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# WATTS NEWS

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## SUMMER FOOD DRIVE



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July 14 – 27, 2004



### HELP RESTOCK LOCAL FOOD BANKS

Items used by the Oregon Food Bank and FISH throughout the year...

†canned goods



†paper products

†household supplies



personal care items

Donation tables/boxes will be in Portland BPA-911 Bldg Lobby

†††††††††† Several Vancouver sites



Monetary donation\$ are welcome, too  
For those who prefer to give this way, please

make your check payable to

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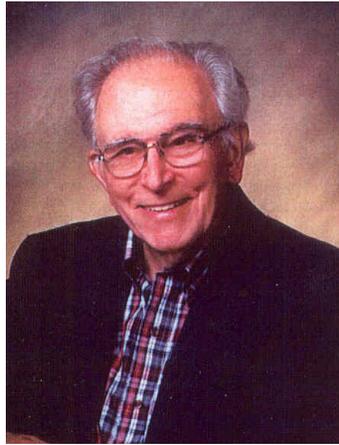
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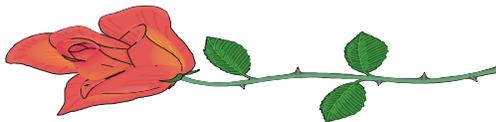
Thank you for helping others and giving  
generously!



**ELMER J. BUEHLER**

Elmer Buehler was born May 7, 1911, in Portland, Oregon. In 1938 he met and married Olive Poore of Prosperity, Missouri, they moved into their new home they had built were Elmer stills lives today after 65 years. Olive passed away July 2002. Elmer began his BPA career on Feb. 9, 1929, in the Reproduction Department under Joe Collison. He was the first 16mm sound projectionist, as well as chauffeuring Field Representatives, members of Congress and Foreign Dignitaries. As a switch-board operator for the dispatchers officer of the 724th Railway Operating Battalion in France, his knowledge of French and German served him well with the diplomats. While at BPA Elmer was very active with the Associates, and Employee Unions. He introduced the discount buying program to the employees from a list from the Forest Service (Fran Nau Drug, Gilbert Brothers, Commercial Home Furnishers, etc.). The morning after BPA employees won the 1946 Grand Prize for the Rose Festival Float, Elmer overheard private utility employees criticizing BPA for using government time to build floats. Elmer says that all time spent was either leave hours or after work hours. The following year 1947 they also worked thru the night and won the grand prize. In 1950 Elmer introduced the Rose Bud Program, employees went to the airport, rail station and bus depot with roses labeled "Welcome to Portland, OR, The Rose City from the Employees of BPA." Compliments were received from many sources and even in 1953 ex-president Harry Truman who was the Grand Marshall for the Rose Parade, received the rose buds. The F.B.I. requested Dule Darby (another Associates Member) and Elmer to join the presidential party at the Roosevelt Hotel.

Elmer served as President for the Associates in 1956 and was responsible for honoring Doris Keeler by naming a BPA Substation after her; which was the only substation named for a female. Elmer was the liaison working with all departments of the Interior in celebrating the "Oregon Centennial." They never had anybody absent and all of the employees did an outstanding performance. He was in charge of the 13 acre BPA nursery at the Vancouver, Washington location, as well as having a crew of 32 servicing the buildings and grounds. Lloyd Hoff, of Graphics Department offered Elmer a job that he readily accepted. Elmer retired June 30, 1972, with over 34 years at BPA and over 8 years with the U.S. Forest Service.



Have a story of past members, send it in along with a photo to  
The Associates - Watts News Editor  
Nancy C. Mabe - TNT/TPP2  
P.O Box 61409  
Vancouver, WA 98666

**Governor's Meeting**  
**May 19, 2004**  
**BPA Headquarters Building (Portland)**

**Meeting called to order by: Brad Ellis at 12:09 p.m.**

**Executive Board Member present:** Brad Ellis, President, Peggy Simpson, Vice President

**Past Presidents Recognition:** In attendance were Nancy Mabe, Linda McKinney, Sharon Ricks

**Others in Attendance:** Janet Dahlheim, Aida Kelshaw-Rashad, Molly Gratreak, Eileen Jensen

**Minutes of last meeting:** The notes from the Aprilís meeting were accepted as published in newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report available

**PROGRAM REPORTS:**

**Blood Drive (PatriceBaker-CK-1/503-230-4598):** The next blood drive will be held in Portland, on June2 and Van Mall on June 7th.

