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The President's Message

We just witnessed a very successful October Association meeting with a great venue and a talented speaker. I truly believe General Abizaid is one of our national patriots. His message was clear – we need to understand

our enemy, and that enemy is not the entire Middle Eastern world. I am reminded by his remarks that the Christian (Catholic) world went through the same trials and a fanatical period some 600 years ago. The "Church" engaged in a protracted period of fanatical cleansing of "unfaithful" which included the bloody Spanish Inquisition. This period led to the eventual breakout of more restrained beliefs including the Protestant and Church of England Christian beliefs and teachings as a rebellion against the Roman Church. Mohammed came along some 600 years after Christ. Perhaps we are now experiencing the same period of radical activities and dictated beliefs on the part of the fanatical arm of the Muslim world as was experienced during the Christian period 600 years ago. Who knows?

General Abizaid also stressed the need for all of us to vote and I hope you did/will. It is not critical who you vote/voted for, but that you exercise that democratic right we in America have and so many other nations don't share in. By the time you get this news letter, the election will/may be over and some will rejoice and some will complain about the outcome. If you voted, you get to do one of those things. If you didn't, you have no right to complain about the outcome.

The November meeting is coming up and I hope to see all

of you who attended in October plus a few more. Remember your "Pot of Gold" gift; buy lots of tickets and I'll see you soon.







From the Secretary-Treasurer

Our October dinner meeting was a resounding success. The presentation by retired U.S. Army General John Abizaid was outstanding. We also had a color guard from the local Civil Air Patrol which was a nice

touch to start off the evening. I'd like to mention here that we were faced with a bit of a dilemma with the five members of the high school-aged color guard. We operate our chapter's finances very carefully and buying five extra dinners for these teenagers represented a \$100 expenditure we hadn't planned on or budgeted for. The Carson Valley Inn stepped up and volunteered to "comp" those five dinners to resolve the issue. When the bill comes, I plan to express the gratitude of the chapter for their generosity when payment is made.

As most of you know, in December each year, instead of having our usual dinner meeting in one of our rotating venues, we (Larna and I) have invited everyone to our home for a pot luck Christmas social – no business meeting, no Pot of Gold, just a time to gather socially and break bread together. We've been hosting this December pot luck for many years, and thoroughly enjoy doing it. We supply all liquid refreshments (full bar, beer, soda, water, etc.); members are asked to bring their favorite finger food, salads, desserts, or whatever. So, when is this event, you might ask? In an effort to not crowd Christmas week, we've decided on Sunday, December 12th, starting at about 2:00 PM. The regular telephone/email reservation system will be in play so we can get a ballpark idea on attendance. Our address is 1355 Sanden Lane, Minden (Johnson Lane area). Next month, I'll provide some directions for those who've not attended before.

See you at the next dinner.



Vice Presidents' Stuff



Hello from the 1st Vice President

Hello fellow Footprinters.....

Thanks to all who attended the October meeting - there was a fabulous turn out for General Abizaid.

Our November 18, 2010 meeting will be at the ever popular Casino Fandango in Carson City. Our dinner price continues to be \$14.00 which includes tax, gratuity and the terrific bar with beverage prices only costing \$1.00.

Social hour starts at 6 PM – dinner at 7 PM. Remember to RSVP whether you're attending or not and get your name in to the free dinner drawing. Bring a friend and a "Pot O' Gold" gift for what promises to be another interesting meeting!

Charlene

From the 2nd Vice President

Wow!!! You could have heard a pin drop on the carpet. All eyes and ears were glued on General John Abizaid It was quite an honor to have the General talk to us about the



mindset of Middle Easterners as it relates to our presence in their part of the world. What a great experience! Thank you so much John and Kathy Abizaid.

Many thanks to our local Civil Air Patrol Color Guard for presenting the colors to begin our meeting. It is so great to see our younger generation Americans take pride in honoring our Country.

Our November 18, 2010 guest speakers will be Kathleen Bent, Director of Douglas Mental Health Clinic and her assistant Theresa Miller. Their presentation will be about Rural Clinics in Nevada. They will explain the services offered including mental health emergencies. They will also discuss the stigma associated with mental health.

See you in November at the Casino Fandango



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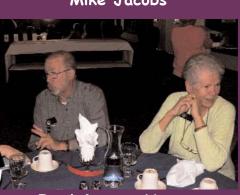
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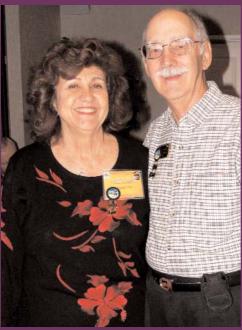
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