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Final "President's Message" from our first president, Joan Nothern

To All,

It is the moment to pause and thank all who have contributed to the unique work of the Solomon Valley Highway 24 Heritage Alliance. In intentions, action, and resources, we have added to the historical heritage of the Solomon Valley.

Leo Oliva, the visionary who opened our hearts and minds to the potential role of an alliance of communities in the Solomon Valley and who has edited and produced the newsletter, Solomon Valley Anthology, must be recognized first. Leo has guided our work in many ways. On behalf of the members and SV24HA board of directors, I thank Leo for his extraordinary gifts to us.

The alliance is actively expanding its approach to serving 24 communities on U.S. 24. This is the final mailed edition of the Solomon Valley Anthology newsletter. An online newsletter will continue to highlight the 24 on 24, uniting their efforts by way of an electronic medium.

Upcoming themes for the electronic newsletter are New Community Attractions and Community Champions. They will be good introductions to our rededication to attracting tourists and building on new experiences in the Solomon Valley.

Linda Clover, our vice-president, is now serving as the president. She is well known to you, bringing amazing skills and commitment to her community, county, and the valley.

I am returning to Wisconsin to be with my family there. The Solomon Valley has provided a sense of family and friendship as we explored this corner of Kansas together. To each of you, my sincere thanks.

–Joan Nothern

New President's Message

The Solomon Valley Highway 24 Heritage Alliance is moving into the future with a good foundation, thanks to having Joan Nothern as our president for many years. We will certainly miss her as she moves to Wisconsin to be closer to family. On behalf of the board and members, thank you Joan for years of dedicated leadership and service. We send all good wishes with you.

Our Alliance will now be making changes with the advantage of knowing so much more about our individual communities than we did when we began 20 years ago. Each community will

still be continuing to search and learn about our past and using it for the present and future.

As a result of our Strategic Doings activity we will be focusing more on tourism. We must not only remember to continue to “keep up to date” on each other’s communities but also what might be interesting to share with others as they are traveling.

Leo Oliva has used his special gift by publishing this Anthology for many years; thank you more than words can ever express. I will miss receiving the Anthology in the mail and can’t imagine how you ever managed to publish it in your busy life. Change can work. We will manage to adjust by reading more on our website. hwy24.org, online, thanks to our webmaster Greg German.

Technology is used by our world and we must be prepared to be a part of it. Travelers are using information on their phones and tablets as they are on the road visiting our beautiful Solomon Valley.

Without our printed Anthology, we must all remember to communicate by email, post on Facebook, and tell others about our website. I challenge all of you to learn something you didn’t know about each of our communities and be prepared to tell the world.

See you at our next board meeting August 7 in Stockton.

–Linda Clover

March, 2019

President’s Message,

Welcome new and renewing members of the SV24HA to a new year of exploration. Your interest encourages us to persevere for the Solomon Valley. In this issue you’ll find the first pieces of Call for Voices. I am moved by the insights into the theme of traveling together. They share passion and place.

At the Annual Meeting we were honored to present Vickie Mears of Beloit with the Faye Minium Spirit Award. Her extraordinary volunteer service to the community of Beloit reaches people of all ages. In accepting this award Vickie stressed that volunteers are the heart of the community, and that she is one of many! She urges others to volunteer.

We are continuing to work through the Strategic Doing Process, following up on commitments that will increase our effectiveness in bringing vitality to the valley. Actually, getting out and about was deemed a priority. In February, the board met in Glasco and in April we will gather in Hill City. Discovering fresh perspectives on our 24 towns will enable us to open new doors to adventures.

The Mitchell County Museum is featured in this issue. You’ll find many upcoming events noted. We especially hope to see you at Charlotte Hinger’s autograph party in Hill City on March 30 and at the Nicodemus Chautauqua May 25.

After a long winter, taking to the road sounds like a good idea. Hope we meet along the way.

-Joan Nothern