



WSDSC e-News

Spring AGM - 05/06/17

The WSDSC Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled to take place in Bellingham at the Food Coop Connections Building, 405 Holly Street, Bellingham, WA, on **Saturday, May 6, 2017, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

The WSDSC Eagle Nest (Northwest Regional) Committee has kindly offered to sell and provide us with a sumptuous taco lunch in honor of Cinco de Mayo (Mexican festive) at \$4.00 per member. Thank you to the warm hearted committee for arranging our lunches.

Washington State Deaf Senior Citizens

Annual General Meeting

Saturday, May 6, 2017

10:00 AM ~ 3:00 PM

Food Coop Connections Building Classroom

405 E. Holly Street

Bellingham, WA



Let's celebrate Cinco de Mayo by joining us for the Mexican cuisine!
We are selling tacos, side dishes and desserts. Hope to see you there!



The Executive Officers will submit their annual reports. Also, the DSA 2019 Seattle CMT (conference management team) will be bringing members up to date on all activities and plans for the conference for Deaf Seniors of America, of which WSDSC endorsed. Everyone is urged to attend this important meeting!

For members wishing to take advantage in lingering longer in Bellingham while attending our meeting to enjoy some sights, you may wish to stay the night in town. Our NW regional rep, Cindy McNeely, has suggested two hotels situated very close to the Food Coop where our meeting is being held. The hotels are:- Four Points by Sheraton, 714 Lakeway Drive, B'ham. Make your VP relay call to 360-255-7344 for a reservation. And, for the Guest House Inn, 805 Lakeway Drive, B'ham, call at 360-671-8323.

Conference Management Team for the DSA 2019 Seattle



From Left to Right - Ellen Scheppach, Chair, DSA 2019 Seattle; WSDSC President Lilly

Bender, also Recruiter; James Shapard, Business Administrator; Kellie Shapard, Registration Chair; Angela Theriault, Accessibility Chair; Sally Taylor, Fundraising Chair; WSDSC Secretary, Connie Gough, also Vice-Chair of DSA 2019 Seattle; and WSDSC Vice-President, Karen Atwood, also Administrative Officer/Public Relations Chair.

This picture was taken last March 2016 when the group first got together to form up a Conference Management Team (CMT). Over time, due to health issues, James Shapard has had to back out. In his place now is WSDSC Treasurer Van Scheppach as the business manager.

The CMT has been working hard over the ensuing months to prepare for the DSA 2017 Houston conference to occur April 2 - 9, 2017 at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston, TX. There, the team plans to market Early Bird Combo tickets, and to boost, sell them at a special rate for the month of April this year. A combo ticket, including DSA membership fee, program book, opening/closing ceremonies, workshops and exhibits, gala banquet, and evening entertainment, is priced at \$250 per person - a special rate, normally at \$270.00 for the duration of 2017. Beginning January 2018, the rate will be increased to \$320; January 1-June 30, 2019, \$370; and from July 1, 2019 on to the date of the conference, at the door \$420.

The CMT wishes to offer WSDSC members the same special rate at \$250 for the month of April. To take advantage of the real deal, look for the exciting launching of our new webpage, dsa2019seattle.org, to be ready anytime on or after the DSA 2017 Houston. The wsdsc.org will have this page that focuses on all our efforts in conference planning.

Be sure you stay well-informed of what is going on and pass on the good word about this special rate on your early bird combo tickets to all your friends. It may not be repeated.

The registration form can be found online under the auspices of wsdsc.org where you then click on to dsa2019seattle.org.

News from the Eagle Nest (Northwest Region)

A graphic for a 'Spring Fun Party' announcement. The background is a light blue gradient. On the right side, there is a vertical strip of a photograph showing several bright orange tulips in bloom. The text is written in a mix of black and purple fonts. The main title 'Spring Fun Party' is in a large, black, cursive font, tilted upwards. Below it, 'hosted by WSDSC Eagle Nest' is in a smaller, black, cursive font. The event title 'Potluck Dinner and Bingo Games' is in a large, black, cursive font. The location 'Food Coop Connections Building, 405 E Holly Street, Bellingham' is in a smaller, black, cursive font. The date and time 'Saturday, April 8 ~ 4:00 to 8:00 pm' is in a smaller, black, cursive font. The donation information 'Any donations would be appreciated. \$1.00 per Bingo sheet' is in a smaller, black, cursive font. At the bottom, the categories 'A-D: Salads E-J:Vegetables K-Q:Side Dishes R-Z:Appetizers' and 'Fun Social Chat Nice Prizes' are listed in a smaller, black, cursive font.

News from the Tri-Cities Region

The Tri-Cities Regional Representative, Belinda McNabb, has made an arrangement with the WA Department of Transportation to do fundraising at the Indian John Rest Area Coffee Stands. Coffee and refreshment will be sold by her committee at Eastbound Rest Area during the weekend of April 28 - May 1, 2017, however, at the Westbound Rest Area, the service is only good for two days, from Sunday April 29th 8:00AM to Monday, May 1st, ending at 8:00PM.

