

Forest Service 30 Year Club
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Incoming President's Message

The 30-Year Club Board needs some advise from you about several issues important to the Club's future. However, before starting a discussion I need to say thank you to many members who have served the Club well during the past year.

First, thanks to Dave Jay for his service as president during the past year, and his leadership to launch several initiatives improving Club management, meetings and recruiting. Dave Scott deserves a "well done" as he leaves the Board after almost a decade of outstanding service, including a term as president. Bob McQuown is stepping down as newsletter editor, and turning the word processor over to Wendall Jones. We owe Bob a big round of applause for producing an outstanding newsletter that is so important to 30-Year Club members.

Cherie and Fred Cooper deserve special thanks for organizing our successful Spring Banquet. If you missed it, you missed a superb event. We had great food, and a fine program of memories from the good old days in the outfit. Bev Pratt, Jack Smith, Jerry Allen and Wendall Jones shared stories, mostly true, of people and events that made Uncle Sam's Forest

Rangers special.

Finally, I want to thank the members of the Board who continue to serve for their interest and dedication to the 30-Year Club. We wouldn't exist without their efforts.

The Board would appreciate your comments on the following issues: Finance is one, another recruitment and retention of members and finally our relationship with current Forest Service management.

Currently operation costs, i.e., the newsletter, supporting the picnic and banquet, dues' collection, taxes, and routine business expenses, exceed our income from dues. We are using the income from our \$50,000 savings account to keep us in the black. Board members have spent a lot of time looking for ways to cut expenses, but we have reached the point where further reductions will affect Club programs.

The largest single expense is the newsletter. In spite of the wonders of computers the cost of production continues upward. Printing, paper and postage are the major expense items, and Bob has chased these expenses as hard as he can with only limited success. The bottom line is the newsletter is getting more expensive and our

income isn't keeping up with costs.

The cost of our two social events, the picnic and banquet, continue to climb. We try to keep each event self-supporting, however the Club has to be prepared to cover costs when attendance is below the break-even point. We're doing well with the picnic, but the banquet has been marginal in several of the past years. Incidentally, the Wildwood site used to be free to the Club, but now we pay a \$150 user fee.

Contributing to the tight financial situation is our dues' structure. Lifetime membership, a great bargain for members, creates a financial headache for budgeting. The one time payment is a problem in how to apportion the lump sum for current and future years' expenses. We haven't figured this issue out, and an accountant has told us there is no easy answer. One option for members to consider is doing away with the lifetime membership option for new recruits.

An option the Board is not considering is a general dues increase.

We are also discussing the
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future of our savings account. Obviously the interest from \$50,000 is a big plus in helping with current operating costs, but what about the future? We have no established policy for managing or using savings in the future, and we think the Club needs one. Should we be looking at our savings as a source for current operating funds, as capital funds for programs to help the Club grow or for some other purpose that benefits members?

We are concerned about membership recruitment and retention. The lifeblood of any organization is members, and we aren't doing as well as we would like in attracting people currently retiring. Your thinking on this subject would be appreciated.

Finally, the Board would also like to hear your thoughts on improving our relationships with current Forest Service management. The major organizational, personnel and philosophical changes that have taken place in the last decade have changed some traditions and values that were important during our careers. However, in spite of these upheavals there are good people in the outfit doing their best to "Care for the land, and serve the public." We believe it is important to the forests, the outfit and the alumni to be supportive of their efforts.

I realize we're asking some pretty open ended questions, but we really would appreciate your thoughts to help us look not only at current activities but also the future of the 30-Year Club. You can phone us, write us or use E-mail to contact any member of the Board with your advice and counsel (See the list of Board members with contact information in this copy of the newsletter.) We would appreciate your comments by July 1, 2000.

One last item: Don't forget the Missoula reunion in September. If you need registration information contact: NRMA c/o Bitter Root RC&D, 1709 N. First Street, Hamilton, MT 59840.

But don't wait; time is getting short to get your registration mailed.

Have a great summer...*John*

The Members Corner

Dick & Sandy Wessell

We've noted in reading Harold Simes copy of the last 30-Year Club mailing that our listed address is wrong, probably explaining why we have not received it. Harold and Natalie looked us up at Cocopah RV resort in Yuma, while we were there.

Our HOME address is as above, 1439 Thompson Rd., Woodburn, OR 97071. We have no PMB # at that address.

Due to the newsletters being mailed "bulk mail", we plan to keep our mail forwarding address in Eugene for such items. The Post Office has requested that all mail forwarding services add the line PMB: (for private mail box) and our number under our names, thus our MAILING address for YOUR mailings is: PMB #1052, 1020 Green Acres Rd-4, Eugene, OR 97408-1765.

Please change our telephone number to 503.981.4226. Our new email address is: RSWessell@cs.com please change that also if necessary.

If it is impossible to use a different home and mail address, please use the Woodburn address for everything and we'll just not receive the mailings when traveling. Sorry for the confusion.

We are now in Tucson, but will be back in Woodburn about April 15th. Sincerely...*Dick & Sandy*

Alice Waldron

I've been sick. Sorry I'm late, but I am 86!! ...*Alice* [We hope you're feeling better soon] ☺

Ralph A. "Sparky" Reeves

Enclosed find a check for \$10.00. This is to cover my partial dues for the year 2000. In April of this year, I turn 90. I wish to take advantage of your offer of a Lifetime Membership to those of us still kicking after 9 decades.

We want to share our appreciation for the fine job you are doing and want to express our support for the Club. We applaud your efforts in responding to such important issues as the Roadless Area Notice of Intent in the Federal Register. Many of our members worked on the RARE I and II efforts. They no doubt would lend considerable experience and insight as to what is happening on this issue. Sincerely...
Sparky Reeves

[Happy 90th, Sparky, and may you have many more!]

Frank Lewis

Got so engrossed in the new millennium I clean forgot to ante-up for the dues. I deduced my oversight when I got to looking up the plans for Missoula come next September. Hope you haven't dropped us out the chute entirely! Anyway, enclosed check hopefully will get us back on track.

