

# AFTER INL WORDS

March 4, 2009

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**UPCOMING EVENT:**IREA Annual Spring Banquet (April 8 - 6:00pm) at Red Lion Inn, Idaho Falls. —**See Newsletter for Signup Forms and Information**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** – Tom McLaughlin, 523-1481, [Tommac2230@aol.com](mailto:Tommac2230@aol.com)

The INL Retired Employees Association has three upcoming events this spring where I hope to see many of you. The first is the annual spring banquet on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The banquet remains popular among many members. Our social chairperson, Carol Jones, has spent considerable time in planning new attractions at this event aligned with INL's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Call some of your old co-workers and come as a group or meet them at the banquet to fill a table and chat about the old days at INL. Carol has additional information on this event later in the newsletter. We hope to see you for a most enjoyable evening with friends.

Two other events coming up are the Spring General Meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> and a tour of the Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES) on June 11<sup>th</sup> set up by our Program Chairperson, Nancy Carlson. The CAES program will include a physical tour of the new facilities that have recently opened in Idaho Falls and a discussion on overview of new reactor concepts by INL personnel in the CAES auditorium. The Spring General meeting will feature a talk by Easter Idaho Community Action

Partnerships (EICAP) on the many services in this area that INL retirees may need now or in the future. Marie Peterson from EICAP is an excellent public speaker and can readily answer questions about available area services. We also intend to have an INL representative spend a few minutes updating members on the status of the INL retirement plan. Of course, pizza will be served following the meeting.

At our Spring General Meeting we will elect new officers for the coming year. As you can see on our IREA Board roster below, many of our board members are performing more than one function. We would like to solicit our membership to join the board and fill some of these positions or take an existing board member's position in order for them to move to another position on the board. These are not extremely time consuming positions, but they do require some focus and a couple hours a month. If you do not wish to be a board member consider serving on one of the board committees. Drop an e-mail or call me or one of the board members you may know to volunteer.

## 2008-2009 IREA Board

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## **MEMBERSHIP** – LeRoy Meyer, 523-7306, [mey217@srv.net](mailto:mey217@srv.net)

**When does your IREA membership end?** Your IREA membership is based on a calendar year. So be sure to look at your address label to see when your current IREA membership ends. The two digit number after your name on your mailing label denotes the year that your membership dues are paid through. For example:

LeRoy Meyer 11

The 11 means that my membership is paid through the year 2011.

**New IREA members:** New members since the October 2008 newsletter include the following: Howard Case, Jonathan Crosier, and Claren J. Woolstenhulme.

Welcome!

Currently we have 429 active members.

If you know someone who worked at INL and is 55+ years of age and is not a member of IREA, give them the membership form in this newsletter. Remember, if you recruit 5 new members, you will receive a free year of membership

**Have you changed your address or phone number?**

**Do you have a new email address?** Remember to notify LeRoy Meyer, IREA Membership Chairman, if you change your address or phone number. You can reach LeRoy by phone at 523-7306 or by email at [mey217@srv.net](mailto:mey217@srv.net). Also send LeRoy your current email address, if you do not currently receive email alerts from IREA's webmaster, G. Everett Gruen. If we have your email address, we can quickly communicate messages to you regarding critical retiree information such as retiree benefits offering periods, public hearings related to INL projects, upcoming IREA social and technical meetings, upcoming 2009 INL 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary events, etc. We will only use your email address for IREA and INL related messages of potential interest to retirees – no junk mail items!

**Make sure this is not your last newsletter!** If your label ends in 08, be sure to take a few minutes right now to complete the membership form in this newsletter and send it along with your dues to keep your membership current in 2009 or pay your dues at the Spring Banquet on April 8, 2009.

## **NO LONGER WITH US** – Felix Vandewiele, 523-0894, [vandewiele@q.com](mailto:vandewiele@q.com)

The following lists those of our INL friends who passed away from November 2008 through February 2009. IREA's historian, Felix Vandewiele, compiles this information from the Post Register (Idaho Falls) and by calls from friends and family. We publish this list on a monthly basis on our website at <http://www.irea.info> in addition to the IREA newsletter. If there are names you know we have missed, please contact Felix.

### **Other than November 2008 through February 2009**

Reese Shipley Kern (86) died 10/29/08. He worked at the INL. He was Construction Project Manager of the Power Burst Facility Experimental Reactor. He also worked at TRA in Project Engineering where he was involved with the General Electric Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion Project that tested fuel in the ETR Loops.

