



# The All Points Bulletin

## Metro Volunteer Program

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*Left to right: Linda Fitzgerald, Amateur Boxer, Ed & Bette Krizewicz.*



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### **MVP'S ARE KNOCKOUTS !**

**By Officer Pat Barry**

On February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, Barry's Boxing held the USA Regional Boxing Championships at the Silver Nuggett Hotel and Casino. Once again, the Metro Volunteer Program assisted with this nonprofit youth program and it was a huge success. The program consisted of two full days of amateur boxing. We held the Saturday evening show at 6:00 p.m. and the Sunday afternoon show at 2:00 p.m. There were approximately five hundred spectators present on Saturday and four hundred spectators on Sunday. The Boxing

Championships consisted of teams from Southern California, San Diego and Nevada. With such a large group of spectators there is always a concern for safety. THANKS to METRO VOLUNTEERS, Linda Fitzgerald, Pam King, George Danko, Ed Krizewicz, Bette Krizewicz, Bill Rhoden, Larry Badgley, Super Mike Bercseny, and Geneva Student, everything went well.



### **Community Shred**

**Bob Linden**

Please extend my sincere thanks to the many MVP volunteers who assisted at our

Community Shred at both RC Willey locations on Saturday, February 26, 2005.

Well over 1200 citizens showed up with over 19.5 tons of personal confidential documents to be shredded. Identity theft is at epidemic proportions and the simple act of totally destroying personal identifying information is an effective step in helping to fight the epidemic. The MVP volunteers were a key factor in us being able to offer this free community service to so many citizens. They helped citizens bring boxes and bags from their car to one of our shred trucks and this helped things flow much more smoothly than previous Community Shred events. The MVP volunteers also assisted in directing traffic

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Shred - Continued from page 1 to the VIN number etching and WATCH YOUR CAR registration areas. This helped both of those programs achieve new record level registrations.

Many thanks again to you and the fantastic MVP Volunteers who made this all possible.



*John Phillips carries a box of paper to be shredded*

## Volunteer Opportunities

TNT - Target Neighborhood Tagging - volunteers needed to clean up graffiti on the northwest side of town on Saturday, April 9, 8 a.m. to noon.

We need volunteers for the Clark County READS Reading Partner Program. Volunteers will attend a 2 hour orientation and then work with a student one hour a week for 10 weeks at a school near their home or work. Training on the east side of town is on April 13 and training on the west side of town is April 14.

We need 40 volunteers for the LV Centennial Celebration on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the East Las Vegas Community Center to assist with the indoor carnival. The purpose of the event is to showcase the

abilities of the blind people in our community.

We need 28 volunteers to assist at the Extreme Bowl on April 30 and May 1 at Freedom Park. This is a national tournament for wheelchair football

We need volunteers to assist at the Juvenile Diabetes Spring Gala on Saturday, May 7.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with traffic control on Saturday, May 14, when the City's Cultural Division presents a Gala Event showcasing the downtown Post Office.



## What's Mine is Mine

By Lisa Olquin

What do words like, the "Cannon" or "Matador", bring to mind? No, I'm not referring to contenders in a World Wide Wrestling Championship. These are terms used by distract thieves (pickpockets), training to relieve you of your hard earned cash tucked "safely" away in your pocket or purse. Sgt. Priscilla Green, from the Tourism Safety Detail, gave an outstanding presentation to our volunteers on January 29, 2005 at the Mojave Training Center. The information she provided regarding pickpockets and con artists made us aware of how vulnerable tourists (and locals) can be.

Pickpockets are a strange breed. They travel in packs (my term, not Sgt. Green's) and they make it an art to blend into a crowd. They train for their chosen

"profession". I personally would choose the School of Seven Bells over the Chicago School of Razors - a less painful option. A pickpocket's attitude is that their "mark" (chosen victim) is merely holding their property for them. They feel entitled to take other people's personal property, whenever they choose. Quite an arrogant philosophy!

We learned about the history, terms and props associated with distract professionals, in addition to these other con artist scams: the three card monte, slot cheats/thieves, slot attendant impersonators, door pushers, airport luggage thieves, to name a few.

Preferred areas targeted include: crowds, attractions, casinos, boxing events, concerts, bus stops, bank entrances, business lobbies, etc... As you can see, no area is safe and Vegas is a virtual playground for these lowlifes.

I, for one, will be on the look out for characters, with interesting monikers like "Stinky Mike", so *my* property can remain *mine*.

Hopefully our newly learned knowledge in this interesting world of con artists can allow our volunteers to assist the dedicated members of

the Tourism Safety Detail. By honing our observation skills, we can provide Sgt. Green's unit with useful information, when appropriate.





