

# Carson Valley Footprinter







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### The President's Message

It just keeps getting better and better. The dinner/meeting for October was held at the Genoa Lakes Golf Club, and there's been an enthusiastic response from the membership. It was spacious, had great ambiance, it was close for most, had a delicious menu, and it came

with a public address system that worked. One hundred and two people were in attendance, and they brought 43 presents for the Pot-of-Gold raffle, which hit a record high of just over \$400.00. The speaker knocked the socks off of most with a dynamic and enlightening presentation that described the Iraq War without being filtered through the prism of network television. Captain Thom Merry, MD was a powerful speaker because he has credibility. Been there. Done that. He shared the positive stories that seem to be suppressed in this country.

Two lost items: 1) we're missing a "Greeter" badge, and 2) a member lost her name badge; she'll go nameless for the moment, but her initials are, "Kathie Kasper." If anyone comes across these items please know we're in the hunt for 'em.

Stan Kapler could have been seen walking around the room practicing his lines, "I pledge... I pledge... I pledge," immediately after I asked him to take the lead role in our pledge to the flag. It must have paid off; he did well. Also contributing to the success of the evening were our Greeters, Janet Bryant and Ruthie Thain. The two of them, with the Sergeant at Arms, Kathie Kasper, kept the raffle process going quickly in spite of the grand size of the room, and a very slow number reader. For those of you who were at tables that received no prizes, we'll try to do better next time, but you might think about changing tables.

Next month we're back to the comfortable surroundings of the Carson Valley Inn. We do expect the Sheriff of Carson City, Ken Furlong, to attend and present our second law enforcement Service Recognition Award to one of his finest. I'm excited about keeping this award and recognition program going, but was hesitant to mention it because Sheriff's have crowded calendars that can change at a moment's notice. We'll see.

Phil



#### Vice-Presidents' Stuff

Well, Captain Thom Merry, MD, with his Iraq presentation, was certainly a spellbinder at our October meeting. He really did make you feel proud to be an American. Our November meeting, I believe, will be equally as interesting. That is to say; have you ever thought about

the Hazardous Materials (HasMat) that are being transported in and about and through our community? And, if and when the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository comes on line; have you thought about the environmental and personal impacts on each of us as a result of an accidental spill or a terrorist act? Have you thought about who our "Responders" are, and how they will deal with this issue? If you attend our November meeting, you will get the answers to these questions and more!

Ms Elaine A. B. Pace will be our guest speaker. She has a BS degree in Chemical Engineering from Lehigh University. She worked as a project engineer in the pharmaceutical industry, specializing in design, construction and startup of sterile facilities. Elaine is currently the Chief for the Fish Springs Volunteer Fire Department where she has been a member for the past 15 years. She has made significant contributions to the development and ongoing operations for the Quad County HazMat team. She regularly teaches for the East Fork Fire District and helped in the development of their HazMat program. Appropriately, Elaine's

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#### The Sec'y/Treas. Message

First, a soft-cover, glasses case was found on the floor at Genoa Lakes after the last dinner meeting. It is purple in color, with flowers and leaves

on it. It was found by the table nearest to the bar. I brought it home; whoever lost it can call me at 267-4355.

Our membership continues to grow. Two more new members were approved at the last meeting: Fritz Rubins and Leslie Sanford. Welcome aboard!! We now stand at 155 regular members, and 4 associate members.

Our attendance at the Genoa Lakes dinner was

102 - the third time ever we have had in excess of 100 folks attend one of our dinner meetings. And here is the really exciting stat: our Pot of Gold, due to your tremendous generosity, broke our all-time record. Are you ready? The Pot of Gold took in \$408!!!!!!! On behalf of the officers and directors, thank you all so very much.

Chapter Recruiting Awards were presented to two more chapter members: Bill Neumann and Harold "Butch" Blume. Thanks go to all of our busy recruiters.

Until the next meeting...

Ray



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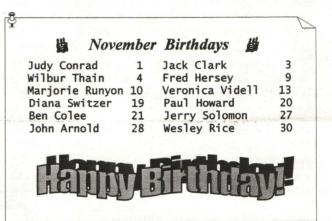
Congratulations folks, for your great response to the Pot-o-Gold for the October meeting. All-in-all it was a great meeting—but I hope your food was a bit

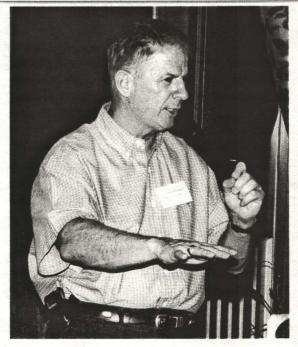
warmer than mine! As I write this I am anxious to hear from Judy how her week in Boston was. As it was she was fortunate enough to be there at the same time the BoSox did their thing in the World Series and she should have witnessed the a town going absolutely nuts.

Our touch of early winter I hoped reminded you to get your vehicle prepared for the snows, slick roads, and fogged windshields. These are always concerns in this season. I've seen many accidents lately.

Throughout this election campaign I never once heard the question I wish answered posed to the Presidential candidates. "In this country there has been a such a polarization in the political arena, how could you as President reduce the inter-party friction and get the country moving?" I asked this of Dr. Merry after the October meeting and he gave me the best answer I've heard. His view was that we have to stress to the country and its citizens that we must all work together as a team to defeat terrorism and enhance our economy and that's regardless of who is our Commander-in-Chief. That's how the military thinks. Amen!

Paul





Dr. Merry makes a point!





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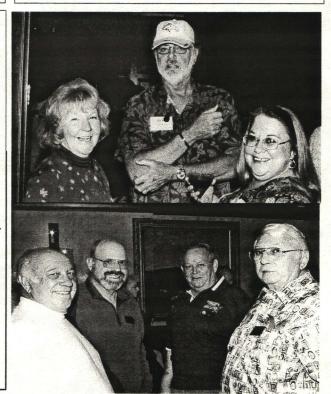
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presentation will be a show and tell session dealing with her HazMat responsibilities and what has taken place here in the Carson Valley She will also do a review on the East Fork Fire District's new HazMat vehicle (Valued at \$250,000). The East Fork Fire District acquired this vehicle in connection with the "Feds", Homeland Security program. All Carson Valley Footprinters have a vested interest in attending this meeting!

Our next meeting will be held the Carson Valley Inn, lower level meeting room, in The Town of Minden. No host drinks from will be served from 6:00PM to 7:00PM. The Pledge of allegiance will be performed and dinner will begin. Sustenance will be provided via the Carson Valley Inn's great dinner and desert buffet line. A meal that is always satisfying. The Fee: \$17.00 per person. See you there!

Larry and Rocky





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