



INTERNATIONAL FOOTPRINT ASSOCIATION
ERNIE HARRIS RIDGECREST CHAPTER 60



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

The Knights of Colum-
bus Hall
725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.
Ridgecrest, California

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

Desert Footprints

Board of Directors meets
the last Wednesday of
every month 6:00 PM at:

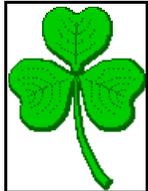
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Members are encouraged to
attend.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

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Trivia

Where did the 1st St.
Patrick's Day Parade
take place?

Answer on Page 2

\$5.00 Reward Somewhere hidden within this newsletter is a membership number. If its your number, bring your copy of the newsletter to the 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 was Director April Halpin who donated the money back to our chapter.

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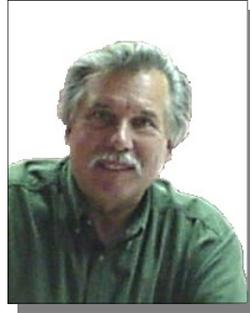
Be sure to visit our web site to keep current with
Chapter 60's upcoming events: www.IFA60.org

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

The Board of Directors decided to shift the nomination of officers and board to March and the election to April to coincide with the Grand Chapter's reporting requirements. So come prepared to nominate someone to run for office or let us know if you would like to run for one of the positions. Ed McIntyre and Paul Hape are our Nomination Committee. Let either one of them know if you are interested. Ed can be reached at 375-3483 and Paul can be reached at 608-0301.



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Since I missed the last dinner meeting there are no member pictures so instead I took the liberty of writing about St. Patrick and the Spring Equinox. I hope you enjoy. Another good thin about this time of year is the days are getting longer and daylight savings starts March 9th.

An important event coming up this month on the 29th is the Respect for Law Dinner at the Elks Lodge. Chapter 60 is sponsoring an award to a member of the District Attorney's Office. I wonder who it will be? Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important event.

Yours for Bigger and Better Footprints,

Jim



Vice Mayor, Tom Wiknich will be our guest speaker at the March dinner. Mr. Wiknich plans to talk about the "Roads Initiative."

Trivia Answer:

The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland, but in the United States. Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City on March 17, 1762. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers to reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as fellow Irishmen serving in the English army. Suddenly, annual St. Patrick's Day parades became a show of strength for Irish Americans, as well as a must-attend event for a slew of political candidates. In 1948, President Truman attended New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade, a proud moment for the many Irish whose ancestors had to fight stereotypes and racial prejudice to find acceptance in America.



"If you fella's are going to sit there nursing one pint all night, you'd better clear off!"

Top April Fool's Day Hoaxes of All Time

(as judged by notoriety, absurdity, and number of people duped)

#1: The Swiss Spaghetti Harvest

In 1957 the respected BBC news show *Panorama* announced that thanks to a very mild winter and the virtual elimination of the dreaded spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. It accompanied this announcement with footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees. Huge numbers of viewers were taken in. Many called the BBC wanting to know how they could grow their own spaghetti tree. To this the BBC diplomatically replied that they should "place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best."



#2: The Taco Liberty Bell

In 1996 the Taco Bell Corporation announced that it had bought the Liberty Bell and was renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell. Hundreds of outraged citizens called the National Historic Park in Philadelphia where the bell was housed to express their anger. Their nerves were only calmed when Taco Bell revealed, a few hours later, that it was all a practical joke. The best line of the day came when White House press secretary Mike McCurry was asked about the sale. Thinking on his feet, he responded that the Lincoln Memorial had also been sold. It would now be known as the Ford Lincoln Mercury Memorial.



#3: The Left-Handed Whopper

In 1998 Burger King published a full page advertisement in *USA Today* announcing the introduction of a new item to their menu: a "Left-Handed Whopper" specially designed for the 32 million left-handed Americans. According to the advertisement, the new whopper included the same ingredients as the original Whopper (lettuce, tomato, hamburger patty, etc.), but all the condiments were rotated 180 degrees for the benefit of their left-handed customers. The following day Burger King issued a follow-up release revealing that although the Left-Handed Whopper was a hoax, thousands of customers had gone into restaurants to request the new sandwich. Simultaneously, according to the press release, "many others requested their own 'right handed' version."



#4: Planetary Alignment Decreases Gravity

In 1976 the British astronomer Patrick Moore announced on BBC Radio 2 that at 9:47 AM a once-in-a-lifetime astronomical event was going to occur that listeners could experience in their very own homes. The planet Pluto would pass behind Jupiter, temporarily causing a gravitational alignment that would counteract and lessen the Earth's own gravity. Moore told his listeners that if they jumped in the air at the exact moment that this planetary alignment occurred, they would experience a strange floating sensation. When 9:47 AM arrived, BBC2 began to receive hundreds of phone calls from listeners claiming to have felt the sensation. One woman even reported that she and her eleven friends had risen from their chairs and floated around the room.

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- April 1** - April Fool's Day
- April 9** - Dinner meeting
- April 20** - Passover Begins
- April 30** - Board of Directors meeting

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- May 5** - Cinco de Mayo
- May 11** - Mother's Day
- May 14** - Dinner meeting
- May 17** - Armed Forces Day
- May 26** - Memorial Day (Observed)
- May 28** - Board of Directors meeting

Announcement: For a monthly automatic meeting reminder send your e-mail address to **IFA.60@verizon.net**. Newsletter 66508 articles & questions welcome.

We're on the web
www.IFA60.org



Dinner Meeting - April 9, 2008

Dinner will be prepared with great skill by our own Iron Chef, Skip Bennett.