



WSDSC e-News

July 19, 2017 - WSDSC Columbia River Cruise



The exciting half-day cruise on the historic Columbia River scenic waterway on the Columbia Gorge sternwheeler was thoroughly enjoyed by all 40 Deaf senior members, friends and families, and two young interpreters last Wednesday, July 19th. The vibrant views and the clear hot weather with abundant breezes made for a great day on the cruise which glided past naturally beautiful landmarks as Multnomah Falls, Beacon Rock, Bonneville Locks and Dam, and many other of the landmarks along the river that borders between the Washington and Oregon states. The captain gave amusing narrative and pointed out notable sites. On the cruise were continental breakfast and hot/cold lunch buffet

provided so no one went hungry. So many pictures were taken and sent along to the editor.

Just as we waited to get through the Bonneville Locks, Mark Lindstrom, one of our WSDSC members, commented on his years on the job as an engineer for the company that guards waterways, locks and dams; he told some of us fascinating tidbits of how the locks were operated to control incoming and outbound water flows.

The river cruise was one of the fundraisers earmarked for DSA 2019 Seattle conference. Sally Taylor and Teresa Finnigan did a great commendable job to raise funds for DSA 2019 Seattle.



Tacoma Seniors' Picnic

was held at TACID, Tacoma, WA, early last July to commemorate the July 4th INDEPENDENCE DAY. Chairs Debra Lamus and E.J. Hunter planned the picnic where members



brought their pot luck dishes to serve ~ 40 locals. As well, E.J. set up the barbeque outside the door and cooked up the storm with hamburgers and hot dogs. Afterwards, they played card games. Everyone definitely had a delightful day participating in the spirit of a great American traditional picnic.

Upcoming WSDSC Picnic

Remember Last August's Fun Picnic Day? Do come back again this year, August 9th, 2017. Looking forward to seeing you all again!! (See flyer below)



The Washington State Deaf Senior Picnic was held in Centralia, WA, on Wednesday, August 10th, 2016. One hundred seventy-three Deaf seniors attended, almost an even record as held in 2015. The day was ideally

sunny and warm, and the Community Kitchen #2 Building at Fort Borst Park, situated right by Hwy I-5, was packed with elders who make this picnic event their annual pilgrimage. It is hoped this year will be a repeat of 2016s or even make it a record-breaker!

The resignations of the two chairpersons, Bill Armstrong and Curtis Peart came as a shock: they had kept this seniors' picnic going once a year for so many years. Ron Willhelm and Lilly Bender were given the tasks to ensure the next picnic runs smoothly. However, Ron has since dropped out, making Lilly set up a committee of 3 to work with her on this picnic.

The 23 Annual Deaf Seniors' picnic will be held Wednesday, August 9th, this year, again from late sunrise to early sunset. WSDSC hopes to see everyone all come trekking back once again for another great reunion!

Seattle Deaf Senior Citizens

2017 Schedule

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of Each Month

Where: **PSAD** (Puget Sound Assn of the Deaf), Basement Hall, 2407 NW
60th St., Seattle, WA 98107

Time: 10 AM to 3:00 PM

Contact: Marjorie Borgens-Spears #425-329-8458

Tacoma Deaf Senior Citizens

2017 Schedule

Every 2nd Thursday of each month

Where: **TACID**, Room 6 - 6315 S. 19th St., Tacoma, WA 9846

Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (First 3 visits are free, then \$5.00 admission.)

Contact: Debra Lamus #253-292-3520

August 10th - WSDSC Seniors' Picnic, Centralia, WA (See flyer)

September 14th - TBA

October 12th - Northwest Trek TBA

November 9th - Eat Out TBA

December 14th - WSDSC/Tacoma Holiday Party TBA

**NORTHWEST WASHINGTON
35TH Anniversary**

**Silent Auction
&
Quilt Raffle**

**Tickets:
nwwcdeaf.eventbrite.com**



**COMMUNITY OF THE DEAF
Quinquennial Gala**

BLACK WHITE

**Bellingham Golf & Country Club
3729 Meridian Street
Bellingham, WA 98225
Saturday, 11 November 2017
5:00PM- 10:00PM**

**RSVP By:
11-3-2017**

**\$40.00 per person/
\$100.00 for individual
sponsorship**



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
OFFICE OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
1-800-422-7930 (V/TTY) 360 339-7382 (VP) or Web site: odhh.dshs.wa.gov
PO Box 45301 Olympia, WA 98504-5301

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WORKSHOP FOCUSED ON
WORKING WITH DEAF, DEAF-BLIND AND HARD OF HEARING PROFESSIONALS!**

Sunday, August 13, 2017

8:30 am - 1:30 pm

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Registration begins at 8:00 am - Century Square Building

Alki Conference Room (3rd Floor)

1501 4th Avenue

Seattle, WA 98101

Parking will be validated

Lunch Provided by Purple

CEUs offered at no charge to those who attend

Registration Required: www.surveymonkey.com/r/5KRMNNY

For questions contact:

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Workshop open to interpreters of all levels

Requests for accommodations must be made by August 6, 2017

Purple Communications is an Approved RID CMP Sponsor for continuing education activities. This Professional Studies program "Interpreters: From Deaf Disempowerment to True Allies" is offered for 0.5 CEUs at the Some Content Knowledge Level and "Dismantling Oppression from the Interpreting Chair" is offered for 0.3 CEUs at the Some Content Knowledge Level. Purple Communications promotes and supports policies of non-discrimination and an environment that is mutually respectful and free from bias.

8:30 am-1:30 pm - "Interpreters: From Deaf Disempowerment to True Allies"

Presented by: **TRUDY SUGGS**

2:00 pm-5:00 pm - "Dismantling Oppression from the Interpreting Chair"

Presented by: **DRAGO RENTERIA**

23rd Annual Deaf Seniors' Picnic

Wednesday
August 9, 2017

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Admission fee - \$5.00 per person
Cash only - pay at door

Coffee, tea and donuts will be provided
Water bottle - 50 cents each

Lunch

Bring your own brown bag

or

Purchase a Subway sandwich with chips for \$3.00

(Please RSVP by August 6 if you wish to purchase a sandwich)

Prize drawings - 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Contact persons:

Lilly Bender

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Debra Lamus

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**Fort Borst Park Kitchen - Shelter #2
Centralia, WA**

(I-5 and Exit #82)

(no children, please)
(dogs are not allowed in the park)

Annual Deaf Stompfest VII

Two days of wine and fun!
September 23 & 24, 2017



Hosted by
Rusty Wales
Vintner
Prince of Wales
Wines



Saturday
September 23
1 - 5 p.m.

“Blind” Wine Tasting

Clackamas River Growlers
367 Main Street
Estacada, OR 97023
A Deaf-owned business!

Appetizers, Buffet and
Dessert provided.

Silent Auction
Door Prizes

Sunday
September 24

Stomping Contest!!!

Willamette Valley Vineyard
8800 Enchanted Way SE
Turner, OR 97392

For more information email:
teresa9093@gmail.com
Additional Cost



Hurry! Limited tickets available!

\$45 per person

Advance purchase only by
August 1, 2017

To purchase tickets,
please send a check to
D.E.A.F.

P.O. Box 2561
Vancouver, WA 98668-2561

Tickets are non-refundable. and are not available at the event.

For more information please email: deafoffice@deaf-wa.org
You must be 21 or older to attend

This event benefits D.E.A.F., an organization whose mission is to enhance the education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and youth at the Washington School for the Deaf.

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