

# Phi Theta Kappa cleans beach

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Idle time can be put to use this month by volunteering alongside the Honor Society Phi Theta Kappa during upcoming events.

Alpha Xi Zeta, Clackamas Community College's chapter of PTK has been actively wrangling students to participate in community service. AXZ has been focusing on organizing the following future activities: the Hopkins Tree Farm Clean-up (March 13), the SOLV Beach Clean-up (March 20), the Potluck in the Park (March 21), and the Relay for Life (late June).

AXZ is seeking new members, according to AXZ Chapter President Greg Stein.

Many existing members will be graduating this spring term, according to AXZ Vice President of Service Jeffrey A. Weissburg.

Any students with a 3.5 GPA or better can apply to join the PTK/AXZ, "before this chapter vanishes from the campus," Weissburg stated in an e-mail.

The closest forthcoming event will be the Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm Clean-up on Saturday, March 13 from noon to 4 p.m. Participants will be planting tree saplings, clearing brush and cleaning walkways, according to Weissburg. The Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm is located at 16750 S. Brockway Road in Oregon City.

"Currently, we have seven people (counting myself) ready to go on this project from Phi Theta Kappa," Weissburg stated in e-mail. "We are also trying to connect with the CCC Sustainability Initiative

Club via V.P. Christina Freadman (also a PTK member), in order to kick this project into full gear."

The SOLV Beach Clean-up will be on Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Tillamook. The cleaning will start at the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum and continue toward the beach, according to Weissburg.

"Though tentatively in the works, we are looking to part-

ner with the Tillamook Bay Community College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa in regards to this project, in addition to the CCC Sustainability Club," Weissburg stated. "We tentatively have about 15 or so people ready to go."

All of those involved will be meeting at Starbucks across the street from CCC at about 7:30 a.m., with plans to reach Tillamook by 9:30 a.m., according to Weissburg.

The Potluck in the Park will be held on Sunday, March 21 at 2 p.m. in downtown Portland at the O'Bryant Square (SW 9th Ave. and SW Stark St.). AXZ will be working with Potluck in the Park, a 19-year old non-profit event committed to feeding the homeless on a weekly basis at O'Bryant Square, according to Weissburg.

"Last term, we were able to serve 330 meals approximately

in a span of about 90 minutes," Weissburg stated. "This term we hope to bust through that goal."

AXZ is organizing a clothing and toiletries donation. All items will be given out at Potluck in the Park. The last donation will be on Friday, March 26. AXZ donated 150 pounds of clothes and clothing to the Portland Rescue Mission last term, according to Weissburg.

Secretary of AXZ, Jean Sherette, is the team leader for the PTK Yellow Team in the forthcoming Relay for Life, being held on Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27 at the CCC.

Relay for Life is a 24-hour a-thon fundraiser to raise money for cancer patients, supplies, research, according to Sherette.

Anyone can join; being a member is not required. It is necessary to walk a full 24 hours as long as a team member stays on the track.

There are other ways to help besides attending Relay for Life. Sun and moon cards can be purchased at the ASG office and will go toward the fund, according to Sherette.

"Even if people want to take away empty soda cans, we will take that as a donation," Sherette said in e-mail.

New student Jennifer Roberts thinks the upcoming AXZ events are a good idea, and she is going to take getting more involved.

"Instead of having each person doing their own thing, they should get together as a team," Roberts said.



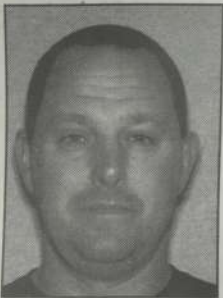
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A dirty beach in Seaside is similar to beaches in Tillamook where the SOLV Beach Cleanup will take place on Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

# College speaker unexpectedly murders wife, friends, self

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More misfortune has hit close to campus this winter. Clackamas County Sheriff's Office sergeant Jeffrey Grahn gunned down his wife and her two friends while off duty in Gresham last month. He was on campus as a trauma intervention guest speaker during winter term.



GRAHN

Grahn was involved with the non-profit Trauma Intervention Program for the past seven years. T.I.P. consists

of volunteers focused on assisting trauma victims. Grahn spoke about how to handle law enforcement during emergency response.

T.I.P. held its most recent National Academy at Clackamas Grahn spoke on campus in January.

Jeffrey Grahn shot himself after targeting his wife Charlotte Grahn and her two friends, Kathleen Hoffmeister and Victoria Schulmerich, at M & M Restaurant and Lounge in Gresham on Friday, Feb. 12.

Schulmerich was the last shooting victim to pass away. After fighting for her life for nearly two weeks, she died at OHSU on Feb. 25.

Some volunteers who attended the T.I.P. National Academy on campus in January were scheduled for ride-alongs with Jeffrey Grahn. A lot of them had his personal contact information, according to June Vining, who has been the executive director of T.I.P. for the past 18 years.

"He was a great man," Vining said. "Very passionate about this volunteer organization, very educated about working with volunteers and getting them information on how to respond to law enforcement."

T.I.P. remains appreciative of Grahn's contribution to the program. He came across as loving his family and loving his career, according to Vining.

"I think that it is very sad and tragic," Vining said.

Vining said that she doesn't understand how the tragedy happened, and she doesn't think that anyone will fully figure it out.

"There is no way to make sense of what happened," Vining said. "It's just a process of holding onto each other and caring about each other and trying to put one foot in front of the other."

The Clackamas County Circuit Court dismissed the Grahn's divorce proceedings in January. Jeffrey Grahn originally filed last summer, but his wife did not respond, according to court documents.

Charlotte Grahn's friend Christina Kippler reported that there was domestic violence going on at the Grahn household, according to the official investigation report from Portland Police Bureau released at the end of February. Charlotte Grahn's sister Jody Ann Queirolo told Kippler

that Jeffrey Grahn had ripped out Charlotte's hair, according to the PPB report. Both Kippler and Queirolo told PPB investigators that they were worried about Jeffrey Grahn "killing his family and himself."

Jeffrey Grahn refused to get a prescription for antidepressants because of the possible "stigma" of being on medication, although in an interview, his wife said that he had taken her pills at least once, according to the PPB investigation report.

"It's unfortunate because mental health practitioners are skilled," Clackamas County Public Relations Officer Jim Strovink said.

Grahn was involved with the Peer Support Team and County Employee Assistance Program, according to Strovink.

"We offered him help, but we could not force him to accept it," Strovink said.

Clackamas County's Sheriff Craig Roberts has focused on enhancing the existing counseling programs that provide personal and professional assistance to law enforcement employees and their families, after the Grahn tragedy, according to

Strovink.

"We do have, on occasion, a stress-filled job," Strovink said. "That's why we have these programs."

There was a notable spike in domestic violence reporting after the tragic shootings, according to Strovink.

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office's Benevolent Fund has established the Charlotte Memorial Fund. Donations were made at any Wells Fargo bank.

CCC horticulture student Bennett, didn't know Jeffrey Grahn had been at the college.

"It's not good," Bennett said. "A guy probably thought he could reconcile with his wife and lost it, and just went on a shooting spree."

Troy Sawyer, a friend of Grahn's and a new student pursuing geology studies at CCC, hadn't heard about the Jeffrey Grahn murder case.

"It almost makes you wonder he couldn't put his money where his mouth is ... was," Sawyer said. "A very cruel irony."

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