

UPCOMING MEETING

Friday March 17, 2023 11:30AM University Inn Best Western+

Latah County Elected Officials have been invited as guest speakers

Menu: Two-piece Fish and Chips with French Fries, coleslaw and tartar sauce, for \$16

If you are a chapter member and the calling tree misses you, please phone
 SReservations <u>MUST</u> be made if you plan to have lunch.
 If you make a reservation and do not show, you may be billed \$16

ALSO, you may attend for FREE and not have lunch.

Food Drive/Door Prizes

Latah AARP has traditionally done Two Things at Our Member Meetings. First, anyone purchasing lunch & attending the meeting is given a '*raffle ticket*' and there are usually 4-6 drawings for items. If you bring food for the FOOD DRIVE, you will receive 2 raffle tickets!



"Thank you to AARP Idaho for inviting me to speak to their group while visiting the Capitol this week! I am grateful to AARP for providing me with many opportunities to reach Idahoans over the past three years and for their efforts to improve the quality of life for our senior citizens." Gov. Brad Little . Feb 7, 2023

120 Members of AARP in Idaho met at the Capitol in Boise Tuesday February 7, 2023 to ask Governor Brad Little, our Senators and Representatives, to invest in our infrastructure and in programs that will help make our Idaho communities more agefriendly by connecting us to economic, health, social and civic opportunities.

We have more than 180,000 AARP Members in the Gem State. Idaho's 65+ population is growing at a fast pace. It is estimated that the 65+ population will make up more than 20% of the population by 2026.

AARP is a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization that doesn't endorse candidates or make contributions to political campaigns or candidates. Its members come from across the political spectrum, and AARP has a long record of making sure that elected officials from both parties address the issues that matter to all Americans aged 50-plus, including protecting Social Security and Medicare



President's Memo

It's been a busy time since our December 9 meeting. It was a good time and we elected officers & board members for 2023. Thank you to all who attended. Due to a conflict, our January meeting was cancelled. But, your board and officers have been active in various ways and this Memo is to update you and provide information about what has happened and will be happening this year.

Your Board met on March 2 and made plans for 2023. We hope to see many of you at our March 17 meeting for a great program and updates. A first for us: We will be hosting our Latah County Officials Commr. Kathie LaFortune will be lead presenter. Please join us and wear Green for St. Patrick's Day?

We are both repeating some traditional programs (Dist. 6 Legislators on May 19) as well as new activities and projects.

The following are dates to put on your calendar:

March 15: Tele-Town Hall -Wednesday, March 15, 11:00am – 12:00pm (PT)

Participants can join by:

- dialing toll-free 866-767-0637 at the time of the call .
- registering to be called in advance at <u>https://vekeo.com/aarpidaho/</u>
- or streaming live at <u>www.facebook.com/aarpidaho</u>

March 23: 11am to 6pm. We will be participating in the **FREE** Latah County/Moscow/Chamber Spring into Health Fair. We will be staffing a table & could use your help as a volunteer to *'host'* that table for a couple of hours. VP Rhonda Comstock is in charge of our participation.

April 7: UI *Our Financial Conference* will be held at UIBW. Idaho AARP is a sponsor and we will be participating in several ways. Please attend and if you are interested & available, please contact me or VP Rhonda Comstock to volunteer. **WATCH FOR THE ARTICLE IN THE AARP BULLETIN under State News!** Board Member Karen Richel is the organizer of the Conference.

May 19: Latah AARP Meeting at UIBW: Program: Come meet Our District 6 Representatives to hear what did/didn't happen in the 2023 Legislature Also, their comments regarding specific issues and concerns and what will happen or change in the future. This is your chance to 'listen & learn'. **June 14:** Latah AARP will be hosting a FRAUD ALERT Class in Potlatch - coordinated by VP Rhonda Comstock, and Board Member Karen Richel with UI Extension. It's expected to last 3 hours, likely over/during Senior Meal event. More details to come.

Other projected future events:

August 10: Latah AARP Board Meeting. Interested in becoming a Board Member? We also have a VP opening. If you are, please contact me -- we could use 3 or 4 more interested people to participate in leadership. We will be making decisions regarding September 15, October 20 and December 8 Member meetings. In addition, we may be planning a September/October SCAM Jam - - date & place & presenters to be determined.

