

Worth of Notice

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NOTE: *Because of the recent devastating floods in Lewis County, this issue of the WON is vastly curtailed as our printer, The Print Shop, suffered almost a million dollars in damage to their printing machines alone and are only running at a limited capacity at this time. It is hoped that by the end of March, they will have most of their facilities back up and running that will allow us to have our regular newsletter printed again. ED.*

President's Message:

The past several weeks has been traumatic here in Lewis County. For those who have only seen the news broadcasts, it is much worse! Many families have lost their homes, farms, livelihoods. For most, Christmas was really a time of Thanksgiving for them, a time to count their blessings for what they have left. For those of us who have been affected by this disaster, it has been heartwarming to see how all of our local communities have come together to help others dig out from all the mud and debris.

As far as the chapter and the Foundation are concerned, you may have noticed the many changes that have taken place in Great Falls. The Foundation is actively working on the future of our organization trying to keep the interest alive and perpetuate all that we have accomplished as a result of the bicentennial. There are many things that still need to be done and/or continued - teaching the public, for example - and the chapters are an important cog in the overall mechanism for getting this done. The Foundation has instituted an aggressive program of sending representatives to chapter meetings - last year it was mostly regional meetings - to inform members of the direction in which the Foundation is headed and what we can do to help. As of this writing, we are expecting to have a representative at our annual meeting in Tacoma.

The meeting in Tacoma will be on February 9th at the Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Ave., on the mezzanine level, per usual. We will begin at 10:00 with our business meeting, election of officers and board members and anything else that is brought before the membership. To round out the morning session, David Nicandri, the museum Director, will speak to us about what the Bicentennial accomplished. At around noon, we will break for lunch and reconvene at 1:00 for what should be an interesting presentation by Tacoma resident, Karen Haas, with her interpretation of what it was like in St. Louis in October 1806, after the Corps had returned. Please plan to attend.

The following members have consented to serve the chapter for the year 2008. The vote will be conducted at the annual meeting in Tacoma. For those who will not be in attendance, you may send the ballot below to Doc Wesselius at 1608 Big Hanaford Road, Centralia, WA 98531. As always, write-ins are welcome.

Pres: Tim Underwood____; V. Pres: Jill Dykeman____; Sect: Rob Heacock____; Treas: Nick Giovanni____.
Board Members: Connie Estep____, Murray Hayes____ and Bob Harnden____.
Write-in nominations: _____

We will need to elect a new board member as Martin Snoey has decided to step down because of too many requests of his time. We wish Martin the very best in his other endeavors and hope that he will keep in touch. He has been an incalculable help to the chapter. We will certainly miss his sage council.

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The mission of the LCTHF is to stimulate appreciation of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's contribution to America's heritage and to support education, research, development and preservation of the Lewis and Clark experience.