



Monthly Newsletter

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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Les Bois Kiwanis is a club of the Utah Idaho District of Kiwanis International. Regular meetings are held each Tuesday morning at 7:00 a.m. at the Owyhee Plaza. Board Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.

President's Message:

As this year comes to a close, I welcome the new president: yours truly! Time for round two. We completed some nice projects including a new one at the Interfaith Sanctuary which went quite well. We did not get over to the Boise Bicycle Project for a night of cleaning and repair. Maybe next year's president will get that one done. A big "thank you" to all who helped on projects this year.

Remember, we need to get out and sell Poinsettias starting in October. Our prices are lower than last year and we're working on a letter you can send out to past clients now thanking them for their support and offering pre-orders. This project generates all the money that let's us help kids in Boise.

As we learned from the District Convention, this next two years emphasis is on retention and growth. This is an area we must concentrate on. We will be losing a couple of people this year, so we need to get out there and recruit new members. Get those pamphlets out there inviting people in to visit and get a free breakfast.

It has been my great pleasure in being your president this year and I look forward to next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Fields

Member Corner - Meet: Sandra Magette

1941 was a milestone year. World War II and my birth occurred that year. I was born in Albany, Oregon but moved to Seattle shortly after and lived there until college graduation. I had two older brothers that really looked out for me but had left home by the time I started school. Dad was a mechanic (extremely good) and Boeing brought him to Seattle and after the war he turned to fixing automobiles. A strike prompted him to go into business for himself which was the best thing to happen for our family. Mom was a stay at home Mom and kept all of us in great shape.

While I was in junior high school, my father died with a heart attack and my world changed dramatically. I graduated from Cleveland High School and luckily, I received scholarships to attend the University of Washington. It was a great 4 years with wonderful professors, good friends and great work experience at the Seattle World's Fair.

Only problem following graduation was that public accounting did not hire women and they were very frank about it. "We hired our woman for the 8 western states last year and it will be 5 years before we hire another..." (quote from H & S CPAs-1963). With the help of my professor, I was directed to apply with a large regional firm located in Salem, Oregon. It was a great fit and the experience was excellent. Of course they had a great accountant working there who had beautiful blue eyes and a great sense of humor. Dennis and I married in 1964 and started a family a few years later. We began with a red-headed girl (Cari), then a strawberry-blond girl (Beth). At this time we had moved to Lake Grove, Oregon and Dennis was working for Georgia-Pacific. Promotion and transfer time came and we moved to Plattsburgh, New York where GP had a pulp and paper plant. While there we had 2 boys (Bob and Mike) join our family and it really was a full house. Needless to say, I was a stay at home mom but wildly busy.

