
WATTS NEWS

To all Associates Members, Governors, and Chairpersons:

WE NEED YOU!!!

Since the passing of our last President, the Associates and the Executive Board have been in a state of uncertainty and change. Since the beginning of the year, we have been in a serious need of a person for Vice-President to nominate and vote on for the Northwest Federal Employees Association, or better known, as The Associates. We put information in the "Watts News" and by word of mouth. However, as of this date we have not had any viable candidates step forward.

This is the first year that I can think of when we have not had a full slate of officers ready to start the new Associates year with hope and promise. We need someone who can step into the Vice-President shoes and help the Associates. Job duties include being a liaison with all the chairpersons as well as stepping in when the President cannot attend. This also gives them the opportunity to become prepared for the President's position for the next Associates year.

I know our memberships are low and getting lower. Many of our activities have been dropped or scaled back due to these falling numbers. What we need, today, is your help and we desperately need it now. **Become involved.**

Without a full slate of officers, which consists of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer position, the Associates may cease to exist to help our members with most of the Associates' activities that many have relied on throughout our 60 + years history. I know times are hard over the past years. With the relocation of Bonneville Power Administration employees into several different areas, it has made it harder for the Associates to actively promote our goods and services. Added to this is the fact that we are losing those who have been loyal and faithful Associates members and chairpersons to retirement and job change. Newer government employees are just not as eager to join and step up to help out.

Become a member. The Associates has been an organization that helps its members with getting money for college scholarships; providing book fairs, craft bazaars and entertainment books; selling logo merchandising, seasonal candy and nut sales, and group event tickets. We also help by giving used eyeglasses and hearing aids to the needy; charitable food collections for the hungry, and even holiday gifts to foster children at Christmas. We have programs to donate blood, loaned out medical equipment, and provide comfort and cheer to those Associate members who are ill or injured, bereaved as well as for happier times as in birth and adoption. And we cannot forget our Sports programs that include golf, baseball, basketball, and other types of activities. Hopefully, with the Associates' help, we want to increase the moral of the government employees and make them know that they have contributed to a worthy cause.

Remember. The Associates are not just made up of BPA government employees. We also represent the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Regional Solicitor's Office, US Geological Survey, National Marine Fisheries Service, Veterans Administration, Pacific NW Federal Credit Union and the Federal Occupational Health/ Occupational Health Unit.

We need you!

Brad Ellis, Acting Associates President

Governor's Meeting
Room 370E&W, Headquarters Building (Portland)
April 16, 2003

Meeting called to order by: President Brad Ellis at 12:12.

Minutes of last meeting: March's minutes were approved as published in Watts News.

Treasurer's Report: Sandi distributed the cash flow report for March 2003. After review report was then approved by all in attendance.

Past Presidents Recognition: Debra Hansen and Sandi Simpson

Program Reports

Associates Foundation (Deborah Maria – PGGB-6 (503) 230-7582): The Associates Foundation is having a spring candy sale April 15-17 in the headquarters lobby. There will also be a candy sale at Two-Park Place April 15-16 from 11:30 to 12:30 in the lobby. See's chocolate eggs, bunnies, etc. will be featured. The proceeds benefit the Associates Foundation Community Fund.

Blood Drive (Adele Steinwinder – TNFC-TPP-3 (360) 619-6563 (Van Mall), Patrice Baker – CK-1 (503) 230-4598 (Portland); Dennis Stevens – TM-DITT2 (360) 418-8260 (Dittmer): Van Mall is having a blood drive April 18. Contact Adele or Barbara Gocus (x6331) if you wish to donate at Van Mall. There is a blood drive coming soon in Portland. Signs are posted giving the date and times. Contact Patrice if you wish to donate in Portland.

Food Drive (Deborah Maria – PGGB-6 (503) 230-7582): The Peanut Butter and Jelly Days food drive will be held in July. Specific dates not yet set. Look for further details in Watts News.

