## **President's Message**

## John Schnittgrund

This has been a very interesting year. The politics of COVID have affected all of us in some manner. Getting together has been difficult and when regulations were finally relaxed, we were able to hold some successful events. We have had more of our members at the events, and it has been a pleasure for the board to serve the membership in this way.

For the past year and a half our profession has been in the spotlight and that spotlight has been only highlighting the negative. I hope we all know that being viewed in this light is nothing new. We have always been seen unfavorably by the few who will never respect the things for which we stand. Most people appreciate what we did and are supportive of our profession.

I've always been proud of the way we protect each other and support each other whatever the issue. I can't think of too many professions that keep their people organized together like our group. We are here for each other, and we will continue to take care of each other.

Our annual election of officers will be held this month. We have some openings for the audit committee, and we are always looking for members to sit on the board. This is not one of those time-consuming jobs. Meeting 8 to 10 times a year is all that is involved. If you want to get out occasionally and have some time to socialize, we are looking for you. If you would like to get involved let us know.

Our membership continues to grow, and this is the time of year we start work on the new rosters. You will be receiving reminders that dues need to be paid and the roster need updating. If you have any changes to be made on your information now is the time to get that done.

The Christmas Party is on again this year. The PPA Bldg. will be the place and the date is December 10. Tony David will entertain and we are currently working on a caterer. Get together with friends and enjoy a night of fun and food. The Summer picnic and the Laughlin Reunion have been very well attended and I'm sure the Christmas Party will be just as well.

We are approaching Thanksgiving and we do have a lot to be thankful for. Stay healthy and safe and have a great thanksgiving. As always, if you need anything let us know.