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A Message from our President

It has been a whirlwind this year! Classes seem to have been here and gone! The presenters gave us great information that made us think and helped us to understand new concepts. Next year will be even better; lots of new classes and more opportunities to learn! Thank you to the Curriculum Committee which tirelessly gives of its time putting together classes for all of us. We appreciate you!! Thanks also goes out to Facilitators. They work hard helping presenters and introducing them to the membership.

The most memorable time for me was the summer picnic. Food was great; no surprise there! It was wonderful to see so many of you sitting on lawn chairs in the shade of the pine trees relaxing and visiting. A good time was had by all! Dave Johnson and his committee did a great job putting the picnic together. Thanks Dave!

I would like to welcome Vicky Van Sickle as our Vice President and Phyllis Arrington as the Curriculum Committee Chairperson

Kathie Hendrix
FFL President

Hope to see you at the annual FFL

Holiday Luncheon
To be held at the beautiful
Idaho Falls Country Club
Monday, December 18, 2017
11:30 a.m.



We are accepting wrapped White Elephant gifts to add to our door prizes. If you have any, please donate. If not, just come and enjoy the fun!

By Margaret Kennelly

ALERT - Or so you might think.....

After visiting with those at ISU who send us information for classes, we learned there is a problem with Cable One's delivery. It seems that when notices for classes are sent Cable One thinks spam is being sent, not important information for our FFL membership.

ISU thinks the resolution to this problem, if you are not receiving information from them, is to change to a "gmail" account. If you change your email address at registration ISU thinks you will receive your information without a glitch.

All I can say is GOOD LUCK! This is dealing with my least favorite mode of communication, the "computer." Most of you probably have none of the problems I am frustrated with.

By Dave Johnson, Vice President

Greeting from your vice-president. Dave and Cathy Johnson were gone most of the semester on a two-month road trip to Maine and back. We traveled over 11,000 miles, hit 32 states, and 25 national park sites that we hadn't visited before. We got back just in time for the Cultural Cuisine.

I would like to thank all those that filled in for me in my absence, especially the Cultural Cuisine Committee. As usual the food was great and a great menu was selected. I'm looking forward to our next dinner which will be held in April and will feature Spain.

By Margie Prestwich, Volunteer Coordinator

THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEERS

I would like to send a big thank you to all the volunteers this past semester. We had members who were willing to stay and help clean up after Cultural Cuisine. Many hands made the work easy. Other members have volunteered to facilitate classes, join the curriculum committee and make phone calls. Our organization is stronger when people are willing to give their time by volunteering.

By Denise Morton, Secretary

Besides painting eggs and creative doodling I also make Christmas ornaments. I make sixty each year and usually start in June. I use hazel nuts for the head and walnuts for the body. I keep my creation a secret until I gift them at Christmas. I have been doing this for over thirty years. I do a different character each year. My home tree is usually decorated with them for the holidays.



By Joanne Johnson, Webmaster

Joanne Johnson and daughter Sheri spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Nashville, TN, with son Aaron. One of the highlights was visiting Nashville's Opryland. Outside the huge complex was a 50 piece life-size nativity with hundreds of lighted trees. They walked 3 miles through Gaylord's Convention Center, admiring the atriums, fountains, waterfalls, and hanging lights.

Over Christmas vacation, Ed, Joanne and Sheri will be enjoying the sights of Santa Fe. They are especially looking forward to seeing Loretta Chapel with the mysterious winding staircase!

Curriculum Planned for Spring Semester

Here it is December and already Curriculum for Spring 2018 Semester is in the works. The Curriculum Committee has been busy the past two months submitting ideas, finding instructors and facilitators for Spring semester. We appreciate their hard work in choosing interesting and varied subjects. Kudos to the facilitators who help make Friends For Learning the great organization it has always been. And a special thanks to all the instructors who give so generously of their time so that we can continue to learn throughout our lives.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Registration for Spring 2018 will begin on January 24. Classes will begin February 4 with some exciting classes to look forward to. Watch your email for more information

New Curriculum Chairman Announced

Phyllis Arrington has been selected as the new Curriculum Chairman. She replaces Eileen Perkins who has served in this position for the past two years.

A relatively new member to Friends For Learning, Phyllis is enthusiastic about this appointment. Please let Phyllis know of any ideas you have for classes. She can be reached at terphyl@gmail.com or by calling 208-403-9365.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Submit Your Ideas For Classes

IF YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR CLASSES PLEASE READ ENTIRE ARTICLE.

Friends for Learning classes are suggested by individuals. That means **YOU** can start something. FFL uses a “Course Information Sheet” (CIS) to write down and submit ideas for classes. The latest CIS is available on www.friendsforlearning.com.

Course Information Sheet changes are made occasionally. Be sure you have the current version.

