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Member Spotlight : Janet Nail, Board Member



by Janet Nail

I joined the League in the late 1990s. A co-worker, Charlene Franz, asked me if I would be interested in attending a League meeting and I joined shortly after. My participation in League activities is enjoyable. They are a group of informed people working to learn more about many issues and listen to everyone's point of view.



I grew-up in southern Idaho on a farm outside the small town of Murtaugh. Now, it would be considered a very small farm but at that time it was considered a medium sized operation. The farm produced a variety of crops and had pastureland for cattle. The irrigation ditches and corrugates are gone. Huge farms and large irrigation sprinklers have replaced the small farms. Several large dairy operations have relocated in the area.

My high school had a little over 100 students and my graduating class in 1967 had 34 students, the largest class to graduate from Murtaugh. The local grocery store and the family restaurant have closed. Murtaugh has grown even small over the years. My parents sold the farms and retired in 1988.

In 1967, I enrolled at the University of Idaho majoring in history receiving a B.A. in the spring of 1971. I married Monte the following week and we settled in Moscow, Idaho. The University of Idaho Alumni offered me a job as their first Records Manager. My job was to organize the conversion of little written file cards to a computerized system. No comparing that computer system to my desktop today, technology has come a long way.

In 1977, Central Pre-Mix Concrete transferred Monte to the Tri-Cities. We arrived in boom days when houses sold within hours. In 1982, Monte went back to school to finish his accounting degree and I joined the work force again. Jobs were in short supply then, but I took a job in the insurance industry and have enjoyed it very much. I work with commercial insurance and bonding accounts.

Monte and I have two boys, Michael and Mark. They are both accountants, Michael is a CPA for Ripley Doorme in Nampa, Idaho; and Mark is a CPA for Central Paving of Boise. They both live in Boise. Michael is married to Marie and they are expecting our first grandchild in June.

TRY Set for Distribution.

TRYs (They Represent You) will go to the printer within a week after which time we will be distributing the brochures throughout Benton-Franklin Counties. This brochure is a public service that provides citizens with names and contact information for our elected officials.

Kadlec Medical Center supports our efforts by printing the brochure. Over 4,500 copies were printed. Kadlec deserves a big thank you for their support of this project. Thanks also to the many members who helped by gathering the up-to-date information and proofreading .

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A Message from Our President Ginger Vetrano

February is the League's birthday and we will celebrate at Cousin's restaurant in Pasco on February 5th at 6pm to eat, socialize and listen to Vicki Carwein, Chancellor of WSU - Tri-Cities. I do need to know who will attend, so call me at 735-4248 if you plan to be there, by February 4th. Guests are welcome.

Veda Guynes and I appeared on the 11pm KEPR newscast to get our impressions after President Bush's farewell speech. As usual on TV, we had our 15 seconds of fame. No one told me they saw it, so I suspect news at that hour is not widely viewed.

Judy Golberg needs help getting all the information for the TRYs, so give her a call if you can help. It's a big and important project for our League.

We have a new president, a new Congress and new Cabinet members. As we think about our priorities, let us also think of ways we can make them happen. Action is needed after positions are decided. Hope and change are the by-words of this administration. Let's participate!

Membership Update by Leona Hassing

February 1st is the date the national membership roster is due. On that day the national counts names and determines the Per Member Payment (PMP) assessment for the next fiscal year for local leagues.

To date we have five new members: Alma Cahn, Becky Fuller, Beverly Hunter, Bob Parazin, and Ellen Hunter. Our membership count at this time is 43. But keep in mind that we also lost a few members, so our membership has remained even from last year.

The Open House held in November at the Bamboo Gardens brought in eleven new names and several new members. The committee has an ongoing potential member list. We ask that you keep referring your friends, relatives, neighbors, etc.

Invitations were sent for the Christmas Celebration and the Birthday Bash. Hopefully we'll see some new faces and perhaps new members.

As a League member greet our new faces with open arms.

Health Care Study Group To Meet

The next meeting of the Healthcare Overhaul Study Group will be Tuesday, February 17th, beginning at 6:30pm, in the small conference room of the Richland Community Center, 500 Amon Drive, Richland.

Using the review of the Frontline Program as our guide, we will first focus on our desired results. These include identifying what a comprehensive health care overhaul should achieve and determining how it will better serve us the consumer and payer.

.In the coming months, we will work forward to identify and study the various options being presented to pay for these service.

See you there., Susan Kayser., Chair

Profits from the Action Workshop, last November.

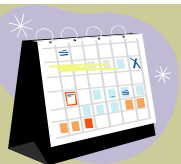
We received \$320 from LWVWA for the action workshop. After reimbursing members for expenses and adding the \$320 check, we made a \$406.15 profit. For the additional profit, remember we sold Cookie Mixes that day.

Birthday Bash Scheduled

Mark your calendar! **Thursday, February 5, at 6 PM** the League of Women Voters of Benton-Franklin

Counties will celebrate League's birthday with a dinner at Cousin's Restaurant in Pasco. Please see Ginger's message for details.

Please contact Ginger to let her know that you will (or will not) be coming and if you are bringing a guest or two. Ginger would like you to **respond** by sending her an email message. vetrano@charter.net See you there!



February Calendar

February 5th: Birthday Bash at 6 PM. See adjacent story for details.

February 17th: Health Care Study Group at 6:30 PM, Richland Community Center. See Story above for details.

February 19th: Business and Planning Meeting, Lampson Building, Kennewick.