Hello Staff Member, February 2018

Welcome 2018! I hope you are finally able to write 2018 on all of your paperwork. It used to be checks were difficult to remember the date; it took me nearly 3 months to get it correct. Checks seem to be fewer nowadays, and now we focus on memos, billings and names for files with dates. Still takes me a minute to get the correct year!

I find it interesting how time flies! I hope by now you are aware of the Bengal Wednesday Free Movie to staff, faculty and families. We have had some great movies with amazing turn outs. The events committee works hard at making things happen to give the staff a moment of fun and reprieve from the daily tasks of the working world. If you are not aware of the movie, watch your staff news and notes emails and check out Twitter, Facebook, and the web page for information.

As of January 1, 2018, the University released the new Organizational Chart and with the hard work of the Staff Council we have been moved to directly under the Executive VP & Provost, along with Faculty Senate. This to me is stating the importance of the staff at ISU.

The presidential search committee is narrowing down the candidates to 5 this month. Dr. Lewis Eakins has visited the Staff Council meetings frequently to keep us updated on the search. We should be hearing more from that outcome soon. Watch for your opportunity to visit with the candidates and learn who they are and what they are offering Idaho State University.

We are gearing up for the Winter Social. This month will be a busy one, especially during the third week of February. Bengal Wednesday movie night will be the 21st followed by the Winter Social Battle of the Domes basketball game on the 22nd. Watch for the discounts on tickets and cool give-a-ways at both events. Meridian will be having a social in March and we are awaiting news of when Idaho Falls campus will have theirs. Also keep an eye out for your way in helping to build the staff dependent child scholarships. More to come on how you can participate in the raffle and donations to the scholarship fund.

And last but not least, we are getting ready for the Employee Luncheons in March. We will be sending out requests for sizes, photos for the slide show and invitations for the luncheons.

Thank you for your support, service and all that you do for Idaho State University! Go Bengals!

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