

Current Directors

Ralph Isom

Joined the board in 1990.



Ralph Isom has been a farmer and rancher for his entire life. His dad was a dairyman, so he was born into the business. He started renting equipment and stacking hay the year he got out of high school, opening his own hay business. Finding success in that, he started leasing farms and purchasing equipment. He got into raising cattle and then began purchasing farms. He grew wheat, barley, potatoes, alfalfa, and silage corn for feed lots. He owned and operated two ranches, one in Henry's Lake and the other in Centennial Valley. At one point, he owned 3,500 acres, had 750 mother cows, and had 47 employees working on his operations. He owned Eastern Idaho Potato and ran two feedlots for backgrounding cattle, with around 3,500 housed in the feed lot during winters.

Ralph married his wife, Paula, on March 31, 1978. Together they raised four children: Scott, Wendy, Kathy, and Jenna.

Ralph has been a Bonneville County Fire Commissioner for 20 years and served in various leadership positions in Potato Growers of Idaho for 25 years. Ralph's friend Jerry Scheid invited him to join the CHC Foundation board as someone with an agricultural background, and he's served on the board ever since.

Ralph's passion is fishing. He has done a lot of steelhead fishing on the Salmon River and has been known to sneak off to Alaska from time to time for a fishing adventure.

Written in 2025.

Leslee Martin

Joined the board in 2003.



Leslee Martin has a Bachelor's degree from ISU and a Master's Degree from BSU, both of which are in social work. Leslee worked at various agencies as a social worker, case manager, and clinician from 1992-2021. As a clinician, she worked for the State of Idaho (Region 7 Adult Mental Health and State Hospital South), working directly with individuals living with mental health issues, as well as their families.

In addition to her professional work, she has volunteered for various community agencies, including Hospice of Eastern Idaho, Southeast Idaho AIDS Coalition, Breaking Boundaries, and the Art Museum.

Leslee became a board member for CHCF in 2003, replacing Joan Hahn. Of this experience, she says, "I feel honored to be a part of this amazing foundation which generously grants to nonprofit agencies that are within the area that was served by the former Sacred Heart Hospital (Parkview Hospital). I have been lucky enough to meet with many people and volunteers who work for agencies in our community. These gracious people spend time working to improve our lives in our community through education, the arts, social services, recreation and health."

She was born and raised in Idaho Falls and feels lucky to call this area her home. She is married and has two children, three step children, two dogs, a cat . . . and last but not least, an amazing granddaughter! She is blessed to be retired and enjoy spending time with her granddaughter, family and friends, entertaining, playing pickleball, gardening, creating art, listening to music, and following true crime podcasts.

Written in 2024.

Margaret Leverett

Joined the board in 2003.



Margaret Leverett began her career in 1975 as a Registered Nurse. Working in Wyoming, Kansas, and Idaho, she did everything from working as a charge nurse in a hospital to teaching prenatal classes. In 1990, she completed the UCLA nurse practitioner program. As a Nurse Practitioner, she worked closely with Dr. Oldroyd in Idaho Falls, both in his OB/Gyn clinic and as a Surgical First Assist.

In 2006 she opened her own clinical practice, which she ran until retiring in 2020. The tagline for her clinic was “women’s healthcare with a women’s touch,” and she placed a high emphasis on getting to know her patients well, working to understand the context of their lives. She believed that all aspects of a person’s life---physical, mental, social, spiritual---were a part of their overall health. She found that as she took the time to really understand her patients and their lives, important information would come to the surface that enabled her to more fully meet their needs and help them achieve true wellness. “As a care provider, you can see 70 patients a day and make a lot of money, or you can see 15 patients a day and make a difference,” she recalls. “I chose to do the latter.” She has kept a file of thank-you notes received from patients over the years, which serve as a reminder of the good that came out of the blood, sweat, and tears she poured into her years of service.

In 1999, she received the Professional Woman of the Year award, recognizing her exceptional contributions as a business owner and healthcare provider in Idaho Falls.

Margaret has a great love for the Girl Scouts program, which she participated in as a child. “It was very significant in my life and gave me a lot of self-confidence,” she recalls. “I even earned my 20-year pin!” Because of this, she became involved with the program while her two daughters were young. She started as troop leader but soon became the Service Unit Director, serving over all the troops in a portion of Idaho Falls. She was responsible for interviewing and screening leaders, as well as supervising groups to ensure their activities were aligned with the vision and objectives of the Girl Scouts program.

In 2003 Margaret joined the CHC Foundation board at the invitation of a few friends who were already serving on the board.. “I have liked the fact that I have learned so much about all the different communities in Southeast Idaho. Before serving with CHC, I just didn’t know a lot of these programs existed. I’ve learned so much about this area by investigating grants - and I’ve met some of the coolest people when I go visit them. To be able to encourage these people and help their organizations in making a difference is exciting.”

Margaret raised two daughters: Anne, who is currently a criminal defense attorney in North-Central Phoenix, and Amy, a nurse who was finishing up anesthesiology school when she passed away in May of 2018.

Margaret loves animals and spent many decades rescuing older pugs. A couple years ago she decided to get a puppy, Missy, who is half chihuahua, a quarter pug, and a quarter whippet. “Animals are pretty awesome,” she says. “They are so much smarter than they seem. And they just know what you’re feeling.” She also loves to travel, cook, entertain, scuba dive, and go Jeeping.

Written in 2024

Scott Lee

Joined the board in 2008



Scott's degrees are in Civil Engineering (Bachelor's) and Environmental Engineering (Master's). This brought him to Idaho to work for Westinghouse Naval Reactors Facility. Over his 35-year career, he held positions as an engineer, group lead, and Environmental Support and Services Manager at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. In addition to Westinghouse, he worked for Argonne National Laboratory-West and Battelle Energy Alliance before retiring in May 2025.

He has been a member of the National Ski Patrol since 2000 and has worked for Grand Targhee volunteer Ski Patrol and the Idaho Falls Nordic Patrol. He served as the Volunteer Ski Patrol Director at Grand Targhee for six years and Director of the Idaho Falls Nordic Patrol for four years. Currently he is the Bike Supervisor for the Intermountain Division of the Ski Patrol as well as the Northern Medical Advisor and Instructor Trainer.

Scott knew nothing about the CHC board when he was asked by the spouse of a manager that he had worked for at the Argonne National Laboratory Site if he would be interested in applying for an open position. He researched the organization to see what they did and who they supported, and he talked with people at non-profits that CHC supported to ensure that the organization aligned with his values. He submitted his resume and was elated to be selected to take over the position previously held by Dr. John Sackett, whom he greatly admired.

He's "pretty much an introvert" who likes to help his kids, friends, and family with "fixing things or building projects." He tinkers in a number of things in retirement, including gardening at the Idaho Falls Community Garden, helping as a general fix-it guy on call for a number of non-profits in Idaho Falls, working on remodeling projects at his house or his kids' homes, traveling, hiking, biking, skiing, fishing, hunting, and walking the Idaho Falls Greenbelt with his wife.

Written in 2024

Alice Pike

Joined the board in 2012



Alice is a Certified Professional Mediator, handling primarily family court cases involving custody disputes. She also occasionally mediates landlord/tenant cases, small business disputes, and employment disputes. This is her “reinvested” career; for most of her professional life she worked as a litigation paralegal. She began that work in Salt Lake City with the law firm of McKay, Burton & Thurman. She worked there while pursuing her undergraduate studies at the University of Utah, majoring in philosophy. She was a litigation paralegal for approximately two years, and then worked for nearly three years as a bankruptcy paralegal for a bankruptcy trustee in their office.

