

CLASS ACT



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DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

By Bernie Thomas

'Tis the time of year for me to take off my Director hat. I will don my participating member hat and join you in fall classes.

This year we are celebrating our 10-year anniversary. ENCORE has grown and expanded its programs. As I write this, we have 145 members.

The annual membership meeting on September 16 will see changes on how ENCORE will be supported by the college and the membership. **It's your turn . . .** to help keep us running. We are soliciting volunteers for many tasks and responsibilities.

We know you are glad you joined ENCORE. You have enjoyed several classes and social activities. You may even have some ideas for other classes that you and others might benefit from attending.

We must all do our part. **Please . . .** come forward. Call a committee chairperson and ask how you can get involved. I'll list our chairpersons at the end of this article.

Stand up for ENCORE! A handful of people just cannot do it for everyone else forever. **It's your turn!**

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your director, and I do plan to attend classes along side of you. Thank you all for your support.

Contact these board members if you can serve in any way: Jean Wingate, Curriculum, 503-325-6959. Rollie Lindstrom, Membership, 360-777-8750. Bob Westerberg, Trips, 503-325-4315. □

Annual Meeting

A celebration is in order at ENCORE's annual meeting on September 16. Eleven years ago, in 2000, Kitty Paino, who was the CCC Dean of Continuing Education, and Rose Alsbury started researching learning in retirement programs for Clatsop Community College, and in 2001 they helped organize ENCORE. Dorothy Scott was our first Director, Anne Phillips was the first Curriculum chair and June Walter was the first Membership chair. Helen McDaniel was Member at Large. Since then, membership has grown to 145 and a large variety of classes is held every year.

This year's annual meeting will be held at the Warrenton Community Center, September 16, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Election of officers will be held and a change to the by-laws will be voted on to restore the original dues structure, of a straight \$50 per year. (See article in this newsletter about change coming to ENCORE.) All members are urged to attend this important meeting. □

Changes coming to ENCORE

Your ENCORE Board of Directors has received word from Clatsop Community College that because of severe decreases in funding ability, the college will no longer be able to pay for part of ENCORE's printing and postage expenses. In the past, ENCORE has had an agreement with the college to pay these expenses after an amount negotiated with the college has been reached. This amount has ranged from \$300 to \$500, but the college never required ENCORE to act on this agreement. However, after the first of the year, we will be responsible for all of those expenses. Clatsop Community College will continue to provide some clerical support, office and meeting space and classrooms.

Almost 10 years ago, ENCORE board members foresaw the possibility of decreased support from the college if the economy faltered, and they started saving portions of membership dues so that if this should happen, we would not be forced to shut down. At present that fund is a bit more than \$19,000. However, your board does not want to dip into that fund unless it has to, so steps are being taken to reduce spending in some cases. Our Curriculum committee has done an excellent job bringing a wide variety of classes to members, and the board does not want this to change. Our socials are beneficial in attracting prospective new members and enhancing friendships made in classes. The Membership committee has always organized interesting and entertaining socials, and we do not want this to change.

Some of the expenses incurred by both committees will need to be reduced, but with as little impact on the committees' activities as possible. At its last meeting the board discussed the current dues structure, which varies from \$25 to \$50. A change back to the original dues structure of a straight \$50 for everyone might be one of the ways to bolster the financial situation, and will simplify record-keeping by college staff or volunteers. Accordingly, the board decided to return to the original dues plan. Since this is addressed in the by-laws, there will be a vote of the members at the annual meeting on September 16 in order to make the change.

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ANNUAL MEETING

September 16, 2011 1-4pm

Warrenton Community Center

Under the Umbrella

By Paula Duncan
Community Education Coordinator Clatsop Community College

Wow! As I write this, the sun is shining, it's 70 degrees, and it feels like Paradise! Hope your summer is wonderful and that you've had lots of friends and relatives visit our gorgeous part of the planet. And, as usual, the blue skies and warm weather don't last long enough, as we look toward fall. However, thanks to the members of the curriculum committee, there will be plenty of interesting, stimulating and informative classes for everyone to occupy their time during the cloudy, rainy days this fall. Classes begin October 3, so be sure to check the offerings on-line or in the *Class Act* newsletter.

