

January 2011 Dana Ward Newsletter

Dana Ward Bishopric

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Dear Dana Ward - As one year closes and another opens my thoughts turn to what I accomplished in 2010 and I think about what I would like to Do, Become and Achieve in 2011. If the truth be known I only reached 2 of 7 Goals I set for myself in 2010. Did I fail? I don't think so because I am better off than if I had not set goals and just drifted aimlessly. Good came from the incomplete goals as well i.e I did not read 12 books but I am better off because of the 5 that I did read. Part of our Heavenly Father's plan, I believe, is that we grow, achieve and be successful in our righteous desires. I encourage each of us, young and old, to realize the joy that comes from swimming upstream rather than just floating adrift down stream.

Volumes of information exist on goal setting. Here is one idea and a few quotes:

Setting SMART Goals

The simple fact is that for goals to be powerful, they should be designed to be SMART. There are many variations of what SMART stands for, but the essence is this – goals should be:

Specific
Measurable
Attainable
Relevant
Time Bound

"People with goals succeed because they know where they are going. It's as simple as that." -
Earl Nightingale

"A goal properly set is halfway reached." -
Abraham Lincoln

"For me, goals are my road map to the life I want. They have helped me accomplish things I once thought were impossible."
Catherine Pulsifer

Love, Kyle Hassell

2011 Meeting Schedule

9:00 AM Sacrament Meeting
10:20 AM Sunday School/Primary
11:10 AM Relief Society/Priesthood/YW
Block meetings end at 12:00 (Noon)

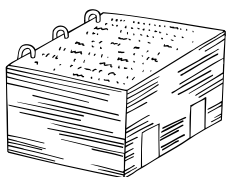
Happy Birthday

January 2011

- 1 Cole Montgomery
- 1 Elizabeth Crandell
- 4 Jessica Hale
- 6 Emma Southwick
- 8 Efrain Rodriguez
- 10 Jennifer Mehlberg
- 10 Jessica Hawks
- 12 Samantha
Montgomery
- 12 April Hogue
- 12 Shellie Stark
- 12 Sofia Hines
- 13 Edith Glass
- 15 Betty Curtis
- 16 Ferrel Dilworth
- 18 Joshua Stephenson
- 18 Amalynn Merkley
- 18 Sulieti Fotu
- 19 Danielle Driggs

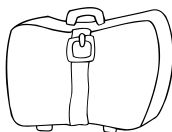
20 Steele Crandell
 21 Chad Gardiner
 21 Tyler Stradling
 22 Brodey Patenge
 25 Amy Calhoun
 27 Bernadette Coopwood
 28 Johnnie Dickson
 29 Dawn Nichols
 29 J-nya Coopwood

Missionary Mailbox



Elder Mark E. Driggs
 (Dallas Texas Mission)
 13747 Montfort Dr. Ste 120
 Dallas, TX 75240-4497

The Driggs family is looking forward to Elder Driggs mission release date of February 2nd and his return home from teaching and tracting in the Texas Dallas Mission. As a ward, we are looking forward to hearing his mission report in Sacrament Meeting upon his return. Elder Driggs has mixed emotions about winding up 'The Best 2 Years of His Life!' It is hard to say farewell to his mission experiences but great to come home to family and friends in Arizona.



Elder Isaac Standage
(Micronesia Guam Mission)
PO Box 21749 GMF
Barrigada, Guam 96921
Guam



Dear Dana Ward,

It's official. I was allowed to extend my mission and my official release date is March 18, 2011. I feel good about it and am so pleased it has been approved. The Church is true!

Elder Standage

The Standage family got to talk to Isaac on Christmas Eve and he is still serving in the mission office but thinks he may be transferred next time around. They have received his travel itinerary for his trip to return home and are excited about the prospects of having him home once again.

Elder Matthew G. Eyring
Idaho Boise Mission
1111 S. Cole Rd.
Boise, ID 83709-1869



Matthew is doing really well. He is completing 7 months in Eagle, Idaho and is pretty certain he will be transferred at the end of January. He is training his second new elder. It is cold but he likes it. We won't be surprised if when he comes home, he reports on his mission, and then heads right back up to the Boise area for good! They have 2 people lined up for baptism which means they are starting to see the blessings of their many months of hard work in Eagle.

