

AFTER INL WORDS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – John Johnson, 208-523-7406, jejohnson@cableone.net

Thanks to all who attended the IREA summer picnic in August at the Tautphaus Park Hockey Shelter. The food again this year was catered by the North Hi-Way Café. The Social column provides more info on the picnic along with some photos. A big thank-you goes to Social Chair Ann Rydalch for making the banquet arrangements and to Dave and Ella Ellis for helping with attendee registration. Additional banquet photos can be seen at the IREA web site, www.inlretirees.org. We are saddened by the recent passing of Dave Ellis in October. He contributed greatly to our social events and will be missed by many.

Thanks also to those who took part in the IREA golf tournament on August 14th at Sage Lakes Golf Course, and a big thank-you goes to John Flinn and Tom McLaughlin who organized this fun event. More information on this event is also presented in this newsletter.

Thanks also to those who attended the IREA fall General Meeting on October 19th at the Idaho Falls

Senior Citizens Community Center (SCCC). A thank-you goes to Lori Priest who helped to make the arrangements for the meeting speaker, Hollie Gilbert, the Historical Archaeologist in the INL Cultural Resource Management program. Hollie's presentation was enjoyed by all and is summarized later in this newsletter.

We encourage you to contact any of the Officers and Board members with feedback on our activities and to volunteer for any IREA committees. Please note that several officers and committee chairmen are performing more than one job, so we still need additional people to serve on the Board. If you are interested in becoming more involved in IREA activities, please call me or any of the Board members. Please also try to recruit your retiree friends to join IREA and help make our organization even more effective.

And please have a Happy Holiday Season!



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2017 SUMMER PICNIC: Friends greeting friends! Good food! Good conversations! The IREA summer picnic was held Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at the Tautphaus Park Hockey Shelter with 70 people attending. The North Hi-Way Café provided an excellent meal of BBQ Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken with all the fixings to go with it. The menu also included a variety of salads and their great “fix your own sundae” for dessert. The summer picnic, held at the Tautphaus Park Hockey Shelter, provides more space for friends to meet and visit, cooler

temperature, and worry free from any possible rain. Special thanks to Dave and Ella Ellis, Social Committee members, for helping at the registration table.

Planning for the 2018 Spring Banquet has started. Stay tuned for more information on our spring banquet, which is still in planning. We had been considering a less formal spring social event; however, for next spring we will stay with the banquet format.



2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT: John Flinn, IREA Golf Tournament Chairman, assisted by Tom McLaughlin, IREA Vice-President, organized another great event for our members and friends who love to golf.

The 2017 INL Retirees' golf tournament was held at the Sage Lakes golf course on August 14. The tournament used a modified scramble format with a "shotgun" start. Fourteen, four-person teams participated and provided two flights with seven, four-person teams in each flight. Each player paid a \$5.00 play fee which was the prize money for the tournament. A handicap system used for the last seven years was used for the tournament. As in past years, the handicap system compensates for differences in stroke play. The net scores for this year's tournament ranged from a low of 51 to a high of 55 for all fourteen teams, regardless of flight. Where there was a tie for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in each flight, a 3-hole "putt-off" on the Sage Lakes putting green was used to determine the winners.

For flight A, there was a tie for third place, resulting in a "putt-off." First place was the team of Russ and Kathy Buckland, and Jim and Judy Sahr. Second place finishers were Bob and Georgia Mousaw, John Flinn and Vicki Johnson. Winners of the "putt-off" for third place were Wade Helison, Steve Killian, Lon Severson and Bill Grimett.

For flight B, there was a tie for first place with Garth Hurley, Ron Jones, Ty Thomchack, and P. Fannenflies winning the "putt-off" giving John Krsul, Bill Perry, Ed Johnson, and Ed Baker second place. There was a three-way tie for third place with Everett Clifton, Tom Busch, Gary Odel, and Wayne Dobbs winning the "putt-off."

