



Carson Valley Footprinter



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The President's Message

Hello All!

I really enjoyed my first meeting as your President. I hope you all had as much fun as I did? I was thrilled to meet John Ascuaga and his lovely wife Rose. He is such a nice man and his life is amazing. Celeste Pierini did an excellent job getting John as our speaker and Bill Peters also did a wonderful job setting up our dinner meeting at the Carson City Nugget Casino. This is Bill and Celeste's first month in office and I know they have been busy since before June making plans. Thank you both.

I was also privileged to meet the recipient of our Special Recognition Award, Douglas County Deputy Chris Carson and his father. Chris's dedication and knowledge of the tech world is invaluable as explained by Douglas County Sheriff Ron Pierini. I am so glad our club has this award so we can show support and appreciation to

an officer who goes above and beyond what is expected of him or her. Great job Chris!

We had a great turn out for our meeting and I want to thank all of you for coming and bringing so many friends and family members. I know some of them joined so kudos for bringing in new members. You were all also great about getting your reservations in to Ray. Thank you.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again September 21st at the Carson Nugget Casino.

Pat

Please Call

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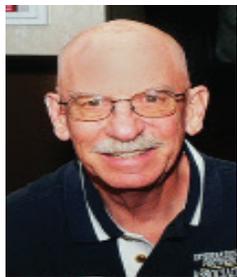
09/21/2017

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Or RSVP via website

at: <http://cvfootprint.org>



From the Secretary-Treasurer

In the last issue of the Carson Valley Footprinter, I wrote about a dilemma with which we on the Board of Directors are currently dealing; that of how to deal with "no-shows" and "late cancellers" at our dinner meetings. Last fiscal year ending in June 2017, we were faced with having to pay for dozens of meals beyond those we had planned on. The two options to combat this problem were identified in the last issue:

- Raise the meal price to our members beyond the current policy of rounding to the next even dollar charged by the venue. As this implies, this option would penalize those who are NOT the problem in order to overcome shortages caused by others.

- Bill no-shows and late cancellers after the fact for the price of the meals their non-attendance costs the chapter. This option seems to be the more equitable of the two.

This was to be discussed at the August meeting in order to get some consensus of the membership on options. Due

to the heavy attendance (82) likely due to our very interesting guest speaker (John Ascuaga), and our quarterly Service Recognition Program award presentation, this discussion was delayed to the September meeting.

Our dues renewals are coming in well. We finished last fiscal year with 114 regular members; to date, 105 have paid their 2017-18 dues. Of the remaining 9, I know that 3 are not renewing, but I have not yet heard from the other 6. The grace period runs for about another month (September 30), so there is still hope that we'll manage to keep all or some of the remaining 6. Stay tuned...

Ray

Vice President's Staff



From the 1st Vice President

Hello all

What a great guest speaker we had at the last meeting. It was fun to hear Mr. Ascuaga talk about his life and the good times he had at the Nugget. It was also fun to see his face and demeanor light up as he recalled certain events from the past. Thank you, Celeste, for getting

such a great guest speaker.

Our meeting on September 21st is at the Carson Nugget Casino in Carson City once again. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Usually we don't have our meetings at the same venue two months in a row, but it's just the way it worked out this time to accommodate our guest speaker, Nevada State Attorney General Adam Laxalt. Plus, it was easier for our Mr. Laxalt to attend. So, it worked out well for all involved.

Have a great month and I'll be seeing you soon.

Bill

August 2017 Birthdays

Pat Gray	09/01
Herschel Jones	09/04
Myrna Morris	09/04
Cynthia Sawyer	09/07
Cynthia Osowski	09/11
Paul Conrad	09/12
Carol Hendee	09/12
Miles Ugarkovich	09/18
David Chieruzzi	09/24
George Lamonica	09/27
Pat Smith	09/30

happy birthday !!



From the 2nd Vice President

Hello Fellow Footprinter's!

I hope you enjoyed yourselves at our recent meeting. As always, the food and hospitality at the Carson Nugget Casino was wonderful.

What a treat to have John Ascuaga and his lovely wife, Rose, at our meeting! John is a hard-working man and truly loves sharing his life and history with people. He is certainly one-of-a-kind, and truly a Nevada legend.