After overcoming some technical legal situations he finally has an Idaho drivers license. He has quickly learned the joys of applying the hand brake on snow covered surfaces.

Elder John Pace
Idaho Pocatello Mission
1246 Yellowstone Ave Ste F3
Pocatello, Id 83201-4374



Dear Dana Ward –

It is very very cold here! Things are going good. My area has about 700 people. This town is smaller than Payson! I'm excited that there are quite a few Hispanics here so we will have lots of people to teach. My new companion is from Mexico and he is really cool--he has been out for 14 months. They pulled both Elders from this area a while ago so we will be starting fresh with 0 investigators, so this is definitely going to be a challenge!

The new area I'm in is a bit slow compared to Idaho Falls! I have acquired a nickname here in the field. It's been going around that I'm pretty good at tracting. So the president has given permission to the Zone Leaders to have me go to the other Spanish Zones and help them tract! They call me "The Tracting Machine"! I really love tracting because you know me, I love meeting new people! Everything is going really well right now! The assignment I'm going to be on is called a "Blitz"! Anyways that's the only big news in this little town of Driggs, Idaho! The President also gave my companion and me permission to go to Idaho Falls for CHRISTMAS! I'm so excited because I got to see the family I baptized

while serving there. I really was blessed to be a part of their lives!

I Love to get letters and packages from home!

Love,
Elder Pace



Marinda Hunt got her mission call to South Dakota, Rapid City, English Speaking. Her

Sacrament Meeting Farewell will be Jan.

23rd. She will be serving from the Dana Ward. Marinda will report to the MTC in Provo on January 26, 2011.

FYI: Our full time Missionaries **Elder Lyon & Elder Imlah** may be reached at 495-8138. They live at 1634 E. Nielson Ave.

MISSIONARY HUMOR



"I got the missionaries; now I'm working on building up a teaching pool for them!"

Missionary Christmas Gifts



Christmas all over the world.

New Faces in Dana Ward Places

Dilworth Brinton has moved into the ward, next door to his cousin, **Anna O'Bryant**. Dilworth was a member of the Dana Ward several years ago. It's nice to have him back!

Alex Shope, 17 year old son of **Cristal James**, has moved his membership records back into the Dana Ward. Alex is a



Sophomore at Mesa High and played football for their JV and Varsity teams this school year. He also has completed his Eagle Project and is just waiting to receive his award. Alex is a member of the Priest Quorum and will baptize his little brother, Cayden, on Jan 8th in the Dana Building. Welcome back Alex!

Benn & Jennifer Ashley have moved into the apartment behind the Ray Crandell home. Their address is 149 S. Lazona - Rear, and phone: 213-1436. They are a newly wed young couple and will be fun to have in the ward!

Chelsea Evans (Chris Martin's Grand-daughter) is just here till mid-Jan when she will be moving to Flagstaff to attend Coconino Community College. Chelsea works as a teller for Wells Fargo Bank and was able to transfer to their Flagstaff office to continue her employment while she attends college.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU BETTER!

Hal and Judy Cluff were the first couple to be interviewed for marriage in the brand new 19th Ward by Bishop Robert Tryon. There have been many wonderful Bishops since then; each one filling special needs of the times and membership of the ward that evolved into the Dana Ward.

Hal was born in Bluewater, New Mexico and Judy Harris was born in Shelbyville, Kentucky. Their parents eventually moved back to Mesa and they both graduated from Mesa High, the alma mater of both their parents as well as their three children. They were married in the Mesa Temple on a very hot June day.

While a student at Mesa High, Judy was editor of the *Superstition* yearbook and on the staff of the *Jackrabbit*, the school newspaper. Hal attended a year and a half at ASU and then was called to serve in the Samoa Polynesian Mission.



Part of his missionary experience was teaching in the LDS South Pacific School at Viola and later Sauniatu. This teaching experience was particularly rewarding and helped him choose teaching as his life vocation. He also served as the Branch President and later as Supervising Elder of the Falelima District. Upon completing his three year mission, he returned to ASU and completed a Bachelor of Science Degree in Horticulture and a Master's Degree in Botany.

