



## Utsalady Ladies Aid

### SEPTEMBER 2024 Newsletter

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## Happy Birthday!



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## Babe's School

In 1910, the New Utsaladdy community built a school across North Camano on Essex Street. The school was active until 1937. When Burwell Mellum returned from serving in World War II the school district offered to sell him the school.

Burwell bought the school and

lived there with his wife and eventually five children. Burwell known as "Babe" is our own Jeni Mellum's father and he is second from the right in the photo above. Jeni grew up in that school house and her brother Mike now lives there.

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

Our next **Membership meeting** will be **Wednesday, September 11th**, at 11:30am for socializing and business meeting at 1:00pm. Our Hostesses will be Marsha Timmerman, Wanda Hill, Carolyn Blackler, Virginia Coburn, Terry Villa Cruz and Jeni Bottin.

The **Board meeting** will be on **Monday, September 9th** from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

UFA Fun Day will be the last Wednesday of the month on September 25th.

The doors open at 10:00am with coffee and sometimes goodies.



## Stanwood Camano Community Fair & Parade

August 3<sup>rd</sup> Linda Johnson, Jeni Bottin and Mary Margaret Haugen rode in a 1962 Thunderbird driven by Cheryl Lane. It was a sweet ride in the parade. Utsalady Ladies Aid also participated at the fair by giving out brochures to inform the community about our organization.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### President's Message

#### "September Splendor Cometh Soon"

September on Camano Island is always a very special time. Our weather is always a "Surprise" it's like a box of chocolates, each day we never know what we are going to get unless you have a barometer hanging on the wall (like our Auntie Pearl). We see west winds, high tides, soaring eagles, shades of blue on the waters and yet a peaceful still water like a sea of glass.

Saying good bye to the summer kids, getting ready for the school year, getting a few new clothes, sack lunches, riding on the bus, football games, anniversaries, weddings and birthdays. Some of the trees get to drop their leaves as God prepares them to sleep for the winter, yet the towering evergreens grow and stay green. Colors of orange, yellow, tan will be coming soon.

At our recent history gathering on August 24th, we had liquid sunshine misty rain, not a down pour, not gusty winds and yet people came out for our party. We celebrated the 100 years of the Utsalady Ladies Aid building. The building was lovingly decorated with sage green and pink, with hats and aprons on display, flowers on tables, beautiful cakes, cupcakes and to our delight guests. We displayed the history of Utsalady with storyboard pictures, articles and albums. Richard Hanks presented Tales of Utsalady. We walked the neighborhood with Robin Hanks giving us a history of some of the older homes. It was a very special day, and our pleasure to host it.

Blessings and warm greeting to all members. You are truly some of the BEST EVER people. Remember our Scapbook of Stories on Utsalady Ladies Aid is only \$20, and our tile squares are \$10. They would make a lovely gift for someone to cherish.

Love,

Jeni Mellum Bottin, President



### Loss of Member



Pat Majors passed away peacefully at home on July 18, 2024. She was an active member in Ladies Aid and quite involved with the hand quilting of the Centennial Quilt in 2008 which hangs above the kitchen. Pat was also a great baker! We will cherish our time spent with her.

### Don't Forget!

Please bring supplies to donate to our elementary schools at the September Membership Meeting. For those members who shop garage sales or thrift shops keep your eyes out for pie plates, preferably 9inch, for next year's bake sale.