

Reading outreach gets a boost from benefit auction

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library was cool,' or thinking they might want to become a librarian," she said.

In the effort to continue this enthusiasm, ROCC raised March 23 as a way to keep funding their work to ensure kids in the county have the same library access as a kid would in towns with public libraries like Warrenton, Seaside and Astoria. Before ROCC, kids in the county would pay a fee for a public library card, providing a financial barrier to many families.

The second annual auction filled the Seaside Convention

Center with about 90 different auction items, ranging from wine baskets and children's books to winning a free little library that someone can put outside their house to share books around the community.

The money raised at the event will go to funding the outreach coordinator in charge of organizing summer reading programs, as well as the courier system that allows kids in the county to return public library books to their school libraries. This helps alleviate the long drive that used to be a barrier for rural users, event organizer and Seaside Library Director Esther Moberg said.



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Constance and Gwendolyn Rouda of Astoria ogle at the dessert table with former Astoria Library Director Jane Tucker.

The prizes differ from each year to the next, but the goal of ROCC remains the same.

"We are serving 700 children, but there are 920 who could be served in the coun-

ty. We want every kid to have access to a library card," Moberg said. "When this program was started, we asked 'How can every kid in this county be successful?' Reading is a place to start."

Moberg said she hopes to keep building up the auction as ROCC transitions from getting funded by grants to relying mostly on community support and donations. For the first five years, ROCC relied on federal grants. But due to grant competition and proposed cuts to the budget that funds this grant from the Trump Administration, curating community financial support is increasingly more crucial.

"Showing community support is also an important part of the grant process, as well," Harold said.

Jane Tucker, the former director of the Astoria Public Library, attended the event and was at the forefront of developing ROCC eight years ago, and said she is proud of the program's impact.

"We seek to tear down any barrier from children reading," Tucker said. "This is the reason I did what I did, why I chose the career I did. Without literacy you can't do anything else. That's why it's so important to give as much access to reading as possible."

OBITUARIES

Kenneth L. Bulletset

Nov. 1, 1926 — March 6, 2017

Ken passed away surrounded by his family. Ken was born in Portland, Oregon, to Francis (Frank) and Frances Bulletset. He is survived by his younger brother, Robert (Bob); daughter, Debbie (Sharon); son, Tim (Julie); three grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Ken was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Bonnie, five months ago, and son, Fred, in 1991.

Ken joined the Navy during World War II, and came home to Seaside to meet the love of his life, Bonnie. Ken married Bonnie on Oct. 10, 1946, and was recalled back to the military for the Korean War, where he again served our country. After the military, Ken worked for Pacific NW Bell until retirement in 1982.

Ken was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and well known in the community. Church and family were very important to him. Ken volunteered a great deal with the Deaf School, Blind School and many other nonprofit or-



Kenneth Bulletset



ganizations. Ken will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

At Ken's request there will be no public services. In lieu of flowers, Ken would be delighted to have donations made to the Boys and Girls Club or Morningside Methodist Church Foundation.

Arrangements are by City View Funeral Home in Salem.

Bonnie L. Bulletset

April 22, 1926 — Oct. 7, 2016

Just three days from their 70th wedding anniversary, Bonnie Bulletset passed away at home on Oct. 7, 2016.

Bonnie was born in Seaside, Oregon, on April 22, 1926, to Fred and Jennie Flukinger. She was the last survivor of the family of two brothers and one sister. She attended and graduated from Seaside High School, and was a member of the high school marching band.

While working at a Seaside bakery, she met and married Ken Bulletset in 1946. They lived in Seaside and Astoria until Ken's recall during the Korean War. San Diego was their home until he was discharged from the Navy, and it was back to Astoria until being transferred to Portland, and eight years later to Salem.

Family and church were very important in her life and being a great homemaker was her life; raising two sons and one daughter. They lost their oldest son, Fred, in 1991. She will be great-



Bonnie Bulletset

ly missed by her daughter, Debbie (Sharon); son, Tim (Julie); granddaughters, Jennie (Brad) Barnes and Crystal (Nick) Tungate; grandson, Jeremy (Teresa) Collins; and 10 great-grandchildren.

At a later date, graveside services will be held in Seaside. Any memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice, or Morningside Methodist Church Foundation.

City View Funeral Home in Salem is in charge of the arrangements.

Council considers resolution

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The resolution recognizes the contribution of immigrants and refugees "of all nations" to the state as workers and taxpayers. Inclusion and integration "of all residents of Seaside is a vital concern for the general welfare of Seaside in all respects.... Every Seaside resident should be treated with compassion and respect regardless of national origin or citizenship status."

A similar resolution was adopted earlier this month by the Astoria City Council.

Astoria's resolution states, "except as required by law, no city agency or employee shall use monies or equipment to detect or apprehend persons whose only violation involves a federal immigration law."

In addition, "except as required by federal or state law, no city services or benefits of any kind shall be conditioned upon a resident's federal immigration status."

The resolution does not make Astoria a sanctuary city, a general term describing cities that seek to protect undocumented immigrants from federal immigration policies.



Jay Barber

Seaside Kids, Inc.

Active Youth Today — Active Leaders Tomorrow

Dear Friends:

This will be our 60th year of promoting free sports programs for the boys and girls in the Seaside, Gearhart, Cannon Beach and Jewell communities. This membership drive is our most important fundraiser.

We are serving over 600 kids with our programs. Your generous support for our membership drive is a key factor in helping us provide these programs FREE to all kids! Without your continued support, our organization would not be where it is today and the kids who participate free thank you very much.

Seaside Kids, Inc., with the assistance of you, volunteers and hundreds of participating local youth, currently have the following programs:

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- Wrestling • 3rd - 6th grade Football • 4th - 6th grade Volleyball •
- Girls Basketball Clinics •

As a 100% volunteer organization, your time of a few hours per week can make a difference in the life of a youngster. We need assistance in coaching, umpiring, field preparation and concessions. If you are interested, please list your phone number below or for additional information call John Morris at (503) 440-0381.

On behalf of Seaside Kids, Inc., may we say thank you for your past support and we hope it continues in the future.

Seaside Kids, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code.

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Room tax hike coming to Seaside in July

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said at an earlier meeting. Vandenberg said he not only hopes to recruit larger groups, but to keep current clients.

"They've grown over the last 25, 30 years and we haven't added any space in 25 years," he said.

"You've really vetted this

very carefully," Mayor Jay Barber said before Monday's council vote. "You've had good input from the lodging owners in the community. This is a big step forward."

Barber, Council President Tita Montero and councilors Randy Frank, Seth Morrissey and Steve Wright joined in unanimously approving implementation of the room tax.

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