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WINTER 2007 NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Moscow Leaguers, we did it again. We successfully completed another busy election year season. Though we didn't register nearly as many voters as in 2004, we did have league members registering voters at the Farmers' Market one Saturday each in July, August, and September, and one day at Zions Bank. We had the pleasure of Pullman LWV joining our table in the market.

Joan Klingler generously chaired the Forum Committee . This committee managed an extensive slate of candidates. The Daily News cosponsored the forum, and contributed by providing excellent publicity.

We wrote letters and testified against the Conditional Use Permit for Naylor Farms and wrote letters in opposition to HJR 2 and Proposition 2, both on the November ballot.

At the end of October we conducted our sixth Mock Election. For a non-presidential election, we had good participation from many of the schools outside of Moscow, and from Russell Elementary, Moscow Junior High, and Moscow High School. The two-day event was successful because of the cooperation of so many in our community.

Gene McGovern arranged our pea-and-lentil packaging in the Episcopal Church basement and volunteers worked hard and enjoyed each other's company with 150 boxes prepared in less than four hours, to be stored in Doris Williams's garage. Gene has given many hours to publicity and organizing our sale times at the Palouse Empire Mall and the Moscow Food Co-op. At least 120 boxes have been sold at last count! Thank you Gene and volunteers.

Also in December Joan Klingler and her committee updated our Political Directory. Fall is indeed filled with league's commitment to voter education service to Latah County and many leaguers are part of this. What a busy Fall. I cannot thank all of you in a way that fully reflects my gratitude for your participation. Nevertheless, Thank You All and Good Wishes and Peace in 2007 to you and the smaller and larger communities in our lives.

Sally Fredericks, President

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS A CHAIR

If you would like to chair the nominating committee (or just be on it) for the 2007 elections, please contact Sally. Open positions are 1st Vice President and possibly three directors. Elaine has agreed to another term as our treasurer. Nominees will be voted on at our annual meeting in April.

SCHEDULE OF FALL MEETINGS

All noon meetings, unless noted otherwise, will be held at the Moscow School District Building at the corner of F Street and Cleveland, in the conference room at the lower level. It is easiest to park on F Street and enter the room directly through the exterior door on the east side of the building on the lower level. Handicapped access is available.

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| Jan. 17 | Judy Brown , Director, Idaho Center on Budget and Tax Policy | “State Finances” |
| Jan. 24 | Julie Nelson , Director, Home Health and Hospice of the Palouse | “Home Health & Hospice” |
| Jan. 31 | Francis Thompson , Court Assistance Officer of Latah County | “Court Assistance Services” |
| Feb. 7 | Karen White , Director of Operation Education, University of Idaho | “U of I Wounded Veterans’ Scholarships” |
| Feb. 14 | Matt Morra , UI Professor of Soil Sciences | “Natural Pesticides” |
| Feb. 21 | Greg Morrison and Dwight Curtis , City of Moscow, Department of Parks and Recreation | “Hamilton Recreation Center” |
| This meeting will be held at the Hamilton-Lowe Aquatics Center, 830 N. Mountain View. | | |
| Feb. 28 | John Bradbury , Judge, Idaho District Court, Second Judicial District | “Judicial Independence” |
| Mar. 7 | Kit Craine , Community Activist | “To Zone or Not to Zone” |
| Mar. 14 | No meeting, U of I spring break | |
| Mar. 21 | To be announced | |
| Mar. 28 | James Gregson , Professor of Education, U of I | “Vocational/Technical Programs in the Schools” |
| Apr. 4 | Barbara Mahoney , Director, Adult Day Health, Gritman Hospital | “Gritman’s Adult Day Health Programs” |
| Apr. 11 | Von Walden , Professor of Geography and Environmental Science, U of I | “Climate Change” |
| Apr. 18 | Latah County Legislators | |
| Apr. 25 | Annual Meeting , time and location to be announced | |

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Susan Steele was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, moving to Richland, Washington at three months of age. The oldest of five children, she lived in Richland until 1977 and as a youth was a competitive swimmer, taught swimming lessons and was a lifeguard for most of her young adult life. She received her BS in Physical Education with a Minor in Health and Recreation at WSU and was granted a MS Degree in Recreation from the UI.