We hope all goes well for her and her supportive army. They plan to raise money for WSDSC.

If you plan to be driving by, please stop by and say hello. We thank Belinda for coordinating this event with the Department of Transportation at Cle Elu.



T-SHIRTS ON SALE!

\$20.00 PER T-SHIRT!



Short sleeved shirts available in bright Kelly Green in sizes M, L, X-L, XX-L and a few XXX-L. The left-heart side of a T-shirt shows our beautiful logo!

To order:

Fill out the form below and make your check payable to WSDSC.

Mail your check and order form to:

WSDSC, PO Box 1472, Vancouver, WA 98668.

Contact your own Regional Representative or Ellen Scheppach at ellenscheppach@gmail.com for more information.

*****All proceeds support Deaf seniors' projects*****

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ORDER FORM FOR WSDSC T-SHIRT

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____ VP # _____

T-Shirt Size(s) Check on blank and indicate how many to order:

Med _____ Large _____ x-Large _____ 2x-Large _____ 3x-Large _____

Cost (Add on Shipping and Handling at \$3.00 per package):

One T-shirt = _____ \$20.00 plus \$3.00 = \$23.00

_____ of T-shirts @ \$20.00 = \$ _____ plus \$3.00 = \$ _____

News from Vancouver WA Region

The WSDSC St.Patrick’s Party at SWCDHH last Saturday, March 18th, was a combined effort to have all things in GREEN - i.e. selling Shamrock plants, having potluck lunch in green, displaying green decorations and wearing green, even socks!, to commemorate the St. Patrick of Ireland festive - and in the fun itself playing BUNCO.

Playing BUNCO was a learning experience for many! Once everyone was able to follow the game, it was gung-ho right then. The lure - in true fashion - was in winning the jackpot of \$100, \$70, \$50, \$30 and \$20 for the most BUNCO’s, the most wins caught, and so forth down the ladder. Silent Auction and a couple of sales of the shamrock plants, green popcorn and green t-shirts all put together gave us a good solid base of cash raising funds for the DSA conference.



Rusty Wales donated DiMarco! Apparent-win that particular Lovely wrapped bas-all of great tempta-sewn bear in Sea-matching tote bag, were seen to have and Van Scheppach - Want to know who won? Ask around!

a wine in its name-sake, Nylely, all wine-drinkers vied to bottle by overbidding others. kets of food samplers were tions, as well! A beautiful hawks pattern with its donated by Linda Stack, two bidders - Wanda Forcht playing a tug of war there!

Here are members sitting around donned in greens enjoying nibbles until the game was to start. Ellen Schepach gave instructions on how Bunco was to be played.





It is with many thanks to the committee, Sally Taylor, Linda Stack, Linda Cole, Melinda Schreiner, Ronn Fettig, Gerry Healy, and Charmain Mackey for putting the memorable event and the auction together!



Beverley Smith of Vancouver WA smiling and waving her “I LOVE YOU!” hand-signs. She clearly had a blast that day!

Pacific Northwest Tour for GUAA - June 3-11, 2017

What’s Included in the Tour Package?

- *Small tour group size*
- *Total of 8 nights at 3 to 4-star hotels*
- *Total of 2 lunches and 3 dinners*

- *Services of a deaf group leader on call 24 hours a day*
- *Services of local deaf guide(s)*
- *All transportation expenses connected with the tour itinerary*
- *all admission fees for attractions and museums mentioned in the itinerary*
- *Most tips connected with the tour itinerary and your group leaders*
- *Porterage of one large luggage per person*
- *Informative travel preparation packet*
- *Pre-tour and/or post-tour itinerary consultation*

Tour Price?

- *\$2,095 per person/double occupancy. Minimum of 16*
- *\$500 deposit per person is required to reserve space (on first come, first serve basis)*
- *The remaining balance must be paid in full 90 days before the 1st day of the tour*

Important Points:

- *Airfares at the start and end of the tour are not included*
- *There will be airport pick up and drop off windows at the start and end of the tour*
- *Purchasing trip cancellation/interruption insurance is highly recommended*
- *All other meals not mentioned in the itinerary and personal expenses are not included*
- *It is essential to consult the terms and conditions before booking*
- *Walking will be expected during the tour. Appropriate physical fitness is necessary*
- *Tour itinerary and price are subject to change*

For more information or to sign up for this tour:

- **guaa.tours@gallaudet.edu**



Join us for a tour in the Pacific NW! June 3 - 11, 2017



Voodoo Donuts



Pike Place Market

Some of the sites:



Saturday Market



Mount Rainier



Multnomah Falls



Chihuly Garden & GlassMuseum



Boeing Factory

Space Needle



Classical Chinese Garden



Capilano Suspension Bridge

