

President's Message -- Elmer Moyer

As you can clearly see by the heading on this newsletter, we are the "Pacific Northwest Forest Service Association, Inc." On July 19th, the articles of incorporation were filed with the State, and on Aug. 24th, the board met and held the formal adoption of the bylaws. **Wayne (Smoke) Lewis** is now putting the complex paperwork together to apply for the upgraded non-profit status.

I would like to thank the membership for the overwhelming vote for the constitution upgrade. Your many helpful suggestions were debated at length and used to improve the bylaws at our adoption session. It's not possible to thank each of you for your contribution, but I would like to specifically mention the indepth appraisals and suggested improvements submitted by **Buz Carrell, Bob Romancier, Neil Opsal, and Eldon Estep**, as well as Smoke Lewis and the entire board.

A copy of the upgraded bylaws is printed in this newsletter your information.

After receipt of the upgraded non-profit designation from the IRS, we will tackle the Post Office for a special mailing status for the newsletter.

As you can see, we still have a full agenda for the remainder of this summer.

The picnic at Wildwood Recreation Area was again an outstanding activity thanks to **John Marker** and **Beverly Pratt**. We had good representation from all around the region and it is always great to enjoy good food and drink and visit with great folks.

The 2005 Reunion committee has met with the Jantzen Beach Doubletree Hotel management and proposals are being developed.

The Station Director Tom Mills and Regional Forester Harv Forsgren have each recently attended a monthly luncheon and made a few comments regarding the problems facing the Forest Service. Most of us fortunate enough to hear their comments were encouraged about the overall management situation and current direction.

Thanks again for your involvement and have an enjoyable fall. And even though it sounds very early, a Joyous Holiday Season to all.

Elmer

Changes, Changes, Changes

As President Elmer says, we have changed our name. I had hoped to have a great proposal for a new logo and newsletter banner in time to use it in this Fall 2001 Newsletter, but so far nothing is forthcoming and it is press time. So I have done a "non-artistic" modification of our old banner until we get that great idea from one of the several people that I asked for input.

It is now September 19, and the change of our organization name seems insignificant in relation to the change that occurred in our great country on September 11. I don't know how that has impacted many of you, but it has left me stunned. I can't even comprehend the changes that may occur over the next weeks, months, and years. I don't foresee a return to what was "normal", but a new "normality" may arise from the ashes. I find

it difficult to get deeply involved in producing this newsletter, so expect oversights, omissions, and outright mistakes.

I think one of the "good" things we senior citizens can do, is to share our stories of personal impacts. If you have a special story of how you view this second "day of infamy", in FDR's words, or stories of friends or relatives who were directly involved, or what you are doing to be of some help, send them to the Association address, or you may e-mail directly to me (wendallj@aol.com). We will give high priority to publishing these stories in the winter newsletter.

As a diversion this past weekend, on Saturday my grandson and I spent some time in a corn maze on Sauvie Island; and on Sunday I participated in the Race for the Cure in Portland. Both good for mind and body. *Wendall Jones*

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Directory Online

Ken White, a member, who operates a web page design service in North Bend, WA called Northwest Webwerks, has agreed to put together a Membership Directory for use of our "virtual retiree community". The directory will utilize the same database that Vern Clapp uses to publish the hard copy directory that is mailed out each January.

It is our intent to provide you with a password-protected, searchable database that will allow you to quickly find the same directory information that you are now able to locate in the hard copy. It will be easy to use and will be updated at least quarterly as the mailing list is prepared for the printer. There is now a "button" on the Membership Page that will take you to the Directory, where you will be asked for a password before being allowed access to the directory.

The directory is still under construction and is not there yet, but when it is finished and posted, we will advise you of its existence and provide you with a copy of the password through Vern Clapp's "e-notes".

The hard copy of the Directory will still be printed and mailed out as only about 40% of our membership now have online access, but we are pleased to note that our virtual membership continues to grow...*Bob McQuown*

PNW Station Women's Reunion

Women who worked at the PNW Station in the Omark Building in Portland in the 60's, 70's and 80's will be having a reunion in late March or early April 2002. To be put on a mailing list for the reunion, please get in touch with Karen Esterholdt, 4204 NE 125th Place, Portland, OR 97230-1342, or karene@hevanet.com. Karen is coordinating the event and needs to know current addresses. If you have addresses of people who may not see this announcement, please let Karen know those, too. *Karen Esterholdt*

National Association of Forest Service Retirees

The National Association of Forest Service Retirees(NAFSR) continues to grow and have influence on issues of critical importance to the future of the National Forests and Forest Service. Chairman Doug Leisz assisted by Executive Officer Dick Pflif have set an active agenda for the 200 plus members and the board of directors.

Since last October NAFSR has prepared position papers and responded to requests for comments on issues such as roadless areas, planning regulations, road issues, fire management, Forest Service leadership. NAFSR has been highly professional in all of its efforts and is being recognized by political and conservation leaders has a source of sound information about National Forests, resource management and the Forest Service.

However, more retirees are needed to help support NAFSR's efforts both financially and as staffers to help produce the documents that are used with national decision makers. For a modest \$25 a year you can join NAFSR, and become part of the effort to assure a sound future for the Forest Service and the National Forests. There is a special need for people with strong field backgrounds to help "ground truth" issues that deal with day to day operations and management. While members do spend a lot of time writing and rewriting papers, wordsmithing is not a requirement for joining this group. There is a need to have a large number of people who can be contacted for their intimate knowledge of forests and districts and how things really work out on the land.—*John Marker, Director, NAFSR*

For more information about NAFSR contact John Marker at: jf37m@aol.com or (541-352-6154), or Dick Pflif, NAFSR Exec Off., PO Box 220155, Chantilly, VA 20153(703-922-3854)

2001 Summer Picnic

On Thursday, Oregon, the West side, lived up to its reputation. Jackets as well as windshield wipers were in use in the Portland area. But in 24 hours things changed, at least out in the hills.

Proving how special Forest Service retirees are, Wildwood Recreation area was bathed in sunshine and a gentle breeze to keep the temperature just right, so almost 200 retirees could enjoyed themselves. The food, as always, was outstanding as was the fellowship. People from all over the region made the pilgrimage to see old friends and share tall tales. It was a special day for special people.

If you weren't there, you should have been, and you need to put August 16, 2002, on your calendar. We'll promise to supply the same outstanding Eastern Oregon weather. We were told by usually reliable sources that the weather turned back to Western Oregon gray just about the time the first Portland area subdivision came into view. One of the neat things about the Wildwood shelter is the two fireplaces that add atmosphere to the picnic with their crackling fires. We have a retiree hero who makes sure the fires happen by bringing wood to supplement the supply furnished by the site management, and arriving early to get them started. The next time you see **Wayne Kleidosty**, say thanks for his contribution to our summer gathering. *John Marker*

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More Donors

- ★ **Bob Carlson**
- ★ **Dale Farley**
- ★ **Tom & Rita Glazebrook**
- ★ **Don James**
- ★ **Ralph Jaszowski**
- ★ **Neil Opsal**
- ★ **Les Sullivan**
- ★ **Fran Miller Sutherland**
- ★ **Eleice Wilson**

★ Thanks, again , from all of us. ★

Oregon Tax Refund Process Completed

Most of this information is excerpts from a statement prepared by Jim Dixon and Parks Walker of OCFRO

The principal agenda of OCFRO, to convince the State of Oregon to comply with federal law and its own Constitution in the taxation of federal retirement income, has at long last been accomplished.

