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Director's Corner

Happy New Year! Well, here we are in a new year already. Don't forget to take a few moments to step back, take inventory of what has happened this past year, and develop a plan for 2006.

Roberta Rohwedder retiring - Roberta Rohwedder of IPSSA Inc.'s financial office retired at the end of the year after 18 years of service. She will be given a tribute at the IPSSA Leadership Banquet Feb. 4, then she will be off to Brazil to enjoy her retirement. The IPSSA Board at its November 12 meeting hired Cramer & Associates, a certified public accounting firm, to manage the IPSSA financial office.

IPSSA expansion - IPSSA's goal is to expand into Florida and have 5,000 members by 2008. This involves a lot of legwork. IPSSA reps networked at the International Pool and Spa Expo in November in Orlando, Florida and plan to do so again at the Florida '06 Pool & Spa Show in February.

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New Stamp Prices

The Governors of the U.S. Postal Service voted November 14 to accept the Postal Rate Commission's recommendation to increase most rates and fees by approximately 5.4 percent effective Jan. 8, 2006.

Selected rate and fee changes:

| Rate | Current | Jan. 8 |
|---|---------|---------|
| First-Class Mail Letter (1 oz.) | 37¢ | 39¢ |
| First-Class Mail Letter (2 oz.) | 60¢ | 63¢ |
| Postcard | 23¢ | 24¢ |
| Priority Mail (1 lb.) and Flat Rate Envelope | \$3.85 | \$4.05 |
| Priority Mail Flat Rate Box | \$7.70 | \$8.10 |
| Express Mail (1/2 lb.) and Flat Rate Envelope | \$13.65 | \$14.40 |
| Express Mail (over 1/2 lb., up to 2 lb.) | \$17.85 | \$18.80 |

Excerpt from U. S. Postal Service Web site, www.usps.com, 1/11/06.

Polaris Pools

On a sad note, as you might have heard, a man, Manuel Lopez Alvarez, 46, and a woman, Maria Martinez, 38, were shot and killed as they took a cigarette break in the parking lot of Polaris Pools early Sunday morning, Dec. 18, in what police described as an efficient, close-range attack with a high-powered rifle. As of Jan. 10 the suspect had not been caught.

Alvarez was a temporary employee for the last few months. A fund has been set up to help Alvarez' widow, Lydia Alvarez, who has a 15-year-old at home. Donations may be mailed to the Bank of America, Manuel Alvarez Memorial Fund, Account #1182446452, P.O. Box 60289, Los Angeles, CA 90060-0289. Envelopes should be marked "Attn: Bank of America Memorial Fund."

Summarized from North County Times.

Comments on this story:

http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2006/01/11/news/coastal/22_11_251_10_06.txt

Calendar of Events

- **R7 Board Meeting**, Tues., Jan. 17, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Filippi's Pizza Grotto (858-748-1800), 13000 Oak Knoll Dr., Poway, off Hwy 15 and Poway Rd.
- **R7 TableTop**, Sat., Jan. 21, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Four Point Sheraton, 8110 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA. Contact Jon McArthur, 619-464-6400.
- **BORD Mtg.**, Fri., Feb. 3, Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, Newport Beach, CA. Contact IPSSA executive office, 888-360-9505, or ipssamail@aol.com.
- **IPSSA Leadership Seminar**, Sat., Feb. 4, Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, Newport Beach, CA. Contact IPSSA executive office, 888-360-9505, or ipssamail@aol.com.
- **IPSSA Leadership Banquet**, Sat., Feb. 4, Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, Newport Beach, CA. Contact IPSSA executive office, 888-360-9505, or ipssamail@aol.com.
- **Florida '06 Pool & Spa Show**, Thurs., Feb. 23 – Sat., Feb. 25, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL. www.fpsaonline.org.
- **29th Annual Western Pool & Spa Show**, Thurs., March 9 – Sat., March 11, Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, CA. Westernshow@aol.com. Show Info 800-787-7727, Exhibitor Info 800-746-9772, www.westernshow.com.