As you know, there have been major cutbacks with the college budget due to the slow economy this year, so the college is not able to offer as many services to ENCORE as they did previously. This means, of course, that all members of ENCORE will have to step up, front and center, and volunteer their time to complete upcoming projects for the various committees. I encourage you to get more involved and help out when and where needed. Just contact any board member or committee chair and ask how you can be of service. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Enjoy your fall classes! □

Scholarships available

In order to include all interested participants in ENCORE activities, the Board reminds members that financial help for ENCORE membership and class materials is available. Any interested person is encouraged to call Director Bernie Thomas at 503-861-2695.

This is always confidential.



Mac Burns

History & ice cream usher in summer

Appropriately for the beginning of summer, ENCORE's June meeting honored instructors of the past year at an ice cream social. About 70 members and guests attended the event, held at the Warrenton Community Center. Featured speaker was McAndrew (Mac) Burns, executive director of the Clatsop County Historical Society. He gave an interesting and amusing talk about John Jacob Astor and the founding of Astoria. He also noted that in 1852 Ulysses S. Grant stopped at the village of Astoria (30 houses) on his way to Vancouver.

Director Bernie Thomas announced the instructors to be honored, including Alan Batchelder, Steve Berk, Alissa Dorman, Erhard Gross, Drew Herzig, Art Limbird, Reta Lindstrom, Helen McDaniel, Starla Niemann, Kitty Paino, Rick Soller, Seth Tichenor, Roger Williams, Jean Wingate, Terry Wilson, Donna Wright, Mary Ann Ylipelto and Sue Zerangue.

Rita Lindstrom spoke briefly about the curriculum committee's need for more members. As usual, the membership committee produced an interesting program and tasty refreshments. Elfi Gross, Gerry Fick, Sheryl Devies, Dorothy Scott and Reta Lindstrom created and served banana splits in authentic banana split dishes. The ice cream delicacies were well received by delighted members. □

Editor's note

By Pat Hainline

If you did not receive your June *Class Act*, we apologize. In an attempt to save money, your Board decided to send it e-mail, except to people without computers. They would continue to receive the newsletter via postal mail. What the Board did not realize, is that many of our members who do have computers, either do not have e-mail or do not check their e-mail often. An informal survey showed that over half of members with computers did not read the June newsletter. It is on the website, www.encorelearn.org, if you wish to read it now.

Because of the need to communicate with all members regarding the annual meeting and changes in ENCORE financing, this (September) issue will be mailed to all members. However, a final decision has not been made on the mailing issue. □

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Class Act, ENCORE's quarterly newsletter, will no longer be supported by the college, and the board is now trying to decide whether to continue sending it to members postally or via e-mail.

Another way to reduce expenses is for member volunteers to perform some of the duties formerly done by the college staff. These and many more decisions will need to be made by your board in the next several months, but the main thing to remember is that ENCORE will continue to grow and to provide interesting, instructive classes and social activities to members.

To stay informed, members are encouraged to visit the website (www.encorelearn.org) and to read the newsletter. Members are always welcome to attend any board or committee meeting. Check with any board member or committee member to learn meeting times and places. □

CAST OF CHARACTERS

By Tisha Tarver



Rollie & Reta

Rollie and Reta Lindstrom have lived “across the river” in Chinook, Washington, since 1978. They have been members of ENCORE for about five years, and Rollie has served as the

membership/promotion chair for the past year. Reta has served on the curriculum committee and has coordinated a number of classes over the years. They have taken many of the classes ENCORE has offered and have enjoyed them all.

