



MAY 2025 Newsletter

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Happy Birthday!



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Our Table Prayer History

The Ladies Aid table prayer that we recite at every luncheon was part of a hymn written by John Cennick. He was born at Reading, Berkshire in 1717. John preached in the Methodist connection. He was the author of many hymns. He died in London in 1755.

Utsalady Ladies Aid

**BE PRESENT AT OUR TABLE LORD
BE HERE AND EVERYWHERE ADORED
THY CREATURES BLESS AND GRANT
THAT WE
MAY FEAST IN PARADISE WITH THEE**

Upcoming Meetings

Our next **Membership meeting** will be **Wednesday, May 14th**, at 11:30am for socializing and business meeting at 1:00pm. Our hostesses will be Mary Margaret Haugen, Jeni Bottin, Linda Johnson, Sole Somers, and Charlotte Walker. The **Board meeting** will be on **Monday, May 12th**, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

ULA Fun Day will be the last Wednesday of the month which is May 28th. 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. We are going to try having a 'trash to treasure' table. You bring an item from home and hopefully someone will love it and take it to their house. Anyway that's the idea.

Art Tour Lunch

A suggestion was made by Laurie Ware to take advantage of the number of visitors on the island during the Mother's Day Art Studio Tour. Her idea was to open the building to the visitors to stop in for a quick lunch of made to order sandwiches, chips, cookies and drinks for \$7.00. Laurie called the event back in 2010, "Café-to-Go" put on by the Ladies Aid officers and board members. At that time we were making about \$1,000 over the course of the event. Now we open for two days and fundraise about \$3,500 and could not possibly do the event without the members help. We invite any member to come and volunteer even for one hour so someone else can take a break. The only requirement is that you must have a current food worker card or the inspectors can shut us down. This event is a big fundraiser for Ladies Aid and our community is really going to need our support this year.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

President's Message

Happy May 1st Day !

May 1st originally was designated to signify the mid-point between spring and summer in western Europe including the tradition of hanging a basket of flowers on the front door of friends, neighbors or beau.

In 1889, the Taunton, MA Gazette newspaper told a story of a young man who got up early and walked a mile and a half to hang a basket on his sweetheart's door, only to find another basket from another beau already hanging there.

In 1925, two children hung May baskets on the White House front door on May Day. First Lady Grace Coolidge found her admirers and gave them flowers she had picked.

Growing up originally in West Seattle, we had a great neighborhood including seniors. My mother had my siblings, and myself, make baskets and deliver to their front doors. It was fun and an absolute act of kindness. That was a great tradition back in 1963-1964.

May 1st is also known as International Workers Day In the world. Here in Seattle, there are protests every year and marches to fight for Immigrant's, Worker's, and Human rights. Originally the fight was to demand better working conditions, a better wage and a workday of eight hours. In 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September a national holiday to honor worker's contributions to the country's growth of the United States.

The Month of May is a busy one for Ladies Aid and I look forward to working with everyone. We are a great team when we work together.

Finally, to all mothers, HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

Louise Donaldson, President, Utsalady Ladies Aid

Remembrance

Christine Galloway lost her husband to cancer in April. There will be a Celebration of Life at Ladies Aid on May 3rd from 1:00 to 4:00pm.

The IGA Round Up

For the month of March Ladies Aid earned \$1,285.93. Why that pays for one of our scholarships! Thank you to all those people that donated.



Happy Mother's Day