

Friendly Neighbors' Newsletter

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President's Message

As I promised in my last message, things have changed. In September our attendance has picked up. For the first three meals of the month, we served about 265 meals, compared to August about 55 meals a day. We have also added a number of new members.

As always, the election of officers will be here in December. The Nominating Committee for 2005 is:

- Chair: Doreen Steenberg
- Bob Crossin
- Grace Heick

If any Friendly Neighbors' member has anybody they would like to nominate for the offices:

- President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary (incumbent)
 - Treasurer (incumbent).
 - Board Member (one to be elected), please see the Nominating Committee.
- Jim Maley, President, Friendly Neighbors

Moscow Friendly Neighbors' Meal Site
412 East Third Street
Moscow, Idaho.
12 O'clock Noon

- Senior meals for those 60 and over
- Served each Tuesday & Thursday
- Donation: \$3.00 persons over 60
- Under 60: \$5.00 persons under 60

Bette Mitchell

On Finding A Replacement Volunteer

When I took this job it was under duress,
 When asked I said, "NO!" but it ended up
 "Yes."!

The reason was that no one else would agree
 To accept the position so they called on me!
 I'm open to intimidation, that's true,
 And that is the reason that everyone knew
 That just this once more they could
 somehow finagle

Me into a spot out of which I can't wiggle.
 And though I have pouted, complained, all
 that stuff;

At last I have come to terms with it, enough
 Of hemming and hawing, and just getting by
 With minimum effort, from now on I'll try
 To take up the reins and accomplish some
 good

For you Friendly Neighbors, so if you all
 would

Forgive my ineptness in former affairs,
 We'll get on with meeting and find out who
 chairs

Entertainment committee, for now it is time
 For me to bow out and the reason is I'm
 Looking forward to sitting among all you
 folks

Some chatting, some knitting and some
 telling jokes:

So please just step up and agreeably do
 Take you turn at this job 'cause I'm
 counting on you!

PLEASE?? BETTE MITCHELL

THEN - 1942



NOW - 2005



A True Love Story

Lived & Written by: Jim Maley

It begins Sept. 5th 1944 in the small **Midwest** town of **Mahomet, Illinois**. I started high school with **Betty Epperson** and, counting us, a total of 23 other green-horns. During my high school years, I was a friend of **Betty's**. We never dated. Her folks were great friends with me and treated me like their own. All the small towns in the area around **Mahomet** put on "free shows" in the streets on the side of downtown areas. **Betty's folks** always took me along. You may wonder why and mainly because I had neither mother nor father.

I left school early and worked three part-time jobs. I even made enough to buy a car. I dated other girls. After leaving school, I lost track of **Betty**. I joined the army during the **Korean Conflict** and was shipped to **Korea**. I got my discharge from the army on

April 6, 1956.

In the years that followed, I owned a café in **Harvey, Illinois**, and later one in **Salt Lake City, Utah**. While in **Salt Lake**, I also became a police officer. In 1960, my café burned and I left the police department. I moved to **Elko, Nevada**. While in **Elko**, I tended bar in a casino. Two years later, I returned to **Salt Lake City** and worked as a factory representative for a boot company. Since I traveled four **Western** states, I moved to **Portland, Oregon**. My territory also included **Alaska**. I did this for 22 years.

In 1989, I moved to **Las Vegas, Nevada**, and worked at **Sam's Western Store**. I retired in August 1992. At this time I took a vacation back to **Mahomet** and visited my aunt who was 90 years of age. During that time there I found that **Betty's** husband had passed away. I went to see **Betty's** brother and got her address, phone number and that she lived in **Moscow, Idaho**. So, I wrote her. She was surprised to hear from me. After I returned to **Las Vegas**, we continued to correspond. Then I started sending cards one at a time and later seven or eight at once. Then we started calling once a day which later turned into twice a day. **Betty** called in the morning and I called at night. Shortly after this, we decided to meet. So, **Betty** came to **Las Vegas** on October 7, 1999. It was like years had not past and we were back in high school. I thought highly of her but never had told her so. I was now 69 years old and in love for the first time in my life. When she got back in **Moscow**, we decided I should move there, also. So we agreed I would try to come to **Moscow** in March of 2000, but I couldn't wait and came in December of 1999. To end the story, we married **February 25, 2004**, and it is the best thing I ever did.





Photo by: D. Norman

Mary Ann Moser

Mary Ann came first to the meal site in the 1980's, and like a "good penny" she has been gone, came back, and continues to enjoy the fellowship of the **Friendly Neighbors**.

