



APRIL 2025 Newsletter

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Happy Birthday!



Mary Beth Fisher
Christine Galloway
Brooke Knight
Kathleen Robbins
Judy Scheuffele
Carol Kruse
Linda Wright

The Piano Has a Story

Throughout the years the Ladies Aid supported the Utsalady school programs and events. Therefore, when the Utsalady School closed in 1937, the board of directors chose to donate their school piano to the Utsalady Ladies Aid. To this day we are still supporters of our local schools through donations and scholarships. We use the piano at special events such as our Soup & Bread Dinner where Jeff Highland played Christmas carols. Every membership meeting the piano accompanies the members singing "Happy Birthday". We have three members who play piano Ann Finne, Linda Younce and Wanda Hill. The piano was made by Ivers & Pond and we know that they started making pianos together in 1880 of lavish and exotic woods with amazing details. I recently gave the piano a good polishing with bees wax. It's a treasure!



Upcoming Meetings

Our next **Membership meeting** will be **Wednesday, April 9th**, at 11:30am for socializing and business meeting at 1:00pm. Our hostesses will be Cindy Ware Heath, Chris Galloway, Bonnie Brown, Lucy Armstrong and Jeanie Larsen. Our guest speaker will be a representative from the Stanwood Camano Food Bank. The **Board meeting** will be on **Monday, April 7th**, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.



ULA Fun Day will be the last Wednesday of the month which is **April 30th**. Doors open at 10:00am. One project will be to put ULA labels on white lunch bags for Art Tour Lunch. Come have a cup of coffee with a friend and give us a hand. There will be an **Art Tour Meeting** at 1:00.

Remembrance for Pat Majors

Pat Majors was a long time member of Utsalady Ladies Aid. There will be a remembrance on April 19th from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 6419 Pioneer Hwy in Stanwood.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

President's Message

Making Small Things in our Life Exciting and a Fun Part of Everyday Life.

We often rush through tasks, eager to move on to the next one in hopes of freeing up time for our own interests. I love crossing off items on my daily list, that always feels wonderful.

A walk in the neighborhood can involve meeting neighbors and noticing that plants are starting to bud. If the weather is dry and sunny, you can feel the sun on your face and Spring has arrived. Take a walk down to the beach, listen to the sound of the waves and the birds everywhere.

Working in the garden is fun, whether it is a floral garden bed or setting up the new vegetable garden for the year.

Daylight savings time returned in March, extending our daylight hours.

We have "Fun Friday Dinners" in our house. It provides something different from the other days of the week. The dinner can be simple, whether we eat a large dinner salad full of ingredients, or a one-course meal with everything on it like pizza!

Many in our Ladies proposed trying a new recipe weekly. A new recipe can always be fun. If there is a scheduled event at Ladies Aid that day, go and enjoy the women there. We have so many talented women in the group with diverse skills.

So, put a little "fun" in your day and make life more enjoyable!

Have a great April everyone and Happy Easter

Louise Donaldson, President, Utsalady Ladies Aid

Debbie Dimitre a Storyteller

On Thursday, March 13th at 1:00 AAUW rented our building for their meeting. Every March, for Women's history month they have Debbie Dimitre present a woman of history. She told of two remarkable women, Harriet Beecher Stowe and Harriet Tubman. AAUW always invites the ULA members to come and join the presentation. If you did you saw story telling at its best. Don't miss it next time.



The IGA Cookie Story



The IGA staff chose to support the Utsalady Ladies Aid for the month of March. Five members baked and delivered over 100 Signature cookies to thank them for doing so. It wasn't about the money it was for their support. We had three bakers: Wanda Hill, Mary Margaret Haugen and Marsha Timmerman who delivered cookies by Saturday March 15th. Robin Hanks and Laurie Dilday packaged them in cookie sleeves and delivered them to IGA. Boy were they thrilled!

Welcome Spring!