

As I write this “letter” to the membership this month I am hoping that things get better soon. There are a lot of our friends and neighbors trying to cope with the current economic situation that could probably use some help. Please know that you can “reach out” to fellow members for help. We are all in this together...it is **OUR** community!

As we move into spring and summer, we have some business to attend to as a Chapter. We have Board nominations coming up for the month of March. If you are interested or know someone that may be interested in serving on the BOD please see me at the meeting. We will call for nominations from the floor as well. If you have “left” us for whatever reason...as Rafiki said to Simba in The Lion King...”it doesn’t matter...it’s in the past”, come on back, we miss you!

We are hosting the Southwest Region Conference this year; April 2-5 at the Golden Nugget, if you are interested in attending and/or volunteering please see me at the meeting. The registration, schedule and sponsorship opportunities are included in this newsletter.

I am excited about the programs that we have planned for the rest of the fiscal year as well as some for next year. Please see myself or any Board or Committee member to ask how you can help make **YOUR** Chapter the best, and serve your needs better.

Our meeting scheduled for March 10th is centered on Solar Energy and Innovations for Las Vegas, presented by William Ramsdell, holder of several patents for self contained solar-powered light fixtures. He is also a consultant to the City of Henderson on matters of replacing diesel and grid-connected remote electric equipment sites with solar arrays. He is self-taught and has a mission to get our parking lots lighting off the grid, as well as many other ancillary electric demands as possible.

Please plan on attending this presentation, you might even learn something! See the program flyer either in this newsletter or check it out on the chapter web site, www.csilv.org.

There is no reason a child should not have food to eat in this country! The LV Chapter of CSI is doing something to make a difference!

I always encourage all of you to attend our monthly meetings. I would also ask that you bring as many non perishable food items as you can with you (tuna and peanut butter appear to be popular) to the meetings to be given to **Three Square**, as part of their “food banking” program to help support **OUR** local charities in the valley on behalf of the Chapter. **Thank you all for helping.**

Please take a few minutes to check and update, if needed your member information with the Institute at www.csinet.org as well as locally at www.csilv.org. Ask me how you can help **YOUR** Chapter...we still have spots open that could use your kind of expertise and leadership. Trust me when I tell you, you will get out of CSI two fold what you put in!

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting March 10th at Main Street Station!