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(L to R) UCN President Jennifer Tartan, LCEA Vice-President Leanna Ogle, and NSEA President Terry Hickman

WILD TIME AT WILD ISLAND

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For the first time, Washoe Education Association invited the small counties of UCN to attend a members-only family day at Wild Island on September 9, 2006. This was the first year WEA has bought out the entire park for a Members Appreciation Party. Vice-President Leanna Ogle made the arrangements for LCEA members to attend the day of free food, live music and fun at Wild Island.

Over 30 LCEA members and their families attended the Wild Island Party. Members were charged only \$5 per person for entrance to Wild Waters! Members also received discounted prices for the other Wild Island attractions.

Leanna said the day was perfect. The weather was outstanding and the food excellent. People from locals as far away as Humboldt and Eureka counties came for the day. She also said it was wonderful to be able to provide members with such an immediate and fun way to say "Thank you for your membership." She hopes to arrange for members to attend again next year. Mark your calendars for the weekend after Labor Day 2007!



The Uniserv Council of Nevada includes the following Associations and Organizations from the counties shown and highlighted on the next page:

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 - DOUGLAS COUNTY SUPPORT STAFF ORGANIZATION
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 - ELKO COUNTY SUPPORT STAFF ORGANIZATION
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 - ORMSBY COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
 - CARSON CITY HEALTH SERVICES PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION
 - PERSHING COUNTY CLASSROOM TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
 - PERSHING COUNTY SUPPORT STAFF ASSOCIATION
 - STOREY COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
 - WHITE PINE ASSOCIATION OF CLASSROOM TEACHERS
 - WHITE PINE COUNTY SUPPORT STAFF ORGANIZATION
- and also
- RREA, RURAL RETIRED EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

The Uniserv Council of Nevada is made up of twenty-six Associations and Organizations from fifteen of Nevada's seventeen counties.



Name the UCN Newsletter Contest

We need a new name for the new UCN Newsletter. Would you like to use your creativity for fame and fabulous prizes? Well, fame for sure. I'll see what I can do about fabulous prizes. Please submit your ideas to:

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Tuvalu Training at Summer Leadership

By Leanna Ogle

What's a Tuvalu? Is it a bird, a plane or a dance craze? No it is training in team building and communication skills. It was named after a tiny island nation in the South Pacific. The Tuvalu Island Nation consists of 129 tiny islands that add up to less than 10 square miles of dry land. There are fewer than 9,000 inhabitants on these specks in the sea. These humble, friendly people have spent the past several centuries surviving by being able to communicate with each other over the widely scattered islands. The premise that communication is basic to survival is what the NEA Tuvalu training is based upon.

Each of the UCN Locals was invited to send a team of its members to the two day training on July 31-Aug. 1, 2006 at the Carson Valley Inn in Gardnerville. Leanna Ogle and Jane Wren were the LCEA members who attended. LCEA President Steve Fargan was one of the trainer/facilitators.

The first day the teams were loaded into school buses to go to an unknown destination. The group went up Kingsbury Grade to the South Shore of Lake Tahoe. The Tuvalu explorers boarded the gondola at the Heavenly Resort to go to the top of the mountain. Members of the 'Magical Mystery Tour' were asked to answer questions on a scavenger hunt about the Tahoe area. The gondola stopped at a spectacular lookout area midway up the mountain so members could hunt for answers and talk to other visitors.

The group boarded the gondola to continue the ride to the top (it was no small feat to hop into a moving gondola car with grace and style). When the Tuvaluans arrived at the top of the mountain they embarked on a hike. The trek afforded a 360 degree view of the Carson Valley and the Sierra Mountains. After surviving the high altitude hike, they returned to the main lodge for lunch.

Before leaving the lodge each team was asked to develop goals for improving communication in its own local. The teams were to create a perfect island with perfect communication amongst its member inhabitants. They were to draw a map of their island to present to the rest of the group later that afternoon.

The second day of the training dealt with ways to improve cooperation among the members of a group to reach consensus when making decisions. The activities showed the teams that "several heads are better than one" when making important decisions.

Leanna and Jane will work to bring to life some of the ideas they developed at Tuvalu this year. They want to increase member participation. They also hope to encourage more members to gain leadership skills to keep LCEA moving forward into the future. Both members want to encourage others to take the Tuvalu training.

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