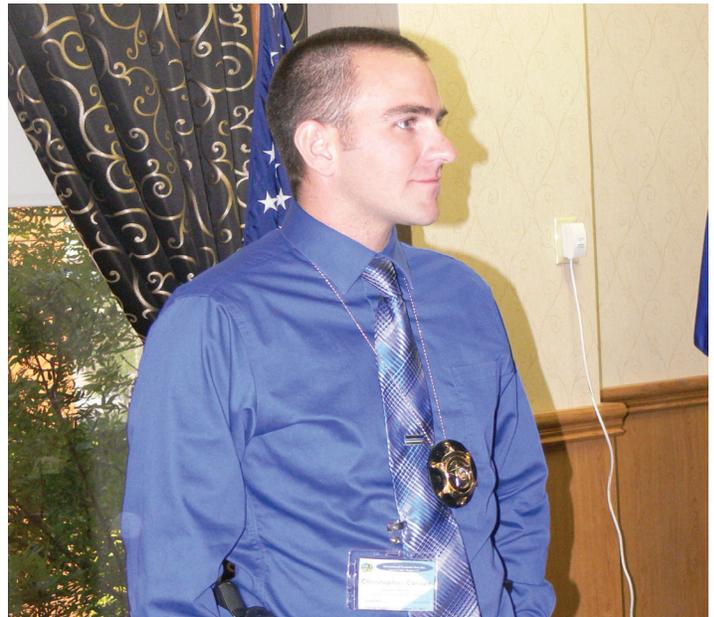
Our next meeting's speaker will be our Attorney General, Adam Laxalt! It was touch-and-go with regard to him being our speaker due to his hectic schedule, but he and his staff worked hard to make it happen. Since he lives in Reno and works in Carson City, the most convenient place for him to speak is in Carson City. I realize we usually go back and forth from Carson City to the Carson Valley, but to make it easier on our guest speaker, we are bending the rule a bit.

I hope you will all come to our next meeting on September 21. I know the Attorney General will be an insightful and dynamic speaker and one not to miss!

Thank you for your presence at our last meeting. I feel our Footprinter's organization is the best and just keeps getting better!
- PS: Please remember to RSVP.



Celeste



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2ns VP Celeste Pierini,
John Ascuaga and his wife Rose
and President Pat Smith



Guest Speaker John Ascuaga



John Ascuaga Discussing His
Casino Ownership And How He
Valued His Employees



Guest Betty Mahoney and Bev Thayer



Guests D. D. Spencer and Janelle Pevey



Douglas County Sheriff Ron Pierini and Member
Presenting Douglas County Deputy Sheriff
Chris Carson With Our
Special Recognition Award



Rose Ascuaga

Annual Donations/Club Membership 2004-2017

TALKING POINTS

The amount of money our club donates annually has been going down for a number of years and for a variety of reasons. With your participation and approval, your Board of Directors would like to take steps to reverse the downward trend in the amount of money we are able to donate annually.

Listed below are several Issues our Club is faced with along with Workable Solutions:

Issues:

- Our annual donation this year was \$1,000.00.
- Our primary source of revenue is derived from our “Pot ‘O’ Gold raffle. This revenue fluctuates based on the number of meeting attendees. Usually it’s between 40 and 50 in attendance.
- Members are making a dinner meeting RSVP and not calling to cancel in a timely manner. On one occasion this year, we had 9 member no shows and that cost the club almost \$200.00. This is an ongoing costly and nagging problem.
- The casinos no longer work with a 10% plus or minus based on the attendance number we give them for their dinners. It is now on the order of 5%.
- On occasion members show-up to a meeting without reservations. With only a 5% margin and an average attendance of fifty (50) members. This explains why we run out of food from time to time. We only have a 2 ½ meal padding.
- The casinos are beginning to charge us \$35.00 or more for the use of their audio/visual equipment. This could add up to \$350.00 or more yearly and it is an expense we have not had before.
- The “Early Bird” drawing program carries an annual expense of about \$230.00.

