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Rev. Elizabeth Greene

“Home.” What a concept, as we say.

When people make the big decision to join our church, they often speak of a sense of coming home, and we use those words in the official new-member joining ceremony. There is that first feeling of having found this place and feeling “at home” right away, then getting to know us better and becoming involved enough to confirm that first sense. Once they have joined, it takes awhile to go to the next level, finding a deeper sense of home as they become more involved in the ministries that call them.

As many of you know, I have been living since January 1 in a home that is new to me, after 20 years in another home. I’m learning what it takes to come to that deeper sense of belonging in one’s personal place. I loved it when I first looked at it, and also saw that I would change some things. I did that, making it “mine” in a preliminary way.

Then, with a lot of help from my friends, I packed up the old place and moved into the new. On New Year’s Day, appropriately enough. I have spent the last three months—again, with a lot of help from faithful friends—”moving in,” deciding where to put things, hanging pictures, finding places for the turtles and owls and elephants. (Not live ones.)

Now, I want to christen the house by having all of you who can and will, attend an open house on May 5, from 1 to 5 pm. More information in the next newsletter and on email, but I’m telling

you early so you can mark your calendars. I’m looking forward to this next level of finding myself at home.

SUNDAYS

April 1, 9:30 & 11:15 am

“Fooling Around” Rev. Elizabeth Greene

The mytho-poetic implications of the Fool are legion, as are the philosophical and religious undercurrents of why we laugh. Or maybe Elizabeth just likes to tell jokes from the pulpit? Beverly Harley, Service Coordinator. Michael Stevenson and Susan Langley, Music

April 8, 9:30 & 11:15 am

“Rejoice and Bloom” Rev. Elizabeth Greene

On Easter, diverse faith traditions celebrate the way that life arises from literal and metaphorical death. This Easter, we rejoice at how all creation can bloom, even in the face of despair. Mary Hester, Service Coordinator. BUUF Choir, Music

April 15, 9:30 & 11:15 am

“Prayer?” Rev. Elizabeth Greene

In a revisiting of one of those “wounded words” a we UUs can find problematical, Elizabeth reflects on the larger meaning of the word •prayer. •h Wanda Jennings, Service Coordinator.

April 22, 9:30 & 11:15 am

“The Power of Yes,” Miriam Woito

Organic Growth - Change, Passion, Action. Some thoughts on becoming a thriving community. Hardy, Service Coordinator

April 29, 9:30 & 11:15 am

“Senior High Bridging” BUUF High School Seniors, Emmie Schlobohm, Director of Religious Exploration, & Rev. Elizabeth Greene

Do you need an infusion of hope for the future and to know that the world will be in good hands after we’re gone? Our senior high youth who are taking that monumental next step forward into their future will share their journeys and visions. Come celebrate their bridging from youth to young adulthood during these vibrant alternative services! Bill Hoffman, Service Coordinator



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Debra Smith, Board President

If you are part of any committee or affinity group at BUUF, you've probably been contacted about writing a mission and a vision statement, and goals that you have worked on this year, or plan to tackle in the future. You have been asked to submit these to the Board in a format that will allow us to publish them in our annual report. The board aspires for the annual report to become not only a snapshot of what we do, but also what we plan to do. Just that activity alone will invite us towards reflection, discernment, and deeper commitment to our ministry and our church's mission. We transform ourselves not by action, but by reflection upon our action. Mission statements as mindfulness. Who knew?

Now, this is not to say that all of you have been jumping at the chance to articulate the purpose of your ministry (mission), or your aspirations (vision). Some of you are part of groups who exist solely to have fun with others. And your aspiration is to continue to have fun for the foreseeable future. Your goals all focus on how to have more fun with others. Great! That's a mission we can support. But do you appreciate that you are fulfilling one of the missions of this Fellowship? To nurture one another in our individual searches for truth and meaning is a mode of stewardship—of care-taking. Having fun within a community is a mode of stewardship. Nothing knits a group together like enjoying each others' company.