Since there appears to be an interest in continuing with the INL Retirees' golf tournament, we plan to have the event in 2018. The date will be the second or third Monday in August 2018.

New Medicare Cards Are Coming

Medicare will mail new cards to beneficiaries starting in April of 2018 and will replace all 60 million existing cards by April 2019. The new cards will not show your Social Security Number (SSN), but will instead have a new unique, randomly assigned Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) that will be used for billing and checking your eligibility and claim status. It will happen automatically. You do not have to pay anyone or give any information to obtain them. You do not need to take any action for the issuance of the new card and it will not change any of your benefits. The removal of the SSN will help fight medical identity theft and protect your medical and financial information. When you get your new card destroy your old card with the SSN. Make sure you bring your new card to doctor's appointments and other medical treatments where costs are covered by Medicare. Always keep your new number confidential as this will help prevent medical identity fraud.

Unfortunately scam artists are already trying to obtain your existing number and other information by contacting you about your new Medicare card. They often claim to be from

Medicare. An identity thief may bill Medicare for expensive services that were never provided or overbill for provided services. This can lead to inaccuracies in medical records, which can mean delayed care or denial of services for patients. Here are some ways to avoid such scams:

- Requests asking you to confirm your Medicare or SSN so a new card can be sent. **Hang up.** This is a scam. Medicare will not call you and will never ask for your SSN.
- Asking you for payment information to purchase your new card. **Hang up.** This is a scam. The new card is free and you do not have to do anything to obtain it.
- Threatening to cancel your benefits if you do not give them information or money. **Hang up.** This is a scam. The new cards will be automatically sent out and benefits will not change.

ENERGY EDUCATION – Gary Johnsen, 529-8849, gwjohnsen@gmail.com

The featured speaker at our October General meeting was Hollie Gilbert. She is shown with (left to right) Bill Dirk, IREA member; Gary Johnsen, Energy Education chairman; and Chuck Briggs, Program Chairman, following her excellent presentation.



Hollie K. Gilbert, INL Historical Archaeologist, presented a slide show entitled “INL Open Air Museum: 13,000 years of History.” Hollie is a member of the Cultural Resource Management program at the site, where she has almost 20 years of professional experience researching historic transportation and settlement of the INL. She is a fifth generation Idahoan, who grew up in the mountains of central Idaho. She has a BA in History and MS in Anthropology from Idaho State University, where her main focus was Historical Archaeology of the Intermountain west. She has worked at the INL for 34 years holding technical positions in archaeology, geology and environmental monitoring.

Hollie observed that the INL site is 890 square miles of high desert that has essentially been “closed” to most non-site related human activity for 70 years. It offers a unique research opportunity for exploring both prehistoric and historic activity.

Prehistoric Artifacts

Evidence of prehistoric activity includes Clovis (or Folsom) arrow points dating to between 9,000 and 13,500 years ago. Specimens capable of bringing down large animals have been found. Evidence from the INL’s Owl Cave has created renewed curiosity about the timing of the mammoth die-off and a possible connection with Folsom points. The cave is the only site in the western United States that contains buried fluted spear points and mammoth bones in the same stratum, or archeological layer. If there is indeed evidence in Owl Cave that Native Americans hunted and killed a mammoth, it will be the first of its kind on this side of the Rocky Mountains. A mammoth molar was found.



Historic Activity

Hollie told us that historic artifacts at the site date to 1805 and later. In total, over 800 homesteads have been discovered. She noted that it took 5 square miles of desert landscape per person for survival. Part of the Oregon Trail, known as Goodale’s Cutoff, runs



through the site. Of all the ghosts along the Oregon Trail, one of the loneliest may be James Slater, who died near the Big Lost River in the early morning hours of July 26, 1862, at age 53. For nearly 154 years the location of Slater’s remains near Goodale’s Cutoff remained a mystery. His daughter Nellie’s diary gives a vague idea of how and where his body was buried. But it wasn’t until early July 2016 that two trained noses – German shepherds named Kessa and Rocco – were brought into the hunt, courtesy of Ann Christensen of Shelley, owner of Idaho Search & Rescue

Dogs, Inc. INL first learned of the gravesite when it received a call in 1994 from Nellie Slater’s great-grandson, Wilbur Chitwood of Nampa, who had asked for permission to explore the area.