She was born on the family farm out of **Colton, Washington**. She attended the first three grades of school in a "Country School" (one room, eight grades), which was a quarter mile, walking from home. This was the **Bald Butte School**; the same school where her mother, a city girl, came to teach in 1918. She met **Mary Ann's** dad (**Aloise "Fizzle" Moser**) whose younger brother and sisters were taught by **Miss Lillian Stevens**. **Mary Ann's** parents married in 1920. There were four children born to this union: **Bob, Rita, Mary Ann, and Polly**.

They never "got to" move. Now there is a 4th generation **Moser** farming the family farm which was settled by

from **GTE** in **Moscow** after twenty years of service.

She learned basic piano from a sister and guitar chords from a brother with whom she sang in various local contests, taking first place yodeling ***The Freight Train Blues***. She acquired her first guitar from the **Spiegel Catalogue** during her high school years. She had a fifteen-minute spot each week on radio station **KDRO** in **Sedalia**. She also played piano with a small railroad-sponsored group for Saturday night radio and political rallies.

Besides the **Fiddlers**, her interests are the church, senior groups, playing cards and gathering with friends.

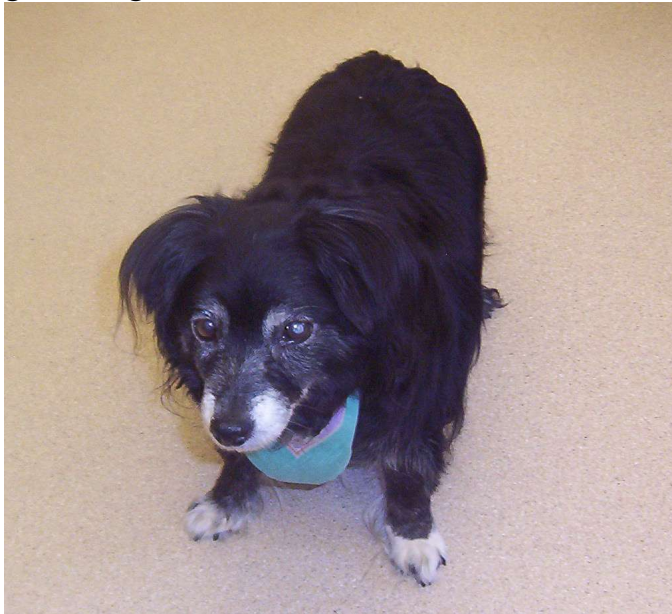


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Presenting Our New Computer Chairs

These are the two ergonomic computer desk chairs which were purchased by the **Friendly Neighbors' Continuing Education Committee** from grant monies received from **Latah County Community Foundation**.

A big **"Thank You"** to **Lou Stevens**, who donated the two original chairs we have previously used at the computers. They have now been transferred to the table holding the additional two computers which are in daily use.

Come in on **Monday mornings 9:30 to 11:30** and **Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00** and use the **Senior Computers** and if you require help, **Doris** and **Kay** are there for any assistance you may need. These four computers are also available for use by **Seniors** any day Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feel free to come by and use the computers when necessary.

Moscow Parks and Recreation

Pre-registration is required for all activities. Call Moscow Parks and Rec. at 883-7085 or 883-7084 to register by phone.

Let's Go Bowling



The first Wednesday of each month go bowling at Zeppoz with other seniors and see if you can beat your score from the previous month. We will leave the HIRC at 1 pm and return around 3 pm. The cost is \$6 for city residents and \$8 for county residents.

Digital Photography



A representative from Kits Camera will teach you about different kinds of digital cameras and how they work. You do not need a digital camera to participate! Classes will be on October 11 and November 16 from 9:00am – 10:30 am at the Senior Center.

Celebrate Jack!



This free program is at the HIRC on October 31 from 10:30am – 12:30am.

Old age ain't no place for sissies.

-Bette Davis-

If you can't be a good example -- then you'll just have to be a horrible warning.

-Catherine-



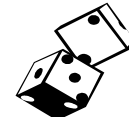
Senior Programs

Celebrate Putt Putt



On November 17 from 10:30 – 12:30 we will set up a mini golf course in HIRC gym, and all seniors are invited to come and play for prizes. The cost is \$2 for city resident and \$4 for county residents. Pre registration is required.

CDA Casino Trip



Enjoy a trip to the casino, we will provide transportation and a buffet lunch, and you just need to bring your gambling monies. The trip will be on November 19 from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. The cost is \$22.50 for city residents and \$23.50 for county residents. Don't miss your chance to enjoy the sights and sounds of the casino!

Fall Dinner Dance



Join on October 5 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm for dancing and a complete ham dinner. Cost is \$21 for city residents and \$23 for county.

**Inside me lives a skinny woman
crying to get out. But I can
usually shut her up with
cookies.** ☆

**The hardest years in a woman's
life are those between ten and
seventy.**