Rollie was born and raised in the Portland area until high school, when he and his family moved to Garden Grove, California. After high school and one year of college he entered and served in the Air Force for four years. After his service he continued his college education, graduating from the University of California at Santa Barbara with a bachelor’s degree in history. He moved back to the northwest and earned a master’s degree in social work from Portland State University.

Reta was also born and raised in the northwest. She graduated from Portland State University with a BS in sociology and worked for the Multnomah County Social and Health Services, where she and Rollie met. They have been married for 47 years and have four children. Two are twins. Three of the children live and work in the Chinook/Astoria area and one in Beaverton/Hillsboro. They enjoy three grandchildren – one 19-year-old grandson and two granddaughters, one 14 years old and a 10-month-old. The youngest stays with Grandma and Grandpa three days a week, and is cute as a button.

Reta stayed home with their children until the youngest was in high school. She started doing volunteer work in the mental health clinic, where Rollie worked as a clinician and then as the director. She eventually became the clinic’s office manager.

Since they have retired, both have kept busy. Reta plans to continue on the curriculum committee and is also involved with the Friends of the Library on the Long Beach peninsula. She also provides ticket and lobby services for the patrons of the North Oregon Coast Symphony. Both Reta and Rollie are involved with dog training and showing activities with their cocker spaniel, Nicky (Tsar Nicholas).

Rollie has returned to trumpet playing. He is currently involved with five musical groups, including Columbia River Symphony, North Oregon Coast Symphonic Band, Big Band and 12th Street Band. Rollie and Reta enjoy trips to Portland to attend stage plays, operas, musicals and art-related events, which they do here locally as well. He is a long-time tutor with the Clatsop Community College ESL program and continues his interest in Russian history, literature and language. Reta enjoys gardening and family activities. □

Welcome New Members

Two new members have joined ENCORE since June. Please add the names below to your copy of the Directory.

Carol Smith, PO Box 927, Warrenton 97146. Phone 503-861-0180; e-mail cmk@seasurf.net.

Cheryl Gramson, 783 5th Avenue, Hammond 97121. Phone 503-861-9770; e-mail cgramson@charter.net. □

Members picnic at Cullaby Lake

Cullaby Lake was the picnic destination for ENCORE members on August 19. The potluck picnic featured hot dogs, beverages and ice cream supplied by ENCORE, while members added their favorite picnic dishes. Your newsletter went to press before the picnic, but if past picnics are any indication, this one was well attended. □

Attend an ENCORE Board meeting

The ENCORE Board meets monthly at the Josie Peper Center, 16th and Franklin, Astoria, usually on the fourth Monday of the month. Members are always welcome to attend. Check with any board member (listed elsewhere in this newsletter) to find the exact date and time. □

Sunshine Person

Elfi Gross is ENCORE’s Sunshine Person. Elfi will send cards from ENCORE to members who have been ill, had accidents, or deserve congratulations. Call her at 503-325-1944 or e-mail her at elf.gross@gmail.com if you know of a member who could use a little “sunshine.” □

CASTING CALL

ENCORE needs a new webmaster. Must have skills with Dreamweaver or similar software. Contact Kitty Paino if you would like more information paino2060@charter.net □

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On the Road Again

The Rental Car Day

By Art Limbird

In the June newsletter I wrote about our trip to the small town of Certaldo in Tuscany, Italy, where we stayed in a rented townhouse for a week. On the ENCORE website we also told about going to Pisa and its leaning tower and taking a wine tour in the heart of Chianti country. This time we are going to Pitigliano (pit-till-e-AH-no), “The Rental Car Day,” and on the website we will spend “Sunday in Siena” and “Follow the Backstreets in Florence.”

We rented a car via the tourist office in Certaldo (where we stayed for the week in Tuscany), so we could drive to Pitigliano. The car was a nice four-passenger Opel – just right for “zipping around” the Tuscany countryside. I drove, and our friend, a former Air Force navigator, was in the front passenger seat with maps in hand to get us to and from our destination.