She left Salt Lake and moved back to Idaho Falls when she married E. W. “Ted” Pike. After their marriage, she worked with him in their own law office. That is when she first became familiar with the CHC Foundation. Ted did their legal work and grant reviews, and he soon assigned much of that work to Alice. After Ted died in 2009, the CHCF Board asked Alice to continue in that role, and then in 2012 invited me to join the Board. I was honored to accept.

Community service has always been important to Alice. In addition to her work with CHCF, she served on the board for the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center for many years, and is currently vice-president of the Idaho Falls Symphony Board. She has enjoyed volunteering with various community organizations.

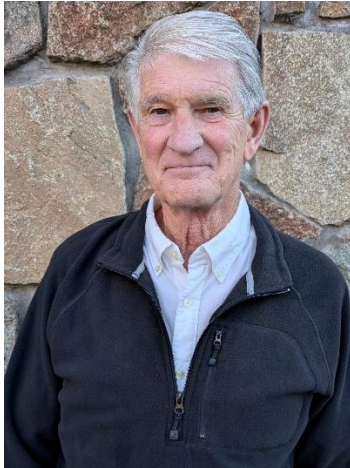
In 2012, she married Kenneth E. Krell, M.D. His wife, Pamela Krell, died shortly after Ted did in 2009. They began having dinner together to deal with their losses, and it gradually grew into a wonderful relationship.

Says Alice, “I am so blessed to have him in my life. I am grateful for the love and companionship we share, and for his unstinting support of my work with CHCF. I am also blessed to have a large extended family. I have eight siblings, and we are a tight-knit group. I also, in addition to the children I gave birth to (two boys and two girls), have five step-children from my marriage to Ted and three more from my marriage to Ken. I have 18 grandchildren from those relationships. Family is very important to me! In my ‘spare’ time I enjoy scuba diving, hiking, gardening, cooking, sewing, reading, and playing music.”

Written in 2024

Dick Fowler

Joined the board in 2012



Dick Fowler served as a fireman for Bonneville County Fire District for 26 years. He started in 1976, the year the Grand Teton Dam burst, and became Fire Chief in 1989. In 1991 the Bonneville County Fire District merged with the City of Idaho Falls Fire Department, and Dick was instrumental in the negotiation of that merger. He retired in 2002 but continues to maintain a position as operations officer for Bonneville Fire District.

In the mid-80s, Dick started buying, remodeling, and selling houses, along with his wife, Shawna. They completed house number 43 in 2022.

Dick also served as vice president of the Habitat of Humanity, helping to provide homes to families within Southeastern Idaho, and served on the board for Help, Inc, an organization focused on the prevention of child abuse. Dick, aware of CHC Foundation because of his volunteer work, was approached in 2012 about joining the board. He accepted a position as a director and has served as both board president and treasurer over the years. He finds his work on CHC Foundation fulfilling because he enjoys being a part of making dreams come true.

Dick loves the water, especially boating and water skiing (though he hates fishing.) During the summers he stays active at drag racing events throughout Idaho and into Montana. He has been married to his sweetheart, Shawna, for 54 years. They are the parents of two daughters, a son, and six grandchildren. They live on the Snake River and spend their winters in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

Written in 2025

Cher Stone

Joined the board in 2015



Cher is a retired barber/stylist who owned and operated Cherz & Co. for 45 years, and then began a practice of Spiritual Direction, Centering Prayer, and Dreamwork in 2013.

Leaving the University of Idaho and a degree in Education in 1972 to begin a career in a male-dominated profession was a reflection of the times and the emerging feminine energy. This led to owning several different salon locations and working with many wonderful people, not to mention all the interesting and diverse clients. As retirement age neared, Cher decided to spread her spiritual wings and attend Haden Institute for Spiritual Direction, graduating in 2013. Thus began her second career in Spiritual Companionship and Listening.

All through her life, Cher has been involved in serving her community by being a part of non-profit social agencies. It formally began in 1984 with the St. Mark's Soup Kitchen, which led to the creation of the Community Outreach Center, Emergency Housing Exchange, and volunteering for the Soup Kitchen and Community Food Basket.

Cher has served on the CHCF Board of Directors since 2015 and currently serves as secretary of the Board. The CHCF has given Cher the opportunity to be a part of awarding grants to innovative programs with much needed resources. It is a chance to give funds, and a change from her long-held practice of raising funds for the projects dear to her heart.

In an attempt to balance work and play, Cher loves to play golf, read, garden, cook, travel, and watercolor paint. Her favorite activity is walking with friends and visiting with family.

Written in 2024

Kristopher Smith

Joined the board in 2022



Kris joined the CHC at a moment when the board was seeking someone with educational expertise. Having long admired CHC's record of service to schools in Eastern Idaho, he was excited to contribute to its broader mission and make a meaningful impact.

Kris has nearly three decades of experience in education. He is currently serving as the Director of Compass Academy. Kris holds an Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree and a Master's in Educational Leadership, both from Northwest Nazarene University. His bachelor's degree was earned from the University of Idaho, where he first qualified to teach Special Education, History, and Psychology. Kris worked as a Special Education teacher in both Boise and Idaho Falls. He served as the principal of Longfellow and Linden Park Elementary Schools. Additionally, he was the Curriculum and Instruction Director for School District 91.

Kris is active in service to the Idaho Falls community. He has been a leader and coach for youth robotics in Eastern Idaho. He has served on the board of directors for a private school, his local church, a statewide granting foundation, and the Idaho Falls Soup Kitchen. He and his wife currently lead a service team at the Soup Kitchen. They have done this for over 10 years. They prepare a meal once a month with their family and friends for 125-175 patrons. While the meals are being served, Kris is often found in the back washing dishes.

Kris loves being in the Idaho outdoors whenever possible. His deep love for Idaho, the outdoors, and community service was initially formed in the rural town of Weippe, Idaho, where his parents were community leaders: his father, a teacher and coach, and his mother, often the sole nurse covering a vast region.

Kris is blessed with the support of his wife, who has been his partner for over 30 years. Together, they are raising two daughters, who have made their journey all the more rewarding. They love to travel together where their favorite activities are dining and visiting art museums.

Written in 2024

Sara Prentice

Joined the board in 2022



Sara Prentice is the director of Communications at Idaho National Laboratory where she leads a team of over 75 communications professionals.

She is the manager of Executive Communications, Protocol and Tours at Idaho National Laboratory. She is also on a detail to the Department of Energy as a special advisor to the Laboratory Operations Board.

At INL, she oversees a staff of communications professionals focused on supporting the INL laboratory director and deputy laboratory directors with executive communications. This also includes managing the teams that support VIP visits at the lab along with community tours.

As a special advisor to the Department of Energy, Sara supports the Laboratory Operations Board (LOB). The LOB strengthens and enhances the partnership between the Department of Energy and the national laboratories. The LOB also works to improve management and performance to execute the missions of the department and its laboratories more effectively and efficiently.

Sara is actively involved in the community and is currently the chairwoman of the Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce. She also sits on the board for the CHC Foundation, the second largest private foundation in Idaho.

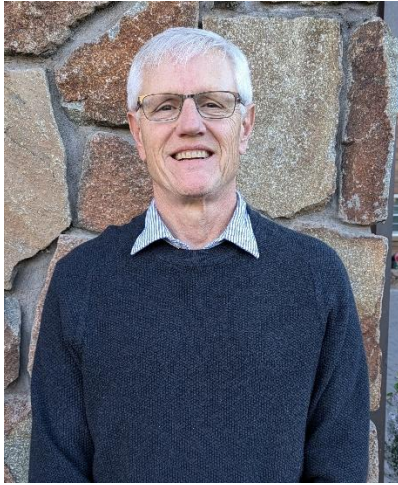
When Sara isn't working, she loves to enjoy the Idaho outdoors. Her family, including two small children, love camping, hiking and kayaking in the summer. She is also a huge college football fan. Her teams include Texas Tech, Nebraska, and LSU.

