



JUNE 2023 Newsletter

ULA Does Great Things

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Happy Birthday!



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History of the Soap Box Derby



Utsalady Ladies Aid has been sponsoring gourmet lunches for the participants for many years.

Some people see a sloping country road behind the Stanwood Community & Senior Center. Randy Heagle envisioned a raceway. Since 2008, Stanwood-Camano held a local race on the Saturday of Father's Day Weekend each June.

The above scene is from the 10th annual Stanwood-Camano Soap Box Derby on Saturday, June 17, 2017. There were 51 derby cars racing west down 276th Street NW near the Stanwood Senior Center vying for the grand prize, a spot in the All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship in Akron, Ohio. The Stanwood-Camano race, one of the largest Soap Box Derby races in the western United States has received multiple national awards.

The derby moved to a new location on Camano Island at Arrowhead Ranch founded by Randy and Marla Heagle in 2016 as a place for the community to come together. The Soap Box Derby race track is a specialized 1000 feet designed for the race. **The annual race will be held on June 17th at 9:00am. Join the fun.**

Upcoming Meetings

Our next **membership meeting** will be on **Wednesday, June 14th** at 11:30am with business meeting starting at 1:00pm.

The **board meeting** will be on Monday, **June 12th** from 11am to 1pm.

Veterans Honored

On National Poppy Day Ladies Aid member, **Laurie Dilday and Robin Hanks** decorated each veteran grave with a flag at the Camano Pioneer Cemetery. All veteran graves on Camano Island have flags this year for Memorial Day.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Memories...oh how precious! Ten years ago these eagles were eating smelt below our bulk head, I could not see them when I walked down our steps. The moment "they" heard me with the dog there was this BIG whooshing sound and they lifted off.

The month of June is full of memories, the older I get the more precious those memories become.

Graduation day...confirmation day...Father's Day...Flag day...Birthdays...Weddings...Strawberry picking...The Beach Boys singing "Be True to your School". Mike Fisher's boat racing around Utsalady Bay. Smelt fishing, blackberry picking, swimming, and jumping off of the dock.

I am forever grateful for each and every one of you in the Utsalady Ladies Aid. Thank you for your hearts of caring for our Little Old Building and each other. We huffed and we puffed to make the Mother's Day Art Tour a big "hit." The weather was simply divine for our serving of the BEST ever turkey sandwich. I just want to remind you on how wonderful you are. So many many details. So many many helpers. So so many volunteers. Once again from my heart to yours. BIG THANKS!

Love, *Jeni Mellum Bottin*

Teacher Appreciation Day

A few members of the **Outreach Committee (Valerie, Lori and I)** were asked to help make bouquets for each teacher at Utsalady Elementary School. We provided a sprig of salal for each of the 30 bouquets. The school children brought in random bunches of flowers and dropped them off for us to assemble. Many tulips and a bucket of lilacs along with a riot of other spring colors were delightful to work with. Children were looking for the flowers they had contributed when the bouquets were delivered to the teachers so we mixed them up as much as possible. The experience was adorable and wonderful! **Recorded by Idonna Pieper Nelson**



Art Tour Lunch ~ May 12 & 13

Top cookie was the Utsalady Ladies Signature. The popular soups were chicken noodle and cabbage patch but others sold out faster! Each day we sold out of soup early.

Everyone loves our sandwiches! Especially the roasted Turkey! Huge success! Last year we served 261 sandwiches at our Art Tour lunch— this year 350!! Truly amazing group of women working together! So many were a part of this great event! It was so successful because of you!

Recorded by Mary Margaret



100 years of Memories

Any memories? The memory album committee is looking for pictures and stories of events at the ULA through the years. A story as simple as Mary Margaret's mother sending the children out in the morning with buckets telling them not to come home until they were full is interesting to read.

Laurie W. & Christine Gallo-way

The next **UFA gathering** will be on **Wednesday, June 28th**. Doors open at 10:00am.

We would love to see you.