

John Duckwall Social Justice Endowment Fund makes awards

Johnny Duckwall was a loyal, well-loved, respected, long-time member and supporter of Asbury United Methodist Church who passed away almost ten years ago, leaving an Endowment Fund to be used for social action projects. The Trustees are pleased to announce distributions from the interest of this fund in June 2015. They are as follows:

1. \$1,000 to Asbury/Our Redeemer Youth Mission Trips to Portland and Detroit

during the summer of 2015. Youth will be involved in projects such as urban clean ups and helping in soup kitchens. In Detroit, they will also be attending a large Lutheran Youth gathering with service opportunities, guest speakers, leader-



Johnny Duckwall

ship workshops and inspirational worship.

2. \$1,000 to Camp Magruder on the Oregon Coast near Rockaway specifically to buy much needed new beds. John Duckwall, a frequent adult camper at Magruder, was responsible for building a sports court at the camp in 1986 and he, and since his death, the endowment fund, have supported other projects over the years.

3. \$1,000 to the Hood River Warming Shelter to support salaries of staff. The Hood River Warming shelter operates on voluntary contributions in the winter to provide shelter for the homeless.

4. \$500 to United Methodist Committee on Relief for disaster relief in Nepal as the country tries to recover from the devastating recent earthquake.

5. \$500 to Lutheran World Service for Disaster Relief in the country of Nepal.

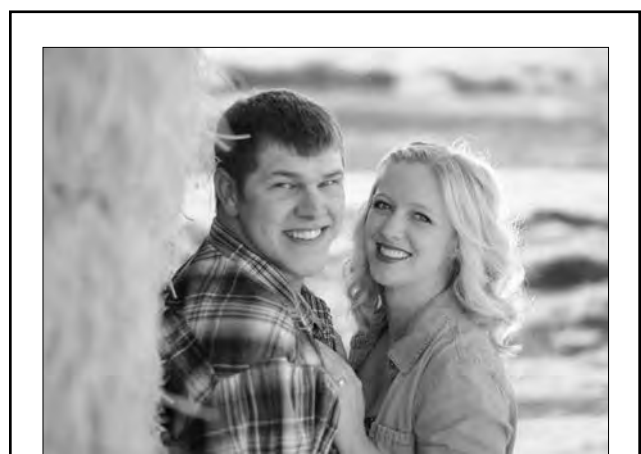
Projects were chosen benefiting a variety of age and interest groups and sought to balance local, state, and international gifts. These distributions reflect the nature of our church partnership.

Since 2011, Asbury United Methodist Church and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church have been in partnership worshipping at the church on Tucker Road. They are proud of the huge FISH building, constructed on land donated by the Our Redeemer Lutheran beside the church. Congregation mem-

bers are active in the running of the Food Bank and in the produce garden behind it.

John Duckwall (1915-2005) actively served Asbury throughout his life, and was involved in a number of civic groups, including The Next Door and the Hood River Art Club.

He spent his working life with the Duckwall-Pooley packing house, retiring in 1981.



Casey Rogers and Ashley McNerney

McNerney, Rogers to wed

Ashley McNerney and Casey Rogers, both of Nampa, Idaho, have announced their engagement. They will be married on Aug. 15, 2015 in an outdoor ceremony in the bride's hometown of Hood River.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jeff and Cassandra McNerney of Hood River. She graduated from Hood River Valley High School and attended Boise State University. She currently works for Daron Stevens

Orthodontics in Nampa.

The future groom is the son of Jim Rogers of Middleton, Idaho and Deb Davison of Caldwell, Idaho. He graduated from New Plymouth High School and completed a Refrigeration/HVAC technology program. He currently works for Bauer Heating and Cooling in Nampa.

The couple recently bought a home in Nampa, where they live with their two Dobermans, Axle and Beretta.

Lions provide sight screenings this weekend in CL

The Columbia Gorge Lions Club will host its 40th annual Sternwheeler Days Festival in Cascade Locks June 26-28. Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation will also be on hand June 28 to conduct free state-of-the-art sight screenings for children.

The new "Spot" technology typically costs \$10,000 per unit and can analyze nine different criteria of the eye in just a few seconds. The Columbia Gorge Lions Club is excited to offer this service at no charge to the public, said spokesman Dale Rollins.

Gorge artist Mary Rollins will also be on hand at the Lions booth to autograph complementary art prints for anyone who brings their children (or grandchildren) for testing with the new technology. There will also be a drop box available that weekend for visitors to drop off their used eye glasses, hearing aids, or old cell phones for recycling. The artist will also give a free art print to each donor as well.

The mission of the OLSH Foundation is to screen, treat, save and restore sight and hearing for all those in need. It's part of their promise made to Helen Keller in 1925.

The Dalles Lions Club recently partnered with the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation to conduct high-tech eye-screenings during the recent Cherry



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ARTIST MARY ROLLIN and Warren Heathman (OLSH Foundation), with prints by Rollins given away as part of the sight screening campaign.

Festival in The Dalles. It occurred during the Home & Lifestyle Show in the Civic Auditorium. Art played a significant role in the success of the activity.

Dale Rollins, co-owner of Shelterwood Art Publishing, and his wife Mary, a local watercolor artist in the Gorge, planned on having their art display at a booth at the show. "We also wanted to add a fresh lifestyle element, and community service is a lifestyle for many of us here in the Gorge," said Rollins (a member of The Dalles Lions Club). He asked the show's producer (Bi-Coastal Media) for an additional table to help him achieve sight

screenings for children. They agreed.