Sara holds a Master of Arts in communication studies from Texas Tech University and a Bachelor of Science in communications from Eastern New Mexico University.

Written in 2024

Jeffrey Keller

Joined the board in 2024.



Jeffrey was born at the old Sacred Heart Hospital in Idaho Falls in 1955 and graduated from Idaho Falls High School in 1974.

He practiced the first part of his career as an Emergency Physician at EIRMC. He was the Medical Director of the Idaho Falls paramedics for 25 years, as well as many rural volunteer ambulance services. He was also the first Medical Director of Air Idaho Rescue.

The last 24 years of his career were spent providing medical care for people incarcerated in jails and prisons. He and his wife, Angela, founded a company, Badger Medical, that, at its peak, provided medical care to people incarcerated in 17 Idaho jails and juvenile facilities.

For five years, he served as the Chief Medical Officer of Centurion LLC, a company that provided medical care to inmates incarcerated in several states across the US, including Massachusetts, Florida, Tennessee, and Minnesota.

He and his wife retired from clinical practice in 2021, but he still works (as much or as little as he wants) as a consultant.

He discovered the joys of running in his 60s. He also gardens with his wife, reads a lot, and golfs.

Jeffrey joined the CHC Foundation board in 2024.

Written in 2024

Susan Stueve

Joined the board in 2025



Susan Stueve was born and raised in Idaho Falls. She earned a bachelor's degree in social work from Idaho State University and worked as a social worker for EIRMC, District VII Health Department, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and CASI Foundation for Children, Inc. She went on to earn an MBA from Idaho State University and Idaho CPA license. She was the corporate controller/international accountant and logistics manager at Kyani, Inc. and a US/international accountant at Melaleuca.

Susan is currently retired and enjoying new pursuits in volunteer work. She has volunteered with CASA, SEIAC Breaking Boundaries, as an elementary school classroom volunteer, at Idaho Falls Food Basket and Idaho Falls soup kitchen. She was new to the CHC Foundation in 2025.

Susan has been married to Kirk Stueve for 38 years and has three children and seven grandchildren. Susan enjoys spending time with family, hiking, backpacking, boating, tennis, pickleball and travel.

Written in 2025

Former Directors

William V. Botts – Founding Board Member

Served from 1983-1987

Milt Adam - Founding Board Member (deceased)

Served from 1983-2018



Milton Frank Adam, 82, a 42-year resident of Sun Valley, Idaho, passed away Nov. 25, 2017, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

He was born in Chicago, Ill., on June 9, 1935, to Frank (a baker) and Agnes (Nemecek) Adam (a seamstress). He grew up in Cicero, Ill., and was a June 1953 graduate of JS Morton East High School.

The Monday following his high school graduation and 18th birthday, Milt began his career as a draftsman with Argonne National Laboratory/University of Chicago.

He was accepted at Northwestern University, but chose not to attend college because he felt certain required courses would be of no benefit to him and he would be bored. He had a brief stint with the U.S. Air Force and was a member of the Civil Air Patrol for many years.

In 1970, Milt accepted Argonne's transfer to their Idaho National Laboratory on the desert between Idaho Falls and Arco. His 42-year career included concept design and engineering of systems, equipment, special plant facilities and laboratory buildings for various aspects of radioactivity and nuclear power research, development and applications.

In 1975, he became a Sun Valley property owner and was a 20-year president of the Atelier Condo Homeowners Association. In 1995, he became a full-time resident, later moving into the New Villager condominiums.

In 1980, Milt was a founding member of The CHC Foundation in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and a board member at the time of his passing.

In 1995, Milt took an early retirement as a mechanical design engineer from Argonne. He returned as a contractor, but officially retired at 65, to pursue his love of extensive travels and engineering side interests. He traveled the world, skied, hiked, whitewater rafted, hot-air ballooned and sailed, among his many lifetime activities. He was a great conversationalist, former Idaho Falls & Bonneville County Planning Committee member, Sun Valley and Ketchum community political activist, along with submitting many stimulating letters to the Idaho Mountain Express editor.

He will be greatly missed and remembered for his ever-present smile, love of dancing, and heart of gold. He loved every day of what he did!

Milt was preceded in death by his sister Anne B. Svec (March 2014). He is survived by his niece Sharon A. Svec, a grandnephew, grandniece and several special friends.

A celebration of his life memorial is scheduled for June 2018 in Sun Valley.

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Joan C. Hahn- Founding Board Member (deceased)

Served from 1983-2002



Joan Hahn Obituary

Joan C. Hahn, 73, a retired mental health counselor and longtime former resident of Idaho Falls, died Saturday, March 2, 2013, at the palliative care unit of Hospice of the Valley in Phoenix. She was suffering from congestive heart failure.

Joan was born in New York City to Dr. John V. and Yolanda M. Corrado. She attended Catholic parochial and secondary schools in New York City and received her B.A. in psychology from the College of New Rochelle in 1959. She completed coursework for a master's degree in clinical psychology at Fordham University in 1961 and received a Master in Counseling degree from Idaho State University in 1986.

After a whirlwind courtship, in 1962, she married Idaho Falls native Robert F. Hahn, M.D., in New York City. They lived in Houston, Salt Lake City and Idaho Falls. Dr. Hahn died in 1982. In 1992, she married Ralph Struhs; the couple divorced in 1997.

While raising her five children, Joan remained an active member of her church and civic communities: She was past president of the Sacred Heart Community Hospital Auxiliary, the Idaho Falls Medical Auxiliary, the Christ the King Parish Women's Club, the Holy Rosary School Endowment Foundation, the Community Hospital Board, the Community Hospital Foundation and the Idaho Counseling Association. In addition to being a former treasurer of Cursillos in Christianity and a member of the Idaho Falls Rotary Club, she was also a founding member of the Habitat for Humanity team in Idaho Falls.

In her career as a mental health counselor, Joan worked for five years with patients at the Behavioral Health Center of EIRMC and at Christian Counseling Services before opening her own practice in 1991. She continued to see patients until her retirement in 2002.

Joan had a deep curiosity about the world and a love of culture, cooking and good conversation. Retirement brought her a chance to travel, with visits to Mexico, the United Arab Emirates and a monthlong cruise around South America. After moving from Idaho Falls, she lived in Sunrise, Fla.; Vancouver, Wash.; and Phoenix.

Joan is survived by her children, Margaret Richardson of Minneapolis, Robert Hahn of Phoenix, Gina Hahn Truog of Brookline, Mass., Katherine Hahn of Las Vegas and Michael Hahn of Washington, D.C.; four grandchildren, Graham, Claire, Robert and Kate; two brothers, Martin Corrado of Abu

Dhabi, UAE, and John Corrado of Sunrise, Fla.; and her dear companion, Ray Bouvier of Vancouver, Wash.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Stephanie Claire.

A memorial service for Joan will be held in July at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, with the interment of ashes following in the family plot in Rose Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be sent to the Holy Rosary Endowment Foundation Fund, 161 9th St., Idaho Falls, ID 83404; or Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014.

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Published by Post Register on Mar. 7, 2013.

Ray Pullen - Founding Board Member (deceased)

Served from 1983-1989



Ray Pullen Obituary

Raymond Jennings "Ray" Pullen, 88, of Idaho Falls, passed away Sunday, April 22, 2012, at his home at Bonaventure Living Center.

Ray was born Nov. 6, 1923, in Russellville, Ark., to Denny Allison Pullen and Selma Dixon Pullen. He grew up and attended schools in Arkansas.

He served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

He attended Idaho State University and graduated from its School of Pharmacy in 1950. Later that year, he moved to Idaho Falls and worked as a pharmacist at Skaggs Drug Store, then for Cliff Kirkendall.

