

NOVEMBER 2025 Newsletter

Keeping In Touch

So nice to hear from you, I miss all of you and when I read about the pancake breakfast, I wish I could be there to help.

We closed on our house on September 4th, less than 30 days from the final signed contract. It was a busy time but we did get our stuff all packed and it is now in storage in Walla Walla. We are in our 26-foot trailer at the KOA in Pasco. It is a huge park with many people who live here long term. It is very clean, convenient to look for potential houses in the Tri Cities and Walla. The neighbors are very friendly and have welcomed us into the neighborhood.



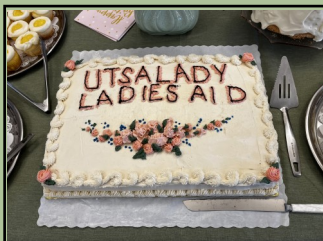
We have spent the last 2 weeks in MN, visiting family and friends. Vince's doctor does not want him to hunt in MN this year as his circulation is not good for -20, which is very possible in northern Minnesota. It was great to be in MN and see everyone when the temps were breaking records for being warm and there were no mosquitoes. Wishing you good luck with the pancake breakfast.

I want to thank everyone for the wonderful coffee and dessert send-off. I love the picture of the ULA building and all the cards wishing us good luck. I miss all of you, you are a great bunch of women who make life for many so much better. If you come to the Tri Cities or Walla Walla, please let me know, so we can get together.
Lori Peterson

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Happy Birthday!



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Upcoming Meetings and Upcoming Events

Our next **Membership meeting** will be **Wednesday, November 12th**, at 11:30am for socializing and business meeting at 1:00pm. The **Board meeting** will be on **Monday, November 10th**, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

ULA Fun Day will be a week early on **Wednesday, November 19th** due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Doors open at 10:00am. As usual bring a project to work on or not. You can always just come and have a cup of coffee with friends.

Remembrance

Robin and Richard Hanks were going on vacation to North Cascades National Park. On the way they stopped to locate Laurie Ware's grave in Lyman. We had purchased flowers to place at her resting place next to her parents. I wish we had bought a Mariners' flag, she would have loved that! Laurie passed away on November 7th 2023, a beloved member and friend.



FROM THE BOARD

Secretary's Message

Hi! I am Tricia Bourdeau, your Recording Secretary. I will first start out saying I was eager to see the world as I was a miracle baby. (I really disliked it when I was a little girl and people oohing and aahing over me as I just wanted to be a kid! However, as an adult I realized surviving when I was born was a big thing as there wasn't any specialized care for preemies when I was born.) I was born in Everett Providence Hospital arriving three months early and weighing 1 pound 8 ounces. A few days following my birth I was given last rites as my condition had deteriorated. Well, shortly after that, I began to thrive and six months later was released from the hospital. I lived in Darrington until I was in middle school and then we moved to the Olympic Peninsula for my father's work. He was a heavy construction operator and built roads so one had to go where the work was and nothing like 180" of rain a year!!! Anyway, one makes the best of situations so I had lots of school activities, FTA, pep rally, had my own little class teaching first graders how to twirl a baton, Girl's State Rep. Since my paternal grandparents lived the majority of their time in Seattle, I loved spending time with them during school breaks and once a month we'd make a trip to see them. I had a very close bond with my paternal grandmother who instilled the value of higher education. Well, that didn't happen until later but I made it my goal to live in Seattle. So, immediately following high school, I moved to Seattle to first attend a business college. I began working at the University of Washington immediately after my program was completed. I first started in the Registrar's Division working my way up and my 2nd position was a secretary to the Assistant Registrar, then on to Admissions. My last position was a manager/supervisor and I did that for 8 years. By this time I had 21 years of employment and ready for a change. Since my husband and I didn't have children, he felt it was time for me to finish my education. I had a little over 2 years' worth of credits from night classes. By the time I had finished, we were in a recession and no one was hiring. A friend suggested I apply as a temp with the City of Seattle. I did and within three months of temp work, was offered a full time position. Since I was a PERS 1 employee, I had kept my funds in the account and a few years after employment, the State offered a dual retirement program so my time with the City could count towards retirement. Anyway, I worked another ten years and retired early. As much as I loved urban life, the city was losing its appeal. Our neighborhood (Wallingford) became so congested that I frequently found myself parking in the next block carrying groceries up the stairs and in to our house. My beloved sister in love and brother in love had purchased a second home on Camano in 2012 and suggested we might look at Camano. Well, we did and moved in 2013. We did and have wonderful neighbors and friends and lots of activities. I am a Mary Kay consultant and have been for over 20 years and went as high as Future Director but chose not to pursue that path. My husband is a HAM radio operator and is on the Board with the Ham radio club. We're also members of a national Scottish organization called Clan Donald, USA and I'm the Regional Commissioner and my husband is Regional membership chair. I also am a 40 year member of Beta Sigma Phi and my chapter is located out of the Lynnwood area. When the weather is bad, I join them on Zoom. We enjoy travelling, meeting with friends and I have a number of interests and hobbies none of which I spend a lot of time but simply enjoy when I can.



Tricia Bourdeau



Soup & Bread Dinner

The traditional event will be held on Saturday, December 7th at 4pm so mark your calendar to come and enjoy the evening at Ladies Aid hosted by Eileen Lund-Garrison.