Toys for Tots gifts will go to families in south Clatsop County

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SEASIDE — The Rotary Club of Seaside and its foundation are partnering with the Marine Corps Reserve to bring Christmas gifts to south Clatsop County families who might not otherwise wake up to gifts on Christmas morning.

From now until Dec. 16, commu-

nity members can help by donating new, unwrapped toys in the Toys for Tots toy bins at: Walmart, Seaside High School, Broadway Middle School, Clatsop Community Bank, First National Bank, Bank of the Pacific, Seaside Ace Hardware, Rite Aid, Carousel Mall, Carters and Bookstore of Outlet Mall.

At 11 a.m. Dec. 19, the Rotary Club

will be at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center to help parents and families choose toys for their children.

Parents are encouraged not to bring their children to the gift selection event on

If you have questions, contact Penny Cowden at 503-325-3208 or go to toysfortots.org

Walgreens offers free photos with Santa, donates toys to Christmas gift program

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WARRENTON — Walgreens, 1625 E. Harbor Drive, is offering a free 5 by 7 photo with Santa, along with candy canes and

treats, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For every free photo taken, Walgreens will donate a new toy to Toys for Tots.

For information, call Walgreens at 503-861-9324.

Pet photos with Santa support dog sanctuary

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Angels For Sara Sanctuary for senior dogs, is hosting "Photos with Santa" from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Dec. 15 and 16, at Petco, 1619 S.E. Ensign Lane, in part-

nership with the Petco Foundation. For a \$9.95 donation to help save animal lives, participants receive a digital keepsake photo of themselves and their pet with Santa.

The event is open to the public, but

Petco requires all animals to be on leashes to participate.

All of the proceeds will benefit the Angels for Sara Sanctuary through the Petco Foundation. Learn more at bit.ly/petcopix

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

4-H — Looking for 4-H leaders. For information, call 503-325-8573.

American Red Cross — Needs registration volunteersto provide customer service. For information, call 503-528-5430.

Angels for Sara Senior Dog Sanctuary — Needs volunteers to help care for elderly dogs who are unable to stay with their owners. Anyone interested in fundraising, yard maintenance, spending quality time with the dogs or fostering a senior dog, angelsforsara@gmail.com or call 503-325-2772.

Astoria Column — 1 Coxcomb Drive. Volunteers needed to welcome visitors 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. For information, call 503-325-6311.

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

Astoria Veteran Van Drivers
— Volunteer drivers needed for the
Disabled American Veterans van for
one or more trips per month to the
Portland Veterans Administration
Hospital. To volunteer, contact Dick
Lang at 503-298-8757 or dicklang@
charter.net. Drivers receive free
breakfast and lunch vouchers for
the hospital canteen on every trip.

Astoria Warming Center — 1076 Franklin Ave. Winter overnight emergency shelter for homeless persons needs volunteers for three-hour shifts from evening through the night to help with welcoming guests, serving dinner, cleaning the kitchen, monitoring the sleeping area overnight, and closing the shelter in the morning. Volunteers also needed for weekly litter patrols in the neighborhood. To volunteer,

email astoriawarmingcenter@ gmail.com

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 variety of volunteer opportunities are available. For information, call 503-861-2933 or go to campkiwanilong.org

Cannon Beach Academy — 3781 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach. Volunteers needed for breakfast or lunch preparation and cleanup, reading groups, math groups, lunch/recess duty and housekeeping. Call 503-298-5245.

Cannon Beach Library —131 North Hemlock, Cannon Beach. Volunteers needed for alphabetizing bookshelves, covering books, doing minor building maintenance, helping with a speakers' series, and participating in book sales and other events. Email info@cannonbeachlibrary.org or call 503-436-1391.

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, 503-325-8601 or lparker@co.clatsop.or.us

Clatsop Animal Assistance Inc. — Needs volunteers to work on behalf of the Clatsop County Animal Shelter's dogs and cats. For information, email info@dogsncats.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 503-325-0313.

Clatsop County Animal Shelter — Animal care volunteers age 16 and older needed for one

ngcenter@ 3-hour shift per week. Pick up an application at 1315 S.E. 19th St., Warrenton. Call Leslie Atkinson at 503-325-1000.

Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank — 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. 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. Go to clatsopcruisehosts.org

Coast Community Radio — Volunteers needed for weekday front desk, music library digital conversion, graphic and sign making, booths at farmers markets and special events, landscaping, and mailing parties. For information, email janet@coastradio.org or call 503-325-0010.

