



American Association of University Women

The Women will discuss "Two Old Women," by Velma Wallis, and "A Ride on the Red Mare's Back," by Ursula LeGuine at their book group meeting Wed., Dec. 7 at the home of a member.

The regular meeting will provide "A Holiday Celebration" with gift exchange for members. The Association meets the second Wednesday at Courtyard Village Retirement Community, 4555 NE 66th Ave., Vancouver, 7 p.m. Any two-year or university college graduate may attend. Katie Scharle, (503) 703-4730.



LYSBETH LEITNER

Battle Ground Toastmasters

The Toastmasters announce that a club members made it to Toastmaster district finals in a Humorous Speech Contest held at the Oregon Convention Center.

Also, on Nov. 1 and 15, Toastmaster members from varied groups discussed re-chartering the Larch Correctional Center Toastmasters group. Their efforts have garnered three new members and more interest from the public. There will be no meeting Christmas week.

The Toastmasters meet Tuesdays, 12 p.m., at Rocky's Pizza, 1901 W. Main St., Battle Ground. For more information, contact Diane Edginton, (360) 882-8105, dedington@msn.com, http://battleground.freetoasthost.com.



GERRY DUNNE

Clark County Newcomers Club

The Newcomers will hold a Holiday Coffee Tues., Dec. 6, 10 a.m. at a member's home, 21416 NE 63rd St., Vancouver. Call for more information.

The Newcomers meet the first Tuesday plus bi-monthly luncheons on the second Wednesday. Ann Bell, 882-7186.

GFWC—Battle Ground

The GFWC would like to publicly thank all who attended this year's Ladybug Bazaar, making it "the most successful one ever." Donations to the local food bank reached \$1,268 in cash and 630 pounds of food. Members will continue collecting items at their regular meeting to contribute to the food bank, and make comfort pillows for recovering breast cancer surgery patients.

The Club will celebrate new members at its Dec. 15 Christmas party. The GFWC regular meetings are the second and fourth Thursdays, 6:45 p.m. at Prince of Peace Church, 14208 North-east 249th St. Louise Tucker, (360) 687-3619, Valerie Huey, (360) 566-5123, www.gfwc-battleground.org.



PHYLLIS PANKOW



VALERIE HUEY

Venersborg Community Club

The Club is hosting a free Christmas wreath making session Sun., Dec. 4, 1-5 p.m. at the Old Schoolhouse. Wreaths, bows and decorations are provided and the public may bring more to share. Cider and door prizes will highlight the event.

The regular meeting holds a small gift exchange at the home of a member, 21906 NE 227th Ave.

The Venersborg Club meets the second Friday, 11 a.m., at the Old Schoolhouse, 24317 NE 209th St., Battle Ground. Jacqueline Freeman, 687-8384.



JACQUELINE FREEMAN

Yacolt Burn Sportsman Club

The Sportsmen will close down the Yacolt Burn Access to hunters and recreation on Wed., Nov. 30.

The club announces they have contributed \$200 to the North Clark Lions Club for Christmas food baskets, and also that they will only hold two firearms safety classes this coming summer and class sizes are limited. They encourage interested persons to register early through the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website, wdfw.wa.gov.

The Sportsmen's Club meets the second Monday, 7 p.m., at Rocky's Pizza. Randy Lawffer, (360) 247-5596.



RANDY LAWFFER

Battle Ground Lions Club

At this time of year, the Lions will volunteer to help the Walk and Knock campaign Sat., Dec. 3 and with hearing screenings for Battle Ground elementary and middle school students Dec. 5-14.

For Walk and Knock, the Lions ask the public to be sure their contributions are out at 9 a.m.

The Lions meet the second and fourth Thursdays at Rocky's Pizza restaurant in Battle Ground at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in helping the community or becoming a member can attend regular meetings. Liz Elfving, 263-4024, Ken Frack, (360) 666-0585, kfrack@earthlink.net.



KEN FRACK

Columbia River Longears

The Longears announce their volunteer efforts were a success at Whipple Creek, hauling rock in for trail repair with their mules where tractors can't go.

They are preparing a Christmas party for Sat., Dec. 10 and the annual New Year's Day ride around Battle Ground Lake beginning at 10 a.m.

The group meets the third Monday, 6 p.m., at Jollies, located at I-5 and NE 179th St., Ridgefield. Fran Duncan, (360) 254-3249, Duncanfmd@aol.com, Bob Burns, (360) 749-6010.



BOB BURNS

Patchwork Pals Quilt Group

On Nov. 12, the Pals held a work party to make fleece blankets for a mission to Papalote, Mexico, creating 42 blankets in 4 hours.

There will be a class for members, "Towne Purse," by Diane Rutherford, Mon., Nov. 28.

The Patchwork Pals meet every Monday, 9:30 a.m., at La Center Evangelical Free Church, 111 E. 5th St., La Center. Visitors and new members are always welcome. The Pals accept cotton and fabric donations for their "Babies in Need" and senior lap robe projects. Maggie Vinnedge, (360) 263-2137.