Meanwhile, Judy started college at ASU while working at the Arizona Bank on Main and Stapley. They were married in the Mesa Temple and over the next few years, their family increased by 2 sons and 1 daughter.



While the Barkley Ward Building was being built in a cotton field, the Cluff's attended the old 2nd Ward Mesa building and then the old Gilbert Ward Building. They taught Sunday School and Primary classes. Over the years, Hal taught the Elder's Quorum, served as a Young Man's advisor and other priesthood callings and endured many Geronimo Scout Camps. He also served two bishoprics as ward clerk. Judy served in Young Women, Primary and Relief Society callings and was the costume specialist for many Road Shows, Dance Festivals and stake productions.

After graduating from ASU, Hal joined the teaching staff at Westwood and then Mesa High as a biology teacher. Judy eventually went back to ASU and after their kids were grown, she taught at Edison Elementary School. After 30 years in the Mesa Public Schools, Hal retired and he and Judy did some foreign traveling.

They went to Europe to join their oldest son when he was released from his Danish Mission and got to see parts of South America when they went to Chile to pick up their son after his mission in Santiago. One of their sons lived in South Africa and then Australia due to his employment and Hal and Judy got to make several trips for extended periods of time, to visit those continents.



At present, they have three grandsons and two granddaughters with possible prospects of

more as their daughter and her husband contemplate adoption.

Now they are just old and funny but try hard to stay awake through our block meetings. Nevertheless, they do love our Dana Ward Family and are grateful to each of you terrific ward members. (Thanks for putting up with us!)

Notes on Dana Ward Folks



Ethan Merkley has turned 14 and been ordained to the office of a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Daniel and Tonya Scott had their new baby girl on Dec. 13th and have named her Alexandria. She weighed in at 7# 14 oz. and that's the last time we will print her weight!



Brother Jess Root, our ward most senior member, is going to be moving into the home of his daughter, Linnette and Dwight Morris. We continue to be amazed at the endurance and dedication of brother Root and wish him many more years in the Dana Ward Family. Bro. Root turned 104 on Dec. 13th. He says you better plan on seeing him around next New Years too!

Audrey Burkland's grandson has been called to serve in Spain and **Chris Martin's** grandson has been called to the Idaho Pocatello mission.

Keith Merkley has been called to serve in the Sunday School Presidency. The New Presidency is:

President - Mark Standage
1st Couns - Keith Merkley

2nd Couns - Rod Boone
Secretary - Marilyn Mingione

Bonnie Jackson traveled to Memphis, Tenn. to attend the funeral of her son-in-law Dec. 23rd. Her daughter **Elaine Beech** was able to accompany her and they flew home on Christmas Day. They were grateful for good winter weather and available flights, but saddened at the sudden passing of a loved family member.

Efrain and Rosa Rodriguez traveled to Guatemala to visit Rosa's family for Christmas. What a special Christmas for them! They also celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary in Dec.

Semisi and Wendy Tonga just celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to these 2 'YOUNG' kids!



Al and Joyce Berry celebrated their 67th anniversary in December. Congratulations!

Steele Crandell was able to complete his Scout Eagle Project and asked us to thank the ward members and families who overwhelmingly supported him by turning out to carol and entertain at nursing homes in Mesa over the Holiday Season! Steele now just needs to complete his paper work and wait for the presentation of his Eagle Award. Congratulations to Steele and Thanks to the Dana Ward Family!

Kelsey Crandell has been home with her family from EAJC in Thatcher, for the holidays. She is loving her college experience and has learned of a satellite program through NAU that will allow her to accelerate her teaching degree from 4 to 3 years. Kelsey

will return to Thatcher to resume classes in January.

Golden Crandell is to be congratulated for earning straight A's for his past semester at Collins College where he is studying Graphic Design. **Yahoo Golden!**

Mary Filhart has obtained an Internship at one of the local hospitals as part of her pursuit to earn her nursing degree and is about ½ way thru her studies. YAHOO!

Floy Johnson set up her 119 nativities and shared them with the ward and her neighbors again in December. Thank you Floy, for such a nice Christmas treat.