### **November 2008**

Darlene Zoe Owens (83) died 11/3/08. She worked at the INL as a Nurse.

Leonard I. Hansen (72) died 11/6/08. He worked at the INL as a Security Inspector for DOE.

Juanita Rabe Byrom (82) died 11/11/08. She worked at the INL as a Substitute Nurse. She retired in 1983.

Calvin Loy Moser (73) died 11/12/08. He worked at the INL as an Engineer.

Spence Andrus Barker (68) died 11/16/08. He worked at the INL for Argonne National Lab. West starting as a Junior Technician and retiring as a Senior Scientist 35 years later.

Nephi Michael Luker (82) died 11/17/08. He worked at the INL for the Atomic Energy Commission.

Walter Eugene Watters (81) died 11/17/08. He worked at the INL as Project Engineer for Aerojet Nuclear and EG&G.

Thomas Hejtmanek (87) died 11/20/08. He worked at the INL for several contractors retiring in 1980.

James LaVern Allen (83) died 11/21/08. He worked at the INL for

Westinghouse as a Crane Operator for 21 years.

Lyle E. Belnap (85) died 11/24/08. He worked at the INL as an Iron Worker and Heavy Equipment Operator.

Dale Jolly (79) died 11/26/08. He worked at the INL for 40 years starting in 1954.

Ellis Franklin Wells (83) died 11/26/08. He worked at the INL retiring in 1985.

Ray Duane Sanders (77) died 11/26/08. He worked at the INL Starting in 1962 with Phillips Petroleum Co. and following contractors. He was registered as a Professional Engineer by the state of Idaho in 1973. He retired in 1990.

Ronald (Ron) Lloyd Bingham (49) died 11/29/08. He worked at the INL as a Quality Control Inspector for 10 years.

## December 2008

Ivar Engen (76) died 12/1/08. He worked at the INL as an Electrical Engineer.

Floyd Muriel Hainline (64) died 12/10/08. He worked at the INL for over 30 years.

Lawrence Kenneth (Ken) Seymour (79) died 12/15/08. He worked at the INL as a Nuclear/Mechanical Engineer for AEC and AEC contractors.

Cheryl Marie Kosman (59) died 12/22/08. She worked at the INL for several years.

Ronald Joseph Thomas (60) died 12/22/08. He worked at the INL for Argonne West for 30 years before retiring.

Peter Dowell Randolph (82) died 12/23/08. He worked at the INL at TRA in Solid State Physics for over 30 years beginning in 1958 with Phillips Petroleum Co.

Kenneth Russell Dearden (87) died 12/24/08. He worked at the INL for AEC in the Fire Department for 20 years and retired as Fire Chief in 1979.

Eugene William (Bill) Colson (70) died 12/25/08. He worked at the INL starting with EG&G and with following contractors retiring in 2001 from Bechtel.

Hadley Clark Sorenson (87) died 12/25/08. He worked at the INL as a Security Guard and as a Fireman.

Gail George Hanson (89) died 12/29/08. He worked at the INL as diesel mechanic for 30 years.

Larry Lynn Holverson (57) died 12/30/08. He worked at the INL as a Sheet Metal Worker for 25 years.

Dorothy Marie Taggart (92) died 12/30/08. She worked at the INL.

John (Jack) Harley Bowling (93) died 12/31/08. He worked at the INL for Westinghouse-Bettis as an Engineering Officer of the watch at S1W Naval Reactor Prototype. He was also a Reactor Operations Supervisor for many years.

## January 2009

James (Jim) Hugh McFadden (68) died 1/8/09. He worked at the INL.

Steven J. Williamson (58) died 1/9/09. He worked at the INL for NRF for 25 years.

Lester E. Jensen (72) died 1/9/09. He worked at the INL.

Dwight Elmer Thornton (84) died 1/17/09. He worked at the INL Power Burst Facility and for EG&G from 1978 to 1981.

Helen Hanni Dowling (78) died 1/21/09. She worked at the INL starting as a Security Clerk for AEC, then leaving for a job in Germany and returning in 1957 and leaving again in 1960 for a job in Denver.

Gloria Ann Keller (72) Died 1/26/09. She worked at the INL as an Administrative Assistant with Phillips Petroleum Co. and other contractors and then with DOE from which she retired.

