

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope some of you will be going (or did attend, depending on when you read this message) to the big International show in Washington. The Biology Unit meeting will be held the last weekend of the event. This is the first time I have missed a meeting except for the one the first year I joined. I'm on oxygen at our altitude 6200'. Washington is lower but I am afraid I would tire too much since the meeting isn't just 'down the hall' in the hotel. Right now I am planning to make the Dallas meeting in 2007.

The A.T.A. has a new handbook authored by Don Beuthel titled 'Topical Helpline' \$7 with \$2 postage or \$2 discount if you are a member. Don authored a series of articles called "Topical Helpline" in Topical Time a few years back and these are the basis of the book. It is available from the A.T.A. P.O. Box 57 Arlington TX 76004-0057 americantopical@msn.com or see www.americantopical.org.

Spring has sprung here, my tulips which were spectacular this year are all but gone. We lucked out with a bit of rain today, first for 6 weeks or so. We are looking forward to a lot of special events this year as this is the 100th birthday for Mesa Verde National Park.

It seems that few countries are putting out butterfly stamps these days, even the 'labels' have stopped. I'm having a difficult time with the small sets that do come out as the postage is not far off the selling price!!!!

More in the next issue---Do be thinking on what you can do to help the Biology Unit. Elections will be coming up this year plus our librarian and editor are getting a bit tired, so if you can do anything do let me know fhammond@charter.net

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