Over twelve years after the U.S. Supreme Court announced its decision in *Davis vs. Michigan* and the subsequent inception of OCFRO as the instrument to achieve tax equity for federal retirees in Oregon, final checks for the Oregon income tax rebate on federal retirement income, primarily for 1991-1994, are being mailed. Oregon checks totaling over \$111 million are being processed during July 2001 to federal retirees, and/or their estates, where applicable. In 1999, approximately \$232 million in refunds were issued to those retirees who had filed protective claims. This brings the total of Oregon tax refunds under the Oregon Supreme Courts June 1998 decision in *Dixon IV* to over \$343 million.

At the direction of OCFRO, and with the help of many federal retirees, our skillful OCFRO attorneys, Michael G. Hanlon of Portland, OR and Eugene O. Duffy of Milwaukee, WI, negotiated a stipulated agreement to implement the favorable and unanimous decision of the Oregon Supreme Court. A highly successful tax rebate settlement was thus achieved, we think, the best of the 23 states involved in *Davis*.

Forest Service retirees owe particular gratitude to Jim Dixon and John Vogel (now deceased), who were lead plaintiffs in the original cases filed against the State of Oregon; and Parks Walker who served as Chair of the OCFRO Litigation Committee from the inception. The 30 Year Club President signed a letter of thanks to OCFRO, and particularly Parks Walker who was our prime information source, over a year ago. *Wendall Jones*

There are two theories to arguing with women.....Neither one works!

Don't squat with your spurs on.

New Members

Bob & Ruth Ann Burns
Bob & Georgene Gordon
Steve & Beryl Sand
John & Nancy Steward

Fire Interpretive Center Planned at Entiat, WA

About ten years ago Nancy Belt, Entiat Ranger District, Wenatchee NF employee, received a Regional Forester's challenge grant to pursue a vision of developing a Fire Interpretive Center. Since that time a non-profit foundation has been formed and a 17-acre site has been purchased to house the center. The center grounds are located approximately 15 miles north of Wenatchee, WA on Hwy. 97A at the north end of Entiat. They are open to the public daily. Pat Int-Hout, retired Wenatchee fire staff, was the Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center Foundation's first president. Arnie Arneson is now the President. Funding from state grants, T-shirt sales, and donations have enabled the Foundation to move two 1930 vintage lookouts onto the site. These lookouts are being restored and at least one will be open to the public when the site is fully operational. An interpretive trail has also been constructed on the site, with stations explaining different facets of the fire story.

An architectural firm has been retained to design and complete the facilities, which are estimated to cost 5 or 6 million dollars. Funding is being sought from numerous sources.

The Foundation would like your suggestions, opinions and donations. Send them to Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center Foundation, P.O. Box 3773, Wenatchee, WA 98807, or contact **Arnie Arneson** at 509-662-3035, or e-mail: arnesona@nwi.net. *Excerpted from a release by Arnie Arneson.*

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you are a mile away and you have their shoes.

If you think nobody cares if you are alive, try missing a couple of car payments.

European Tour 2002

In light of the current tragedy, and perhaps the uncertainty at this time among many of us, we are postponing for now, an article further pursuing a Group European Tour in 2002. As the world situation unfolds, we will consider picking up on this great idea in the Winter Newsletter, or a separate mailing. We received about 40 positive responses to the notice in the Summer Newsletter, so we will keep the idea alive, as we must keep an optimistic outlook on the future.

National Museum of Forest Service History

The National Museum of Forest Service History is pleased to announce the appointment of Frank McKinney as Executive Director. He comes to us with a professional background in forestry and museum work, as well as a solid commitment and enthusiasm for our mission. A letter from President Gary Brown details Mr. McKinney's education and experience. Gary states, "Mr. McKinney's broad knowledge and experience in museum development is just what we need to help our NMFSH grow in leaps and bounds."

But of course member support remains essential. Doug Leisz has recently proposed a cooperative, member-based fundraising drive to coincide with this new phase in NMFSH's development. Doug says, "we just need to tell the gang we need their help and put a little challenge bait out there." Doug puts his money where his mouth is with a check to NMFSH for \$1000. For those who wish to contribute to completion of the Bungalow cabin send your check with a note in the memo section to "Finish the Cabin". Send it to NMFSH, P.O. Box 2772, Missoula, MT 59806-2772. *(Excerpts and quotes from Gary Brown's letter of 7-30-01)*

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

Duct tape is like the force. It has a dark side and a light side, and it holds the universe together.

**"NO JOB IS SO IMPORTANT
AND NO SERVICE IS SO URGENT
THAT WE CANNOT TAKE TIME
TO PERFORM OUR WORK SAFELY"**

This long standing safety slogan in the U.S. Forest Service has generated a question from one of our members. **Lee Boeckstiegel** asks if any of you know about the origin of this slogan. Was it originated by someone in the Forest Service? Some say Lyle Watts. Some say J. Herbert Stone. The slogan appeared in most offices in the late 40's or early 50's. There was usually one in each office in Region 6 that was framed under glass and carried the signature of J. Herbert Stone. What generated Lee's question was that he finds Seattle

Public Utilities is using this same slogan today! I find no mention of this slogan in Jerry Williams Forest Service History, "The First Century". Was it just a Region 6 slogan or was it nation-wide? Get those old brain cells working and let us know what you know about the "No Job is So Important....." slogan. *Thanks Lee, for shaking this history bush!*

Bob Leavengood Passes - Just at press time we received word that Bob Leavengood , of Eugene, had passed away in the afternoon of Sept. 18. Bob had spent several days in the hospital and was to be released on the 18th. At this time we do not know why he was hospitalized or any other details. Bob was 81. We will have more information and some good stories about Bob in the

Attention Annual Dues Payers

This is a reminder to all of you who have that senior syndrome of forgetting to pay your Association dues. Our list of late dues payers grows each year (some are repeaters), and no one has any better excuse than, "I forgot." This will hopefully help put you on the list of those who pay by the due date, January 1 of each year (not some indefinite time after January 1). Just clip out the coupon below, fill in all the necessary information, especially any changes in address, etc, make out your check for the correct amount, and mail it in. And while you are at it, why not take this opportunity to add a few lines of news about you that your dear friends would love to hear.

If you mail this in by December 15, it will insure that any change of address info will get into the January 2002 Directory, and any news you include will be in the Winter Newsletter.

This coupon idea was sent in by **Marvin Hoover** (another belated dues payer). Thanks, Marv, for the great idea.

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Here are my annual dues for 2002: Still just \$10.00 at this time (you can pay for more than one year if you like.) Make check to: PNW Forest Service Assn.