Pamela Joan Yazzie Grover (48) died 1/28/09. She worked at the INL in Emergency Services.

## February 2009

Grant Foster Chandler (82) died 2/3/09. He worked at the INL for AEC in Security.

Elmo (Bill) Forbush (80) died 2/4/09. He worked at the INL.

Thomas J. Mondada (80) died 2/5/09. He worked at the INL at NRF starting in 1954.

Max John Ricks (64) died 2/6/09. He worked at the INL at NRF starting in 1982.

George Leon Borsheim (72) died 2/10/09. He worked at the INL for a short time prior to leaving in 1985.

Bruce Allen Reynolds (52) died 2/16/09. He worked at the INL for Battelle Energy Alliance as a business lead for Alternative Fuels.

Betty Ruth Wyss Lang (85) died 2/17/09. She worked at the INL as the head baker at CFA and TAN. She started in 1975 and was known for her delicious desserts.

Gary Douglas Guinn (57) died 2/18/09. He worked at the INL at CPP from 1982 to 1984 and from 1990 and to 1994 when he left to work at Rocky Flats, CO.

Dan William Colling (69) died 2/21/09. He worked at the INL.

Lyle Barclay Moss (84) died 2/22/09. He worked at the INL for AEC starting in 1955 and retired 33 years later in 1988.

Maurice (Mac) McLain (67) died 2/22/09. He worked at the INL for 24 years starting in 1979 and retiring 24 years later in 2005.

Donald Wayne Brooks (68) died 2/23/09. He worked at the INL as an Auditor for many years.

## **HISTORICAL INL RESEARCH/OPERATION HAPPENINGS** - Nancy Carlson, 523-9128, [nancymcarlson@msn.com](mailto:nancymcarlson@msn.com)

### **Birth of nuclear research: Idaho selected as 'perfect location'**

*By Rick Bolton*

*INL Communications & Public Affairs*

Eastern Idaho's destiny as the birthplace for America's pursuit of the peaceful use of the atom came down to real estate fundamentals: location, location, location.

In late February 1949, when the newly established Atomic Energy Commission was mulling dozens of potential sites throughout the nation to establish the National Reactor Testing Station, eastern Idaho emerged as a premier choice.

Here in eastern Idaho, people were buzzing about the possibility of the Lost River desert being chosen for the

nation's first "atomic plant," but they really weren't certain of their chances. News coverage was modest. The decision was being made at the highest levels of government, and officials were mum.

### Choosing Idaho

The AEC's chief selection criteria were: a sizable amount of public land; isolation from large populations; plenty of water; transportation for shipping; relatively close cities and towns to attract workers; predictable weather and wind; and stable geology.

Walter Zinn, the first director of the new Argonne National Laboratory, led a search for the perfect location. In the end, the AEC's decision on where to locate its National Reactor Testing Station came down to two sites, the Arco/Pocatello Naval Proving Ground site and Fort Peck, Mont., the location of a massive earthen dam built in the 1930s. The naval proving ground won. In late February 1949, The AEC approved a report recommending the Idaho location. But it kept the decision quiet for three weeks.

Locals awaited the AEC's site selection announcement like infatuated schoolboys. They had asked the AEC to dance, but civic leaders didn't want to appear presumptuous and assume the answer would be "yes."

### The times

Early 1949 was the start of a transition in world history, a time when American families were getting back to normal after World War II. Those were relaxed, happy days mixed with anxiety. While the war had ended, Americans worried about a new threat on the horizon, the expansion of communism.

Among the top news items early in 1949 were the first Israeli election, in which David Ben-Gurion became prime minister. Grady the Cow, a 1,200-pound Hereford, gained national media attention when she got stuck inside a silo on a farm in Yukon, Okla. (a veterinarian freed her after three days). On March 1, world heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis retired. That spring, Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific," starring Mary Martin and Ezio Pinza, opened on Broadway and went on to become the second longest-running musical. Popular songs were Frankie Lane's "That Lucky Old Sun," Vic Damone's "You're Breaking My Heart," and Perry Como's "Some Enchanted Evening."

