

## **President's Message**

**John Schnittgrund**

Another summer come and gone. At last, we seem to be recovering to a near normal state. We have been able to secure the necessary permits to hold the annual picnic and have reserved space for the Christmas party. The rest of the social calendar is falling into place and there will be further announcements in the future. Watch your e-mail.

The picnic will be August 21 at Clement Park. We have two shelters so weather should not be an issue, food by Famous Dave's BBQ, and finally being able to get together with friends should make for an enjoyable day. The Museum will make some long overdue presentations and they are providing dessert. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in the park.

The Laughlin Reunion is scheduled, for October 18 and 19, and the events are set. October in Nevada is a good time for golf and many other events. The room rates are very reasonable. There has been a good response so far and there is plenty of room for everyone. We have many members in the desert and this a good time to touch base and reconnect.

We are continuing to gain membership. It is good to see the new hire retirees coming on board. Welcome, and know that we are here to address any concerns you may have. We have been looking to set up some informational meetings with FPPA. COVID restrictions have slowed that process, but we may get back on track in the next couple of months. Past experience shows that understanding your pension and how the system works, makes problems much easier to solve. Information and communication are key. Stay tuned.

There is nothing to report on the Old Hire Plan. Competent administration has paid dividends. Finally, we can trust our checks and we now have a knowledgeable voice on the other end of the phone if we have questions. Our seat on the Pension Board will enable us to assist the retiree regardless of the system.

Stay healthy and safe and make it a point to join us at the picnic and any of the other upcoming events.