We had read in a novel set in Tuscany about two places that seemed to be interesting. These were along our route. So, we drove south to Buonconvento and east to Abbey di Monte Oliveto Maggiore. The huge brick Abbey occupied a striking hillside setting. We walked through shaded, wooded grounds to the Abbey and remained silent inside the rooms open to visitors, like the monks who lived there. It was well worth the detour.

The other location we visited was the world heritage town of Pienza, also located east of the highway south. We followed back roads, with a lot of “navigating” by our friend, through several tiny towns on the way to Pienza. Our focus was the “Cento Storico,” surrounded by walls. We walked to the main square with its imposing cathedral, municipal building, and other impressive structures all built in the Renaissance style. Away from the square we

discovered several quaint streets, and stopped at a nice trattoria for great bean soup with fresh onions on top and the requisite “vino rosso.”

After lunch we drove west to the main highway again. As we turned south, the landscape changed from rolling vineyards and plowed fields to a rugged land of gullies and steeper slopes. We passed to the east of Monte Amiata (1738 meters high) a dormant volcano that contributed to the rough terrain. We wanted to get a good look at Lago di Bolsena – a huge crater lake. At the north rim of the crater overlooking the lake, we turned west to Pitigliano.

At first, we drove to a vantage point by the ‘Madonna delle Grazie’ church to take pictures where shadows enhanced the buildings of Pitigliano in the distance. The town is perched on a high point where two rivers carved away at the landscape leaving an island-like setting. The lower slopes below the town walls contain ancient cave dwellings (10,000 years BP) and Etruscan paths and tombs (2000 years BP). These are cut into the volcanic “tuff” that accentuates the promontory of the town. It is a dramatic setting!

After seeing the town from a distance, we drove near the “Centro Storico” and walked through a gate in the walls that surround the old city. From here we followed Via Zuccarelli to the left past the Orsini Palace (circa early 14th century). It led to “Piccola Gerusalemme” (Little Jerusalem) with its synagogue, built in 1598, and “Antico Ghetto.” We toured the Jewish museum and looked into the synagogue itself and a tunnel complex used for hiding at crucial times. We walked several back streets, entered the central square, and ended at a small bar near the Orsini Palace for a “limonatta.”

We had no trouble returning to Certaldo, making all the correct turns and exits, keeping up with the speedy

Italian drivers, and making three lanes out of two like the rest of them! All was fine until we almost burned out the clutch on our car backing uphill on the steep road to park by our townhouse.

(Space available prevents us from publishing Art’s entire article. Read parts 2 and 3, “Sunday in Siena” and “Follow the Backstreets in Florence” on the ENCORE website,

Writer’s Workshop

Jack Rosenlund wrote some interesting short pieces during a Writers’ Workshop class several years ago. “Bear With Me” is published here for the first time. “Fly Bye” appeared in the December 2007 Class Act. Jack later wrote a column for the Seaside Signal, but has since moved away. We think you’ll enjoy his whimsical writing style.

Bear With Me

By Jack Rosenlund

My first assignment, after receiving my parachutist wings, was the 541 Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Colonel Connors, the regimental commander, was one of the best I served under during my three-year tour of duty. He volunteered for the parachute troops after his buddy in the Air Force bet him he could not fly a small plane through the hangar they stood next to, neglecting to inform him that the far door was half shut. It was volunteer for the 541 Parachute Infantry Regiment or face a court martial.

I mention this to show what kind of a C.O. would allow his regiment to keep a full-grown Smoky Mountain bear as a mascot and allow that bear to have his own parachute rigged for jumping, and let the bear jump from his airplane. Joe was the mascot’s name and he had made more than enough parachute jumps to qualify as a trooper.

Joe was a gentle animal, for a bear. He would stand on his hind legs and box with people he knew, or he would
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wrestle. He liked to wrestle because he always won, never hurting anyone, very bad. He and I became great friends.

If someone he knew was playing with him and Joe became tired or bored, he would back off, then back off again and again until he got to the end of his chain. If you were foolish enough to throw one more punch, he would let you have a no-claws backhand. That blow would lift most men off their feet and they would land some distance from where they had been standing.

