



Friends For Learning Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello and Happy Spring! I see crocus in bloom and tulips and daffodils poking their heads out; I can't wait to get outside!

Our membership now numbers nearly 400! It was only a few short years ago that Friends for Learning was organized with only 30 members.

We have had excellent classes so far this semester and there are lots more coming up so watch your calendar and don't miss out! Our Cultural Cuisine Dinner is just around the corner (see details below) and lots of outdoor activities are being planned. I encourage you to participate as much as you can, enriching your life and making new friends.

Kathie Hendrix,
President

IT'S A LUAU!

April 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For those of you who have registered for **Cultural Cuisine**, put on your grass skirts and join us at the Lutheran Church at 455 Sunnyside for the highlight of the semester. We're featuring our 50th state, and this promises to be an evening to remember.



The vast majority of us are registered and enjoying classes and activities, but there are a few that may still be trying to get registered. If you know of someone in this situation, have them get in touch with Kathie Hendrix.

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I have been visiting with some of the board members to learn just what they do for us as members of Friends for Learning. I started with **MARILYN QUAST**, our Historian, who said

“As Historian of Friends for Learning (FFL), my primary job is to take pictures of our classes and activities that we, the Board and Committees, organize and provide for members of FFL. In the near future, we hope to be able to provide these pictures on our FFL Website. This will enable members the opportunity to see some of our educational and fun activities. It is nearly impossible for me to attend every class that FFL provides so I am asking for help from members to take pictures and e-mail them to me at quastmd@srv.net.” Marilyn also serves on the Cultural Cuisine and Hiking Walking & Exploring committees. She is always willing to take on whatever tasks need to be done. She’s a keeper!

Encouraged, I went on to ask **JIM SCHAFFER** just what he does for us. Jim responded, “Saundra, you know exactly what I do.” And I do know. Jim Schaffer is our Coordinator for Hiking, Walking, Exploring (HWE) and works as hard as any member on the board. He plans and carries out, with the help of his committee (Esther Lash, Marilyn Quast, Allen and Eileen Perkins), the many *hikes* we take, both in and around Idaho Falls and those we travel to. And we *bike*. We bike around town, and we travel to bike. It’s a ball! And he and his committee plan yearly 5-day trips to Yellowstone, southern Utah, and northern Idaho. Hooray for Jim and HWE!

Our Acting Vice President, **JOAN LINDE** is overseeing the Cultural Cuisine Dinner which is being held at the Lutheran Church on April 11 (see ad on page 1). She and her committee plan the food, the decorations, the menu and recipe cards. They provide the heating plates, they serve the soup and the drinks. They set up tables and chairs, they take them down, they wash dishes and they mop the floor. So much is involved in the Cultural Cuisine Dinner and so much appreciation is due Joan and her committee.

The little blond lady at the back of the room working feverishly and quietly to make sure we are “computerized” is our Secretary **DENISE MORTON**. She works so hard and (it seems to me) gets so little recognition for her contribution. She makes up our catalogs; she does our calendar; she does our membership lists; takes our minutes ... and this is just what **I** know.

EILEEN PERKINS (formerly known as Eileen Jenkins) heads up the Curriculum Committee. As you can guess from that title, they plan the curriculum for every semester, with some suggestions from you, the membership. They come up with ideas, they seek out professionals who are willing to spend their time and energy preparing and giving our programs without monetary compensation. They train the facilitators. They work tirelessly on our behalf and I, for one, am very appreciative of the work they do. Eileen served as Secretary of the organization for several years, taught line dancing, is a committee member for HWE, etc. etc. etc. When you see Eileen, give her a hug for all her hard work!

ALLEN PERKINS, who not so long ago made the very wise decision to marry our own Eileen Jenkins, is another tireless worker on our behalf. He is known as Computer Support. And that he is. I personally struggle with my computer and Allen is always there to help me out of a tight spot. And I am not the only one. EVERYONE needs Allen. His phone must ring constantly with cries for help! He also works with the ISU computer people to make sure the registration is running smoothly. Allen serves on the Hiking, Walking, and Exploring Committee. His primary responsibility is Walking. He's the guy that cheerfully waits out in the cold and encourages everyone to tough it out. What would we do without Allen.

Our Treasurer is **MAXINE SMOLOWITZ**. She treasures our money and gives us a report each month. She is very experienced, very reliable, and very honest. We're in good hands.

Our Past President, **MARGARET KENNELLEY**, serves on the board as an advisor. But she does a lot more than advise. She actively serves in a myriad of ways.

JOANNE JOHNSON has done it all. President, Publishing Editor, Computer Support, taught computer classes, taught line dancing, etc. etc. etc. And right now she is serving as Web Master. She keeps our web site accurate and current. Joanne is selfless and always ready to use her expertise to help out. I, personally use her expertise frequently.

MARGIE PRESTWICH is our new Volunteer Coordinator. She is hoping that you will volunteer. Phone (523-0621) or Email (Margieprestwich59@gmail.com) and tell her you'd like to help us out. We will *all* appreciate that.

KARIN ARMSTRONG, MARLENE BUBAR, MARLA CASE, DAVE JOHNSON, CLARISSA OLSON, CHERYL ZALADONIS are Members at Large. They are willing to do anything. And so they do ... everything.

And most important of all ... **KATHIE HENDRIX**, President. She cracks the whip! She motivates. She encourages. She helps. She oversees everything this organization is and does. We need her and we love her.

Me. I am **Sandra Craft** and I am your Publishing Editor. I gather information and call it the Newsletter. I also do other publishing stuff, like the menu cards and recipe cards for Cultural Cuisine.



Adventure Travel, Argentina 11-08-15



Scenes of early Idaho Falls 2-24-16



Mayflower Traveler 11-20-15



Climate Change Dynamics 2-10-16



Snowshoeing Kelly Canyon 12-15-2015



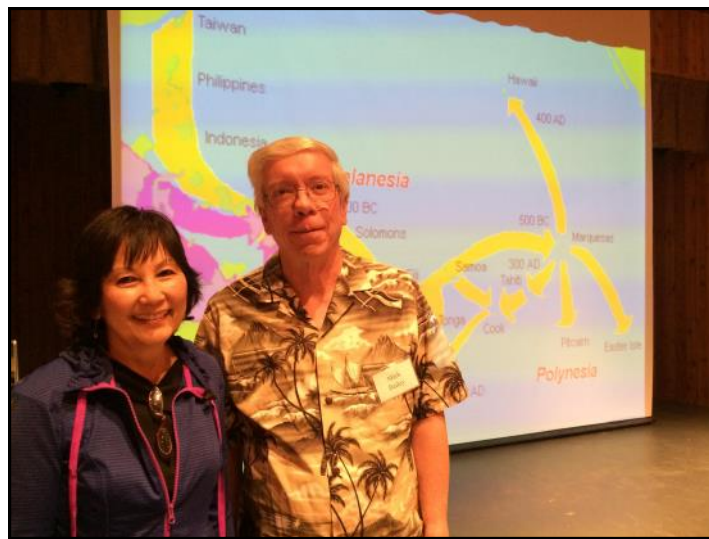
Snowshoeing Craters of the Moon 1-15-16



Bear Aware Identification & Safety 3-16-2016



Weatherman Michael Coats 3-11-2016



Hawaiian History & Culture 3-30-2016

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