

Warrenton toy drive in action

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WARRENTON — Warrenton-Hammond Healthy Kids (WHHK), in conjunction with the Warrenton-Hammond School District, is sponsoring the second annual Warrenton Kids Holiday Toy Drive. Last year the community’s response provided gifts for every child involved. Again this year, donations of unopened toys are needed for

those children in Warrenton and Hammond whose families might not be able to afford gifts for their children. For those who would like to donate toys, some specific items are needed — such as LEGOs, Barbie, Hot Wheels and racing cars, Hello Kitty dolls, art supplies and Nerf toys — but toys of any type will be appreciated. Bring the unopened, unwrapped gifts to the school office by 4 p.m.

Wednesday. Financial donations of cash and checks are needed, as well, and will also be accepted at the school office through 4 p.m. Wednesday. Checks can be made out to Warrenton-Hammond Healthy Kids. Funds in excess of those needed to support the toy drive will be put toward other WHHK programs that support children from the community who are in need.

DAR meets for plum pudding

The Astoria Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution meets at 1 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Flavel House Museum for Tea and Plum

Pudding. The program is “Continental Congress Experiences,” by Robin Rhodes, and the cost is \$12 per person. Members and women

interested in membership are asked to RSVP as soon as possible to Sandra Fuller at 503-325-2419 or Sue Glen at 503-861-0574.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

4-H — Looking for 4-H leaders. For information, call Sandra Carlson at the Oregon State University Extension at 503-325-8573.

American Red Cross — Needs registration volunteers (donor ambassadors) in Clatsop County to provide customer service and enhance the blood donor experience. For information, call Angela Basurto at 503-528-5430.

Astoria Column — 1 Coxcomb Drive. Volunteers needed to welcome visitors, provide information and answer questions about the Astoria Column and the city of Astoria. For information, call the Friends of the Astoria Column Visitor Center at 503-325-2963.

Astoria Riverfront Trolley Association — 111 W. Marine Drive. Needs conductors/motormen to operate trolley and narrate points of interest. One or more three-hour shifts per month. For information, call the 503-325-6311.

Astoria Senior Center — 1111 Exchange St. To volunteer, call Larry Miller at 503-325-3231.

Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce — 111 W. Marine Drive. Volunteers needed at the chamber and for events. For information, call 503-325-6311.

Camp Kiwanilong — A large variety of volunteer opportunities are available. For information, call 503-861-2933 or go to www.campkiwanilong.org

Caring Adults Developing Youth (CADY) Mentoring Program — 800 Exchange St., second floor. Needs mentors for youths ages 10 to 17 at risk of school failure. Time commitment: one year, about eight hours per month. For information, contact Laura Parker at 503-325-8601 or lparker@co.clatsop.or.us

Clatsop Animal Assistance Inc. — Needs volunteers who have a strong commitment to work on behalf of the Clatsop County Animal Shelter’s dogs and cats. For information, email info@dogscats.org or call 503-861-0737.

Clatsop Care Center — Volunteers needed daily for all three meals to provide one-on-one assistance to dining dependent residents. Volunteers must participate in a 16-hour training program. For information, contact Mandy Brenchley at 503-325-0313, ext. 209.

Clatsop County Animal Shelter — Animal care volunteers age 16 and older needed for one 3-hour shift per week. Pick up an application at 1315 S.E. 19th St., Warrenton. For information, or to schedule orientation, call Leslie Atkinson at 503-325-1000.

Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank — Volunteers needed to help hand out fruits and vegetables at the weekly produce pantries for two hours on Thursdays, from April to October, in Seaside and Warrenton. Warehouse attendants are needed for food packing or processing, picking orders for agencies, light janitorial and housekeeping, or lawn and grounds maintenance. Three to four-hour shifts are available Monday through Friday. To volunteer, call 503-861-3663.

Clatsop Community College Outreach Literacy — Needs volunteer literacy tutors to work with adults, native and non-native speakers. Training available. For information, call 503-338-2557.

Clatsop County Public Works — 1101 Olney Ave. Adopt-A-Road volunteers needed to remove litter two times (minimum) per year for two years. Safety equipment and supplies provided. Volunteers must receive safety orientation. For information, call 503-325-8631.

