



WARM HEARTS - Volunteers at this year's Cave Junction Cares Thanksgiving dinner served approximately 250 people turkey, ham, stuffing, desserts and other tasty fixings on Thursday, Nov. 27 in Jubilee Park. I.V. resident Lynn Boucher spearheads the event each year and has done so for more than a decade.
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The Savvy Senior By **CAROL MARTIN**

Many "Baby Boomer"-age workers are poised to take service jobs when they retire from their current positions.

The Boomers — often called the best educated of recent generations — say they are willing to take service jobs as they exit their long-term careers or professions in the future, a new AARP poll reports.

Workers aged 50 to 70, a group that includes a number of leading edge Boomers, were asked in the survey to do some crystal ball thinking about possible new careers. Offered a list of occupations likely to experience high growth through this decade, they said they were most willing to take these 10 jobs:

- * Customer service representative
- * Teaching assistant
- * Teacher
- * Retail salesperson
- * Landscaper or groundskeeper
- * Cashier
- * Computer support specialist
- * Real estate agent
- * Secretary or receptionist
- * (tie) Truck driver or courier; bookkeeper or accounting clerk; child care worker

The national AARP survey, titled "Staying Ahead of the Curve 2003: The AARP Working in Retirement Study,"

showed that many of the workers between the ages of 50 and 70 plan to work far into what has traditionally been viewed as their "retirement years", nearly half (45 percent) envisioning themselves either working into their 70s or later.

Reasons for working in retirement varied, but many pre-retirees indicated that their motivation re-

volves around "a need for money" (22 percent). Seventeen percent said that they planned to work because of a "need for health benefits." Other leading reasons cited were a desire to remain "mentally active" (15 percent) and to remain "productive or useful" (14 percent).

The report outlined a number of recommendations for the retirement

security of older Americans, including "the prompt enactment of a prescription drug benefit in Medicare (as)...an essential first step..." Also recommended was positive action to strengthen Social Security and the private pension system and to encourage individuals to save and invest wisely.

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