Ray started The Prescription Center in 1958. He successfully operated The Prescription Center for over 30 years. The Prescription Center building on Placer Street is now owned by the Presbyterian Church and is used to house the Food Bank. Ray established a scholarship at the ISU College of Pharmacy. He was active in local and state professional pharmacy organizations and served on the Dean's Advisory Committee at ISU.

On Oct. 14, 1944, he married Joan Windom in Quero, Texas. Joan passed away Jan. 29, 2009.

Ray was a very active member of First Baptist Church. He was a lifelong member of the Idaho Falls Rotary Club, serving as District Governor in the 1980s and heading up many local service projects for that club. Ray and Joan attended several International Rotary Conferences. He served on the United Way and Community Hospital boards. Ray enjoyed gardening and taking care of his yard.

Ray is survived by sons, Dennis Pullen of Boston and Gary (Stacy) Pullen of Idaho Falls; daughter, Lisa (Mark) Cowley of Shelley; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ivon Pullen and Ralph Pullen.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at Wood Funeral Home, 273 N. Ridge Ave. in Idaho Falls, with Reverend Tom Wylie of the Idaho Falls First Presbyterian Church officiating. The family will visit with friends from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to

10:45 a.m. Saturday, both at Wood Funeral Home. Burial will be in Fielding Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial donations to the [Alzheimer's Association](#), 225 N. Michigan Ave., FL 17, Chicago, IL 60601, or online at <http://alz.org>.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.woodfuneralhome.com.

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Jerry Scheid - Founding Board Member (living)

Served from 1983-1994



I was born in 1936 and grew up in the little town of Jerome, Idaho. My father was in the sheep business and my early memories, as soon as I was old enough, are of going with my father and helping with the sheep. Our part of the sheep industry here in Idaho was to buy ewe lambs, over-winter them and then trail them to our summer range in Montana's Centennial Valley. The trip took about three months with 4,000 to 6,000 yearling ewes and was an adventure that I got to share in every spring as soon as school was out. The sheep spent the summer on the Montana ranch and were sold in the fall as replacement stock to large ewe and lamb operations in Idaho.

I attended school in Jerome until the end of my sophomore year. I then attended the New Mexico Military Institute and graduated there in 1955. I then attended the University of Colorado for two years until my father's health problems made it necessary for me, being the only child, to return home and become involved in the business. As part of my formal education, I later received an associate degree in Farm Business Management from Idaho State University.

In the early sixties, I took over the family ranching business, which now included a cow-calf and yearling steer operation. Over the years, I got out of the sheep business and went to strictly cattle. In 1991, I became a partner in row crop farming near Idaho Falls in addition to my cattle operation. I retired in 2012. My wife, Carrie Getty, and I live south of Idaho Falls with two dogs and a very entitled cat and are enjoying retirement.

My public activities over the years reflect my interest in the environment. I was one of the founding members of The Greater Sawtooth Preservation Council and The Idaho Environmental Council. I also served on the boards of The Idaho Nature Conservancy, The Greater Yellowstone Coalition, The Idaho Conservation League, and The Centennial Valley Association. Because of my interest in land use, I also served on the Bonneville County and Idaho Falls City Planning and Zoning Commissions.

I became a member of the Community Hospital board just after Intermountain Health Care decided to dissolve their consolidation with CHC. I remained on the board until I became a member of the EIRMC board. I was asked by the board to take the job of disposing of all of the old equipment and supplies that HCA did not want for the new facility. It was an interesting experience

but I reached the point where my business obligations demanded more of my time. One of my final acts was to oversee the demolition of the old Parkview building

My involvement with CHC is something that I found very rewarding and am proud of. It gives me much satisfaction to know of the great good work that the foundation has done over the years and continues to do.

Written in 2024

Anne Voilleque - Founding Board Member (living)

Served from 1983-2012



Anne is actively involved in the community and has been a huge supporter of the Idaho Falls Symphony for years. She supports arts-related organizations and is heavily invested in the renovation of the Frontier Performing Arts Center (formerly called the Idaho Falls Civic Center for the Performing Arts.) She has served on various boards and committees for the City of Idaho Falls, the Idaho Falls Community Development Board.

Anne is very passionate about Idaho Public Television and participates in yearly telethons by matching donations on money contributed from eastern Idaho residents.

Anne and her wife, Louise Nelson, were one of the first gay couples to get married in Idaho Falls when the Supreme Court ruled that gay marriage was legal. They have donated millions of dollars to important causes and created a one million dollar endowment in the Idaho State University Native American Business Administration Program.

Anne has been involved in global causes to champion for women and declares herself as a proud liberal with many conservative friends.

She was one of the original founders of the CHC Foundation and served on the board for almost 30 years.

She recalls, "Our original idea for CHC was to assist the promotion of the arts, education and community development in the region. I very much enjoyed the time I served on the CHC Board and we have become known and respected as an organization that cares."

From an article published on East Idaho news on February 3, 2019, with a few additions from Anne woven in by Rachel.

<https://www.eastidahonews.com/2019/02/newsmakers-anne-voilleque-is-passionate-about-the-arts-education-making-eastern-idaho-better/>

Linda Martin - Founding Board Member (deceased; I think this is her)

Served from 1983-1990



Linda Martin Obituary

SWAN VALLEY -- Linda S. Martin, 60, of Swan Valley died Thursday, May 28, 2009, at her home in Swan Valley. Linda was born Aug. 24, 1948, in Borger, Texas, to Lewis and Delores Scarbrough. She spent the majority of her childhood in Idaho Falls until the family moved to Chicago in 1965. There, Linda was reacquainted with Stephen Martin of Idaho Falls who was earning his degree from Northwestern University. They were married on June 22, 1968, in Swan Valley, Idaho, at The Chapel in the Valley. Linda completed her education at the University of Illinois where she graduated, with honors, in art history. In 1975, they moved back to Idaho Falls where they made their home.

After raising their three children, Linda and Stephen moved to Swan Valley, Idaho, where they built a home that has served as a sanctuary and refuge for all those welcomed there.

Linda devoted her life to taking care of family and friends, the arts, community development, and her ever-evolving relationship with God.

Linda was preceded in death by both her parents, Lewis and Delores Scarbrough, as well as her in-laws Ernest and Lucille Martin. She is survived by her husband, Stephen; her children, Rachel Martin, Abigail Wulf, Jeremy Wulf, Paul Martin and Jacqueline Martin; her two grandchildren, Noah Wulf and Charles Martin; her sister, Diane (Michael) Carey; as well as her loving siblings through marriage, Kathryn and Stephen Hutchinson and Patricia and David Martin.

Her children will remember her every day as the mother and friend who gave them both roots and wings -- and who dared to love her way through life.

A worship service in celebration of Linda's life was held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2009, at the First Presbyterian Church, 325 Elm Street in Idaho Falls, with Reverend Dr. Dennis Falasco officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Buck-Miller-Hann Funeral Home in Idaho Falls. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.buckmillerhann.com. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to the following organizations in Linda's honor: Chapel in the Valley PO Box 107, Swan Valley, ID 83449; Swan Valley Arts Council, c/o Teresa Nye, PO Box 186, Swan Valley, ID 83449; Idaho Falls Arts Council, 498 A Street, Idaho Falls, ID 83402; or Magical Moments Cancer Camp, www.campmagicalmoments.org, 956 Rainey Creek Rd, Swan Valley, ID 83449.

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Donald MacKay - Founding Board Member

Served from 1983-1987

Ernest “Ernie” Craner - Founding Board Member (deceased?)

Served from 1983-1997



Ernie was an all-stater in high school basketball and track, and an outstanding player in football and baseball. He also added a basketball letter at Idaho, before starting his work experiences as a teacher-coach in Burley.

