

# “Keeping In Touch”

Quarterly Newsletter by/for Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game  
Retirees/Families and Interested Former Employees

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## Dates to Remember

**Retiree Luncheon  
Schedule  
Golden Corral  
on Emerald in Boise  
11:30 a.m.**

**2010  
September 9  
November 11**

**Mark Your Calenders!**

## Sorry This Is So Late!

I must apologize again for the delay in getting the Newsletter to you. A couple weeks ago my old computer “bit the dust” and I had to get a new one with all updated software. As a consequence, I am in the process of learning new programs and am having to rebuild all the retiree documents. The old software is so outdated that it is not usable with the upgrades. Until I get up to speed with the formatting and style (at my age it may take awhile?), please be patient with me! PLEASE!! I’m not happy with the way this newsletter looks but it will have to do for this issue. — JFF

## Health Care Reform — Benefits in Idaho

Thank you, *Don and Shelley Anderson*, for sending the following information: You may access the Idaho portion of a report from the White House regarding some of the immediate impacts of the recently enacted health reform law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) by going to: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/healthreform/downloads#states>. Then click on your state report. The report focuses on new consumer protections, small business tax credits, new Medicaid coverage options, and other measures with immediate impact.

## Thanks To You

We are very grateful for all the donations you people have given to keep this newsletter going. Thank you *Jerry Mowery, Edie Pehrson, Jim and Vickie Keating, Monte and Nancy Richards, Kate Bethke and Grant and Vaola Christensen* for your generosity.

## Welcome!

Only have one new retiree to report this issue. *Dan Papp*, Wildlife Educator for the Southwest Region, officially

retired as of June 30 after 22 years of service. Dan, we hope you and Gail can travel from your farm in Nyssa once in awhile to join us for lunch. You’ll be missed!

## Retiree News

In previous newsletters, we have been keeping you updated on *Milt Williams’ son, Geoff*, who has been performing miracles around the world. Here is the latest from Milt: “What you stated was correct according to the last info you had. But the foundation that Geoff started up, International Children’s Surgical Foundation, has been quite successful in receiving good funding from donors, so that now all travel and surgical expenses are met through the foundation. Expenses for the surgical teams that he takes to the Philippines are covered also

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“He left Saturday (May 1) for Pakistan again. We hope he’ll be safe. While there with Bev, they were guests of a wealthy Pakistani physician and were treated royally, in a safe environment and I assume he’ll stay there this time, too.” (*Milt, keep the updates coming. We are not tired of hearing about the good works Geoff is doing.*)

We want to welcome **Fred and Patricia Edwards** to the valley. They have moved from Council to Wisteria Avenue in Nampa. Fred and Pat, we hope you enjoyed being at the Retirees luncheon at the Golden Corral.

**Barbara Alverson** just spent two weeks in Georgia attending her grandson's wedding and she went to Disney World, also. *(Can't wait 'til you get back, Barb, so you can bring us up to date.)*

Seems as if **Ray Greene** is enjoying his retirement a lot. He and Val recently "got back from avoiding most of the rain in the Sawtooths, but the trails were streams, not paths! Hell Roaring was indeed aptly named. Still Val and I enjoyed quite a few miles with passable weather for hiking. The best part for me as a tourist was no other people. The town was completely deserted because of the weather."

Welcome home, **Nancy Richards!** **Jack Fisher** reported that Nancy has spent the last ten weeks in the hospital and in rehab after suffering a stroke. Jack says, "We are all hoping she can handle Monte's nursing care! She is much stronger now than she was even a week ago."

"Also, Monte and I went fishing yesterday (June 8) and got skunked. Too bad as it was his last trip for a while as his

nursing care will take up most of his free time.

"Would be nice if all or any of you would send her a 'Welcome Home' card. She would be delighted and Monte would be pleased."

### In Memoriam

**Kelleen Rose Chapman** Memorial services were held June 7 for **Kelleen Rose Chapman** at St. Mary's Church in Boise. She passed away June 1, 2010, after a long battle with cancer. A celebration of her life was held at the Presbyterian Church in Wendell on June 1. Kelleen was the wife of **Jerry Chapman**, Hatchery Manager at Niagara Springs Hatchery.

**Stanley Edward Kopke** **Stan Kopke**, 66, of Boise, passed away April 20, 2010. Services were held at Cloverdale Funeral Home April 24. Stan was the husband of **Cathy Kopke** who recently retired from the department. Stan served in the Idaho Air National Guard, he was a route salesman for Idaho Linen Supply from 1973-1979, owned and operated Kopke Mobile Wash from 1979-1985, was a District Sales Manager for the Idaho Statesman from 1980-1985, and also was a newspaper hauler for the Statesman. He also was home delivery manager for the Santa Barbara News Press from 1985-1986, was a courier driver for Pony Express/Velocity Express.

Stan retired May 6, 2006. Stan is survived by his wife Catherine of Boise; his children Michael Edward (Lisa), Mark Allen, David Louis, and Lynn "Jason" (Linsey) of Boise; his brother Daniel Dee of Nampa; and his three grandchildren all of Boise.

### Barbara J. Quenzer

A celebration of life for **Barbara Quenzer (Mama Q)**, who passed away May 6, 2010, was held at the First Baptist Church in Boise on May 15. Barbara worked for several law firms before joining the Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game. She retired in 1993 after 23 years of service. She volunteered at the Nature Center, St. Al's Gift Shop and Elk's Rehab. She loved to read, cook, play Pinochle or listen to her favorite band, "The Moondoggies." Barbara is survived by her sister JoAnn Dudley Turner (Marvin); her children Richard Quenzer, Susan Mills (Harold) and Dwight Quenzer (Susan); three granddaughters and three grandsons. She was preceded in death by her husband Daniel Quenzer, Jr.; her brothers, Orie and Richard Dudley; and her parents. Donations in Barbara's name may be made to your favorite charity.



