



NW Federal Employees Association

To: All Federal Employees and Contractors
From: Mollie Gratreak, Associates President
Date: January 10, 2011
Re: Associates Membership Drive for 2011

I would like to invite you to join the Northwest Federal Employees Association, better known as the "Associates." The 2011 membership year is from February 1, 2011 to January 31, 2012. The annual dues are still only \$5!

You can join the Associates at any time by sending \$5 and the attached "2011 Membership Form" to one of the Governors on the attached list. Retirees can send \$5 and the attached "2011 Membership Form for Retirees" to The Associates, Attn: RETIREE'S MEMBERSHIP - B155, 905 NE 11th Ave, Portland, OR 97232.

Membership entitles you to reduced prices for products and services at our book fairs, candy sales, and events. The Associates also has wheelchairs and medical equipment you can borrow, a Notary Public to sign documents, and a paperback lending library at the BPA Dittmer Building and in the basement of the BPA Headquarters 905 Building.

The Associates Foundation awards at least \$5,000 per year in academic scholarships to members' children. Members are also entitled to apply for special grants (in case of a personal catastrophe). Members may elect to have a Caring & Sharing presentation for in the event of a death, illness, or injury, of you or an immediate family member, or for birth or adoption of a child.

The Associates is also involved in sponsoring blood drives, canned food drives, the foster children's holiday gift program, and many other charitable functions. Associates members can also join various sports teams, such as golf, bowling, and softball. Membership fees are included in the cost of joining the sports teams.

Special events, such as the Children's Holiday Party and the Summer Picnic, are held each year. Both are sponsored by the Associates for its members. We also organize Holiday Bazaars, Book Fairs, and various other fund raisers. We are able to offer discount programs for group events such as Blazer games, ballets, plays, concerts, and ice skating shows. All money raised goes towards the Associates Scholarship fund, the Caring & Sharing Program, and various grants that may arise during the year.

The Associates includes not only BPA employees and contract staff, but employees from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management. Our organization has been going strong for over 70 years and continues to be a very important part of being a Federal employee.