



# Utsalady Ladies Aid

## January 2024 Newsletter

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### Happy Birthday, Ladies & Gentlemen!



Lucy Armstrong  
Jeni Bottin  
Anita Bower  
Sophia Fisher  
Cindy Heath  
Mary Margaret Haugen  
Ute Josephsen  
Maureen Milchem  
Donald Miller  
Ruth Rankin  
Tessa Rindal  
Susan Yerkes

## Happy New Year!



**The Utsalady Ladies Aid building** sits on the corner of Utsalady Road and Ekle Street. The story of the building begins with the land which originally was a donated parcel on the waterfront from Al Ekle Sr. the owner of Ekle Garage and Gas Station.

Later a lot was purchased for \$51.00 from Alex and Anna Ekle. That's how the street got its name and where the ladies decided to build.

### Upcoming Meetings

Our next **Membership meeting** will be Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am for socializing and business meeting starting at 1:00pm. Your hostesses will be Carol Roesch, Mary Rauch, Bonnie Brown and Jeni Bottin. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Rumbaugh the Superintendent of Stanwood/Camano Schools.

The **Board meeting** will be Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

**UFA Fun Day gathering** will be the last Wednesday of the month on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Bring Valentine making supplies for an exchange at the next membership meeting.

The doors open at 10:00am and coffee is ready soon after. You can bring a project to work on or just come to chat.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Depending on where we are in our hearts....a New Year beginning brings mixed emotions. I am grateful for the hearts of the people that love the Utsalady Ladies Aid. It is with anticipation for whatever 2024 holds for you and for myself.

It is our desire to preserve that past for the future. There are sweet memories of reflections on how our people have made a difference for someone else. Whether that be a smile, a hug, a handshake, a cup of coffee, learning how to make pie crusts, making sandwiches. Etc...etc...etc.

Love, *Jeni Mellum Bottin*

### Successful Events

On **December 10<sup>th</sup>** the community gathered together around tables of holiday decorations and music. The ladies prepared a variety of *soups and warm rolls* offering seconds where there was not an empty chair. We sang the 12 Days of an Utsalady Christmas illustrated by Lilly Schwender. Santa appeared and children bravely made their way to sit in his lap. It was a wonderful community event.



**December 16<sup>th</sup>** was the day all across America volunteers were placing *wreaths on Veteran's graves* at 10:00am. Utsalady Ladies Aid sponsored the wreaths for the Camano Pioneer Cemetery. Each wreath and flag was placed in remembrance and honor of the eight veterans.



### Membership Dues

Our membership dues of **\$25.00** is now due to "Utsalady Ladies Aid":

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*Happy and Safe New Year, Ladies*