Originally thought we might go on the bus to Missoula but have changed our plans—will either fly over or drive ourselves via Spokane. Let me know the details for registering, etc. We'll call the hotel for our reservations.

Hope to see you folks at Tokeland next month. Currently we're in the middle of rehearsals for our spring play—Chicago—here on the island. Spent a couple of weeks in Hawaii last month and we are now looking forward to spring here about so the garden can get underway. Regards...*Frank L.*

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Hurry! Last chance for summer picnic registration

Forest Service 30 Year Club Picnic

August 11, 2000

The fun starts at 11:00AM

Lunch is served at 12:30 PM

Our annual picnic this summer will be held at the same location as it has been for the last several years. For newcomers, it is the Mountain View Shelter at the BLM's Wildwood Recreation Area. Wildwood is located approximately 40 miles east of Portland on US 26, on the way to Mt. Hood.

After turning off US 26, follow the signs to the group picnic area and you'll be there. The BLM is charging an entry fee of \$3.00 per vehicle. Envelopes for the fee are in 'Self-Serve' dispensing machines. Disabled persons will not be charged this fee. Those with Golden Age Passports also will not be charged—simply put your passport number on the envelope, deposit it and put the stub on your dash. Golden Age Passports are available at most government offices and are a good deal.

The menu this year will include: Roast Baron of Beef, BBQ Chicken, biscuits & cornbread, fresh fruit, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, chips and ice-cream sundae. There will also be coffee, beer, wine, iced tea, lemonade and soft drinks.

You get all of this, plus a chance to chat with old friends, for only \$15.50 per person!

Reservations must be in by July 15th—please send yours in early.

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PICNIC 2000 RESERVATION FORM

Number in Party _____ @ \$15.50 each \$ _____ Total amount enclosed _____

Name(s) _____,

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Return by July 15th to:
Forest Service 30-Year Club
P.O. Box 5583
Portland, OR 97228-5583



“We Proceeded On...”
National Forest Service
Reunion Bus Tour
Set to Go



The 30 Year Club bus tour to the 3rd National Forest Service reunion in Missoula, Montana, September 4th thru 8th, is just about ready to hit the road! The tour bus will depart on September 3rd, 10 a.m., from the Troutdale Air Tanker Base at the Troutdale airport, and return to that same point at about 8:30 p.m. on September 8th. The itinerary is:

9/3	10:00 a.m.	Depart Troutdale Air Tanker Base, Troutdale airport Lunch provided enroute
	6:00 p.m.	Arrive Quality Inn, Clarkston, WA
9/4	8:00 a.m.	Leave Quality Inn
	9:00 a.m.	Arrive Nez Perce Interpretive Center, Spaulding, ID
	10:00	Leave Interpretive Center
	11:00	Arrive Historic Lochsa Ranger Station
	12:00	Lunch provided
	1:30 p.m.	Leave Ranger Station
	5:00	Arrive Missoula, Holiday-Inn Parkside
9/8	9:30 a.m.	Leave Holiday-Parkside Missoula (after Wrap-Up Breakfast)
	12:00 pm.	Lunch provided enroute
	8:30 p.m.	Arrive Fire Center, Troutdale airport

Box lunches will be provided for 9/3, 4, and 8. A mix of turkey, beef, ham, and vegetarian sandwiches will be available, along with fruit juices and soda.

Closing the Loop - the Three R's

Now it's up to you! There are three "R's" that require your immediate attention:

1) "Ride" - Completing payment for the transportation expense, which must be pre-paid to the bus company. Those who are going on the trip have paid a "down payment" of \$50 per person. The total bus cost per person, including customary gratuity for the driver, driver's lodging, and lunches for all three travel days, is estimated to be \$165, leaving a remaining balance of \$115 per person.

The final payment of \$115 per person is due by July 24th, so that we can meet the terms of our contract with the bus company. **Please mail your final payment to 30 Year Club, P.O. Box 5583, Portland, OR 97228-5583.**

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There is still room on the bus if you would like to sign up, but your need to act fast. Send your name (s) , address, phone number, and the required total payment of \$165 per person to the above address as soon as possible.

2) "Rooms" - You must make reservations for your stay at the Quality Inn in Clarkston for the night of September 3rd. The Quality Inn phone number is (509) 758-9500. A block of rooms has been held for us. You must also make room reservations at the Holiday-Parkside Hotel in Missoula. Their phone number is 1(800) 399-0408. You will need a reservation for the nights of September 4th thru the 7th. The Reunion organizers have reserved a block of rooms, but they are going fast! If you are unable to get a room at the Holiday Inn-Parkside, there are a number of other motels in the general area that can be accessed by foot or on the Missoula bus line, the "Mountain Lion".

3) "Registration" - You must register with the Reunion organizers. The basic fee is \$55 per person (\$45 for spouses) but there are some optional activities that require additional payment. You can receive a registration packet by calling (406) 363-5450, ext. 117 or e-mailing brrcd@bitterroot.net. Some registration packets are also still available from Bev Pratt or Tom Nygren.

Please call or write Tom Nygren if you have any questions about the tour:
Tom Nygren, 19022 SW Finnigan Hill Road, Hillsboro, OR 97123; (503) 628-5472;
e-mail - tnygren@juno.com



Bob Devlin Retirement Party

Actually, two parties! July 8, in Canyonville and July 28th, in Portland.

After 42 years, Bob Devlin is retiring!! You will not want to miss the party!!!

The Portland Party...

- When:** July 28, 2000 at 5:30 pm until whenever the tribute ends
- Place:** Shenanigan's, Portland, Oregon
- RSVP** will be requested at a later date.

Questions? Need more information? Contact: Sarah Crim: 503/808-2810 or Peggy Kain: 503/808-2662

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The Canyonville Party...