James Slater

On July 5, Hollie, Christensen, her dogs and a handful of observers trekked to the spot south of the Big Lost, east of the Big Southern Butte, where Slater's remains were most likely to be found. "We buried him half a mile south of the creek, and four rods west of the road, beneath an Indian canopy," Nellie Slater later wrote in her diary. Hollie interpreted Nellie Slater's use of the term "Indian canopy" to mean that James Slater had been buried in a shallow pit with rocks piled on top of him. Hollie came across some rocks about 25 yards away that were scattered around with white calcite deposits facing upward, indicating they'd been disturbed. Both dogs confirmed the site separately. As far as anyone knows, Slater's body is the only non-Native American buried on the site. Chitwood said the family has wondered whether DNA testing might be possible on the remains. In any event, they are excited for the visit in September. "I think there's going to be six of us," he said. "We're all kind of amazed you people have such an interest in this."

B-24 Crash Site

Hollie told us Veterans Day came early for Nancy Gavalis of Bristol, N.H., who on Nov. 9 was able to stand at the place on the Idaho sage desert where her father, Sgt. George H. Pearce, Jr., lost his life almost 72 years earlier. Though he never saw combat, Pearce, 25, was a casualty of war. He was one of seven crewmen killed the night of Jan. 8, 1944, when their B-24 "Liberator" bomber crashed on a training run out of Pocatello. With help from Hollie and her colleagues, Gavalis, 74, got to visit the very spot where her father likely died. Gavalis was only 2 when her father died. She has no memories of him, only the stories that her mother, Madeline, told her. When they came over a ridge and down the slope to where the wreckage lay undisturbed, Gavalis said "I had a peaceful feeling, like he was looking down," she said. "It was happy and sad."

The crash of the plane might have been forgotten entirely if not for the efforts of Marc McDonald, a Pocatello historian, aircraft enthusiast and volunteer with Project Remembrance. In January 2014, almost 70 years to the day after the crash, McDonald worked with Hollie to identify the crash site. It was pretty much as it had been for 70 years, after the Army had collected the remains and cleared away the larger pieces of debris.

Hollie also made a big find of the day, a 1935 high school class ring with the letters WHHHS and the initials M.A.H. inside. The initials didn't belong to any of the crew, and the ring was obviously a woman's size. Sifting through the records, they discovered Pearce had been married to Madeline A. Hopkins, and that both had graduated from William H. Hall High School in West Hartford, Conn.

In tracking her down, the first contact was with George Pearce's brother Malcolm, now in his 80s, who gave them Nancy's phone number. When she got the call, she said "I just stood there on the phone thinking to myself, 'I don't believe this. It was just such a special day.'"



The same time the ring was being returned, McDonald had a granite marker inscribed with the names of the crew: Lt. Richard A. Hedges, Lt. Lonnie L. Keepers, Lt. Robert W. Madsen, St. Richard R. Pitzmer, Sgt. Louis H. Hinke, Sgt. Charles W. Eddy and Sgt. George H. Pearce, Jr. He placed it near the crash site.

In preparation for the Making Archaeology Public project, Hollie said they wanted to invite anyone related to the crew.

Hollie said the Slater burial and B24 crash sites are special because they offer an immediate link to people still living. "With the prehistoric sites, you'll find some arrowheads or pieces of pottery," she said, "but these tell stories of the past connected to the present."

