

President's Message

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It appears we are finally in a Good News Bad News situation. The good news is the pandemic has been controlled so we can now get back to a normal lifestyle. The bad news is there are still some small barriers we will have to overcome to finally be in a normal condition.

To date, we will be able to have the Laughlin Reunion as scheduled. This promises to be a good time for everyone attending. The room rates we have negotiated are reasonable and there are golf courses and other attractions that can keep us busy for the days we are there. This is a good opportunity to reunite with the retirees that have moved to the desert. I have always enjoyed seeing people I've worked with over the years. We enjoy sharing those experiences we might have forgotten.

The COVID regulations have been eased to the point we have reserved Clement Park for the August BBQ. Famous Dave's will again cater the event. We are looking forward to seeing you all later this summer.

I'm never quite sure how to approach the old hire pension issues. Every time I think we have solved a problem, we find another.

Some of you, including me, received letters explaining corrections to our monthly pension distributions. These adjustments were the result of what can be explained as administrative errors. These errors were caused by some bad administration on the part of HR and some were caused by bad information that resulted from the misguided audit.

It has taken 6 years to finally get our benefits to a place where we can trust that they are correct. To explain everything that has gone in to correcting this situation would require writing a book larger than War and Peace. We now have competent people to administer the benefits and hopefully there will be no more problems. We intend to stay involved to make sure things remain that way.

One final thought:

Like many of you, I am more than a little upset over the BLUE LIVES MURDER shirts being sold on Amazon. I haven't seen any in public but just realizing that anyone or any company would try to make money by being that disrespectful is not worthy of my business. The last time I looked, making racist and disrespectful statements to solve issues has never worked. I will not buy from Amazon or any other retailer that uses these tactics. Am also encouraging everyone I know to do the same. Enough said!!!

Have a great summer and get out and enjoy.