Ernie followed with five years as a professor and coach at Albion, coaching baseball and track. 1951 had Craner taking the job as Superintendent of Parks and Recreation at Twin Falls. After 12 years at Twin Falls, Ernie was named Director of Parks and Recreation at Idaho Falls, a position he held until retirement in 1986. His list of accomplishments as a president, chairman, commissioner and director of so many national and state-wide organizations is endless. He has been honored for his service by the Twin Falls and the Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce, Amateur Softball Assn. of the United States, Idaho High School Activities Assn., National Federation of High Schools Association, Idaho Parks and Recreation Commission, Idaho State Softball Association and the State of Idaho Governor's Certificate of Recognition, just to name a few.

Ernie served 55 years as a high school football and basketball official; 20 years as a Big Sky Conference, WAC conference, and Skyline Conference official. His accomplishments as a coach, teacher, official, and commissioner in the field of athletics along with his great devotion to his community and state are endless. His legacy in athletics and community service leave a high mark that the youth of Idaho may attain by following in his footsteps. Welcome to the North Idaho Athletic Hall of Fame, Ernie Craner.

Bio taken from the North Idaho Hall of Fame. <https://nihof.org/inductee/ernie-craner/>

Carole Lentz (living)

Served from 2005-2024



Carole earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Nebraska. Shortly after graduating from college, she married her sweetheart, Gary Lentz, whom she met on a blind date as a freshman. Gary was an officer in the Navy, so the pair lived in a variety of places over the next five years, including Connecticut, California, Idaho, Hawaii, and South Carolina. During that time Carole worked a variety of accounting jobs, including a position at the Mystic Seaport Museum and a role in the Political Science department of University of California-Berkley. Their first daughter, Amy, was born in Charleston.

After Gary finished up his active duty in the Navy, the family moved to Idaho Falls, where their second daughter, Sarah, was born. Over the next decades, Carole held jobs at the Rogers Brothers Seed Company, Hartwell corporation, Shelley School District, and Anheuser-Busch.

Gary sometimes joked that volunteering was Carole's hobby. While their daughters were growing up, she helped with the organizational and administrative aspects of AYSO, volunteered with the Girl Scouts as a troop leader, and served on the PTO of her kids' schools. Later she volunteered on the allocations committee at United Way and eventually became a full member of the board, where she served until 2001. She also served on the board of the Salvation Army. She is also a member of the PEO, Philanthropic Education Organization, an organization aimed at promoting education for women.

In the spring of 2005, Forde Johnson called and asked Carole if she would like to join the CHC Foundation board to replace Jan Mathews. Carole knew several people on the board and was happy to jump in and get to work. She served for many years as the board treasurer, working hard to update the company's financial practices, and also served a term as board president. She resigned from the board in 2025, after 20 years of service.

Carole and Gary did a lot of traveling during their years together before his death in 2024.

Today, Carole splits her time between California and Idaho Falls. She enjoys traveling, gardening, yard work, being outdoors, and cooking.

Biography written in 2025.

Janice “Jan” Matthews (living)

Served from 1988-2005



Jan’s full name is Janice C. Hocevar Matthews, but she is known as Jan Matthews. She was a vice president and financial advisor for Merrill Lynch for over 43 years.

Jan attended Wharton School of Business.

Jan is not one to hold onto and recall her achievements and recognitions, noting that she is often genuinely surprised when people speak of them at different events. Trying to do her best to remember some for this biography, she said, “I have many designations but many I have not remembered as we were only allowed to put two on our business cards. I do recall that I had a CFA Certified Financial Advisor rating, Divorce Financial Advisor Rating, Significant Others Financial Advisor Rating, Special Needs Financial Advisor rating and Retirement Specialist Financial Advisor Rating from UCLA.” She has also given numerous financial talks, including one about retirement planning in Idaho Falls and another on retirement planning for the FBI at a regional meeting in Sun Valley. She was voted as the top financial advisor in Sun Valley at one time.

Jan was busy with many organizations in the community, including Holy Rosary School, Idaho Falls Figure Skating Club, Idaho Falls Hockey, Utah Hockey, and First Security Winter Games. She was also was a judge for high school speech and debate. She has planted flowers for the city. She was involved in the Christmas Gift run. She also talked at the Museum of Idaho.

Jan joined the CHC board in 1988 and served into the 2000's. She recalls, “I was very honored to have served. I felt it was a way to make some significant contributions to the community in many areas. I was honored to be able to research and learn of many needs that we don't always know or see. It was special when you could make a difference to a new or small organization that weren't in the spotlight.”

She recently retired. She has two children: Amanda, who is a scientist studying the brain with relation to dementia, PTSD, and concussions and is well known for her research, and Andy, a contractor in Florida with contractor’s electrician and plumbing licenses. She also has one grandchild, who is a delight. She has grand fur babies as well. Jan likes to travel and explore and has found in retirement that she now has additional time to do so. She does many different art things. She also quilts and sews other pieces. In retirement, she has become a more voracious reader and enjoys book clubs. She enjoys daily walks and working out. Most of all, she enjoys her family and friends.

Written in 2024.

Nick Masington

Served from 1988-1989

Donald Bjornson, MD (deceased)

Served from 1989-2006

Charles M. "Chuck" Rice (deceased)

Served from 1990-2007



Charles Rice Obituary

Charles "Chuck" Merton Rice, a longtime Idaho Falls business and community leader, passed away Monday, Sept. 2, 2013. While noted for his endless volunteerism and philanthropy, Chuck often stated that his greatest joy and contribution was in family.

Chuck was born the second child to Allen Buckner Rice and Ethel Kaake Rice in Whitmore Lake, Mich., on Jan. 26, 1925. Having graduated from high school at 16, he enrolled at Wabash College, where he ran on the track team and graduated with a science degree. Post-graduate work was recognized by the Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology with a subsequent master's degree awarded in physics from the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Rice served his beloved America as a communications expert for the U.S. Navy in World War II.

In 1947, he married Mary Esther Buelteman. They had eight children from 1950 to 1960.

Chuck's early contributions included design work for the U.S. Army's ML-1 mobile low power portable nuclear power plant, management of the Army Gas-Cooled Reactor Systems program and the AEC/NASA Nuclear Rocket Program (NERVA).

After nearly a dozen moves, Rice stated that when he arrived with his family in Idaho Falls in 1969, he had found a permanent home. He was right. Chuck served as president and CEO of both the Idaho Nuclear Corporation and Aerojet Nuclear Corporation, with responsibility for management of the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. In 1972, he founded the first successful technology spinoff company from the INEL -- Energy Incorporated. He went on to do management consulting in fields ranging from utility/regulatory disputes, nuclear power plant operation management and space defense initiative efforts.

Chuck was involved in professional associations over the years, including service as chair of the Technology Advisory Board of EITC; chair of the INL Citizens Advisory Board; member of the Engineering Advisory Council and a President's Associate at ISU; board member of Development Workshop Incorporated; fellow and charter member of the American Nuclear Society; and member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Also known for his community connections, Rice played a significant leadership role in the local Rotary Club, CHC Foundation, United Way, Bonneville Museum Foundation, Hospice of Eastern Idaho, SCORE and Idaho Foundation for Parks and Land.

Education and family were always paramount to Chuck. He was instrumental in encouraging and helping to finance the higher education of his children, grandchildren and many other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three siblings; his oldest son, Greg; and granddaughter, Stacey Heim.

He is survived by his children, Jo Finne of Seattle, Gayle Eaton of Donnelly, Maribee Sovereign of Hayden, Steve Rice of Portland, Randy Rice of Idaho Falls, Mike Rice of Clarkston and Ginny Kuhl of San Clemente. He leaves behind his beloved 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Please join the family for a celebration of life from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Willard Arts Center, with story sharing at 2 p.m.

