



INTERNATIONAL FOOTPRINT ASSOCIATION
 ERNIE HARRIS RIDGECREST CHAPTER 60



Desert Footprints

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

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

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

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\$10.00 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 \$10.00 is yours. If no one claims the reward \$5.00 will be added every month until claimed. Last month's winner would have been Michael Bryant.

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

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 66552; and to promote the true spirit of Americanism.

Trivia:

What is the meaning of Memorial Day?

(Answer on Page 2)

President's Corner

Don't forget to remember your mother this month on May 13th. And on the last Monday of the month, May 28th, is a very important holiday for Americans - Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is much more than a three-day weekend that marks the beginning of summer. To many people, especially the nation's thousands of combat veterans, this day, which has a history stretching back all the way to the Civil War, is an important reminder of those who died in the service of their country. It's important to take a few



moments with your family to remember who served so honorably and with great sacrifice.

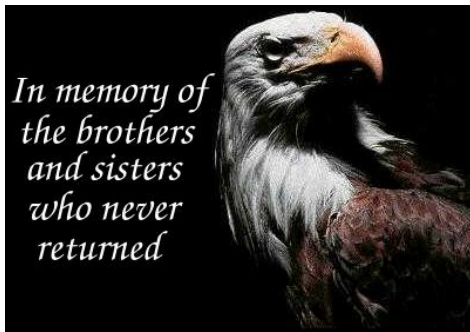
Please RSVP a board member so we can have a head count.

See you there.

Yours for Bigger and Better Footprints,

Mike

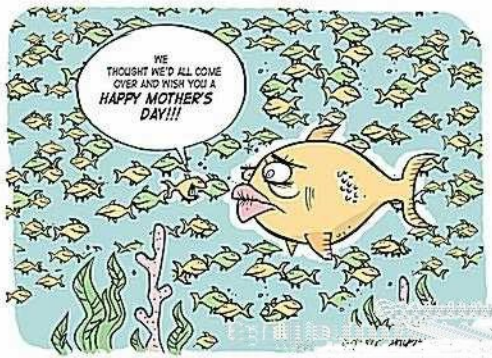
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The first observance of **Mother's Day** in the U.S. was in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1907, it is based on suggestions by Julia Ward Howe in 1872 and Anna Jarvis in 1907.

Ana Jarvis began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. Jarvis persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia to celebrate Mother's Day on the anniversary of her mother's death. A memorial service was held there on May 10, 1908 and in Philadelphia the following year where Jarvis moved.

Jarvis and others began a letter-writing campaign to ministers, businessmen, and politicians in their quest to establish a national Mother's Day. They were successful. President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day a national observance that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.



Trivia answer:

Sadly, traditional observance of Memorial day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday in May.



Vice President Jim Tooker filled in for Mike Thomas at last month's meeting. Mike was busy preparing for the Spring Festival at the Desert Empire Fair.



David Saint-Amand gave a presentation on disaster preparedness last month.



David emphasizes the importance of having enough food, water and medical supplies on hand to last 3 days in the event of a disaster.



Board member, Paul Hape presents prize money to the lucky 50/50 winner.

Some Motherly Advice...

- Always change your underwear; you never know when you'll have an accident.
- Don't make that face or it'll freeze in that position.
- Be careful or you'll put your eye out.
- What if everyone jumped off a cliff? Would you do it, too?
- You have enough dirt behind those ears to grow potatoes!
- Close that door! Were you born in a barn?
- If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.
- Don't put that in your mouth; you don't know where it's been!



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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.

June 2007

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June 13 - Dinner meeting

June 14 - Flag Day

June 17 - Father's Day

June 27 - Board of Directors meeting Knights of
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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 - May 9, 2007

Chef Skip will prepare a delicious meal of **Stuffed Pork Chops** served with all the trimmings along with a delectable tossed green salad.