Amid these and other daily news events, the AEC's decision to begin building a reactor testing complex on the high desert sagebrush of eastern Idaho became national news on March 22, when word finally leaked out. The Associated Press issued this national **Bulletin**: "Washington – The atomic energy commission announced Tuesday it plans to locate its new western plant at Arco, near Pocatello, Idaho. The total area for the

new plant, which may cost \$500 million, will be about 400,000 acres. The new reactor testing station will compare in area with the Hanford Plutonium production center on the Columbia River in Washington."

When local leaders heard that the AEC had smiled on Idaho by answering in the positive – yes, it would locate its "atomic plant" in eastern Idaho – there was dancing in the streets. Tiny Arco, the nearest community to the desert site of the new project, held a torchlight parade led by the high school band, followed by a celebratory dance in the recreation hall.



*Torchlight parade in Arco (Ada Marcia Porter Family photo)*

After the announcement that Idaho was "the perfect site," civic leaders in communities from Pocatello to Blackfoot to Idaho Falls and Arco set out to convince the AEC to locate its headquarters in their town. Most of these activities occurred away from publicity, in homes or public offices where local leaders quietly met with AEC leaders to convince them their town was the most pleasant, and had the best infrastructure and potential to accommodate a federal government field office.

On May 18, when the AEC announced it had chosen Idaho Falls as its headquarters city, civic leaders were ecstatic.

The Post-Register heralded the news with the headline, "**Citizenry Swell With Pride on Office Location** – The Idaho Falls citizenry swelled with pride Wednesday after hearing that their city had been chosen as the administrative city for the new atomic reactor plant in the Lost River desert. Especially jubilant were members of the Greater Idaho Falls committee who Wednesday capped long, arduous hours of planning and study in arraying the city's offerings for representatives of the atomic energy commission."



*Wreathed in Atomic Smiles: Bubbling with jubilation over selection of Idaho Falls as the 'administrative city' for the Idaho atomic reactor plant are these three Idaho Falls leaders who are at the helm of the city's atomic planning. Showering each other with congratulations, they are, left to right, E.F. McDermott, chairman of the Greater Idaho Falls committee, Mayor Thomas L. Sutton, and William S. Holden, member of the Greater Idaho Falls planning organization who with Mayor Sutton represented Idaho Falls at recent hearings of the atomic energy commission at Washington, D.C. (Post-Register staff photo) Reprint courtesy of William Holden Family*

In a front-page editorial, the paper stated: "This is a proud moment in Idaho Falls' history. The decision of the atomic energy commission to locate its headquarters in this city provides us with almost unlimited opportunity in the future. It may well prove the spring board that will project this already thriving metropolis into a top spot in the economic development of the west."



*When the Atomic Energy Commission announced it had chosen Idaho Falls as its 'headquarters city' on May 18, 1949, The Post-Register trumpeted the news on its front page. (Post Register file/BYU-Idaho Special Collections)*

The metropolis of Idaho Falls, then about 19,000 souls, was in for more than two decades of boom growth as the population doubled to 38,000 by 1965 while the desert west of the city was transformed into the government's first nuclear power research and test site.

### **Upcoming 2009 IREA technical program – Center for Advanced Energy Studies tour and presentation on new reactor concepts**

INL retirees and members of the Eastern Idaho Engineering Council will have the opportunity to tour the recently dedicated Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES) facility on June 11, 2009 at 3 PM.

CAES is a public/private partnership with national universities (and specifically Idaho's universities - Idaho State University, Boise State, and University of Idaho), the state of Idaho, private industry, and INL. The facility includes state-of-the art laboratories, office space, and public areas that support projects focusing on nuclear science and engineering, materials science, public policy and law, modeling and simulations, bioenergy, energy/water, and carbon management.

In addition to the CAES tour, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about new reactor concepts followed by a Q&A session.

More details about the tour and presentation will be sent in May in conjunction our IREA spring general meeting announcement. So mark your calendar now for June 11, 2009 at 3 PM as this technical program looks at future directions for INL.

**IREA Spring general meeting:** On Thursday, May 21, 2009 IREA will hold the 2009 spring general meeting at 3 PM at the Idaho Falls Senior Citizens Community Center. We will elect officers for 2009-2010, hear about a host of senior services, get an update on INL's Retirement Plan, and enjoy social time with friends while eating pizza. More details about this meeting will be sent in early May.

**Program ideas needed:** Please contact Nancy Carlson with technical program ideas you would like us to explore or to serve on the Program committee. You can reach Nancy at 523-9128 or [nancymcarlson@msn.com](mailto:nancymcarlson@msn.com).

