

President's Message

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We have made it 9 months into the year that was lost in time. I hope everyone has been able to stay healthy. It has been very frustrating trying to get anything done, and having to deal with the politization of everything that matters has made doing anything a negative experience.

The DPRA will sponsor a lunch in October. That was made possible by the owner of Helga's Restaurant in Aurora. He can handle up to 48 people for lunch and offered his establishment to our group. It will be nice to finally be able to get together at least once this year. Trying to hold these types of events is very problematic given the governmental restrictions placed on meeting places of all types.

We were able to hold a board meeting in September. The Christmas Party was discussed, but with the current restrictions in place, the PPA Events Center cannot accommodate any parties. It is unknown if that will change anytime soon so we are not planning any parties under the current circumstances.

Dale Lawless has, for years, planned and held the Laughlin Reunion. Dale has decided that he can no longer be responsible for this event. We think that there is value in holding a get together so we will be making plans for 2021.

Those of you who have Delta Dental through the City saw a refund of premium for a couple of months. The refund was made because dental offices were closed for 2 months in March and April. Offices are open so the premium is, again, being deducted from our checks.

Chris Hoag reports that the yearbook will go to print and will be available by the end of the year. The books can still be ordered through the Museum.

We have made a change on the Pension Board. Ken Harris has stepped away and the Manager of Safety has appointed me to replace him. Thank you, Ken, for ensuring the integrity of the Pension Board and helping us through the maze created by the misguided audit. I will continue to keep up with what we have started and thank the City for keeping a spot for the retirees on the Board.

Not a lot to report because of this year lost to COVID19. We continue to be vigilant for anything that affects our group. Stay healthy, and if you have any questions or need anything let us know.