

Forest Service 30 Year Club
Newsletter

Portland, Oregon

Winter 2000

President's Message

Welcome to another issue of our newsletter. I hope all of you have had a pleasant summer. Each season brings changes for all of us—some not as good as others.

First, I would like to welcome Doug Porter to the 30 Year Club board. Doug will fill our Membership Chair vacancy. One of his first tasks will be to strengthen our ties to the individual Forests in Region Six.

Again the August picnic was an outstanding success (see article and pictures in this issue). Barbara and Allen Hagedorn, along with Marjorie Hergert, really did a great job. Even though the weather was a little "iffy", we all enjoyed seeing old friends over the excellent food by Daltons Catering. Many thanks to all who helped out with the tables, fires, and the clean up.

We recently received an update on the Third F.S. Reunion to be held in early September 2000. A few details are included elsewhere in this is-

sue. I urge each of you to seriously consider attending this event. The club is moving ahead with the planning for our involvement. Our Co-Chairs are Tom Nygren and Dave Scott.

At our last monthly meeting, I was moved by Ruby Wood recounting her and Bill's visit to the Mann Gulch Fire Fifty-year Reunion. (This fire occurred Aug. 5, 1949 on the Helena National Forest; thirteen firefighters died.) Her sharing reminded me how important the club can be to provide a way for us to support each other. At the moment we have several retirees helping other club members. Their need for assistance may not have been known without the club as a vehicle.

With the above in mind, Elva and I have long thought that we are missing an opportunity at our monthly meetings to keep each other better informed.

This fall I am scheduling some short programs. After we have had three, I will ask for some feedback on whether to proceed

with others:

- September 24th - Dick and LaDonna Woodfin will tell us of their wilderness adventures: Fulfilling a Wilderness Dream.
- October 29th - The Hospice Program. We have identified an excellent speaker. We may include a personal account about how Hospice has helped with a terminal illness.
- November Meeting - Open

Last, especially to our Portland/Vancouver area members, I hope to see you at our last Friday of the month meetings. Bring a friend—arrange a carpool. See you there...
Dave Jay

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Picnic Huge Success...In Spite of Weather

Despite the rather misty weather, over 220 Forest Service 30-Year Club retirees attended the annual picnic at Wildwood Park on August 13. We don't know whether to attribute the rain to the Friday 13th date (*the last one of this Century*), a "quirk" in our usual "balmy" Portland-area, August weather, La Nina, or just luck... but it certainly didn't dampen anyone's spirits. This year's atten-

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dance represents just about 25% of our total club membership!

The agenda for the day included reminiscing with "old" friends (and we use the term lightly here!), telling new jokes and sharing a world of Forest Service history. There are NEVER any speeches at the picnic.

The day's events were capped by another one of Dave Dalton's catered menus that included baron of beef, chicken, salads, an assortment of breads and relishes, beans, a variety of drinks, and finished off with a delightful ice cream sundae topped off with fresh strawberries, chocolate, and whipped cream.

We'll let you know about the date for next year's gala event just as soon as it is finalized. Plan on being there to enjoy the fun, renewing old acquaintances, and making new friends

A big thanks to all who helped make the day go smoothly...*Barbara Hagedorn and Marjorie Hergert*

Updated Survivor's Guide Coming Soon

Several years ago the 30-Year Club included a "Survivors Guide" in one of the Newsletters. The guide was well received and provided an outline for assembling the information that is essential for settling the estate of deceased Federal retirees and provided a format to make the information readily available to the surviving annuitant, or heir.

Several folks have requested that we offer this service once again and we have decided to do so. But a lot of things have changed in the past few years. New procedures have been instituted, new retire-

ment systems exist for some, email and web contacts have been added, and some of the older phone numbers or points of contact may have changed.

Fred Cooper, recently retired from Personnel Management, is on our Board and has graciously agreed to take on the project of updating the old document with new information. We're going to try to get the document included in the Winter 2000 issue of the Newsletter.

Our hats are off to Fred for this effort!

The "Survivor's Guide" was well received in the past. The new one should be available for the Winter 2000 Newsletter

Spring Banquet Planning Underway

It's not too early to plan for the Spring Banquet. Date is May 7, 2000, at the World Forestry Center. One of the primary reasons for bringing the Banquet to your attention now is to alert you that the Executive Committee is thinking about making changes in the format for next year. We need your ideas.

We are thinking of having a different kind of program, which might be members sharing a few minutes of



"We need your ideas"

short stories of their Forest Service experiences and/or historical guest speakers. The stories would be oriented especially toward human interest and relationships with fellow Forest Service employees and families. The Forest Service has been a family-oriented organization and many of us have participated in activities with other compound and Forest families.

We believe it would be interesting to share some of those stories. It would also help

bring many of us up to date with what is happening to some of our family members -- and, help explain some of those strange quirks of our friends.

