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The President's Message

August found 110 members and guests enjoying a buffet dinner with a fascinating speaker at the Carson Valley Inn. Thanks to the unsung heroes of C.V.I.'s staff, they were able to shoehorn us all in. Sorry for the delay to those who had to wait for an additional table.

We went through a packed agenda, starting with our quarterly Law Enforcement Service Recognition Award. This is our chapter's way of expressing our appreciation to law enforcement and public safety personnel for sustained excellence and professionalism in the performance of their duties. Sheriff Ron Pierini offered up one of Douglas County's favorites, Sgt. Tom Mezzetta. Judging by the standing ovation, the choice was indeed a crowd pleaser. Tom is the public face of the Sheriff's Office, and has a finger in nearly every pie. It helps that he's a tireless worker.

Our speaker for the evening was Captain Dave Cronin, a retired United Airlines pilot. He took us through Flight 811 bound for Auckland and Sydney from Honolulu. The experience had us on the edge of our seat, with most of us just shaking our heads in awe and amazement. After a cargo door blew open, a depressurized explosion occurred, seats and bodies flew out the hole in the side of the air craft, and Dave Cronin was able to return to Honolulu saving the remaining passengers with a safe landing. The calmness and skill of this modest hero was impressive. Dave credits God. Who should argue?

Most of us are more than a little pleased with our growth. The more the merrier kind of thing. At this meeting Ray Hoyt was able to swear in 16 new members. He took five of their applications of membership at the door, and got all approved by a vote from the audience on hand. We were also able to hand out four recruitment pins, an inducement for members to ask their friends and neighbors to join. We are a reflection of our neighborhood. Each new member brings a different life story and is an asset that enriches our own sense of community. One potential new member present was Dawn Gibbons, U.S. Congressional candidate and guest of Mary Jane Harding.

Our Pot-of-Gold performed well thanks to your generous contribution of gifts and ticket buying. We generated \$363.00. I'd also like to extend special thanks to our Secretary/Treasurer, Ray Hoyt. I'm convinced that due to his diligence in putting together all the data, and packaging it in such a professional easy to read document, we once again won the Ed Shapiro Award for the best, most active, progressive, proactive, and brightest dog in the neighborhood chapter. This is our second year in a row, and it may be mentioned in the local paper.

A lot of credit can go to our greeters, Margie Runyon and Mary Jane Harding, as well as Sergeant-at-Arms, Kathie Kasper, for getting us out of there by 9:00 pm. Thanks to their efficiency, the raffle number reading business and gift distribution operated at top speed. Thanks also to Dick Hill for leading us in the pledge of allegiance. Hope to see you in September at Fandango's. Be safe...

Phillip



The Sec'y/Treas. Message

I'm still working with the new Grand Secretary-Treasurer (Bill MacAdam in Los Angeles, CA) to get our new 2005-06 membership cards. As soon as they arrive, I'll type them up and start distributing them to you.

I still have not heard from 14 members with their intentions on whether or not they plan to renew their membership. If you are one of the 14, please let me know what you plan to do. It would be extremely helpful for our record keeping and budget preparation to know your intentions. You can call me at 267-4355, or email me at hoytr@earthlink.net.

I would like to remind everyone that it is **very important** that you call one of the people listed on page one of this newsletter every month to advise if you plan to attend the dinner meetings.

We need to know, preferably by ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE, if you are coming. An accurate count ensures that the restaurant can be informed on how many to set up and prepare food for. Please try to help us out with this notification.

Our membership now totals 174 regular and 5 associate members. This includes the 14, mentioned above, whose dues are delinquent. Our associate members are: Jerry Redford, Past Grand President and current Secretary-Treasurer of Peninsula Chapter #35; Bill Barnes, Secretary-Treasurer of North Bay Chapter #15; Glen Lade, member of East Bay Chapter #7; Wally Maxwell, member of Los Angeles Chapter #2 and current resident of Elko, NV; and Joe Pon, member of San Francisco Chapter #1. In order to be as associate member of our or any other chapter, one must be a regular member of their home chapter.