Now the Board is, by its nature, a conservative organization. We seek to standardize and institutionalize. Because of that, we are requesting that every group and committee spend some time discerning their true mission, and to articulate where that fits within the church's mission. From that, we ask you to think beyond the tasks which must be performed, and to articulate a vision statement—maybe one that looks outward beyond nurturing this community and toward doing some justice work. And, as is to be expected, we got some good-natured “push back” from some of the groups—especially the affinity groups. I don't blame them. Some groups said that it didn't seem appropriate that a social group be made to participate in a discernment process deciding on the precise words to describe their responsibilities. But most of these groups do want to publicize their activities (another reason why we're doing this), and to welcome all who want to join with them. Having at least a statement of purpose that we publish in a central location will be helpful.

But, imagine that we have a group of folks who meet to create stained glass art. Because they're a cheeky lot, and they started as a tight-knit group of women, they call themselves the “Stained Ladies.” They have been meeting for years, and every year they donate a piece for our silent auction. But suppose this group has a desire to try to fulfill another part of our church's mission: to practice justice in the world. The group may decide to form a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club and to provide after-school lessons in the craft (this may call for a reconsideration of their name, however). This endeavor would become part of their vision, and they would set up goals to make it happen, and to measure the impact they are having. They might attract a few more people to their group. Perhaps they get assistance from the Finance Committee, and they begin a little enterprise as a fundraiser with the Boys and Girls Club. Meaningful life-affirming relationships are built up among the participants, old and young. Each year, in the annual report, they share their progress, and we celebrate their successes. Meanwhile, BUUF is becoming known for the creative ways its members fulfill their ministries, and do the work of building community.

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RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

The Symphony of Synergy

Emmie Schlobohm, Director of Religious Exploration (DRE)

The following is an excerpt of the homily I presented on March 4. In this time of congregational transition and the continued growth of our stewardship for our beloved community, There have been too many people who have talked with me and too much that has been coming together around me to ignore the implications of the message that resonates from the concept of ministry through covenant and collaboration.

...The Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is the people, my people, our people together. The work we do here, be it guiding children and advising youth, social justice work, financial accounting, moving chairs, or making coffee is profound work. We are creating sacred space for growth and transformation and none of us do it alone. We are many parts nurtured and played by many individuals coming together to create beautiful music and a holy place...

...The work we do here becomes a ministry because of the covenant we have with each other and this becomes a sacred space, a beloved musical journey we create together. What would this community look like if we covenanted together to strive to treat each task or project as a ministry or at least look for the ministry within or around the tasks? To see and hold others as if they were following their calling or performing their ministry? Wouldn't we treat each other with kindness and a sense of awe? We are creating a home where the family you choose lives and grows and works. Brothers and sisters together nurturing this space where the profound and sacred dwell because we are here together, raising, guiding

and nurturing our children and each other to be our best and most ideal selves. We are the symphony.

The Easter Bunny is revvin' up, but needs your help!

Please bring cans of food for the children to find. You can deposit them in the Bunny Bins in each vestibule on Sunday and during the week starting Sunday, March 25! Last year we started a new tradition of turning our yearly Easter Egg Hunt into a non-perishable canned food drive. It was a great success and we'll be doing it again this year.

Come one, come all to celebrate Easter on April 8 with the Great BUUF Easter Can Hunt! ALL ARE WELCOME, Friends, Neighbors, and Relatives! For the children with us, or in us, we will have an Easter hunt, for the cans, which each child can exchange for a book.

The Easter Bunny will be present, as will other Easter Treats!

If you'd like to help make this event happen, please contact Emmie Schlobohm at 658-1710 or dre@boiseuu.org.

Child Dedication Fast Approaching!

Our children are an essential and life-affirming part of our congregation. Unitarian Universalists believe that each child brings new life and hope into the world and we, here at BUUF, include a special ceremony to have the congregation dedicate themselves to the spiritual journey of the children during a Sunday service. If you would like to have your child(ren) dedicated please note that April 15 is the next scheduled date. The Rev. Elizabeth Greene will be performing the dedication. For more information, or to indicate your

interest, please contact Emmie Schlobohm, Director of Religious Exploration at 658-1710 ASAP

Young People Nowadays...

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend one of our most poignant and amazing Sunday services! On April 29, our senior high youth who will be taking that monumental next step towards their future will share their journeys and visions. Come celebrate their bridging from youth to young adulthood during these vibrant alternative services!