INVESTMENTS – John Johnson, 523-7406, jejohnson@cableone.net

Year-End Financial Issues: As we approach the end of 2017, a few items of concern to retirees should be reviewed. For those who have reached, or will soon reach the age of 70½, the issue of required minimum distributions (RMD) from tax-deferred retirement accounts [IRAs, 401(k)s, etc.] is of concern. Those who reached this milestone in past years should be well aware of the RMD. The custodians of these tax-deferred accounts inform their clients in January of what their RMD is for the coming year, and often pester their clients who haven't yet taken their RMD. Failure to take the RMD from tax-deferred retirement accounts when required can result in a penalty of 50% of the RMD shortfall.

One way to reduce income tax on RMDs from IRAs is to take advantage of an income tax feature for taking Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from IRAs and transferring them directly to a qualifying charity up to a maximum of \$100,000. In addition to being tax-free distributions, QCDs help fulfill the RMD obligation for IRAs, but not for 401(k) accounts. Those who have not yet fulfilled the IRA RMD obligation for 2017 can still take advantage of the QCD allowance. Such distributions must be made directly from the account custodian to the qualifying charity. Qualified charities are generally churches and non-profits registered with the IRS as 501(c)(3)s. The retirement account custodian will need the charitable organization's federal tax id number, as well as their name and mailing address, to make the transfer. Money donated by the QCD mechanism cannot be used as a charitable deduction if the retiree is itemizing deductions on their tax return.

Several of us in IREA serve as volunteer income tax return preparers in the AARP Tax-Aide Program. In performing this service, we occasionally encounter situations with retirees where lack of knowledge or lack of attention to financial matters causes difficulty in preparing a tax return or an undesired outcome of the tax return. These problems can usually be avoided by proper advance planning and recordkeeping during the tax year. Good recordkeeping practices for investments are encouraged for all taxpayers. Keep records of all past stock, mutual fund, and real estate purchases, as well as dividend reinvestments.

A few specific types of donations or money transfers can be of significant advantage to taxpayers on their state income tax returns. These latter items include deposits into Idaho Medical Savings Accounts and Idaho College Savings Accounts, donations to educational entities (schools, public TV & radio), and donations to youth and rehab organizations (e.g., Idaho Youth Ranch, the ARC, and the Development Workshop). Deposits into Idaho Medical Savings Accounts are deductible on the state return and can be up to \$10,000 for single filers and \$20,000 for joint filers. Deposits into Idaho College Savings Accounts (also deductible) can be up to \$4000 for single filers and \$8000 for joint filers. Donations to educational entities (must be in cash) and donations to youth and rehab organizations (may be cash or non-cash goods in sellable condition) can provide tax credits on the state return. Keeping receipts for these donations is important.

Free assistance with your 2017 tax

returns: IREA members in past years have used Tax-Aide for assistance in preparing their federal and state tax returns. This year's assistance is offered again at the old Grand Teton Council Boy Scout building at 574 4th Street in Idaho Falls - diagonally across from the 4th St. US Post Office. The Tax-Aide office is accessed through the front door facing 4th Street. We plan to operate from Thursday February 1st to Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Our hours are 9:30 am to 3:30 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and 9:30 am to 7:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday. All taxpayers will be served at the new location. We will NOT be preparing returns at the Idaho Falls Senior Citizens Community Center.

Walk-ins are welcome, or "senior citizens" can make an appointment for assistance at the Boy Scout building by calling the Senior Center at 208-522-4357. Appointments allow us to staff more effectively and provide you with assistance with a minimum of waiting.

It is important that all taxpayers bring last year's tax return with them.

NO LONGER WITH US – Beverly Bean, 208-357-1845, mbofidaho@yahoo.com

The following lists those of our INL friends who passed away in June-October 2017. IREA's historian, Beverly Bean, compiles this information from the Post Register (Idaho Falls), INL sources, and by calls from friends and family. We publish this list on a monthly basis on our website at www.inlretirees.org in addition to the IREA newsletter. If there are names you know we have missed, please contact Bev.