Mail to: PNW Forest Service Association
P.O. Box 5583
Portland, OR 97228-5583

Name _____

Current Address: Street No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____

Add a message here if you wish.

Members Corner

Tom & Rita Glazebrook

The enclosed is to help in the funds of the 30 Year Club, as an addition to the Lifetime membership we purchased years ago. And a big thank you to all the work and dedication you have been giving to the perpetuation and growth of the Club! Hope to see you at the Picnic in August. (*We did!*)

Warren Davies

I vote in favor of revising the Constitution and Bylaws. I've been through this with two other "not for profit" organizations and it's a hell of a lot of paper work, except in California, the incorporation isn't a real biggy, but it's really necessary for protection of the organization and the officers.

Dick Shaffer

Please put me down as a "yes" vote in favor of the changes to the constitution. While I hate to see the name changed after all these years, I guess the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.

Ed & Kitty Stout

Count me as affirmative on the constitution changes. The new web site is much appreciated. Very informative and entertaining, as well as convenient to vote, register, and whatever comes next without the snail-mail hassle. No wonder the Postal Service is running a humungous deficit. Please note that my e-mail address has changed. Receiving the Newsletter by e-mail would be OK with me. I guess I don't have enough sympathy for the P.O. Thanks for all your work to keep us "in the loop".

Ralph Jaszowski

Enclosed is a booster check to supplement my Lifetime membership dues. Thank you for keeping us informed about our Forest Service friends through the newsletter and the Rhumb Line. The work of the 30 Year Club officers and their helpers is greatly appreciated.

Les Sullivan

Dale Bosworth's letter to retirees in the Summer Newsletter was like a fresh breeze. I have been uneasy over where the Forest Service was going ever since Dale Robertson was politically removed as Chief. Hopefully the new Chief can steer the Forest Service back toward its true mission of managing all of its resources for all of us.

I have been retired 26 years plus, but have never made it over the mountains to either the banquet or the picnic. We have decided that now is the time so the reservation for the picnic is enclosed.

I noticed that many others have responded to the need for help to keep the Newsletter going. I have been a Life member since the beginning and enjoy hearing from other members even though I know fewer of them each year. Here is my contribution to help further your good work.

Fran Miller Sutherland

I think that changing the name so it will be recognized as Forest Service is a great idea. Any organization can have a 30 Year Club, so I'm glad to see this. I am also happy that I bought my Lifetime membership years ago, so I don't have to worry about that anymore. To think that H. Donald Miller (my husband of 43 years) passed away from brain tumor in 1985, and here I am still living and kicking. I can't believe it! In memory of H. Donald Miller, I am sending a check to you all for where it's needed the most.

Dale Farley

Enclosed is a contribution to the clubs financial situation which I should have sent earlier. I'm another of those who have a Life Membership on the cheap. Membership's benefits were never more clear than when Judy died and all the support I received from members far and wide. The notes, cards, and the memorial service were so appreciated.

A bicycle, sightseeing, and hiking trip to Austria the past month was a highlight of this year, but it is time now to catch up on grandchildren's progress. Thanks to all of you for producing the newsletter.

Don Peters

The incident on the Okanogan was really a tough one, wasn't it? From media reports so far, we haven't learned much except that the fire blew up. Maybe more details will be on the evening news. I just hope that the politicians at a State or the Federal level don't try to make someone a goat out of the event unless there is justification to do so. I can remember when I was the fire boss on the 40 plus thousand acres of the Mitchell Creek fire on the Okanogan in 1970. The biggest concern I had was for the men on the line and foot scouts, even though some of the RO fire people thought I should have required more aggressive action in the steep sloped drainages that were ready to explode following the initial run from the northeasterly sides of Lake Chelan over and across the summit into the Okanogan. I was a Class I fire boss from 1961 through 1974. During that time I served in R-1, 5, and 6 on several project fires and gained lots of fire fighting and fire behavior experience prior to that time on over 200 class A (1/4 acre or less) and Class B (up to 1/2 acre).

Roy Sines

We are still in LaGrande, OR and we do appreciate the letters from those who write in the Member's Corner. We enjoy, too, the e-mail and appreciate the hard work Vern Clapp is doing keeping us informed of the latest Forest Service information. Our latest interest is learning what we can about our new Chief, Dale Bosworth. He is one of us! Our daughter works on the Lolo NF and has met our new Chief. She likes him very much.

I keep active with letters to the newspaper editor and Forest Supervisor, plus field trips, travel, etc. We have trimmed back on our volunteer projects, but we did camp a week at Pittsburg Landing on the Snake River recently. We helped Roy Lombardo and a crew restore a small campground near the river that had been flooded out. On another day we visited a rare plant species, Mirabilis macfarlanei, that we have monitored for years. The plants were thriving but the fence that protected them had been cut. Luckily no cattle had yet been inside the enclosure. I repaired the fence and reported the misdeed.

We enjoy the 30 Year Club Newsletter and reminders of our experiences with many of you. KEEP WRITING.

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Address Changes, Additions, Corrections

Anderson, Rolf & Bobbie – Change e-mail: rolfa@qwest.net

Brown, D. Bruce – Change address: 1006 Harvard Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801-1607, Phone: 509-667-2026,
e-mail: same

Burns, Robert & Ruth Ann – New member: 3315 NE 163rd St, Ridgefield, WA 98642, Phone: 360-576-1914,
e-mail: woodchuc@uswest.net

Churchill, George & Margaret—Change address: 1835 Circle Lane SE, Apt 540, Lacey, WA 98503, Phone: 360-438-5900

Colosky, Beverly—Change of address: 6745 Peppermint Dr, Reno, NV 89506

Cochrane, James S. – Change address: 189 Tally Ho Ct, Elkton, MD 21921

Curtis, Rick & Liz – Change address: 225 Maple Ave, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862 Phone same

Doty, Ormond & Edith – Change address: 13850 SW Fanno Creek Dr, Tigard, OR 97223-8127. Phone same.

Gilbert, Lowell & Kay – Correct e-mail: gilnkay@earthlink.net

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Hofer, Jerry & Loraine – Correct e-mail: jandlhofer@netscape.net

Hoffmann, Richard A. & Carolyn - New member: corrects spelling of name in Summer NL from Hoffman to Hoffmann

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Drop e-mail : Paul Lane – timberlanepaul@webtv.net - no response

LOSSES

Larry and Florence Barrett – deceased 7-11-01 and 2-16-01

Marv Smith – deceased 6-15-01

Martin Syverson – deceased 1-23-01

Wilma May—deceased ? 2000

Jean Tarrant – deceased 8-22-01; survived by husband Bob

Minnie Thompson – deceased August 1999, (from J. Bowlin, daughter)

Janet Waring – deceased 9-11-01; survived by husband Skip

THANK GOD for "OLD GEEZERS".

"Geezers" are easy to spot. This is slang for an old man. But at sporting events, during the playing of the National Anthem, they hold their caps over their hearts and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them. They remember World War I, the Depression, World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing, not to mention Vietnam.

