

H and I west Chair Report

October 15, 2011

I cannot believe this is my last report as the H and I west chairperson. As this rotation began I started to wonder what I had gotten in to. Now it saddens me to realize it is coming to an end. I want to offer my sincere gratitude to all of you who continue to participate with Hospitals and Institutions. I know I have definitely become a better person, and for that I am eternally grateful.

Before I get to my report I do want to mention a bit of sad news. Our dear friend Geoff H. passed away after a battle with cancer. Geoff carried a great message and the archives of area 18 were entrusted to Geoff for the past few years. He will definitely be missed. The celebration of Geoff's life will be held Saturday, October 22 at 2 p.m. at Celebration Park which south of Melba along the Snake River. Please attend if you can. There will be a video of highlights of Geoff's life, food, and fun.

Last weekend I attended the fall assembly in burley. Friday night there was a round table discussion that went pretty well. I was delighted to see the speakers from Friday and Saturday in attendance at the round table. They have been doing correction work for a long time and definitely have the passion for carrying the message. The main topic was a common one, how do we get more volunteers to help out? I think it has been the same topic at every H and I round table I ever attended. Some Ideas shared were talk to the sponsor first, carry around applications, and even develop a point of contact person for each facility. I hope if anything people left feeling encouraged to continue doing the work.

Our new area officers were elected.

Delegate – Brian M.

Alt Delegate – Garren T.

Chairperson – Barry S.

Secretary- Chrystell

Treasurer -Karen F.

I have been in discussion with Barry regarding who will be the next H and I west chairperson, but no decisions have been made yet. I know that a person is never truly done with service and my passion will still lie with H and I. I trust that the future is truly in God's Hands. Please pray for the health of my family as we await the arrival of our newest addition. Again, Thanks for allowing me to serve as your chairperson.

Love and service,

Mike T.