



President's Message

By: Dorothy Nichols

Well, we've survived the worst of winter (I hope) and we're looking forward to a great year for *Friendly Neighbors*.

Contrary to popular opinion that our great meals have been "breaking the bank," our finances are in good shape. This is due, in part, to the fact that you've been telling other seniors about the great opportunities we offer for delicious, well-balanced meals and good fellowship, so that our numbers are up.

We feel we're a warm-hearted organization, and *Bill Mitchell & Jim Maley's* decision to provide a birthday cake every month promotes our feeling of community. My family doesn't go in for birthday celebrations, but I'm looking forward to seeing my name on our communal birthday cake in March.

Jim is our genial *Master of Ceremonies*, and he is also going to be in charge of our "Bring a Guest to Lunch" program in April, which was so successful last year. He's even giving us an incentive: the person who brings the most guests in April will get a month's free lunches with us, paid for by *Jim*.

I'm so impressed by *Jim's* good-hearted promotion of *Friendly Neighbors* that I've given him the title of "Promotional Activities Chairman" and appointed him to the *Friendly Neighbors Board*. Every organization should be so lucky as to get an

enthusiastic person willing to work for it like *Jim* does!

We've lost a friend in the *Parks and Recreation Department*. *Randy Rice* is departing from his leadership position there to step in as Special Projects Manager for the city of Moscow. *Dwight Curtis* has assumed *Randy's* former duties, moving here from *Merriam, Kansas*. We invited *Dwight* to our meal site so you could all meet him and welcome him.

Moscow Senior Center News:

The 1912 Building *Moscow Senior Center* continues to grow in popularity. The number of guests signing in each day has increased on a regular basis.

One of the most popular of events is the Friday Morning *BINGO*, hosted by *Bill & Bette Mitchell*. On a recent Friday morning we counted 16 persons in attendance, enjoying the game of *BINGO*, as well and coffee and cookies served by the gracious hostess *Bette*.

On Thursday afternoons there is excellent attendance for the *BRIDGE LESSONS*, hosted by *Dorothy Nichols*. Much fellowship and enjoyment of the game is share by those who attend.

Monday *COMPUTER SESSIONS*, are hosted by *Doris Norman* from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Students come in to use the Computers and add to their knowledge of the finer points of running the various software and email programs.

Louise Fye has *Quilting & Movies* on Wednesday afternoons.

Our Honored Neighbors



Grace & Leonard Heick

Leonard Heick was born at **Gritman Hospital** in **Moscow**. **Grace Anderson** was born in **Plummer, Idaho**. **Grace** moved with her family to **Moscow** so that her brother could attend the **University**.

Starting school for **Leonard** meant walking 2 ½ miles to the **Hunt School**, which was located 4 miles north of **Moscow**. That same year, **Grace** started school at the **Russell School** in **Moscow**. She attended secondary grades in the **Whitworth School**, which was located on **Third Street**, across from the **Methodist Church**.

Leonard started attending **Moscow schools** when he was in the 7th grade. Both **Leonard** and **Grace** spent their high school years in the **1912 Building**.

Although they were in the same class, they didn't really get acquainted until they were in college. **Leonard** went to school at **Washington State College**. **Grace** attended the **University of Idaho**.

Leonard noticed her walking to class. He offered her rides; she accepted, and they began dating.

Pearl Harbor happened and soon people were being drafted, including teachers. **Leonard** was asked to take a teaching position at **Moscow High School**, which he accepted.

Leonard and Grace were married at spring break 1943. They bought a house in which they resided for 47 years. Their two children, **Steven** and **Meredith**, grew up there.

Soon after they were married, **Grace** began teaching Kindergarten in conjunction with the University of Idaho Home Economics Department. Later, she taught in other schools.

After teaching a few years, **Leonard** decided to farm. It has been a labor of love for him, but **Grace** says the next time she gets married, it won't be to a farmer. As **Leonard** looks forward to soon celebrating his 82nd birthday, he is thinking about retiring.

Celebrating Our Date of Birth!

Yes, we all have a '**Birthday**'! We each have our own way of celebrating the day of our arrival. Beginning today, January 30th 2003, **Friendly Neighbors** will have a birthday celebration honoring all our members born during the month.

The first cake will be dedicated to all those having birthdays in January and February. If you have not given your day and month of birth to **Bette Mitchell**, now is your opportunity to be sure you are included in the Birthday Celebrations each month.

The dates having been given to Bette thus far to include in the *January/February* celebration are:

Albert Benson ~ February 2nd.
Peggy Benson ~ January 19th.
Ann Bornstein ~ February 12th.
Ed Gemberling ~ February 3rd.
Maxine Hanson ~ January 26th.
Virginia Hays ~ January 27th.
Scotte Hecht ~ January 28th.
Vivian Hofmann ~ February 24th.
Betty Jackson ~ February 4th.
Agnes Kottke ~ January 21st.
Virginia Leppleman ~ January 14th.
Bernita Linderman ~ January 1st.
Laura Miller ~ January 26th.
Bill Mitchell ~ February 13th.
Barbara Mullins ~ January 29th.
Bob Newbre ~ January 19th.
Lois Oleson ~ January 29th.
Lou Stevens ~ January 16th.
Betty Walton ~ February 15th.