Summer RE Coordinator Needed

Summer brings a different look to Religious Exploration for children currently in preschool through sixth grade. Starting June 10, children in kindergarten through sixth grade will meet together and explore the world around them, while the preschoolers will enjoy their own special program. The Religious Exploration program is looking for an individual to coordinate these two important programs. The coordinators' primary responsibilities include scheduling and confirming volunteers, obtaining necessary class supplies and facilitating the in-class chalice lighting and opening ritual for each Sunday during the summer. If you are interested in learning more about this very part-time paid position, please contact Emmie Schlobohm, Director of Religious Exploration, at 658-1710 by May 6.

... Where Children are Wise and Adults Can Play – Teachers needed for next year!

Our young people are a miraculous bunch! They bring smiles, laughter, and joy to us all every week. If you haven't spent time in one of our Religious Exploration classrooms, you're truly missing out on a whole lot of fun, wonder and awe. Religious Exploration for children and youth is looking for teams of guides and advisers to lead and follow our youth through next year's explorations, discoveries and transformations. If you would like to join in on the phenomenon that is Religious Exploration, please contact Emmie Schlobohm, Director of Religious Exploration at 658-1710 to find out more about teaching in our classrooms - nursery through high school.

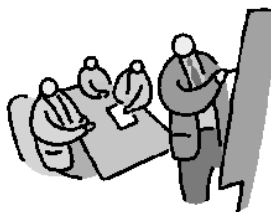
PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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Of course, for committees and leadership positions, the mission and vision statements become more critical. The process we go through will help us develop consistent policies that speak from the authority of our missions, rather than from individuals. This reduces interpersonal conflict, because when we are guided by missions, then our decisions are not personal, and they don't have the appearance of arbitrariness and fiat. So, get those statements in. The process can be enlightening.



COMMITTEES



Edify! Enlighten! Excite! Enthuse!

The Adult Education Committee at BUUF is responsible for developing the variety of learning opportunities offered to the fellowship each spring and fall. Our group is down to only five members, so we are actively seeking new folks to bring fresh perspectives and ideas for enriching course subjects. We want to schedule topics of interest to our diverse community. We welcome your suggestions, especially offers to lead a class, organize a book study, or teach a skill during 1 to 5 sessions (mainly weekday evenings). We are a low-key bunch that meets only once a month to brainstorm and facilitate scheduling for our biennial class listings. Some of us teach classes, but being an educator is not required: life-long learners and knowledge seekers, spiritual or terrestrial, are invited to join us to develop programs. We usually meet the fourth Monday of the month from 7 – 8:30 pm in the BUUF library. Please attend or feel free to contact members Gena Delucchi, Webb Van Winkle, Elton Hall, Ned Brewer or Sue Stadler for more information.

Strands and Webs of Communication

Robyn Broyles

The world of communications is broad, complex and dynamic, whether in a small family, or a growing organization such as BUUF. While our tree of knowledge is well established, it needs regular maintenance. The Communications Strand is looking for some assistance. We have a simple vision: create an environment where

people can find, join and serve with us.

Creating a secure and stable IT environment that is easy to use, learn and modify is a big endeavor. Can you help make it a reality? Do you have an interest in our web, and if so, willing to get your fingers on the keys? We want you!

Half of today's population is under the age of 30. Of those aged 25-45, 90% are using a social platform for their information, be it Facebook, Twitter, Linked-in or Google. We're creating space and connections for people who have never known what it's like to not have a computer. All things are connected and as such, we are looking for those willing to help us realize our connectivity and engage with our Communications Strand, explore technology and provide policies and strategies for best use of our resources.

We meet the fourth Tuesdays of the month in the BUUF Library at 7pm. If you are interested, please email rbroylesbuuf@gmail.com for information; or come to our next meeting.

A View From The Bridge

Jolene Schow



Spring has sprung at the Bridge Event Center and calls are coming in to book weddings and other events for the summer. We're gearing up to introduce and show off our fine facility to a new crowd of guests who might not otherwise hear about BUUF.

We ask your help in keeping our site and your spiritual home inviting and nice. If you have an event of any type, please make sure you leave things looking "company ready" when you're finished. Karen and Cathy are frequently giving tours to perspective clients and they want to show clients our best. Your assistance with this is most appreciated.