I remember one Sunday Joe and I were wrestling. He had me pinned on the ground with his front paws on my shoulders. Showing a lot of teeth, putting his nose next to mine, he growled loudly into my face. A fresh new second lieutenant was showing his bride around the camp when they came upon this scene. She screamed and fainted into her new husband's arms. Joe sat back on his haunches and snickered.

Joe had one serious problem. He was an alcoholic. He would drink beer from a bottle and he loved it. When we would take him to the NCO club he would get falling-down drunk. On the trip back to our barracks this drunk bear would walk about 10 steps, then fall to the ground and make a noise that sounded like a giggle. Then it would take four of us to get him back on his feet for a few more steps. This procedure was repeated over and over, the whole quarter of a mile back to our barracks.

The fun really starts when you bring home a very drunk bear on a Sunday afternoon and one of our fellows is lying on his bunk fast asleep with both arms wrapped around his pillow, muttering sweet nothings into it. You place a drunk bear next to him after carefully removing the pillow. The inebriated bear falls asleep instantly, so the arm around his neck doesn't bother him, but moments later the sleeping soldier awakens.

I saw one man go right through the wall of the barracks. Another was over 100 yards away before he realized he was naked.

In the heat of summer we would take Joe to the communal shower room and turn on all the showers on cold. He enjoyed it, but the men who were using the showers at the time left rather hurriedly. I have seen three grown naked men go through a standard door at the same time. Amazing!

The 541 Parachute Infantry Regiment was later decommissioned. Some of the men went to reinforce the divisions that participated in D Day. The rest of us were transferred to the 13th Airborne Division.

Joe had parachuted from an airplane nine times before he had to go sober up in the Charlotte, North Carolina, zoo. □

Fly Bye

By Jack Rosenlund

The hike to Bagby Hot Springs had been very pleasant. After last year's fire, the soaking shed had been rebuilt from local timber, hand-split from local boards. The tubs, hollowed-out huge old-growth cedar logs some four feet in diameter and all of eight feet long, had not burnt.

We had a soak and bothered no one, fetching cold water from the nearby creek in the buff. We would have been out of place to do otherwise.

We had packed in extra fresh fruit and homemade jams to share with the people living in the two communities located near the springs. The conversations were interesting and we were able to thank them for the restorations they had done.

The trek back to No Horn campground, where we had left the car, was uneventful once we had shinnied across the log over the 30-foot-high waterfall. Flooding had taken out the forest service bridge the past spring.

Friendly moths

When we arrived back at the car, we shrugged out of our packs and I stepped

Shazzam

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Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

to a nearby log to remove my hiking boots. Spotlit in a shaft of sunlight just to my right were two red-wing moths, playfully circling each other. I sat upright and extended both forefingers, chest high. "Hey, you two, how about we have a bit of a chat before I have to return to civilization?"

The two moths stopped their circling and hovered, fluttering, seeming to be discussing my idea. "Oh come on, just a friendly chat." With that they proceeded, one to each finger.

"I am going to call you Pete," I said as I crooked my left finger just slightly. Pete dropped his wings wide, then put them together in the perpendicular. Did he understand?

"And you, pretty thing, are now Repeat." I moved my finger slightly and once again received the bow of acceptance. I sat there in amazed silence.

"It seems you two are doing an excellent job on the local tansy."

Both moths fluttered for an instant above my fingers, then quickly returned. We sat still enjoying each other's company.

"We enjoyed tromping through the neighborhood today."

They both did the spread-wing bow once more. Does it mean, "we understand?" My wife Jean stood by, mesmerized.

"Bye, we sure enjoyed our visit and I hope you or your kin are around the next time we get this way."

