

## The Portage Route Chapter Board of Directors

### New Officers for Chapter

The Portage Route Chapter Annual Banquet and election of board members was held on Tuesday evening January 21 at 4 PM at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. The Board of Directors for 2007 consists of Harry Mitchell, President; Marvin Holtz, VP; Dave Pidcock, Treasurer; Don Peterson, Secretary; Directors are Mary Urquhart, Clay Smith, Ida Johnson, Steve Kubick and Claire Rohm and Membership Secretary Darlene Fassler.



President  
Harry Mitchell



Vice-President  
Marvin Holtz



Treasurer  
Dave Pidcock



Secretary  
Don Peterson



Clay Smith



Ida Johnson



Steve Kubick



Mary Urquhart



Clair Rohm



Will Weaver  
Past President



Darlene Fassler  
Membership

**Mary Urquhart** is a rancher and loves serving on the Portage Route Chapter board. She and her husband own the Lower Portage Campsite below the Great Falls of the Missouri; they feel that they own a part of history and want to preserve it for the future.

**Dave Pidcock** was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He received a BS degree from St. John's University with emphasis on English and speech communication. Came to Montana in 1958 and worked in radio & TV. He worked for US Bank in Great Falls for 4 years, eventually managing the advertising and public relations/marketing department. He retired in 2000 after 38 years with MetLife. Owner of Vision-Quest Enterprises (Advertising and Photography) His major hobbies are photography & geology.

**Claire Roehm** with her husband David own farm land on the L&C Portage Route where part of the portage crossed the prairie east of Great Falls. Claire has been a volunteer at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center since it has opened and the more she knows of Lewis and Clark the more she wants to learn. She looks forward to serving an active role in the Portage Route Chapter.

**Dr. Clay Smith** retired from the University of Great Falls in 2002. He served there as Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Services from 1998 until retirement. Prior to UGF he served in similar positions at three other universities. He also served in the United States Air Force from 1962 to 1984. Currently Clay spends his volunteer time with the Portage Route Chapter, the C.M. Russell Museum, and the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. He also spends time golfing, skiing, and fishing but most important is the time with his wife, Kim, his children and grandchildren.

**Harry Mitchell** was born in 1933 and raised in Great Falls; Wife Kay & 4 adult children, Dairy farmer, BS from MSU 1955, USAF pilot 55 - 60, MT. Natl. Guard 60 - 76, Mt Senate 67 - 71, County Commissioner 89 - 94, now retired. Past president of the Chapter. His farm has the original Upper Portage Camp site and he's still looking around his farm for Lewis's iron framed boat!

**Don Peterson** has lived in Great Falls since 1950. He's a past president of the Chapter. He's been involved with the Chapter since he started giving historic tours as a volunteer during the 1990 L&C Festival. His business, Lewis and Clark Services, Inc, gives tours of Montana Lewis and Clark sites.

**Will Weaver** has been a resident of Great Falls since 1968. He was involved in public education for 36 years, the last 16 years in postsecondary education, retiring as the Dean of MSU-Great Falls College of Technology in 2001. Will is a past chairman of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Association and a past Board member of the Portage Route Chapter. He was re-elected to the Portage Route Chapter Board last year. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the C. M. Russell Museum, the Museum of the Rockies, and is a past Board member of the Cascade County Historical Society.