MAGGIE VINNEDGE

La Center Lions

The La Center Lions events for December are as follows:

Dec. 3—Walk and Knock food drive with Lion Amy Chase organizing the La Center area. Lions will also have a table at the La Center Holiday Bazaar raffling several items including 2 adirondack chairs hand crafted by Lion Mark Mansell.

Dec. 4—Lions will be shopping and delivering holiday food baskets for local La Center area families in need.

Dec. 10—the annual Lions potluck Christmas party and gift exchange at the La Center Community Center, 1000 E. 4th St., 6 p.m.

Dec. 10, 11—complimentary gift wrapping at the Vancouver Barnes & Noble from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Donations are accepted.

The Lions meet the first and third Thursdays, 7 p.m., at the La Center Grange. For information, contact Ken Hickman, 263-9060, Bill Birdwell, (360) 263-1749.



BILL BIRDWELL

Order of the Sons of Italy, Vancouver 2690

The Sons' Dine Out is scheduled for Tues., Dec. 13, 6:30 at Cafe al Dente, 907 Main St., Vancouver. They ask members or visitors to RSVP to Barbara, (360) 253-7984 before Dec. 9. The Sons will not have a regular meeting in December.

The Sons' business meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of each month, First Presbyterian Church, 4300 Main St., Vancouver, WA, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. For general information, call Virginia Babin, (360) 921-6292.

Battle Ground Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber is gearing up for their 7th Annual Holiday Luncheon & Basket Raffle on Thurs., Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Battle Ground Community Center.

Businesses donate gift baskets reflecting their business or a holiday theme, and the baskets are raffled. Businesses can sponsor a table and create place setting favors also.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 25 for \$20, and the luncheon fee is \$35 for members and \$45 for visitors. Check-in is 11 a.m.

The Chamber is also requesting nominations for its Citizen of the Year, Businessperson of the Year, Serviceperson of the Year, Teacher of the Year, and Coach of the Year honors.

Forms are available at the Holiday Luncheon and also at www.battlegroundchamber.org, or by emailing a request to info@battlegroundchamber.org. Everyone is welcome to join in at this event.

The Chamber regularly meets on the first Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m., at Cedars Golf Course, 15001 NE 181st St., Brush Prairie, WA. Connie Plummer, (360) 687-1510, www.battlegroundchamber.org.



DOUG QUINN

Daughters of the American Revolution

The DAR will host Larry Smith, a Vancouver City Council member and his presentation "Life in Service to His Country," at their regular meeting Dec. 13.

Members will also bring baked items to provide for a veterans' bake sale on Dec. 14, and they will celebrate a 70th commemoration to the Pearl Harbor disaster.

The Daughters meet the second Tuesdays, 11 a.m., at Smith-Reynolds American Legion, 4607 NE St. James Rd., Vancouver. Genealogical help is available to the public. Sue Mills, (360) 573-5445, susearch@comcast.net.



EVELYN CAMPBELL

Women Entrepreneurs Organization

The WEO will hold their annual Christmas party Wed., Dec. 14, 5-8 p.m. at the Heathman Lodge. Dinner is \$35 for members and \$40 for visitors and the meeting features the "Ugly Xmas Sweater Swagger" and optional gift exchange.

The WEO asks for reservations for its events by visiting www.weowa.org. The group meets the third Wednesday at The Heathman Lodge, 5 p.m. networking and 6 p.m. dinner, 7801 NE Greenwood Dr., Vancouver, WA. Courtney Givens, (360) 909-5632, www.weowa.org.



CATHY NIELSEN

Willapa Hills Audubon Society

The Society will hold its fifth annual Lake Sacajawea Bird Walk Sat., Dec. 3, and collect at "The Greens" afterward for beverages and snacks—a fun bird watching event in Longview, WA. The public is invited. Call for more information.

The Society is asking for volunteers to accomplish its annual Christmas Bird Count for Cowlitz, Columbia and Wahkiakum counties Dec. 17 and 30. Interested persons can contact Robert Sudar for Leadbetter Point/Willapa Bay, (360) 423-1780, Andrew Emlen for Wahkiakum County, (360) 795-8009, or Bob Reistoffer for Cowlitz and Columbia County, (360) 636-5125.

Contact Stephen Glucoft, WHAS Vice President, for directions or other information, (360) 577-7720, (510) 760-6139 or sglucoft@comcast.net. For more information on birding field trips, contact John Green, (360) 575-9238, jgreen2317@aol.com.

Battle Ground Art Alliance

The Alliance will meet Sat., Jan. 21 at the Kiwanis Building, 422 SW 2nd Ave., Battle Ground. The social event will include a presentation by local artist Michelle Allen and provide on-going support and instruction for members in technology. Members will also have an opportunity to share their work and discuss volunteer opportunities.



JANE POOLE

The Art Alliance meets informally on third Thursdays, 9 a.m., at Old Towne Battle Grounds, 316 E. Main St., Battle Ground. Jane Poole, (360) 247-6475, jspool@tds.net, www.bgartalliance.com, Linda Kliever, (360) 687-7414, claywiz02@comcast.net.

Clark County Genealogical Society

The Society will hold a "Beginning Genealogy" class Sat., Dec. 3, 10 a.m. to noon at the library annex, 717 Grand Blvd., Vancouver. There will be no membership monthly meeting in December. The next regular meeting will be January 24, 2012 at 10 a.m.

