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Good-bye! – Hello!

It is interesting how time actually seems to “fly” by, especially when we are busily immersed in an endeavor. This is just how the past 9 years have passed since I took over editorship of **Worthy of Notice** when our first editor, Pam Anderson was forced to step down. (In fact, it had just begun to be titled “WON” shortly before!) I was not intending to be the editor, only to help the chapter until an editor could be found. That person was “found;” I just didn’t realize it until later when I was busy trying to “create” an interesting and informative newsletter for the chapter. It was, and still is, my belief that a good newsletter is important for a chapter; not just a “flyer” with a map to the next meeting location, but a paper worthy of a chapters’ membership. In the early years, this was easy to accomplish as there were many, many things going on regarding Lewis and Clark and it was easy to pick appropriate material for our area. However, since the bicentennial in 2005, this has not been the case, and for several reasons. Burn-out across the country was a big culprit, though others made themselves known. Many Foundation members are interested in other facets of history and have taken the opportunity to move on to explore a succession of topics. Many have just “checked out” of history altogether. Those of us who remain have been dealing with a myriad of problems just to keep the chapter functional and solvent, let alone the Foundation. I will admit that I have other interests in history too; after-all, I am an historian by degree. My over-all interest is in the Pacific Northwest though I work with the U.S. and World History in school. However, it is not the “other” interests that have compelled me to decide to step down, but the time commitments to school and to coaching two high school sports. These leave me with little time to myself and family. Or the chapter, for that matter.

As to the future, I will continue to support the chapter any way I can and to participate with chapter members on outings for a long-time-to-come. I want to learn more and plan to do so. And, enjoy it while I am at it!

In closing, I want to “Thank” all of you who have borne with me and given freely of your support and information without which this venture would have died an unpleasant death long ago!

I would like to take this opportunity to 1) Thank, and 2) to welcome aboard chapter Board member John Orthman, and Layne Corneliuson who have recently agreed to take over the editorship of the WON. As a re-enactor, John will bring a different perspective to the newsletter and, I’m sure, some interesting tales from his experiences along The Trail. I wish them well on their new endeavors. Look for some changes, possibly with the April issue. I’m sure they will be interesting.

In any event, please take time to welcome John and Layne aboard and, again, a big thanks for carrying on with the task!

Respectfully, Your Obdt, Servant,
Tim Underwood

Annual Business Meeting – February 6, 2010

The annual business meeting for the chapter will be held on February 6th at 10:00 at the Washington State historical Society Museum in Tacoma. The business meeting will begin at 10:00 followed by a presentation by Portland author John C. Jackson, who is quoted as being “half bear, half pussy cat,” and is co-author of “Meriwether Lewis” with Thomas Danisi. (See page 35 of the November 2009 WPO for a brief description.) Jackson is a graphic designer and author who follows the Jackson family creed of “always tell the truth no matter who gets hurt!” His exhaustive research has led him and Danisi to write possibly the best biography of Lewis to date. He has also written books about the Metis in the Pacific Northwest, Piikani Blackfeet of the Northern Plains, Indian Wars and Indian Politics. He is currently editing a history of the “North West Company Columbia Adventure” for his late friend Lloyd Keith.

Plan on attending this annual meeting, if you can. The business meeting will start at 10:00 and include nominations and elections of new officers, reports and any chapter business that needs attending. Mr. Jackson will give his presentation immediately after and should finish before noon, depending on the number of questions, of course!

Following the chapter meeting at about 1:30, the State Governors Lewis and Clark Committee will hold their meeting in the same location as the chapter meeting. Chapter members are welcomed and encouraged to attend this meeting, as well. However, you will most likely want to bring a lunch if you stay since there is a lack of eating establishments in the immediate area.

Hope to see many of you there!

LC Material Available

Chapter member Noel Wolff of Marysville is in need of disposing of his LC material. He would like to donate it to a group, library or organization that would be interested in Lewis and Clark. If anyone knows of such a group, Noel would appreciate you contacting him regarding such. The collection includes many miscellaneous books and pamphlets as well as the complete paperback set of the Moulton Journals. You can reach Noel at 360-659-9045 or by e-mail at nancyw6@verizon.net.

Thanks for the help!

International Context of the Expedition: Four Nations Vie for Northwest Lands

On Saturday, January 30th, the Oregon chapter is hosting a presentation by University of Portland professor Dr. Mark Eifler in which he will describe how the PNW was a hotbed of International competition between 1775 and 1815 as four nations – Spain, Russia, Great Britain and the United States – sought control of the region. The quest for furs was not the real reason behind these expeditions to the North Pacific coast of North America. There were great geopolitical ramifications that took greater precedence.

The talk will be held at 10:00 in 301 Shiley Hall (the Engineering Bldg.) on the Univ. of Portland campus.

Following the talk, participants will walk to the monument on the “bluff” that honors four members of the Expedition. A lunch gathering will follow in a local “pub” where the last remnants of the 1905 Lewis and Clark International Exposition can be seen. It should be a fun event!

Chapter Dues

It is that time of year again! Chapter dues are up for 2009 and need to be paid for 2010 so you will not miss any news of the chapter and the Foundation as it comes through here. As mentioned earlier, there have been (and probably will be more forthcoming) changes at the Foundation level, and some at the chapter level, that could affect all of us. Therefore, it is important that we continue to support the chapter so we can continue to present The Story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition as correctly as possible for future generations. And, what better way for members to learn more than to get out and join in on our outings to the many different LC sites we have in Washington and Oregon? Especially when new research has led to the discovery of new sites! We still do not have all the answers, and probably never will, but we are learning more all the time.

Send your check to Rob Heacock using the form below. And please include a current e-mail address so we can send information that way between issues of WON.

For all the officers and Board members, *Thank You* for your support!

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possible to encourage

wide membership. In addition,

*Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ members are

encouraged to make suppli-

mental donations to help
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** Optional – will be included with membership roster*

Please mark if address has changed.

Future Events for the Washington State Chapter

Feb. 6, 2010 Annual Chapter Business Meeting in Tacoma. The business meeting will begin a 10:00 with elections, reports and other business. The program for the day will given by John C. Jackson of Portland discussing his work on Meriwether Lewis with co-author Thomas Danisi. This should be quite an interesting discussion. Plan to attend!

April 2010 Spring outing and meeting. TBD.

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