**SOCIAL EVENTS** - Carol Jones, 521-2477, [carolejones@cableone.net](mailto:carolejones@cableone.net)

**It is time for the annual IREA Spring Banquet!** This year we are excited to have not only door prizes but several raffles and a silent auction. Our banquet theme will focus on INL's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. INL Public Affairs is providing photo centerpieces of INL's many accomplishments as well as a short slide show of INL's rich history – a history each of you participated in.

If you have not attended our banquet, now is a good time to join us to see what you have been missing. The time, place, and menu following:

- Date: April 8, 2009 (Wednesday)
- Place: Red Lion Inn
- Time: Registration begins at 6:00 pm
- Food service begins at 7:00 pm

The menu will include roast pork loin, chicken supreme, assorted salads, steamed vegetables, potatoes, dinner

rolls, desserts, coffee and punch. A no-host bar will be available from 6:00 pm.

All of this will be available to members and a spouse, or one guest, at \$10.00 per attendee. Additional guests and non-members (2009 dues not paid) are welcome at \$18.00 each.

Please send your reservation and payment to Carol Jones by **March 27, 2009**. Use the registration below, giving all names as you would like them on your name tags. Checks are to be payable to INL Retired Employees Assn. or IREA. Please send the form and payment to Carol Jones, 3535 Jason Dr, Idaho Falls, ID 83401. Reservations made after March 27, including those that do not pre-register, will be charged an additional \$1.00 for each attendee.

Look forward to seeing you on April 8<sup>th</sup>!

**2009 Spring Banquet Registration Form**

Please send this form and your payment (checks payable to IREA or INL Retired Employees Assn) to Carol Jones, 3535 Jason Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83401, (521-2477) by **Friday, March 27.**

Note: Names should be legible and as you want them on your name tag.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Payment for: Member @ \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Guest @ \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Guest(s) @ \$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_

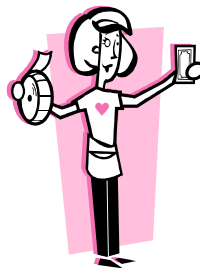
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## **WEB STUFF** – G Everett Gruen, 523-3670, [gegruen@cableone.net](mailto:gegruen@cableone.net)

Our web site is located at [www.irea.info](http://www.irea.info). The newsletter and other information are normally on the web site when sent to the printer. If you are not receiving IREA email notifications then I either don't have your email address or what I have is incorrect. To be sure you receive IREA emails, provide Membership Chairman, LeRoy Meyer, with your current email address. You can reach LeRoy by phone at 523-7306 or by email at [mey217@srv.net](mailto:mey217@srv.net). LeRoy will send your email address to me.

The Senior PC Assistance Patrol (formerly called the Senior Geek Patrol) is ongoing. This is our way to help seniors using computers - for Web services; and for email with friends, children, and grandchildren. The current volunteers for this service are listed below. Some of us have computer skills that could be used to help others with their computer issues. If you can and are willing to help, please contact G Everett Gruen for inclusion in this volunteer effort.

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## **CONSUMER AFFAIRS** - Felix Vandewiele, 523-0894, [vandewiele@q.com](mailto:vandewiele@q.com)

**Watch your bills and statements:** Carefully check your monthly credit card statements for duplicate charges and small charges, like \$1.00. These may show up on a monthly statement and again on the following monthly statement. Make sure you keep all your receipts and check your statements closely. (You may need your receipt if you have a problem that needs to be resolved.). If you find any incorrect charges, contact the credit card company immediately and dispute the charges.

Also, be aware that many publications are now sending out statements, that at first glance, make it look like you have forgotten to pay or renew. So read carefully before you send any money. This is scam statement information was received from friends in Colorado who have run into this problem.

**Things the Personal Representative/Trustee needs to consider when a loved one passes:** Upon a person's death, hopefully they have made a list of contacts that need to be taken care of by the representative or trustee. This list was provided in the IREA November 2008 Newsletter.

Things that need to be handled after a person's death are different for each person. However, there are several things that need to be taken care of in accordance with laws.

The lists that follow are only a guide to help in remembering things and are not all inclusive. Upon the death contact the funeral home of choice. They will guide you in the things that you need to do for the funeral. You will need more than one visit to make all the arrangements: (Don't be pressured; take your time to make the arrangements). You will need access to between \$8000 and \$10,000 to get things rolling. A credit

card will be very handy. Obtain receipts for everything you pay for.

