something for the Pot of Gold when you come to the meeting. Due to the generosity of our members, this raffle raises a significant amount of money for our annual project(s).

Most of you are doing a great job of calling in your dinner reservations in time to qualify for the Early Bird drawing. Remember, if you call in at least one week in

advance of the dinner (even to say you can't come), your name goes "into the hat" for the Early Bird drawing. The lucky winner wins a free dinner at a future dinner. The numbers to call appear on the first page of every newsletter. Last minute changes can usually be accommodated, but it certainly helps with the planning, guarantees, etc. to have as firm a count as possible ahead of time. Keep up the good work.

Not too much else is happening for me to report to you. The majority of my work these days is processing all of the new members you are bringing in to the chapter. Keep 'em coming. I enjoy watching us grow.

See you at Genoa Lakes.

Ray



From the Newsletter Editor

"What You May Not Realize"

Hi Folks, I talked with Anamarie at the DCSO and she seems to have enjoyed her visit. She confessed to a bit of nervousness but said the audience was great.

I know I promised something important for this month's column. This perhaps should be subtitled "*The Hidden Necessity of our Pot of Gold*". I'm sure you get tired of reading on the P-O-G but here's a reason why it is so crucial to us. Did you know that the cost of National Dues plus the cost to print and mail the *Footprinter* plus the stipend for our Secy/Treas comes to an amount per year **greater** than our current \$24 dues? This means without P-O-G we are in the hole and with nothing for our charitable work. And, no-shows and speaker dinners are further costs.

To me, this means at some point we must raise dues, as reluctant as your board is to do so. Since we only send one *Footprinter* per household perhaps we can discount added household members. I'm sure most of us don't want to start additional fundraising activities, but if we can do something within the context of our regular meetings perhaps it's worth considering. So I would encourage any ideas you may have to bring to the Board's attention.

Paul

October Birthdays

Shaaron Snead	1	Alice Duvall	5
Nadine Nowosad	7	Robert Coyle	10
Anna Hansen	11	Suzi Pippin	13
Roy Stephenson	20	Richard Caesar	22
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Ray Hoyt	31		

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Vice Presidents' Stuff

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an active Reserve Naval Officer. His military career spans five decades and he has been placed in harms way on many occasions. He served on active duty as an officer in Viet Nam. He most recently served as a Reserve Officer called to active duty in Iraq. He just received two Bronze Stars for aiding wounded Marines in an Iraqi mine field. Appropriately, his presentation will be on his military experiences. Because we see or read about Iraq on a daily basis, this will be your opportunity to get a factual account from one who has been there and fortunate enough to return. Don't miss it!

Our next meeting will be held at the recently remodeled Golf Club at Genoa Lakes, in their banquet room. No host drinks from 6:00PM to 7:00PM. The Pledge of allegiance will be performed and nourishment will begin. Dinner will include two meat entrées, tossed green salad, pasta, vegetables, rolls, butter and assorted

deserts. Cost will be \$17.00 per person. **DI-RECTIONS:** From downtown Genoa, turn right (North) on Jacks Valley Rd. Go about ¼ mile, you will see the Genoa Lakes golf course signs. Turn right (East) and take the winding road down to the parking area and club house.

Larry and Rocky





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