

"Keeping in Touch"

Quarterly Newsletter by/for
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.

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2014

July 10
September 11
November 13

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Mark Your Calendars

"The Vanishing Stream"

The last issue of the newsletter told about the DVD, "The Vanishing Stream — An Oral History of The Life & Times of *Stacy Gebhards*," which is available at museums and libraries. Stacy sent me a list of these facilities but the document is too large to put in the newsletter. So, if you want to know if you can obtain a copy at your local library/museum, just call me at: 208-888-1015 or e-mail: jjfisher938@q.com. Also, you can contact Roy Heberger, the producer of the DVD at: e-mail [Harp\\$Heb@msn.com](mailto:Harp$Heb@msn.com) or 208-344-6942. We will be able to tell you where you can get the DVD.

Clearwater Retiree Reunion

A retiree reunion organized by *Chris Craig* was held Feb. 17 at Roosters in Clarkston. Chris wrote: "We had a small but *handsome* group of 16 people who enjoyed reminiscing and telling tall stories of their past F&G escapades and giving an update of what they've been up to since retirement. Think our longest retiree was Walt Brown, former Regional Supervisor and short timer was *Ed Buettner*."

All of us agreed that we keep plenty busy and wonder where

we ever found the time to work! It was great seeing those who were able to attend and we hope to hold another one in the near future and that we can have an even bigger turnout." (*Chris, I'm sure you could get a very large attendance if you open the reunion up statewide. Our committee is so small (and old) here in our region we just cannot host another reunion, unless some of the younger retirees take over. — JJF*)

Welcome New Retirees!

(*Is everyone retiring???*)

**Esther Victory*, Office Specialist 2 position for the Fishery Bureau, retired April 30. She worked 6 years for IDFG.

**Mary Dudley*, Volunteer Services Coordinator for the Southwest Region retired April 15 after 24 years of service.

**Judy Wallace*, Administrative Assistant for the McCall Sub-region, retired April 30 after 28 years of service.

**Charlie Petrosky*, Program Coordinator with the Fishery Bureau, retired May 31 after 30 years service.

**Clayton Nielson*, Volunteer Services Coordinator for the Magic Valley Region, retired May 31 after 27 years of service.

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***Dave Cadwallader**, Regional Supervisor for the Clearwater Region retired May 24 after 34 years of service.

***Greg Johnson**, Panhandle Region Conservation Officer, retired June 21 after 31 years service.

Welcome to the Group, Folks!

Many, Many Thanks!!!

A huge THANK YOU to **Wayne Melquist** and **Janet Conley** for their very generous donations! You folks have been so generous with your donations that help keep this newsletter going, we don't know how to thank you enough. *(The only problem is me: I get slower and slower and my mind doesn't work as it used to. Do you have that problem, too!@! Ha! Ha! — JJF)*

Thank You from Lorrie

Lorrie (Spiker) Parrish would like to thank everyone of you kind folks who sent cards/letters/prayers. She is extremely grateful for the extended Fish and Game "Family" who care for others. Thanks again! *(For those of you who know Lorrie is battling cancer, she is doing extremely well and is completely upbeat and spunky, as usual!)*

Retiree Update

For those of you who have missed **Jerry Mallet** at our luncheons lately, here is the reason why. His wife, Charlotte, suffered a stroke on April 29

while having dinner. Fortunately, Jerry recognized it and got her to St. Al's Hospital well within the 3-hour period that is critical to limit damage. However, the stroke was severe. Her speech and the use of her right arm and leg have been affected. She is now at Riverview Rehabilitation on Americana Terrace and is making daily small strides. Jerry is hoping to have her back home by the end of summer. He has been spending 7-10 hours a day with her which is a help to them both. Hopefully, Jerry, you both will be back in circulation soon. We will keep you and Charlotte in our thoughts and prayers.

In Memoriam

(Because of the length of the obituaries, I had to shorten them to fit the space. If you wish to see the full obit, I can send you a full copy. Just let me know.)

Bernice Howell

Bernice Howell, 91, former employee with the Bureau of Wildlife, passed away sometime in April in an assisted living facility. As far as we know, there were no services and no obituary.

Gerald Keith "Jerry" King

Jerry King, 89, Headquarter's Mailroom retiree, passed away April 4. Also, there were no services or obituary.

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Wallace "Wally" Paul Ekren
Wally Ekren, 78, of Jerome passed away May 15 at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise. Wally, was Superintendent of the Game Farm in Jerome and Post Falls and retired in 1987. A memorial service was conducted at the Snake River Elks Lodge in Jerome on May 21.

