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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY-AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL SECURITY

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Chairman Bid's Farewell

Members, Colleagues and Associates: The time has come for change of leadership within our chapter, as the outgoing Chairman it's been my privilege to serve you for 2006.

Three times the charm, well actually, I've been asked to serve you on three separate occasions throughout my 19 years associated with this great chapter. This year has been exceptionally special, each month we were treated to a marvelous presentation.

Remember when we listened to Det. Andy Alegria discussing the assault and migration of the MS-13 Gang, Patrick Prince delivered a wonderful presentation on Workplace Violence Sgt Jim Gordon, Operation Archangel gave us a lesson on Anti-Counter Terrorism, and BSIS Chief Paul Johnson presented us with updates referencing private security in California.

I'd probably be less than honest if I told you it was a cakewalk to run a chapter. anytime you're in a position that requires you to continually bring your A game for your peers to judge you, well, it can be interesting. I don't believe we would have been so successful without the support of some very special individuals.

Our Executive Board; Bob Lee, Pat Salter, Gary Bradley, volunteers and committee members, Ann Marie Piersol, Andrea Cunningham (A Night at Disney Studios), Dylan Anderson administrating our Website and Mike Pirouzian, Regional Vice President. I apologize for not including everyone however, you can imagine, it has taken a team effort to make this year successful.

Chairman Rant

ASIS can be a tremendous resource for its members to take advantage of, every now and then you hear me preach, it's your chapter, you need to get involved, caress it, massage it, love it and it will love you in return. Those whom participate on an infrequent basis will generally complain about its worthiness. Like any project or relationship, you're involved with; you'll only get out of it what you put into it.

Trust me when I say that I've seen a lot of transference from ASIS involvement passing into the business world. After 19 years, I may have not seen it all however, I've seen quite a bit.

It's the so-called members that sit by themselves, not participating while they complain how useless the organization is. Pleads of help from their Chairman go unfulfilled, still they chagrin the organization. On the other hand, it's remarkable how the active and participating members seem to be coordinating their busy schedules, networking with other members and reaping the rewards that come with their involvement.

I know I'm leaving your chapter in the capable hands of our esteem colleague Bob Lee and a terrific supporting Executive Board.

This will be the inaugural year for Ann Marie Piersol, serving as your Vice Chairman for 2007. Many of you know Ann Marie as our LEAPS committee member, Ann Marie will bring a lot of enthusiasm and energy to our chapter, serving as second in command.

Election Results

For the first time in our chapter's history, we augmented our election with the ability of voting on-line via our website. Seventy percent of the vote casting came by way of the website, what a tremendous difference from years past.

The results are as follows:

Chairman- Bob Lee
Vice Chair- Ann Marie Piersol
Treasure- Pat Salter
Secretary- Gary Bradley

Congratulations to each and every one of you, best of luck in 2007!

Operation Valley Bureau-LAPD

In October, Division leaders of the San Fernando Valley LAPD Precincts along with several dedicated private security professionals, members of local private security firms participated in a follow up meeting depicting the current crime situation and how the leaders of both professions can contribute in fostering a relationship while curbing crime.

The meeting was very successful and proved to set the bar for future quality meetings.

As previously, stated, neither private security nor LAPD can singly control the immorality of society. We need to work in unison to have a greater impact. Leaders need to be less frugal and dispose from the thinking of how this or that will benefit (me) and put more effort into actually working with local authorities in developing crime curbing techniques.

More meetings will be scheduled (around the holidays) and by the end of the first quarter next year, this group will be in full force.

I'd be less than honest with you if I didn't express my concern and adverse feelings for those who own/manage private security companies for their lack of participation. This is a tremendous opportunity to realistically work within your community and yet, some individuals shun that opportunity.

December Chapter Meeting

Talk about getting into the holiday spirit, newly elected Chairman Bob Lee wants to kick off his administrative year a tad bit early by hosting our last chapter event at the Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Museum on Saturday December 9th at 1800 hrs.

This year we are opening our chapter meeting up to spouses, children, relatives and friends in this year end gala event.

Bob will be taking off his Chairman's hat and replacing it with a Chef's hat, guarantying us a riveting cadre of exotic fun food.

The kids (ok, big kids as well) will be treated to a tour of this wonderful, historical museum.

Ok, that's a rap, put a fork in me, I'm done so; please have a safe and happy holiday season hopefully, we'll see you in 2007!

Respectfully,

Craig A. Chamberlain
SFV-ASIS Chairman