

# Friendly Neighbors' Newsletter

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## Letter from the President

The Friendly Neighbors meal site is thankful for our cook Mike Linderman and his wife Bernita for all of the good things they serve us. We should also be thankful that our finances are still holding strong.

I also want to take this time to thank all of the many volunteers who donate their time and talents to make the meal site services possible. It would take too long to list them all, but please know that I am grateful for all that you do.

And my term as President of Friendly Neighbors expires soon, and I want to thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your president this past year. I am thankful to have so many friends within this organization.

Happy holidays!  
Ollie Pratt, President

## An Irish Poem (author unknown)

Take time to work,  
It is the price of success.  
Take time to think,  
It is the source of power.  
Take time to play,  
It is the secret of perpetual youth.  
Take time to read,  
It is the fountain of wisdom.  
Take time to be friendly,  
It is the road to happiness.  
Take time to love and be loved,

It is the privilege of the Gods.  
Take time to share,  
Life is too short to be selfish.  
Take time to laugh,  
Laughter is the music of the soul.



## **BLINDNESS SUPPORT GROUP**

**Meets every Wednesday at 10:30 A. M...  
except the second Wednesday of the  
month... at the Moscow Senior Center on  
Third Street, across from the Moscow  
High School. Speakers and group  
members are present to answer your  
questions about Diabetes and Blindness.**

- **No Refills** - A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked

### **'NO REFILLS'.**

- **39 and Holding:** Johnny asked his grandma how old she was. Grandma answered, "39 and holding." Johnny thought for a moment and then said, "How old would you be if you let go?"
- **Fast camera...** Japanese scientists have invented a camera with a shutter that operates so fast, it was recently able to take a picture of a woman with her mouth shut.



**Betsy Thomas**

**Friendly Neighbors Member Passes Away**

Friendly Neighbors member Betsy Thomas of Moscow passed away from cancer on November 1, 2007. Betsy attended the meal site as well as made use of the computer corner in the Senior Center. Betsy's family donated some of her home office supplies to the Senior Center, for which we are very appreciative. The center received pens, paper, a stapler, a pencil sharpener, note pads, and a paper shredder.

Many people are now conscious of identity theft, and a shredder can be used on sensitive documents. Seniors are welcome to bring papers for shredding.

Note that paper clips and staples need to be removed from the paper before inserting the paper into the shredder. Feel free to use the shredder now located in the center near the telephone. If you think you need help with the shredder, bring in your papers for shredding during the times Doris and Kay are in the center, which are Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, and they can show you how to use the shredder.

We are sorry to lose our friend and Friendly Neighbors member Betsy Thomas, but we are grateful to her family for remembering the center with these gifts donated in Betsy's memory.

**Your retirement years should be easier.**

As a resident of Good Samaritan Village and Fairview Village Estates, you'll enjoy priority access to all services offered through out both campuses.

Fairview Village Estates is located on the east side of town, with beautiful views of Moscow Mountain and Paradise Ridge. You can find that care-free retirement lifestyle you've longed for. With brand new, personalized Twinhomes and a new apartment complex, The Lodge, our residents 55 and older can enjoy a maintenance-free home and the freedom they deserve.

**Fairview Village Estates** A Good Samaritan Senior Living Facility

**Open Now!**



**Remembering Marge**

A pleasant memory someone called Marjorie,  
Seen at her place at the table  
Of weekly Senior group where we shared chats and soup  
She showed up when 'ere she felt able!  
Quietly smiling, and greeting all those who pause to say  
"How are you, Marge, today?" Always a pleasurable meeting!  
Now there's a vacant chair, our Marge no longer there  
I, for one, will be one of these, who'll miss her quiet way  
On Friendly Neighbor Day, Fare well to a Dear Lady  
REST IN PEACE!