If you bump into a "Geezer" on the sidewalk, he'll apologize, pass one on a street and he'll nod, or tip his hat to a lady. "Geezers" trust strangers and are courtly to women. They hold the door for the next person and always when walking, make sure the lady is on the inside for protection. "Geezers" get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like

violence and filth on TV and in movies. "Geezers" have moral courage. "Geezers" seldom brag unless its about the grandchildren in Little League or music recitals.

This country needs "Geezers" with their decent values and common sense. We need them now more than ever. It's the "Geezers" who know our great country is protected, not by politicians or police, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country in foreign lands, just as THEY did, without a thought except to do a good job the best you can and to get home to loved ones. (*sent in by Harold Welborn*) (*Ed. Note: Some of this could describe ladies I know. Are there not "Geezettes"?*)

If you lend someone \$20, and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

Association Board Acts to Incorporate

The Association Board met on August 24, 2001, to carry out the actions necessary for incorporation in the State of Oregon. To accommodate those actions some amendment and correction of the Bylaws were necessary. Some changes were also made to respond to some concerns of members. According to our new Constitution, the bylaws may be amended by the Board of Directors, while amendments to the Constitution require a vote of the membership. The amended bylaws are printed here for your information. You can track the changes by comparing with the bylaws published in the Summer Newsletter.

BYLAWS of the PACIFIC NORTHWEST FOREST SERVICE ASSOCIATION, INC.

A. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- 1. PRESIDENT:** The duties of the President shall be that of executive officer. The executive officer shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Association, call meetings, and preside over meetings and functions of the Association. All correspondence shall be handled in the President's name except as may otherwise be directed. The President is elected to a three-year term of service: one year as President-elect, one year as President, and one year as Immediate Past President. The power to execute contracts legally binding the association resides in the office of the President, who has general delegation authority.
- 2. PRESIDENT-ELECT:** The President-elect, in the absence of the President, will perform the duties of the President and such other duties as may be assigned by the President.
- 3. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:** provides continuity to Association business and serves as counsel to the President. May accept other duties at the request of the President.
- 4. SECRETARY:** will perform normal corresponding secretarial duties, keep minutes of regular meetings, open all mail, record and deposit all monies received, verify addresses and other member information, report changes of addresses, process applications for membership, acknowledge new members, disperse information to the President, Treasurer, Archivist and Editor. The Secretary is elected for a two-year term.
- 5. TREASURER:** will manage the association's finances and investments with timely review by the executive board. Prepares routine reports and an annual audited financial report. The Treasurer is elected for a two-year term.
- 6. DATABASE MANAGER:** will manage the database; keep pertinent up-to-date information on membership. Prepares current mailing lists and prepares an annual membership directory. The Database Manager is appointed by the executive board for a minimum of two years.
- 7. EDITOR:** is responsible for managing, publishing and mailing the quarterly newsletter. This includes business dealings with any contracted services for the newsletter. The Editor is appointed by the executive board for a minimum of two years.
- 8. PROGRAM MANAGERS:** will be selected by the President under the advisement of the executive board. The Program Managers will be voting members of the executive board during the term of their appointment. Some examples of Program Managers are: membership, archivist, special events (banquet, picnic, tours, etc), and web-site manager.
- 9. AREA REPRESENTATIVES:** are selected by the membership manager and approved by the executive board. Each representative will: (1) be an active representative, (2) work with their local area to have a process in place that will include access to current membership forms for those retiring, (3) establish and maintain good working relationships with area Forest Service units, and (4) contact eligible prospects for future membership.

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In November of each year the executive board will agree on a slate of candidates and present these to the membership. A majority of the votes cast by the membership shall determine the successful candidate for each office. The executive board may fill vacancies occurring in elective offices for the remainder of the term.

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C. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

The executive board must meet at least quarterly to conduct Association business and may meet more frequently at the pleasure of the President. Five executive board members will constitute a quorum to conduct Association business.

D. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

The Association will normally meet the last Friday of each month.

E. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Executive board must hold at least one membership business meeting annually for conducting Association business, installation of officers, and to provide members an opportunity to discuss Association activities. The meeting time and place will be scheduled and published in the Association's newsletter.

F. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year is the calendar year.

G. DUES

Current dues are \$10.00 annually, \$125.00 lifetime. Dues may be paid annually or by a one-time lifetime membership payment. Annual dues will be paid at the beginning of each calendar year. A member who fails to pay annual dues will be dropped from the rolls at the determination of the executive board. A lifetime membership covers both the member and surviving spouse. Members or surviving spouses who are 90 or more years of age and in good standing shall be granted a complimentary golden lifetime membership. Changes to the dues structure must be presented to the membership for approval by a majority of membership votes cast.

H. CHANGES TO BYLAWS

The executive board will amend bylaws of this Association and will publish them in the next edition of the newsletter.

I. THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Members Corner *(cont'd. from p. 5)*

Harold Welborn

I'm doing well, so far. I have not had to do chemo or radiation as they think they "cut" it all out. The doctor and I are not taking it for granted though. I am getting frequent PSA blood tests to assure it is out there. Just don't want to go too long if they left a "speck" of the tumor as it was high spread rate stuff, but caught really early by PSA. So far so good! I don't feel any effects and missed a lot of the after effects of the surgery. I just feel very lucky, thanks to an Angel on my shoulder. It seems to be an act of God as much as man. It was even an accident that the One critical PSA was taken when it was. If you print any of this boil it down a bit. *(I did)* I was only this lengthy and personal because of our past good relationship, which I have appreciated over the years, since 1966. *(cont'd next column)*

Another brief news bit in case you haven't heard. Dorothy Dowell, former Personnel Clerk and Personnel Supervisory Person while you were at Hebo, died July 17. She retired in 1998, was 59 years old. She started at Sweet Home RD I think and worked 37 years. She came to the Siuslaw before 1966. She was a good employee and friend to many on the Forest. We are planning to make it to the Willamette NF Reunion. Hope to see you and Jessie. Thanks for the update on Bob Mealey. I need to call him. He was one of my favorites, and I haven't really stayed in touch with him. Keep up the good work. I like "your" newsletter. *(Members Corner cont'd. on page 9)*

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket. Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your mouth is moving.

Firefighter Memorial Service Yakima, WA - July 24, 2001

Prior to the memorial service in Yakima's civic auditorium, an honor parade of fire equipment made its way through the downtown, ending up in the auditorium parking area. Some two hundred pieces of equipment representing federal, state, county, local and private fire services took part. The parade route was lined with several thousand citizens, many waving flags.

An estimated 5,000 people, many firefighters, attended the service which was conducted by Forest Supervisor Sonny O'Neal and Fire Chaplain Dave Kelly.

Honor ceremonies were provided by the USFS Honor Guard from R-5(a truly impressive group), Washington State Fire-fighter Association Honor Guard and one from the Washington State Patrol.

Speakers included Secretary Veneman, Governor Locke, Chief Bosworth, Congressman Doc Hastings and Chief Dave Leitch, Yakima Co. F.D.

While all of the remarks were appropriate and well received, Governor Locke's were the most impressive and emotional. He talked directly to the firefighter's families, and after finishing his talk he personally presented state flags to the family and visited with them as he made the presentation.

