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Pot'o Gold

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The President's Message

When the holidays go away we exhale, we decompress, we renew ourselves for the year to come. By mid-January the anti-climatic gloomies are gone, we're ready for the coming year, and what a perfect time to get back to our

regular schedule of the third Thursday of each month. In January it found 73 of us at the Carson Nugget, and with a healthy "Pot-of-Gold" raffle many of us walked away with a gift-wrapped post-Christmas delight.

Thanks to all of you who shook away end-of-year cobwebs and braved the elements to gather and mingle, the fellowship was grand. Sergeant Tom Mezzetta led us in the pledge to the flag. His presence and demeanor alone stood us at attention. Juanita Coyle and Jean Econamakos helped us as "Greeters," making the "Pot-of-Gold" go as fast as I could read numbers.

Our speakers came with some authentic color, one was even conspicuously armed. With orange western shirts, open-range scarves, and boots that needed only the aroma of cow paddies, this tandem team (Larry McPherson





and Bob Moore) transported us back to pre-telegraph times in the last century with tales of the Pony Express.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the survey request from the Grand President of the International Footprint Association. We got a significant number, and I'm sure Jay Conner will appreciate the response.

See you all in February.

Phil



Vice-Presidents' Stuff

Now that the holidays are behind us and everyone survived the greatest storm in almost a century, and without incident hopefully; we can now concentrate our efforts on mapping our plans for the remainder of the year. Of course, one of the better events to plan for is our Inter-

national Footprint Assn. (IFA), Carson Valley Chapter #72 meetings. They are scheduled in the evening at a very nice local banquet facility on the third Thursday of each month (July and December are excluded). By attending the meetings, you avail yourself the opportunity of: Engaging in good fellowship, having a nice meal, listening to an interesting speaker and supporting your IFA, Carson Valley Chapter #72. It is only through you, our members, we are able to achieve our goals, one of which is to; support our local law enforcement agency through monetary donations. These contributions are used to fund needed items that didn't quite make it through the budgeting process. Our financial gifts are also very much appreciated by the recipients. Please continue your support and make a pledge to attend our monthly scheduled meetings. By making this commitment up front, you will ensure yourselves of having at least one impressive evening out during the month.

I hope all attendees at our IFA January meeting enjoyed the Pony Express presentation given by Mr. Larry McPherson and Mr. Bob Moore. It was well done and very enlightening! Now for February; our guest speaker will be Mr. Tom Bartels, Horologist. Tom has his own extremely successful business in the Carson Valley. He is involved with: Antique Repair, Restorations and Appraisals. His presentation

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The Sec'y/Treas. Message

Thanks to everyone at the January dinner who took the time to fill out the Grand President's member survey. They were packaged up and sent off to the GP

Jay Conner.

Congrats to the Tomlinson's for sponsoring Lupy and Lynda Lopez as new members. Also to the Nowosads for sponsoring Dave and Peggy Ausbrook. Your recruiting awards should be ready for presentation at the next meeting. We now stand at 158 regular members; 19 of which have been signed up during this fiscal year!! Rumor has it that Fred Hersey has a number of additional new members in the wings..... I would like to add that it is nice to see those successful recruiters wearing their awards at our dinner meetings.

I have several items that were left after the December Potluck soiree at our house: a black-handled knife with an 8" serrated blade; a small metal spatula with a wooden handle; and a white dish towel with orange trim. If they sound like yours, give me a call.

According to our chapter bylaws, the President will appoint a Nominating Committee in February of each year; this committee will recommend its slate of officers & directors for the 7/1/05-6/30/06 year to the membership at the regular March meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at both the March and April meetings; the elections will be held at the regular April meeting.

See you at the February dinner.

Ray

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From the Newsletter Editor

What a delight to have so many folks respond to my request for newsletter help in the last issue! A half dozen of you called (unfortunately I had to be out of town and didn't get to talk to you) and

another 3-4 spoke to me at the Jan. meeting. This will allow me to spread the work around and each person shouldn't have to work more than twice in a year. I'll be in touch with you as time goes by.

The weather since Thanksgiving has been unusually trying. The snow, ice, and fog contribute to driving conditions that are very chancy. Improve your odds by checking tire tread, windshield wipers, and carrying cold weather gear such as a scraper, shovel, and spray can of windshield de-icer. On one recent evening the frost had developed on my front windshield by 10PM and my drive home was one I don't care to do again. If it isn't raining a large sheet of cardboard stuck under your wipers can help keep the windshield clear while you're parked away from your garage.

We're planning a long road trip to the southeast of the country in March/April so expect some kind of change in the newsletter routine then. Keep well and I'll see you at the February meeting.

Paul

February Birthdays Richard Carty Michael Edison Jeanene Kapler 12 10 Joel Morrison Fred Asmann 15 12 James Sanwick 17 Vernon Fix 16 Robert Lechien Frank Woomer 21 25 Bayan Lewis William Neumann



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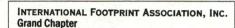
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will be about "American Masterpieces; Tall Clocks of the Eighteenth Century." This will be a show and tell session and a meeting you will not want to miss, especially if you have or collect any of the old time pieces.

Our next IFA, Carson Valley Chapter #72 meeting will be held on February 17, 2005 at the Carson Valley Inn, lower level banquet room, in the Town of Minden. The Carson Valley Inn people always do a superb job with the main entrees and desserts they prepare for us. Our evening meeting begins at 6:00PM (No Host Drinks). The pledge of allegiance will be given and dinner (Buffet Style) begins at 7:00PM. Mr. Bartels begins his presentation about 7:45PM. Immediately thereafter, our "Pot- O- Gold" drawing takes place. The fee for this fun evening will be \$17.00 per person. Make your reservations early and participate in the "Early Bird" drawing for a free dinner.

Larry and Rocky



Jay Conner Grand President

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Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end!



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