- When:** July 8, 2000. 6:00 Social—7:00 Dinner (Casual—No Ties)
 - Place:** Seven Feathers Resort, Canyonville, OR. For room reservations phone: (1/800/548-8461)
Ask for Rooms for Umpqua NF Party
 - RSVP:** by **6/23/2000** to Robin Duarte 541/957-3295 or Liz Stevenson-Shaw 541/957-3227
 - Cost:** \$25—Your choice of Prime Rib or Halibut
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And speaking of good times...

If you didn't attend this year's Spring Banquet at the Forestry Center, you missed the best one yet!

Over 100 members were present to honor our "Senior Retirees," those 85 of age or older. Dalton Catering provided an excellent selection of prime rib, almond chicken, roast beef, and all the trimmings. Jerry Allen, Bev Pratt, Jack Smith, and Wendall Jones shared stories about the Forest Service of yesteryear.

Door prizes which were contributed by our membership came from, Shelia Toler, Carolyn Neufeld, Dick Ferraro, Jill McLean, Dick Buscher, and Jack Todd. The recipients were pleased to receive items from their talented fellow members. The table centerpieces, decorated bird houses named after National Forests that no longer exist, went to a lucky member at each of the tables.

You can see from the photos on Pages 14 & 15, that all present had a grand time. See you next year! Our hats are off to **Fred & Cherie Cooper** who planned and organized this years event.

Letters, (continued from page 2)

Evelyn Woodkey

Sorry about the late dues—as you can see things have changed since November. [Please see **Virgil Woodkey's obituary in this issue**]

Jim Talburt

Enclosed are my dues for 2000. Sorry about being late. Maybe next year I will have a cookie sale and do a life membership! Keep up the good work!...*Jim*

Keith McGonagill

I was a Forest Service log scaler on the Trinity NF, R5, in 1951. I thought some other FS log scalers might relate to this poem...*Keith*

Nimble

Scaling logs at the landing, branding each on end,
Entering volumes in the book, before the truck's away,
Dodging the many hazards all makes an interesting day:
Tractors skidding in their turns-several with which to contend

Dropping their logs beside you as with you work you cope,
Trucks backing in and out at the top loader's call
As he works to build a load to make and economic haul,
Staying clear of a second loader hanging on his end hook rope.

Occasionally dropping to the dirt in an effort to stay
Clear of a loose end hook that's sweeping through the air,
Having to climb aboard a truck for the unscaled log up there.
Dodging all the hazards can make an interesting day.

Eldred Halsey

I won't be renewing membership with your fine group of people.

This was my wife, Georgie's membership and she died last year. I don't know but very few of you folks, so I have very little connection...Yours,
Eldred Halsey

Roger & Clela Stamy

Thanks for the application. John Austin gave me the winter newsletter. After seeing so many obituaries of old friends listed, I realized I was out of the loop.

Retirement has been great. Major events have been building our dream home in the country, taking some interesting trips to Europe and Russia as well as restoring a 1929 Model A and a 1940 Ford Coupe. We plan to do some touring this year in the coupe.

Would like to meet everyone in Missoula but good health allows us to take a trip in September that we have been planning for several years. Hopefully, we can make one of the other Club events to see old friends.

If any of you come thru eastern Oregon on I-84, call or email us and we'll give you directions to our home. [Phone: 541.898.2342 email: rcacres@eoni.com]...*Roger & Clela*

Corson Williams

It seems that I am behind on my dues again. So herewith I remit \$10 because I still find things of interest in the Quarterly besides the obits.

I retired from the FS thirty years ago in 1970 so you can guess that I'm not as young as I was. There may be retirees who started work since I retired. But there are still a few familiar names in every issue. As ever...*Corson*

Bob Tyrrel

Hi Vern, Great Newsletter—really appreciate the Membership Directory. Would you change my entry—middle name initial is “R” not “E”. Area code is “530”, not “916”. The area code was changed recently.

Enclosed is membership dues—hope to see you at the Reunion. Thanks...s

George Williams

Greetings! Enclosed is our check for \$20 for 2000 and 2001 dues. Sorry we were so slow.

Our thanks to Bev Pratt and John Marker for their help on the current effort of the administration to stop any road development in NF Roadless areas. A copy of the President's memo to Agriculture is enclosed. I am not sure that this is what President Theodore Roosevelt and Chief Gifford Pinchot had in mind.

We are considering a move to a retirement community here in McMinnville. If things work out, our move would be sometime this fall. Best...*George*

[**Ed Note:** George included a copy of a letter he received from John Podesta, Chief of Staff to the President, transmitting a copy of the Presidential Memorandum directing the Forest Service to develop and propose Roadless regulations for public comment. Space did not allow for reprinting that letter in this issue.]

Frank Ferrarelli

Enclosed are my dues for 2000. A little late, but time is going faster as I get older. No new or exciting news to report.

Do enjoy the Newsletter. Keep up the good work...*Frank*

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Bob Romancier

Dear Newsletter Editor Bob,

My wife and I enjoy your work, including the "All That Fitness Stuff" in the Spring issue. I'll make a copy and post it at the Downtown (Redmond) Athletic Club. I used to edit a FS Newsletter back in the Northeastern Station, and know that there's a lot of work and dedication involved in each issue. The "Charles Schultz Tribute" was good too.

I'm sorry there aren't more researchers involved with the 30-Year Club; perhaps you could locate an active researcher from PNW as a "recruiter" and list him/her with the Area Representatives? I worked for the Southeastern, Pacific Northwest, and Northeastern Forest Experiment Stations, but started out as a lookout/smokechaser on the Willamette NF in 1955. Wife Glenda worked for the Siuslaw and Pacific Northwest Station in the 70's in Corvallis. We are retired now, but both enjoy reading the newsletter. May make it to Missoula in September, but probably not on the bus—we have a son and his family in Casper, WY and will likely make it a loop auto trip, hitting Glacier NP in the process.

