

### Presidents Message

The sunshine has finally arrived and it is looking like covid-19 is starting to be under control. We are planning to start general meetings soon. The board is working on an outings and events calendar. Are we headed for a semi-normal summer? I sure hope so. I know we are all looking forward to getting together with our chapter friends.

Until then stay safe and healthy.

May all your Easter eggs be gold.

Debbie W.



### Partial tentative schedule:

Board meeting April 11, 1:30 grange

Board meeting May 16<sup>th</sup> 1 o'clock grange

Board meeting June 13<sup>th</sup> 12:30 grange

General meeting June 13<sup>th</sup> 2 o'clock

Board meeting July 11<sup>th</sup> 12:30 grange

General meeting July 11<sup>th</sup> 2 o'clock

Board meeting Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 12:30 grange

General meeting Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 2 o'clock

### A Few Noteworthy Days in April

4th International Carrot Cake Day

5th National Deep Dish Pizza Day

7th National Beer Day

10th National Hug Your Dog Day

12th National Grilled Cheese Day

13th International Be Kind to Lawyers Day

16th Wear Pajamas to Work Day

25th National Zucchini Bread Day

26th National Pretzel Day

### June Meeting

We are still planning to start our chapter meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 o'clock. Masks need to be worn.

Please remember we must work around covid restrictions. It is our hope that the number of folks allowed at a gathering will be increased by then. As it stands now, we are allowed only 40 people downstairs, and as you know this is not workable for us. We will update you as things change.



## **Open Positions**

We have 2 open board positions, these positions are elected, not appointed. We need a couple of folks to work with Jeff on the raffle, and someone to take over the official Facebook page for SWWGP. These are appointed by the president. Contact Debbie W for questions and info. 360 695 3215.



## **Albany Sportsman Show**

The Albany Sportsman Show has been canceled due to covid restrictions. So Mid- Valley will not need our help this year.

## **Picnic**

The picnic has been scheduled for Sept. 12, 2021. We are planning to hold this year's picnic at the grange which will be a modified event. We are in the planning stage and welcome any suggestions to help make this a fun but covid safe event. We will Bar-B-que and have gold panning for sure. Please let Jeanne 360-673-3179 or Debbie W 360-695 3215 with any suggestions.

If there are events or outings you would like us to consider, please contact Debbie W 360-695-3215

## **False Emails and Texts**

Yes, it is still happening. Many of our members are receiving e-mails and texts falsely sent from our chapter members requesting you to spend your monies for something on the chapter's behalf. DO NO DO IT. This is a scam. No one from our chapter is authorized to request you spend money on behalf of the chapter by sending you an e-mail or text.

Contact me if you have any questions about this. Debbie W 360-695-3215

## **Outstanding Equipment**

If you have any chapter equipment please remember to return it. We are missing some items from our inventory. I know that since we have not been able to have any meeting it is easy to forget to return it. But there are people waiting to check these items out.



## **Safety Notice**

If anyone is walking along the river at Daybreak, there are steep banks, and areas of the banks that are undercut. So, if a person were to walk out on the undercut bank, it may break off and the person could fall several feet down and into the river.



## Grays Harbor Rock Club

is having their annual rock and gem show at the Grays Harbor Fairgrounds in Elma, Washington on April 24 (10-5) and 25 (10-4). Masks will be required and it will be limited to 50% of capacity at this time. Parking and entrance is free. There will be vendors, demonstrators including Steve and Edna Nelson, kids corner, silent auction and door prize drawings. This is a good small show and one of the first since covid. Food is available but limited in variety.

## Assist. Secretary

We have a new assist Sec. for our chapter. Van Meter Hord will be helping Mark with many of the Sec. duties. As most of you are aware Mark currently works 2 jobs as well as being the Chapter Sec. and the Newsletter editor/ publisher. With Van Meter Hord's help it should take some pressure off him as well as having another person who will know about all the filings, permits, etc. when they are due and so on. In the near future you will start receiving some notices from here instead of Mark.

## CONTEST CLOSED

We have had no suggestions submitted on the contest that Jeanne and I were running for camping/picnic time saving ideas. So- no gold or prizes will be awarded.

## CAMPING LEAD

We are still looking for someone who is interested in leading our group of campers who would like to go on some outings and camping trips together. If you are interested, please contact Debbie W. 360-695-3215.

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## Tentative Upcoming Safety Classes

June - Gun Safety

July - Heat Related Illness

August - Building A Good First Aid Kit

September - Building A Good Survival Kit

October - Working Safely With Power Tools



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Other committees will be formed as needed. Please let Debbie Witcher know if your name was missed or if you would like to serve.			

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