

President's Message

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The first quarter of the year is history. It has been a long cold winter and we can look forward to warmer weather and some outside activities. With that in mind, the board is in the process of planning the upcoming picnic and the Laughlin Reunion.

The picnic will be held August 19 at Clement Park. We have reserved the same pavilions as last year and we are hoping for a great turnout. This is one of our most attended events and we are always trying to improve on the year previous.

The Laughlin Reunion is planned for October 16 and 17. This year will be a little different than past years. All events will be held at the Aquarius Hotel and Casino and we are planning a golf outing at a course in Bullhead City. It is important to know how many golfers we might have, to get the best rates for the event. The schedule of events is posted on the web site. If this is interesting to you, let us know if you might attend by going to the web site and leaving your intention to attend.

There is nothing of interest to report from the Pension Board. The board meets quarterly and routine business is conducted. Minutes are published after each meeting.

As I write this message, the reports of a shooting at East High School is playing in my ear. As someone who was born and raised in Denver and having given the city the better part of my life, how disappointed I am in the City Government cannot be put into words. The woke mentality that permeates City and State Government School Boards and Prosecutors have certainly made Denver a more dangerous place.

There is an election for City offices on April 4 this year. Ballots have been mailed and it's time to think about how Denver will be in the future. Surely some things will have to change for Denver to again be a place where its citizens can feel safe.

I know that many retirees no longer live in Denver. If you do live in Denver, I hope you vote for candidates that are receptive to bettering the city.

I have been asked for my opinion as it regards the candidates for Mayor and City Council. I have looked at the positions of the many candidates and to be honest most of them try to appeal to the same woke ideology that has not served the City well, or they make promises they cannot deliver.

For Mayor, Kelly Brough seems to have a common-sense approach to solving some of the problems that impact safety. She wants to make public safety the priority it needs to be. Adding more officers and providing training are at the top of her list. She knows the business community and has a plan to return the downtown district to a place to work and have fun. Public safety is a large part of her plan. I think if you look at her ideas you may not agree with all of them but she is definitely the best candidate for public safety.

Kevin Flynn and Darrell Watson need support in their races. Kevin Flynn has always supported the police and will continue that support if elected. Darrell Watson is running against Candi Ce de Baca. Darrell is supportive of the police and needs all the support he can get.

If you live in Denver, I would hope you will do your homework and give these candidates a look. If you don't live in Denver but know people who do, encourage them to get involved.

These are my thoughts. As an organization we do not endorse candidates. As the last of the common-sense generation, I believe that the world we all helped to build is still worth saving.