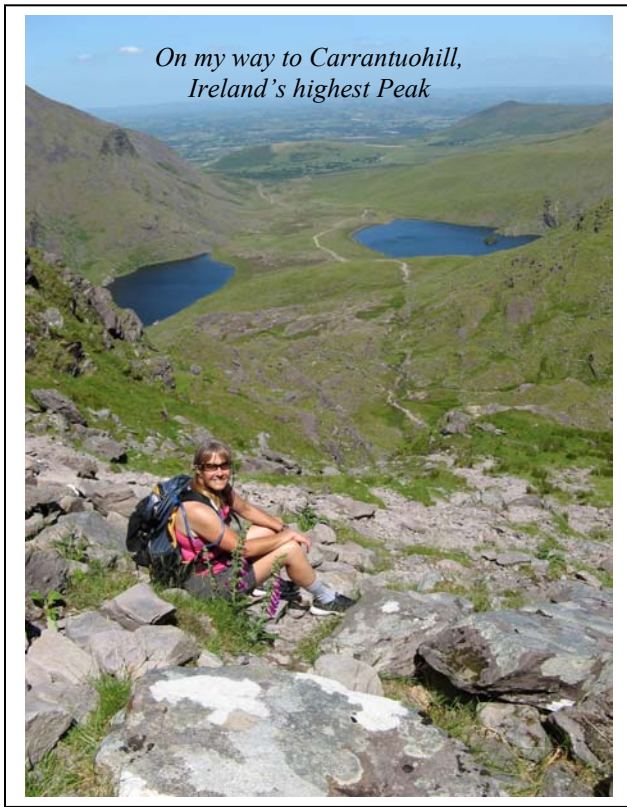


Message from the President.....



Well, it's official; the "election" became final on November 15th. Now I speak to you as the President of the Los Alamos Mountaineer's Club Board for 2007; I am honored to have this opportunity to contribute in a way that supports my personal values of appreciation of the environment, travel, fitness, and the importance of interrelationships and teamwork.

Over the years, my interests in many different activities come together as some of the basic skills for mountaineering. The Los Alamos Mountaineers Club increased my understanding and capability to greater levels, thanks to spending time with some very talented and athletic individuals in the Club. I still don't claim to be an athlete - however, I have developed an even greater appreciation and respect for the true mountaineers. I hope to support this organization so it can be an important framework for the people in the community who have the passion and desire for mountaineering, or any component of it.

I see possibilities for improving partnerships with other organizations that have complementary interests, promoting more safety, or reaching out to more of our youth at a time when lack of fitness and depression is ever-increasing across the nation. I believe this Club contributes in many positive ways to help the people who are a part of it.

If anyone has any strong feelings about the things they appreciate most about the Club, or how they want to see the Club maintained or changed, please send me a note and let me know.

I look forward to an exciting, challenging, and rewarding year ahead, and I look forward to seeing all of you at one point or another.

Respectfully,

Melanee Shurter