It is very important to keep a record in a notebook or on a computer file of all costs and actions taken from day one. Keep receipts numbered in order of occurrence.

Initial things that you will have to do related to the funeral:

- Pick out the casket or make arrangements if you are supplying one.
- Choose the day of the funeral.
- Indicate where the burial will take place and if a cemetery plot has already been purchased. Have that information available.
- Provide an obituary for the deceased and pictures as desired. Most mortuaries have several levels of service packages that you can choose from that include most of the items required for the funeral.

Personal data you will need for the funeral:

- The deceased social security number; age; date and place of birth; current address; marital status and spouse's name, if married; father's full name and birthplace; mother's full name and birthplace; (a birth certificate is very helpful for this information)
- Personal Representative/Trustee's name, address, and phone number.
- For the funeral service announcement you will need the names of pall bearers, honorary pallbearers, speakers, musical numbers, pictures and who will conduct and where the service will be held.

The funeral home will normally produce this announcement with the information you give them and

that cost is usually included in the funeral package you purchase.

Funeral service and burial details you may need to handle:

- Contact the cemetery and coordinate the time of burial with them. The mortuary may do this for you so the cemetery can log it on the calendar and prepare the ground for a grave-side service.
- Provide clothes so the deceased can be dressed and made ready for viewing.
- Visit the flower shop and order the flowers for the funeral - the piece that lays on top of the casket, and, if you wish, the ones that stand to each end of the casket.
- Contact loved ones as early as you can so travel can be arranged if they are from out of the area. Remind them to check with a representative, such as airlines or trains, and indicate that this trip is for a death. Some companies offer discounts; if so, they can take advantage of these savings.
- If you are planning on having a luncheon after the services, contact whomever you need to make the arrangements and food assignments. Your church may have someone assigned to do this and you can contact them. (You may be required to pay for part of the food.) The luncheon is usually for family and close friends and follows the burial service at the cemetery. Make sure the people that are invited know where the luncheon is being held.

Other notification details to consider:

- You will need to go to the post office that handles the deceased person's mail and make a change of address to your address so you can keep up with anything needing attention.
- Contact your work and make arrangements if you need to take time off to perform your duties as personal representative/trustee. This will take several hours of work over a period of a few weeks, or off and on for several months.
- Upon a person's death, it will probably be worthwhile to engage an attorney to make sure that all documents that need to be filed, are filed correctly, and to answer any questions you may have.
- Some funeral homes will send the obituary to the local news paper. This may be included in the service package; if not, you may be charged for it.
- Also, consider notifying universities or colleges, the deceased attended, if appropriate; organizations the deceased belonged to; close friends of the deceased that live out of the area;

and the local paper in the town where the deceased grew up. Check the decedent's files as they may have made a list of those to be notified.

Take over active management of estate assets:

You should go through the deceased files in order to make sure you have everything. Inform yourself about the status of real estate taxes, rents and mortgages, and keep payments up-to-date. Study the condition of the property; make repairs where needed to keep the property secure; and attempt to sell the property, as necessary. Inform yourself fully about the conditions affecting the estate's enterprises and determine the policy to follow as to management, liquidation, merger, or sale of business. Examine investments with a view to retaining or selling them, taking into account the market conditions and the possibility of tax gains or losses when the estate is ultimately settled. In these matters, you're allowed to draw on the advice of experts to a "reasonable and prudent" extent. If the deceased had property or assets in more than one state, it will be necessary to involve an attorney.

Notify insurance companies and Social Security of the death and request payment be made to the beneficiaries, as appropriate.

Locate the safety deposit box or boxes and remove the contents. Take possession of any assets found in the safety deposit box and include them in the total estate.

List the assets of the estate -any cash on hand and in bank and credit union accounts; real and personal property; stocks and bonds. Itemize all the assets of the estate, together with an evaluation of each item in the inventory, including all furniture and household possessions. You will be expected to make a final statement listing these assets just before the settlement and distribution of the estate to the heirs. Obtain enough copies of the death certificate to present one to each life insurance company, IRA /401K custodian, annuity company, or pension administrator holding assets which are payable on death to the deceased's estate.