Next, let me encourage greater membership by the route I came in. Chuck Petersen treated me to a year's membership, and I liked it and stayed on. I passed the torch by treating Bob Van Aken (R-9 at the time) to membership. Or was it Charlie Newlon from NE Station? Roy Beckwith from PNW? Memory is slippery around some details. Be that as it may, we all can do some more recruiting. Lastly, I've been a Lifetime member for quite a long while; here's a donation check to help with the mailing costs. Sincerely and fraternally...*Bob*

[**Ed note:** Thanks, Bob. We appreciate the compliments, the new members suggestions and the extra postage]

Bruce Brown

I need to give you an address change for the US PO so any written communication will get to me. For the next six months I'll be in Italy. I intend that my e-mail address will remain the same. I hope to be able to access it from Italy and continue communicating that way. However, during the time I'm gone I've arranged for my son to gather my mail so here is a new address: (See Address Changes...)

Keep up the good work...*Bruce*

Bill Schenk

Hi Y'all

Well, I got back home Sat noon [from knee replacement surgery] Not bad for having the op on Wed morning. Now a long road of therapy. If any of you ever have it done, be sure to do the therapy judiciously. I'm told that after 6 weeks things solidify in there, and any lack of movement available stays that way from then on.

Vicky brought me all the e-mails you sent, and they were certainly fun to read. Thanks for your encouragement. This has been a minor shock, since I felt reasonably invincible, but it's often good to have an experience that brings you down to earth. I'll be less cocky next time around--(if you believe that, I've got a bridge to sell you).

Thanks again for all the encouragement, and see y'all around the golf course and other places...*Bill*

Jim Bull

Last week I had the opportunity to visit the John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center located at Clackamas Community College in connection with my role as an advisory board member to the Northwest Service Academy, and AmeriCorps program I was involved in establishing before I retired.

In the course of the tour of the facility it was mentioned that they were in need of volunteers. Based on what they said they were looking for, I immediately thought of the 30 Year Club members and their wealth of knowledge that might be brought to bear at the center. What follows is the text of a message I received from Christine Finlayson, the Education Coordinator at the center:

"Our Volunteer Naturalist program is just getting started, and will be taking shape over the next few months. What we are hoping to do is create a group of trained volunteers who can serve as hosts, interpreters, and educators on the site, especially during afternoons, early evenings, and weekends. When the weather's nice, we have many casual visitors to our site (adults, families, and kids by themselves) who do not come through specific programs or classes, but visit simply to enjoy the site.

"We would like to have greeters and naturalists on-site who can answer questions about trees, plants, wildlife, water and watersheds (pond, creek), site history, etc. as well as people who might offer the occasional talk, guided walk, or activity. Activities could be for children, adults, or a combination of the two (families).

"Over the next few weeks, a student here will be gathering survey information from visitors about the types of naturalist activities and topics they would like to learn more about, so we should know more soon.

"Karen Olsen, our PT Volunteer Coordinator (kareno@clackamas.cc.or.us) or (503) 657-6958 Extension 2963, will be coordinating this program as it gets started.

"Another opportunity that may interest Forest Service folks is that we

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are beginning surveys of wildlife on our site, in preparation for site restoration work later this year. We may be looking for people to help with turtle surveys, insect surveys, bird surveys, and other such things. Karen would also be the best contact for questions about those efforts.

I was really impressed with what has been done in the way of watershed rehabilitation at the old Smucker's plant site and the plans they have for the future. If I lived closer I'd be involved in a minute. Hopefully, others would be interested also. Would it be possible to have this announced at the monthly meeting? Included in the next newsletter? And perhaps a note on the email network?

And one of these days I'll find myself with nothing on the calendar and be able to make it to a luncheon. But right now Polly and I are headed out the door to Ashland, Reno, northern CA and southeast OR for a couple of weeks...*Jim Bull*

Paul Grainger

In the next issue of our club directory please add our phone number 520.296.3570 and our email address JEGrainger@aol.com

Happy to see Elmer Moyer running for the VP spot. We worked together in R2 at one time. Having served in R1, R2, R5, R6, and two sessions in the WO, It's hard to pick up FS Newsletters without seeing familiar names. However, they more often than not are sons, daughters, or grandchildren of the people I worked with...*Paul*

Claude and Betty Kincaid

We have just returned from spending the winter in Arizona. The temperature hit 100 degrees the day before we left so it has been a relief to get back to the cool Northwest. We did enjoy the sunshine and warm weather during the winter.

Katie Sigovich

I didn't want to cut up my newsletter so—I'm late—not easy for me to make copy of info required in newsletter, so I'm late for everything...*Katie*

Raymond Schoener

I'm sorry that I'm late with my 2000 dues. I have many dues due at the beginning of the year and I sometimes forget which I've sent in and I thank you for the reminder.

I hope the enclosed check is enough for two years. The "Guide for Survivor Benefits" is much appreciated. Thank you...*Ray*

Mel & Marilyn Teigen

Attached is a check for our 2000 & 2001 dues.

You folks are doing a great job of getting news out to current FS employees as well as your retired members. I want to especially thank Vern Clapp for the news that he provides on the Internet.

Here in Region 5 we have been in our new office for just over a year. It is a nice office and gets the majority of the Regional Office together.

It has been 12 years since we transferred to Region 5 but I still recognize many of our former Region 6 friends...*Mel & Marilyn*

Willis E. Ragland

Greetings from Alaska—
We still have a few friends left in the 30-Year Club who will be interested in knowing of Ronni's passing on March 9, 2000. Since her stroke in 1996 I have been her full-time caregiver. She was fully paralyzed on right side and couldn't talk much. We moved to Alaska in 1998 to be near our kids here. Ronni was able to enjoy her grandchildren here for a couple of years and our kids have been much help to me in

Ronni's care (3 grandkids). She would have been 83 on March 31. We have been teamed up for about 58 years.

