

Hey, Hey, Hey - News of Upcoming Events . . .

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Dear LIA Alumni

It's always exciting to start a brand new year – Happy New Year 2010! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Holiday Season! We are faced with many interesting challenges and opportunities at this time, so-o-o-o-o . . . *Grab Your Calendar!*

➔ 2010 Alumni Session ←

The 2010 LIA Alumni Session is being held on **February 10-11** in Boise. The Planning Committee has pulled together a valuable program you will not want to miss. **Enclosed is the current draft of the program as well as a registration form.** Mark your calendar for this annual event. What a great time to see fellow alumni, meet members of LIA Class 30 and experience Boise. A highlight this year will be the **Thursday morning tours of the remodeled Capitol Building.** I have toured the Capitol project a couple of times and all I can say is **WOW!** Everyone is going to be surprised and impressed. We invite you to bring your spouse and family members for the tour on Thursday morning prior to Graduation.

➔ Larry Branen Idaho Ag Summit - February 8-9 ←

Prior to the Alumni Session on Monday and Tuesday will be the Larry Branen Idaho Ag Summit. We are sending a copy of the agenda and materials for the 2010 Summit in a separate mailing. I hope you will look over the material and make plans to attend. The Summit is truly **THE** meeting of agriculture leaders across our state and you should plan to be in that audience. Visit the Ag Summit website at www.idahoagsummit.org.

➔ \$30,000 Goal for LIA Alumni Auction ←

The LIA Alumni Planning Committee, led by LIA Alumni David Temple, has done a wonderful job pulling together great auctions in the last two years. The goal this year of \$30,000 will be generated through our Grand Prize Auction of two cabin getaway events – one in Northern Idaho (CDA area) and the other in McCall – Idaho's Heartland. Please review the enclosed flyer. We are challenging each LIA Alumni to purchase or sell the enclosed 10 Grand Prize tickets. **The LIA Alumni Auction will be held on Wednesday evening of the Alumni Session.** The evening will include a Gala Buffet Dinner, Silent Auction, Raffle Auction, Dessert Auction, Loose Change Auction – Golden Pig Award and the Live Auction. You will want to be involved in all of these events to help us reach our goal. Table sponsors are being sought for \$300/table which allows you a total of eight (8) free tickets for the evening. Visit our website and learn more about the LIA Auction at www.leadershipidahoag.org.

➔ 2010 Annual Meeting ←

LIA Trustee Chairman Rich Garber has announced that the 2010 LIA Annual Meeting will be held at **noon on Wednesday, February 10.** During this time, financial information will be presented as well as updates on Trustees meetings held throughout the year, and a final copy of the new **LIA Promotional Video** will be shown. In addition, during this meeting we will hold election of trustees and officers for the coming year. We hope you will plan to be in attendance for this event and show your support and involvement in the governance of LIA.

These are *challenging economic times* for much of our society. I encourage you to make the investment and come to Boise to spend time enjoying quality fellowship and fun with great LIA folks from across Idaho – *you will not be disappointed.* I always hear from LIA graduates who tell me how rewarding it is to come back and meet the new class of graduates and renew friendships with former LIA friends. Treat yourself to a good time in Boise in February. Please watch your emails for frequent updates on activities in Boise. We will feature some of the items being sold in the Auction as well as sharing more highlights about the LIA Alumni Session.

Be on the alert to learn more about LIA in 2010!

Rick Waitley
Executive Director