Collect all monies owed the estate, such as rents, insurance, the deceased's outstanding salary and death benefits due to the estate from employer at the time of death. In the event you are unable to collect any substantial sums that are owed the estate, obtain approval from the probate court and file suit for payment.

The deceased may have left written instructions on who is to receive certain personal property. This can be dispersed. It would be a good idea to involve the heirs in the division of personal property, if they so desire. The value of items should be included in each heirs division of property in accordance with the will or trust.

If real property of any kind, such as land or a home is to be sold shortly, have an appraisal done at the time of death. So you know what everything is worth and can put it up for sale.

Within nine months of the date of death, submit an estate tax return to the Internal Revenue Service, if required, depending on the exemption at that time. You may also have to file an inheritance tax return with the state tax commission. The attorney can guide you on this.

File any interim federal and state income tax returns on income received by the estate. Decedent's last income

tax return should also be filed for the year in which the decedent died.

After federal and state death tax claims have been settled and the period allowed for creditors' claims has expired, distribute the remainder of the estate in accordance with the will or trust.

Prepare and submit to the beneficiaries and to the court, a detailed accounting of the assets collected, the disbursements made, and the net balance distributed to the heirs. If in doubt about the meaning of the terms of the will or trust, submit the problem to the court.

## **AARP TAX-AIDE** -- Norm Kramer, 522-8677, [nak@srv.net](mailto:nak@srv.net)

### **Community-based retiree assistance programs – tax preparation assistance**

It is tax time again! But don't panic because the AARP Tax-Aide program provides free federal and state income tax preparation services for low to mid-income taxpayers. Also **don't head to the armory location** as AARP Tax-Aide has moved to 939 S 25 East (Hitt Road) just east of Chuck-A-Ramma in a strip mall next to Foot Solutions.

Our usual location, the armory, is scheduled for a major remodel so we had to find a new location.

The service is provided on a walk-in basis Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 4 PM with extended hours until 8 PM every Wednesday and Thursday. There are satellite Tax-Aide sites in Shelley, Rigby, Fairwinds Retirement, Ashton, St. Anthony, and Rexburg. We also accommodate shut-ins. Call 528-8887 for locations, dates, and hours.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2008** - Norm Kramer, 522-8677, [nak@srv.net](mailto:nak@srv.net)

The information provided is a summary of the financial status of IREA. The income for the Association comes from membership dues and the interest from savings and CDs. As in past years, the financial picture is sound and healthy. The financial summary is provided below. If you have any questions regarding the Associations finances, please contact me.

### **INCOME**

Dues: \$3852

Interest: \$365

**Total Income: \$4217**

### **EXPENSES**

Banquet: \$1653

Picnic: \$642

Newsletters: \$1463

Meetings: \$481

Web Site: \$82

PO Box: \$70

Partnership for Science & Technology 2008 dues: \$100

Name change: \$30

**Total Expenses: \$4521**

Total Assets 12/31/2008: \$13,949

Dues Paid and Allocated to Future Years: \$5482

## **RETIREE OPPORTUNITIES** - Nancy Carlson, 523-9128, [nancymcarlson@msn.com](mailto:nancymcarlson@msn.com)

**Laboratory 2009 summer picnic:** Even though there is still snow on the ground, BEA is making plans for a special 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic for its active employees and INL retirees. The picnic will be held on July 25, 2009 from 3 to 7 PM at the Blackfoot Fairgrounds. Retirees will be able to obtain a total of two (2) tickets from Teri Ehresman by contacting her after May 15, 2008. You can reach Teri at 526-7785 or by email at [Teri.Ehresman@inl.gov](mailto:Teri.Ehresman@inl.gov).

Retirees need to be mindful that employees attending the picnic are provided with tickets for only their immediate family. Grandchildren are not considered immediate family. So please respect the fact that retirees are limited to two tickets and honor the policy set for active employees regarding grandchildren.

This year's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary picnic will include some special events. Although plans are not final, details are being worked to sell INL 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary polo shirts and

to hold on a wheels show for employees or retirees who love look at and/or display their cars, trucks, and motorcycles – classics, antiques, or hot rods. We hope to have more INL 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic specifics in our May 2009 IREA flyer.

**Cultural tours of site to celebrate INL's 60<sup>th</sup>:** INL Public Affairs is coordinating at least two public tours of

INL with the focus on prehistoric, American Indian, and settler activity and artifacts in addition to INL history. These tours will be announced on INL's external website and via email to retirees who provide membership chairman, LeRoy Meyer, with their current email address. These bus tours will have limited space so act fast when the dates are announced and learn more about INL's rich history.