**Book Fairs (Nancy C. Mabe – TNT-TPP-2, 360-619-6283):**The Van Mall book fair is doing very well for a 1-day sale, sales brought in \$250 and the April sale at Portland, brought in \$800. Next sale will be at Portland, on June 17th-18th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in front of the cafeteria.

**Caring and Sharing (Aida Kelsaw-Rashad – PMB-6, 503-230-5487 Portland):** Remind all Governors to submit presentation forms to Aida. You can send them by e-mail to her.

**Food Drive (Deborah Maria - PGGB-6/503-230-7582):** The Peanut Butter and Jelly Food Drive is coming July 14-27, 2004.

**Logo Merchandise (Eileen Jensen – TNFB-OPP-1, 360-619-6748 Van Mall):**At the last TBL Award ceremony, 60 gift certificates were redeemed and \$880 was deposited. There is a possibility that a table will be set up for the June 3rd barbecue to raise money for the Legacy Burn Center. This will only happen if Eileen can get at least 3 volunteers to help. Send Eileen an e-mail if you wish to volunteer.

**Picnic (Linda McKinney – KEC-4, 503-230-3223):** Linda has been getting e-mails from volunteers to help with the picnic. Georgette Jarvis will bring her girls scout troop to help with the door prizes. Giggles the clown will be there for 2 hours of face painting and balloons. The Associates will pick up the additional cost of the ride bracelets (\$ .50).

**Scholarships (Sandi Simpson - TNC-TPP2/360-619-6285 Van Mall):** All the applications have been gathered. Copies are being made and will be presented to the judges by the 1st of June.

**Sports (Linda McKinney – KEC-4, 503-230-3223):** Softball, Soccer, Hood to Coast, and the dragon boats are coming soon. You can check the website for schedules.

**Watts News (Nancy C. Mabe – TNT-TPP-2, 360-619-6283):**The deadline to submit articles is the 23rd of each month. Cole Barnett uses this information to put on the website also. There are 4 brand new columns coming in the June addition: Cooks Corner: recipes: Bits & Pieces: Short cuts to decorating, household hints for cleaning or just doing work easier, Watering Can: Share hints for gardening outdoors or indoors. Letters from Home: Be a pen pal to our service folks. (addresses will not be published) contact Editor for address of service person. Also stories of our retirees are coming in to tell all the history and what they are doing now. Nancy is putting the together the old newsletters in a scrapbooks by year. Some of the oldest ones are from 1943 and 1946 which have been sealed to protect them.

**Unfinished Business:** Nancy Mabe mentioned that an Associates informational packet is being worked on for the new employees coming in, hoping that this will increase membership.

**Attendance Drawing:** Congratulations to Molly Gratreak who won the drawing, which was a table top barbecue.

Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 16th** at BPA Headquarters Building, in Room 160 E&W from 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted, Janet Dahlheim (Acting for Geri Kozicki), Secretary BPA, KEWS-4 (503) 230-5215**



## *New columns* **COUNTRY COOKIN'**

### BBQ Chicken

**1 Whole Chicken cut in half    favorite spices    Heavy foil**

Split chicken in half, wash with plenty of cold water. Don't worry about drying, moisture will help retain the seasoning while cooking. Season halves liberally, using spices, or McCormick's chicken seasoning. Wrap in two layers of heavy foil, try to make it airtight. Place on grill over medium heat for 45 minutes. Remove and open package, place pieces on the grill and turn every 5 minutes or until it has a BBQ'ed look. Spread BBQ sauce on at this time, remove and serve. Be creative, you can also inject chicken before cooking with your favorite sauces. *While cooking chicken, cut potatoes in steak fry pieces and season, add a little butter, wrap in foil and place on grill. Turn every 8 minutes to keep from burning.* **Dennis Benson - TLOT-WHSE**



While cooling the house off from the heat, you can freshen the air by placing a new fabric softener sheet over one section of the air vent.

## **WATERING CAN**



Don't throw away your banana peels, carrot tops, celery stalk leftovers, apple cores, potato peelings, orange rinds and used coffee grounds. Chop them up (except coffee grounds) and put them under all your rose bushes and other flowers and mix in the soil. You will save on disposed garbage while you are nourishing your flowers. By next year, you will see a big difference.

