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## The President's Message

Well, here we are into the New Year, taxes are not going to go up, but that may have mixed blessings for the future. Watching Congress is like visiting the monkey house at the zoo, constant yelling, squabbling and very little accomplished.

I thought about what I wanted to write about this month and decided I would bore those of you who read this drivel by describing my early childhood, because it was certainly different from most: I was born just as the war started at Letterman General Hospital, in the Presidio of San Francisco. Dad was Army and in charge of dock security in San Francisco. When he shipped out to Africa, mother moved us back to Southern California where she was more comfortable and for the next six years we lived in Baldwin Hills. Following a divorce, my mother married an Englishman she met during his visit to the Southern California area. My adventure began! In 1948 we took a ship out of San Francisco loaded with jeeps and quarter horses for Chiang Kai-shek's army in China. Three weeks later we were in Shanghai, but not for long. My step-dad was the shipping manager for a British steam ship company, Jardine Matheson. A short three months later we had to evacuate China as Mao Tse-Tung and his Communist army burned their way around Shanghai.

We departed on the last ship out, bound for Yokohama, Japan. We lived in a small Japanese summer house on Tokyo Bay; and for the next three years I attended the US Army of Occupation elementary school as the only American civilian child in Yokohama. After three years my step-dad was transferred to Hong Kong and we followed. I of course, not to make things easy, came down with typhoid fever and spent my first month in the Catholic Hospital in Hong Kong. We lived on

the Peak overlooking Aberdeen Bay on the south side of the island. I went to the English Peak School, having to take the Peak Tram every day. I stayed there for almost two years, enjoying my step-dad being manager. We had a yacht and a motor launch and were constantly on the South China Seas. Hong Kong was very small at that time - only two tall buildings which were the two banks down town. Kowloon was just a few Chinese shops and the airport. There was no cross bay tunnel, only the green ferry. The Communists were always threatening at the border in the New Territories and we had an evacuation plan.

In 1952, my step-dad decided I needed an English education, and I was shipped off to boys' boarding school in Scotland. I went from Hong Kong by myself at 9 years of age in a Pan Am DC-6 to London. Then, by the Flying Scotsman (train) up to Dumfries, Scotland. What an experience that was. The school, Holt School, was an old Scottish manor house with its own castle and surrounded by farm lands. Attending this school were 110 boys from the ages of 8 to 16. I was the only American and that's where I learned to fight, as the Scottish boys were always testing how tough an American was. I spent four years there while taking summer vacations in Calcutta, India, Hong Kong the Channel Islands and London.

Well, I'll finish this travelogue next month with some amazing other places. See you in a couple of Thursdays from now. Don't forget to bring your Pot of Gold gift along with loads of money for tickets.

*Bayan*



## From the Secretary-Treasurer

The Christmas potluck at our house was an apparent success with almost 50 people participating. Thanks to all who came and brought some yummy goodies for all to share. As a sidelight, it was especially nice that the previous day, the United States Naval Academy, commonly known as "Navy" did it again, as they have for nine straight years now, when they beat the United States Military Academy, commonly known as "Army" in the annual Army-Navy football game. Go Navy!

Larna and I just got some sad news that a former Footprinter and good friend of ours, Bob McGuire, passed away unexpectedly on December 7th. Bob was a former Marine, a 20-year LAPD retiree who worked most of his career in the Organized Crime Intelligence Division (OCID). Next, he came to work as an

investigator at the Nevada Gaming Control Board and finished up as a polygrapher at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office. He was a good friend for over 30 years.

As we get into 2011, we need to again focus our efforts on recruiting some more new members. I have plenty of applications; they can also be found on our website at <http://www.cvfootprint.org>. New members who join in January will only owe \$14 for the January-June period. The proration continues to decline as we go deeper into 2011.

I hope to see a good turnout for our January dinner meeting.

*Ray*



### *Hello From the 1st Vice President*

Dear Footprinters.....

Here's hoping your holidays have been and will continue to be filled with much laughter and the love of family and friends!

We will be starting our Footprinter new year Jan 20 at the Plaza Conference Center in Carson City – be there at 6 PM to share your holiday stories – dinner will be served at 7 PM.

PLEASE – RSVP by Jan 13 – whether you plan to attend OR not and your name will be entered into our drawing for a free dinner!

My final thought in this message is to wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2011.

*Charlene*



### *Vice Presidents' Stuff*

### *From the 2nd Vice President*

I hope everyone has/will have a great Holiday Season. So far, ours has been exciting yet easy.

Now that we're back to business, I am proud to announce that our January speaker will be Douglas County Deputy Sheriff Teresa Duffy. She will be talking to us about scams, fraud, deception, and any other kind of things the "bad guys" do to people who are vulnerable because they are too trusting. It will be a great learning lesson.

See you all at the Plaza Conference Center in Carson City January 20, 2011!

Merry Christmas and have a very Happy New Year!!!



*Janet*



## *January Birthdays*

- Ronald Pierini 1
- Sandra Harding 3
- Norma Summey 3
- Michael Delczeg 4
- Lois Howell 5
- Leonard Mitchell 5
- Stanley Kapler 6
- Richard Hill 13
- Walter Nowosad 13
- Ann Hersey 15
- Celeste Pierini 20
- Kathie Kasper 22
- Jane Tanaka 24
- Eugene Schmid 25

THE

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party



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the **1/20**  
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