

## Bell ringers needed for Salvation Army fundraiser

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\$12,000 in 2015, and \$16,000 in 2016.

WARRENTON — Today is the start of the Lower Columbia Power Squadron bell ringing for the Salvation Army at Fred Meyer in Warrenton, for the 2017 Christmas Season. This is the 14th year that the local boating organization has been involved in this project. Over the years, the donations have increased from \$5,000 to

All bell ringers are volunteers, and more volunteers are needed. Bell ringing hours are from noon to 5 p.m. every day that volunteers are available; shifts are usually only two hours. All donations collected are banked locally, and only used in Clatsop County.

To volunteer, call Ronald Collman at 503-861-1368 or 503-440-1097.

## WEDDING

### Schacher — Johnston

Ashley Schacher of Gearhart, daughter of Michael and Melissa Schacher of Gearhart, exchanged wedding vows with Spencer Johnston of Astoria at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017, in the barn at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds in Astoria. The groom is the son of Brad Johnston of Redmond and Cindi Ariss of South Bend, Washington.

Rev. Dan Dunn, a close family friend, performed the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father. The bride's sister, Megan Schacher, and Megan's friend, Rowan Fay, played the flute before the ceremony.

Maid of honor was Megan Sparks of Astoria. Bridesmaids were Josephine Lyons of Harwood, Maryland, and Jaysea Williams, Elizabeth Roe, Morgan Postlewait and Victoria Kee, all of Astoria.

Best Man was Nicholas Ketcham of Astoria. Groomsman was Tyler Johnston of Warrenton, the groom's brother. Ushers were Aimee Schacher, sister of the bride, and her fiancé, Nick Agalzo.

Flower girls were Adele and Hannah Rogers of Hammond. Ring bearers were Brendan and William Rogers of Hammond. Adele is 5 years old; Hannah, Brendan and William are 2½-year-old triplets.

The bride is a 2016 graduate of Astoria High School. She received an associate's degree from Clatsop Community College in 2017, and is a student at Western Oregon University, pursuing a degree in psychology.



Ashley and Spencer Johnston

The groom graduated from Astoria High School in 2015. He also received an associate's degree from CCC in 2017, and is pursuing a degree in paramedicine at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. He is employed by CAB Construction in Mount Angel.

A reception was held in the Exhibit Hall at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. The bride's father cooked barbecued brisket and chicken for almost 300 people. Flowers were provided by Little Island Flowers in Cathlamet, Washington. The photographer was the bride's great-aunt, Kay Schacher, the wedding planner was the bride's aunt, Shana Schacher, and the video was done by the maid of honor's brother, Ethan Sparks. The DJ was Robby Morrissey, a cousin of the bride's father.

The couple honeymooned by taking their restored 1965 Aristocrat trailer, "Otis," around Oregon for two weeks. They now reside in Monmouth.

## Reader's theater brings in bucks for AAUW scholarships



American Association of University Women

The American Association of University Women of Astoria's annual Readers' Dessert Theatre Scholarship Benefit, a production of "The Porch," by Jack Neary, generated over \$3,000. AAUW's sponsors covered the costs of production, so all of the money from the approximately 200 tickets sold is available for scholarships.

## RELIGION BRIEFS

### Pacific Unitarian Universalist

The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship holds a service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. Rev. Kit Ketcham speaks about "Exploring the Mystery," a sequel to her Nov. 12 sermon, "The Evolution of Spiritual Experience."

Religious education for the children is available each week following the "Moment with the Children" near the beginning of the service.

For information, call 503-325-5225, email pacuuf@gmail.com or go to www.pacuuf.org

### Common Ground Interspiritual

A Celebration of Spirit, sponsored by Common Ground Interspiritual Fellowship, meets from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday in the Wesley Room at the Astoria First United Methodist Church, 1076 Franklin Ave. Use the 11th Street building entrance. This morning gathering is not defined by any particular belief system, and is intended for the "spiritual but not religious," as well as those who draw from more than one faith tradition. For information, go to <http://cgifellowship.org>

### Religious Society of Friends

ILWACO, Wash. — The Lower Columbia Quakers, also known as the Religious Society of Friends, meets at 3

p.m. Sunday in the Ilwaco Community Center, 158 First Ave. N. All are welcome to visit and participate. For information, go to <https://lowercolumbiaquakers.org>

### First Lutheran

First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St., holds a Food Pantry Sunday along with the worship services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is at 8:45 a.m., and the Adult Forum meets at 9:45 a.m.

The regularly scheduled activities continue Monday, with Sea Scouts at 5:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, TOPS meets at 5:30 p.m., and Pure Life Alliance meets at 5:45 p.m. The Gather Bible Study, with a brown bag lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Bible Study is at 6 p.m., followed by choir practice at 7 p.m.

For information, call 503-325-6252, email flcastoria@gmail.com or go to [www.astoriafirstlutheran.com](http://www.astoriafirstlutheran.com)

### First Presbyterian

The First Presbyterian Church of Astoria, 1103 Grand Ave., meets at 10 a.m. Sunday. Rev. Dave Kinman's sermon topic is "Perspective Check."

A weekly session of Guided Meditation is offered at 7 p.m. every Thursday night in the Marcotte Room (behind the sanctuary), led by Suredha Murdock. Those new to meditation are offered an instructional session at 6:30 p.m.

Openings are available for vendors wishing to be a part of the Holiday Fair on Dec. 9 in the Fellowship Hall on the corner of 11th Street and Grand Avenue. The artisans' fair features local vendors offering arts and crafts. Contact the church office at 503-325-1702 to reserve a spot as a vendor.