## **INVESTMENTS** – John Johnson, 523-7406, [jejohnson@cableone.net](mailto:jejohnson@cableone.net)

### **Retirement Plan Distributions**

**RMD waiver for 2009:** Normally, retirees with holdings in tax-deferred savings accounts such IRAs and 401(k)s must take taxable required minimum distributions (RMDs) when they reach 70½. However, legislation enacted by Congress in December 2008 waives this requirement for 2009. This waiver also applies to those under 70½ who have inherited IRAs subject to RMDs. The waiver of RMDs in 2009 is intended to help investors conserve their retirement resources in the wake of the recent stock market downturn. This waiver does not apply to RMDs in 2008. For example, tax-deferred account holders who turned 70½ in 2008 and were subject to their first RMD in 2008 must still take their first RMD by April 1, 2009, if they have not already done so.

**Early distributions:** The recent severe downturn in the economy and loss of jobs by many has brought to light an early distribution feature of IRAs. Normally, distributions

from these accounts before the account owner has reached 59½ carry a 10% penalty in addition to being taxable. However, there are several exceptions to this 10% penalty, discussed in IRS Publication 590 (IRAs). One exception is if the distributions are received in the form of an annuity, that is, in the form of substantially equal periodic payments (not less frequently than annually) over the life (or life expectancy) of the owner. The IRS rules for such early annuity distributions are fairly detailed. For example, there are three methods for calculating the annual distribution – two fixed methods and one variable method. The variable method allows for calculating the distribution annually, similar to the RMD calculation. Once begun, these early annuity distributions must be continued following the chosen calculation method for at least five years or until reaching 59½. Those considering such early distributions from an IRA should consult their account custodians for the details and applicable IRS rules for avoiding the 10% penalty.

## **Energy Education** – John Flinn, 523-7330, [flinnj@srv.net](mailto:flinnj@srv.net)

This article is the first written by the IREA Board to highlight topics on energy. Plans are to eventually expand the topic to accommodate a wide range of energy sources with the intent, some time in the near future, to share the information with high school students through out southeastern Idaho and maybe beyond. The structure and organization of such an endeavor is still in the planning stage.

The topic of this article is a brief summary of the book; Power to save the World—The Truth About Nuclear Energy, written by Gwyneth Cravens; published by Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 2008. Those interested in reading the book can purchase it through Amazon.com for about \$13 in paperback form.

Cravens is a former “anti-nuke” who decided to stop protesting until she could acquire enough knowledge and information on nuclear energy to help bolster her protest activities with some “facts”. This approach is the opposite to that taken by some of our neighbors to the south of Idaho Falls. Her formal education was not technical, and

she was tutored from the beginning of her nuclear knowledge journey by Dr. D. Richard (Rip) Anderson. “Rip” Anderson is a native of eastern Idaho; born and raised in the Terreton, ID area.

Dr. Anderson, now retired, was a scientist at Sandia Laboratories in New Mexico and a key player in the acquisition of the license to open the Waste Isolation Plant (WIP) in New Mexico to receive nuclear waste for permanent storage. Through his numerous contacts, Rip made arrangements for the two of them to visit a number of facilities and talk to knowledgeable scientists and engineers regarding nuclear energy and the handling and storage of radioactive materials. Discussions included the science of these processes, the benefits and risks, and data to support these facts.

As Ms. Cravens is a nontechnical person who was well tutored by “Rip” Anderson on facts and truths regarding nuclear materials and their use for energy production, the book can be appreciated by readers who do not have technical backgrounds. Her book provides a rather

thorough assessment of nuclear energy issues; frames the efficiency, health risks, greenhouse gas emissions, and sustainability of other power sources, including renewables; and represents a fairly compelling appeal to use nuclear power as the primary source for producing base-load electricity. Ms. Cravens backs up her statements in the book by referencing a number of appropriate sources

An example of a number compelling reasons for the push for nuclear energy as the primary means for producing electricity, Ms. Cravens reports that ~0.0015 lbs of one uranium oxide fuel pellet has the same amount of energy delivery as 149 gallons of oil; 157 gallons of regular gasoline; 17000 cu. ft. of natural gas; and 1780 lbs of coal.

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