INL Employees who died in other than June-October 2017

Janet Elizabeth Moore Brown (59) passed away 2/24/17. She worked as a Machinist at INL for 5 years, then transferred to EG&G at Rocky Flats, CO.

Orin "Jack" DeMuth (90) passed away 4/19/17. He worked at INL from 1/4/54 – 7/30/86.

June 2017

Elbert Tolman (76) passed away 6/3/17. He worked at INL from 6/17/63 – 7/14/88.

LaVoy "Doc" Walker (89) passed away 6/4/17. He worked in Government Security for INL, and as Branch Chief before retiring in 1983.

Vern Conlin (82) passed away 6/5/17. He worked at INL for 30 years as a fireman, retiring 1992.

Ray L. Hadley (101) passed away 6/6/17. He worked at INL, AEC from 1951-1981, as an administrative assistant to the assistant manager of research and development. He was then a financial assistant for Jim Zane, department manager.

Gerald C. Wolz (83) passed away 6/10/17. He worked as a Nuclear Reactor Operations Engineer at Argonne National Laboratory.

Joseph "Joe" Empey (64) passed away 6/11/17. He worked as an equipment operator at INL from 1989 to retirement in 2013.

James Cline (86) passed away 6/12/17. He worked for INL from 1957-1991. From 1957-1974 he worked at the National Reactor Testing Station. He co-created the Nuclear Environmental Services division of Science Application International in Gaithersburg, MD. Then he served as a lead scientist until his retirement in 1991.

Elmer LaVar Palmar (83) passed away 6/14/17. In hired on in 1957 to work as an engineer at the INL, retiring 1995.

Violet "Pat" Stricklan (81) passed away 6/15/17. She worked at Argonne National Lab as a custodian for 11 years until she retired in 1991.

Robert Hammer (80) passed away 6/20/17. He worked from 5/4/64 until his retirement on 9/17/87. He worked at ICPP for several years as an expert research chemist at the Chemical Processing Plant-chemistry of fuel reprocessing.

James P. Hogan (90) passed away 6/20/17. He worked at INL from 8/17/87 – 1/30/95.

Charles Collins (94) passed away 6/22/17. He worked at INL from 9/5/61 until his retirement 7/30/85.

Ted Watanabe (93) passed away 6/24/17. He worked at INL for 38 years as a physicist with Phillips Petroleum Company at the National Reactor Testing Program. He retired in 1992.

Joseph "Joe" Keller (34) passed away 6/25/17. He worked for CRI as a computer technician.

Alex Csorsz (77) passed away 6/30/17. He worked at INL from 6/21/83 until his retirement on 6/30/92.

July 2017

Vernon A. Lofgran (85) passed away 7/1/17. He worked for INL from 8/19/74 until his retirement 1/30/95.

Sigmunt Roland (91) passed away 7/3/17. He worked at INL from 11/19/62 until his retirement 7/30/89.

Arnold G. Briggs (92) passed away 7/4/17. He worked for INL as a security guard where he was a Master Sharp Shooter. He worked from 4/1/85 until retirement 7/29/88.

Lela Rodgers (94) passed away 7/6/17. She worked at INL from 7/25/60 – 8/29/85.

Clarence A. Frickey (85) passed away 7/8/17. He worked at the INL with Argonne West National Lab as a chief technician, working with manipulators in the hot cells. He retired in 1994.

Richard E. Carter (82) passed away 7/9/17. He worked for INL for 32 years as a bus driver. He worked from 6/27/63 until his retirement 1/30/95.

Herbert "Dean" Colpus (74) passed away 7/11/17. He worked for INL as a radiological control shift supervisor, where he retired after 20 years.

Damon L. Orr (50) passed away 7/11/17. He worked from 4/2000-11/2001.

Fred O. Haroldsen (91) passed away 7/14/17. He worked at INL in Mechanical Engineering from 6/8/61 until his retirement 2/27/91.

Robert Beatty (82) passed away 7/19/17. He worked at INL from 6/17/57 – 1/28/93.