Bette Ruth Mitchell {8-28-'07}



**FOR CHUCK**

Chuck, special Friendly Neighbor Friend  
Was, quietly, up to the end  
Participant at every meal  
At Senior Center, his appeal  
Was evident in all he tried  
With his wife, Betty, at his side  
He love to hear Hawaiian songs  
And joined in our fun sing-a-longs  
A Vandal Booster, Elk club member  
Played Golf from April to September!  
And even on the coldest day,  
Or two, he'd always find a way!  
Dear Chuck, we two, miss you already  
Signed lovingly, by Bill and Bette!

Bette The Bard 09-26-'07



Friendly Neighbor, **Mary Warren** is now living in Spokane to be near her daughter

Mary Warren



A long time Friendly Neighbor, **Louise Jessen** has been unable to attend the meal site in several years, and is now residing in Clark House. In the late 90's and early 00's, she never missed a Tuesday or Thursday. There are those of us who remember her well and miss her good company

Louise Jessen

and laughter at the Senior meal site. In November, she celebrated her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and good friends. Remember her with a note. Her address is 1401 Polk Street, Room #112, Moscow, ID 83843.



Ron Crawford



Norma Johnson

The above Musicians recently entertained at the **Friendly Neighbors Meal Site**.

**Ron Crawford** and guitar visited in early November with songs and music from the past.

Later in the month, **Norma Johnson** performed... playing her keyboard with music to please.

All **Friendly Neighbors** extend a big thank you to these talented entertainers.



Bill Mitchell

**Bill Mitchell** plays piano for the Neighbors on a regular basis. His time and music are greatly appreciated by all..



Lee Fruits ~ Lou Stevens

Appearing on **Halloween** were a goodly number of ghosts and goblins. Her are two: Lee and Lou... lost spirits from the other side.



Noai Leidenfrost.

**Noai** plays the Irish whistle and violin with the Celtic Band. She was inadvertently left out of the article in the September/October Newsletter.



Marilyn Mitchell

By: Marilyn

“It is not the height of the mountain you climb but the size of the pebble in your tennie!” Marilyn climbed many mountains in her life but also found a few pebbles in her tennies.

She was born the middle child of nine, to Chas I. and Billie Merrick in Ashton, Idaho. As the crow flies, Ashton is 50 miles from

Yellowstone Park... fifty miles north of Idaho Falls. The family lived on a farm raising seed potatoes, commercial potatoes, Hereford cattle and miscellaneous rotation crops.

Marilyn loved school with music, journalism, history and home economics her favorite classes. She spent six weeks her junior year at the Sherwood Music School in Chicago. She was editor of the Husky Howl and the yearbook. She frequently wrote poetry to accompany her compositions.

Active as a member of 4-H, she took projects in clothing, foods, jelly making, as well as many others and was chosen General Achievement Winner for the State of Idaho and received a trip to National 4-H Conference in Chicago.

She was a 4-H leader for eleven years and an equal number as district director of the *“Make It Yourself With Wool”* provided her an opportunity to enjoy work with young people.

After graduating as Valedictorian of her high school class, she used several scholarships to attend the University of Idaho in Moscow.

In 1959, she was chosen to represent Idaho and the U. S. as an International 4-H Youth Exchange delegate and spent seven months living with farm families in Germany.

On her return home, Marilyn married her college sweetheart of two years, Ladd Mitchell. He took a job in Weiser, Idaho as County Agent for the 4-H program.

After four years service, Ladd moved to a position in Okanogan, Washington on the Colville Indian Reservation, helping his clientele set up programs to improve their live stock programs.

In 1973, Ladd found his “DREAM JOB” in Ephrata, Washington as Grant/Adams Area Livestock Agent. He worked with the

cattlemen, woolgrowers, and 4-H livestock. He founded the Washington State Shearing School with Australian instructors.

In the meantime, Marilyn (who is Bi-Polar and has diabetes) was unable to hold a full-time job. Being a very empathetic husband, Ladd’s attitude was: “I’ll bring home the bacon if you fry it up!”

Ladd and Marilyn have two wonderful, successful children. Their 44-year-old son, Mark, is sales manager of Valley Honda Acura. His wife, Lori, is trained in Special Ed. Both are graduates of Washington State University.

