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The President's Message

What a meeting we had in September. First, Justice Nancy Saitta had a death in her family and had to cancel at the last minute. We are sorry for her loss.

Thanks to our 2nd Vice-President Tom Mezzetta's quick actions, we had one of the best speakers of the year. Don Lane of the U.S. Forest Service gave us a History lesson of Lake Tahoe and the Carson Valley. The events and people he talked of came to life for us thru his words. We lived and walked in that time thru him. His ability to remember all the dates, names, and locations was incredible. His talents are not wasted. He is an author, and hosts a radio show. It makes you want to run to the bookstore to read all his other stories. Thanks to Don for coming on such short notice, and to

Tom for his efforts. I told Tom, you all owe him, as you would not want to see me sing and dance for 20 minutes, as I can't sing or dance.

I want to again thank all the members who came, those who came with guests. And all those who came with extra gifts, and all that purchased extra raffle tickets. Thanks to your efforts we will be able to contribute a nice amount at the end of our year and lots of people go home happy with the prizes they have won.

Hope to see you on October 16th at the Nugget. I promise you Tom has another great program planned.





From the Secretary-Treasurer

As I pen this column, we are a few days away from the end of September; the end of the grace period for renewing membership in the chapter. It appears that we

will lose 24 members for one reason or another due to non-renewal of their memberships. This represents a 14.3% loss in our strength! I would remind you that we have not recruited a single new member this past three months. I am pretty sure that we can do better.

At the Grand Chapter level, membership strength is not doing well either. Available figures as of 6/30/08 (end of last fiscal year) reveal that half of our chapters lost members during the previous year. Total membership strength went down from 2,525 members to 2,354 – a 6.8% loss. Here in District 2, we have four active chapters: San Francisco #1, North Bay Counties #15 (Marin County and

surrounding areas), Peninsula #35 (South Bay Area), and us. Just a few years ago, there were three other chapters in District 2 who have since become defunct or inactive – Sacramento #4, East Bay #7, and The Redwoods #66 (Crescent City area).

In our district, we are the only chapter out of four to show a net loss between 6/30/07 and 6/30/08. This situation could continue unless we initiate some action to recruit at least 25 new members in the next nine (09) months – that's 2.8 new members every month!!!!! We should not rely on the same outstanding recruiters as we have always done; if 20% of our membership recruited one member each during the remainder of this fiscal year, we would achieve our objective to have a year of positive growth. I think we are up to the challenge.

Ray

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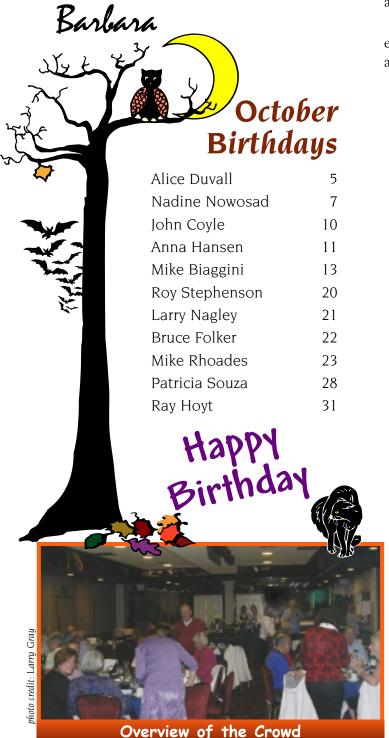
Vice Presidents' Stuff



Greetings from the 1st Vice President

Our next meeting will be held at the Carson Nugget on October 16, 2008. No host cocktails begin at 6:00 P.M. Dinner will be served at 7:00 P.M. The price for

dinner is \$21.00. Please call or email your reservations to Claudia, Ray or myself so you are eligible for the Early Bird drawing. Call or email even if you aren't able to make it, you will still be eligible. I look forward to seeing you there.



From the 2nd Vice President

Our guest speaker on October 16th will be Brandon Rhoades. Brandon was raised in the Carson Valley and graduated from Douglas High School in 1998. After



graduation, Brandon joined the United States Army and was stationed at Fort Stewart in Savannah, Georgia with the 3rd Infantry Division, 7th U.S. Calvary. Brandon served six years in the Army with deployments to Bosnia and Iraq. Brandon currently works as a mortgage broker at MTM Home Loans here in the Carson Valley.

Brandon will be bringing photos depicting his experiences while deployed in the service of our nation and will discuss those experiences.

Tom







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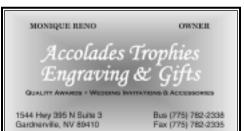
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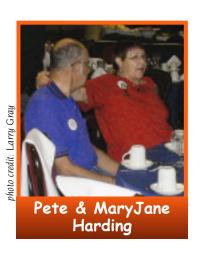
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