



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:

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

Members are encouraged to
attend.

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Happy Valentine's Day



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\$35.00 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 \$35.00 is yours. If no one claims the reward \$5.00 will be added every month until claimed. Last month's winner would have been Director, **April Halpin**.

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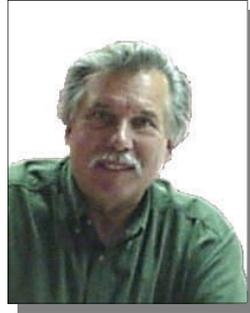
Purpose

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.

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

President's Corner

There's a lot of stuff going on in February: Lincoln's Birthday, President's Day, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and most important Footprinters Dinner. So why don't you give your significant other a real treat and bring him/her to our dinner next Wednesday the 13th. Chef Skip will prepare a special pork loin meal just for you.



There are some important things that I want you to think about in the coming months. One of the most important is we need a major fundraiser to help support the agencies we want to support and most important is we will have elections of officers

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coming up in May and June. We need new people to step forward and become involved in decision making for the organization. In other words consider running for the board or one of the offices. One complaint I've heard from a few members is that the board is always the same people. Well folks, that's because these are the people who are willing to take the time and do what little work is required. No one else has expressed an interest. When and if they do they usually end up on the board. In April we will select a nomination committee. They will contact each of you to see if you want to run for office. Please be ready to make a small commitment to take an active part in this great organization.

I hope to see a great turnout again next Wednesday.

Yours for Bigger and Better Footprints,

Jim

The History of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day has been celebrated for many centuries. Even though Valentine's Day falls on February 14, the feast day of certain Christian martyrs named Valentine (third century A.D.), its customs probably began with the Roman Feast of Lupercalia, which was celebrated on February 15. On the eve of Saint Valentine's Day, young people would gather, and each young man would draw by lot a young lady's name. The couples were then "valentines" for the year and would exchange tokens of love.

Early in the 1800's valentine cards, exchanged as messages of love, became popular. Soon a large business developed in cards and gifts, such as candy and flowers.



The "Penny" Postcard

The Valentine images displayed on this page are reproduced from "penny" postcards, which were popular from about 1890 to 1917. They were called penny postcards because they were mailed with a one-penny postage stamp. It was very "proper" during this time (1890 to 1917) to collect and display your collection of postcards (and trade cards) in the parlor. Friends and guests would often sit for hours, leafing through the album while they visited. The penny postcard became

so popular during this era that photographers, studios, printers, and business were constantly searching for new and exciting subjects to satisfy an audience that was hungry for new ideas to impress their friend at home. To make their



cards stand out, people often sought out real photographic postcards. Instead of mass-produced lithographs, these were actual photographs made with a postcard printed

back. The photography studios often employed women to hand tint and color the black & white photo postcards. Some of the best photo postcards came from Germany, which was also famous for its detailed and colorful lithography.



Popular subjects for these photo postcards were 66538 women, children, flowers, and young lovers, posed and arranged in an effort to portray the idealized virtues of the Victorian Era.

Twas simpler time when you didn't need a Zip Code to mail

Member Photos



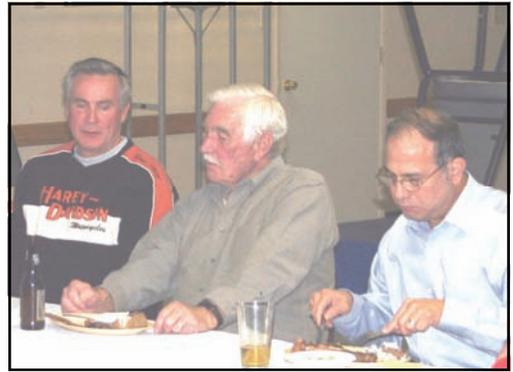
President Jim makes a point about something obviously important. But what?



Members Kim Winchester and Ed Winchester listen to Mr. Pres.



Past President Diane Guignet enjoys her meal with granddaughter, Savannah and her son Mike.



Members enjoying a fantastic dinner prepared by Chef Skip Bennett



PUT DOWN THE BOW KID AND NOBODY GETS HURT



Savannah wins the 50/50 drawing. President Jim presents her \$30.00 winnings.

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- February 6** - Ash Wednesday
- February 7** - Chinese New Year
- February 12** - Lincoln's Birthday
- February 14** - Valentine's Day
- February 13** - Dinner meeting
- February 18** - President's Day
- February 27** - Board of Directors meeting

March 2008

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- March 9** - Daylight Savings
- March 12** - Dinner meeting
- March 16** - Palm Sunday
- March 17** - St. Patrick's Day
- March 20** - Spring Begins
- March 21** - Good Friday
- March 23** - Easter
- February 27** - Board of Directors meeting

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 - February 13, 2008

Bring your Valentine to enjoy a fabulously cooked meal by Chef Skip of pork loin, with red garlic mashed potatoes, tossed salad, and veggies.