They have two young sons, 11-year-old Gian and 6-year-old Jackson. They also are semi adoptive parents of Lori’s sister’s college age youngsters, James, Joe and Anna.

Christa and Jonathan Davis attended WSU and now live on a ranchette 10 miles south of Moscow. They have four children: Bethany, 17 who was runner up Miss Moscow, and plays the classical violin. Aaron 15 ½ runs track for Moscow High School. Gabe, 18 won his division in the Northwest Wrestling Tournament, and Talitha (who just turned 12) is active in gymnastics and horseback riding. Their home in on the

Jon is a computer analyst for WSU. Christa teaches kindergarten at the Charter School, and is taking a University class to keep up her credentials.

### ***Busy Family!!***

Marilyn has just completed here first year at Good Samaritan Retirement Village, and states she enjoys it very much and finds everyone to be most kind.



**Moscow Senior Center Coffee  
Provided by Jeff Bollinger: Investment  
Representative, Edward Jones:  
Eastside Marketplace  
1420 S. Blaine, Suite 4, Moscow, Idaho**

**Cheers!**

-Jenny

All in all they're glad they're young  
 And think it just a nightmare  
 To be atop, or God forbid,  
 Over the proverbial hill

Youth always thinks it has the upper hand  
 Because they're toned and firm:  
 And we are, for the most part,  
 Soft and pudgy.

But it is always an advantage being old,  
 Because, you see, we already had our  
 chance to be their age  
 But they will only get to be ours, if they're  
 lucky.

- From the end of the poem "Old Farts  
 in a Young War" by Steve Nolan

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**"Time"**

**If you had a bank that credited you  
 each morning with \$86,400, but carried  
 no balances from day to day and allowed  
 you to keep no cash in your account and  
 every evening cancelled whatever part of  
 the amount you had failed to use during  
 the day... what would you do?**

**Draw out every cent each day, if course.  
 Well, you do have just such a bank and its  
 name is "Time." Every morning it credits  
 you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it  
 writes off as lost whatever of these you  
 have failed to invest in good purposes. It  
 carries over no balances. It allows no  
 overdrafts. Every day it opens a new  
 account with you. At night it burns the  
 record of the day.**

**How are you investing your time?**

**From the July 1934 Cross-Talk (Vol. 6,  
 #7) by W. P. Ballard, La Grande, Oregon.**

**Letters to the Editor****Beware of PeoplePC.com**

In the AARP Magazine they print ads by  
 the Internet Provider PeoplePC.com. The  
 cost was attractive, so I signed up for a year  
 of it, much to my sorrow.

It gave me nothing but trouble. It trashed  
 my hard disk and I had to pay Hewlett  
 Packard \$119 to bring it back to life as well  
 as having to install all of my programs  
 again.

After many calls to PeoplePC Tech  
 Support I got the Email program working,  
 but it was more trouble than it was worth to  
 use it. I called and asked for a refund but  
 they wouldn't give it to me. I finally wrote  
 off the money to bad judgment (I should  
 never have paid for a full year), and got  
 another service provider.

What really made me mad last week was a  
 new charge on my credit card from People  
 PC for a renewal of the service. I called  
 them and said I didn't authorize them to  
 renew it, that I wasn't using it, and that I  
 wanted a refund of that money. They said I  
 had never cancelled it and they wouldn't  
 refund it.

I called my credit card company and told  
 them I hadn't authorized the charge and they  
 said I would get my money refunded.

PeoplePC is a thoroughly bad company to  
 deal with, and I wouldn't advise anyone to  
 get involved with them! ...Dorothy Nichols

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**Love...** If you love something, set it free. If it  
 comes back, it will always be yours. If it  
 doesn't come back, it was never yours to  
 begin with. But, if it just sits in your living  
 room, messes up your stuff, eats your food,  
 uses your telephone, takes your money, and  
 doesn't appear to realize that you had set it  
 free... You either married it or gave birth to  
 it.

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