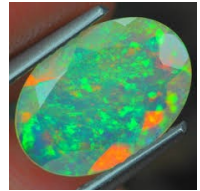


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President's Message

Submitted by:
Mona Alfrey
President

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Hello All!

A "Happy No Start of School" to you! <3 The first year of retirement I cried and now I enjoy celebrating! Hope that you do also!

Well I just wanted to say hello and that I hope you get involved in all kinds of new things that you have always wanted to and could not because we were so busy teaching and trying to keep up with life. My friends and the ones I spent time with while not actually teaching were other teachers and school personnel mostly. Now only a few former co-workers are a part of this group but boy have I learned to love my time with you all! Even the people I meet from down in Southern Idaho have become some of my dearest friends and what a joy when I get to spend time with them. One thing I have not been able to financially is travel with this great group and I am working on that!

I am settling into my new home quite nicely here in the Spokane Valley where my eldest son and his family live. I get to see my grandkids often and attend their baseball, t-ball, football, wrestling, DS Walks, concerts, etc. This is the life!!

All is good in my world and you are part of that world! Thanks for belonging and getting involved. Do those things that help make our world and especially schools a better place for years to come. Invite others to come along and this will be another year of great things and great success!

Love and May the Lord Bless and Keep You!
The Lord willing, Your President for another year.
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Submitted by Mary Ann Hansen Secretary SEIREA

NIREA-North Idaho Retired Educators

Submitted by:
Doug Cresswell, Co-President

RENCI-Retired Educators of North Central Idaho

Submitted by:
Pat Hoch
President

Welcome to fall, autumn, the end of summer! The north central part of Idaho has had a warm summer with only 4 over 100 degree days so far. Mild for us up here.

We are working on the schedule for our meetings this coming year. In September we will have our non-back to school lunch/picnic provided by the Red Lion. It consists of fried chicken and all the fixings and, weather permitting, we utilize the outside patio at the hotel. We are diligently looking at different options for our October meeting. We have many ideas and suggestions and are sorting through for the most appealing one. November is our annual live auction to raise money for the scholarship fund. It is always fun and exciting and everyone gets involved, even if it is to raise someone else's bid.

Always in December we join with the Rotary Club and have the Lewiston High School Gold Voices choir present Christmas music for our listening pleasure. We are looking forward to seeing old acquaintances and meeting new ones who have retired. Patricia Hoch, co-president, RENC I

MVREA-Magic Valley REA

Submitted by:
Edward Arndt
President

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