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Utsalady Ladies Aid September 2023 NEWSLETTER *U L A S U C C E S S*

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Remember Croquet?

In the early 1900's, the Utsalady pioneer waterfront had a mill, blacksmith shop, cookhouse and what was known as Bummer's Hall. Utsalady village entertainment besides the Saturday night dances featured croquet as a favorite game.



Later the waterfront became a ghost town with a population of two. The town revived in the 1920's with the popularity of vacation resorts.

Upcoming Meetings

Our next membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 13th** at 11:30am for socializing and business meeting starting at 1:00pm. Our hostesses will be **Sandy Stein, Sole Somers, Judy Pieper, Pat Bronson and Linda Johnson**. The Board meeting will be on **Monday, September 9th** from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Music in Our Lives ~ Historic Sites Tour

We lived in a wonderful music filled building on August 25th and 26th. Friday morning the **Camano Cowboys** played and then in the afternoon the **Ukulele Ensemble** played with much toe tapping from the audience. Some belonged to both bands so we fed them, ourselves and some of the audience a delicious lunch. Saturday our members, **Linda Younce** with flute, piano and accordion and **Wanda Hill** with Music History added another great experience.



A big tour bus from Tacoma arrived Friday and Saturday the Friends of Camano Island Parks (FOCIP) Tour bus came twice. **Our Members** loaned family held memories and instruments, radios, pictures. They acted as tour guides pointing out special information. **Thank you to all.** You know you are appreciated and you make this a special place. **Pat Bronson**

More Pictures ~ 2023 Historic Sites Tour



Happy Birthday, Ladies & Gentleman!



- Carolyn Blackler
- Sarah Curfman
- Edythe Keene
- Jeanne Maier
- Evelyn Moshier
- Dean Nelson
- Sherrie Pastron
- Valerie Spagnolo
- Netta Vegar

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you to all for your kindness during my recent surgery.

The leaves have been falling for a couple of weeks. As we prepare for the fall, fond memories of the past cross my mind. Raking leaves from the huge maple trees, putting them in a pile and then jumping in them. Tis so sweet to have fond memories of yesterdays. Now we make memories for our children and grandchildren we reflect back.

We hear stories from years ago...

At the history tour a man named Allen Daniels wanted to share a story with me. He was a grandchild of Ralph & Mable Larsen, who lived 3 houses down the ladies aid building. Allen recalled the story of how when he was 3 years old, staying with his grandparents, he had gotten away from their home. He had walked down the road to the pond (the swamp), which was on the corner of Essex street and Utsalady Road. 65 years ago the blackberries were not overgrown like they are now.

He must have been curious about something in the pond (or swamp). He walked to the edge of the pond and fell into the water. Our dad's dog must of heard the toddler, he barked frantically, enough for our Dad, Babe Mellum, to see what he was barking about. There in the pond was a toddler who couldn't get out. Our 6 '4" Norwegian father jumped into action to rescue the little guy and returned him to his grandparents. Allen Daniels is forever grateful for his rescue from the swamp. He lives to tell the story now in his 70's.

Our lives are meant to be lived and to help one another. Now our Dad had never shared that story. He was sorta like a gentle giant, but when necessary he was a man of action whether that was on Camano Island or in France during World War 2.

Blessings be unto all,

Love,
Jeni Mellum Bottin

ULA Live!

The Utsalady Ladies Aid has made the Big Time! On Monday, August 14th Jim Dever, host of **King 5 Evening Magazine**, and his photographer came to Camano to interview the ladies and learn the history of our 100 year old building. Member **Wanda Hill**, submitted an application to King 5 and within days we were told to prepare. **Marsha Timmerman, Linda Johnson, and MaryMargaret Haugen** decorated the room in antique style, set for a special tea. Pie, cake, cookies and bread pudding were on hand to serve our guests. **Linda Younce** played piano as background music. **Laurie Ware** wore the microphone and did a fabulous job of explaining our past, present and future. Fun was had by all and a BIG thank you to everyone involved! You can see the broadcast on our website utsaladyladiesaid.org.
Marsha Timmerman, V.P.



UFA Fun Day! The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 27th**. The doors open at 10:00am bring a project to work on or not. Join us for a cup of coffee.



Speaking of Coffee . . .

Did you ever wonder where we got all those matching coffee mugs and the sweet man's picture that is on the wall with them? Well here is the story. When **Susan Yerkes' husband** passed away, members donated money in his memory. Linda Johnson suggested acquiring coffee mugs knowing how fond Jack Yerkes was of his coffee. The ladies love their coffee.