September 15: AARP Member Meeting. City Council Candidate Forum (tentative) to be held at UIBW. There are three council positions open.

October 20: AARP Member Meeting. Program to be selected - - do you have suggestions? Please let me know - and, do you want to coordinate?

December 8: Usual Holiday AARP Member Meeting & Officer & Board Elections. We will be looking for & recruiting potential Board Members & Officers. Think about it!

Have you paid dues for 2023? Our 'system' has been unpredictable the past 3 years due to Covid. IF you have not paid dues recently, Please pay them for 2023. Our dues are \$10/year. You can bring cash or check to March 17 meeting and deliver to Treasurer Carol Bennett. Thank you.

A Final Note: AARP Tax Aide is 'open' at the 1912 Center and will be till

April 14. You must make an appointment by calling 208-874-2792. Hours are Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30 to 2:00.



Thank you for your attention, see you March 17? ?

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Are you nearing 65 or have family members that you are trying to help with their retirement plans? This is the workshop for you. An Idaho Department of Insurance SHIBA representative will be here to explain Medicare and all its parts, answer questions, and de-mystify this healthcare program for you. In two hours, you will receive helpful resources, program updates and peace-of-mind that you are on the right track.

When:	Thursday, March 16, 2023	6:00 – 8:00 m.
Where:	Zoom – Online	
	Register in advance for this	s meeting:
	idaho.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlsf-isq0iG ou will receive a confirmation email containing	
How Much:	FREE!!!	
		1 or krichel@uidaho.edu.

Join Lauren Fins for FREE Dance Fitness Gold exercise sessions for Seniors!

Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to noon in the Arts Room at the 1912 Center. We average two to three sessions a month and I stay in touch with people who are interested by sending email reminders of when the sessions are scheduled. It's not a "course" no signup required. I ask for email addresses only so I can remind people of the upcoming schedule. Next sessions are March 17 and 24th. No April schedule yet.

AARP Tax Aid at Moscow 1912 Building

- IN PERSON APPOINTMENTS ONLY
- WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
 MORNINGS
- NO PHONE APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE
- SAME-DAY WALK-INS ACCEPTED ONLY IF TIME SLOTS AVAILABLE

Appointments required, call 208-874-2792 to make an appointment. Mask and social distancing encouraged. No children allowed in the building.

WE WILL BE USING TRADITIONAL PROCESS (TAXPAYER WILL HAVE RETURNS COMPLETED SAME DAY AS APPOINTMENT).

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EACH SITE.

WE WILL USE DOCUMENT DROP OFF METHOD ONLY IF COVID RESTRICTIONS ARE IN PLACE EITHER AT THE SITE OR BY AARP TAX-AIDE. THIS WILL BE EXPLAINED IN MORE DETAIL WHEN YOU ARRIVE TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT.

CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON SITE, EXCEPT COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH A 1098-T AND AN ACCOUNT STATEMENT. PLEASE HAVE ALL DOCUMENTS AND PAPERWORK WITH YOU WHEN MAKING APPOINTMENT IN PERSON.

WE WILL ALSO NEED 2021 TAX RETURN. IF YOU HAVE 1099-DIV OR SCHEDULE B CAPITAL GAINS, TRY TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT FOR MARCH IN THE CASE OF A CORRECTED FORM OR A MISSING FORM. THIS WILL HELP ELIMINATE A FUTURE AMENDMENT.







AARP Idaho will be holding a Tele-Town Hall meeting next week.

We will host the newly elected Attorney General Raul Labrador. The discussion will be about FRAUD, so it would be great to get lots of participation and questions from your area.

Share the information with everyone you want, the more the merrier. Remember, if people want to be called so they don't forget, just register using the link below, otherwise, you can dial in yourselves – info. Below

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If you are interested in serving or wish to nominate someone, please contact President Louise at 208-882-2789 or by email at <u>regelinl@genesee-id.com</u>

If you have newsletter information you feel our local AARP Chapter members would be interested in, please

email it to Rhonda Comstock at comstock@moscow.com

