

# **President's Message**

**John Schnittgrund**

**The year is already almost half over. Time flies when you're having fun. The events this year have been very well received and it has been a pleasure to see so many friendly faces enjoying themselves. The upcoming dinner at Jaime's Mexican Restaurant is expected to be another popular event and we look forward to seeing you there.**

**We are putting the finishing touches on the August 17 picnic at Clement Park. As soon as all the arrangements have been finalized sign-up will be forthcoming.**

**The Laughlin Reunion is set for October 14 and 15, 2024. There will be a golf package again this year, and we hope to welcome several more golfers to the group.**

**We have had an enthusiastic response to our theatre events this past year, so we are adding a presentation of an interesting case history to our Monday lunch. Everyone always enjoys swapping war stories, and the case history adds to the stories.**

**This Board works hard to make these events as pleasant and enjoyable as possible. Participation is growing and we pledge to continue to make improvements where needed.**

**Communication and information sharing is the main reason we exist. We are here for each other just as we were there for each other when we were on the job. Peer Support is an important function supported by this Board. There are many police retiree groups around the country, but we are the only retiree group to have an active Peer Support Program. Remember, all you have to do is ask and help is available. Page 3 in your Roster Book contains all the necessary information.**

**OFFICER CALLING FOR HELP or OFFICER NEEDS ASSISTANCE are words we are all very familiar with. We remember that feeling of needing assistance and seeing 10 or 12 of our friends coming to our aid. There is no better feeling than being there for your fellow officers and knowing they in turn have your back when it becomes necessary. We are still always there when the need arises. This is why we are family. A recent request for assistance was met with so many offers of assistance, it was overwhelming to all of those affected. Once again all of you have shown your support for our police retiree family and for that I say THANK YOU. I am proud to know you and to be part of this family.**