

LIA Briefs ♦ ♦ ♦

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Congratulations to **April Ward, Class 30**, on her wedding, November 10, to Mark Bryngelson. April claims they met at the County Fair. Good reason to avoid the Tilt-A-Whirl ride. April presented to Class 32 in Pocatello and brought Mark along to be introduced to LIA. Mark works for the local county weed control program.



Our thoughts and support is with **John Paine, Class 6**, and **Shawna Paine, Class 15**, Shawna had brain surgery for a benign brain tumor on October 10, spent 5 days in the hospital ICU and 4 more in a regular room. The tumor was identified as meningioma. The surgery was termed successful.



The LIA family is growing: Congratulations to **Kasey Garrett, Class 28**, and an LIA Trustee, who is the proud father of a new son, Krew born on December 4, 2011 weighing in at 7 lbs, 18.5 inches. Krew joins a family of "K's" with Mom Keri and Dad Kasey, and siblings, Kambell, KinLee and Keiser.



Congratulations also to **Jim Lowe, Class 31**, and wife Hillary on the birth of Blake Stafford, on November 21 weighing in at 9 lbs, 4 oz. Blake joins siblings Brooklyn and Max. On another note, **Jim** was elected to the Idaho Ag in the Classroom Board of Directors at the 2011 Annual meeting of AITC. Also elected was **Heidi Martin, Class 28**, for a second term.



Congratulations to **Daniel (Dan) Johnson, Class 14**, who was appointed this week to the Idaho State Senate to replace Senator Joe Stegner who joined the staff of the University of Idaho. Daniel will represent the Lewiston area, District 7, as their State Senator. This is the second appointment this fall of an LIA graduate to the Idaho State Legislature. Rep. **Gayle Batt, Class 18**, was sworn in recently by Governor Otter to fulfill the term left vacant by the death of **Pat Takasugi, Class 4**.



Retirement has been announced by **Don Dixon, Class 15**, who has served the past 15 years as a staff assistant to Senator Mike Crapo. Don also served for two years as the Executive State Director for USDA/Farm Service Agency. Don will now be the new Congressional Liaison Officer for Dixon Farms, Inc. and CEO of Georgia's Enterprises, LLC.



Still celebrating the 2011 LIA Alumni Auction, **Don** and Georgia **Dixon, Rick** and Dorita **Waitley** and **Mitch Lucero, Class 28**, and wife Acee joined Chuck and Carol Brockway for dinner at their home in Twin Falls on Monday, evening December 19. The auction item, dinner for 6, is an annual auction item and a big hit with those who attend. Thanks to the Brockway's for sharing this gift with so many through the years.



LIA Trustee Karleen Meyer, wife of deceased LIA graduate **Wayne Meyer, Class 27**, has donated a 7-night stay in their condo on the island of Hawaii as the Grand Prize for the 2012 Auction. Tickets are \$25 each or 6 for \$100. More details after the first of the year.

Travis Jones, Class 28, was elected Vice President of Food Producers of Idaho at their 2011 Annual Meeting.

As we close out 2011 we look forward to hearing of news and information from the LIA family and hope you will remember to inform the LIA office of changes in your life to share with other LIA Alumni. If you have not paid your LIA alumni dues, we encourage you to do that ASAP. Dues remain at \$50 for this year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!