



# Utsalady Ladies Aid

## JULY 2022 Newsletter

### *Preserving the Past*

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#### Happy Birthday!



Pat Bass  
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*Once upon a time*, this is what Utsalady Bay was like. The Ladies Aid building is in the middle of the photograph at the corner of Utsalady Road and Park Road (renamed Ekle Street).



The buildings across the street on the waterfront were Ruth Gavin's cabin relocated to Skagit Avenue and a candy store that was later demolished. Research currently dates the photo to 1947/1948. If you have information, please share.

#### Upcoming Meetings

The **board meeting** will be on Monday, July 11th at 1:00pm.

The **membership meeting** will be on Wednesday, July 13th starting at 11:30am. **Our hostesses** will be **JoAnn Scott, Gay Campbell, Sherrie Patron, Amber Bauman and Ann Finne**. **Jeni Bottin** would like to express her appreciation to the members for their generous hostess sign ups. She is always delighted to enter our little building to see the pretty decorations and the wonderful festive foods that have been prepared.

The **Ladies Aid building** will be in use on July 4th, 11th, 13th and 17th, and August 3rd.

#### Ladies Provide Lunch

On June 18th, 78 participants competed in the **Soap Box Derby at Arrowhead Ranch**. The lunches for the participants were provided by the Ladies Aid, put together by members **JoAnn Scott & Team**, and passed out by **Jeni Bottin** & 2 others. They were a big hit!



The lunch included a Capri drink, sandwich of either ham & cheese or peanut butter & jelly, a bag of chips, an apple, and a fabulous soap box derby car cookie made by **Juniper Bites**, napkins, a wet wipe and a little ad about the Ladies Aid building and our July 4th bake sale.

## President's Message

Our 4th of July celebration at our building is always such a special event for the Utsalady community. So many friends and family come together for a short time before other activities. For our early pioneer families it was especially a very special day! It was often the one day that families came together for a community picnic complete with baseball games. History tells of an Utsalady Band that I imagine would play during those celebrations.

I am always pleased to see how much being Americans meant to those early settlers, many who were immigrants, like my grandparents. They were so proud of being able to build a new life in America. There were many young men who came to work in the mill and were able to buy a piece of land that had been logged to build a home. Telling the history of this community has been a major goal of our organization.

I am so proud that the Ladies Aid that was started by those early pioneer women continues to serve our community. The reason we can do so much is because of you. With so many working together, we are able to help make this a special organization.

This next year we will be celebrating the hundredth anniversary of our building. I hope many are willing to help plan this special event! We need ideas!

*Mary Margaret*

**Historical Site Committee** is looking for ULA members that have made quilts that they would like to display in our building during the tour. The Historic Sites Tour is August 26 and 27. Contact Pat Bronson.

## MEMBER AND PAST LADIES AID PRESIDENT, PASSED AWAY JUNE 4TH.



Donna Shroyer

From the moment anyone met **Donna Shroyer**, they knew she was a special lady.

In 2008, when the Ladies Aid celebrated 100 years of their organization, Donna was on the committee to write the history for the Ladies Aid booklet. Having grown up living on Camano Island she brought the booklet to life with her fun stories of the days gone by.

People will remember Donna as a fun, light-hearted, kind, generous, artistically talented and a great cook! One of her most famous lines was, "How fun is that!" and that was Donna!



A **Celebration of Life** will be this Fall and we will keep you posted when it is scheduled.

If you would like to **send a card** to the family, the address is: Kim Oberto and Family - 5352 South Kenyon Street - Seattle, Washington 98118



*It's Summer! Idle Awhile . . .*

