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Donny Youngblood - Candidate for Kern County Sheriff

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\$20.00 Reward Somewhere hidden within this newsletter is a membership number. If its your number, bring your copy of the newsletter to the next dinner meeting and the \$15.00 is yours. Last month the winner would have been Ed Jagels but he couldn't make it to dinner since he was sick. That's too bad since he was scheduled to speak along with the other candidates. Each month \$5.00 will be added until someone wins then it starts over at \$5.00.

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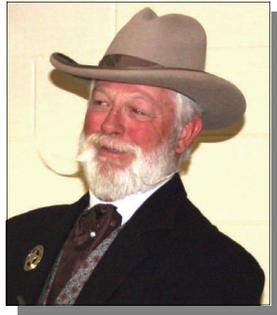
To foster good fellowship, mutual respect, and helpfulness between Peace Officers, Federal Law Enforcement agencies, Business and Professionals and all persons having a sympathetic attitude and understanding toward Law Enforcement and Law Enforcement Agencies; and to promote the true spirit of Americanism.

President's Corner

I hope everyone made it through Halloween and you were able to enjoy all the Trick or Treaters. With Halloween over we're officially into the holiday season with the next big family event Thanksgiving.

Even though we are busy with all the holidays and celebrations coming up, I hope you still will make time for our brothers and sisters at Footprinters Chapter 60 by attending next Wednesday November 8th.

If you have an opinion of whether or not you would like to have speakers each month, I would like to hear from



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Yours for Bigger and Better Footprints,
Mike

you. Also, if you have some ideas for speakers or topics let me hear from you. Your board is open to new ideas to make our chapter fun and interesting for everyone.

Jim Tooker and I just got back from Tombstone, Arizona where they held the 125th anniversary of the Shootout at the O.K. Corral. Of course we dress up as lawmen from the late 1800s, guns and all. I doubt that Wyatt Earp would make it as a lawman today. It seems like he had a habit of beating undesirables with his pistol, called "Buffaloing". They even had sever reenactments of Wyatt buffaloing several people at different times and places supposedly where the buffaloing actually occurred. I think they call that police brutality today!

See you next Wednesday.



Seldom seen Ed Winchester graced us with his presence last month. Ed travels a lot with his work but, when in town, he always takes time for Footprinters.



Vice President, Jim Tooker was the lucky 50/50 drawing winner last month. He donated the winnings right back into the club.

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that the proposition "is not what it presents itself to be. "I am adamantly opposed to the use of eminent domain if it takes from one business to give to another. Property negotiations should be handled fairly without the threat of eminent domain."

"I come with no agenda," she said of her campaign. "I don't have anything that I'm trying to sell one way or the other. I just am me, and that's all I know how to be, and I know that I'm an honest person and my integrity is the most important thing that I have in my life.

"That's the way I have chosen to live my life. And that's the way that I will approach any service in government."

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ness.

As a former Kern County Sheriff's Department Commander I have the Expertise and Leadership to implement my Vision."

Danny Youngblood was one of two speakers we had last month. Mr. Youngblood is a candidate for Kern County Sheriff. The following is some of the highlights of his talk:



“After 30 years of service with the Kern County Sheriff’s Department

I have seen first hand how clear vision and leadership affects the Sheriff’s department and our community. The Sheriff leads department personnel in implementing policies that impact all members of our community. To lead an organization of 1200 employees with a \$150 million annual budget the Sheriff must be someone who is Honest, Educated and Experienced.

In my view, an effective Kern County Sheriff develops and leads community based initiatives which increase the safety of our citizens and their property. In addition, the Sheriff is responsible for coordinating efforts with the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Disaster Planning Organizations. The Sheriff must understand that the Sheriff’s Department belongs to the community and they must become involved to take ownership. Ultimately, the Kern County Sheriff’s Department helps make our community a safe place to live and do business. The morale of the men and women who wear the badge is vital to the success of the department. To successfully lead this department the Sheriff must lead with integrity, expertise and a clear vision.

Historically, the Kern County Sheriff’s Department and the Bakersfield Police Department have been model agencies in the State of California. Other agencies have been known to use our way of doing things to improve their own. We have always been very proud of that. In the three years since I retired, I have watched the reputation of the Sheriff’s Department erode. I have watched the public lose trust and confidence in the leadership of the department. The department needs a leader who is Honest, Educated and Experienced to regain that trust. I recently discussed the future 66543 of the Sheriff’s Department with Carl Sparks and realized I had to stand up and get this organization back to where it used to be.

As an interested Kern County citizen I have a clear vision for how to make our community a safer place to live and do busi-

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Our other speaker, Diane Grattaroti, is a candidate for City Council. The following are highlights of her talk:



“I feel there needs to be a woman’s perspective on the council,” said Ridgecrest City Council Candidate Diane Grattaroti. “We haven’t had a woman on the council since [former Mayor] Donna Darnell left. I think that will bring a dynamic to the council that it hasn’t had for a while. The good Lord created us to think differently, and He did that for a reason.

“My No. 1 issue is public safety,” she said. “I think that the Police Department needs to be manned adequately and needs the equipment to do the job that they’ve got to do. Nothing that we’re accomplishing is going to be worthwhile if this is not a safe place to live. We also need to be prepared for the possibility that we may have to be responsible for our own Fire Department.”

Infrastructure repair improvements are her second concern, said Grattaroti. “Just like everybody else, I know that our streets need to be fixed. We also know that our streets did not get into the state they are in right now overnight, so they’re not going to be fixed overnight.

“But we need to find a way to get this done and I’m not going to come and say that I’ve got all the answers in the world to do that, but I am going to say that I will try my very hardest to make some changes so that is done.”

Grattaroti said her third priority is city programs for local young people. “Our youth are our future, and they need good positive things to do... I would like to work with the Youth Advisory Council and find out what they think needs to be done. I do feel very strongly that we need a drug rehab center, particularly for young people.”

She said she opposes having a medical marijuana dispensary in Ridgecrest.

“As far as I’m concerned the state of California broke federal law when they said it was OK to sell marijuana for medicinal purposes. Selling marijuana is against the law. I feel very strongly about that, and I don’t think it should be done at all.”

Speaking of the city budget, she said she wants to see a more understandable document. “I attended both nights of the budget meetings last week. I feel 100 percent that the city of Ridgecrest budget does not have to be this laborious as the document that was presented that night.

“I agree that there are a lot of details that need to be taken care of, but it needs to be a document that is understandable to the taxpayer and easily understood by the councilmembers so that they can make adequate decisions. And the taxpayers have a right to know where their money goes.”

Speaking of eminent domain and Proposition 90, she warned

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November 7 - Election Day

November 8 - Dinner meeting K of C Hall 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

November 29 - Board of Directors meeting Knights of Columbus Hall, 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.

Announcement: For a monthly automatic meeting reminder send your e-mail address to IFA.60@verizon.net. Newsletter articles & questions welcome.

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December 13 - Dinner meeting K of C Hall 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.

December 16 - Hanukkah

December 21 - Winter begins, shortest day of year

December 24 - Christmas Eve

December 25 - Christmas Day

December 27 - Board of Directors meeting Knights of Columbus Hall, 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.

December 31 - New Year's Eve



Dinner Meeting - November 8, 2006