Chief Bosworth and Regional Forester Harv Forsgren presented each family with engraved silver pulaskis.

The entire Yakima community seemed to be taking part in the event in one way or another, and the sadness was mixed with pride in four young citizens who gave their all.

And life goes on. As we were heading back toward Oregon a mushroom shaped cloud came boiling up out of the Columbia breaks. *John Marker*

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Russ Mitchell

Things are great with us. Our golf game could be better, but our health is good, our children are doing well, and our grandchildren are healthy, good looking and, of course, extremely intelligent. Our oldest grandchild will enter college this year--OSU, naturally. *(Russ's message along with change of address info-see Changes)*

Chief Dale Bosworth

Thank you for the invitation to attend the alumni gathering on August 17. Your invitation will be kept in the file of upcoming events. Should my schedule bring me anywhere near Portland during that timeframe, it would be my pleasure to have the opportunity to shake hands with the retirees attending the summer picnic. Should I be unable to attend this gathering, please keep me in mind for future gatherings. *(Response to President Elmer Moyer's invitation)*

More Members Corner

Harold 'Chris' Chriswell

Now that Hank Harrison is not with us anymore, I begin to remember some of the good times I always had with him. Back in 1933, in the CCC, we were performing the R-6 Cruise and Map work on the Colville NF, under Fred Matz. There was an old salt lick used by the deer. They had been licking the light soil for as long as it had been there, and there were many small caves developed from their activity. The deer didn't eat while they tried to get some salt and the pellets they dropped were mostly composed of fine sand. These would bake in the sun like small hard rocks. Hank and I picked the good hard ones up and kept them in a match box. When some new man worked with us we would open the box and ask him if he ever heard of the salt rock in that country. As our story developed, the stranger would feel the pellets. We would encourage him to smell them and then to taste them. When this happened, we, with anyone else listening, would break out in loud laughter when we told him what they really were.

While cruising on the Olympic in 1934, our compass line brought us to a small cliff that dropped vertically without any hand or foot holds. We explored to left and right but could find no way down. Then we noticed a small Douglas-fir tree growing about 3 feet from the cliff. Hank suggested we jump out, grab the tree, and slide about 30 feet down to the ground. I said I would if he went first. We added ½ pace to our pacing.

I was bragging about the good fudge I could make when we were camped up Baker Creek on the Satsop River. Hank talked me into trying it. Well, something went wrong. The fudge wouldn't harden. We left it on the table in the mess tent hoping it would harden during the night. In the morning, there was a drowned mouse in it. He must have died happy.

We had two burros at Baker Creek. The cook fed them any left-over hotcakes from breakfast. While we were eating, the burros would be getting closer and closer to the open end of the cook tent. They would stretch their necks out and then walk their bodies up to their heads. They did this over and over very slowly. We could look up and they would be a foot or two closer, but we never noticed them move. I don't know where they learned to do this, but before long their heads would be inside the tent.

Eleice Wilson

Am enclosing a contribution for the good of the club. Ken had paid for lifetime dues, but I understand that, over time, more money is needed.

Lloyd Soule

I apologize for sending this (picnic) reservation late. Hope it is not too late. Betty had a foot tendon operation late in May and has been confined to a wheel chair. She can now put some weight on the foot and should be fairly mobile by the picnic date. *(Yes, Lloyd and Betty made it)*

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Members Corner (continued from p. 9)**Irene Payne** (potential member)

A friend loaned me her copy of your latest publication to see if I recognized any of the names mentioned in the letters or articles, and I noticed that your organization, like many others, is having difficulty with maintaining membership numbers. I am sure you prefer to recruit those who have just retired (or are still working) for probable longevity and long range participation, but might not be averse to accepting someone who retired some time ago, if they meet your eligibility requirements, if only for the dues and count.

I retired from the Olympic NF in 1984, after around 18 years with the Forest Service. The rest of my career (32 years) was spent with the BLM, Bureau of Reclamation, Army and Air Force. I have never been approached regarding membership and assumed that it was probably because I was business management rather than forestry. I noticed in the referenced issue, a letter indicating that one member had been a contracting officer so it would appear that other field personnel might be eligible, and the membership requirements cited in the copy of you constitution and by-laws did not discriminate and simply indicated that someone who had retired from the USFS in the northwest was eligible.

If you will send me an application form I will complete it so you can determine whether I do meet your requirements. I don't, at my age, expect to ever participate in activities but perhaps the extra dues will help to sustain the organization. (Ed. Note: I wonder how many more Irene's there are out there that would like to be a member but have a perception that we are only for foresters, or only for big shots. Maybe more of us need to loan a newsletter to a non-member retiree, and include a membership application.)

Eleice Wilson

I just recently read the article in the Newsletter written by Chuck Petersen about the cabin at Bungalow Ranger Station on the Clearwater NF in Idaho.

Almost 60 years ago we lived in a small cabin by the station for nearly four months. That was the summer of 1942. Ken was assigned to Fire Detail to this Ranger Station which was on the large Clearwater River. He went ahead by train and I joined him 3 weeks later via three war-time trains. We had left the Capitan, New Mexico RD, on the Lincoln NF.

I was met in Orofino by Bungalow personnel, stopped for groceries in Pierce, and when we reached the Station, a huge brown bear came tumbling down the hill! It was dead as some of the men had orders to kill it as it had been raiding the cook shack. Don't know when the multiple-building Station was built, but our small cabin was a short distance away. A young couple was living there and they moved out so Ken and I could move in. We enjoyed their beautiful vegetable garden and well-kept lawn. Millard Evenson was Ranger at the time, and Ruth was his wife. They had three little ones and a fourth was born while we were there. The Evensons played bridge and we had just learned. Lightning was the chief cause of their numerous fires, and in addition to those, Ken was among the many on a large fire in

Region 4. He and 20 men were flown by Ford tri-motor plane to McCall, ID, then hiked some 17 miles into the scene of the fire. The cabin was small but we had running water, electricity, and a very small wood cook stove. With a bumpy loaf pan and this small oven, I made the best banana cake I ever made, before or since. All groceries were ordered by phone as I didn't leave the Station even once while there. The road to Pierce was just too high and winding for a city girl. (Ed. Note: Eleice does not rely totally on her very good memory. She relies on her "60 year Diary", and her writing for the Forest Service Wives, "Sampler of the Early Years" Volume 2.)

Bob Gordon (new member)

Dale Robertson's "Reunion Speech" was very interesting. I can understand a desire for the "good old days", but some people think its because of the "good old days" that the Forest Service has so many controls and limitations to deal with. Particularly detailed legislative direction and control. However, the public is too sophisticated to let any one discipline independently manage the multiple-uses of our forests that draw national interest and scrutiny. Interdisciplinary planning and the comparative analysis of alternatives helps achieve balanced decision-making that the public demands. They are simply a means to facilitate communications and weigh the alternatives. Communications that were less than desirable in the "good old days". We can no longer act without a careful analysis of the costs and benefits. On the other hand, some macro-planning and analysis efforts like RPA and NEPA consume enormous amounts of resources. Resources that could be put to better use at the local level. Too much paper work, and particularly at the wrong organizational level, can stifle an organization. Today's natural resource arena is very complicated and requires that we delegate, delegate and delegate. Make decisions at the level where the problem can efficiently be handled. Not at a centralized level like some socialistic country. However, we need to keep in mind that public employees using public funds on public lands are accountable to the public and it's elected representatives. The USFS has a fiduciary role. Part of that role is to "play the game" according to the rules until the rules are changed. Perhaps the National Association of Forest Service Retirees can help change the rules.