My radical change in life style since her stroke has left me quite run down. I'm trying to get built up again. The Lord willing, I still have a few good years of volunteer work left—though slow paced. Ronni leaves a big hole in my heart, but it is so good to know that she is now freed from the pain and physical impairment. And she is holding a place for me at that great wedding feast with our Lord.

Thank you for all the good work that goes into keeping up the 30-Year Club Newsletter...*Rags Ragland*

Bill & Gene Covey

The second notice of dues has finally awakened me. Enclosed are the overdue dues!

We enjoy the Newsletter. It's well done, and the various letters and articles help us keep track of some of our R6 friends. We visit the Everett, Washington area frequently; our daughter and her family live there. But we don't get to the Portland area much. Each time we go to Everett when it is raining, which seems like most of the time, we appreciate Montana weather, even if it does occasionally snow, like all winter, and get cold, like all winter.

We will be at the FS reunion in Missoula, and hope to see a lot of R6'ers there...*Bill & Gene*

Joan Cummings

Please change Bobbie Saubert's address to 19110 E Poco Rio, Rio Verde AZ, 85263 Phone: 480.471.0187 (Nov 1 to Apr 30) and 406.837.3140 (May 1 to Oct 30). She is living in a foster home near her daughter, Joan Cummings, and still enjoys hearing from/about some of Jack's old cronies. Thank you for all the work you do with regard to these mailings, and special thanks for notifying people about the Oregon tax refund! *Joan Cummings*

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Russ Kahre

Dues are due and it's already April. Here's mine for 2000.

1999 was not a good year for us. Betty was found to have bladder cancer in January. She put up a good fight, but grew weaker. On June 14, 1999 she lost her fight and passed away. We all miss her deeply.

We have a new post office in Brookings (well almost), so my box number will change from PO Box AJ to PO Box 4189 about May 1. They will allow a crossover for awhile.

I hope everything is fine with all my old friends in the Forest Service. Sincerely...*Russ*

Mary Lou Wood

Congratulations on doing such a super job keeping us "has-beens" informed.

I too recall Al Wiesendanger's tribute. He always did such a super job—especially to we students. His daughter was at OSU with me and when she heard I was engaged to a forester warned me about the life ahead. Fortunately, the good experiences more than outranked the other. I wouldn't have changed for the world and I know that Don Wood felt that way too...*Mary Lou*

Jay Christensen

Bev, Vern C. said that I should send this check to you. I can't quite figure this out as you are the Secretary and Vern is the Treasurer (according to the latest newsletter). Never the less, here is payment for three years. [Ed note: It works, Jay. All mail goes to Bev and she distributes it].

I only intended to pay for one year, but was thinking 30Year Club as I was writing the check and accidentally put 30 in the \$ box. Well, the good thing is that I don't have to worry about paying dues for another three years and Wen-

dall won't have to send me another reminder like he did today. Yes, Wendall, I did get your reminder, and although you said there were 240 of us who were late paying, I knew that you were aiming the note directly at me! Please don't beat me!

What is new around here? My wife (and the best looking one of the two of us) is still working on the Winema. I have quit the real estate business and am trying to concentrate on just two things. 1) Lions Club International—I am a Club officer this year. We are doing a lot of good things including some things for the environment such as helping 100 kids build birdhouses on May 6.

2) I try to spend a lot of time in my wood working shop. I call myself a "worker of wood" mainly because I don't like to conform to the norm. I make lots of small things (many out of native materials) such as pens, desk sets, wooden boxes, high-end toys and games and so on. My business is picking up especially in the area of going away gifts and mementoes of appreciation. Naturally, I give away as many items as I sell. Look for my work on EBAY.

I would spend more time in my wood working shop, but every now and then I get caught up in a local government, National Forest, or other national issues and just think that I need to do something to make my opinion known. That is why I didn't pay my dues on time!!!

That is it from this end of the woods.

Please keep up the good work! I especially appreciate your getting involved in national issues such as the Roadless Area issue. I look forward to seeing some efforts on Regional issues as well. Yes, I'll help if help is need...
Jay

Dick Pomeroy

Olive and I continue to enjoy good health. Though my jogging has been sidelined for the last couple of years

(Plantar fasciitis and a torn thigh muscle) it is all healing now and hopefully I will be able to begin at least a little more exercise in the near future.

We continue to be active in our church. We are easing up our activities a bit, however. We no longer assume leadership roles in the church's family homeless shelter. It's going better than ever before so we simply volunteer as overnight hosts depending on the need. Given that there are now 450 volunteers working at the shelter, our participation is decreasing somewhat. We miss this, as we learn and profit so much from working with volunteers from other churches or synagogues, as well as with our homeless guests, in particular the children.

I continue to be active as a member of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Policy Committee, and Olive and me are core members of what is called locally the Metropolitan Board-based Organizing Project. This is an inter-faith effort designed to make meaningful change in policies and processes that serve to continue the cycle of poverty that continues so pervasively in this "wealthy" society of ours. Hopefully, we can make a difference.

My first and only book, *In Search of Meaning*, is now out of print, though I still have a few residuals. If anyone is interested in one, let me know and I will mail it to you for \$10 plus mail. Though I haven't made money on the book, having my alma mater, the Pacific School of Religion, buy 100 copies as Christmas presents for their major financial backers, was reward enough.

I'm still trying to find a publisher for a lengthier manuscript, *PAUL TILLICH, a theology for the 21st Century*. My literary agent thinks its great but so far he has been unable to translate this into a paying publisher. He did have one tentative publisher lined up but I would have had to rewrite whole sections of the manuscript with more emphasis on

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the life of Paul Tillich and less on his ideas. I wasn't willing to do this. Other than this, I have written a short history of the first year or two of the Wolf Creek Job Corps Center, one of the first centers to open nationally. This too, is up for publishing, but so far, no offer.