Alex Shope and his family are hosting four male Australian exchange students for 2.5 weeks. What a special experience and Brother Chris James just happens to speak 'their' language! (Sorry! We just have to poke a little 'fun' now and then!)

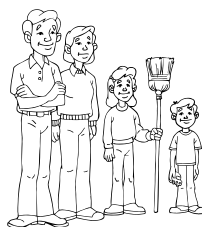
THE SICK AND INJURED LIST

Kevin Schnepf got out of a sickbed to speak in our Sacrament Meeting Dec. 19th. We are grateful that after a very long illness, Kevin is finally starting to recover and regain his strength. We continue to offer prayers for Kevin's full recovery.

Conley Martin and his family are taking training classes in February to hopefully allow him to do his kidney dialysis treatments at home. These treatments are critical to Conley's fragile health and will allow him more convenience and improved energy. Good luck Conley! We are all rooting for you and you are in our prayers!

December was a hard month for many ward members who experienced health problems and broken bones. **John Barnum** spent a short time in the hospital. **Kent Batty** was in the hospital with an infection problem with his leg. **Elma Felix** spent some time in the hospital with pneumonia following the death of her son, Ben. **Genevieve Hewes** spent some time in the hospital. **Randee Gardiner's** broken leg is mending slowly. **Lonnelle Millican** broke her wrist as did **Gwen Leiser**, our new convert. Both of them are sporting casts and had to do Christmas with one 'wing'. **Pat Rogers** looks wonderful with his dramatic and successful weight loss. We pray for his progress with some anticipated surgery coming up in Jan. We pray for the restored health of all of the ward members who have been experiencing illness and broken bones. We love you all!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



The Dana Ward has the responsibility to **clean the ward building January thru April**, each Saturday morning at 8am. The more helpers that

show up, the faster the cleaning will go! Please watch for information on schedules and opportunities to sign up. The Church no longer employs cleaning personnel so we must share this responsibility with the other two wards that also meet in our building. This allows more of our tithing funds to be used for construction and humanitarian service. Thanks for your help and understanding. If you have questions or need information, call **Ann Driggs at 962-8710.**

Thursday, January 20, 2011 will be our Dana



Ward Temple Night. We will see you there for the 6pm session.

If you need help searching for your Ancestors, preparing 'Temple Ready' forms, getting help with your ancestor's temple ordinance work, or finding family histories, call our ward Family History Consultant, **Sister Christine Martin 835-6396**. She is always happy to help and is very good at finding your ancestors!

Canning Schedule for the Home Storage Center

Canning time is always 1:00 pm. January: Milk, Reg. Oats, macaroni, carrots, apples. (Orders due 19 Dec, Canning 12 Jan).

February: black beans, sugar, fruit drink, white beans, potato flakes. (Orders due 16 Jan, Canning 9 Feb). **March:** Refried Beans, cocoa, flour, onions (Orders due 13 Feb, Canning Mar 9). The Cannery now takes Credit Cards. If you have any questions, call **Sally Goodwin 444-8740**.

Free Cooking Classes are held in the Wet Pack Training Room of the Mesa Cannery, Monday mornings from 9:30 to 11 am. No sign up or registration is necessary. The classes are based on the church pamphlet about building a three month supply of food.

Classes will resume January 24, 2011



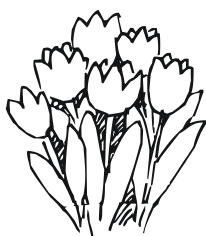
Don't throw away last year's lesson book! Please Note that the RS lessons will continue in your Gospel Principles Manual.



Right now, it is planned that there will be a Relief Society Night Meeting held the first Tuesday of each month. We are planning to meet Jan. 4th

in the Cultural Hall for a fun evening of table games and prizes and sharing some fun with each other beginning at 6:30 pm.