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Maureen McFadden (deceased)

Served from 1991-2001



IDAHO FALLS, ID -- Maureen McFadden, 67, of Idaho Falls, passed away peacefully November 11, 2008, after living with breast cancer for five years. Maureen received care from her family, McFadden and O'Connor siblings, numerous friends, and Aspen Home Health Care and Hospice, to whom she was very thankful. Maureen received medical support from the oncology teams in Idaho Falls and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Maureen was born May 17, 1941, in Macomb, Illinois, to John and Kathleen O'Connor. Later the family moved to Strawberry Point, Iowa where Maureen and her younger sister, Ellen, attended school. She attended Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa, earning a degree in English. While at Clarke, she met James (Jim) McFadden at a school dance. The two wed in 1964. They had a son, Robert, in 1965 and a daughter, Ellen in 1969.

In 1968, Jim and Maureen moved to Idaho Falls, where Jim took a research position at the national Reactor Testing Station. They became involved with many civic activities, environmental issues, politics and various community organizations.

Maureen went on to get her teaching degree and Masters in Education from Idaho State University. She first taught at Emerson Elementary, then became principal at Longfellow, and later at Dora Erickson in District 91. While at Longfellow, she received the 1990 National Distinguished Principal Award of the State of Idaho. As an educator, it was her goal to make it possible for every student to succeed. She was extremely proud of the teaching staffs she worked with and the opportunities they provided to students and families.

Throughout her life, Maureen loved the Arts. She served on the Idaho Commission on the Arts and had a vision to create an art museum for Idaho Falls to support this community. From this vision, the Eagle Rock Art Museum, now known as the Art Museum of Eastern Idaho, was established.

Both she and Jim have been active in politics. Maureen worked with the American Association of University Women and felt that women were capable and could hold positions and gain the same pay that their male counterparts could. In 2002 she ran for the Idaho House of Representatives. Although she did not win the race, she was pleased to advance a conversation about improving

education for Idaho's children.

After retiring Maureen and Jim traveled to visit numerous friends and explored other countries and their culture. She took many trips with friends to see Broadway plays and operas. She and Jim also enjoyed frequent trips to Jackson Hole and Yellowstone. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Maureen brought enthusiasm, caring and, above all, a great sense of humor to everything she did. She will be remembered for her beautiful smile, generous spirit and enthusiastic laugh.

She is survived by her husband, Jim, son, Robert, his wife, Lorrie, and their sons, Nick and Matt, of Portland, Oregon; daughter, Ellen, her husband, Cameron Morfit, and their daughter, Lucy, of Boise, Idaho; and Maureen's sister, Ellen, and her husband, Larry Connolly, of Roswell, NM. Maureen also is survived by her Borland cousins living in New Mexico, whom she loved dearly.

The family has established the Maureen and Jim McFadden Family Fund to support art and education in southeast Idaho. In lieu of flowers the family requests that contributions be made to this fund through the Idaho Community Foundation at P.O. Box 8143, Boise, Idaho 83707 (www.idcomfdn.org) or The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho, 300 So. Capital Avenue, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402.

Memorial Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 13, 2008, at Wood Funeral Home, 273 N. Ridge, Idaho Falls. The family will visit with friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Friends are invited to the Art Museum of Eastern Idaho following the ceremony to celebrate Maureen.

<https://www.woodfuneralhome.com/obituary/Maureen-McFadden>

John Sackett (living)

Served from 1995-2006



John Sackett is a retired nuclear engineer.

John grew up on a farm in Twin Falls, Idaho. He spent much of his time in the shop on the farm building things, including an air-boat behind which he water skied on the snake river. He always knew he would be an engineer and so it was. He graduated from the University of Idaho with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and went on to graduate school at the University of Arizona to get a PhD degree in Nuclear Engineering.

He moved to Idaho Falls in 1970 to work for Argonne National Laboratory, where he worked for 34 years. He retired from the Laboratory in 2024 as the Associate Laboratory Director. His career there included Director of the ANL-W site in Idaho and as Associate Laboratory Director, responsible for nuclear energy research at the Laboratory, both in Chicago and Idaho. He received many awards on this journey, including the outstanding graduating mechanical engineer award from the University of Idaho, a full ride scholarship at the University of Arizona, Fellow of the American Nuclear Society, and exceptional Service awards from the University of Chicago (operator of Argonne National Laboratory). He is currently a partner in a startup company designing a Small Modular Nuclear Reactor being licensed in Canada.

John served on the CHC board for 10 years, contributing to many notable projects in the community. He found the experience to be quite rewarding and it deepened his understanding of the community.

John and his wife Karen raised two boys and spent many days on backpacking and river trips when they were growing up. John is a pilot and owned a Cessna 182 for 35 years before selling it to purchase another plane with his eldest son. John enjoys golf, fly fishing, skiing, and woodworking.

Written in 2024

Forde Johnson (deceased)

Served from 1997-2010



Forde L. Johnson Jr., 81, died October 22, 2023, after a long and full life.

He was born in Idaho Falls on May 17, 1942, to Forde and Molly (Porter) Johnson. Growing up, he enjoyed baseball, skiing, and bird hunting with his dogs. He was an avid golfer with two hole-in-one trophies on the mantel. He loved traveling, but always loved returning to his hometown of Idaho Falls.

Following graduation from Idaho Falls High School in 1960, he attended the University of Idaho. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and served as the chapter president. Upon graduation in 1964, he joined his father in the oil and tire business in Pocatello. He then returned to Idaho Falls where he remained a lifelong resident, local businessman, and active member of community, business, and volunteer organizations.

Forde worked in the insurance industry, attaining his CPCU credential, and eventually started his own company, Forde Johnson Insurance Agency. He also partnered with his brother to operate the oil and gasoline distribution and retail business founded by their father. He was active in the Western Petroleum Marketers Association throughout his career. His extensive combined experience in the insurance and petroleum industries was recognized with his appointment by the governor of Idaho to the statewide Petroleum Storage Tank Fund.

As a community leader, Forde touched the lives of many and was considered a valued and trusted mentor, advisor, and friend. He was a longtime volunteer for the United Way, serving as a board member and Chair. He contributed to Rotary International for many years, served as president, and was named Rotarian of the Year of the Idaho Falls club. He served as president and board member for the CHC Foundation as well as president and board member of the Alcoholics' Rehabilitation Association. He was a friend of Bill W. for 41 years.

Forde was well known for his strong speaking voice, his infectious smile, and the twinkle in his eye. He was also quite a snappy dresser, a meticulously prompt meeting leader, and an engaging guide for his "Official Idaho Falls Tour."

Forde and Karen recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary with mutual love and respect. Their marriage was full of both good times and difficult times, and they managed it all as a united front. They particularly enjoyed traveling the world together, and for several winters they would

escape the cold of Idaho by living in St. George, Utah.

Forde is survived by his devoted wife Karen and their puppy Molli; five beloved children – Scott (Paula), Heather (Rick) Carosone, Bradley, David (Diane Jacobson) and Kimberly (Omar) Ruiz; eight talented grandchildren – Ysabella, Lorenzo, Hayden, Reed, Elena, Emily, Owen, and Andrew; his brother Kenlon (Carol); and his brother-in-law Dean (Jan). He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Porter, and daughter Tami.

Funeral services will be Saturday, November 4 at 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 270 N. Placer Ave., Idaho Falls with the Reverend Lea Colvill officiating. Interment will take place in a private ceremony at a later date at Rose Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Soup Kitchen of Idaho Falls, 301 S. Boulevard, Idaho Falls, ID 83401, or to a charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Eastern Idaho for the care they provided to their husband, father, and grandfather.

Condolences can be made at www.BuckMurphy.com.

Obituary published on East Idaho News. <https://www.eastidahonews.com/obituaries/forde-l-johnson-jr/>

Deborah Jenkins (living; I think this is her)

Served from 1999-2003



Peggy Sharp (deceased)

Served from 2001-2022



Peggy Sharp Obituary

Marguerite Ann (Peggy) Sharp was 75 years old when she passed away suddenly at home from natural causes on April 6, 2022.

