



**LOS MEDICOS VOLADORES
High Sierra Chapter
April 2007 Newsletter**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 4, 2007
Sierra Air Center, Rock Blvd.
Reno, Nevada
6:30 pm potluck, 7:00 pm meeting**

From the President's Hangar

Spring is here and planes are heading to Mexico. There's no better time or place, so commit to a trip now, you'll not regret it!

Thanks to VP Rob Lober for chairing the March meeting – it was a small but well-fed group that gathered in Truckee on March 7. (Great potluck, members!)

We had great weather for our annual Ski Day fundraiser at Northstar, but a very poor turn out. Pres Elizabeth and VP Rob spent several hours talking to people, starting at 7:30 am at the airport, in the parking lot, in the village and on the mountain regarding our great organization, the work we do and joining our chapter. We're hoping for new members and contributions.

The corporate meeting was held on Saturday, March 31, in Auburn. A pilot's meeting was conducted from 9-10 am and the corporate meeting followed at 10. One or both of the meetings were attended by Elizabeth Collins, Rob Lober, Dave Barrett,

Lynn Meadows and Art Schmauder. A brief report is contained in this newsletter.

Several of our members have been or currently are in Baja on purely pleasure trips, ahem, I meant to say scouting trips. Want to know how the weather and seafood are these days? Ask Bob Horvath, Rob Lober or Dave Barrett. Rumor has it that Susan Bruno and Elise Fett were also in Mexico recently – ask them about their experiences!

TRIPS!! The Oasis clinic on March 10 was a big success again – see report below. On April 18 two planes will depart Truckee on dental missions to San Ignacio. Also in April an optometry mission will go to Grandos, Sonora. We're wishing you great clinics and look forward to hearing the trip reports. We have a 2-dentist trip forming up to go to Guaymas in June.

It's a busy time of year – if you've been occupied with other things, we'd love to see you on a trip again soon! --E.C.

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Hot Tamales, and other delicious treats – it's the LMV Cookbook!!!!

Kudos to Lynn Meadows, who is coordinating our LMV cookbook fundraiser. Lynn has done a fabulous job researching and organizing the effort. As of the corporate board meeting, Lynn reported that she had 4 recipe submissions (and received at least 3 more there) and **15 pre-orders** for our cookbook!!! The committee met and selected covers, colors, etc., and the same were circulated at the corporate meeting – good job, the covers look great!! Now it's up to all of us: please submit your favorite recipes – Mexican theme or otherwise – to Lynn by May 15. This is could really be a great fundraiser, with good profit margins and little effort except for Lynn's BIG efforts! The next task will be to sell the cookbooks for \$10. You may reserve copies now, so no need to delay. Susan Bruno is trying to get recipes from some of our favorite cooks in the Mexican community here in Truckee. To all you members who have been known to bring delicious fare to the potluck or summer picnic, please share those recipes (Esther, this means YOU!!) For more information, contact Lynn Meadows (530-582-7281).

Pilot's Meeting – 3/31/07

Chief Pilot Rob Lober held a meeting of LMV Pilots in Auburn on 3/31/07. Among other issues discussed, the following measures were recommended to the Corporate Board, and approved at that level:

Member contribution for Oasis trips: \$125 per person.

Pilot initial checkouts are reimbursed to a maximum of \$150.00 per pilot. It is recommended that each pilot also go through an annual Instrument Proficiency Check. A pilot may apply for a reimbursement for the IPC up to \$150 per annum.

Corporate Board Meeting – 3/31/07

Many issues were discussed, we're hoping Art will provide us with a full report at the April meeting. Highlights:

Health and education is a necessary part of each mission to Mexico. There was a good discussion on how and further focus. Diabetes and blood pressure screening should be a part of every trip.

The next corporate seminar will be in Guaymas on October 13, 2007.

The next corporate meeting will be in Truckee on July 28, 2007.

*******Oasis – March 10, 2007*******

Impressive statistics provided by Sandra Sanchez of the Cochilla School District, from this one-day event,. Congrats to all who participated, and WOW!!

Flying Doctors Event Statistics Report For Saturday, March 10, 2007 at Desert Mirage High School.

Medical: (family practice, diabetes screenings, blood pressure checks) =363

Breast Examinations: 31, **Dental:** 96
+ 75 referrals for the April 1, 2007 = 171;

Vision: 250 **Chiropractic:** 115:

Physical Therapy: 99

Total Health Services = **1029**

Other Services:

Child Care Services = 117

Car Seat Program= 50

IEHP Insurance Sign-up= 85

WIC Sign-up= 38

Helmets= 200

Volunteers from District & Other

Agencies=73

Public and Volunteer Lunches= 1200

Health and Resource Fair Exhibitors= 23

Total= 1786

Total number of services provided = 2,815

******* MARK YOUR CALENDAR*******

April 4, 2007: Monthly meeting, Reno, NV
– Sierra Air Center

May 2, 2007: Monthly meeting, Truckee,
CA

May 15, 2007: Fundraiser deadline:
Recipes for Cookbook due

July 28, 2007: Corporate meeting – TRK

October 13, 2007: Corporate Seminar –
Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico

REMINDER!!! Our new dues structure is now set up for dues to be paid January 1 each year. Please send your dues to Lynn Meadows.

Our Members Are Doing Great Things!

All of our members are so talented and diverse in their interests and contributions to the community. If someone you know is doing something noteworthy, share it with our members – contact Elizabeth so we can include it in this newsletter.

Trip reports, items of interest, photos, news and announcements are always welcome for inclusion in the newsletter!! Know of a member who has received an award, started a practice, done something wonderful in the community? Let us know so we can brag to our chapter!

WE NEED YOU!!

High Sierra Chapter Officer Positions Available!

Each June we elect officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer), to serve for the coming year. We can't do our important work without the help of our volunteers. Start thinking now about whether you would be willing to serve as an officer and/or on the Executive Board of our chapter.

A draft of the Minutes for the March general membership meeting and the March Executive Board meeting are attached to the email distribution of this Newsletter. Copies will be provided at the next meeting for correction, comment and approval.