



Latah County Chapter Newsletter

Latah County Chapter #678

March 2007

AARP Meeting

University Inn Best Western

Friday

March 16, 2007

11:30 a.m.

Meal

*Open Face Turkey Sandwich
with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy*

Ice Cream

Price: \$8.50

Program – Part I

Transportation for seniors is the theme of our program. Four speakers representing Gritman Hospital, Project Access, Coast Transportation, and Retired Senior Volunteer Programs will discuss area transportation issues and possible solutions.

Program – Part II

The upcoming **School Bond Levy** will be reviewed by Moscow School District #281 Superintendent Candice Donicht.

Project Access

New to our area is Project Access – a collaboration between the three hospitals on the Palouse, the Area Agency on Aging in Idaho and the Council on Aging in Washington. The primary goals are to increase access to medical care and social services in rural Latah and Whitman counties. It is designed to assist rural communities in helping elders continue to live healthy lives in their own homes while increasing an overall sense of community. It is made up of four areas: The Gatekeeper program, Caregiver Support Groups, Community Education and Transportation.

An immediate outcome of Project Access is volunteer operated transportation in rural Latah and Whitman county. If you know of anyone who needs transportation or anyone who wants to volunteer please contact Dale Murphy, Daquarii Rock, or Sarah Rial at 883-6489 or write Project Access, 225 East Palouse River Drive, Moscow, ID.

Local AARP Tax Aide Continues

If you need help figuring taxes or know someone that needs help, please take advantage of this excellent AARP service program.

Paul Hedler is the local coordinator for the Tax-Aide program. Call him at 882-2016 if you have any questions about the service.

The program office is on the second floor of the Federal Building (Post Office) and will be open every Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 3 pm until April 13th. This AARP program is the nation's largest free volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service.

Visiting State AARP Officers

Janice Stover, Idaho AARP state president, and Director Jim Wordelman will be in Moscow and attend our March 16th luncheon. Please give them a hearty welcome!

AARP Safe Driving Classes

AARP Safe Driving Classes are scheduled for spring. The cost is \$10. Dick Bull, Bill Parish, Elaine Broyles and Laura Miller are the instructors for the classes. Please contact them if you have questions.

Safe Driving Class Schedule

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| March 21 st and 22 nd | 8:30am to 12:30pm |
| April 18 th and 19 th | 8:30am to 12:30pm |
| May 19 th | 8:30am to 4:30 pm |

Remember! – you must attend both sessions or a Saturday all day session

A Total of 8 Hours!

All of the class sessions are held in the Gritman Memorial Hospital Conference Room

New Chapter Officers

President: Linda Pike
Vice President: Alice Nau
Secretary: Judy Reisenauer
Treasurer: Hugh Homan

New and Continuing Chapter Board Members

Board Members: Pat Scott, Lois Samuelson, Bob Carver, Susan Roberts, Bill Shane, Peter Haggart, Dale Everson, Laura Miller, Hugh Homan, Alice Nau, Linda Pike, Judy Reisenauer, Shirley Newcomb, Shirley Ringo, and Sue Hovey.

Treasurer's Report

Chapter Treasurer Hugh Homan reported the current checking account balance for the chapter is \$656.49

Other Board News

The board approved a new luncheon menu selection which will begin in May and noted a 25 cent increase in price.

The board is looking into the possibility of creating a chapter web site.

State Registration of Living Wills and Powers of Attorney for Health Care

Your health care directive and living will can now be registered with the state of Idaho. Go to the following web site for information and instructions:

<http://www.idsos.state.id.us/general/hcdr.htm>

or request a form by mail from:
Health Care Directive Registrar
PO Box 83720, Boise ID 83720-0080

Seminars on Dementia

Project Access and the Inland Northwest Alzheimer's Association continue to present a series of seminars on Dementia. The meetings are every other Wednesday and run from 9:30 to 11:30 am. These seminars are free and open to everyone.

Seminar Schedule

March 21st: *The ABC's of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia.* Seminar meets in the 1st floor conference room at Gritman Memorial Hospital.

March 28th: *The Latest Treatments and Research for Alzheimer's Disease.* Seminar

meets in the Annex Conference Room at the Whitman Hospital and Meeting Center in Colfax.

April 25th: *Residential Care: Choosing a Home.* Seminar meets in Conference Room A at Pullman Regional Hospital.

Operation Education

The University of Idaho is offering scholarships designed to financially assist honorably separated U.S. military personnel severely injured since September 11, 2001, while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The funding for this scholarship program is provided by the Helping Our Heroes Foundation and friends and alumni of the University of Idaho. Veterans should contact John Sawyer at 208-885-7069.

Moscow Community Walk

A group of Moscow citizens is organizing a new event. The "Moscow CommUNITY Walk" is scheduled for April 28th with the theme of "Walking on Common Ground." The emphasis will be on walking together in the spirit of unity. If you are interested in joining the walk then gather at noon on April 28th in Friendship Square and be prepared to walk to East City Park.

Next Meeting – Mark The Date

Our next meeting will be a luncheon on **Friday, May 18th** and the program will feature our state legislators giving their views on the 2007 Idaho legislative session. Mark your calendars now!

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