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The President's Message

Well, I told those of you who were at the last (November) meeting that I would expound on my latest adventure. I am relating the facts of this event because not many souls get to do what I just finished. I am speaking of my annual cattle drive.

When I say annual, I mean this was my 20th consecutive annual drive. Because a doctor with 30 drives and an investment banker with 25 didn't come this year, I became the "old man of the drive".

The drive, always in November, starts south of Bridgeport, Calif., and crossing highway 395 (with CHP help) heads north along the East Walker River, then over the Sweetwater Pass, and down into Smith Valley, Nevada. It ends at the Hunewill Guest Ranch at the far northwest corner of Smith Valley. Some 60 plus miles in distance, it takes five days to move the herd north. The cattle are moved for the simple reason that Bridgeport can experience up to eight feet of snow in the winter and would necessitate hay feeding if left there. Smith Valley, some 2000 feet lower, does not suffer the extreme weather the Bridgeport vicinity experiences.

This year the weather was mixed with it starting off cool on Monday and by Wednesday we were crossing the Sweetwater Pass in driving sleet and heavy wet blowing snow all day. I have experienced short sleeve shirt weather and freezing cold rain and snow through the years. It's Nevada; you never know what tomorrow's weather will bring. My wife, Denise has joined me on many of these drives, but this year she came on the last day, Friday, for the final 12 miles to the ranch.

We started with 617 cows, and only "misplaced" five along the 62 miles. They will be recovered as they turn up at various ranches along the way. Cows are very adept at hiding when they know you are looking for them.

There is always one adventure or another as the cows try to get into alfalfa fields and even people's yards along the way. We have developed a bovine specific vocabulary relating to these missteps. From experiencing a COW-TAS-TROPHY to UDDER CONFUSION, and experiencing annual DE-JA-MOO, we have to deal with cow mentality the whole way. It's like dealing with 617 badly behaved 5 to 6 year old little boys, all on a five day outing. When it's over I feel like I need to see aPSY-COW-ATRIST. Do I pay to experience this pain and suffering? Yes, I do. I pay good money to work hard, get cold and smelly, and be frustrated by horse and cow antics which would try any man's patience. Do I enjoy it? No, I love it and I will do it until I can't get up on my horse any longer.

Every man should build at least one house and also go on a cattle drive. I have done both, but I will never build another house. So...see you for the December Christmas Party at Ray's and I should be completely healed by then (both mentally and physically). If you are not able to attend, then have a wonderful, safe and happy holiday season and we'll be back together in mid January

Bayan



From the Secretary-Treasurer

For some reason, on page two of last month's newsletter where the November Birthdays are listed, we missed one! Bill and Marianne Isaacs celebrate their birthdays two days apart; hers was listed but we missed his... Happy belated birthday to Bill Isaacs.

Every December since 1993, we have hosted the Chapter Christmas Potluck at our place! This year we continue the tradition. It will be on Sunday, December 12th starting at 2:00 PM. Bring your favorite finger food, hors d'oeuvres, salad or dessert; we'll supply all of the liquid refreshments. There will be no business conducted and no Pot of Gold, just an opportunity for us to socialize and break bread together.

We live at 1355 Sanden Lane (Johnson Lane area). From Minden or Gardnerville, proceed north on US395, turn right on Johnson Lane. Go 2 miles to Vicky Lane. Turn left and go to Sanden Lane. Turn right to 1355. From Carson City or Jacks Valley, proceed south on US395, turn left on Stephanie Way. Go 2 miles to Vicky Lane. Turn right and go to Sanden Lane. Turn left to 1355.

If past years are any indication, it should be tons of fun! Just so we'll know how many to expect, the reservation system will be in effect for this event. See you on the 12th.

Ray



Vice Presidents' Stuff

Hello from the 1st Vice President

Hello Everyone.....

I hope your Thanksgiving will be filled with love and laughter!