Ray

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Vice-Presidents' Stuff

David Cronin, United Airlines flight captain (Retired) certainly knows how to captivate an audience. His presentation on air disaster, UA flight 811, February 24, 1989 from Honolulu to Auckland and Sidney was everything anticipated, plus! If you didn't get enough of David's heroics at the meeting, you still have time. He will be competing and piloting an aircraft in the upcoming Reno air races. What an inspiration this man is!

CONGRATULATIONS SERGEANT TOM MEZZETTA on receiving your Carson Valley Chapter #72 Footprinters special recognition award. Incidentally, Tom's primary duties include acting as the Administration and Public Information Officer for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office. He has 23 years service, both he and his wife Amy are Carson Valley, Chapter #72 Footprinters. We are truly fortunate to have a high achiever like Tom serving our needs here in Douglas County.

Ms Connie Richardson, Domestic Violence Coord. at the DCSO will be the guest speaker at our September 15, 2005 gathering. Ms Richardson's duties are all about Domestic Violence (DV). And, that is what her presentation will be about. Connie is the "Top Dog" when it comes to DV here in Douglas County. That is to say, her duties include training the Douglas County

sheriffs' and reserve deputies on DV. She is also involved with FBI Instructor Development and the prosecution of DV cases. On a nation wide basis, DV has always been a gigantic and growing problem for law enforcement. For example, On Sunday, August 18, 2005 at 5:30AM, Officer Al Del Vecchio, one of Reno's finest and a former Douglas County Deputy was shot twice after responding to a domestic violence call. We wish him a speedy and full recovery. I hope I've piqued your interest in Domestic Violence here in Douglas County because Ms Richardson's presentation will be most informative. Don't miss it, see you there!

Our next meeting will be on September 15, 2005 at the Casino Fandango in Carson City. Our dinner meeting starts at 6:00PM (No Host Drinks). The pledge of allegiance will be given and dinner begins at 7:00PM. Ms Richardson's presentation is set for about 7:45PM. The Treasurer's report will be given followed by our "Pot-O-Gold" activities. Dinner and dessert will be from the Casino Fandango's fabulous buffet line. The fee for this evenings get away will be \$17.00 per attendee. Call your reservations in early for the Early Bird Drawing. Bring friends, buy lots of raffle tickets and have a great and entertaining evening. See you there!

Larry & Rocky



From the Newsletter Editor

Those of you who have been in Footprinters for some time will recall the historical series printed in Ray Hoyt's columns. However, for the sake of the newer members I'd like to throw out my personal (not officially sanctioned) answer to the frequently-heard question, "What is the Footprinters?"

To my view we are a social organization whose members strongly support Law Enforcement. We have monthly dinner meetings, fund our activities through monthly raffle drawings, and have guest speakers at meetings on Public Safety and other areas of interest. Annually, we donate a sizeable sum for a purpose proposed by the law enforcement community. Most of our chapters are in the US West.

While we must staff officerships we ask little else of our members except to come to the dinners and support the regular raffles. Such a deal! ...hard to find others like it. And, special thanks to helpers like greeters and newsletter distributors. See you soon, *Paul*

September Birthdays

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| Emmett Hahn | 2 | Jerry Goehring | 3 |
| Ron Weeks | 3 | Cindy Osowski | 11 |
| Paul Conrad | 12 | Barb Stapleton | 17 |
| John Wise | 21 | Liz Neumann | 24 |
| Leo Chaffin | 25 | Earl Hanes | 25 |
| Juanita Coyle | 28 | Larry Parrish | 28 |

Happy Birthday!

In Memoriam

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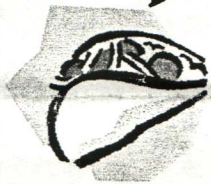
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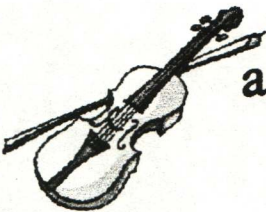


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Lactomangulation: Manhandling the "open here" spout on a milk carton so badly the you must resort to opening the *illegal* side.



**Remember
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August Initiation Crowd



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