

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Schnittgrund

I hope all of you are having a great summer. I am happy to report that all is well with the DPRA and there are no problems on the horizon.

There are several events coming up that are going to be great opportunities for getting together and having some fun.

On Saturday morning July 27, we are partnering with the Police Museum in honoring the family of Det. Fred Steinmark. Fred was a detective who retired before many of us came to work at the Department. If you are old like me, you remember Fred as a good detective and an even better man. Fred was a good athlete and probably could have had a turn at professionalism in sports but instead chose the Denver Police Department.

Fred had a son, Fred Jr., who was a three-sport athlete at Wheatridge High School. He was awarded a scholarship to the University of Texas to play football. It was at Texas where he broke his leg, and it was discovered that he had Bone cancer. Fred Jr. died because of the cancer before any of his dreams could come true.

A movie telling Fred's story was made and his compelling story was made available for all to see. The museum is honoring the family by having a proclamation presented by the City Council and they are having a special viewing of the movie at the Landmark Theater in the Tech Center, on July 27.

I would like to show our support for the Steinmark family by attending the special showing of the movie. A cost of \$20.00 will get a ticket to the movie and a Chic Fil a sandwich for lunch. Should be a great way to spend a Saturday morning. See you at the movies.

We are having the annual picnic August 17, at Clement Park. We are going back to the BBQ lunch. This is always a popular event, and we are looking forward to filling the two pavilions we have reserved. Making reservations is as easy as going to the DPRA web site.

The Laughlin Reunion has been finalized. Golf will again be a part of the event. The web site is the place to go to get your reservations made.

This year we are adding things to the reunion. There will be a presentation of a case file from our time on the job and it will be interesting to learn some of the things we didn't maybe know about the case. This will be something we can talk about and maybe bring some of the war stories alive.

We are also looking at some other thing to do while in Laughlin to make this an experience worth attending. Some of the costs continue to rise but we think we are still able to offer an affordable vacation with some great social opportunities.

It is our goal to keep the family together. We have always had each other's back and we will continue to stand together.

As always, if you need anything at all, just ask.