Travel wise, Olive and I have slowed down. No more traveling alone in third world countries. Our last really exciting trip was on a photo safari to Kenya last year. This winter we spent a month in Puerto Vallarta looking for the sunshine seemingly so absent in California in recent years. We found the sun and liked it so much that we bought 100 time-share vacation weeks, four of which we will use each inter in Puerto Vallarta. The remainder will be somewhere else, the exact places dependent upon Olive's deciding when and where we are going.

We have some extra weeks available, so if anyone is interested we will let them purchase one or more weeks at our basic cost, no profit involved. It is a floating time-share that can be used anytime of the year except Christmas and Easter weeks. If you want to stay in Puerto Vallarta we simply would make a reservation for you depending on when you wish to go, the minimum, however, is seven nights, Friday to Friday. If you wish to go someplace else, we work through an organization called RCI, who exchanges weeks all over the world.

The time-share condo is available in one bedroom with bath, full kitchen, dining room, a fold out bed in the living room and a balcony facing the ocean. It has three swimming pools, two restaurants, fronts on the ocean, and has many additional amenities. We have pictures and much more information about Puerto Vallarta and Club Vellis Vallarta if you're interested. If interested, give us a call at (505) 223-4285, email us at od-pom@teleport.com, or write, our address is in the club directory...*Dick*

Walt & Shirley Furen

I just "found" the winter issue and regret Shirley & I are way out of touch and date with you 30-Year'ers! Sorry not to have a nice legible word processor letter for you, but haven't found all the parts for that yet either. Guess we've somewhat lost track of stuff as we've had a winter of surgery, illness, injury, and a family death. Plus two moves. Settling down now so perhaps we can get back on track with things.

Was greatly saddened by the "In Memoriam" column as I had the privilege of working with Vern Dyck, Frank TerBush, and Gene Carlson on the Umppqua (in the 60's) and both Don Allen and Bill Rines on the Fremont even before that! Going back a ways, isn't it? All persons I admired and looked up to as I was growing in my various jobs.

Sorry too, for being in arrears! Did I read one of the letters to say \$10 is still the annual dues? Here's my check for \$20 so that if \$10 isn't right, I'll be paid a little in advance.

I greatly enjoy the Newsletter and seeing the names and occasionally reading about someone (left) that I know or of past colleagues.

Hope this brings us up to date—at least till the next move...*Walt & Shirley*

Bob McQuown

This is my last edition as editor of the 30-Year Club Newsletter and I want to let all of the readers know how much I appreciate the many thoughtful comments I have received the past two years. Producing the Newsletter every three months has been a fun project and very much of a learning experience for me.

We have a large membership and most do not live in the Portland area where the club meets monthly. The Newsletter is the one means that we all have to

maintain contact and I want to encourage you to keep the letters about your life events coming. The *Members Corner* is consistently everyone favorite part of the Newsletter.

Wendall Jones takes over as editor with the Fall edition and I feel confident that he too, will find the experience a rewarding one...*Bob*

In Memorium

By Phil Hirl

JOHN B. GRANTHAM. Jack died April 13, 2000 at 89. He was a 30-Year Club member and lived in Vancouver, WA.

He was born May 14, 1910, in Seattle. He graduated from the University of Washington and received a master's degree from Syracuse University. He was a forestry professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, then at Oregon State College from 1944 to 1959, and from 1952 until 1959 was director of Oregon Forest Products Laboratory in Corvallis.

He then joined the Forest Service and was a researcher for PNW specializing in utilization of wood products. He shifted to the Seattle office of PNW about 1966 in wood construction and use. In 1976 he was Assistant Director for Continuing Research North in Seattle. He retired in 1979. In 1976, he received the Fred Gotschalk Award from the Forest Products Research Society for outstanding research. He moved in 1996 to Vancouver.

In 1937, he married Alverna "Verna" Allen. Survivors include his wife; son, J. Allen; daughters, Grace Grantham and Jane Akers; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM WALTERS. Bill died April 2, 2000 at 87. He was a 30-Year Club member and lived in Portland.

He was born March 28, 1913, in Pan-

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handle, Texas. He graduated from Kansas State University in 1935. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army in North Africa and Europe. A civil engineer, he worked in the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Wyoming, then taught civil engineering and worked on irrigation projects in Ethiopia and Lebanon from 1952 until 1957.

In 1958 he joined the Forest Service in Portland as a civil engineer in transportation systems. In 1963 he went to the Fremont NF as Forest Engineer and retired from there in 1972.

He married Gwendolyn Painter in 1935. Survivors include his wife; daughter, Sheila W. Matsuda; sons, Charles K. and William P.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

RUBY L. BENNETT. Ruby died April 14, 2000 at age 83 in John Day, OR. She was a 30-Year Club member.

She was born December 16, 1916 to Tom and Edith (Kroger) Farlow near Wamic, OR. and graduated from Maupin HS in 1934. At 19 she came to John Day to care for the ailing wife and three young sons of Chester A. Bennett, Sr. She stayed on to care for the children after their mother's death and two years later in 1940 married Chet. They added one son to the family and had 55 years together before his death in 1994.

His career took them to Enterprise, OR then to Okanogan, WA. He was Forest Supervisor at both locations. At retirement in 1959 they returned to Enterprise. She had recently moved to John Day area.

Survivors include three sons and their spouses; Chet, who is also a FS retiree, and Joan of John Day, Bill and Martha of Cannon Beach, OR, Jim and Edna of Raleigh, NC, and daughter-in-law Jean of Shelton, WA; one sister, 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

MARY ALICE WEST. Mary died May 5, 2000 at 85. She was a 30-Year Club member and lived in Portland. Her husband was Raymond West. He worked in Wildlife Management in the RO. Ray retired in 1969, and died in 1992.

Mary was born July 8, 1914 in Afton, OK. Her maiden name was Fuqua. She received degrees from Oklahoma A&M and Columbia University.

She married Ray in 1930 and they served at several Forest Service locations. They moved to Portland in 1957. Mary was an accomplished musician and was a music teacher in the Portland Public Schools, retiring in 1972. She was also an organist in her church.