Fire Lookouts and UFOs

(A letter from Dr. Jim Doerter, Ashland, OR)

I am a retired Art Professor. In the 1950s my wife and I spent five summers on USFS lookouts in Oregon and Washington. Almost forty years later we went to our first FFLA (Forest Fire Lookout Association) meeting and we found other lookouts who had similar experiences to ours.

That meeting initiated my personal four and a half year study of UFO and anomaly sightings by lookouts and foresters. The study has collected 84 separate sightings and one by a member of your organization. My research has been presented to USFS officials. They were not too interested and I expected that. However some of the close approach sightings were quite traumatic and frightening. All of the observers were sure that they were not seeing natural phenomena. (Cont'd. lower left page 11) →→→→→

A Special Letter to Sonny O'Neal (Forest Supervisor Wenatchee/Okanogan)

My name is Don Peters, a retiree from the Deschutes NF since the end of 1974 after having worked on several forests in R-6 for thirty-nine years. I will be 89 years old in fifteen more days.

Our paths have, to my knowledge, never crossed; however, my thoughts are with you for the tragic loss of lives on The Thirty Mile fire. I want to share my feelings with you.

The W.O. had determined years ago that I was responsible for the loss of a Washington State prison trustee on a fire near Pomeroy, Washington. The fire had escaped the Washington State crews prior to being helped by the Forest Service under a cooperative agreement. The fire was out of control and had spread to national forest lands. I was assigned the Fire Boss job with the understanding that the Washington State line crews would be given orders from their supervisory personnel. Plans were made and coordinated by both organizations to burn out a sector of the fire that had crawled over a ridge and was continuing downward. A fire line had been constructed at the bottom of the slope and burn out was started. All went well and both State and FS personnel thought that we had accomplished our objective on that part of the fire. To our surprise, upon changing from day to night crews, one trustee convict was missing. A thorough search was made and his body was found after he had left the fire line and had gone to rest and sleep part way up another slope. We were told that he had been asphyxiated.

The following summer we had a general inspection out of the W.O. Upon being introduced to the inspector I received the following comment: "Oh! You are the fire boss that let a man burn to death last summer". That remark really hit me between the eyes.

I held a red card Fire Boss rating from 1960 through 1974 prior to retiring on the Deschutes, was a Zone Boss on a few project fires in R-5, and was also the Fire Boss on several project fires in R-6 including the 47,000 acre Mitchell Creek fire on the Chelan-Okanogan and on a Salmon River Wilderness conflagration in Idaho.

My fire experience history is included because I wanted to rap with you knowing what you are going through not only from the fire management and forest administration standpoint, but also the concern I know you have for those young men, women and relatives of those whose lives were lost in the fire. I wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely, Don Peters July 14, 2001

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I live in Ashland, Oregon, but do come to Portland on occasion. If your organization is interested I would be happy to make a presentation to them and perhaps I might get some interesting leads to other individuals who have had sightings.

My schedule is pretty tight until November, but contact me if you are interested. *(The Association has Dr. Doerter's address, phone, and e-mail if you are interested in contacting him directly. Otherwise send your comments to the Association)*

Articles from R6 Updates

6-7-01 USDA Secretary's Awards

Deputy Regional Forester **Nancy Graybeal** received the prestigious USDA Honor Award for excellence in leadership, presented by Ag. Secy. Ann Venemen. Nancy won recognition for her visionary leadership in helping rural communities by improving the management of natural resources.

Thomas Quigley, PNW Research Sta., was also honored for leading the development of science underpinning the management of Columbia Basin natural resources, enabling an informed debate about fish, riparian, old growth and forest health issues. Region 6 also fielded several members of the agency-wide team honored for their work on the roadless area conservation project, including **William Supulski**, Malheur NF, and **Fay Shon**, Regional Office.

7-12-01 Statements by FS Officials on Firefighter Fatalities

Chief Dale Bosworth

"On behalf of the men and women of the Forest Service, I am here today to extend my deepest sympathies to the families and friends of the firefighters who lost their lives Tuesday, July 10, 2001. Every member of the Forest Service family feels the loss of these men and women.

My heart goes out to Tom L. Craven, Karen L. Fitzpatrick, Devin A. Weaver and Jessica L. Johnson—their families and friends, and loved ones.

My thoughts and prayers are with those firefighters and citizens injured in this wildfire. To all the Forest Service employees involved, words can't express how deeply my feelings run.

This is a tragic moment for the Forest Service. My thoughts are also with the firefighters on the line—let's remember to keep safety foremost in our minds even during this tragic time."

RF Harv Forsgren

It is with deep regret that I inform you we lost four of our R6 Forest Service family last night while battling a wildfire on the Okanogan NF. The deceased are: Tom L. Craven, Karen L. Fitzpatrick, Devin A. Weaver, and Jessica L. Johnson. All four of these firefighters were from the Naches Ranger District.

In addition, four firefighters and two members of the public received injuries. All except for one have been treated and released. A FS firefighter remains hospitalized in serious but stable condition. *(see update on page 14)*

Forest Supervisor Sonny O'Neal

This is a great tragedy and loss that is felt by all firefighters and agency employees everywhere. Firefighters are a family and any time a firefighter is killed, grief is felt by all.

7-13-01 Dedication of All American Road

Wallowa-Whitman NF celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Hells Canyon NRA and dedicated the 225-mile Hells Canyon All American Road on July 14 in Enterprise.

The route which goes from La Grande to Joseph to Halfway to the Baker City area was designated as an "All American Road" by the Federal Highways Admin. It is one of just 15 such designated nationally.

R6 Updates (*cont'd. from p.11*)**7-26-01 Videos of Firefighter Memorial Service**

For those who could not make it to the Firefighter Memorial Service in Yakima on July 24, the television station has offered to make video copies available for \$25 each, with all of the money to be donated to the Okanogan-Wenatchee Firefighters Memorial fund. If interested, send a check for \$25 to KNDO Television, 1608 S. 24th Ave, Yakima, WA 98902.

8-2-01 Forest Service Job Corps Honored

The Forest Service Job Corps program received a National Job Corps Association Member of the Year Award. The agency was recognized for working with policymakers and communities on projects that also provide long-term benefits for Job Corps students. The USFS operates 18 Job Corps Centers serving approximately 8,000 students a year.

8-23-01 Mt. Baker RD Moving

Mt. Baker RD and North Cascades Nat'l. Park office in Sedro-Woolley, WA, has moved to a new location near the corner of SR 20 and Highway 9 North, about two miles east of its present location. Also sharing the quarters will be the USGS, North Cascades Institute, and Northwest Interpretive Association.

