

La Voz

February 2018

It was a catch-up month for Stan and I. We spent most of our time at home with the exception of those never-ending errands.

We did have a Presidents on February 17 at the Route 66 Casino RV Park. We did not have the State Committee Meeting since there were only 2 other Chapter members that were present. So, let me fill you in on the discussion and details.

I let the Chapter Presidents know that I will not run for another term as State Director. My term will end December 2018. I have had a great time, but it's time for someone else to run the state. I am looking for a group of volunteers to seek a recruit or recruits. The process for State Director begins May 1, 2018. So, if anyone is interested in running for State Director or wants to be on a committee to recruit some folks, please let me know. I hope to hear from about 5 people to be on a committee. I would like to hear from Chapter volunteers by March 15, 2018. Please don't let me down. It really is a great opportunity to meet folks in the southwest region.

It's time to plan the 2018 State Rally! I already have several volunteers to help – Gary & Marie Gum, Chuck Culpepper, Marge Velasquez, Arlene Porr, Fran Bannon, and me. If you are interested in helping plan the event this year, let me know. We have planned our first meeting for March 11th at Sadies on 4th street in Albuquerque at 1:00 PM. **Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour that morning.** It takes a lot of work to organize the event and it would be great to have lots of help. There are several

areas that need to be worked before and during the event. Don't be shy, come on and help us.

The Golden Halo requirements were discussed at the meeting also. I have attached a copy of the tentative requirements. These requirements will be final unless I hear back from Presidents or Chapter members. If you have any comments, now is the time to let me know.

It was agreed by the Chapter Presidents to allow each Chapter newsletter to be published on the website. The idea is to encourage other Chapters to join in the fun. We are at 9 Chapters state wide. Some are very small and need to join other Chapters on campouts or outings. Let's not leave anyone behind. So, let your Chapter Secretaries know to send a copy of your Chapter newsletter to the webmaster – Chuck Culpepper at culpc@dives-2-little.com

National Constitution and By-Laws are on the website now. The State does not have a constitution or by-laws, we do have Standard Operating Procedures or SOP's. I have not completed our State SOP's yet. Be looking for them within the next week. Then if there are any corrections or additions, let me know. I will be emailing them to each Chapter President.

The State Treasury was audited at the State Committee meeting. Apparently, there were no issues and the books for 2017 were closed. Thank you to Marie for a job well done.

Presidents don't forget Gazette articles are due to Arlene Porr by March 15. This is the time for you to identify who you are to the rest of the Chapters and a little about what your Chapter has been doing during the past year. Arlene's email address is agp56tweetbird@aol.com

Each Chapter President received a flyer on the Grand Canyon Caverns tour in October 2018. It looks like a great event Stan and I are looking forward to it. Hopefully, we will see a lot of our New Mexico folks there.

So, until next month – Safe Travels

Janice and Stan