Robert E. Williams (70) passed away 7/20/17. He worked at INL from 10/1/76 – 6/26/03.

Roland Prine (81) passed away 7/20/17. He worked at INL as a health physicist from 2/13/1984-1/31/1995.

August 2017

Clinton Kingsford (77) passed away 8/1/17. He worked at INL from 7/17/89–5/27/04. Clint went to work at INL in 1989 and for the next 17 years it took him to work on projects at the INL Site, Florida, Ascension Island, Portugal, and Hawaii designing and overseeing windmill projects, sewer systems, and roads. Clint was a licensed Land Surveyor; Professional licensed Civil and Structural Engineer

Michael E. Hanni (67) passed away 8/2/17. He worked as a firefighter at INL until he retired in 2011.

Uriel "Wally" S. Wallace (87) passed away 8/3/17. He worked at INL for over 30 years with a career culminating in extensive work involving research and development of automated welding.

Ken C. Phillips (80) passed away 8/4/17. He worked as a safety engineer for INL from 9/7/76 to 2/23/2000. He was a member of the National Fire Protection Association and the Society of Fire Protection Engineers.

Glen R. Standley (87) passed away 8/13/17. He worked for INL from 5/11/64 – 6/29/92, driving bus for 13 years, then in management until his retirement in 1992. He received the Million Mile award for driving one million miles without a preventable accident.

Floyd F. Curtis (79) passed away 8/13/17. He worked for INL as an operating engineer.

Walter R. Heald passed away 8/15/17.

Alberta Nielson (87) passed away 8/16/17. She worked for INL from 8/1/83 – 1/30/95.

Eugene "Gene" I. Place (80) passed away 8/17/17. He worked at INL.

Frances Ruth Cox Street (64) passed away 8/18/17. She worked at INL.

Ray K. Spaulding (88) passed away 8/18/17. He worked as a bus driver from 11/9/55 – 8/30/90.

Bruce N. Bradley (70) passed away 8/21/17. He was an Electrical Engineer working for INL for 5 years.

NaDean Moore (74) passed away 8/22/17. She worked at INL.

John H. Ellis (80) passed away 8/23/17. He worked at the Naval Reactors Facility as an engineer, retiring in 1997 after 30 years of service.

Boyd T. Williams (91) passed away 8/23/17. He worked at the INL from 2/21/84 – 3/29/90, in the accounting and supervisory roles.

David R. Andersen (80) passed away 8/24/17. He worked at INL as a bus driver from 11/25/96 – 9/16/2003.

Donald D. Patterson (69) passed away 8/25/17. He worked at INL.

Jere B. Wilkinson (77) passed away 8/26/17. He worked at INL from 3/26/84 – 6/24/01.

James O. Perrine (70) passed away 8/27/17. He worked at INL from 3/26/80 – 7/18/91.

September 2017

Larry C. Walton (82) passed away 9/1/17. He worked at INL as a computer programmer from 1/30/61 – 10/16/86.

Richard A. Clemons (81) passed away 9/2/17. He worked as a Mechanical Engineer for EG&G from 6/13/57 – 1/30/95.

Kenton L. Covington (80) passed away 9/2/17. He worked as a financial manager from 5/24/67 – 1/30/95.

Josephine "Jo" W. Moncur Spraker (86) passed away 9/4/17. She worked at INL.

Mark M. Jackson (70) passed away 9/6/17. He was a bus driver from 7/15/02 – 2/13/13.

James E. Claver (79) passed away 9/6/17. He worked at INL from 1/14/85–10/30/2000.

Larry G. Johnson (79) passed away 9/7/17. He worked at INL from 7/12/76 – 6/7/2000.

William Theodore "Ted" Steinman (79) passed away 9/8/17. He worked at INL for 30 years.

Gregory W. Archibald (69) passed away 9/8/17. He worked as a mechanic at INL from 8/29/73–1/12/06.

