



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:

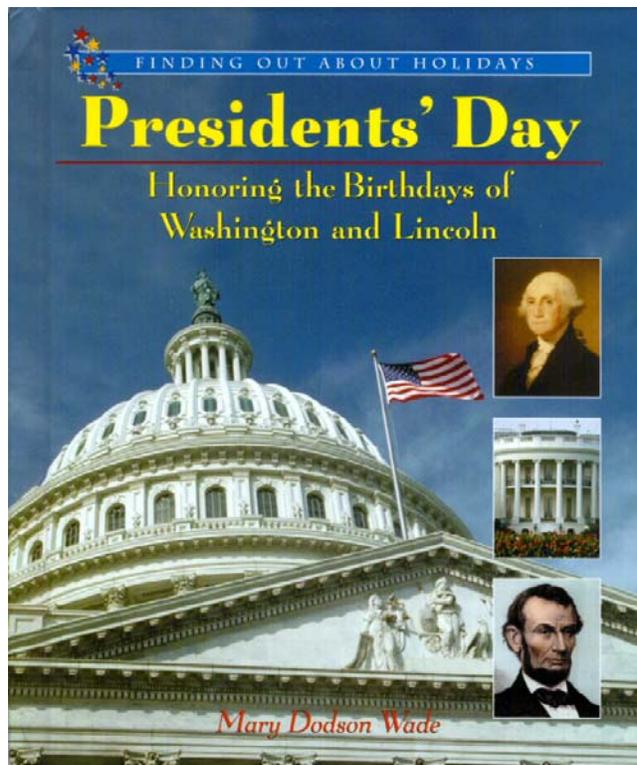
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Members are encouraged to  
 attend.

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Organized by Law Enforcement in Fresno, California in 1929



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**\$30.00 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 \$30.00 is yours. If no one claims the reward \$5.00 will be added every month until claimed.

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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

Did you feel it? Did you question what you should do or even how do you do it. I figure you are all questioning what is this guy talking about or has he experienced a lack of oxygen that has caused this condition.



Well let me assure you that I am fine and have been thinking about the recent swarm of earth quakes we have been having in around our area. This brings me to question "are we prepared" if the big one hits? Do we have the supplies on hand to survive for seven days as recommended by the national agencies, without any outside agency assistance? Some of what is needed is five gallons of water per person per day, food, medications and survival skills that can remove you from harms way. I ask again, are we prepared?

Many of you are asking yourselves why this is in our news letter. The reason is pretty simple and by the end of this message we all will have a better outlook on how we can all be prepared and not be a burden on our Law Enforcement and emergency services personnel. I will also touch on how you might be able to assist your community and emergency services personnel.

**Take the time to get informed and involved, your community and your family will all benefit from your actions.**

At some point in the future we will experience a large earth quake maybe on the range of a magnitude 6 or above on the rector scale. This can and will be very devastating to ourselves and community. Think if you will, an earth quake that cracks the major highways in and around our community. The type of a shaker that breaks water and gas lines makes traveling across town impossible. This would also stop our Law Enforcement and emergency services personnel from moving from the location they were when the quake hit.

Yes they will be stuck and as they get free they will respond to the most dangerous situations reported first. This places us to fend to our selves with what we have. Are we prepared? As we have seen from the effects from Katrina it will take days to receive outside agency assistance. Our local resources will do all they can and will be stretched to the limit. Let's make it a personal commitment to find out how we can learn what we will need to survive, or possibility a local organization like PACT or CERT that will train and assist local citizens in preparation for survival of a disaster. These two organizations work through the Ridgecrest Police Department and are community orientated organizations. Let's help ourselves and our local Law Enforcement and emergency services personnel by getting prepared and able to help our families and neighbors when the big one hits.

Take the time to get informed and involved, your community and your family will all benefit from your actions.

Yours for Bigger and Better Footprints,

*Paul*

### Non-Returnable

A police officer attempts to stop a car for speeding and the guy gradually increases his speed until he's topping 100 mph. He eventually realizes he can't escape and finally pulls over.

The cop approaches the car and says, "It's been a long day and my tour is almost over, so if you can give me a good excuse for your behavior, I'll let you go."

The guy thinks for a few seconds and then says, "My wife ran away with a cop about a week ago. I thought you might be that officer trying to give her back!"

PAST



PRESENT



**50/50 Drawing Winner**



Sgt.-at-Arms, Ed McIntire, presents Sec./Treas., Nicki Johnson, with her 50/50 winnings which she donated to our scholarship fund.



Since it's almost Valentine's Day everyone is encouraged to bring their Valentine to dinner. Feel free to invite guests. Also at our dinner we will meet our latest scholarship winner, Lyndon, Cannonigo. We plan to present him with a \$500 check at dinner.

**Not That Serious**

A cop pulled a driver over. "How long have you been driving without a tail light, buddy," the cop demanded. The driver jumped out, ran to the rear of his car, and let out a low moan. His distress was so great that the cop was moved to go a little easy on him. "Aw, come now," the cop said, "you don't have to take it so hard. It's not that serious." "It isn't?" cried the motorist. "What happened to my boat and trailer!?"



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"Well, according to the Breathalyzer, you have been drinking—from the toilet."

Did you hear why the LA Police had to leave the Dodgers' game early?

To beat the crowd.



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"Crowd control has never been easier since this Moses guy joined up."

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- 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
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**March 2009**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- March 8** - Daylight Savings Begins
- March 11** - Dinner meeting
- March 17** - Saint Patrick's Day
- March 20** - Spring Begins
- March 25** - Board Meeting



**We're on the web  
[www.IFA60.org](http://www.IFA60.org)**

**Dinner - Feb. 11, 2009**

Chef Skip will prepare Tri-Tip, Baked Potato, Veggie, Garlic Bread.