1. Install and use the Free Adobe Reader. Use this link: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
Other pdf readers do not give satisfactory results
2. Use the PDF version. Even if you have an old Word (ie .doc) version.
Microsoft Word programs (and look alikes) are everywhere. But some of them produce hard to deal with problems, especially with our “locked” form having blanks to fill in.
3. Send to curriculum committee at fflcurriculum@gmail.com. (You can verify this worked by sending a copy to yourself.)

Notes about Adobe Acrobat Reader:

- A. Be sure to have Adobe Acrobat Reader DC. This allows you to fill out “forms.”
- B. When installing, do not unintentionally accept “Optional Offers.” These appear as “check boxes” on the installation step 1.
- C. When you are finished entering data in the CIS, be sure to “SAVE AS . . .” into a different location with a new name for the file.
- D. Email the new CIS to the address at the bottom of the form.

So sad: Linux is not supported by Adobe for its PDF reader. Pen and ink still work.

If you have questions, call computer support: Allen Perkins 208 604-0820.

Report of 2017 Activities for the Hiking, Walking and Exploring 'class'

By Jim Schaffer

Hiking, Walking and Exploring (HWE) is the title we have always used for the 'class' that covers most of our outdoor activities. It includes hiking (dominant activity), biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, horseback riding, canoeing and various other activities on occasion. This class is offered each semester but most of the activities occur in the summer between the traditional university semester system.

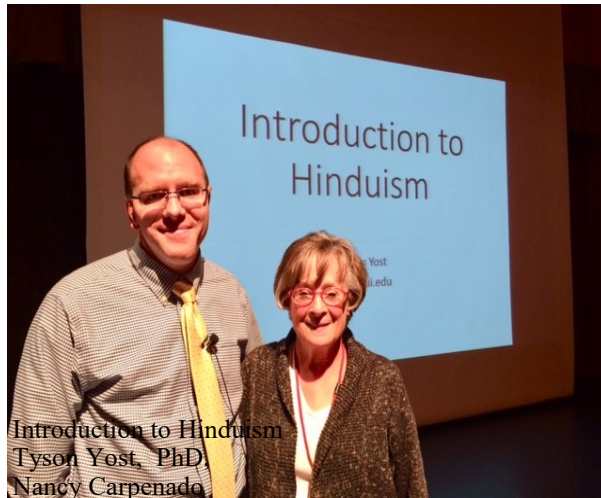
This year in addition to the many day trips that make up the vast majority of our activities, we conducted five-day trips to West Yellowstone, MT (January), St. George, Utah (April), and Kellogg, ID (September). The first of those was a cross country ski, snowshoe, snowcoach trip that we have done annually for about 7 years. The second is our annual trip somewhere SOUTH where the weather is warmer in spring where we can hike and bike while the weather and snow conditions preclude that in Idaho. The third has become an almost annual trip to bicycle on mostly 'rails to trails' bike paths—this year on the Coeur d'Alene and Hiawatha trails in the Idaho panhandle.

As a result, 2017 was a very busy year for the HWE class. From mid-March through the end of November, we finished over 50 activities—more than one per week. In addition to the large number of activities, we hiked some of the more strenuous hikes to areas we had never gone before in the last seven years.

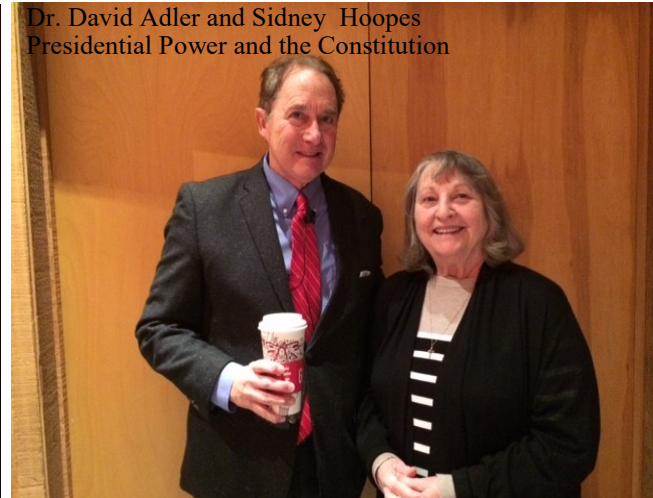
So, if anyone is interested in participating but has not registered for the HWE class, please consider doing so during our next semester registration.



HWE Hike to Daly Creek, Yellowstone National Park



Introduction to Hinduism
Tyson Yost, PhD
Nancy Carpenada



Dr. David Adler and Sidney Hoopes
Presidential Power and the Constitution



Tulip Festival



Dave & Cathy Johnson
Tulip Festival, Thanksgiving Point
May 5, 2017



Sue
McKinley
Tulip
Festival



Walking The River