Both moths lifted from my fingers to hover for an instant at eye level, then they circled my head and flew off into their forest. Bye. □

Behind the scenes

Curriculum Committee

By Jean Wingate, Chairman

I am delighted to be the new chairperson of this industrious, goal-oriented committee. I genuinely appreciate the co-operation that the committee has shown me already, and I look forward to working with them. We have a stimulating fall term class lineup. The fall class schedule inserted in this newsletter will give you the details.

We know there are many talented people in ENCORE and we are looking forward to you sharing your talents, interests, experiences and seasoned knowledge with your fellow members. Please feel free to contact me at 503-325-6959, or contact any other member of our committee. Give us a try! I'm looking forward to meeting all of you in our classes.

Our motto is to engage and inform. We would like to express our gratitude to all the past instructors. We do not want to forget the many industrious teachers who have planned and taught our classes. Also, a toast is in order to the class coordinators for their willing and generous contributions of time and effort. Where would we be without all of you? Certainly not the thriving organization for learning that ENCORE is today.

And one more big accolade – to the hard-working members of the Curriculum Committee: Sue Zerangue (our secretary), Reta Lindstrom, Mary Ann Ylipelto, Les Graham, Carol Ann Sigurdson and Charles Blight.

Classes will begin on October 3. An early class is the Oregon History class and trip, which begins September 23. A departure from the usual six-to-eight weeks' duration of classes is a

one-session class on hybrid cars on October 15. See the class schedule for more information on these and the other fall classes □

Membership/Promotion

By Pat Hainline

The membership committee continues to plan interesting quarterly socials. The June event featured a special speaker from the Clatsop County Historical Society. Society director Mack Burns regaled the audience with tales of Astoria's beginnings. It seems that at times Astoria was quite a raucous place. Authentic banana splits were served after the talk and brought many compliments to the "fountain" crew.

A picnic was planned for August, at Cullaby Lake Park. Members always seem to enjoy these informal summer outings.

This busy committee plans ENCORE's social events, promotes ENCORE via publicity in newspapers and radio, and recruits new members to ENCORE. If you would like to participate in this active committee, please contact any committee member. □

Intermission

Lunch Bunch

June bunch enjoys pizza lore with their pizza

by Marjorie Spence

Thanks to Aletha Westerberg's planning we had a wonderful time at the June Lunch Bunch. It was a terrific turnout, with 28 members enjoying the pizza and salad buffet at Fultano's restaurant in Astoria. The food was terrific; the fellowship was loud and enjoyable.

We even included "education." Aletha read about the history of pizza from its beginning in Italy hundreds of years ago, to the 1980s patent on the pizza box center insert that holds the boxtop from falling into the toppings.

She concluded with a poem about pizza. It was pretty cheesy, and funny, too.

Then the outrageous pizza stories began. We had stories from two "first timers:" Joyce Van Horn and Les Graham, as well as Elaine Horsak, Maureen Humphreys, Bob Westerberg, Doug and Cecilia Balcomb, Ella Hill, Mary Ann Ylipelto, Madeline Gobel and Marlene Colendich – great participation. The winner of the competition was Les from Liverpool, who described his hilarious pizza misunderstanding in Italy. He won the prize – a gift certificate to Fultano's Pizza.

Two other first-timers, Jim Santee and Wendy Gartrell, were welcomed and they joined with Rex and Nancy Anderson, Kathleen Hudson, Mary Woods, Jean Wingate, Darlene Shepherd, Kathy Banks, Tisha Tarver, Marjorie Spence and Roger and Phyllis Williams to provide encouragement, applause and lots of laughter for the storytellers. □

July Bunch tackles American/Oregon history

By Carol Sigurdson

The July Lunch Bunch met July 5 at Westlake Chinese Restaurant in Seaside. Good food was featured with equally good service and conversation, and we avoided the heavy holiday crowds of downtown, as the restaurant is located right on the highway leading south out of Seaside.