Peggy Lancaster was born in De Land, Florida on November 5, 1946, to Lester Jay Lancaster and Joan Marjorie Weber. She grew up in Sequim Washington on Grays Marsh Farms with her 6 brothers and sisters. She earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Bellingham University. She later earned a master's in curriculum and a certificate of administration from Idaho State University. In 1969, she married David P Sharp and they divorced in 1999. They had 3 children.

Peggy had respect and love for all and showed it through her hard work and compassion. She taught hundreds of children in Idaho Falls over the years. She taught at Holy Rosary, Osgood, Bridgewater, and Mountain Valley. She was the principal at Osgood Elementary School and White Pine Charter School. She headed the ecumenical effort every year for the past 30 years to provide gifts to over 1000 children in poverty in our area. She sat on the board and worked with clients each week at St. Vincent de Paul to provide emergency aid to people in need. She recognized the housing crisis in Idaho Falls and started the family emergency house shelter, Promise Ridge. She also sat on the CHC board for over 20 years, helping give grants to non-profits in the greater area of eastern Idaho.

She loved to garden, quilt, travel, and spend time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her siblings: Michael Lancaster, Patrick Lancaster, Jay Lancaster, Timothy Lancaster, Julie Chase, and Debbie Homberg; her children: Elizabeth A Sharp-Marsden (grandchildren: Elliott, Chas, and Finn), Joan Marjorie Sharp (Grandchildren: Corbin and Genevieve), and Richard Ian Sharp (Grandchildren: Charlie and Milo).

"And when great souls die, after a period peace blooms, slowly and always irregularly. Spaces fill with a kind of soothing electric vibration. Our senses, restored, never to be the same, whisper to us. They existed. We can be. Be and be better. For they existed." MAYA ANGELOU

In lieu of flowers please donate to Promise Ridge Emergency Housing c/o St. Vincent de Paul, 805 S. Holmes, Idaho Falls, ID 83401.

A rosary service and vigil will be held at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 18, 2022, with a visitation to follow until 8:00 p.m., at Coltrin Mortuary, 2100 First Street. A memorial mass will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 905 S. Lee, Idaho Falls. A Celebration of Life open house will be held starting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 3885 Crestwood Ln, Idaho Falls.

Online condolences may be sent to www.coltrinmortuary.com.

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J. Keith Ormond (deceased)

(served from 2006-2012)



J. Keith Ormond, 81, of Idaho Falls, died Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; their children, Don (Cathy) Ormond of Teton Village, Wyo., Kathy (Brett) Helmandollar of Eagle Mountain, Utah, Karen (Martin) Moore of Idaho Falls, Kristie (Joe) Shields of Reisterstown, Md., Suzanne (Dan) Ruza of Stillwater, Minn., and Julie (Jack) Hawkins of Boise; as well as wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Keith's life from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at the Willard Arts Center, 498 A St. in Idaho Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Buck-Miller-Hann Funeral Home in Idaho Falls.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either The Haven Shelter for Women, 2480 S. Yellowstone Highway, Idaho Falls, ID 83402; or Hospice of Eastern Idaho, 1810 Moran St., Idaho Falls, ID 83401.

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Ron Lechelt (living)

Served from 2007-2018



Ron Lechelt grew up in Britt, Iowa and attended medical school at the University of Iowa. He completed his pediatric residency at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines.

After his second year of medical school, in 1954, Ron spent the summer at the Great Lakes Naval Center, where he met a young woman named Nancy. Armed only with her full name, he began calling everyone with that last name in the phone book until he reached her sister-in-law, who gave him Nancy's real phone number. He borrowed a friend's car to court her, and by the end of the summer, they had decided to get married. They were married a few months later, over Christmas break.

Nancy and Ron moved to Idaho Falls in 1959, where he opened up a pediatric clinic with another physician. They eventually added three additional practitioners to their clinic, and Ron worked there until his retirement in 1993. He recalls that they did a lot of night calls and emergency visits. He worked at the Child Development Center two days a month, even serving as the interim director after the first director resigned.

Ron personally knew the sisters at the Franciscan Order of Perpetual Adoration who ran the Sacred Heart Hospital. He recalls, "It was a time when we were becoming more aware of staph infections and trying to be more careful about wearing masks and all that. But Sister Dominica, who worked with the babies, loved them, held them, and kissed them. She always ignored my reminders to wear a mask. She was always in there, day and night, taking good care of those babies. The other sisters were equally involved in the care and management of the hospital, from administrators to pharmacists. They were a wonderful bunch."

Having worked with organizations who had benefitted from CHC grants, and having such close ties with the Sacred Heart Hospital, Ron was delighted to join the board in 2007. He served for 11 years, including a 2-year terms as president, until he and his wife moved out of the area. He enjoyed being a part of building up southeast Idaho, including being a part of funding a community center in Moore and an ice skating rink in Teton.

Now, in 2024, Ron and Nancy split their time between Palm Springs, California and Missoula, Montana. They love to swim, golf (Ron), play volleyball (Nancy), and stay connected with friends. They attend Immanuel Lutheran Church in Missoula, where Ron sometimes gets to play the bongo drums. Ron and his wife are the parents of four daughters.

Written in 2024.

John St. Clair (living)

Served from 2010-2015



I am John St. Clair. I was born in Rupert but raised and educated in Idaho Falls, having graduated from Idaho Falls High School. In high school, I was active in debate and student government.

I obtained a B.S. (Business/Accounting) and J.D. (Law) from the University of Idaho but was fortunate enough to spend a college semester traveling around the world with my sister, her husband and my cousin, Richard (Dick) St. Clair, on the World Campus Afloat (Seven Seas) then a division of Chapman College/Orange, CA. While at Idaho, I was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, Intercollegiate Knights, and Blue Key. I also participated in many intramural sports.

I was an ROTC student and after graduation from law school, served for 3 ½ years on active duty in the United States Army Reserve as a Captain in the Judge Advocate Generals Corps serving at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

I practiced law with St. Clair, Hiller, Wood & McGrath in Idaho Falls from 1974 until 1981 and joined Hansen, Boyle, Beard and Martin, now Beard St. Clair Gaffney, PA, in 1981. I maintained an office practice in wills, trusts, estates, probate and real estate until retiring in 2019.

I was a member of Idaho Falls Rotary for 45 years and, with Stephen E. Martin, formed the Rotary 380 Charitable Association—the charitable arm of the Idaho Falls Rotary Club that handled the financial arm of the Great Snake River Greenbelt Duck Race. I served one term as President of the Rotary Club and as its secretary for a few years.

I started my charitable ventures by becoming a member and subsequent chair of Group Homes, Inc. an entity that administered a home for teenage youth in conjunction with and next door to Harbor House.

I was also active as a member of the vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church (now St. Luke's) and on the administrative council of St. Paul's United Methodist Church too.

I served on the EITC Charitable Foundation board for one year.

I was a long-time member of the planning committee for the Idaho State University Tax Institute, a program that brought lawyers, accountants, life insurance professionals, bank trust officers and other professionals together for continuing education.

I was on the local Salvation Army Advisory Board for twelve years.

I served a three-year term as a member of the University of Idaho Alumni Association Board of Directors.

I was a director of The Idaho Community Foundation for nine years and a member of its Eastern Region grants panel for nine years.

I served two years on the Idaho Falls golf advisory panel but resigned from that position when we started wintering in Arizona.

A lifelong friend and fraternity brother, Forde Johnson, Jr., was a member of the inaugural board of the CHC Foundation. Knowing of my history in many charitable ventures, when Forde was thinking of retiring, he asked if I would be willing to be considered for a role on the CHC Foundation board. I was honored to have been asked and, other than Rotary activities, having completed my other charitable ventures, I felt I had time to commit to CHC. I was selected to serve and spent five very enjoyable years on the board but having retired and spending half or more of each year in Arizona, I felt I could not serve as necessary to adequately perform the vital role that service required and resigned.