8-30-01 Firefighters Thanked

Firefighters at the Big Creek Fire burning in the North Fork John Day south of Ukia, OR were surprised to receive a load of watermelons from the Hermiston Good Samaritan Center, along with a thank you card. **Tom Surwyn**, Incident Commander said, "As delicious as the watermelons were, the good wishes of the people signing the thank you card was more welcome. It is important for the firefighters to know that their work is appreciated."

8-30-01 Ranger McFarland at Work

Steve Coady, who makes public appearances as the old time Ranger C. B. McFarland of Oakridge, OR, brings his passion for history to work. Steve is located at the Lowell Service Center (once the Lowell RS) built around 1953. Over the years the office interior has been modernized. Steve is never one to believe that newer is better. He began stripping the paneling and found tongue and groove Douglas-fir boards. He is working to create the appearance of a much earlier period inside the reception/visitor area. He removed the high counters and is now using an oak desk and side chair, which he says, "has found favor with visitors who purchase wood and mushroom permits." The office also features a two-sided glass display case with historical effects and an old wall phone. Steve says, "By taking this office back in time, I hope to inform young people of the importance of history. To older visitors, displays will rekindle memories."

9-13-01 Overnight in Our National Forests

Visitors to national forests will not find fire lookouts or ranger stations listed in a motel directory, but when these facilities are not being used for the business of the USFS, they are sometimes available for the public to rent. The facilities vary widely in their capacity and amenities. The Ludlum House, in the Chetco RD of Siskiyou NF, can sleep thirty. However most of

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the lodgings accommodate 4 to 6 overnight visitors. They may or may not offer plumbing, kitchens, stoves or running water. Some are accessible by car, but others only available by air or boat, horse or just walking. Most can be rented for up to 7 days. Information on rentals can be accessed on the internet at: www.fs.fed.us/recreation/permits/cabinrentals.htm. Lodging rentals are listed by State. Select the state and a list of participating National Forests appear. Select a NF and a description of rentals is displayed, with full details.

People who phone Ranger Stations are sent a "Rental Permit Application" which includes further details on the rental. If you do not have internet access, call the National Recreation Reservation Service, a joint program of the USFS and Army Corps of Engineers, at 1-877-444-6777. They handle all camping facility reservations for both agencies. They also can be accessed at: www.reserveusa.com

9-13-01 Two Acting Forest Sups. named

John Schuyler, deputy For. Sup. On the WWNF, has been named acting For. Supv. for the Ochoco NF. Also **Richard Sowa**, Director of Engineering-R6, will serve as acting For. Supv. for the Umpqua NF.

9-13-01 Thirty-Mile Fire Investigation Report

The investigation team's report has been submitted to a 7-member accident review board. When that board completes its work, there will be full disclosure after the families of the victims are notified. This will happen in the next few weeks. A news conference will announce the release. The report is expected to be available on the internet.

Seniors on the Internet

I think it is really fantastic that in a group of "age challenged" people such as ourselves, that nearly 40% of the PNWFSA membership now have email and Internet access. This is really quite an accomplishment for a group of people, most if not all of whom are over 55 and were in school at the time computers were back room science in the military and large universities, and the Internet did not exist.

Today, the Internet lets you share pictures of your vacation with anyone anywhere in the world, watch your Grandkids grow, keep in touch with friends and loved ones, research any subject from the comfort of home, and the list goes on... Computers have also become quite affordable; and I think they are a terrific tool for keeping the "senior" mind active.

To quote from a Time Magazine article in May 1999; "The Internet is as persistent as it is potent, an indelible and uncontrollable presence in the culture. In fact, the Internet isn't separate from the culture at all; it is the culture. All the trash, flotsam, and spillage of our society gets its moment there, where the tiniest obsession has its spot on the shelf, right next to Bach and charity and sunsets. The Internet lets a million flowers bloom-and a million weeds".

Bob McQuown

IN MEMORY of FRIENDS

John Michael Alesko

John Alesko died June 26, 2001, at age 91. He was born Oct. 28, 1909, in Marble, MN, and moved to Portland in about 1927. During WWII, he worked for the Portland Air Base. He served in the Civil Air Patrol from 1947 to 1967. After the war, he was chief of aviation maintenance for the US Forest Service for 29 years until retiring in 1974. A 50-year member of the church, he served on the board of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and was one of the founders of KBVM, the Catholic radio station. In 1997, he was named the parish's Isaac Hecker Man of the Year. In 1936, he married Lee Milos; she died in 1998. Survivors include his daughter, Marylee Phillips; and two grandchildren. His son Michael died in 1998.

Claribel Bacewith

Claribel Bacewith died Sept. 5, 2001, at age 87. Mrs. Bacewith was born Claribel Whited on Nov. 4, 1913, in Forest Grove, OR. She graduated from Jefferson High School. She was a secretary for the USFS for 16 years, retiring in 1975. Mrs. Bacewith was a former president of the Portland chapter of the American Business Women's Assoc. In 1932, she married John J. Bacewith. Survivors include her daughters, Karen L. Collins and Shirleen J. Jayne; son, John R.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Frank Morris Baker

Frank Baker died Aug. 4, 2001, at the age of 63. Frank was born May 23, 1938 in Scio, OR., and was raised in Corbett, OR. He served in the US Army from 1961 to 1963. He was a trails supervisor with the Mt. Hood NF for more than 35 years, retiring in 1993. He worked for Timberlake Job Corps Center from 1965 to 1967. In 1964, he married Louise Haley; they divorced. Survivors include his son, Matt; daughter, Shelly Bunker; and four grandchildren.

Florence M. Barrett

Florence died Feb 16, 2001 in Seattle. She was born May 6, 1908 in Poulsbo, WA, and was raised there, the daughter of Paul and Minnie Paulson. Graduated U of W and married Laurence O. Barrett of McCarthy, Alaska. Worked as teacher and homemaker. Florence lived in Arkansas, South Carolina, Vancouver, Washington and Seattle with the last 48 years at her home in Magnolia. Active in PTA, Scouts, Eastern Star, Seattle Children's Hospital Alaska-Yukon Guild and other philanthropic organizations. Known to many for her volunteer work in creating and donating hundreds of dolls to organizations for needy children for over 30 years. She was married to Larry Barrett for 68 years. See Larry's obit below for her survivors.

Laurence O. Barrett

Larry died July 11 in Seattle, WA at age 94. He was a lifetime 30 Year Club member. He was born July 23, 1907 in Bremeron. He was raised in McCarthy, Alaska. Only son of Alaska pioneers, John E. and Josephine Barrett. Graduated College of Forestry, U of W. Married Florence Paulson of Poulsbo, WA. He worked 38 years for the Forest Service, first as a forester in Arkansas and South Carolina. In 1942 he was District Ranger on the Francis Marion NF. By 1946 he was Timber Staff on the Columbia NF and by 1951 had been promoted there as Forest Supervisor which by then was the Gifford Pinchot NF. By 1954 he was Forest Supervisor on the Snoqualmie NF where he stayed until he retired in 1970. He was a resident of Magnolia area in Seattle for 48 years. Served as chairman of local Society of American Foresters, Keep Washington Green and Washington State Forestry Conference; member of King County Environmental Development Commission. He is survived by three children: Marilyn Wall and husband Gus; Paul Barrett and wife Glenda of Seattle; Patsy Crawford and husband Roger of Berkeley, CA; grandchildren: Michael and wife Loree, Mark Nelson, Alison Abbo and husband Ed, Adam Crawford, Wade, Zach, Cole and Doyl Barrett; and great grandchildren: Barrett, Carter and Max Nelson.