The Society meets the fourth Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the library annex, 717 Grand Blvd., Vancouver, WA. CCGS Library, (360) 750-5688, www.ccgswa.org.



STEPHEN CORNICK

North Clark Historical Museum

The Museum will feature the artwork of Michael Allen through December. Also on display will be "Farms and Barns in Clark County," and the Community Celebration Honoring Veterans art contest winning entries.

The Museum is located at 21416 NE 399th St, Amboy, WA. The Museum board of directors meets the second and fourth Thursdays, 7 p.m. The Museum is open Saturdays, noon-4 p.m. Museum events, (360) 247-5800.



GEORGENE NEAL

Ridgefield Lions Club

Through December, the Lions will be recruiting for a "Super Auction" leader—someone in the community to volunteer their organizing skills for the effort—and recruiting for a "bunch of really good things" to sell at the auction. The Auction is slated for the first Saturday in May.

On Sat., Dec. 3, the Lions will help with the Walk and Knock effort collecting the bags in Ridgefield at 8:30 a.m., and on Mon., Dec. 19, they will join with Boy Scouts in Christmas caroling at Carolee's Retirement Center and the Ridgefield Living Center. Carolers will meet at Carolee's at 6 p.m.

The Lions meet the first and third Mondays beginning Sept. 5, 6:30 p.m., at the Ridgefield Community Center, 210 N. Main Ave., Ridgefield, WA. For membership information, call Audrey Vogel, (360) 887-5441, www.ridgefieldlions.org. George Espinoza, (360) 608-1826.

Washington Trail Riders Association

The Trail Riders will hold a festive election Fri., Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m. with an annual Christmas party and election of officers at the Saddle Club. This will be a potluck meeting, however, ham and turkey will be provided, and a gift exchange is optional.

The Riders meet at the Clark County Saddle Club, 10505 NE 117th St., Brush Prairie. Barbara Thomas, 896-7123, pineywoman@aol.com, Jim Noble, (360) 977-0602, romulas21@gmail.com.



JIM NOBLE

Battle Ground Rotary

On Wed., Dec. 14 the Rotary hosts guest speaker Sarah Elliot with the SWWA Lyme Network.

Rotary meetings are held Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m., Galeotti's Restaurant, 801 E. Main St. Bob Foster, (360) 687-9579, (360) 772-5313, captbob@wildblue.net.



ROBERT FOSTER

Battle Ground Kiwanis

The Kiwanis announce their grapefruit sale is in full swing. The public may contact the Kiwanis through Jim Correy for a box of no less than 18 large, sweet Texas ruby grapefruit for \$16.50 per box. Proceeds benefit various charities.

Other projects for December for the Kiwanis include conducting their annual Christmas distribution with the North County Community Food Bank and participating in the Walk and Knock campaign Sat., Dec. 3.

The Kiwanis Club meets the second and fourth Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Kiwanis Bldg., Kiwanis Park, 422 SW 2nd Ave., Battle Ground. Jim Correy, 687-2044.



JIM CORREY

Lewis River Rotary Club

The Rotary will host Cheron Calder and her Cyprus Friendship Program, using Skype with children from Cyprus, Tues., Dec. 20, 7 a.m.

The Rotary Club meets Tuesdays, 7 a.m., at the Battle Ground Community Center, 912 E. Main St., Battle Ground. Nancy Miller, (360) 904-5600, Claire Lider, (360) 798-8663.



CLAIRE LIDER

Friends of the Battle Ground Library

The Friends will hold a gift-quality cook book sale Sat., Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the hallway outside Ben's Books, their book store in the library.

They would also like to thank attendees of "The Farms and Barns: History's Mysteries" photo show at the library, for sharing their histories.

The Friends meet the first Tuesday of the month at the library, 1207 SE 8th Way, Battle Ground. Anna Cross, (360) 687-5726, www.bgcfriends.com, friends@bgcfriends.com.



ANNA CROSS

Woodland Historical Museum Society

The Society will hold its regular December meeting on Thurs., Dec. 1 at 7 p.m., with a potluck beginning at 6 p.m. The meat dish will be provided.

The Society announces that cookbooks and Then & Now books are available at the Woodland Visitors Center or the museum.

The Society meets the first Thursday, 7 p.m., 417 Park St., Woodland, behind the Moose Lodge. Museum open hours are Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. John Stark, (360) 225-7094, stark9557@comcast.net.



JOHN STARK

Salmon Creek Kiwanis

The Kiwanis have started planning for the annual Trail Band Concert scheduled for Feb. 11, 2012, with Columbia Credit Union as a main sponsor.

The Kiwanis will also participate in Walk and Knock on Sat., Dec. 3, and continue collecting with the Skyview High School Key Club on Saturdays in December for charities.

The Kiwanis meet Wednesdays, 6:50 a.m. at the Legacy Hospital, 3rd floor Terrace Cafe, 2211 NE 139th St., Vancouver. Bruce Davis, (360) 600-7486, brucedavis13@gmail.com.



BRUCE DAVIS