Charles W. Reich (86) passed away 9/10/17. He worked at INL from 1956 until his retirement in 1992.

Jenille S. Miller (50) passed away 9/11/17. She worked at INL in the Human Resource Office.

Clifford Roberts (90) passed away 9/12/17. He worked at INL from 4/24/77 – 9/19/90.

Frank Lafe "Bud" Gamett (88) passed away 9/13/17. He worked at the National Reactor Testing Station.

Eugene DeGiulio (81) passed away 9/14/17. He worked at INL from 11/16/53 – 1/30/91. He started as a cook at the AEC and then began working as a computer programmer. He worked hard and advanced continually in his field and knowledge and finished his career as a senior data center manager at EG&G where he retired.

Dona L. Atwood (85) passed away 9/19/17. She worked as a tool crib attendant for INL from 4/11/88-1/30/95.

Thora Marlene Rasmussen (81) passed away 9/19/17. She worked at INL as a secretary.

George E. Lohse (90) passed away 9/19/17. He worked at INL for 33 years as an engineer and plant manager, from 3/26/53 – 6/29/86.

Drew L. Johnson (76) passed away 9/20/17. He worked in the INL maintenance department from 8/9/76-6/4/01 as a painter.

Thomas "Tom" William Hoffman (74) passed away 9/24/17. He worked at INL as a reactor operator, from 10/26/87 – 12/13/95.

Doreen Jonak (61) passed away 9/24/17. She worked for EG&G and CWI where she retired after 35 years of service, as a skilled crafts person, an operator, and a first-class lock smith.

Stanley K. Jacobson (80) passed away 9/24/17. He worked at INL for 40 years from 2/28/66 – 6/24/01.

Sarah Elizabeth "Beth" Barnes (87) passed away 9/26/17. She worked at Westinghouse Electric Corporation at INL as a teletype operator for 37 years and retired in 1988.

Jimmy Auten (74) passed away 9/27/17. He worked at INL as a scheduler and planner at Naval Reactor Facility and Central.

Robert Carrington (75) passed away 9/29/17. He worked at INL 5/19/97-2/28/07.

October 2017

Pedro R. Gonzales (89) passed away 10/4/17. He worked at INL from 11/5/71 – 4/18/91.

Charles D. 'Bud' Howell (87) passed away 10/5/17. He worked at Naval Reactor Facility until his retirement in 1994, after 45 years of service.

John 'Jack' Henry Clark (83) passed away 10/5/17. During his career he worked as an engineer at ATR and on the West Valley project from 9/5/57 – 1/30/95.

David G. Ellis (81) passed away 10/8/17. He worked at INL's CPP

facility from 12/5/77 – 1/30/95 retiring as a shift supervisor. Many of you know Dave as he prepared the candy guess jar for our IREA spring banquet and served on the Social Committee for many years.

Albert E. Millhouse (72) passed away 10/8/17. He worked at INL for 23 years as an operation manager, as well as Naval Reactor Facility.

Raymond Gump (91) passed away 10/9/17. He worked at INL from 6/26/57 – 7/30/86.

LeRoy 'Red' M. Schenk (86) passed away 10/9/17. He worked as a bus driver at INL from 12/12/55 – 1/30/92.

Merril J. Duffin (80) passed away 10/14/17. He worked at INL from 12/1/68 – 6/24/01.

Margaret Andersen Jackson (86) passed away 10/24/17. She worked at AEC.

Harry J. Taylor (89) passed away 10/25/17. He was a bus driver at INL from 1/17/57 – 10/5/88.

Don E. Storer (89) passed away 10/31/17. He worked for Argonne.

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If you change your address or phone number, remember to alert HR of those changes via written notification.

General questions about insurance should be directed to your HR point of contact (POC).

If you receive a monthly pension payment from INL's Retirement Plan and need to make a change in your bank account information or have a question about your deductions, contact Jason Smith, Finance POC.