Wally was from Norwegian descent born in Buhl, Idaho. He graduated from Jerome High School in 1953. After graduation, he worked for the IDFG Game Bird Farm for awhile before joining the U.S. Air Force stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base. He served in Alaska and in different areas of Japan, mainly Okinawa. He was honorably discharged in 1958. After returning from service, he received his job back at IDFG as Superintendent of the Game Farm in Jerome/Post Falls until his retirement.

Wally is survived by his wife Linda of Jerome; daughters Lori (Shane) Smith of Puyallup, Washington, and Tevian (Shane) Kober of Hazelton; grandchildren Colton Aslett, Tristyn Smith and Makenna Smith of Puyallup; and step-grandchildren Gus Kober of Twin Falls and Challis Kober of Hazelton; stepsister Betty Leazer of Twin Falls; three aunts all of Jerome and one uncle from Twin Falls; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Donations may

be made in Wally's name to the Snake River Elks Building Fund, 412 E. 200 S., Jerome, ID 83338, or a charity of their choice.

Jennie Rachel Bell

Jennie Rachel Bell, 70, wife of retiree **Robert "Bob" Bell**, passed away June 14 at the River Ridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls, Idaho after a courageous battle with recurrent breast cancer. Services were held June 20 at St. Mary's Church in Boise, Idaho with internment ceremony at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery.

Jennie was an award winning hair dresser in Great Falls, Montana, and also worked in Burley, Boise and Jerome with many loyal clients. She was very active in the Catholic church. She was also an avid photographer and outdoor enthusiast.

Jennie is survived by her husband Bob of Jerome; her two sons, Dennis and Damian; three brothers and two sisters and many extended family members and friends.

**Virginia Mudge
Hodge Atwood**

Virginia Atwood, 94, passed away on June 17 at the Coeur d'Alene Homes Memory Care Unit. A memorial service/reception was held June 25 at the English Funeral Chapel in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. You may sign Virginia's online memorial at www.englishfuneralchapel.com.

Virginia worked at city hall in Coeur d'Alene in the Clerk's Office for several years before moving to Boise where she went to work for the IDFG as a permit clerk, later transferring to Coeur d'Alene where she retired in 1985.

Virginia's retirement was anything but retiring. She was active in the Methodist Church, the local Eagles Lodge, Lake City Senior Center, and the Lake City Tappers dance team — often performing at public events. She spent most of her retired life throwing darts with her long-time friend and partner, Ray Anderson, winning several Inland Northwest dart tournaments.

Virginia is survived by sons Donald Hodge of Spokane Valley, Washington and Larry Hodge of Portland, Oregon; two stepchildren, 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son Donald Hodge in 1962 and her sister Genevieve.

June Misseldine

June Misseldine, 87, of Ashton, Idaho passed away July 2 at her home. June was the widow of **Hark Misseldine**, former Ashton Hatchery Supervisor who passed November 22, 2004. Graveside services were held at the Teton-Newdale Cemetery with Bishop Gary Marsden officiating.

Our deepest sympathies to all the families.

July Birthdays

Larry Hlavaty & Paul Sommerfeld, July 1
Butch Welch, July 3
John Scott & Phyllis Kochert, July 9
John Beecham & Lois Lunday, July 10
Fred Christensen, July 14
Sharon Clark*, July 15
Rod Duke, July 22
Jo Toomey & Steve Barton, July 25
Wayne Melquist, July 28
Dale Tankersley, July 29
Diane Ronayne & Dale Toweill, July 30

August Birthdays

Monte Richards, August 2, 89 years
Jeff Copeland & Bert Bowler, August 4
Herb Pollard & Mick Hoover*, August 5
Kris Van Cleave, August 14
Lonn Kuck & Will Reid, August 15
Frank Morgan, August 17
Dan Papp, August 20
Gary Will, Keith Kiler & Tom Reinecker, August 21
Lorrie (Spiker) Parrish, August 24, 81 years
Norm Guth & Leon Strickland, August 26
Merry Dell Morris, August 29
Stacy Gebhards, August 31

September Birthdays

Rick Gilchrist, September 1
Bob Vaughn & Tom Leege, September 3
Al Van Vooren, September 4
Irene Powell, September 10 (85 years)
Dee Powell, September 1 (88 years)
Ted Chu, September 11
Phil Jeppson, September 13
Dwight Kilgore & Steve Pettit, September 15
Chuck Garey, September 20
Julie Mulholland* & Jim Keating, September 21
Vickie Keating & Mel Sadecki, September 22
Norma Stewart, September 22
Eldon Anglen, September 29

July Anniversaries

Dan & Gail Papp, July 19, 46 years

August Anniversaries

Tom & Becky Rogers, August 20
Frank & Judy NeSmith, August 21, 50 years

September Anniversaries

Milt & Beverly Williams, Sept. 7, 62 years

*Sorry this newsletter is so short and not very pretty,
but I wanted to get it out before I go on vacation.*