March Birth Dates:

Leonard Heick ~ March 17th.
Ralph Johnson ~ March 23rd.
Lucille Magnusen ~ March 15th.
Dorothy Nichols ~ March 6th.
Laura Lee Pelton ~ March 21st.
Julia Rogers ~ March 4th.

Appreciation Acknowledged

Those being honored at this time for their participation in entertaining programs for the Friendly Neighbors Meal Site during the past year include:

CHORAL GROUP:

Neva Farnum, Julia Rogers, Lou Stevens, Irma & Ralph Zeigler, Lucille Magnuson,

Betty & Bill Mitchell, Jeanette Talbott, and Mary Ann Moser.

RHYTHM RASCALEERS:

Neva Farnum, Julia Rogers, Lou Stevens, Bette & Bill Mitchell, Jeanette Talbott, Irma & Ralph Zeigler, Lucille Magnuson, and Mary Ann Moser.

SOLOS:

Ernie Bunch, Ed Provancha, Dan Goldstein, Clarence Johnson, Lucille Magnuson, Paul Santoro, Lew Smith, Neva Farnum.

We extend many thanks to these talented friends and neighbors for providing us with hours of delightful entertainment.

Idaho Old Time Fiddlers

The *Friendly Neighbors* also extend many thanks to the *Idaho Old Time Fiddlers*, who give of their time and talent to entertain us with that good 'olden days' music we all love. They are with us every last Thursday of each month.

**Moscow Good Samaritan Village
Members of Friendly Neighbors**

Friendly Neighbors are also represented in membership with several residents of *Moscow Good Samaritan Village*. These good neighbors visit the meal site on a regular basis and many of them are long time members:

Mildred Prater
Dorothy Roberts
Mel & Betty Jackson
Ken & Marion Wise
Betty Dahl
Louise Jesse

Ariel O'Reilly
Mary Warren
Vivian Hofmann
Doris Norman
Frances Kalin
Clarence & Evelyn Johnson

These *Friendly Neighbors* and others in the *Village* are now enjoying a new sense of well being due to the addition of a 'Wellness Center' on the premises. There are seven excellent exercise machines installed to keep all those muscles toned and add a new look to their overall health issues.

Editorial Comments

Seniors,

By: Nancy Sargent-Johnson

Call, write, and visit your legislators, State and Federal. Additionally, let City and County officials know how much seniors depend upon the senior services presently in place, and that the need is growing during a time when budget cuts are being considered.

If you do not want senior services to be cut, it is imperative that you express this often to all elected officials. It is also time to remind elected officials that Seniors vote more than any other group.

Across the board Federal budget cut like the one currently proposed in

Congress will negatively impact Older Americans Act dollars and other programs that serve seniors. At the same time, the older adult population is growing. Right here in the 5 North

Central Counties in Idaho is the fastest growing population of 85+ year olds in the State. Cutting dollars will make it difficult to help all the seniors who need meals, transportation, and other senior services.

It is a fact that the Federal tax cut proposal from the President will mean less Federal money for senior services. On the flip side, those tax cuts will not benefit most seniors, especially those who are on modest, fixed incomes. Therefore, seniors will see a reduction in senior services, and the great majority will receive nothing in return (only those making \$200,000+ a year are likely to benefit from tax reduction in corporate dividends).

Bottom line, some senior services have already been cut, and you have a right to know that much deeper cuts are likely if legislative actions are not challenged.

I'm asking you to please look into the facts. Decide for yourself what you think should be done, and express those thoughts to elected officials.

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For the Fun of It

THE STEALING

On this occasion, I awoke from a short nap. Suddenly, I looked out the nearby window; I couldn't believe my eyes. the strangest sight I've ever seen! yes, outside that window I could see a man standing by a pickup. Only his legs were in view; however, I could determine he was wearing stripped overalls. He must be a farmer of some type. In his hand I could see a long manila rope. Perhaps he was a cowboy looking for a good cow dog!! What could all this mean? What was he doing with the rope and why was he in my yard?

I must check to see what is taking place in the yard. I ran as quickly as possible to the back door. I must see what is happening out there. my dog is out there in her pen.

When I reached the back door and looked into the back yard, it was already too late. Not only was my beautiful Muffett missing, the entire fence was also gone. The man,

who ever he might have been, had taken dog, fence and all.

I ran quickly outside. I called and called for my dog, but she was gone. I called and called but could never find her. What will I ever do without my beautiful Muffett? Surely I can buy another fence, but I can never replace the beautiful Muffett. Doris N.

Little Known Facts

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse who has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

"I am." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

The term "the whole 9 yards" came from W.W.II fighter pilots in the South Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet, before being loaded into the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "The whole 9 yards."

The End – Go No Further

