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**The mission of the AgForestry Leadership Program is to develop effective leaders for today and tomorrow. This monthly e-newsletter is designed to inform our investors, friends, and the AgForestry Network of the leadership roles and activities performed by graduates across our state.**

**Dave Roseleip, President**

AgForestry Graduates are working at various levels of leadership, making a difference for our agriculture, forestry, and fishing industries and rural communities.

- **Kevin Paulson** (Class 21), Spokane, has been elected President of the 2010 Spokane Ag Expo, a major trade show for the Inland Empire.
- **Gery Amos** (Class 7), Salem, OR, is serving as a Commissioner and on the Promotion Committee, Oregon Raspberry and Blackberry Commission.
- **Gretchen Borck** (Class 20), East Olympia, is the Assistant to the Assessor-Treasurer of Pierce County.
- **Susan Byrd** (Class 2), Scottsdale, AZ, had a photograph of China published in the July issue of National Geographic. It was chosen in contest among thousands of entries.
- **Paul Wing** (Class 15), Shelton, was appointed to Vice President and General Manager, Northwest Timberlands Division, at Green Diamond Resource Company. He has overall responsibility for all activities on the company's forest land base in Washington.
- **Thijs Jacobson** (Class 30), Anacortes, was elected Skagit County Conservation District Supervisor.
- **Sue Lani Madsen** (Class 29), Edwall, is a citizen journalist. "Forthright with Sue Lani Madsen" was recently added to the Seattle P-I on-line news page. She comments on current events and hopes to encourage people to participate in our government.
- **Teresa Rowe** (Class 15), Santiago, Chile, manages a medium-sized portfolio of commercial food and agribusiness loans in Chile. Her clients range from large fruit and salmon exporters to wood products and pulp producers, food processing, wine and retail.
- **Paul Troutman** (Class 26), Bellingham, is apprenticing with a local catering company called Ciao Thyme.
- **Alison Kutz-Troutman** (Class 28), Bellingham, went to Washington, DC, for biological grower trainings. She is also working on beneficial insect programs across the country and is helping nursery and Ag sectors with sustainability issues relating to setting up on-site composting systems.
- **Kevin Riel** (Class 4), Harrah, is the Vice Chair of the Northwest Farm Credit Service Board.
- The 2009 Washington Farm Forestry Association Officers include **Bob Brink** (Class 19), Yacolt, President; **Steve Stinson** (Class 27), Toledo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; and **Bill Scheer** (Class 22), Chehalis, Treasurer. **Rick Dunning** (Class 23), Battle Ground, is the Executive Director.
- **Rachel Crane** (Class 30), Brewster, presented Class 30's International Seminar to China to the Brewster High School senior class.
- **Randy Smith** (Class 8), Cashmere, owner of Smith Orchards, serves as a Chelan County Public Utility District Commissioner and provides policy oversight on a public utility that generates and sells hydro-electric power from three dams on the Columbia and Chelan rivers throughout the state of Washington. He is also a board member of Tree Top Inc.



Lt. Gov. Brad Owen, Sen. Mark Schoesler and Sec. of the Senate Tom Hoeman at the Senate rostrum.

- **Mark Schoesler** (Class 10), Ritzville, was re-elected Republican floor leader, which is the third highest position in Republican leadership. He holds several other positions as well, being on the committees for Agriculture and Rural Economic Development; Financial Institutions, Housing, and Insurance; Rules; and Ways and Means, which is the primary fiscal committee.
- **John Nelson** (Class 8), Reardan, of the Western Extension Committee, helped design a webinar series called “Ag in uncertain times.” It was designed to assist ag professionals, including producers, to better understand the changing conditions in today’s economy. It is targeted towards providing information that helps producers make informed decisions and improves ag professionals’ ability to work with their farm and ranch customers/clients.
- **Lloyd McGee** (Class 17), Kettle Falls, received the Forester of the Year award presented at the Inland Empire Society of American Foresters banquet.
- **Bruce Beckett** (Class 16), Olympia, is the Government Affairs Director of the Washington Restaurant Association, representing 12,000 restaurants in Washington.
- **Doug Case** (Class 23), Touchet, was elected to the Board of Directors for District 9 of the Columbia Rural Electric Association.
- **Dave Somers** (Class 11), Monroe, is a Snohomish County Commissioner.

#### Leadership Links

Information on new ideas and projects from the WSU College of Agriculture, Human and Natural Resources can be found in their e-letter “On Solid Ground.” ([click here](#))

- **Karl Kupers** (Class 3), Harrington, is one of the founders of Shepherd’s Grain, which is a Pacific Northwest sustainable agriculture alliance consisting of 33 farm families. He recently put on two events designed to bridge the gap between wheat farmers and end-product users, which allows them to meet and interact with each other. “Building the relationship with the chefs solidifies why they buy alliance products. Farmers and chefs put more time into their products after meeting with one another,” Karl stated.
- **Brett Blankenship** (Class 21), Washtucna, is the Vice President of Washington Association of Wheat Growers. They held their biennial legislative tour in Walla Walla focusing on transportation issues.
- **Frank Hendrix** (Class 19), Selah, and his wife Kathi, were honored by the Yakima Cattlemen’s Association as the 2009 Cattle Family of the Year. They have been members of cattlemen’s associations in Oregon and Washington for 30 years.
- **Bob Dick** (Class 6), Olympia, was elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Children’s Land Alliance Supporting Schools (CLASS), which is an organization that was formed to advocate for the protection of trust land revenue.
- **Bill Boyum** (Class 3), Ellensburg, Southeast Region Manager with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, retired after 39 years.
- **Dave Roseleip** (Class 1), Spokane Valley, was appointed by Governor Gregoire to the Washington Biodiversity Council and serves on the Executive Committee.
- **Scott Swanson** (Class 22), University Place, Manager/Vice President of West Fork Timber Company, LLC, is the Chair of the Board of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association.
- **Frankie Whitman** (Class 1), Oakland, CA, Marketing Vice President of FullBloom Baking Company, buys wheat for his natural and organic baking company from **Karl Kupers** (Class 3), Harrington.
- **Terry Peck** (Class 19), Longview, retired from Weyerhaeuser after 36+ years.

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