Billie Worthington Bassett

Bill died May 9 at age 83. He lived in Woodburn, OR. He was born May 27, 1917, in Philipsburg, MT, and was raised in Vernonia OR. He graduated from Oregon State College. In 1942-43 he worked on the Alcan Highway with the Bureau of Public Roads. He then joined the Navy where he served in the Pacific during WWII. He was District Engineer on the Skykomish RD on Snoqualmie NF until about 1966 when he moved to Portland, where he was an engineer in the Bridge Section for 10 years, retiring about 1976, when he moved to Woodburn. In the early 1940s, he married Verna Schmidt. Survivors include his wife; and sisters, Bobbie Hays and Beverly Prince.

Carlos "Dee" Conlee

Dee died May 13, 2001, in John Day, OR at age 67. He was born Sept 18, 1933 in Mt Vernon, OR to Dale and Eulala Conlee. He graduated from Grant Union HS in John Day in 1951. He served four years in the Navy. Dee worked in business management. He was on the Malheur NF for many years, but was also on the Ochoco and Wenatchee NFs, and returned to the Malheur and then later retired from there in 1987. He enjoyed golf, bingo and woodworking. He is survived by his wife Karen of John Day a son Mike of Los Angeles, mother Eulala Herbert of John Day, five grandchildren, three step daughters, one step son, a brother, and a sister.

Thomas 'Cliff' Krum

Cliff Krum died Aug. 4, 2001, at age 85. Cliff was born Aug. 22, 1915, in Oak Grove, OR, and moved to Portland in 1925. He graduated from Benson Polytechnic High School and served in the Army National Guard. An aircraft mechanic, he worked for several companies in Portland, then worked for the US Forest Service until 1975, and then owned Cliff Krum Aviation in Sandy, OR, until retiring in 1980. In 1941, he married Thelma Chamberlain. Survivors include his wife; sons, Dale and Cliff; sister, Roberta Burns; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. His son Glenn died in 1989.

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Marvin Louis Smith

Marv died June 15, 2001, at age 93. He was a 30 Year Club member and lived in Portland. He was born July 30, 1907, in Albany, NY. He graduated from Cornell U. He was Forest Supervisor on the Chippewa NF in R9 in late '40s. He came to R6 in 1951 and was first an assistant and by 1964 he was the ARF for the Division of Operations. He retired in 1969. In 1988, he married Lilian M. Miller.

Survivors include his wife; daughter, Kristin Angell; son, Emil; brother, Vincent; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

John "Jack" Snyder

Jack died Aug. 18, at age 73. He was born Jan. 18, 1928, in Portsmouth, OH. He served in the Navy. He moved in 1975 to Tigard. He was an electrical engineering technician, part-time musician and 12-year employee of the Forest Service, retiring in 1990. In 1987 he married Ella Opdal.

Survivors include his wife; daughter, Julie Sharp; sons, Robert Snyder, Jeffrey Snyder and John Rockwell; 16 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Martin L "Sy" Syverson

Sy died Jan 23, 2001, at age 91. He was a resident of Woodland, WA, and was a 30 year Club member. He was born in Juanita, WA in 1910. He graduated from Washington State in forestry in 1933. His 37 year Forest Service career began in Region 8. He was a District Ranger in 1944 on the Francis Marion NF following Larry Barrett. He returned to the Northwest in 1945 and started a long time service in State and Private Forestry in R6. He retired in 1969. The final two years of his career were spent in Vietnam as a member of a five person team to assist the Vietnam Forest Service. He was one of the founding fathers of the Northwest Christmas Tree Association. An avid woodworker he built a retirement home on the North Fork Lewis River where he resided for 20 years.

Jean Inez Horton Tarrant

Jean died Aug 22, 2001, at age 82. She was a 30 Year Club member and lived in Corvallis. She was born Jean Inez Horton July 5, 1919, in Nolin and moved to Portland as a child. She graduated from Washington HS. A homemaker, she lived in Corvallis since 1979. She was president of Columbia Stitchery Guild in Portland, president of the Corvallis Assistance League and served on the altar guilds of the Church of Good Samaritan in Corvallis and St. John's Episcopal Church in Milwaukie. In 1941, she married Robert F. Tarrant. He was Director of PNW Station until his retirement in 1979.

Survivors include her husband; sons, Christopher and Brian; daughters, Susan Tarrant and Stephanie Martin; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Janet Louise Waring

Janet Waring died Sept. 11, 2001, at age 66. Mrs. Waring was born Janet Louise Bills on Jan. 18, 1935, in Washington, D.C. She moved to Portland as a child and graduated from Grant High School. Janet married Erwin "Skip" Waring in 1954. Skip worked for PNW Experiment Station at Corvallis and Portland as a Contracting Officer. Skip is a Lifetime member and retired in 1983. Survivors beside husband, Skip, included daughter, Celeste; son, Scott; mother, Florence Henderson; and sister, Vicki Waagmeester.

USFS Firefighter Recovering

(AP) Yakima-9/18. The Forest Service firefighter who was severely burned in the deadly Thirty Mile Fire will be released from the hospital Thursday, 9/20. "I'm doing really good," said Jason Emhoff, 21. He has been hospitalized since July 10. He was burned over 25 percent of his body.

In an unusual procedure, doctors tucked Emhoff's left hand into his abdomen for three weeks to help heal blood vessels before proceeding with skin grafts. Emhoff has a physical therapist, and he'll be wearing pressure garments on his hands and legs to help reduce scarring.

Firefighter Prayer

When I am called to duty, God
Wherever flames may rage
Give me strength to save some life
Whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late
Or save an older person from
The horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert
To the weakest shout
And quickly and efficiently
Put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and
To give the best of me
To guard my every neighbor and
Protect his property.

And if according to my fate
I am to lose my life
Please bless with your protecting hand
My family and my wife.

- Anonymous

This poem was included in the printed program for the firefighter Memorial Service in Yakima, WA, July 24, 2001

THE LADY

By: Dana Holland

I wonder what she thought
As she stood there, strong and tall.
She couldn't couldn't turn away,
She was forced to watch it all.

Did she longed to offer comfort
As Her country bled?
With her arm forever frozen
High above her head.

She could not shield her eyes
She could not hide her face
She just stared across the water
Keeping Freedom's Place.

The smell of smoke and terror
Somehow reduced her size
So small within the harbor
But still we recognized.....

How dignified and beautiful
On a day so many died
I wonder what she thought,
And I know she must have cried.

2001 Picnic Photos

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