



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: \$10.00

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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\$25.00 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 \$25.00 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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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

Presidents Message

I sincerely hope everyone had a great holiday season and welcome to 2009.

The cooler weather and the snow on the hill tops surrounding our city brings a calming time for many and a time to reflect for others. We are going to see a change in the way the country is run through the change in the presidency and the other elected officials. To what extent and how it is going to impact each one of us is uncertain at this point.

To this end we must keep an established calm and respect in our government to keep us free and safe from outside evil sources. Our trusted law enforcement agencies will do all they can to keep us safe and our emergency services



personnel will render the appropriate aid for the problem identified.

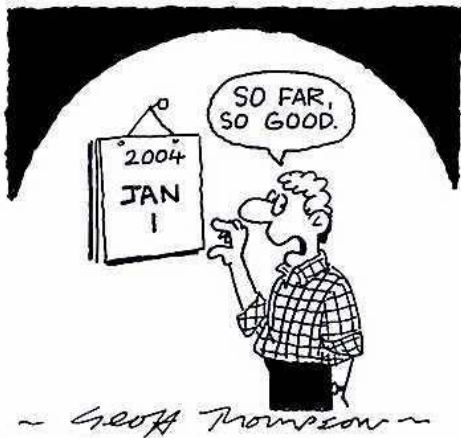
Now it is our opportunity to assist them as a group of concerned citizens who recognize that our Law enforcement and emergency services personnel need more than a pat on the back and continued goodwill words. As budgets get tighter, our public safety personnel need action in the form of scholarships for upcoming students and professional advancement classes. They need funding for training gear that a tight budget doesn't cover, etc. We can help them by raising funds for the requests we might receive. Let's start the year out by gathering our thoughts and

holding fund raisers to benefit our local folks to whom we rely upon so greatly. Are you in, to help us help them? Let's gather at the next meeting with thoughts of how we can accomplish this task. See you next Wednesday.

Yours for Bigger and Better Footprints,

We are going to see a change in the way the country is run ...

Paul



Stu's Views

New Year's Day Prayer for one and all

Dear Lord

So far this year I've done well.

I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help.

New Year Prayer for the Elderly

God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, The good fortune to run into the ones that I do, And the eyesight to tell the difference.



Chef Skip won the 50/50 drawing at December's dinner. Sgt.-at-Arms, Ed McIntire, hands over the cash.



My New Year's resolution is to win at least one of my frivolous lawsuits.



Goodbye, 2008 ... Hello, 2009

Christmas Party Photos Photos



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January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January 1 - New Year's Day
January 14 - Dinner meeting
January 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 28 - Board Meeting
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February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

February 2 - Groundhog Day
February 11 - Dinner meeting
February 12 - Lincoln's Birthday
February 14 - Valentine's Day
February 16 - President's Day
February 25 - Board Meeting



**We're on the web
www.IFA60.org**

Dinner - Jan. 14, 2008

Chef Skip will prepare his usual delectable delight for our dinner this night