Do you have similar ideas, other ideas, or prefer to stay with the traditional format? You may contact Fred or Cherie Cooper at 1445 Ranier Loop NW, Salem, OR 97304; 503-391-9144, or via Email at Frederi920@aol.com. Thank you...*Fred & Cherie*

MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

The FOREST SERVICE THIRTY-YEAR CLUB of the Pacific Northwest invites you to become a member. You are eligible if:

- You are a Forest Service retiree who served in the PNW Region or the PNW Station or one who served elsewhere but is now living in the PNW, or
- You are a current or former USFS employee with at least 25 years of federal service (including military) who served a part of that time in the PNW Region or Station.

The Club was organized in 1945 to help preserve the traditions of the Forest Service, and to maintain closer contact between retirees and those still in active service. The following activities help achieve this purpose:

- A MONTHLY LUNCHEON is held on the last Friday of each month at the Beaverton Elks, 3500 SW 104th Ave. (Just off Canyon Road, about 1/2 mile east of 217). Social hour starts at 11:00 am., followed by a cafeteria style luncheon at noon. There is no formal program, and no advanced reservations are required. All members, spouses, and guests are welcome.
- The QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER is mailed to all members. It relates current activities of interest to the members, and prints letters from members with stories, travels, changes, etc.
- A MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY showing names and addresses of all current members is printed with the Winter Newsletter. A BALLOT for the election of Club officers comes in the Spring Newsletter.
- The ANNUAL BANQUET is held the first Sunday in May. New officers are installed at that time.
- An ANNUAL PICNIC is held in August. Old friends from here and other parts of the country often make this fun event.
- SPECIAL EVENTS OR TRIPS are usually held every year and typically include a three day bus tour of areas of particular scenic or historic interest to members

To become a member, please complete and mail the following membership information to:

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST FOREST SERVICE THIRTY-YEAR CLUB
PO BOX 5583, PORTLAND, OREGON 97228 - 5583**

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Your Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____
(First) (MI) (Last)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ + _____

Phone No: (____) _____ - _____ e-mail Address: _____

Date of birth: _____ If retired, date of retirement: _____ Retired from: Dept. _____ Agency _____

Last duty station: _____ Last station in R-6 or PNW _____

Years Service: with FS _____, in R-6 _____, w/ PNW Station _____, Other Federal Service _____, Total Federal Service _____

Membership dues of \$10.00 per calendar year are payable with the submittal of this form and thereafter on January 1, of each year. Dues payment for new memberships begun in the last quarter of the calendar year will also cover the following calendar year. A second option is to submit a \$125.00 one time payment for a lifetime membership. This may well be your best bargain.

Please indicate type of membership you prefer: Yearly _____, Lifetime _____ (No billing is sent, but your Newsletter mailing label will show the year through which you are paid.)

If you have any questions, please write us at the above address, or ask your area representative or other active member. Or you may just choose to attend one of our monthly luncheons held the last Friday of each month at 11:30 at the Beaverton Elks, 3500 SW 104th Avenue. Whichever you prefer, we hope to hear from you soon and will welcome you into the club.

Your signature _____ Date: _____

Please attach any comments you may have—your friends really do enjoy hearing from you!.

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Join us for lunch

- Last Friday every month--
Beaverton Elks 11:00 AM

Note: Your mailing label show the year through which your dues are paid. For example, if your label shows 1999, your dues are paid through 12/31/99.

New Members

**Kathy Allister
Dallas & Sharon Hughes
Robert F. & Bessie Turner**

Complete directory Listings are included in the address section on Page 11

Next Year's Events

*Spring Banquet—May 7,
2000*

*Summer Picnic—August
2000, (date to be announced)*

*Fall Bus Tour to Missoula —
September 4-8, 2000*

Area Representatives

Regional Office: Dave Kolb
Colville: Kermit Link
Deschutes: Earl Nichols
Fremont: Ernest Price
Gifford-Pinchot: Stanley Rapp
Malheur: Charles Mills
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Mt. Hood: Doug Porter
Ochoco: Donald H. James
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Olympic: Dave Yates
Rogue River: Ron Ketchum
Siskiyou: Ron McCormick
Siuslaw: Ted Gump
Umatilla: Herb Rudolph
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Willamette: Al Sorseth
Winema: Ted Yarosh

Officers

President: Dave Jay
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Archivist: Phil Hirl
Secretary: Bev Pratt
Newsletter Editor: Bob McQuown
Treasurer/Data Base Mgr: Vern Clapp
Membership: Doug Porter
Past President: Dave Scott
Banquet: Fred & Cherie Cooper
Picnic: Don & Jean Loff
Fall Tour: Tom Nygren & Dave Scott

**Check
Your
Calendar**



CY 2000 dues were payable 1/1/2000

Somehow a dozen pages from this issue of the newsletter were lost since 2000, sorry!