Columbia Memorial Hospital
— Provide assistance to patients, visitors and hospital staff. Training provided. For information, go to 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. 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. 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.

Haystack Rock Awareness Program — Needs volunteers for general office assistance and to assist lead interpreters on the beach with signage, ropes and set up during low tides and talking to visitors about the rock and the local flora and fauna. Must pass a basic background test. Children must be supervised by a parent. For information, contact Lisa Habecker at 503-436-8064 or habecker@ci.cannon-beach.or.us

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

Long-Term Care Ombudsman
— Certified ombudsman volunteers
advocate for the rights, care and
dignity of the elderly and disabled
living in licensed long-term care facilities. Many residents have no one

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4-H needs adult volunteer Cloverbud leaders

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There is a 4-H informational meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the 4-H & OSU Extension office, 2001 Marine Drive, for interested adult volunteers to work with youth in the 4-H Cloverbuds program for ages 5 to 8. There are youth in Knappa, Seaside, Warrenton and Astoria who have expressed interest in joining, and leaders are needed to start new clubs.

Participation, safety, personal development, learning and fun are the highest priorities for Cloverbuds programs, which are activity-focused, not project-focused, and are built on cooperative learning rather than competition.

A Cloverbud member engages in varied activities which focus on developing a specific skill or concept to complete the activity.

For information or to RSVP for the meeting, contact Sandra Carlson at 503-325-8573.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Crossroads Community

SVENSEN — Crossroads Community Church, a Friends Fellowship, at 40618 Old Highway 30, is holding a Free Family Film Friday at 6:45 p.m. Friday. Come enjoy a film and fellowship. This event is always held the second Friday of the month. All are welcome. For information, call Shawn Leonard, pastor, at 503-949-5033.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish

A special Mass is at 9 a.m. Saturday for the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1465 Grand Ave. in Astoria, and at 4 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Mission, 867 Fifth Ave. in Hammond.

Lector training for anyone wanting to be a lector immediately follows the 4 p.m. Mass. Sign-up sheets are in the church for Eucharist Ministers for January, February and March. For questions, email teelaevans1@gmail.com

A DVD series of Dr. Brant Pitre's lectures, "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Advent," will be shown from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays during Advent through Dec. 16 in the inner classroom.

This second week of Advent there is a special collection to support the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Gifts are being collected for the Giving Tree, and the unwrapped gift and separate gift bag should be brought in by Tuesday. For questions, contact Kathy Fransen at 503-458-6077.

The Hispanic Ministry invites all to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary, Star of the Sea.

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank, located behind St. Mary's Church on 15th Street, needs jelly, jam, coffee, cooking oil and salad dressing. Food for Kids needs oatmeal packets and breakfast bars. The food bank is open from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, and 10 a.m. to noon Friday and Saturday. For questions, call 503-325-2007.

Pacific Unitarian Universalist Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship services are held

at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, 588 16th St. On Sunday, Rev. Kit Ketcham's topic is "Lessons of Hanukkah: Responding to Anti-Semitism in America."

Religious education for the children follows the "Moment with the Children" near the beginning of the service. After the service, the monthly potluck lunch is held at the Astoria Masonic Temple, 1572 Franklin Ave. All are welcome.

For information, go to pacuuf.org

Christian Church of Knappa

KNAPPA — The Christian Church of Knappa, 42417 Valley Creek Lane, invites the community to a festive sing-along of carols for all ages at 6 p.m. Sunday. Hot cider, coffee and cookies will be served.

Grace Episcopal

There is a reception at 11:30 a.m. Sunday for the new art exhibit, featuring pieces from The Draw Group, hanging at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave.

This group of local artists visits various area locations and produces art of different media while learning from each other.

The monthly Second Sunday Soup-Supper meal is being

held at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Parish Hall. People who are willing to help should come at 3 p.m. to set up, or 5 p.m. to help clean up.

Grace Episcopal offers a seasonal Taizé Prayer & Song

service at 7 p.m. Wednesday consisting of simple repeated chants, periods of silence, prayers individual and communal, and the lighting of candles. All are welcome.

For information, call the church at 503-325-4691 or go to

graceastoria.org

Bethany Free Lutheran

The Sunday school students of Bethany Free Lutheran Church, 451 34th St., are sharing a Sunday school Christmas program at 5 p.m. Sunday, featuring music, readings from the Bible and sharing about the good news of Jesus' birth.

A dinner follows the program. The public is welcome.

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