Thanks to all who attended the November meeting at the Casino Fandango and be sure not to miss the Hoyt's Christmas "Open House" on December 12th. Let's make 2011 the year of the RSVP - although not required, it is a courtesy and it certainly makes it easier for all concerned if we receive your RSVP whether you plan to attend or not. You see, everyone who RSVPs at least ONE WEEK in advance gets their name submitted for a drawing and a chance to win a Free Dinner whether you plan on attending or not. So, it is a Win - Win for everyone!! Thanks in advance for your help in this area.

Since I will be away in December, I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!!

See you in 2011!!

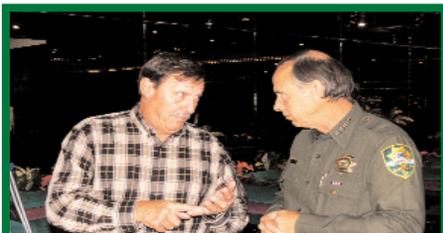
Charlene

December Birthdays

Vic Christ	1
Camille Howard	7
Roger Arthur	13
Suzy Finnigan	16
Ross Spinner	21
Tom Prettyman	29
Philip Miller	31



Happy Birthday



(These Guys are Serious) Pres Bayan Lewis & Carson City Sheriff Ken Furlong



From the 2nd Vice President

Thanks so much to Director Dr. Michelle Burke and Assistant Director Theresa Miller from the Nevada Rural Mental Health Clinics for talking to us about the services they provide to help people with mental health problems such as depression and chemical dependency. Sheriff Ron Pierini also spoke up in strong support of their cause. He said, without help from the mental health clinics; many people would be housed in the local jails at a much higher cost and these people would still not be receiving the appropriate mental health treatment they really need.

Next month, of course, is our Christmas Party at Ray and Larna Hoyt's home. Thanks so much for hosting this party for so many years! Can you believe this? I am just now remembering to put 2010 on my checks, now I have to start all over again with 2011! Anyway, January 20, 2011 will be our first meeting of the New Year. Our guest speaker will be Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy Teresa Duffy. She will speak on abuse, specifically elder abuse. Elder abuse is not only physical; it is also mental and emotional. It further includes scams, fraud and deception at all levels against the elderly. You will all want to hear Deputy Duffy's enlightening talk.

See you at Ray and Larna's in December and next year at the Plaza Convention Center in Carson City. Between now and then, have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Janet



Special Recognition Awardee Carson City Deputy Sheriff Dean Williams

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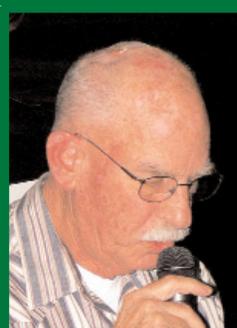
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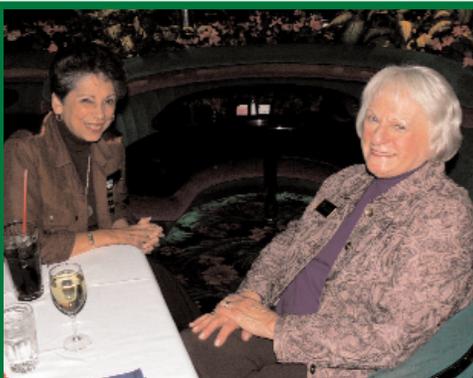
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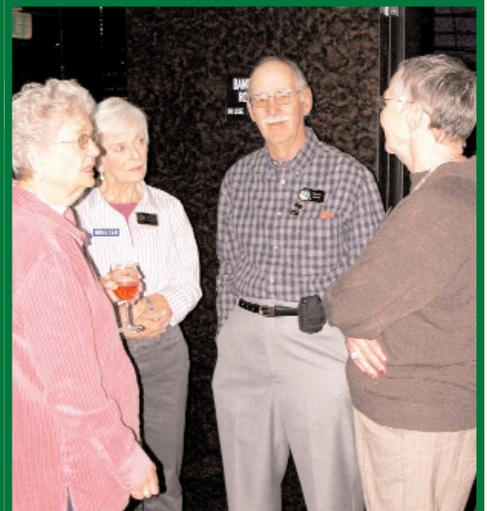
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