Besides our unique and picturesque backdrop, we offer clients things other sites do not. For example, we allow clients to utilize their own caterer (or

Travel Bugs

Sue and Mike Philley first traveled to Bali, Indonesia, in the early 1970s, before the influx of mass tourism. In 2010 they returned to Bali and took an ocean-going ferry to the less visited island of Lombok, where the people are predominantly Muslim in contrast to Hindu Bali. They will talk about their impressions, illustrated with photos, on Friday, April 27, at 7 pm in the Channing Room.

Sage Visions

Tom von Alten

The BUUF Sages have met since the 1980s, with precious little organization, but plenty of interesting participation. Of late, it's a semi-monthly affair, 9:30am on second and fourth Thursdays of the month (save Thanksgiving and near-Christmas), and including a (no-host) breakfast at the Kopper Kitchen (2661 Airport Way).

We've had travelogues, interactive transportation planning, political theater, biography, art, law, philosophy, and yes, even some religion from time to time, given by "regulars" and by invited guests. Should we be more organized? On April 12, we'll consider our history and our future, whether we share a Vision and a Mission that make us an operational part of the Fellowship. Board member Robyn Broyles will introduce the topic, and we'll discuss what we'll make of ourselves.

On April 26, we'll continue Dr. Chuck Lauterbach's perambulation through the history of theater. He started the rise of the Bourgeois in the 18th century with "sin" last time, now it's time for "sobriety." Newcomers are always welcome! Contact Tom von Alten (378-1217 or tva@fortboise.org) for more information or to be added to our reminder list.



John Harms Tie Day – April 8

John Harms died in January, 2008 at the age of 87. At his memorial service, family and friends were asked to choose as a memento one of the 100 neckties John had accumulated over his lifetime. This simple act prompted Roy Montague to create "John Harms Tie Day". This April 10 (three days shy of John's birthday) will be the fourth "John Harms Tie Day".

Members and friends are asked to wear one of John's ties (or one their own) in memory of a man who rarely missed a Sunday service. John always wore a suit and tie to church. Originally, he wanted to offer something of the familiar to visitors who may have left a more traditional faith tradition. Eventually, it became his hallmark attire. John and his wife Vi, who died in 2001, served BUUF in many capacities over 40+ years. Many will miss John's summer services where he wove musings from his Baptist upbringing with insights on the Dead Sea scrolls, the Ebionites, current politics and sociology, and stories of Gooding County farm life in the 1930s (often in one 20 minute sermon). He was irascible and tender-hearted, humble and vain, serious and clever. His niece, Linda, said it best, "John Harms was an unforgettable man, an original even in a state and region that produces a lot of vigorously independent characters and fearless truth seekers and speakers." So please, wear a tie on April 8 — and think of John.

Ministerial Lunches

Looking for a chance to chat informally with fellow BUUFers and our minister? Ministerial lunches are where it's at, held twice a month, no

host and no restrictions on topics you might want to bring up.

Tuesday, April 10, Miss Tami's Cottage and Tea Room, 1031 North Main Street, Meridian, 11:30. (It's always possible just to have coffee here, too.)

Friday, April 27, the cafeteria in the URS Building (formerly Washington Mutual, even more formerly M-K) on Park, across Broadway on the inbound Extender, 11:30. Go in the double doors behind the big fountain. (Be sure to look at the wintry sculpture of the icy fountain!)

Come join our little lunch parties!

Are We Religious?

Jeanette Ross

BUUF's humanists met to hear how William Murray describes religious humanism. Murray says that we are more alike than different; it's more a matter of emphasis in what we believe and how we express that. Some of us find comfort and community in a ritualized weekly service. Many of us, if not most, believe that humans are capable of—obligated, in fact, to work to improve lives and protect our world. Religious humanists typically accept the same principles as most UUs—advancement of humanity through scientific principles, rule of law at all levels of organization, principles of decency, universal human rights. They also value compassion, community, honoring needs for arts, culture and a balance between feelings and intellect, all essential aspects of being fully human. Some avoid the word 'spiritual' even as they experience what others call the spiritual dimension, accepting mystery and wonder, awe, respect for and appreciation for natural world. Most do not posit a supernatural realm in the universe.