Plans are being made for a Christmas Eve service, "Lessons and Carols," at 7 p.m. Dec. 24. The audience is involved with the presentation, as a carol is sung after each paragraph of the Christmas story is read. The singing closes with "Silent Night" performed by candlelight. The church also holds its regular 10 a.m. service on Christmas Eve morning.

For information, call 503-325-1702, email [pastorbill@fpcastoria.org](mailto:pastorbill@fpcastoria.org) or go to [www.fpcastoria.org](http://www.fpcastoria.org)

### Grace Episcopal

This Sunday is Hunger Awareness Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., with an ingathering for the church's food pantry at both the 8 and 10 a.m. services. Especially needed are soaps of all kinds.

The Fourth Sunday Community Dinner is held at 4 p.m. Those wishing to help should come at 3 p.m. to set up or at 4:30 p.m. to clean up.

For information, call 503-325-4691 or go to [www.graceastoria.org](http://www.graceastoria.org)

## COMMUNITY NOTES

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### TUESDAY

#### Stewardship Quilting Group

— 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. All are welcome. Donations of material always appreciated. For information, call Janet Kemp at 503-325-4268.

#### Do Nothing Club

— 10 a.m. to noon, 24002 U St., Ocean Park, Wash. Men's group. For information, call Jack McBride at 360-665-2721.

#### Senior Lunch

— 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation of \$3 for those older than 60; \$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

#### Columbia Senior Dinners

— 11:30 a.m., 1111 Exchange St. The cost is \$6. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

#### Astoria Lions Club

— noon, Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Prospective members welcome. For information, contact Charlene Larsen at 503-325-0590.

#### Astoria-Warrenton Duplicate Bridge Club

— 12:30 to 4 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. Anyone may play if they have a partner; to request a bridge partner, call 503-325-0029.

#### Authentic Spiritual Conversations

— 7 to 8:30 p.m., Activity Center, first floor, CMH-OHSU Knight Cancer Collaborative, 1905 Exchange St. Open dialogue about spiritual issues. Group supports participants in sharing their own understanding and putting their spiritual values into practice. All faiths, including "spiritual but not religious" welcome. For information, email [info@cgifellowship.org](mailto:info@cgifellowship.org) or call 916-307-9790.

### WEDNESDAY

#### Warrenton Sunrise Rotary Club

— 7 a.m., Dooger's Seafood & Grill, Youngs Bay Plaza, 103 S. U.S. Highway 101, Warrenton. For information, call 503-325-4030.

#### Chair Exercises for Seniors

— 9 to 9:45 a.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

#### Help Ending Abusive Relationship Tendencies

— 10 to 11:30 a.m., The Harbor, 1361 Duane St. HEART covers subjects related to the effects of domestic violence on children, parents and other family members, dynamics of power and control, and how to recognize red flags. Open group for females and those who identify as female, and for anyone in an abusive relationship, or who knows someone who is. For information, call Juli Hol at 503-325-3426, ext. 103.

#### Wickiup Senior Lunches

— 11:30 a.m., Wickiup Grange Hall, 92683 Svensen Market Road. Free for those older than 60 (\$3 suggested donation), \$6.75 for those younger than age 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

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#### Blood Pressure Checks

— noon to 2 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

#### Sit & Stitch

— 1 to 3 p.m., Homespun Quilts & Yarn, 108 10th St. Bring knitting, crochet or other needlework projects along to this community stitching time. All skill levels welcome.

#### Mahjong for Experienced Players

— 1:15 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

#### Beginner Line Dancing for Seniors

— 1:30 to 3 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

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#### Warrenton Senior Lunch Program

— noon, Warrenton

Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Suggested donation of \$5 for seniors and \$7 for those younger than 60. For information, or to volunteer, call 503-861-3502 Monday or Thursday.

#### Seaside Rotary Club

— noon, Outlet Mall, 1111 N. Roosevelt Drive, No. 206, Seaside. Lunch costs \$15. All are welcome. For information, go to <http://seasiderotary.com>

#### Survivors Circle

— noon to 1 p.m., The Harbor, 1361 Duane St. Trauma Recovery and Empowerment Model Peer Support Group for survivors of intimate partner and sexual assault. Held in a safe confidential place to explore the causes, effects and methods of healing from trauma; emphasis is on empowering survivors. For information, contact Shannon Symonds at 503-325-3426 ext. 106.

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#### Trivia

— 6:30 p.m., Uptown Cafe, 1639 S.E. Ensing Lane, Warrenton. Teams of up to four players. Three \$2 games, winners take each pot. Rolling jackpot builds from week to week if no one answers jackpot question. For information, call 503-861-5639.

#### Jam Session

— 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. Open to the public. For information, call 503-325-3231.

### FRIDAY

AAUW Walking Group — 9:30 a.m. Seaside Branch of

American Association of University Women weekly low-impact group walk, followed by coffee and fellowship. For information, call 503-738-7751.

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#### Community Skate Night

— 5 to 9 p.m., Astoria Armory, 1650 Exchange St. Admission \$3. Limited roller skate rentals available for \$3; roller blades available. For information, call 503-791-6064 or go to [www.astoriaarmory.com](http://www.astoriaarmory.com)

#### Bingo

— 7 p.m., Wickiup Senior Center, 92650 Svensen Market Road. For information call Mark Tischer at 503-458-6482.

### OTHER

#### Make a Wish Donations

— Sears Hometown Store, 1152 Marine Drive, is accepting donations for Make a Wish through Dec. 31. No purchase required; 100 percent of the donations go to Make a Wish.

#### Quilting Project Needs Fabric

— Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Seaside needs polyester/cotton fabric, 1/2 yard or larger, for a quilting project. A group meets weekly on Thursdays to complete quilts to send within the U.S. and around the world to provide warmth, and often shelter, to those in need. To donate, call Claudia Kulland at 503-738-5895.