While a student athletic trainer at WSU, she met her husband, Barrie, also a student at WSU. Following his graduation he was hired as the Assistant Athletic Trainer. They married in 1982. Her first job at WSU was as Sports Equipment Manager for the Cougs. Both their children were born in Pullman, and the family moved to Moscow in 1987, where since 1986 her husband has been the Head Athletic Trainer/ Director of Athletic Training Services. They home schooled both of their children, although their son graduated from Moscow High School in 2006. Currently, their daughter is a senior in the College of Pharmacy, and their son is a freshman in Pre-Medicine/ Pre-Physical Therapy; both at WSU.

Susan currently serves as an AmeriCorps VISTA at West Park Elementary, working to promote literacy. She is actively involved with church and the Moscow Baseball Association. She is a Moscow Parks and Recreation Commissioner and has been on various city and school district committees over the years. Distance running is near and dear to her heart, and she tries to run every day as time allows. Reading and sewing/crafting are hobbies, but she also enjoys gardening and working outside in the yard. Susan enjoys all of the members in the league and has a great deal of respect for their knowledge and commitment. A first-time member, she remembers her mother being actively involved with LWV as she grew up. Susan is always looking to recruit new Grandparent Readers for her program—if interested, call 882-2714.

Welcome to League, Susan.

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Phyllis Solomon was born in Anthony, Kansas and raised in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Her high school years were spent in Spokane, Washington. She received her BA from Washington State University, Master's in Education from Whitworth College, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Seattle University.

Her primary work experience was in community colleges in the State of Washington. She spent twenty years in teaching and administration at Lower Columbia College in Longview, Washington and four years at Edmonds Community College in Edmonds, Washington. In addition, as a partner in Rogge and Solomon Grant Writers, she has worked as a grant writer and researcher for nonprofit organizations.

Phyllis has one sister, Shirley Ringo, Idaho State Legislator, who lives in Moscow Idaho, and two grandchildren living in Castle Rock, Washington (Kevin is 17 and a junior in high school; Jennifer is 19 and a sophomore at Western Washington University).

Prior to moving to Moscow in August, Phyllis lived in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Port Townsend, Washington and Vancouver, Washington. While in Santa Fe, she was a member of the League of Women Voters. There was no league in Port Townsend but she was very active in the American Association for University Women, Port Townsend Branch.

Her interests include community volunteer projects, hiking, bridge, mah jong, reading, travel, films, cooking, plus any activity promoting education for others or for herself.

Welcome to League, Phyllis.

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Barbara Wells was born and raised in Washington, D.C, graduating with a B.A. from Hood College in Frederick, Maryland (at that time it was an all women's college and now is co-ed). She lived and worked in Boston for 3 years after college and then

moved to New York City where she received her J.D. Degree from New York University School of Law. For thirty years, she worked for Harper & Row Publishers, now HarperCollins, starting as Assistant General Counsel and ending as General Counsel and Senior VP for Human Resources. Richard and she were married in 1972.

After retirement, Barbara and Richard divided their time between New York City and Wintersville, Ohio where Richard grew up and where they owned an old farm house with five acres. It was a beautiful piece of property which they both dearly loved and enjoyed caring for, but realized it wasn't something they could continue to keep up as they got older, and New York City also wasn't a place where they thought they could "age gracefully." Because Richard had always loved the west where they spent most of their vacations and were familiar with Moscow because Richard's sister had lived here for a number of years, they moved to Moscow in April 2004. They were fortunate enough to find a great house on Borah Avenue with a spectacular view of Paradise Ridge and with wonderful neighbors. Other outside interests currently include serving as Chair of the Friends of the Prichard Art Gallery Advisory Board. Barbara's main hobby is reading and just enjoying the freedom

that not having a job allows. Although she has not previously belonged to the LWV, it is an organization that she has always admired.

Welcome to League, Barbara.

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Richard Wells was born and raised in Wintersville, Ohio on what was originally part of his grandparents' farm. He attended a one room school house until the fifth grade. Following graduation from high school he spent time building and racing cars and became well known for his custom painting of cars and other objects. Following his move to Los Angeles, he worked and attended the Art Center College of Design. In New York City he operated his own Art Design Studio business. Since moving to Moscow, he has provided color and general design advice for local projects, such as the Silos. Outside interests include fishing, landscaping, bird watching (he grew up belonging to Audubon) and politics for which he has a passionate interest and of which he has a deep knowledge.