Not only did the OLSH Foundation ultimately agree to conduct the screenings, but Dale also wanted to invite local people over radio airways to donate their used eye-glasses and hearing aids for recycling.

Show producers agreed to create and broadcast public service announcements.

Mary Rollins autographed her line of lithograph prints for participants as a thank you gift to donors. Visitors could also make a donation to The Dalles Lions Club and receive one of three prints.

Dale also raffled off a Fender Squire electric guitar

as an additional incentive.

People who participated, by either getting screened with the new "Spot" machine, or if they dropped off their old eye-glasses and hearing aids for recycling. All donors received an art print.

Dale added, "We had a delightful surprise when so many children wanted to pick their own favorite art print, too!" He reported that there were dozens of families with young children who received sight screenings that weekend. Several had sight issues that were detected, and their parents were alerted. "The event was well worth it," said Rollins.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Tucker Road Baptist announces VBS in July

Tucker Road Baptist Church, 1455 Tucker Road, Hood River, will hold its annual Vacation Bible School July 13-17, from 9 a.m. to noon. The theme of this year's VBS is "Journey off the Map," for children ages 4-5, 6-8, and 9-11. Teachers are working very hard to make an exciting VBS this year.

The day will begin at 9 a.m. with the Worship Rally, and then it's off to a creative Bible study in the Book of Daniel. After the Bible study comes snack and recreation (games) time, journey with a missionary (learn about missions), or a special project during craft time. And there is a big surprise at the end of each day; a Christian Illusionist is coming.

To pre-register, visit trbaptistchurch.org. For more information, call the church phone at 541-386-1049.

■ Parkdale, Odell churches combine for VBS

Parkdale Community Church, Parkdale Nazarene, Parkdale Baptist and Pillar Bible Fellowship of Odell together will hold Vacation Bible School the week of Aug. 3-7.

"Outrigger Island" classes will be held at Parkdale Community Church on Baseline Road in Parkdale, where children will learn about Jesus through songs, bible stories and crafts.

Families are invited to gather at the church at 5:00 p.m. and enjoy a light meal, then children ages pre-K through incoming fifth graders are invited to attend VBS classes starting at 5:30 p.m.

For more information or if you would like to help, contact Pastor Mark at Parkdale Community Church at 541-352-7747 or at 541-490-4511.

■ 'Thailand Trek' at HR Alliance

A free summer kids' event called Thailand Trek VBS will be hosted at Hood River Alliance Church June 23-26. Thailand Trek is like taking a trip to Thailand! Kids will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy Thai-inspired treats, experience cool Bible

adventures, collect Bible Memory Makers, and explore what daily life is like for kids in Thailand. Each day concludes with a Closing Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 11:30 a.m.

Kids at Thailand Trek VBS will join an international mission effort to share God's Word by providing kid-friendly Thai-language New Testaments for children in Thailand.

Thailand Trek VBS is for kids from age 4 to 5th grade and will run from 9 -11:45 a.m. each day. Space is limited, so make sure you pre-register your child at www.hoodriveralliance.org. For more information, call 541-386-2812.

■ Earth Camp comes to Riverside UCC

Looking for a summer camp that incorporates art, outdoor activities, music, games and healthy snacks? Sign up for Riverside's "Earth Camp," where kids will grow in faith, have fun, and change the world.

Riverside Earth Camp is an environmentally focused 5-day experience that inspires kids to make a difference with their own unique approach and gifts to the world. We start each day with gathering music, crafts and skits, then move through four different classrooms, where we use touch, taste, sound, visuals and real-life demonstrations to teach kids an appreciation and respect for this planet that we call home.

The program will be based on an earthly story with heavenly meaning — a parable from the teachings of Jesus. Every day, the kids will be exploring an environmental question, such as, "What do seeds need in order to grow?" along with a spiritual question, like, "What do I need in order to grow?"

Riverside Earth Camp will be held at Riverside Church, 317 State St. Registration is \$50 for the week.

Send Vacation Bible School information to walker@hoodrivernews.com or call 541-386-1234.



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LIONS COLLECT FOOD

Lions Don and Bonnie Benton hold up an order form given to shoppers as part of the June 6 food drive at local grocery stores. Lions clubs of the Hood River Valley took in over 1,200 pounds of food between Safeway and Rosauers and \$400 in cash donations. Odell brought in 134 pounds of food and \$71 in cash. According to Lion Chuck Bugge, "Combining both cash and food, our clubs collected 8,334 pounds of food," based on the five-for-one ratio of food items per \$1 through the Oregon Food Network.

Indian Creek Golf Course teams up with BBBS

Indian Creek Golf Course hosted Big Brothers Big Sisters' first ever golf clinic on May 16. Mark Gradin, Director of Instruction and Player Development, and a few volunteers from the Hood River Valley girls and boys golf teams generously presented the event.

On a windy but beautiful day on the course, approximately 20 program participants, including Bigs and Littles from Hood River, Klickitat, and Wasco counties, attended the event, where they learned the health benefits of golf, as well as putting and driving techniques.

Little Brother Zach said he loves playing golf, but he's never had the opportunity to play at such a nice facility as Indian Creek. Walt Notter,



Zach's Big Brother of almost seven years, watched proudly as Zach improved his accuracy on his putts and follow through on his drives.

Big Brothers Big Sisters, a program of The Next Door, is

actively seeking adult volunteer mentors for the children on our waitlist (ages 6 to 14). If you would enjoy spending about eight hours a month being a friend to a child, contact Big Brothers Big Sisters

staff to apply. In Hood River and Klickitat Counties, call Justine Ziegler at 541-490-9979. In Wasco County, call Courtney Reyes at 541-993-9022.

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