

## **President's Message**

**John Schnittgrund**

We are in the summer months, and all is quiet and that is a good thing. The best part of the year lies ahead. The annual picnic is scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> at Clement Park. We will be in the same pavilions as the last 2 years, P & Q, and box lunches will be provided by Jimmy Johns. Make your reservations on the web site so we can have a good turnout.

The final touches have been put on the annual Laughlin Reunion. This year all events will be held at the Aquarius Hotel and Resort. The reunion will take place October 16 and 17 in Laughlin, Nevada. New this year, there will be a golf outing at the El Rio Golf Club with lunch included for golfers. Reservations can be made on the web site for these events as well. The Laughlin Reunion has always been a time to get together with the retirees who have moved to the warmer areas of the country. Keeping in touch and sharing our experiences has always been the best part of the event. After COVID everything seems to have gotten more expensive, but the Laughlin event is still very affordable and hopefully we will have another well attended event.

Everything has been quiet on the pension. No issues, and the Pension Board meets Quarterly for regular business.

We have been in contact with the city about court pay as it relates to case prep prior to trial. The city has always paid court time for retirees appearing in court. However, no thought was given to the time retirees spent preparing to testify in the more important cases. The city has been receptive to looking at a solution to this problem. There has not been a resolution to the problem as of this writing, but we will keep you updated. Everyone is receptive to solving the problem, but it will take some discussion as it has never been brought to their attention previously. If you are subpoenaed to court and you are required to take time to prepare for your testimony, make the DA or City Attorney aware of the fact that you are spending time to assist them in the prosecution. Thanks to Mike Martinez for his efforts on this issue.

Have a great rest of your summer and we will see you at the picnic in August.