



DECEMBER 2025 Newsletter

"What's One Good Thing?"

An elderly man riding on a bus noticed a young girl that seemed upset. He asked, "What's one good thing?" She looked at him but remained silent. When she got off the bus she turned to the man and said "Thank you, mister." Next day she was on the bus again and pulled out a drawing her little brother had made with the caption "You're my superhero." "That's a good thing, isn't it?" "It sure is," he replied. Next day the bus driver asked him, "One good thing?" and the grocery clerk "One good thing?" And so it went...



Sometime later, the man was sitting in the waiting room at the hospital where his wife was recovering from a heart attack and a young woman approached him. "Excuse me, I don't know if you'll remember this, but one day when I was riding the bus home from visiting my mother in the hospital where she was having chemotherapy, you said something that changed my life. Looking for that "one good thing" got me

through that tough time. Mom recovered and I began doing well in school again. That "one good thing" changed everything for me. What's your "One Good Thing" today? Find it, savor it, and then pass the message along.

Today walking into Ladies Aid and smelling and looking at Jeni's decorated Christmas tree was my one good thing for today. Thank you Jeni.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Our next **Membership meeting** will be **Wednesday, December 10th**, at 11:30am for socializing with lunch hosted by the board. Bring a gift exchange for holiday fun! The **Board meeting** will be on **Monday, December 8th**, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

ULA Fun Day will be on **Wednesday, December 31st**. Doors open at 10:00am. As usual bring a project to work on or not. You can always just come and have a cup of coffee with friends to celebrate the new year.

Ladies Aid Membership

Membership is \$25.00 and is due January 1, 2026 to continue belonging to this fine establishment.

Topics

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Happy Birthday!



Judy Bingay
Carol Hall
Cherie Haugen
Bev Hovda
Kate Hovda
Kristi Kaufman
Joyce Linn
Idonna Pieper
Nelson



FROM THE BOARD

Treasurer's Message

My life began in Jefferson City, Mo., but at the age of 2 my family decided to move to Washington State. My dad and mom owned a cattle ranch, and we raised registered black Angus. This began my life in 4-H. I showed cattle and sheep for 9 years showing in 2-3 fairs a year. I loved it. Life on the ranch meant we had everything we needed with beef to eat and a large garden for produce. My mom sewed my clothes and canned lots of fruit and vegetables. Our farmer friends often traded goods, so we were rich with food and friends.

As I grew, I had an interest in music which led to piano lessons, playing trumpet, and voice lessons. Central Washington State University had a tremendous teaching program and music program and it wasn't too far from the farm either, so I furthered my education in Ellensburg. I went to school year-round and graduated a year early with a music degree to teach band, orchestra or choir in grades K-12. I taught first in Junior High, and I even taught High School music but eventually, I landed in the Elementary program. Everything made sense here. Kids love to show what they can do, so we had many concerts and musicals. We held our concerts at the Everett Civic Auditorium, and we filled the place with laughter and applause. These were some of my favorite years. After teaching for about 15 years in music I received a music and technology grant through OSPI. This fostered my interest in teaching tech, so I moved from the music classroom to the tech lab for the last 15 years of my career teaching students and after school, teaching teachers and administrators.

I feel very blessed with all the opportunities and wonderful people I have met. I have received many grants, been voted Teacher of the Year in my ESD and been Technology Teacher of the Year through NCCE. I was asked by OSPI to write lessons for the music classroom. Many school districts adopted them for their assessments. I have written for national magazines and state magazines focusing on music or tech. After I retired, I flew around to several states teaching technology and I even visited the Virgin Islands. My favorite part was visiting a music classroom that was rehearsing with steel drums.

"Kids showing what they can do."

I met my husband at Central, and we have three beautiful daughters who have families of their own. We owned a business and I was the bookkeeper for 40 years. Somehow, I grew to love numbers... but only if they were positive numbers.

Joining the Ladies Aid was the best thing I could do when we moved here. I received such a warm welcome. The ladies here take care of each other, and they show up to help. So, as we celebrate the season, let's also celebrate each other. No matter what we can physically do or how we can participate, we know we have each other to count on. One of my favorite quotes, "When women help each other incredible things happen." ULA is proof of that!



WREATHS
— across —
AMERICA

Once again the Ladies Aid will support this amazing program by purchasing 8 wreaths to be placed on Veteran's graves on December 13th at 10:00am at the Pioneer Cemetery. Anderson and Camano Lutheran Cemeteries need volunteers to lay wreaths that day.



Ed & Wanda Hill

Happy Holidays!