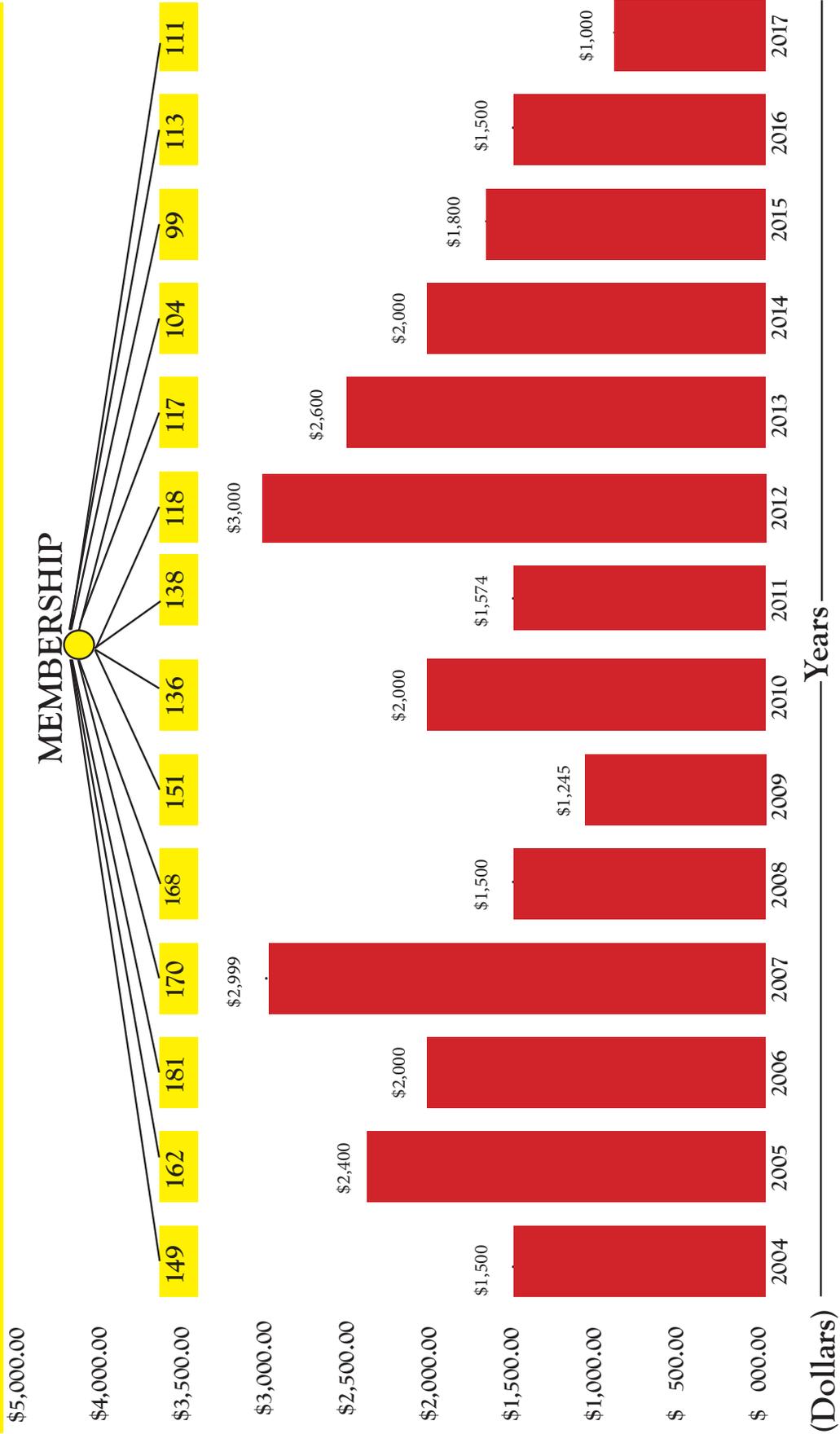
Workable Solutions:

- Maybe we should add an extra dollar or two to the cost of each meal. This would bring in an estimated extra \$600.00 - \$1,200.00 each year?
- Perhaps we should start billing members for their meals if they are a no show and didn’t cancel their reservations in a timely manner?
- Consider adding the special fees charged by the casinos (audio/visual) into the dinner cost?
- Possibly establish a dinner rate for members who RSVP and \$5.00 surcharge if you show-up without reservations. Plus, wait so we can verify enough food is prepared?
- Think about eliminating the “Early Bird “program which is probably a “Sacred Cow” and let the item immediately above take care of our RSVP issue?

Larry Gray

06/12/2017

**IFA Carson Valley Footprinters Chapter #72
Annual Donation/Club Membership 2004-2017**





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CARSON VALLEY CHAPTER #72
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