



RETIREMENT RECEPTION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018
4:15 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA



Jeanette Stander

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Jeanette was born and raised in Firth, Idaho. She attended schools there and graduated from Firth High School. She then went on to graduate from Ricks College and Brigham Young University.

As a child, Jeanette's family would make the long trip to visit her Uncle Cyprien's family out in Pingree. On the way, she would look for the schools. She remembers looking for Rockford Elementary, but never seemed to be able to find it.

While attending BYU she had the opportunity to student teach in Idaho, so she moved home for a semester and took classes in Idaho Falls and student taught in Shelley. She loved it there and was offered a position teaching 4th grade the next year. Because she had gone to Idaho, she needed one more credit to graduate so she attended summer school at BYU. She decided that since she was not married she also needed experience interviewing for jobs in case she decided to move. She went to a couple of interviews and when she interviewed with Snake River the superintendent asked her to look at the schools. It was a chance to go home, so she

did. As the principal of Rockford Elementary drove her to his school she looked at the beautiful fields of wheat and thought she could live here forever! He also took her to Riverside Elementary. They had openings in 4th grade at both schools. The principal asked her at which school she would like to teach. She chose Rockford. This suddenly was a problem. She had two teaching positions! She signed the contract with Snake River.

Jeanette met Gaylen Stander at a party that fall. They dated and were married one and a half years later. Their house is next to those beautiful wheat fields she saw that day visiting the schools in Snake River. They have four children: Lance, Teresa, Lisa, and Justin. They also have nine grandchildren. Gaylen is a farmer and working together, she was able to continue doing what she loved, teaching. Jeanette was able to teach each one of her children when they were in fourth grade, and she has taught five of her nine grandchildren. Such special times!

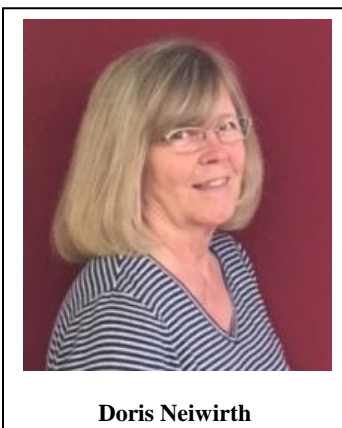
Jeanette said the following, "I love Snake River School District. I love and thank all the teachers and staff I have worked with during my 40 years in the district. They were and are such wonderful teachers and examples to me. The people in this area are the best to be found anywhere. I feel so blessed to live here."

Doris Neiwirth

Doris Neiwirth was born in Roseburg Oregon, and lived up and down the coast of Oregon and Washington until about the age of ten. She then lived in the Blackrock Canyon area near Inkom, attending church in Inkom, and school from sixth grade on in Pocatello, graduating from Pocatello High school in 1970.

Doris has lived in her home in the Rockford area since October 31, 1976 where she and her ex-husband raised two wonderful sons. Doris has enjoyed working in the Snake River School District for thirty two years as a school bus driver, and also as a helper in the Rockford Elementary School kitchen for several years.

Doris loves to travel with family and friends, has been to most of the states, and seventeen foreign countries, some more than once.



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Now in retirement, Doris is selling her home in Rockford and moving to Boise to be closer to her sons, granddaughter, and daughter-in-law. And, hopefully she will be doing much more playing and traveling with her family. In fact, she is going to Peru and Alaska this summer, and possibly Iceland next year. New adventures, here we come!!!



Carol Adams

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Carol Adams was born and raised in the Snake River School District. She is the daughter of Darwin and Pearl Young. She graduated from Snake River High School in 1972 and from Ricks College in 1974 with an Associate Degree. In 1976, she married her high school sweetheart, Mark J. Adams. They have five children; Stacie (Zack) Adams, Jared (Sarah) Adams, Angie (Weldon) Richardson, Cody (Casey) Adams, Nick (Jennifer) Adams. She has been blessed with 16 beautiful grandchildren.

After her children started school, she went back to college to finish her degree. She graduated from Idaho State University with a B.S. in Elementary Education. She started teaching for the Snake River School District in 1989. Her first year of teaching was spent in the 2nd grade in Pingree. The next year she joined the Snake River Middle School where she taught in both 5th and 6th grades. In 2008 she returned to college where she obtained her Masters Degree in Administration.

She has always loved teaching and being a part of the students' lives. She has many memorable experiences with her students as she has watched them grow into adults and now is teaching some of her first student's children. She has also enjoyed the many associations with fellow teachers, principals, parents, and students. She has appreciated the friendships, laughter, and support she has had throughout the years. She is looking forward to the many opportunities and adventures that retirement will bring.

The Snake River School District has been a huge part of both her and her family's life. She would like to thank everyone in the community for all their support and for all the great memories!