Survivors include her daughter Myrna Waltz and two grandchildren. Her daughter, Diana McKalip, died in 1996.

RONNI RAGLAND. Ronni died March 9, 2000. She was a 30-Year Club member. A letter from husband Willis "Rags" Ragland is in the Newsletter. Rags was Recreation Staff on the Snoqualmie NF. He retired in 1974 and lives in Alaska.

MAXINE PHILBRICK. Maxine died May 12, 2000 at the age of 80. She was a 30-Year Club member and lived in Roseburg, OR. Her husband was John Philbrick. Phil was Forest Supervisor of the Siskiyou and Umpqua NF's. He retired in 1974.

Maxine and John Philbrick were married on August 9, 1942. Following WW II the family lived in Corvallis, 14 years in Grants Pass, and in Portland, before moving to Roseburg in 1967.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years; her children and their spouses Sharon and Tom Kenney of San Jose, CA and Donna Philbrick of Portland, OR.

CLYDE QUAM. Clyde died Apr 9, 2000 at 92. He was a 30-Year Club member and lived in Eugene, OR.

He was born May 12, 1907 in Fort Atkinson WI to Lynn and Martha Jaenhke Quam. He lived in Portland from 1910 to 1938 then moved to Eugene. Clyde earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Oregon State Agricultural College in 1930. He married Mardell Herman in Corvallis in 1932.

Clyde worked for the Forest Service from 1934 to 1965 on the Malheur, Siuslaw and Willamette NF's. He was AO on the Willamette from 1942 to 1965.

He was a Boy Scout leader from 1943 to 1955 and Chair of the Eagle Review Committee. He was also active in the Red Cross and the University Civic Music Association.

Survivors include his wife Mardell; daughter Martha Bennett of Cannon Beach, OR; sons C. Milton of Eugene and Lynn of Winston, six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

JUDITH J. FARLEY. Judith died March 8, 2000 at age 69. She was a 30-Year Club member and lived in Beaverton, OR. Her husband Dale retired from the Forest Service about 1984. He was Recreation Staff on the Siskiyou NF and later served in Recreation in the RO.

She was born June 6, 1930 in Seattle, WA. Her maiden name was Johnson. She graduated from U of W. Judith and Dale were married in 1955. She worked as a librarian for the Grants Pass School District and the Josephine County Library before retirement in 1980 and then moved to Beaverton in 1981.

Survivors include Dale, sons Eric and Mark and four grandchildren.

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Thought for the day—If you can see which way people are going, you can lead a campaign simply by walking in front of them

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BETTY KAHRE. Betty died June 14, 1999. She was a 30-Year Club member. A letter from husband Russ Kahre is in the Newsletter. Russ was District Ranger on the Siskiyou NF. He retired in 1984 and lives in Brookings.

VIRGIL T. HEATH. Virgil died March 29, 2000 at the age of 93. He was a 30-Year Club member and lived in Minden, NV.

He was born May 9, 1906 in Ashwood, OR. He graduated from OSC in Forestry in 1937. During WWII Virgil served as a Navy officer in Okinawa, North Africa and Dutch Harbor.

He had over 30 years of federal service, retiring in 1967. He was District Supervisor for the Forest Service in R10 in the 1940's and while there married Marion Ryan. He then worked for the BLM in several positions including State Supervisor for Timber Resources in Oregon, Assistant Chief Forester in Washington, DC and Program Coordinator for several southwestern States. He retired in 1967.

His wife and son Richard preceded him in death. Survivors include daughter and spouse Linda and Walter Hafele in Minden, and two grandsons.

ANNETTE JONES. Annette died September 16, 1999 at 84. She was a 30-Year Club member and lived at McKenzie Bridge, OR. Her husband was Forrest Jones who retired from Forest Service in 1970. He died in 1995. 30-Year Club member Evan Jones, Forrest's brother, sent this obituary to us.

She was born December 23, 1914 in Eugene, OR to Arthur and Marie Hansen Surdam. She graduated from University HS there in 1931 and attended U of O for three years. She married Forrest in 1936 in Eugene.

They lived in Lakeview, OR from 1945

ANNETTE JONES (Cont) to 1958 where she worked for the Lakeview Health Department. They lived in Gresham, OR and in Pleasant Hill, OR before moving to McKenzie Bridge in 1972. She was a homemaker and interested in outdoor activities. She was involved in Girl Scouts and other community activities including the Sons of Norway.

Survivors include son Roy of McKenzie Bridge, daughter Heidi Mitchell of San Antonio, TX, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Correction

Page 10 of the Spring Newsletter showed Annette Jones' address as Converse, TX. We stand corrected. She passed away September 16, 1999 in Eugene, OR. The address that we incorrectly showed was that of her daughter, Heidi Mitchell

VIRGIL EMIL WOODKEY. Virgil died November 19, 1999 at 76. He lived in Yakima, WA.

He was born May 29, 1923 in Skaar, ND. He grew up in Sydney, MT where he first met Evelyn Porter. They married in Fairbanks, AK in 1943. During WWII he helped build the Alaskan Highway. In 1946 they returned to Montana where he was a cattle rancher.

In 1950 they settled in the Methow Valley and he began a 30 year career with the Forest Service. He was FCO on the Twisp RD of the Okanogan NF. In 1990 they moved to Yakima to be closer to their family.

Survivors include his wife, their children and spouses; Donna and Ron Dinsmore of Yakima, Dan and Brenda Woodkey of Yakima, Susan and Dave Roster of Tonasket, WA Dale and Jennifer Woodkey of Yakima; four grandchildren and a sister.

RALPH R. DENNEY. Ralph died May 2, 2000 at 68. He lived in Roseburg, OR. His wife was a long time

Forest Service employee, Nancy Denney. She retired from the RO as a budget analyst about 1990 and died in 1991.

Ralph worked for the Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife, spending 22 years in John Day, OR and the last ten in the Portland office. He worked with many different Forest Service people on wildlife activities.