Clatsop Cruise Hosts — Looking for volunteers to meet and greet cruise ship passengers and crew, provide information and answer questions about the Clatsop County area. Ships arrive in the spring and fall, about 20 ships each year. Work all the ships or part of them. For information, go to www.clatsopcruisehosts.org

Columbia Memorial Hospital — Needs volunteers to provide assistance to patients, visitors and hospital staff. Training provided. For information, go to www.columbiamemorial.org. To schedule an interview, call 503-325-4321.

Columbia River Maritime Museum — 1792 Marine Drive. Volunteer opportunities for those with an interest in maritime history. For information, call the volunteer coordinator weekdays at 503-325-2323.

Columbia Senior Diners — 1111 Exchange St., Astoria Senior Center. Volunteers needed weekdays to serve tables and for kitchen help. To volunteer, call 503-325-9693.

Community Emergency Response Team — CERT volunteers needed for community events and disaster response with local police, fire and emergency medical service agencies. Training includes fire safety, first aid,

traffic and crowd control, communications, damage survey, disaster planning and civic events within city limits. For information, contact CERT coordinator Kenny Hansen at khansen@astoria.or.us or leave a voicemail at 503-325-4411.

Friends of Seaside Library — 1131 Broadway, Seaside. Volunteers needed to staff the fundraising store. For information, call 503-738-6742 or stop by the library.

Knappa Rural Fire Protection District — Needs volunteer firefighters. Training provided. For information, contact any of the active personnel or call Chief Paul Olheiser at 503-458-6610.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman — Volunteers advocate to protect the rights and dignity of licensed long-term care facility residents in Clatsop County; educate about resident rights; and investigate quality of care concerns. Flexible schedule; about five weekday hours needed per week. For information, contact Gretchen Jordan at 503-983-3920 or go to www.oregon.gov/lto

Lunch Buddy Mentoring Program — Adults needed to mentor elementary and middle school students once a week during lunch. For information, call Mary Jackson at 503-440-0368 or email lunchbuddies.mp@gmail.com

NorthWest Senior & Disability Services — Needs dishwashers and volunteers to serve and clean up weekdays at a meal site, and drivers for Meals on Wheels. For information, contact Candy Foster at 503-738-9323.

Providence Seaside Hospital — Needs volunteers to drive local senior citizens to medical appointments for the Partners for Seniors Program, and to work in the Providence Seaside Hospital Gift Shop. Commitments as small as one hour a month to regularly scheduled weekly shifts are available. For information, call Volunteer Services at 503-717-7171 or email Alana.Kujala@providence.org

River Song Foundation — Looking for people to assist with Trap/Neuter/Release/Feed (TNRF), especially in the Seaside and Knappa/Svenson areas. TNRF involves setting and/or monitoring traps, and daily feeding of cats and maintenance of any shelters, and is a proven, science-based method that along with spay/neuter programs is the only effective and humane way of ending cat homelessness and suffering. Call 503-861-2003 for information and to volunteer.

Seaside Downtown Development Association — Volunteers needed to help with local events happening throughout the year. For information, call Tita Montero at 503-717-1914 or email director@seasidedowntown.com

Seaside Museum and Historical Society — Volunteers needed to help as docents, maintaining and creating exhibits, and various events throughout the year. Small and large projects available. Any amount of time will be greatly appreciated. Call the museum at 503-738-7065 or email seasidemuseum@hotmail.com

Start Making a Reader Today — Needs volunteers to read to students one-on-one for one hour a week at local elementary schools. To volunteer, call 503-391-8423 or go to www.getsmartoregon.org

Svensen Congregate Meal Site — Wickiup Grange Hall, 92683 Svensen Market Road. To volunteer, or for information, call Debbie Dunaway at 503-791-7298 or 503-861-4202.

Titanic Lifeboat Academy — Volunteer to help care for animals and assist with sustainable living projects; minimum commitment of four hours per week requested. Some training provided. For information, contact Caren Black at 503-325-6886.

Tri-City Spay and Neuter Thrift Store — 600 Broadway, Seaside. Needs volunteers interested in improving the welfare of animals. For information, call 503-738-7040.

Veterans Services Officer of Clatsop County — Seeking volunteer drivers to transport veterans from Astoria to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Portland using the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) van. To volunteer, call 503-298-8757 or email clatsopvso@gmail.com

Warrenton Senior Lunch Program — Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Volunteers needed to help with Meals on Wheels and in the dining room Mondays or Thursdays. For information, contact Barb Balensifer at 503-861-1341.