*Left to right: Jack Horn, Wayne Carnes, Pat Adams, Katrina Frederick, Mike Aker, Butch Plotner, Margot Wenko & Art Adams.*

## **UMLV Up And Running - Thanks To MVP's**

**Margot Wenko**

The Homeland Security Campus of the University of Metro Las Vegas Training Center is now available to all LVMPD employees. The UMLV Training Center is an on-line, interactive learning resource center, delivering instruction and information over the LVMPD Intranet. UMLV makes it possible for employees to complete their mandatory annual training hours anytime twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, without even having to leave the building they work in. The savings in time and money are substantial.

So what part did MVP's play in helping to get UMLV up and running? One seemingly formidable task associated with the rollout of UMLV was getting individual computer log-on usernames and passwords (plus the instructions on how to use the system) to

over 4000 employees. On the evening of January 25, a group of MVP's began filtering into the Mojave Training Center to assemble and sort letters that would later be sent to employees. Fueled by sandwiches and dessert, furnished by the Homeland Security Bureau, and surrounded by pleasant conversation, the volunteers went to work with vigor and completed the task in less than four hours!

Sticking over 4000 labels with employee usernames and passwords onto letters and

grouping them by Department was certainly not a glamorous or high profile task, but it was an absolute necessity to rolling UMLV out on schedule. Since the February 14<sup>th</sup> rollout, over 500 hours of training has been completed on the UMLV system.

Hopefully, a breach of homeland security will never happen in Las Vegas. But if it does, the MVP's who helped to make this system available should take comfort in the fact that they contributed to the ability of Metro employees to receive the training they need to recognize, respond to, survive, and protect valley citizens from terrorism.



## **Special DARE Thanks**

**By Gary Malmstrom  
Executive Director**

Your group of volunteers was awesome and accomplished the necessary tasks in record time. Please pass along our sincere thanks to all who participated and a special thank you to you for organizing the effort. I hope we have the opportunity to work together in the future.



*Left to right: Dick Bennett, Marc Zuckerman, Jessica Elia, Tom Foselli, Sgt. Skip Siefert, Heather Irving, Linda Fitzgerald, Janet Delaney, Bill Rhoden, Bette Krizewicz, Dwight Brown, Ed Krizewicz, Jack Horn and Sgt. Mark Sharp.*

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**Player's Club Members**

High fuel prices did not extinguish our volunteer spirit. In February our MVPs contributed 3,913 hours for a total value of \$63,362.00. These were our pacesetters for the month. We appreciate your continued commitment to our Department and our community.

**Silver Club: (25+ Hours)**

- Lisa Olquin ..... 25
- Art Nelson ..... 26
- Lamar Wright ..... 28
- Bruce Bacon ..... 43
- Art Adams ..... 36
- Paul Doyle ..... 26
- John Murphy ..... 31
- Joyce Hammond ..... 25
- Russell Jenks ..... 27
- Dick Bennett ..... 42
- Earl Beach ..... 35

- Ted Dobrich ..... 27
- Mary Ponton ..... 27
- Bill Gunderson ..... 38
- Jeffrey Cox ..... 33
- Joe Langenberger ..... 33
- Margaret Priest ..... 33
- Mary Lewis ..... 36
- Doreen Avila ..... 31
- Dorothy Sunquist ..... 46
- Frank Rute ..... 25
- Donald Cahill ..... 33
- Robert Boener ..... 39
- Dan D'Elia ..... 38
- John Grieco ..... 32
- Ray Hahn ..... 28
- Myrtle Leckinger ..... 44
- Ray Leckinger ..... 25
- Dorothy Lewis ..... 38
- Jesse Lewis ..... 41
- Robert Schurheck ..... 27
- Iris Knight ..... 27
- Regem Heliste ..... 32
- Jaene Graye ..... 32
- Michael Gural ..... 31

**Gold Club: (50+ Hours)**

- Stanley E. Pekar ..... 60
- John Phillips ..... 65
- Murray Weinstein ..... 72
- Bruno Villa ..... 54
- Ronald Moushey ..... 58
- Joseph Distefano ..... 53
- Mel Ramos ..... 50
- Michael Scott ..... 53

**Diamond Club:(75+ Hours)**

- John Martine ..... 97
- Beverly Bowam ..... 86
- Barbara Howard ..... 92
- Eber Priest ..... 93
- Harold Mann ..... 92
- Robert Hoban ..... 88
- Judy Smith ..... 80
- John Moses ..... 80

**Centurions: (100+ Hours)**

- Rick Meade ..... 114
- Marc Zuckerman ..... 118