Membership (Sandi Simpson – TNC-TPP-2 (360) 619-6285): Sandi has a list of current members that she will e-mail to all Governors. Sandi will update this list on a monthly basis.

Scholarships (Sandi Simpson – TNC-TPP-2 (360) 619-6285): Sandi has received 15 applications. Six scholarships will be awarded.

T-Shirt (Eileen Jensen – TNFB-OPP-1 (360-619-6748 (Van Mall); Teresa Street – TFHE-OPP-3 (360) 619-6727; Curt Wilkins – TOH-DITT1 (360) 418-2295 (Dittmer); Deborah Maria – PGGB-6 (503) 230-7582 (Portland):The last logo sale was held April 3rd and brought in \$822. Eileen placed several special orders for goods for people from that sale as well as some requests from field staff. Eileen needs volunteers to help with the annual TBL Awards Ceremony May 28. If you can help, contact Eileen.

Watts News (Nancy C. Mabe – TNT-TPP-2 (360) 619-6283): Several suggestions were brought up on how to advertise more to inform people about the Associates and what the Associates has to offer. One of the suggestions was to let people know about the Website and how to access the Website. One of the problems that the Executive Board is facing is getting the Website up-to-date. There is old information on it that needs to be replaced with current information. Another suggestion is to advertise by e-mail. We will need to re-evaluate as to see what we can or cannot do on advertising through e-mail.

Unfinished Business - 2003 Budget – Sandi distributed the 2003 proposed projected budget to everyone in attendance. After review, the budget was then approved by all in attendance.

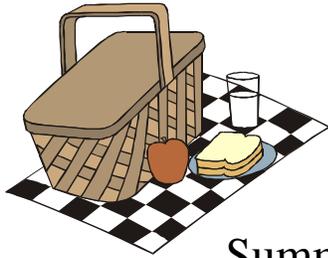
New Business - Electronic Calendar: Deboria Maria has set up an electronic calendar for the Associates on BPA's Explorer software program. Anyone can open it to read by using File/Open/Other User's Folder/Associates. The Executive Board and program/project chairs will keep it up-to-date. If you have something that needs to be added to the calendar, contact one of the Executive Board members or program/project chairs and they will see to it that this will get added.

Attendance Drawing: Congratulations to Aida Kelsaw!

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting will be May 21, 2003, in Portland, Conference Room 370E&W from 12:00 to 1:00. A phone bridge will be made available upon request.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Dahlheim - Secretary, TRFS-TPP-4 (360) 619-6474

SHARE A RECIPE CORNER



WANTED



Summer is Bar-b-Que and Picnic time, so
GUYS we want your favorite
Bar-b-Que Recipes for Summer Editions of
the WATTS NEWS

Send it to the WATTS NEWS Editor - Nancy C. Mabe-TNT/TPP2
DEADLINE for the June Edition is MAY 23, 2003

VEGGIE BARS

2 pkg. Pillsbury Crescent Rolls
2 - 8oz. pkg. cream cheese
1 pkg. Uncle Dan's Dressing Mix
3/4 c. mayonnaises

3/4 c. chopped cauliflower
3/4 c. chopped broccoli
1/2c. chopped red peppers
1/2 c. chopped green peppers
1/4 c. sliced green onion
4 oz. sliced mushrooms
2 c. shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Lay crescent rolls out flat on a large jelly roll pan, approx 7 1/2 x 11 1/2 x 1. Pat down, pressing together at the seams. Bake for 7 minutes. Let Cool.

Mix together softened cream cheese, mayonnaise, and Uncle Dan's dressing. Spread over cooled crescent Rolls. Sprinkle chopped veggies one at a time in order over top. Cover with sliced mushrooms. Sprinkle cheddar cheese over all.

Refrigerate for about 1 hour so cream cheese can firm up again. Cut into approximately 2x2 squares.