Many, Many thanks to the women who helped with the RS Dinner and Program in December; Violet Rogers, Dawn Nichols, Helen Petersen, Jennifer Carter, Karli Stradling, Lynette McGraw, Marilyn Durfee, Marilyn Mingione, Melissa Crandell, Sally Goodwin, and Tami Turner. We also enjoyed the vocal talents of Rebecca Young and her sisters, Heidi-Ann Blau, Ann and Danielle Driggs, Mary Filhart, Rosa Dilworth, Denean Beals, Lindsey Layton, Jennifer Mehlburg and her sisters, Kim Brown, Jessica Hale and Alyse Hill, Andrea Tiffany and Jill Schnepf. Our thanks also to the High Priests and Elder's Quorum for setting up tables and helping with the building security that night. The evening was wonderful in every way.



Relief Society

Pres Susan Dilworth	327-7317
1 Couns Arlyce Reynolds	615-1628
2 Couns Melissa Crandell	353-9556
Sec Wendy Tonga	962-4825

January RS Lesson Schedule

Jan 2 Lesson TBA, taught by Wendy Tonga
Jan 9: # 25-"Fasting" by Lou Hunt
Jan 16: #26- "Sacrifice" by Linette Morris
Jan 23: Lesson TBA - by Rosa Rodriguez
Jan 30: Meet with the Priesthood



Young Women

Pres Kim Hale	834-3041
1st Couns Miriam Martin	313-7194
2 nd Couns MaryAnn Kaberry	243-9762
Sec Elizabeth Stark	964-7754

New information from Salt Lake indicates that all High School Graduates and youth who turn 18 years of age will automatically leave the YM and YW programs and attend Relief Society and Elder's Quorum.

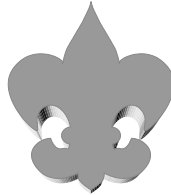
YOUNG MEN

Pres. Darren Eyring 835-1799

1st Couns. Dallas Petersen 219-1432

2nd Couns. Pat Rogers 695-7616

Sec. Conley Martin 313-7194



With his new calling to the Stake High Council, **Wes Filhart** has been released from the presidency of the ward Young Men. We welcome **Dallas Petersen** who has been called as the Teacher Advisor and as first counselor of the YM Presidency.

Primary

President **Jennifer Mehlberg** 279-2790

1st Couns **Cheeri Redd** 834-7788

2nd Couns **Darcy Allen** 241-9315

Secretary **Janet Hassell** 969-4276

There have been changes in the Jr. and Sr. Primary Sharing Time. The Primary will be letting the families of the children know about the new procedures. The Primary Theme for all of 2011 is: **"I KNOW THE SCRIPTURES ARE TRUE."**

Margin Notes:

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matt 11:28, 30

We will go down, for there is space there, and we will take of these materials, and we will make an earth whereon these may dwell;

And we will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them. Abraham 3:24-25

A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13:34-35

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16

The toughest thing about raising kids is to convince them you have seniority.

"When the time for performance arrives, the time for preparation is past." Pres. Thomas S. Monson

"A review of the past can be helpful - that is, if we learn from the mistakes and follies of those who have gone before, and if we do not repeat them." Pres. Thomas S. Monson

Either you control your attitude or it controls you.

"A prayer at the moment of crisis may be too late. That is why we must pray always." Pres. Henry B. Eyring

Follow me and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. Matt 4:19-20

"The prayers of people are almost always answered by the actions of others." Pres. Thomas S. Monson (pg 11)

"You develop an appreciation that Heavenly Father knows who you are and He says, 'Here, go do this for me.' I always thank Him. My only regret is that I don't have more time to do the many things we are called upon to do. I work hard, I work long. I hope I work effectively, but I never feel I have exhausted what I should be doing." Pres. Thomas S. Monson (pg 10)

"Loyalty is synonymous with being the 'best that is in you.'" Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley

“Friendship is one of the grand fundamental principles of Mormonism.” Pres. Joseph Smith

“May heaven’s blessings be with you. May your homes be filled with love and courtesy and with the spirit of the Lord.” Pres. Thomas S. Monson

“May Church members ever be found doing the work of the Lord.” Pres. Thomas S. Monson

“Diligently doing the things that matter most will lead us to the Savior of the world.”
Dieter F. Uchtdorf

Eliza R. Snow was the sister of Lorenzo Snow, the wife of Brigham Young, the 2nd general president of the Relief Society and helped organize the young women and Primary organizations. She wrote more than 500 poems.