Survivors include his wife Sharon and children; Steve of Roseburg, Robin of Portland, Janet Critchett of Beaverton and Scott of Redmond.

PAUL MARSHALL VETTERICK. Paul died March 28, 2000 at 64. He lived in Beaverton, OR

Paul was Associate State Director for the BLM in Oregon, and known by many Forest Service people. He co-chaired with DRF Jim Space, the team that studied consolidation of the Forest Service and BLM about 1984.

Recreational Pursuit??

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine they lay down for the night, and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see."

Watson replied. "I see millions and millions of stars." "But Watson what exactly does that tell you." Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all-powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"

Holmes was silent for a minute, and then spoke. "Watson, you idiot, some-



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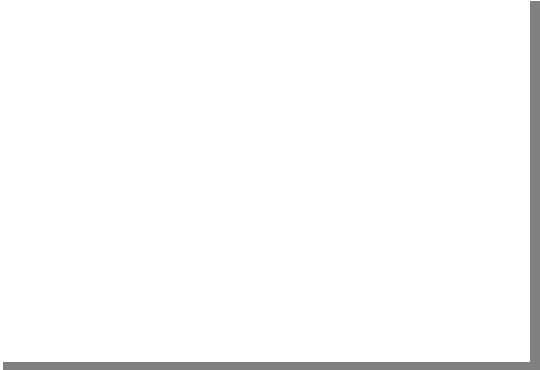


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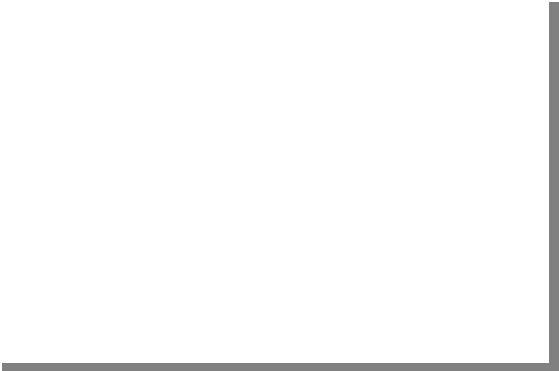
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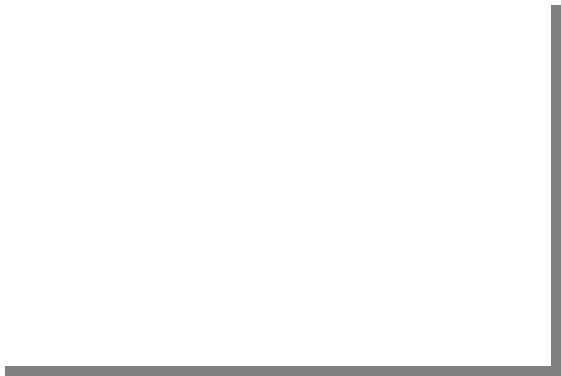


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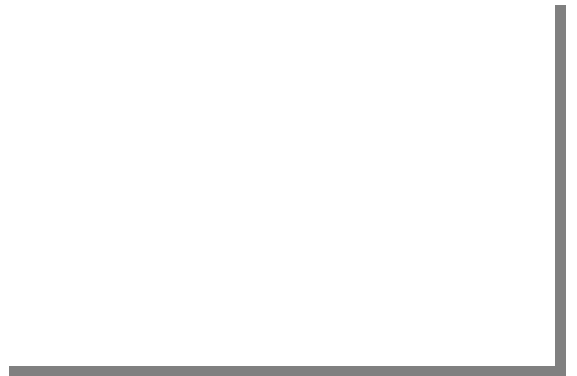


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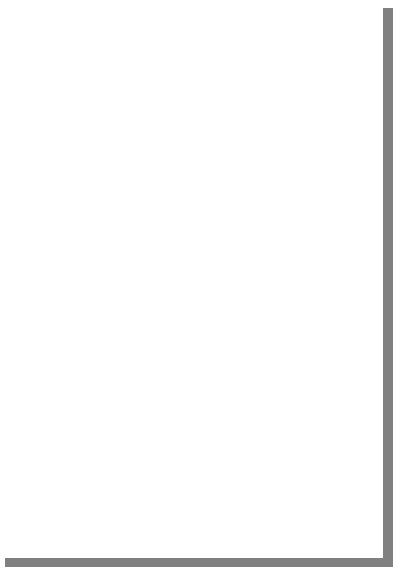
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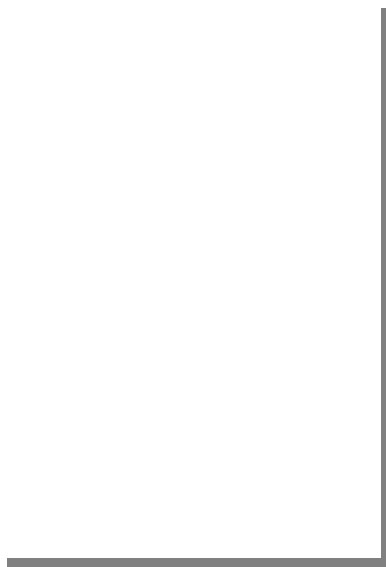
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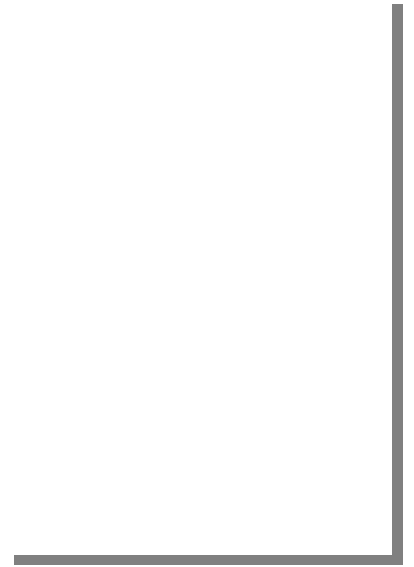
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