2018 Benefits Enrollment Period for ELIGIBLE Retirees

BEA retirees under 65 during all or a portion of 2018 and still participating in the BEA's Benefits Plan (medical, dental, LegalShield®, etc.): Watch for your 2018 Benefits package; they will arrive in late October via USPS. The 2018 enrollment period is November 1-30. If you are eligible to participate in the 2018 BEA Benefit's Plan and have not received your packet by November 1st, contact Tamera Tolman at 208-526-2921. Lastly, call Tamera Tolman at 208-526-2921 or Eric Wittwer at 208-526-0638 with your BEA Benefits questions.

AMWTP, CWI, and FLUOR retirees participating in FLUOR's Benefits Plan (medical, dental, LegalShield®, etc.):

HR anticipates mailing 2018 FLUOR Benefits booklets via USPS to eligible retirees on October 11, 2017 in advance of the tentative enrollment window opening on November 1.

CRITICAL: There are several changes effective 1/1/2018 in the New 2018 Fluor Idaho Total (FIT) Health Plan, and **positive enrollment** will be required. Details will be provided in the enrollment booklet. Because of the plan changes, **ALL retirees receiving benefits via the FLUOR Benefits Plan MUST make a positive enrollment election for 2018 in order to continue their benefits, OR your benefits will terminate effective January 1st!!!**

Summary of Medical, Dental, and LegalShield® changes

MEDICAL

Three new medical plan designs offered.

DENTAL

- Willamette Dental will be offered to all current retirees to allow legacy AMWTP retirees an opportunity to enroll.
- This will be the last year that Willamette Dental will be offered during Annual Enrollment. If you opt out of the Willamette Plan in the future, you will not be able to get back in.
- Eligibility changes in Willamette Dental - Spouses of retirees will no longer be able to continue Willamette Dental if the retiree becomes eligible for Medicare. Current retirees who are eligible for Medicare and have continued spouse coverage under Willamette Dental, coverage will end 12/31/2017.
- Willamette has individual plans available. You will need to contact Willamette Dental directly to enroll in coverage under an individual plan. **Note:** The retiree may also be eligible to enroll in the individual plan. This change does not apply to Medical plan.

LegalShield®

LegalShield® coverage under the retiree plan will end 12/31/2017. We will collect enrollment options during enrollment for LegalShield®. Once annual enrollment closes, we will pass enrollment to LegalShield®. If you elected to enroll or continue your coverage, premiums will need to be remitted directly to LegalShield®.

MEMBERSHIP – LeRoy Meyer, 208-523-7306, mey217@cableone.net

The IREA year starts January 1 and ends December 31 each year. The two digit number after your name on your newsletter mailing label denotes the year that your membership dues are paid through. For example

LeRoy Meyer 20

The 20 means that my membership is paid through the year 2020.

If you know a retired INL person who is not a member of IREA pass on the form below. Remember, if you recruit 5 new members, you receive a free year of membership.

New IREA members: Thomas L Clemets Jr., Dr. Soli Khericha, Kevin Skinner, Leslie E. Soderquist, Linda Tomlinson, and Richard L. Wadholm.

Welcome!

Currently we have 271 members.

To receive email alerts from IREA : If you have an email address please send it to LeRoy Meyer at mey217@cableone.net . That way we can alert you by email about critical contractor dates that pertain to retirees- like benefit enrollment dates, free tax assistance, etc. Many times the publication of the newsletter does not align with critical dates and deadlines. We promise NO junk emails or spam – only items of importance to INL retirees!!!

MEMBERSHIP FORM
INL RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Email Address _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

I am willing to serve on the following committee(s):

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- _____ Publicity
- _____ Consumer Affairs
- _____ Historian
- _____ Energy Education
- _____ Social Events
- _____ Investments
- _____ Programs
- _____ Benefits

Yearly dues are \$10
Or \$40 for 5 years
(January to December calendar basis)
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