



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Projects the NIFC NEA has in the works are covered picnic shelters on campus and a community garden. More information coming soon.**
- **The NEA Elections Are Coming Soon**
- **The NEA website is now online at [www.nifc.gov/nea](http://www.nifc.gov/nea)**

## Who We Are

The NIFC Employees Association (NEA) is proud to present the first issue of what we hope will be a quarterly newsletter. Our goal is to keep you informed of what is going on around the NIFC campus, what events are being planned and what the association is doing for the employees.

The best place to begin is to introduce the officers:  
Chairman – Brian McManus (FWS retired)  
Co-Chairman – Elna Black (Forest Service)  
Vice-Chairman – Betty Percival (Contractor)  
Treasurer – Kris King (BLM)  
Secretary – Sandra Braseth (DOI)  
Member at large – Allen Deitz (NWCG)  
Liaison to NIFC Governing Board – Bill Kaage (NPS)

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month in the BIA/FWS conference room at 12:30 p.m. Everyone interested is welcome to attend. It is especially desirable to have a person from each agency represented so if you have an interest or know of someone, please contact one of the above or attend a meeting.

The mission of the NIFC Employees Association (NEA) is to provide for NIFC employees and their families.

## NIFC Holiday Parties

The Holiday Party is in the planning process. The majority of people answering the recent survey indicated they wanted an evening party located off campus. We have reserved space at the Idaho Botanical Garden for the night of December 8. Mark it on your calendar. More information will be forthcoming.

An On-Campus Holiday Party is also in the early stages of planning if we can get enough participation to assist with this event. The date will be December 13. If you are interested in helping with the organization please contact Scott Bradshaw at 5373 or Kris King at 5069.



## Operation Gratitude

Don't forget Operation Gratitude. In the lobby of the headquarters building you will find writing material to use at a table set up to assist with your project. We will forward the items on to include in care packages being sent to our men and women in the Armed Services. You may add your own touches with family pictures, Idaho scenery, etc.



# Shirts, Hats, Mugs, and More

NIFC Merchandise is available in the lobby of the Jack Wilson Building. We have t-shirts, polo shirts, long-sleeved denims, caps, cups, thumb drives, patches and pins, magnets and decals, and even beer steins. We also do special orders if you need aloha shirts for Friday, a sweatshirt, hoodie, or fleece vest.

## COUPON

Bring this coupon to the NIFC NEA store and receive a free NIFC logo thumb drive, as long as the supply lasts.

Did you purchase one of the new NIFC cookbooks "Some Like it Hot"? Have you tried any of the recipes yet? If you have we'd like to hear from you. What did you try? Was it good? Are you planning to try another?

Congratulations to Penny Barrowcliff (NWCG), Don Sutliff (NICC), and Joe Frost (FPA) who have retired recently, and farewell and good luck to Bridgit Downing (FS Contracting) on her new job in Texas.

We'd like to include new employees, new moms and dads, and anyone else that should get a little recognition.

# Travel Items Needed



The NEA collects the unused miniature soaps, shampoos, conditions, and lotions that hotels/motels make available to their guests. If you're a traveler and have a drawer full of these at

home and don't know what to do with them, please deliver to the reception desk in the Jack Wilson Building. We take them to the Boise Rescue Mission who then passes them on to their facilities including the City Lights home for women and children.



The next election of officers for the NIFC NEA is nearing. If you would like to help organize the fun or know of someone who would be an asset to the group, please contact one of the current officers.

# Donations Gladly Accepted

A Clothing Drive will be taking place starting this month. Any gently used clothing will be gladly accepted. We are primarily looking for regular wearing apparel like jeans, shirts, socks, underwear, etc. Blue barrels will be placed in various buildings shortly. The items collected will be donated to the Boise Rescue Mission.

# Two Upcoming Events

Halloween is again going to be hosted by the Forest Service. No exact details are available yet but the date will be October 31. That gives us plenty of time to decide on costumes.

The annual book and crafts sale is November 9. We are in need of books and crafts too. If you have either you don't have to wait until the last minute to bring them. We'll see that they get stored until the day of the

sale. The craft items don't have to be handmade or holiday oriented. They can include baked goods, services, even lunch dates with fire directors. New and creative ideas are always fun.

