

Stop building that wall of resentment

Dear Annie: My wife and I are in our late 70s. We have two grown daughters. Twenty years ago, we retired and moved a few states to be closer to our older daughter, “Melissa,” and her children. Our younger daughter, “Allie,” lives back in our hometown. (She chose not to have kids.) Now, our grandkids are married and starting their own families.

We have been generous through the years, remembering the grandkids’ birthdays and anniversaries with cards and checks. We never hear from the grandkids or Melissa.

Six months ago, we decided that it would be best to move back to our hometown to be near our younger daughter, who is concerned about our aging and wants us close. Then COVID-19 hit, and now my wife is undergoing chemo for stage II cancer. She needs to undergo numerous procedures that the doctors said will take nearly a year. So, we’re not moving anytime soon.

A few months ago, we gave Melissa \$10,000. We never heard a peep from her about it.

We are struggling with what to do. My wife is in no condition to be around people during this pandemic, so Melissa and the grandkids can’t visit now, but they weren’t visiting before all this either.

My wife feels like she did something wrong raising our kids and is depressed for many reasons. Her 80th birthday came and went without so much as a phone call from Melissa or any of the grandkids.

I feel that we must concentrate on getting through the cancer treatments, surviving this pandemic and moving back to our hometown. We should stop putting so much effort into reaching out to Melissa when she never does so for us. We’ll be friendly if she thinks to make

a call. And we’ll keep sending check-less occasion cards, maybe with lotto scratchers, just to show that we remembered. We’d love to hear your thoughts on this. — *What to Do*

DEAR ANNIE



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Dear What to Do: Send occasion cards if you’d like. But don’t include cash. Don’t even include lotto scratchers. With the way you’re feeling now, every dollar you give Melissa will be another brick in a wall of resentment.

Let her know how much it means when she reaches out, and how much it hurt that she didn’t call on your wife’s 80th birthday. We’re never done growing, and she might surprise you yet.

Then shift your focus to ensuring that you and your wife stay as healthy as possible, especially while she’s undergoing chemo. And if you want proof that you two were (and are) good parents, just look at your younger daughter. She clearly cares deeply for you and wants to do what she can to help. You two brought that generous human being into this world. Be proud.

Wishing you and your wife the best through all of this. I’m so sorry to hear that she has cancer.

Dear Annie: This is in response to the column with the letter from “Live Profile.” A couple of years ago a friend passed away, leaving no children or spouse. His account remained active and was hacked afterward. I notified Facebook about this. Eventually, I think I provided enough proof in order for them to take down the account. While it might be nice to think of the person on their birthday, inactive accounts can be a hacker’s tool. — *Gwen*

Dear Gwen: You are absolutely right. Thank you for raising a very important aspect of this issue that I failed to address.

COMMUNITY NOTES

FRIDAY

Senior Lunch To Go — Pick up a hot lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Ave. A, Seaside. Drive up to Avenue B to pick up at back door. For information, call Suzanne Bjaranson at 503-861-4202; for new Meals on Wheels inquiries, call 503-304-3420.

Columbia Senior Diners — Full Meals \$6: Delivered to seniors or pickup available at the Astoria Senior Center kitchen door, 1111 Exchange St. For information, or meal delivery, call 503-325-9693 before 10 a.m.

Ostomy Support Group — For information, call Lisa Harris at 503-338-4523.

Seaside Duplicate Bridge — 1 to 4:30 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Ave. A, Seaside. Come with a partner or call ahead for one at 503-738-7817. Lessons also available.

SATURDAY

Detachment 1228 Marine Corps League — Noon, El Compadre, 119 Main Ave., Warrenton. For information, contact Lou Neubecker at 503-717-0153.

MONDAY

Grace and Encouragement for Moms — For information, call Christina Leonard at 503-298-3936.

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Warrenton Senior Lunch Program — For information, or to volunteer, call 503-861-3502 Monday or Thursday.

Astoria Rotary Club — For information, visit Astoria Rotary’s Facebook page.

Columbia Northwestern Model Railroad Club — Group runs trains on HO-scale layout. For information, call Don Carter at 503-325-0757.

Astoria Toastmasters — For information, go to toastmasters.org or call Christa Svensson at 206-790-2869.

TUESDAY

Stewardship Quilting Group —

For information, call Janet Kemp at 503-325-4268.

Do Nothing Club — Men’s group. For information, call Jack McBride at 360-665-2721.

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Astoria Lions Club — For information, contact Charlene Larsen at 503-325-0590.

Astoria Kiwanis Club — For information, call Frank Spence at 503-325-2365 or Susan Brooks at 503-791-3026.

Bras2Moms Fitting — Free nursing bras and/or tanks to mothers. A \$5 donation is requested, not required. For best fit, come for a fitting two weeks after giving birth. Sizes subject to availability. For information, call 503-338-7581.

Authentic Spiritual Conversations — All faiths, including “spiritual but not religious” welcome. For information, email info@cgifellowship.org or call 916-307-9790.

WEDNESDAY

Moms Offering Moms Support Club — For information, email president@momsclubofastoria.org

Wickiup Senior Lunches To Go — Pick up a hot lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Wickiup Grange Hall, 92683 Svensen Market Road. For information, call Suzanne Bjaranson at 503-861-4202. For new Meals on Wheels inquiries, call 503-304-3420.

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Association on Mental Disabilities — Support group open to all those diagnosed with a mood disorder, or

who have a family member or friend diagnosed, or who think they might have depression or bipolar disorder. For information, contact Ken Rislow at 503-791-5482.

Angora Hiking Club — 1 to 4 p.m., 89990 Hawkins Road, Warrenton. Parking fee is \$5. Call Deb McCabe at 703-400-3036 by Monday to register; membership not required. For information, go to angorahikingclub.org.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 06-02 — Uniformed civilian volunteer branch of the Coast Guard. Members learn new skills and qualifications; no former military or boating experience needed. For information, contact Della Wilson at 360-244-7062 or wilson-tekart@gmail.com.

Seaside Elks Lodge No. 1748 — For information, call 503-738-6651 or email seasideelks@yahoo.com.

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Wickiup Senior Lunches To Go — Pick up a hot lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Wickiup Grange Hall, 92683 Svensen Market Road. For information, call Suzanne Bjaranson at 503-861-4202. For new Meals on Wheels inquiries, call 503-304-3420.

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Lower Columbia Chief Petty Officers Association — The club accepts all enlisted prior, retired and active military personnel, rank E7 and above. For information, call Lauren Walton 208-290-8110.

OTHER

Quilting Project Needs Fabric — Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Seaside. Needs polyester/cotton fabric, 1/2 yard or larger, and clean sheets (queen or king size) for group that makes quilts for those in need within the U.S. and around the world. For information, or to donate, call Claudia Kulland at 503-738-5895.

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