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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER
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HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Don Carlin
Bill Kluckhohn

BKM SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

STILL LOOKING FOR YOU



We know you want to help! These jobs only take one time during the year. Please let Pat (pjkluckhohn@gmail.com) know which one you are delighted to do:

Nut Cups: 1 for November, and 2 for April and May
Greeter: Two people for December and 1 for May
Thanks for being involved!!!!

SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS for OCTOBER

Nut Cups: Radenne English
Greeters: Ronda Thompson & Virginia Schumacher
Invocation: Sharon North

DOOR PRIZE SIGNUPS

Thank you to the following members who signed up to bring door prizes in October: Margaret Reimer, Mary Perry, Radenne English, Connie Higgs, Leigh Oliver

COURTESY NOTES: Pat Rennison

Do you know of someone in our group who needs a note of sympathy, get well, etc. from us? Let Pat know who and why. 208-890-9422 patrennison05@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER HOURS



Summer Hours: 2432.5
$ Donations: $4357.00
Track those hours and send them to Pat Waterman or save them when we meet again. Don't forget the contributions you make to charities. Add that up too.
Volunteer hours are important to our non-profit status(Patriciawater6@gmail.com)

PROGRAM Oct. 13

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MENU

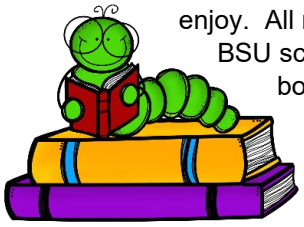
Salad, Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Strawberry Shortcake
Dinner is served at 12:00 sharp. Please come early.

DONATIONS

In October we will be donating to **Giraffe Laugh** From their website: "Through our **Thanksgiving Baskets**, **December Holiday Baskets**, and **Adopt-a-Family** program, we provide families with food, essentials, and a little extra holiday cheer during a season that can be financially overwhelming. These programs are designed to ease stress for parents, support household stability, and ensure children can thrive at school and at home."

BOOKS TO SHARE

Thank you to all who have donated books. Please feel free to donate books you think others would enjoy. All money you donate goes to our BSU scholarship fund. Please take a book and enjoy—don't worry about donating money each time you take a book.



OPERATION WISHBOOK

Start looking for those children's books for elementary students to receive at Christmas. We will be collecting them in November and December. Remember that they should be new or gently used. They will be donated to a local school so children may take home a book.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT



Scholarship: Balance $1881.42
Scholarships are paid for by door prizes, books, and special donations by members.

General Fund Balance: $5550.67
Teacher Grant Balance: $2725.66

Grants are paid for by members traveling with Collette. We were able to award 3 grants to active teachers in our area last year.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

September donations of food and money = $77 and 30 pounds of food

TRAVEL ADVENTURES

Where would you like to go? Look at the Collette website and let me know. We haven't picked a new site yet.

For questions and further information contact Margaret Reimer at 208-887-6747 or 208-350-9808. Reimem8@gmail.com

PERSI REPORT As of August

Current value of the fund	$29,526,827,442
Month to date returns	2.2%
Fiscal year to date returns	2.7%

We encourage members to go to: persi.idaho.gov, click on investments and then on current month.

PERSI members are invited to attend their board meeting.

FRAUD WATCH:

From AARP Newsletter

You've surely received one (if not dozens) of these texts, noting that your U.S. Postal Service, UPS or FedEx delivery has been kept on hold because of an issue with your address, insufficient postage, or nobody was home to receive it. Just visit [a link will usually be included here] to provide more information, pay for extra postage or reschedule delivery.

The link might take you to a legit-looking website, often with the logo of the delivery service and an actual tracking number, where you are asked to verify your address, and perhaps pay a small "redelivery fee."

Warning signs

You receive notice about a problem with the delivery of your USPS package when you haven't made a tracking request (or haven't even mailed one). Unless you explicitly sign up for status alerts on a package, you won't receive a text from USPS, says Donna Harris, public information representative with the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS). "That's not how the Postal Service connects with the customer," she says. And if you never signed up for a USPS tracking request for a specific package, a text message citing one is certainly a fake.

The message has misspellings or awkward grammar. These are classic signs of a scam attempt (UPS also cites "excessive use of exclamation points").

VOTING

Go online to look at your ballot
League of Women Voters
Voting Pamphlet sent in mail
Idahovoters.com
Vote Idaho. (https://voteidaho.gov/)
Organizations you belong to such as AARP, IEA, etc. to see questions candidates have answered

CIVIL CIVIC DISCUSSION GROUP

Join NOW! It's civil and about current topics. Please call for information. We meet at King of Glory Lutheran Church on Maple Grove on Thursdays at 12:15. Feel free to drop in.
Barb Blasch 770-841-8582 Bearconsul@aol.com

EYEGLASSES/HEARING AIDS/AMERICAN FLAGS COLLECTION

Please bring your retired eyeglasses and hearing aids to the meeting and place them at the sign in table for the Lions Club to recycle. The cases are also wanted if you have any.



Please bring American Flags that need to be retired instead of thrown away. These will be delivered to the American Legion so they can be retired properly.

AARP NEWS

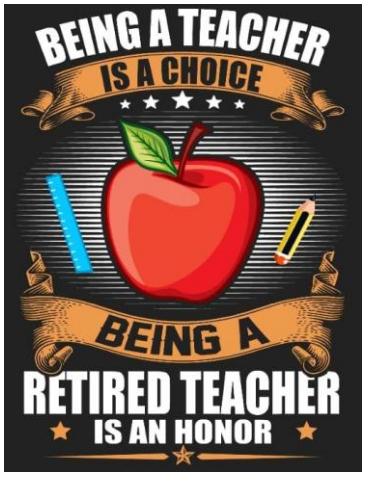
YMCA Brain Health Symposium: Oct. 17 8:30-2:30, In-Person at ID college of Osteopathic Medicine, 1401 E. Central Dr., Meridian or Virtual Option Available: Register: https://cme.shamp.uidaho.edu/content/2026-ymca-brain-health-symposium-pre-registration

RX Take Back Day: Oct. 24, 10-2, City Hall West, 333 N. Mark Stall Place, Boise

SPOTLIGHT ON YOU

Have you filled out your paper yet? We spotlight one or two members per month to help us get to know each other better. Please see the last page to find questions to answer about yourself. You may bring it to the next meeting or email it back to Pat at pjkluckhohn@gmail.com

CELEBRATIONS





SPOTLIGHT ON _____

Where born _____

Something about childhood_____

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Number of siblings or children _____

What's something about yourself or your life that might surprise others to learn?_____

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What's something you'll spend time doing, no matter what?_____

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What are your hobbies, and how do you pursue them?_____

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What is the best decision you made in life?_____

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Travels_____

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Schools attended_____

Major in college_____

Degrees attained_____

Where did you teach or work_____

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Accomplishments? _____

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How long have you been retired?_____

Interests since you've retired?_____

Volunteer Work_____

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