Karla Twiggs

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Karla began her teaching career in 1994, two weeks after graduating from Idaho State University. She was hired by Bryan Jolley to teach 7th grade English. She was one of the first teachers to pilot the combined two-hour Literature/ Language Arts block. She loved teaching "the block" because it meant she only had to repeat herself three times a day instead of six. She spent 19 years at the Snake River Jr. High with the exception of a one-year sabbatical to work for the J&K Albertson's Foundation as a technology fellow. For that job, she taught three week-long seminars in the summer and then spent the school year tracking her participants and visiting their classrooms. She traveled to schools in Idaho Falls, Menan, Salmon, Challis, Arco, and Mackay. That year of teaching teachers was one of the highlights of her career. During her 19 years at Snake River Jr. High she also coached 8th grade volleyball for three years, mentored new teachers, was very involved in the SREA, and helped with the Sunshine Committee.

In 2012, Karla was reassigned to teach 3rd grade at Riverside Elementary. It was like starting all over again, but she grew accustomed to a curriculum which required her to teach all disciplines. She also had to adjust to a different level of maturity and students that invaded her "bubble". The last 7th grade class she taught is graduating this year—a sign for her it is time to step away from teaching. She enjoys running into former students and trying to remember their names.

Karla will now join her husband Quinn in retirement. Her plans are to sleep in more, quilt and sew more, travel more, maybe golf more, keep attending plays, and try to complete 24 years' worth of unfinished projects. She has four married children and seven adorable grandchildren. Karla will be unable to attend the reception due to a prior commitment.



Karen Crook

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Karen was born the 5th child of seven children and first daughter to wonderful parents. Her parents were both well educated and therefore encouraged all of their children to pursue education following high school. They both had a love of learning that was evident all through her life. They were truly lifetime learners. It never occurred to her that she wouldn't get a college diploma.

Karen's love for teaching was fostered by her mother who taught high school and elementary school for a good portion of her growing up years. She had a love for teaching and was very good at it. As Karen watched her, she knew that she eventually would teach.

Karen spent the first nine years of her life on a farm learning how to work and had a lot of time to run free and explore her world.

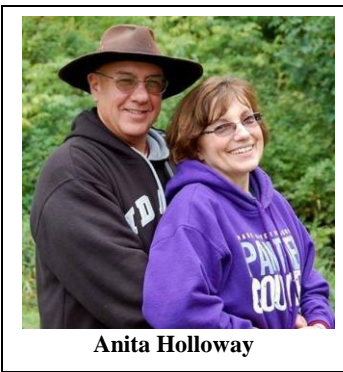
Later they moved to Orem where her mom worked as the head of BYU reserve library and her Dad worked on a college degree graduating at the age of 50. This was a great achievement because he was legally blind. It was a great example to her of the importance of education and that the sacrifices necessary to get a degree are worth it.

After graduation Dad found a job in Wyoming working with the visually handicapped which took them to Rawlins, Wyoming where she graduated from high school.

After high school, Karen attended Ricks College for two years. She then served a mission in Italy for the LDS Church. Returning from Italy, she jumped back into school and eventually acquired a degree in "Clothing and Textiles" and an endorsement in Home-Economics Education. She taught for ten years at Union High School in Roosevelt, Utah which she enjoyed very much.

At the end of those ten years, she felt a need for a change and was accepted in to the schooling counseling program at USU. Upon completing the masters program she was hired as a school counselor at Snake River High School. Karen has been here for the past twenty-three years. It has been a great experience and she is grateful for the time she has spent here. She is grateful for the people with whom she has worked and counts many of them as good friends. She feels like this has been the perfect place for her.

Retirement will give Karen more time to spend with her brother who has had some major health issues for the past two years. She hopes to be able to travel some, spend time with family, develop some of her talents and she hopes to discover new ones. She is also looking forward to sleeping in past 5:00 a.m.



Anita Holloway

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Anita was born and raised in Mackay, Idaho to Mel and Joyce Lemmon. She is the middle of nine children. Anita graduated from Mackay High School in 1976 and attended two years at Ricks College. She graduated with an Associate degree in Child Development and Family Relations in 1978. After her graduation, Anita started working in Title 1 at Washington Elementary School in Rexburg, Idaho. Anita met David Holloway in Rexburg and they were married in December of 1979. Dave and Anita are the proud parents of seven children. She set aside her career to raise their four boys and three girls. Anita lived in Moscow, Idaho and Bozeman, Montana while her husband completed his education. She lived for twelve years in Grangeville, Idaho before moving back to Southeast Idaho. Anita started work at Rigby Elementary School part-time before accepting a full time position with the Blackfoot School District where she worked for six years. Anita began working in the Snake River School

District in 2012. She has been awarded Classified Employee of the Year once at Snake River Junior High and once at Snake River Middle School. Anita has worked in a medical office and variety of school settings that were all enjoyable, however she found her niche at the Snake River Middle School. She loves the people she has worked with over the last six years and has learned so much from each one of them. Thank you Snake River School District for giving me some wonderful memories!

Anita enjoys spending time with her husband, children, their families, and her 27 grandchildren. She also enjoys music and traveling with her husband. After her retirement, Anita and her husband will celebrate their retirement on a cruise to Alaska. She then plans to move to Texas with her husband to be closer to three of her sons, their wives and fourteen of their grandchildren.