**Gerald D. (Jerry) Baltazor**

*Jerry Baltazor* passed away May 16, 2010, at St. Benedicts Medical Center in Jerome after a long battle with cancer. Services were held May 21 at the Shoshone Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with inurnment at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Caldwell. Jerry was a graduate of the University of Idaho where in 1973 he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Fish and Wildlife Resource Management. While working for the Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game, he lived in St. Maries, Cascade, Emmett and Twin Falls. During that time he coauthored a book with and about his grandfather's life, capturing and training wild mustangs in the Owyhee Breaks of Eastern Oregon. In 1977, Jerry was offered and accepted a position as Conservation Officer in Shoshone, a position he held for nearly 14 years.

In 1979 he received a 110% Award from the 43<sup>rd</sup> Police Academy. Jerry was active in his community, serving 8 years on the Shoshone City Council in the 1980's and the City Planning and Zoning Commission for many years after that. In 1991, Jerry accepted a position as Conservation Investigator, working out of the Jerome Regional Office. In 1998 he received the prestigious Wildlife Officer of the Year Award for Idaho from Shikar Safari International for exemplary

work in wildlife law enforcement. In 2003 Jerry was named Enforcement Employee of the Year by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Juanita; daughters, Hollie, Christy and Wendy all of Boise; his mother, Lucille Baltazor of Nampa; his brother, Jim (Anita) Baltazor of Emmett; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. As Jerry requested, donations may be made to the Shoshone Elementary Library Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program, the Idaho Talking Book Service or a charity of your choice.

**Carol Ann Pilate**

*Carole Ann Pilate* passed away in Meridian on May 20, 2010. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Carol worked for the Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game for many years in the Bureau of Administration. After retirement, she and her husband spent time traveling throughout the USA. Carol is survived by her husband, Larry Pilate; two daughters, Debra Stearns of Orange, California and Cindy Smith (Scott) of Pollock, Idaho; two sons, Rick Stearns (Karen), Tehachapi, Callifornia and Tim Stearns (Jean) of Fountain Valley, California; two step-daughters, Jennifer Pilate-Saunders (Bryan) of South Portland, Maine and Michelle Saunders (Jim) of Harpswell, Maine; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Memorial

donations may be made to St. Luke's Hospice in Carol's name.

**Jeanne Durand Vail**

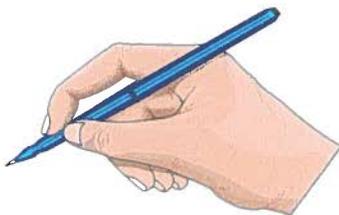
A memorial service for *Jeanne D. Vail* was held May 25 at College Church of the Nazarene in Nampa. Mrs. Vail passed away May 20, 2010, of heart failure. Mrs. Vail was the mother of *Sandy Cudmore* and mother-in-law to *Pat Cudmore*.

**Steve Jensen**

*Steven John Jensen* passed away June 21, 2010. Graveside services were held June 28, 2010, at Dry Creek Cemetery. Steve was married to *Lynn Dee Kiler*, daughter of *Al and Jo Kiler* and sister of *Keith, Kirk, Kelly and Kay Kiler*.

Our deepest sympathies to all the families mentioned above. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.





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### **Happy Late Birthday!**

- Terry Williams, June 7
- Walt Arms, June 9
- Al Kiler 90 Years Old, June 13
- Bob Bell, June 13
- Roger Olson, June 17
- Larry R. Smith, June 20
- Steve Huffaker, June 22
- Carl Anderson, June 23
- Vaughn Brauer, June 27
- Larry Miller, June 27
- Don Stucker, June 27
- Joan Trueblood, June 27

### **July Birthdays!**

- Larry Hlavaty, July 2
- Paul Sommerfeld, July 2
- Butch Welch, July 3
- Phyllis Kochert, July 9
- John Scott, July 9
- John Beecham, July 10
- Lois Lunday, July 10
- Fred Christensen, July 14
- Wally Ekren, July 17
- Mel Branch, July 19
- Rod Duke, July 22
- Steve Barton, July 25
- Wayne Melquist, July 28
- Dale Tankersley, July 29
- Diane Ronayne, July 30

### **August Birthdays!**

- Bert Bowler, August 4
- Jeff Copeland, August 4
- Mick Hoover, August 5
- Herb Pollard, August 5
- Colleen Cade, August 8
- Kris Van Cleave, August 14
- Claude Clapsaddle, August 15
- Lonn Kuck, August 15
- Frank Morgan, August 17
- Dan Papp, August 20
- Keith Kiler, August 21
- Gary Will, August 21
- Lorrie Parrish, August 24
- Norm Guth, August 26
- Leon Strickland, August 26
- Merry Dell Morris, August 29
- Stacy Gebhards, August 31

### **September Birthdays!**

- Rick Gilchrist, September 1
- Tom Leege, September 3
- Bob Vaughn, September 3
- Eldon Anglen, September 29
- Marty Luther, September 29

### **Happy Anniversary!**

- Gail and Dan Papp,  
42 Years, July ?
- Joan and Jack Trueblood,  
September 26