Welcome to League, Richard.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR LOCAL STUDY

Local, state and national studies on issues allow league to take positions on issues both as the league organization and as members representing league's position. A local study in 1961 on county zoning (and planning) and a state position on land use planning allowed us to take positions against the Naylor Farms application for a conditional use permit and Proposition 2. A LWVUS position supported our opposition to HJR 2, which Liz Brandt referred to as the antigay amendment. Our Moscow league hasn't had a local study for many years. What do you see in our community that needs study and advocacy? If you have ideas, please submit a proposal to the board before the February 27 board meeting. The process is for the board to review the proposal and recommend that it be approved or denied. At the annual meeting, the pro-

posal and the board's recommendations are discussed and the membership has the final vote on whether to approve or deny. If anyone is interested in making a proposal, please contact Sally Fredericks for details.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO LWV, MOSCOW

The League's next official Finance Drive will be held in the fall of 2007. The chair of the Finance Drive committee, Andrea Beckett, sent the annual donation request to Tri-State this December. In January she will mail donation requests to the local candidates who ran for election in the November elections.

Contributions from our own League members are always happily accepted.

REPORT ON THE 2006 MOCK ELECTION

October 24th & 25th were exciting days for the Moscow LWV – the dates of our 2006 *Mock Election*, which was a grand success, involving more than 1200 students county-wide. While Moscow schools voted at the Fairgrounds, Troy, Genessee, Potlatch, Deary, and Kendrick students voted in their own schools. In addition to the County Ballot, high school students also filled out the National Student-Parent Mock Election Issues Survey. The five issues presented in the Survey for student consideration included the Iraq situation and immigration reform; all issues provided students with grist for good classroom discussion and debate.

This year's Mock Election received good press with two articles printed in the Daily News plus an editorial praising the event. It is rewarding to see information about LWV activities in the press!

As with any LWV sponsored event – be it staffing the table at the Farmers' Market, organizing the Candidates' Forum, or packaging Peas & Lentils – the number of volunteers who participate makes for success. Volunteers for the Mock Election from LWV membership, the community, and the U of I exceeded 40! Thanks to each and every one of them. And a very special thanks to Susan Petersen and her staff at the County Auditor-Recorder's office for their continuing support of the Mock Election.

With the next General Election less than 23 months away, it's not too early to put in your bid to chair the 2008 Mock Election!

Sally Fredericks
Annemarie Goldstein
Co-chairs, 2006 Mock Election

MOCK ELECTION: IT'S BEGINNING AND GROWTH

LWV Moscow facilitated the 6th Mock Election for Latah County schools in 2006. Have you ever wondered how it got started? I have explored this with some of the initial hard working leaguers and would like to begin a history, which can be corrected and expanded over time.

In 1995, Co-President Joan Klingler became aware of Kids Voting and passed on some information at the noon meeting, asking if anyone wanted to take it on. Carol Woodall responded and assembled other interested league members to pursue the possibilities. This included Carol, LaRae Rhoads, Pauli Owens (co-chair with Carol), Dorothy LeVeque, Katrina Berman and John and Winifred Dixon. As they were exploring Kids Voting, Joan K. received information that the governor's office was providing support for the National Student Parent Mock Election in Idaho. An attractive feature of NSPME, in addition to the governor's endorsement, was that there was no fee, compared to a significant curriculum fee for Kids Voting. LaRae had experience with ME while teaching social studies in Germany, and starting it in Latah County was appealing to her because of the educational aspect.

They had their first meeting at Tom Trail's home in January 1996. Tom helped to gain the support of the county commissioners and the use of the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds. Keep in mind that the committee had to create the whole structure with and for the county schools: Selling the schools and teachers on an idea that would take their precious classroom time, getting the materials to them, establishing voting places and bus schedules, finding volunteers for two days at the fairgrounds and counting all of the votes by hand. Sounds pretty overwhelming, yes? This was in the earlier days of internet information and websites were not readily available. LaRae and Carol gathered and reproduced materials of value to teachers for distribution. LaRae's education experience aided in getting Moscow curriculum director, Susan Seaman, enthused and aboard. Pauli and the Dixons sent out letters soliciting donations for copy expenses and committee members donated also. Carol had numerous phone calls with NSPME coordinator, Gloria Kirschner, who provided invaluable help and seemed to be available 24 hours a day. The committee met weekly for months. Carol was working on it full time with many other members dedicating much of their time to getting it all together.