Secular humanists trace their lineage through Greek humanism and philosophy to the European Enlightenment, philosophers and development of scientific inquiry. They place high value on skeptical attitudes, right &

obligation to dissent. Secularists also place more emphasis on individual qualities- emphasizing the importance of rationality, logic. And a quick survey of UUs finds us to be a mix of all this plus a dash of libertarianism, all meeting around the coffee urn, cup in hand, ready for conversation. This leads us to April's program, April 15 in the BUUF library (we leave you to brunch for Easter) at our usual 11:15 time, for an introduction to Frederick Edwards and his latest venture, the United Coalition of Reason.

Fringe Topics: Twilight Zone

There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.

Third Thursday, April 19, 7PM, Channing Room, South Wing, BUUF.

We will be discussing Rod Serling's famous TV show, the Twilight Zone. Come tell us about your favorite episode. Discuss with us some of the topics and experiences depicted in the show and what they can mean for us.

BTW, Rod Serling was a UU!

History Keeper's Note

Elaine Durbin

Jo Douglas was one of a kind—unique. Jo also was one of a pair—the David and Jo Douglas pair. Many knew and loved Jo, not so many were acquainted with David. David, in accordance with the ways of life, left BUUF on January 18, 1996.

David was a farmer and sheepman, with a great shake of pale red hair and matching complexion (causing many trips to see the dermatologist), who walked with head bent low as though he might be tracking wayward sheep. He had a rather high-pitched, resonant voice and a whistle his dogs paid attention to. In addition to Jo's Shelties there were always two or three farmdogs of indeterminate breed outside (sometimes inside). His farm (she was a city girl) on Floating Feather Road in Eagle consisted of fewer than 15 sheep and a few acres producing onion

seeds. He didn't care to travel as she did but he was eternally curious and kept aware of art and political and economic conditions throughout the world, This latter tendency is what caused him to be known as "the farmer who subscribes to The New Yorker."

David was an unassuming, modest, down-to-earth guy. He had been reared in a large LDS family of Scots descent, had several brothers and sisters, and he and Jo had met soon after high school in Salt Lake City. They both loved ;laughter and to tell and hear stories. When asked recently, the Rev. Elizabeth Greene remembered David as "seemingly shy but articulate when he did get started... His knowledge was broad and deep, aesthetically sophisticated..."

David and Jo seemed remarkably complementary and also, while making and reserving their own space, welcomed many others into their world.

Wanted: Your Stories of BUUF

During this year of sharing our stories, we are finding there are a lot out there. A group is working to preserve many of those stories in a book about BUUF's history.

We need you! We are looking for historical items, such a pictures, significant event fliers and more. And we're also looking, of course, for stories! Our group has a basic outline of significant events in our Fellowship's history, but we want the history to be from many different points of view.

What are your favorite memories at BUUF?

Were you a part of the work group that found the property our Fellowship currently occupies?

What do you remember about that process?

And what were your first impressions of BUUF when you first arrived here?

If you would like to contribute anything to our endeavor, please feel free to contact me, Jen Grush-Dale, at idahojen@earthlink.net or 333-8976. I can return photographs and other documents once I scan them.

Here's to BUUF past, present and future!

The Other Book Club

Come join us for a lively discussion on books and other topics. We meet on the second Sunday of the month from 7 PM to 8:30 PM.

Our April 8 book is Moon Tiger by Penelope Lively. We will meet at the home of Carol Wilke, 5186 Trail Wind Dr., Boise, 761-1769.

Our May 6 selection is Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson. We are meeting the 1st sunday of the month so there will be no conflict on Mother's Day or BUUF's annual meeting. We will gather at the home of Erin Logan, 2116 N. 17th St., Boise, ID 336-4960.

On June 10 we will be discussing Cutting for Stone by Verghese Abraham. We will gather at Kathy McGowan home.

We will take July off and return in August with Crossing to Safety by Wallace Stegner. Future books include Possession by AS Byatt, Baker Towers by Jennifer Haigh, etc.

If you would like to be on our email list send your address to erins4960@msn.com.

Happy Reading!



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THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS...

