



INTERNATIONAL FOOTPRINT ASSOCIATION
ERNIE HARRIS RIDGECREST CHAPTER 60



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We meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM at:

The Knights of Columbus Hall
725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.
Ridgecrest, California

Dinner Cost
Members: \$8.00
Non-members: \$9.00

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Organized by Law Enforcement in Fresno, California in 1929



Chief Mike Avery of the Ridgecrest Police Department gave a presentation about the "Challenge Coin Series". See inside for more information.



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Happy Easter



\$5.00 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 \$5.00 is yours. If no one claims the reward \$5.00 will be added every month until claimed. Last month's winner, coincidentally, was Mike Avery. Good luck!

Be sure to visit our web site to keep current with Chapter 60's upcoming events: www.IFA60.com

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Purpose

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

A lot has happened during the month of March. We had a great presentation from member, Chief Mike Avery, of the Ridgecrest Police Department on his "Challenge Coin Series" at our March dinner meeting. During that meeting your chapter donated \$1500.00 to the Ridgecrest Police Department to produce the next coin series: "Do the Best You Can".



The Respect For Law Dinner was well attended by fellow Footprinters held on March 30th at the Elks Lodge. Dinner was prepared by our own Skip Bennett who did an out-

standing job as always. Five members of our local law enforcement community were honored and I was proud to present a plaque to Terry Allen, a Ranger from the BLM.

We have two potential new members who, hopefully, will attend our next meeting with a check in hand. More on that this month.

Don't forget to support your chapter and attend the dinner meeting on April 11th.

See you then.

Yours for Bigger and Better Footprints,

Mike

... I was proud to present a plaque to Terry Allen, a Ranger from the BLM.

Chief Ranger, Ronnie Lewis, of the Bureau of Land Management (right) selected and honored Terry Allen for his outstanding work as a BLM Ranger. Allen is responsible for patrolling 250,000 acres of land - all by himself. "In the past year he eradicated over 50,000 marijuana plants around the Chimney Peak area." said Ronnie Lewis. Footprinter Chapter 60 56565 President Mike Thomas (not pictured) presented a plaque honoring Allen a few minutes earlier. Chapter 60 sponsored the BLM award.



Other Officer of the Year winners were Joseph Dellinger of the China Lake Police Department; Jeff Dumas of the Kern County Sheriff's Department; Aaron Miller of the Ridgecrest Police Department; and Bradley DeGeus Jr. of the Highway Patrol.

Most of the time men and women of law enforcement deal with people that would rather not be dealt with at all. But Friday night, March 30th was different. Over 200 people they dealt with that night provided a collective thank you at the 13th annual Respect for Law Recognition dinner at the Elks Lodge.



The after dinner poker game is becoming real popular. Left to Right at the table: Ken Pritchard, Mike Scott, Jon Wheeler, Skip Bennett, Byron Vink, and Sean Halpin.



"YOU AND YOUR 'HEY, DON'T WORRY, THE KING IS GOING TO LOVE THIS APRIL FOOL'S JOKE'..."



THE NEW, APPROVED WASTE LAND



"April is the cruellest month... cr... since records began, probably due to global warming."

Chief Avery speaks about his new philosophy he has brought to the Ridgecrest Police Department. This philosophy revolves around three key phrases: "Do the Right Thing", "Do the Best You Can", "Treat People the Way You Want to be Treated".



Over the last year the chief has been working on producing a "Challenge Coin Series" with these key phrases on them with the intention of acknowledging sworn and non-sworn personnel as well as community members for good deeds and out-

standing service. He has produced the first coin "Do the Right Thing" and he has been handing them out for a few months. The coins have been received well by the community and his officers. In fact, his officers have been heard to be wanting to "Do the Right Thing" to get a coin! Avery has produced the artwork for the next Challenge Coin "Do the Best You Can" and asked our chapter for financial assistance to purchase this coin.

President Mike Thomas presents a check to Chief Mike Avery in the amount of \$1500.00 to purchase 300 of the "Challenge Coins" "Do the Best That You Can.



Did Avery poke Thomas in the eye to get the donation?



Dana Lyons was the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing. President Mike presents the cash.



Lt. Jon Wheeler and Sgt. Mike Myers of the Ridgecrest Police Department listen with interest as the chief makes his presentation.



Chief Avery presented coins from his "Challenge Coin Series" to eight lucky Footprinters during the March dinner. After the 50/50 drawing tickets were pulled for the presentations. The winners pictured from left to right: Paul Homer, Sean Halpin, Skip Bennett, Diane Guignet, Paul Hape, Larry

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April 1 - April Fool's Day

April 8 - Easter

April 11 - Dinner meeting

April 25 - Board of Directors meeting Knights of
Columbus Hall, 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.

May 2007

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May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

May 9 - Dinner meeting

May 13 - Mother's Day

May 28 - Memorial Day (observed)

May 30 - 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.

We're on the web
www.IFA60.org



Dinner Meeting - April 11, 2007

Chef Skip will prepare a delicious herbal chicken dinner served with delicious rice and green vegetable along with a delectable tossed green salad.