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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

These past few months have been so busy for all of us. Great summer fun at the FFL picnic. I really enjoy visiting with the Friends for Learning members. The picnic and the cultural cuisine are a wonderful time to sit, relax and visit.

What a great and talented Curriculum Committee! Aren't the classes some of the best "we've had? And I'm really excited about the spring semester! The Committee is already planning it and the classes are going to be spectacular....again!

I want the FFL members to know that the Friends for Learning Board and Members at Large really work hard. They care about the members. I am very fortunate to be able to work with such a remarkable group of people.

CULTURAL CUISINE

November 7, 2016

First Evangelical Lutheran Church 455 West Sunnyside 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Dave Johnson and his committee are working around the clock to make sure we are familiar with the tastes and smells of our friends in the Middle East. You don't want to miss this one, so be sure your name is on the list of people to attend – and cook.

If you would like to join us and you did not register for this class, it's not too late. Just visit <u>friendsforlearning.com</u> and register for the class. ISU needs to know you are coming and can add you to the list. Then email Margie Prestwich (margieprestwich59@gmail.com) as to whether or not you are coming and if you are willing to cook. We have to have a count of how many people are coming by October 19.

From the Curriculum Committee:

Popular Classes Attract Many FFL Students

Kudos to the Curriculum Committee for the great roster of classes this semester. Attendance has been excellent in all classes. We've taken a virtual tour of the world with Ken and Kathy Allen who went "Around the World in 68 Days." We are learning how to search for our ancestors in the genealogy class and learned how dogs are trained to sniff out drugs in the Police Canine Training class. These are just a few of the classes already held this semester.

Those sitting on the first few rows in the Police Canine Training class were alarmed when the policeman unleashed his very hyper dog. The dog was so hyper the policeman could hardly control him on the leash. However, to our amazement, once the dog was off leash, he calmed down and began sniffing all around the TAB stage. When he found the drugs hidden under a table, he immediately sat on his haunches and did not move until the policeman gave the command. We realized we are in good hands when a policeman and his dog are protecting us.

Classes continue through December 16 with many more interesting topics to choose from. If you have registered with Friends for Learning, you are welcome to attend any class (except limited ones) even if you failed to sign up for it. See you in Class!

It takes a city

An old adage says "It takes a city to raise a boy." That is true with raising children and also true with selecting FFL classes. It takes all FFL members offering suggestions for future classes to keep them fresh and interesting.

Some great classes are being held this semester thanks to suggestions by many FFL members. The 11-member Curriculum Committee brings all ideas to the table, discusses the feasibility of offering a class on that subject and selects those they think will be of most interest to the FFL membership.

Once the committee has chosen 50-60 topics, each committee member takes a few of these and researches the possibility of a class. Facilitators are selected who work closely with committee members to contact possible instructors, prepare Course Information Sheets (CIS), and send them to the committee for editing and approval.

Once classes have been selected and CIS forms edited for correctness in every detail, the forms are given to out secretary, Denise Morton, who prepares the catalog and sends it electronically to ISU Continuing Education. In turn ISU prepares registration forms and puts them on the web ready for us to register for classes.

Friends for Learning is a great asset to the Idaho Falls community. With all FFL members working together, our contribution to the community will continue for many years to come.

Curriculum Committee plans for 2017 classes

Once a semester begins, the Curriculum Committee immediately begins planning for the next semester.

The 11-member committee met in mid-September to discuss possible classes for the Spring 2017 semester. Course Information Sheets (CIS) are due by November 1. If you have an idea for a class, please submit the CIS by that date. The editable Word CIS form is available on the web at <u>friendsforlearning.com</u>.

Your help is needed

With the help of all FFL members, great ideas emerge. Whenever you read an article, listen to a news cast or attend an event, think about the possibility of this being a good topic for a class. Then contact a member of the Curriculum Committee (listed below) with the idea. They will take it from there.

You can also help by volunteering to be a facilitator for a class and/or serving on the Curriculum Committee. It takes all of us working together to keep Friends for Learning moving forward.

Eileen Perkins, 520-7483 (Chairman) Karin Armstrong, 522-7005 (Humanities) Gerry Becker, 520-5678 (Finance) Nancy Carpenedo, 529-4714 (Adventure) Marla Case, 522-3692 (Tours) Holly Crawley, 552-1639 (History) Sidney Hoopes, 524-1280 (Art/Crafts/Music) Joel Hubbell, 569-6041 (Science/Technology) Cathy Johnson, 235-3910 (Outdoors) Joan Linde, 520-1207 (Continuing classes) Margie Prestwich, 589-9027 (Health)

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

What is the vice president doing? He's working hard learning what all the different committees and board members do. He has learned that this is an amazing organization with quite a few hard workers. One thing the board is trying to do is make the registration process easier. He is also working on getting the cultural cuisine dinner going. Again, quite a few hard workers but we need some more. If you can help and haven't told Dave you can, please do so real soon. The dinner is less than a month away now, Monday, November 7. We need entertainment and decorations. Contact Dave at davjohns_01hotmail.com if you can help.

FFL will be celebrating the Holidays in style this year with a special luncheon at the



Idaho Falls Country Club

The luncheon will be held Thurs, December 15 at 11am. We will have a great buffet lunch, some entertainment and door prizes! All members and guests are welcome but we do need pre-payment of \$20 each by Nov. 16. Please mail your \$20 checks to:

> Karin Armstrong 2155 E. Olympic Ave. Idaho Falls, ID 83404 (208 522-7005 or <u>karinidaho@yahoo.com</u> for questions)

We hope to make this a yearly event. We are also accepting wrapped White Elephant donations for our door prizes! If you have something you would like to contribute, please bring it on the day of the luncheon.

FFL HWE Trip to Moab, Utah



We all Met Up at Corona Arch



Spread Eagle across bug crevice in Fiery Furnace



Hard To Believe Where We Are



Fisher Tower



End of fun, fun, fun for Saundra



Sheryl & Patty at FFL HWE Hike to Gallatin National Park near NW corner of Yellowstone Park, summer 2016



Mt. Jefferson in Island Park



Potty Break for Garney Hardy



Nancy Ottersbach



Police Canine Training Class Officers Klepich and Lewis with Facilitator Eileen Perkins

Rocky



Instructor Matthew Daniel and Facilitator Sidney Hoopes



Evolution of an Idea Class



Around the World in 68 Days Instructors Ken and Kathy Allen Facilitator Joy Hubbell



Geology— Craters of the Moon-Yellowstone Class Instructor Douglass Owen and Facilitator Bob Anderl