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The President's Message

Now we know why Wal-Mart has such a big parking lot. Now I easily understand why there are people driving a slow growth initiative, the sheriff needs more deputies, and Hwy. #395 resembles downtown San Jose or a so-called surface road adjacent to an L.A. freeway. For this old mild mannered automobile driver, the county is a zoo in the weeks before Christmas. What a quiet and calming respite it was to drive the backcountry roads to Ray and Larna Hoyt's home for our Christmas party. The serene backyard environment put the chaos of the season back in proper perspective for me. Yes, I'm now reminded why we moved to Douglas County. We can endure the madness for a few weeks a year.

It would not be inaccurate to say that we all enjoyed the good company of fellow footprinters in a lovely home with a "four star petting zoo." Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt. I want your pool table, but I can't take it unless I also grab your spacious game room. The potluck contributions were excellent. I'll not single out one dish over another (no fool am I); they were all good.

Please take note of the Member Input Survey printed in this newsletter. It's a good opportunity for the Grand President (Jay Conner) to get some understanding of what the membership is feeling. While he's practicing participative management, let's participate.

Kathie and I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and a safe one, please. We're looking forward to seeing you all for our January 2005 (oh my) dinner/meeting.

Phil



Vice-Presidents' Stuff

Happy Holidays and Seasons Greetings to all of you, our Carson Valley Chapter #72, IFA Members!!!!



The December 12, 2004, festive gathering at Ray and Larna Hoyt's home was **SPECTACULAR!** To be honest with you, this was the first year my wife (Pat) I attended a Carson Valley Chapter #72 holiday shindig. We never attended before because we seemed to have some strange belief as non drinkers; we would have difficulty engaging in any meaningful conversations at a party where every one was "over the hill" except us. Well, that was really a dumb, dumb, dumb, belief! There was enough great food, wonderful deserts and drinks (both types) to satisfy the hunger needs for all of the homeless in Douglas County. Needless to say, we plan on attending all future holiday events hosted by the Hoyt's. Oh yes! New Years Resolution # 1 - Stop creating preconceived notions about events or things I know nothing about. Resolution # 2 - When driving with my wife and I get a little lost, stop and ask for directions!

The Pony Express will ride again at our January 20, 2005, IFA, Carson Valley Chapter #72 meeting. Mr. Larry McPherson, President of the Nevada Pony Express Association will be our guest speaker. He will confirm and/or dispel much of the Pony Express history and folklore as you and I remember it. Mr. McPherson's presentation will surely make your imagination go wild as he describes the perils



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The Sec'y/Treas. Message

MEMBER INPUT SURVEY

Our Grand President, Jay Conner, is seeking member input on a redefinition of IFA in the 21st century. Footprinters need to strive to ensure that our founding beliefs are still serving the IFA's best interests. He has said, "Before we do anything, we must look at everything." He is asking our members to answer 3 questions in that regard:

1. An organization's VISION describes how that organization would like to be perceived by the public. Recognizing that the IFA is broader than any individual chapter, please rank the following possible IFA vision statements in order of your preference, with #1 being your first preference:

The IFA is a premier nonprofit organization

a. celebrating fellowship and cooperation between law enforcement and the community.

b. fostering cooperation and support between law enforcement and the community.

c. fostering cooperation and support between public safety and the community.

2. In order to attract tax deductible gifts and contributions, I believe that the IFA Grand Chapter should seek 501c3 status, yes or no.

3. While I understand that each chapter will always have its own individual programs and activities, I believe that a common national theme/program/identity at the IFA Grand Chapter level supported by individual chapters in their own way, will strengthen our national identity. If you agree, please rank the following as options for the IFA Grand Chapter national theme/program/identity. Rank 1-5 with #1 being your first choice:

Law enforcement education and training programs

Law enforcement scholarship programs

Law enforcement canine (K-9) programs

Law enforcement homeland security support programs

Law enforcement youth programs

WE WILL DISTRIBUTE QUESTIONNAIRES AT OUR JANUARY MEETING ON 1-20-05 TO EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED. QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE END OF THE EVENING, AND FORWARDED TO THE GRAND PRESIDENT.

Ray



From the Newsletter Editor

Well, we have been having a ball watching our new **Roomba**, which we have nicknamed **Robbie**, zipping around the house vacuuming under, behind, and across everywhere. These things really work! As we begin a New Year I believe thanks to many for the year 2004 are in order.

First, to the folks of the DCSO, EF Fire Dept., and all those who devote themselves to ensuring our safety. Next, to those men and women in the military serving here and abroad, often with severe or even ultimate sacrifice. To those who provide leadership in our county, state, and country. While we don't always agree with their decisions, we have placed our trust in them and are glad to have their service. The men and women who tirelessly work with service and charitable organizations also deserve a "Well Done!". Let's encourage all these folks to sustain their good work in 2005.

Paul

January Birthdays

Ron Pierini	1	Del Drager	1
Dawn Centilli	3	Richard Kostner	3
Michael Delczeg	4	Leonard Mitchell	5
Stan Kapler	6	Walt Nowosad	13
Dick Hill	13	Ann Hersey	15
Dennis Johnson	22	Kathie Kasper	22
Eugene Schmid	25		

Happy Birthday!

Sorry I didn't bring the camera to the Christmas Party so there's no new pictures, maybe I'll find something earlier, and unpublished for page 3! pc

Bob Hope on his family's early poverty:

"Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold my Mother threw on another brother."

*"What though youth gave love and roses,
Age still leaves us friends and wine."*


Thomas Moore—Spring and Autumn

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 encountered and overcome by the young riders as they made the trek from St Joseph, Missouri, to San Francisco in just 10 days. Mark your calendars!

Our next formal gathering will be held on January 20, 2005, at the Carson Nugget, upstairs banquet room, in Carson City. No host drinks will be served from 6:00PM to 7:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance will be performed and dinner will begin. The Nugget always provides a superior buffet dinner and dessert line. If you leave hungry, it's your fault. The fee for the fellowship, entertainment and dinner will be \$17.00 per person.

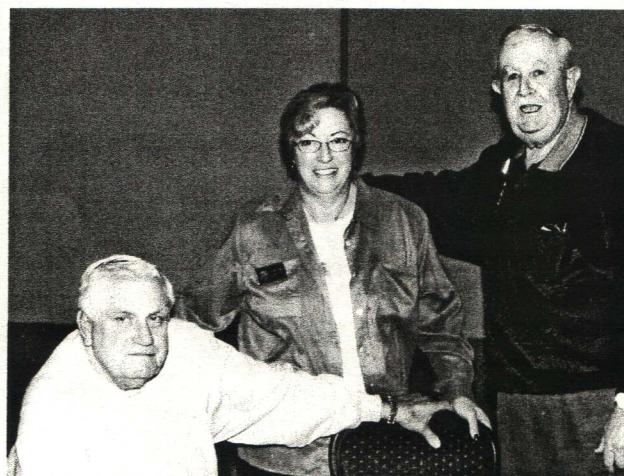
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Paul



There's never a better time than today to do what you've been putting off until today!

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