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The President's Message

Well, another month!. When I left you last month in the newsletter, I had spent four years in boarding school in Scotland (including some serious corporal punishment along the way). That came to an end when I was 14 and mother decided

I needed to go to an American school. With all my worldly possessions (one suitcase), I boarded a train (the Royal Scotsman this time) and headed to Southampton. (England) There, I boarded the Queen Mary (now tied up in Long Beach harbor, however it sailed the Atlantic Ocean from 1936 to 1967) during a fierce December North Atlantic storm and headed to New York. Because my step-dad represented Cunard Steam Ships, I had the run of the ship, including the bridge. In New York, a beautiful young North West Airlines stewardess met me and squired me around this great city for the whole day. It was the first time I had fallen in love. Like many of my later attractions, it only lasted one day. She put me on a NW DC-6 heading west and I spent the next two vears living with my Aunt in Lewiston, Idaho. During the summers I earned a dollar a day riding fence at my grandfather's ranch in the high country above the Clearwater River near the Lolo Trail.

parents who had transferred to Trinidad in the Caribbean. I spent a year and a half in that tropical paradise (it was run by the British then, so it was still nice) going to the American school on the U.S. Naval Base. I was uprooted again when my parents headed back to Hong Kong. So, I went to live with my grandmother in Burbank, California. When I finished high school, I took a six month vacation via ship back to Hong Kong. This was another great experience for me, an 18 year old staying in that open city.

Then, it was back to Burbank, California where I became a Pasadena Police Cadet for a couple of years. On my time off, I often worked for a local plumber who owned a drag race car. I soon became part of his crew and after a year of "wrenching" (working on race cars), I became a driver. Driving one of the early (1961-62) fuel rails was a great adventure. I raced the West Coast circuit, and in 1962, I drove my car 172 miles an hour and clocked 7.20 seconds in the quarter mile drags in the Chevy rail - how great was that? Actually, compared to today's speeds of 300 mph+ in 3 seconds it was fairly slow; but it was near record setting in that day.

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At 16 years old, I now headed back to live with my



From the Secretary-Treasurer

Our annual cycle of nomination/election of officers and directors begins this month.

February: President appoints a Nominating Committee; March:

Nominating Committee reports to membership; additional nominations may be made from the floor; April: Additional nominations, election of officers and directors; July 1: Officers and directors take office

The reason that we hold our elections so early is that we are mandated by the Grand Chapter to hold our elections prior to May 1, with the election results reported to the Grand Chapter postmarked by May 1. (Grand Bylaws 8.11)

The other Grand Chapter mandate that comes due during this time of year is the Annual Report that is due

to the Grand Secretary-Treasurer, also on May 1. Quoting from Grand Bylaws 8.13: "... The report shall state the work progress and development of the Subordinate Chapter, the number of members, a list of deceased members, the results of election of officers and directors and their names and positions, and in general a full and true report of the activities of the Subordinate Chapter." I have prepared this report every year since I was first elected your Secretary-Treasurer.

This month's meeting should be a real treat; retired Douglas County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Lance Modispacher is going to speak on "the good old days in the Carson Valley!" You won't want to miss it!

Kay



Hello from the 1st Vice President

Hello Everyone.....

Thanks to all who attended our January gathering at the Plaza Convention Center. Now, if you thought that was a great

evening out; I know you will enjoy attending our February meeting because it is being held at one of our members' favorite locations, the Casino Fandango in Carson City. The atmosphere is wonderful, the available entertainment exciting, the selection of food and its quality will always exceed your expectations. The meeting will be held on February 17, 2011. Remember to RSVP by February 10, 2011. A no host bar starts at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Our Guest Speaker will thrill your socks off! The cost for this super charged evening including dinner will be \$15.00 per person.

See you at the Casino Fandango on February 17th. Bring a friend, bring a Pot of Gold gift, buy lots of raffle tickets and treat yourselves to a fantastic evening.

Birthdays

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February

Richard Carty

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Don McRoberts

Shirley Capellino

From the 2nd Vice President

Many thanks to Deputy Teresa Duffy for a very informative talk about abuse. We learned about what to watch out for in nursing homes. We also learned about



many scams and frauds that are inflicted upon us. "Bad Guys" focus on elder people because we are the ones who have some money (that we have saved all our lives). We have to be very careful. NEVER give anything (money or information) to anyone!!! Unless, you absolutely know they are legitimate.

Good thoughts... Our February speaker is Lance Modispacher. He is retired from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and is currently doing real estate with Century 21. Lance came to Douglas County as a child and he will take us on a memory lane ride as he grew up here. He is fun to listen to and we will love this very enjoyable evening with him at the Casino Fandango in Carson City.

Janet



The world's smallest ambulance - not to mention the world's smallest Auburn 852 - greeted conventioneers from the International Footprint Association, Chapter Two, at a Los Angeles hotel ballroom in 1936. The mellow swing and sway was broadcast live to a breathlessly waiting KMTR audience at home, while footsore dancers dodged the flashing red lights and spinning Goodyear Balloon tires of the baby Auburn, under the haphazard control of an attendant with severely restricted vision. Must have been quite a party.

From the November 2010 issue of Hemmings



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2nd VP Janet Asmann Guest Speaker Teresa Duffy President Bayan Lewis

President continued:

At the ripe old age of 21 and two months, I entered the Los Angeles Police Academy and started a whole new phase of my life.

I have never figured how many miles I traveled around the world as a youth, but I went completely around at least twice, plus many side trips, mostly by ship and train. I visited many places during these trips including Midway, Hawaii, Manila, Singapore, Bombay, Beirut, Cairo (via the Suez Canal), Gibraltar, Amsterdam, Montreal and many more. I just wish I could be doing all of it again now.

Well, see you in February for a great presentation on "'Earlier Years" in the Carson Valley. Bring a Pot of Gold gift and your usual great attitude for our next meeting. PS... No more of the Life of Lewis drivel next month.

Bayan

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1995-96	Ray Hoyt
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1997-98	Elza Turkington, deceased
1998-99	Bob Minton
1999-00	Rodney Snead
2000-01	Fred Hersey
2001-02	Clay Hill
2002-03	Grady Goodwin,
	deceased
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