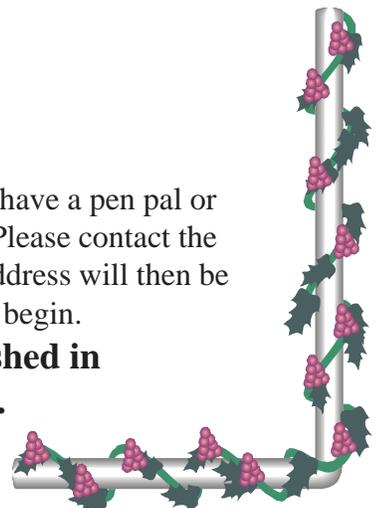
**Kathy Magness - CIN-B1**

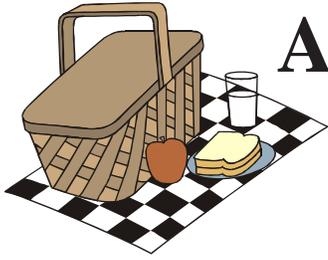
## **LETTERS FROM HOME**



Know an active duty military person who would like to have a pen pal or you would like to be a pen pal to a military personnel. Please contact the editor, with information, (name, address). The military address will then be sent to the pen pal so the correspondence can begin.

**No military addresses or names will be published in news letter without permission to do so.**





# ASSOCIATES PICNIC

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2004

Looking for workers to help with the event. More workers to help the less time you have to volunteer for. Lots of fun, door prizes, and food.

CONTACT LINDA MCKINNEY 503-230-3223



# CLARK COUNTY FAIR

AUGUST 6-15, 2004

BOOK OF 36 CARNIVAL RIDE TICKETS - \$15

ADULT ADMISSION - \$6

CHILD ADMISSION - \$3 (KIDS 7-12)

SENIOR ADMISSION - \$4.50 (62 AND OVER) Mon-Fri until 5PM

PARKING TICKETS - \$5

TICKETS ARE VALID ANY DAY OF THE FAIR

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO  
THE ASSOCIATES

TERESA STREET – TFHE/PSB2 (360-418-2730)

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING – WEDNESDAY, JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>



# BLOOD DRIVE

Volunteer blood donors are the only source of this life saving GIFT

June 7, 2004

Van Mall

6:30 am to 10:30 am

Two Park Place Building, Room 100



Please mark your calendars and call  
Barbara Gocus 360-619-6331 or Adele Steinwinder 360-619-6563 to  
schedule an appointment.

Walk-ins will be taken as space is available. THANK YOU!

## *BACK TO BALLROOM*

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

2 CLASSES ON  
WEDNESDAYS

Beginning - July 7th  
Speical Lunchtime

Class 11:30 - 12:30 pm  
Evening Class  
6:30 - 7:30 pm



**No Partner Required!**

WHERE: DOWNTOWN MEIER & FRANK  
S.W. 5TH & MORRISON  
7TH FLOOR "FITNESS ANNEX"  
CONTACT: TIM BENNETT 503.309.7250

Thursday, July 8th  
6:30 - 7:30 pm  
Class size limited  
**MUST PRE-REGISTER BY  
JULY 5TH**

**7 SESSIONS:  
\$32 PER PERSON**



# BEAUTIFUL THAILAND TRIP

NOVEMBER 3-21, 2004

The package includes:

- Round trip airfare from PDX and all transfers and fees except the Thailand departure tax of 500 Baht (approx \$11.00 U.S.)
- All transportation and tours on an air-conditioned tour bus with English speaking guide, many stops for shopping included
- Hotels with American breakfast included every morning
- Approximately 6 tours in Bangkok ñ 4 days in Bangkok upon arrival and 2 days before returning home ñ 2 weekends to visit the famous weekend market and the Chinese market
- Round trip airfare from Bangkok to Chiangmai ñ 4 days in Chiangmai ñ Thailandís second largest city ñ shop the famous night market for many hill tribe crafts
- Airfare from Chiangmai to Mae Hong Son (day trip) to see the Long Neck people
- Elephant ride through the jungle
- Rafting trip on the Ping river
- Thai dance show plus dinner
- Visit to the factory stores
- One night at the River Kwai village. A ride on the Death Railway over the Bridge on the River Kwai, and a visit to the war museum.
- Five days in beautiful Hua Hin to relax on the beach, swim, tan, snorkel, or ride horseback on the beach. You can rent Jet Skis for riding in the ocean, shop at the night market (fantastic bargains), experience the great night life, or enjoy playing any of the 9 fabulous golf courses.

**The above dates are approximate and the approximate cost of the package is \$1555/person double occupancy or \$1840/person single**

If you think you may be interested or have questions  
Contact Richard Beaver or Alice McClure at (360) 571-8722

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**Connie Whitlow - PGGB-6**

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Associates # & ad Category

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