Available in 1996 and 1998 (but not now) was a hard copy Teacher's Study Guide on the Issues Forum, published by Time and the New York Times respec-

tively. In 1996, the governor assigned someone in the Secretary of State's office to be in charge of collecting votes from participating schools and sending them on to NSPME. In 1998 there was no state participation and Carol accepted the task of collecting votes from throughout the state. Helping her were Jason Albrecht and his group of enthusiastic students. John and Winifred obtained free pizza for a party at the Junior High School to watch the Latah County Mock Election returns, which were counted into the late night by Linda Fox, Janet LeCompte and Judy Austin (and perhaps others). When Linda arrived to count votes, she discovered that the tabulating process hadn't been well established. She drove home and retrieved some drafting paper (her husband being a retired draftsman) and set that up using lines and columns. This was used for at least two years.

Eventually the schools began copying their ballots and curriculum material, which could be sent to them electronically. In 2000, the Latah County Clerk's office allowed the high school students to use the county punch card voting booths on a trial basis. This office has been a central participant since then. In addition to the booths, they count the ballots on their amazing counting machine.

Trends we have seen include better participation by

FALL CANDIDATES' FORUM

The LWV fall forum was held October 17 at the Moscow High School auditorium. Candidates for the legislative, county and state offices were asked to attend, and of 37 candidates, 22 agreed to participate in the forum. Unfortunately, due to the actions of one political party, not all opposing candidates chose to attend this forum, and the state candidates were from one major party and two minor parties.

The forum was split into two sections, one seating the State of Idaho candidates and one seating the county and legislative candidates. This made for a rather crowded stage, and this should be taken into consideration in the future.

For the first time, the forum was co-sponsored with the Moscow-Pullman Daily News. The monetary

elementary schools in presidential years and increasing involvement by schools outside of Moscow. Home schooled children participated in the first two years, parents helped one year when we turned up short of volunteers and their participation has continued most years. Responding to the students' wish for voter privacy, we created voting boxes for the tables and these have been vastly improved upon by Amy Ford's creativity and time commitment. Amy also put together a mock election handbook for our use and it is available to interested parties. At the 1995 LWVUS biennial Council of Leaders in Washington, D.C., LWVMoscow was presented with the LWV National Student/Parent Mock Election Award for its innovative and effective work in the 2004 Mock Election.

We have continued the basic form begun in 1996 with improvements as they became possible. We know that in 2008 we will be much more involved in Moscow Junior High's voting. Jason Albrecht has organized this with help from his students for 6 years, and is ready to pass on the responsibility to someone else. We expect to be fully involved with the Junior High School from now on. This may require some adjustments with the way we organize the Mock Election on the elementary school day.

Sally Frederick

contribution from the newspaper was in the form of advertising, which helped the league quite a bit. Steve McClure, managing editor, moderated the county and legislative candidate section, and former league president, Linda Fox, moderated the state candidate section.

Questions came from league and community members prior to the forum, and this seemed to work well, although a number of people missed the opportunity to ask questions from the audience. The Daily News, in the review of their participation, stated that they would prefer the forum be composed only of local candidates.

The league appreciates the role the high school played by allowing us free use of the auditorium, making seating arrangements, setting up and manning the sound system, and providing tables for the candidates

to display their flyers and for the league to provide information to the public. A big thank you to members of my committee: Cathy Hannon, Liz Sullivan, Aly Bean, AnneMarie Goldstein, Sue Hovey, Judy Lingg, Henry Willmes, Sally Fredericks, Louise Regelin, and Nance Ceccarelli.

Joan Klingler, Chair

STATE CONVENTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

Our State Convention will be in Boise on April 27-29, 2007. This means that we will have our Annual Meeting a week earlier than we have in the past, on Wednesday, April 25. I think you would enjoy the convention, so take the opportunity of it being in Boise and join Aly (a director on the State Board) and me in Boise for an energizing experience and a chance to meet many interesting Idaho league members.

Sally Fredericks

POLITICAL DIRECTORY AND MEMBERSHIP LIST

There are two supplements to this issue of *moscow memo*, which will be sent by mail or as PDF files attached to email, with the same delivery preference as for the newsletter.

A current political directory has been prepared by Joan Klingler. She wishes to express her appreciation for help with proofing the directory to Sally Fredericks, Barbara Wells, Susan Steele, Shirley Ringo, and Judy Brown.

The second supplement, also prepared by Joan is an updated membership list of LWV, Moscow. When you receive your membership list, please check that your individual information is correct, and let Joan know of any corrections. You can phone her at 882-8853 or send an email to <joanleslie@adelphia.net>.

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