I have been twice married. Brenda and I have been married more than thirty years. Together our blended family consists of five children, eleven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

I enjoy playing golf, watching movies and reading fiction—historical fiction being my favorite genre, though I do enjoy the same sort of action-adventure plots in both books and movies. I frequently play numerous card and word games and other puzzle solving games on my phone. For the past couple of years, I have played Wordle daily and I dabble in Deal Dash. Amazon and I have much too frequent contact.

We enjoy traveling and have had “boots on the ground” in all fifty states and visited numerous foreign countries. We have also visited more than 25 national parks, memorials, and historical sites. We enjoy cruising and have done “back-to-back” cruises on several occasions.

Brenda and I have enjoyed serving missions for the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission. We have traveled to Brazil (4 times) and Haiti (Brenda three times, me once) on international missions, and to Oklahoma and Louisiana for U.S. projects. We also worked with St. Paul’s on local and regional projects

I follow the University of Idaho Vandals, the Seattle Mariners, the Idaho Falls Spud Kings, and the PGA tour.

I have spent a good amount of time in the last couple of years tracing my genealogy in an effort to see what my English, Irish, Scottish, and Welsh roots can tell me about my ancestors.

Biography written in 2024.

Theron McGriff (living)

Served from 2018-2022



Theron is an Arkansas native who transplanted to Idaho in 1990. Prior to joining Idaho National Laboratory (INL), he worked on a demilitarization project for the Department of Defense in Arkansas. At INL, Theron has held positions in Chemistry, Integrated Safety Management, Contracts Management, and is currently the Department Manager for INL's Performance Assurance Organization.

Theron has held leadership roles on various Department of Energy boards and corporate committees including the Energy Facility Contractor's Group (EFCOG), the Battelle Integrated Performance Management Community of Practice, the Performance

Analysis Functional Area Coordination Team (PA FACT) for Amentum, and he served as president and is the current operational strategist of Prism, INL's Leadership Council supporting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Ally employees.

In addition to his career at INL, he has been a strong advocate for the LGBTQ community. Self-termed a "reluctant advocate," his custody decision and subsequent appeal of that decision thrust Theron into the national spotlight. As the first LGBTQ parental rights case following the landmark Lawrence Decision (Lawrence v. Texas 2003 SCOTUS), Theron's appeal to the Idaho Supreme Court (McGriff v. McGriff 2004 Idaho Supreme Court) established legal precedence for LGBTQ parental rights cases in all 50 states.

Theron has supported many community organizations and served on numerous boards. He and his husband are among the founding members of a local non-profit organization, Breaking Boundaries, which supports inclusion and diversity programs. Theron has held positions on the Idaho Falls Symphony Board of Directors, the Community Hospital Charity Foundation Board of Directors, and supported the Idaho Falls' Arts Council.

Theron has received numerous awards and honors for his volunteer efforts including The President's Call to Freedom Award, he was honored by the National LGBTQ Bar Association and Lambda Legal as a "Pioneering Parent," and the INL Laboratory Directors' Inclusive Diversity Award. In 2018, Theron was honored by the Idaho Historical Museum in Boise Idaho and is included in their permanent exhibit of "Stories of Idaho." In 2020, Theron received the Governor Cecil Andrus Volunteer of the Year award for the State of Idaho.

Theron holds a BS in Chemistry from the University of Arkansas and a MS in Hazardous Waste Management from Idaho State University. He and his husband, Nick, have 2 adult daughters, Payton and Callan. Their family added a son-in-law Dylan in 2018 and grandson Rowen in 2020. Theron and Nick now make their home in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Biography written in 2024.

Roger Hott (living)

Served from 2018-2022

Administrators

Norma Armstrong

Worked as administrator from 1984-2002

Janie Walker



Worked as administrator from 2002-2020

Janie has a Masters's degree in adult education. She was the Assistant Director of Literacy as part of a special project through the American Bar in Washington DC, and Director of Community Education at Howard Community College in Columbia, Maryland, until 1979.

In 1979, Janie and her husband, Russ, moved to Idaho Falls when Russ took the job of directing the local office of Legal Aid. Janie took a job at Eastern Idaho Technical College (now CEI) as director of the learning center: ABE (adult basic education), ESL (English as a second language) and GED (General Education classes) for receipt of high school diploma prep and testing programs, as well as general individual tutoring for specific vo-tech academic classes.

Janie was then hired as the vocational evaluator and director of the Life Skills program offered by Development Workshop.

In 1999, she began work as Director of Aging, a division of EICAP.

In early 2001, Janie spent a year in Sarasota, Florida while her son swam competitively in his senior year of high school.

Upon her return to Idaho Falls in 2002, she was lucky to be hired as the Administrator of CHC to replace Norma Armstrong, the original administrator for the foundation.

Janie's past work experience, knowledge of social service agencies throughout the ten counties in Southeast Idaho, and contacts she'd gained through her past employment really helped her in offering good all-around help to the CHC Board of Directors as well as the agencies applying for grants.

She recalls, "My tenure at CHCF was a great 20 years!"

Janie loves to read and also enjoys flower gardening. She and Russ are the parents of one son, Timothy.

Written in 2024.

Rachel Skousen

Current Administrator (began in 2024)



Rachel was born and raised in Southeast Idaho. After graduating from Shelley High School, she earned a bachelor's degree in English literature. She moved back to Idaho in 2006 with her husband, working in various administrative positions for Domestic Violence Intervention Center, Harbor House, and Tueller Counseling in Idaho Falls before becoming the content manager at Adoption.com, where she worked for five years.

After leaving Adoption.com, Rachel and her good friend Jamie Borup co-founded an editing business, Style Guides Editing, aimed at supporting indie authors in publishing professional-quality writing in their books. She continues to do that on the side, but was excited when she heard from her friend Cher that CHC Foundation was looking for an administrator, having written a grant proposal for the foundation in the early 2000s on behalf of DVIC. When Cher described the position to her, Rachel said, "I can do all that!" She has loved having the opportunity to affiliate with the board of directors of CHC Foundation and see the many wonderful ways that people in the community are working to make our little corner of the world a better place.

Rachel and her husband, Abraham, are the parents of three children, Soren, Liam, and Isabelle. In her spare time, Rachel loves to read, write, dance, and spend time with the people she loves. She is currently working with some friends to create an inclusive spiritual community in Southeast Idaho, is helping the Rigby City Library begin a Friends organization to support their fundraising efforts, teaches free early-morning dance cardio classes, organizes an annual women's retreat for her fitness community, is the author of a self-help book, *Love Yourself to Life: Overcome Burnout and Embrace a Life of Abundant Joy*.

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Director Name	Biographical Info Source
Living	
Jerry Scheid	Idaho Conservation League Website
Anne Voilleque	East Idaho News Article
Jan Matthews	None found (except photo)
Don Bjornson, MD	None found
John Sackett	LinkedIn
Deborah Jenkins	None found (except photo)
Ron Lechelt	None found
John St. Clair	None found (except photo)
Theron McGriff	None found (except photo)
Roger Hott	None found
Deceased	
Milt Adam	Obituary
Joan Hahn	Obituary
Ray Pullen	Obituary
Linda Martin	Obituary
Chuck Rice	Obituary
Maureen McFadden	Obituary
Forde Johnson	Obituary
Peggy Sharp	Obituary
Keith Ormond	Obituary
Unsure	
William Botts	Couldn't find anything
Donald MacKay	Couldn't find anything
Ernie Craner	North Idaho Hall of Fame Bio
Nick Masington	Couldn't find anything