CELEBRATE COMMUNITY!

This month, Rev. Elizabeth Greene encourages us to *Celebrate Community!* In her column on **page 1**, she tells us about Celebration Sunday and our Annual Giving Drive. Our Board President, Debra Smith, outlines the activities in her column on **page 2**.

LOTS OF OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH OUR KIDS

Ever wanted to be more involved in the Children's Religious Exploration program? You can! Check it out on **pages 3-4**.

SERVING BUUF

It takes people, time and effort to maintain and grow a community. Want to find your niche at BUUF? Check out **page 4** for two opportunities to serve on committees. Then on the **back of the calendar** there's information on how to help out with the landscaping. Several "landscape parties" are planned!

KNOWING WHERE YOU'VE BEEN....

A group of long-time BUUF members and friends have begun the task of writing down the history of UUs in the Treasure Valley. We need your help - your stories & your memorabilia. See the story on **page 7** to find out more.

NEXT Newsletter Deadline...TUESDAY, April 17, 2012 at NOON

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Events at BUUF unless noted

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Four BUUF Landscape Parties!

Spring is coming and here's your chance to work together on our beautiful grounds with like minded people.

Dates: Saturdays, March 24, April 14, May 12, June 9

Time: 9:00 - 12:00 AM

No work parties are scheduled for summer. Spring is best!

The "Mother Mary Anne Model" has been a great work party success with refreshments and socializing afterward.

Mary Anne is our Work Party Coordinator. Let her know if you will be there for lunch. mahedrich@msn.com H 336-0179 C 721-1296.



Refusing to Be Enemies: The Zeitouna Story

"Can't we all just get along?" - Rodney King

One hour documentary (followed by discussion) about SIX ARAB and SIX JEWISH WOMEN who struggle to overcome their prejudices, fears and anger through dialogue.

Sponsored by the Boise Chapter of UUJME* on SAT April 14, 4 PM, Channing Room, South Wing, BUUF.

FREE. All Welcome.

*Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East. (BUUF is not an official sponsor of UUJME.)



Idaho Friends of Jung Events

In cooperation with BUUF's Adult Religious Education program, the Idaho Friends of Jung are offering two significant events at BUUF this spring.

Dr. Heike Weis, a Swiss psychiatrist and Jungian analyst will do a presentation and workshop on the topic "Trauma and Healing in a Woman's Analytic Process" on Friday, April 6, 7-9 p.m., with a wine and cheese social time at 6:30. \$10 donation suggested. A workshop will follow on Saturday, April 7, 10:00 a.m. to pursue the topic in a more intimate milieu. \$20 donation suggested. Dr. Weis was the female "spirit" in the documentary film "The Jung-White Letters."

Linda Leonard, an author and Jungian analyst, will do a presentation and workshop on the topic "The Call to Create and the Individuation Process" at BUUF on May 18, 7-9 p.m., with a wine and cheese social time at 6:30. \$10 donation suggested. A workshop will follow on Saturday, May 19 at 10 a.m. \$20 donation suggested.

All events are at BUUF. More information on these events and on IFJ can be found at www.idahofriendsofjung.org.

ITEM OF INTEREST

Help with School Funding & Safety Net Programs in Idaho

Bob Huntley

Due to an inadequate tax structure in Idaho, our basic infrastructure is declining toward making Idaho the Mississippi or Appalachia of the West. The past three years have seen funding for schools decline by \$200 Million, higher education by \$180 Million and other social services by more than \$30 Million.

An Citizens Initiative is being promulgated for the November 2012 Ballot which eliminates 19 of the 93 exemptions to the Sales Tax, reduces the Sales Tax from 6% to 5%, and raises a net revenue income to the General Fund of approximately \$371 Million. This is possible because the exemptions are \$1.7 Billion and the Sales Tax Revenue is on \$1 Billion.

The Initiative sponsors need 1,000 people throughout Idaho to circulate 3 Petitions with 20 signatures on each to gather the needed 60,000 signatures by April 30th.

Please contact Bob Huntley or the website www.SUTinIdaho.org or the tables in the North and South vestibules to pick up Petitions for your collection of signatures.

This is a unique Social Justice Outreach opportunity – Please Join Me.