The highlight of the day was a flag presentation by Jim Santee, a new member. He displayed and explained the Easton flag, the flag of the Northampton County Militia of Pennsylvania. This flag was in use during the War of 1812, and possibly during the Revolutionary War. Jim's particular

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Money Scene

By Melissa Yowell

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2010 TO 6/30/2011				
Cash Balance as of 7/1/2010				\$19,290.31
Revenue:				
Membership Fees		\$5,225.00		
Xmas Bash		\$162.00		
St. Patrick's Party		\$385.00		
Donation		\$20.00	\$5,792.00	
				\$25,082.31
Travel		\$2.00		
Space		\$966.51		
Postage		\$151.08		
Advertising		\$234.00		
Copying		\$150.00		
Printing		\$87.99		
Food		\$3,326.01		
Instructional Supplies		\$59.85		
Operational Supplies		\$465.55		
Awards/Gifts		\$711.19	\$6,154.17	
TOTAL				\$18,928.14
Adjustment			\$75.70	
Cash balance as of 6/30/2011				\$19,013.84

ENCORE Proposed Budget for 7/1/2011 TO 6/30/2012					
	BOARD	CURRICU- LUM	MEMBER- SHIP	TRIP	TOTAL
Travel		\$400		\$800	\$1,200
Space		\$300	\$350		\$650
Postage	\$100	\$20			\$120
Advertising		\$50	\$300		\$350
Printing	\$150	\$30			\$180
Food	\$150		\$2,000		\$2,150
Instruct					
Supplies		\$300			\$300
Operating					
Supplies	\$250		\$150		\$400
Awards/ Gifts		\$400	\$200		\$600
Equipment	\$200				\$200
TOTAL	\$850	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$800	\$6,150

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interest in this flag is because his ancestor, Captain John Santee, was a member of the Northampton Militia during the Revolutionary War. An interesting fact is that Easton was the site of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence outside of Philadelphia.

Most of the members knew all the answers to the U.S. history trivia quiz given by Carol Sigurdson, so we tried a trivia game about Oregon which Reta Leithner won. □

August bunch samples Indian cuisine

By Maureen Humphreys

The August Lunch Bunch was held at Himani Indian Cuisine restaurant in sunny downtown Astoria on August 2. The staff explained the buffet-style items to anyone who was not familiar with Indian flavors or “heat” level. From main course to dessert, every item offered was a delight to the palate and a fair value for our group.

A short “name-that-car” quiz was led by Aletha Westerberg. We tried to guess a model of car found in nostalgic song lyrics. We then drew names of members who had stories regarding their first automobile experience. Fun car stories from Doug Balcomb, Bernie Thomas, Joan Ryan, Kay Limbird and Maureen Humphreys added laughter during the meal. There was a tie vote for the winner and we had to draw names to break the tie. Doug won the gift certificate, which was car-related.

One of the fine Himani wait-staff told Aletha afterwards that they really enjoyed our stories and it made them want to join our group – we were having so much fun! □

Good attendance at Happy Hour

The first ENCORE Happy Hour attracted 14 members and six guests. The June meeting was held at Baked Alaska and featured a trivia quiz. The group talked about continuing the “Hour”. Kathleen Hudson, who coordinated the event, would like co-chairs to help with the planning.

The next Happy Hour was July 17 at the Sand Trap Restaurant at Gearhart, with 16 in attendance. Bob Westerberg won the trivia contest after a tie-breaker with Eleanor Green.

The August gathering was at the Bridgewater Bistro in Astoria, and the September group was to meet September 18 at the Lightship Restaurant in Long Beach, Washington.

ENCORE Happy Hours was started for members and their guests who enjoy meeting Sunday evenings for fun and companionship. They meet at different restaurants on the third Sunday of the month, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for inexpensive snacks and drinks, not necessarily alcoholic. Check the website for updated venues. □

A few instructors at the recognition ceremony



ENCORE is a member-run organization for individuals who are 50+ years of age. We work closely with Clatsop Community College to offer short-term courses and activities, which are usually led by members. Membership is inexpensive and most activities are offered at no charge. Membership is \$50 a year. Call 503-338-2408 or visit www.encorelearn.org for a membership application.

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