NOTE: This can be made fairly low fat by using light cream cheese and mayonnaise, and you can even get the crescent rolls in light now. Also, while this is my favorite combination of veggies, you can try others in season. I usually use the original Uncle Dan's but try Ranch for a different flavor.

Do not recommend using generic brand of crescent rolls. They do not seem to work as well.

Debi McGinness - TB-DITT2

BLOOD DRIVE

Portland

MAY 14, 2003

As summer activities get under way, keep in mind that one patient every two seconds needs a blood transfusion. Make donating blood a summertime activity.

ROOM 122

6:30 AM TO 11:15 AM.

Call Patrice Baker 503-230-4598 to schedule and appointment.

2003 Associates Membership Renewal Form

Retirees to renew your membership please fill out the coupon below.
Employees who do not have an Associates' Governor representing their area may also use this form.
Please renew your membership through your Governor if possible.

Membership dues is \$5.00

Name: _____
Agency/Routing: _____ Bldg/Floor/Post: _____
Telephone #: _____

Retirees

Send a self-addressed/stamped envelope, with check or money order and the coupon to
The Associates/Membership-B155, PO Box 3621 Portland, OR 97208.

Name: _____
Street/P.O. Box _____
City/ State/Zip: _____

BOOK FAIRS

Mark your 2003 calendar for the upcoming Book Fairs for
Portland and Van Mall areas.

PORTLAND

JUNE 26TH & 27TH

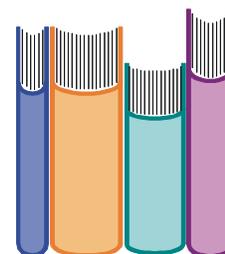
OCTOBER 2ND & 3RD

ONE DAY ONLY

DECEMBER 12th



Location is in front of the cafeteria



VANCOUVER

AUGUST 7TH & 8TH

NOVEMBER 13TH & 14TH

Location is at Two Park Place Lunchroom area on the 1st Floor NW entrance

Spring II Associates Basketball League

- May 7 8:10pm @Mt. Scott Community Center **BPA** vs **Concentrix (CFI)**
- May 7 9:10pm @Mt. Scott Community Center **BPA** vs **Luqman Supa Starz**
- May 14 9:00pm @ Beaverton Hoop#3 **VR Shooter of Ore City** vs **BPA**
- May 21 9:10pm @ Washington School for the Deaf **BPA** vs **JLS Rookies**
- May 28 6:00pm @OES **The Force** vs **BPA**



BACK TO BALLROOM

Kick up your heels
and learn the basics of
Foxtrot, Waltz, Swing, and Cha-Cha

Join Anytime



NO PARTNER REQUIRED

2 CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY BEGINNING - MAY 21, 2003

11:30 - 12:30 PM or 6:30 - 7:30 PM
6 SESSIONS: \$30 PER PERSON

**WHERE: Downtown Meier & Frank
SW 5th & Morrison
7th Floor "Fitness Annex"**

Contact OASIS 503.241.3059 or Tim Bennett 503.309.7250



REAL ESTATE

Pacific City Cozy Beach Cabin

Beach access, woodstove, and bikes. Sleeps 6 only \$80 per night. Call Gabrielle, 503-281-3546 or Sally, 503-246-5811.

Hobsonville Hideaway - Secluded 3 bdrm home on Tillamook Bay shore-line access, fantastic views, birds, tidal changes. Sleeps 12, NO SMOKING OR PETS \$95 per night. Call Chris 503-644-4816.

Vacation Getaway Yachats Beach House - Newly remodeled, 2 bdrm, 2 bath 23 miles S. of Newport, Nice partial ocean view, very clean, furnished, deck, BBQ, woodstove, VCR, fenced yard. All amenities provided. W/D, sleeps 7. NO PETS OR SMOKING, \$78 per night, 2 night minimum. Call 503-667-6722.