Wildlife Rehab Center of the North Coast — Needs volunteers to help rehabilitate orphaned and injured wildlife. For information, call 503-338-0331 or go to coastwildlife.org

RELIGION BRIEFS

Peace Lutheran

Peace Lutheran Church, 565 12th St., is holding Free Music Meditation Services during Advent. Bring a brown bag lunch between 12:15 and 1 p.m. Wednesday, and enjoy the music offered in the church sanctuary. This week’s artist is Susan Buehler, vocalist, and the theme is “Theme: The Angel Speaks to Mary’s Doubt” (Luke 1:26-38).

Buehler is a former member of the voice faculty at Baker University and is now an associate professor emeritus of music. Since her retirement to Cannon Beach, she serves as pianist for the Cannon Beach Chorus and workshops for the Oregon chapter of the American Choral Directors Association, and serves as organist for Seaside Calvary Episcopal Church and Cannon Beach Community Church.

First Lutheran

First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St., celebrates with a Holy Communion worship at 8:30 a.m. Sunday. The Christmas Program is at 11 a.m., followed by an ice cream social. All are welcome.

The Orchid Society meets at 2 p.m. Sunday. On Monday, Scandinavian Workshop meets at 10 a.m., Sea Scouts at 5:30 p.m. and the Hope House Parenting Class is at 6 p.m.

On Tuesday, Hope Circle meets at 1:30 p.m., TOPS at 5:30 p.m., and Pure Alliance at 5:45 p.m.

The Soup Supper begins at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, followed by the Advent Worship at 6:30 p.m. Senior Choir meets at 7 p.m.

The Church Council is having a Christmas Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

The Clatsop Retirement Village Gathering and Christmas Party is at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 17.

For information, call 503-325-6252, email ficastoria@gmail.com or go to www.astoria-firstlutheran.com

Pacific Unitarian Universalist

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (PUUF) holds a service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. The Rev. Kit Ketcham leads the service, “Each Night a Child is Born, is a Holy Night.” Several children who are new to the fellowship are being dedicated, and their families welcomed, in a special ceremony assisted by Jan Horning.

Nancy Logan is the service leader, and Veja Lahti and Bob Nelson are the greeters. Following the service, there is a potluck lunch on the second floor at the Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St.

The fellowship’s board has chosen to adopt a family in need from among the members and friends of PUUF. Funds are being gathered during the next two weeks, and there are marked envelopes provided to earmark a gift for this cause.

Alternatively, mail a check made out to PUUF and labeled for “Adopted Family” to the treasurer, Peggy Coreson, at 1100 N.W. Warrenton Drive, No. 339, Warrenton, OR 97146-9350.

The funds will be used for a shopping trip

Dec. 19; the last day to contribute is Dec. 18. For information, call 503-325-5225 or go to www.pacuuf.org



The Taito Family

Astoria Seventh-day Adventist

The Astoria Seventh-day Adventist Church, 300 Nehalem Ave., presents Worship, Songs and Praise with the Taito Family at 4 p.m. Saturday. All are welcome.

The Taito Family — Levi Jr., Fia, Zion, Anaiah and Abrielle — of Puyallup, Washington, are known for their performances of contemporary Christian, acappella and Southern gospel music. Their website is www.taitomusic.com

For information, call the church at 503-325-0610.

Bethany Free Lutheran

The Sunday school students of Bethany Free Lutheran Church, 451 34th St., are sharing a Christmas program of word and song at 5 p.m. Sunday. A dinner follows the program. The public is welcome.

For information, call 503-325-2925.

Grace Episcopal

Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., celebrates the Third Sunday of Advent at both the 8 and 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist services, when the third candle of the Advent wreath will be lit.

The monthly Second Sunday Soup-Supper meal is at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Parish Hall, free of charge. Those willing to help should come at 3 p.m. to set up or 5 p.m. to help clean up.

During the Season of Advent, Grace offers Taizé Prayer and Song service with local musicians consisting of simple repeated chants, periods of silence, prayers individual and communal and the lighting of candles at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. All are welcome.

For information, call the church at 503-325-4691 or go to www.graceastoria.org





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