Arch Cape Rental - Quality Ocean View quiet picturesque 3 bdms, 2 bath, hugh living room fully equipped kitchen, washer/dryer fireplace w/ woodstove, wood all chopped ready to go. Covered front porch, plenty of off-street parking. Just 4 miles South of Cannon Beach on Hwy 101. Rates start at \$60 per night with 2 night minimum. NO SMOKING/PETS Weekly rates available. Call 503-203-1790.

Ocean Park, WA Beach Rental - 6 miles North of Long Beach. Enjoy the view and sounds of the waves from a recently remodeled 3 bdrm, 2 bath, sleeps 8, beach house. Fully equipped, FP/W/D, large deck. Call soon for summer reservations. May 25-Sept 6: \$150/night, \$900/week; Sept 7-May 24: \$130/night, \$780/week. 360-263-7688.

Sunriver Rental - Dates are still available for Summer vacations for 3bdrm, 2 bath home, Sleeps up to 8. Fully furnished w/2 lge back decks, bicycles, & private hot tub. Only \$165/night. No smoking or pets. 360-944-0804; Email: srwh18@cs.com.

Sequim, WA cabin- located on the edge of Dungeness Harbor next to Wildlife Refuge on Olympic National Park. Fully furnished, private beach, spectacular views of Dungeness Spit, San Juan Islands, night lights of Victoris BC, Canada. Online reservations and pictures <http://www.SequimVacation.com> or call 360-683-3565

5 Star RCI Exchange Time Share Condo - For Sale - Newport, Oregon, north of light house, ocean view, sleeps 6, full recreation facility, beach access, tide pools. \$6,800 cash or trade. Clint - 360-825-7835.

Priest Lake Cabin (North Idaho) - Sleeps 8, woodstove, BBQ, deck, very rustic, all amenities, near resorts, avail: June thru Sept: \$75/night or \$450/week. No smoking or pets. Mike, 509-924-6395.

AUTOMOTIVE

1987 Honda Prelude Si. 5-speed, 2 door, A/C Sunroof, Power Windows, Cruise Control, headlight close down, gas tank latch & trunk release inside car. 177K miles, new tires, just tuned up, \$1,800 OBO. 503-760-7400, day or evenings.

HOME FURNISHINGS

Sofa & Loveseat - Light green crushed velvet, very good condition, \$150 for set. 503-256-9617.

MISCELLANEOUS

FREE - Wood Stove - Great for your rustic cabin or beach house. Call Jane for more info. 360-993-1929.

SPORTING GOODS

21Ft. Aquarius Sailboat - with trailer, sails, 5hp Honda motor, CB radio, 4 sleeping births, porta-potty, sink and cabinets, good condition, \$3,500. 503-372-0549.

Inflatable Raft - Equipped for river running with frame, oars, waterproof bags. Older rubberized canvas material, \$25. Ken, 503-284-8984.

THANK YOU

I would like to Thank all the folks who supported me during the past 5 months. While this was a very traumatic time for me, the help of my friends and the support of my family gave me the hope I needed to persevere. Again, Thanks. See Ya!! SILVERBACK

Thank you from the Family of Colonel William R. Dudley for the acknowledges with deep gratitude your kind expressions of sympathy. Thank you for the donation of \$25.00 to the Associates Scholarship Fund in my Fathers name. Education was very important to him as he graduated from the University of WA with a BA in History, from the University of Portland with a Bachelor's in Business Administration as well as numerous Army schools. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. **Mary Timm**

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P.O. Box 61409, Vancouver WA 98666-1409

Submit Classified Ads ONLY TO:

Connie Whitlow - PGGB-6

Include:

Name, routing, & ext.

Associates # & ad Category

Run Ad: maximum twice
consecutively; otherwise

RESUBMIT ad. Home phone

number ONLY - NO WORK

NO'S OR ROUTINGS IN

AD!

(Indicate area code if
other than 503)

Ads are submitted by "Asso-
ciates Members: only and are

free to them. Ads are limited

to 200 characters/spaces

(not counting name/phone

number)

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