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# **Greetings From The President:**

If you haven't visited the newly renovated \$1.5 million Astoria Senior Center you are missing a great treat. It is beautiful, spacious, airy, with bright natural light from the outside, and wonderful features for our classes and committee meetings. ENCORE budgeted \$6,000 to purchase all of the necessary equipment to make our classes most productive, like paying half of the cost of the 75 inch TV screen that can be used with a power point lap top. Now that the center is open we will be scheduling even more classes for the Center in the upcoming term.

Speaking of classes, this Winter Term has been very popular and well attended, and we've even picked up 29 new members! Interesting programs bring in interested people. What subjects or speakers would you like to see? Please let me or Curriculum Chair Reta Lindstrom, or any committee or board members know. How about YOU? So many of our members have fascinating stories and experiences to share and previous classes titled "Where in the World Are You?" have been well attended. All you have to do is speak at one two hour class, about your trip or experience of living overseas; or maybe that was your home and you now live here. One of our members, Shegemi Tajiri, shared stories about his Japanese culture and upbringing and experiences in two different cultures. I want to put this class together for the Fall Term. I'm ready to share my experiences of living and working overseas in Liberia and Saudi Arabia. Again......How about YOU?

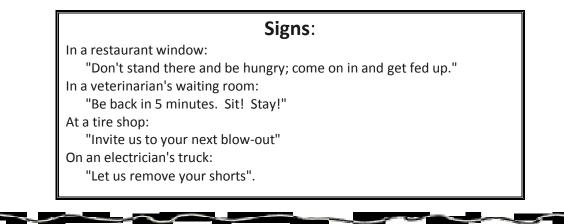
And, this being election season, I might even talk about my experiences of working the Democratic and Republican National Conventions in Miami Beach in 1968 and 1972 when I was the Assistant City Manager there. Historical moments.

This newsletter includes the class offerings for Spring term. Additionally, we're giving you advance notice of our forthcoming Annual Meeting to be held on Friday, June 3, 2016, to elect officers for the 2016-2017 term and approve the budget. Site To Be Arranged. Ya'all come!!!

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SIX LITTLE STORIES

{1} Once all villagers decided to pray for rain, on the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.

That 's FAITH

{2} When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her.

That 's TRUST

{3} Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wakeup.

That 's HOPE

{4} We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

That 's CONFIDENCE

{5} We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children.

That 's LOVE

{6} On an older man's shirt was written a sentence:'I am not 70 years old.I am sweet 16 with 54 years experience!'

That 's ATTITUDE

Have a happy day!

### HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT <u>ENCORE'S WEBSITE</u>?

ENCORE now has a beautiful, up to date website. Here's how you get there: Enter www.encorelearn.org. The site includes information about ENCORE, lists current ENCORE classes, committees, news, and upcoming events. Try it, you'll like it! Ellen Norris is our Webmaster and does a fantastic job of keeping the site current!

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are beginning a new column in this issue – "COLLECTOR'S CORNER" it springs from a suggestion by ENCORE member Tess Chedsey who collects Toby Jugs. You'll find her article on page 5 of this newsletter. If you are into collecting things, please consider sharing your passion with our ENCORE members, or write a review of your favorite class, or share a travel experience – articles would be due mid-May so you've lots of time to take notes as you go along. Be proactive in promoting ENCORE any way you can. THANKS!

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### NEW & RENEWING MEMBER INFO - Be sure to greet them when you see them in class or at an event.

## RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that ENCORE's Curriculum Committee wishes to express its appreciation for many years of faithful service by its member, Bernie Thomas;

Be it further resolved that we recognize that Bernie Thomas has also rendered to the above Committee her services as class coordinator, class instructor and program developer;

The Curriculum Committee, therefore, in recognition of her services to ENCORE in various leadership positions, including the office of President of the organization, recommends to the Board of Directors that it join in this Resolution to express its appreciation for Bernie's years of faithful and meritorious services.

For the Curriculum Committee, Reta Lindstrom, Chairperson

For the Board of Directors, Frank Spence, President



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### **LOOKING FORWARD**:

All Spring Term class information will be enclosed with this newsletter – TAKE A CLASS!

## ADVANCE NOTICE: Field Trip Spring Term 2016

Based on past experiences with field trips to Indian Reservations, the Curriculum committee is releasing early information on the next course with a field trip.

For **SPRING** term 2016, Erhard Gross will offer a course on the history of the American Indian under the title: **Justice and Violence: Broken Treaties and Promises.** 

Class meeting dates are **Thursdays**, April 21, 28, May 5, 12 and 19. A field trip to the **Nez Perce** and the **Umatilla Indian** reservations is scheduled for **May 23-25**. More information in due time.

## JUSTICE AND VIOLENCE: BROKEN TREATIES AND PROMISES

By Erhard Gross

For Spring term of 2016 our Curriculum Committee has scheduled a broadly based course on the status of Native American tribes of the 19th Century. The course will explore life in a typical tribe, its organization, customs, and relations with other tribes. The gravest injustices inflicted on America's Indian population would come in the second half of the century but their roots were planted squarely in prior history and go all the way back to 1492.

Historians generally agree that the United States entered into over 500 treaties with its Indian population; all of them were violated. Although several of the tribes of the Northeastern Seaboard had severely declined prior to the 19th C, the Indian nations of the Great Plains and farther west were, by and large, still going strong on their historic lands.

Then, several major developments in the United States came together to accelerate the decline of even the strongest tribes. Federal policy under President Andrew Jackson, as first formalized in the Indian Removal Act (1830), started the "legal" dispossession of Indians of their historic lands. The new law brought about the forced removal of the largest tribes of the Southeast to Indian Territory – Oklahoma. By the end of the 1830s virtually all of the 125,000 Native Americans had been removed from the southeastern states of the U.S. The result was the first Trail of Tears -- devastating marches for thousands of Native Americans over hundreds of miles.

By the 1870s the government's Indian policy waxed frantic. Example: the Ponca people, even though they had not participated in any hostile action against the U.S., were imprisoned in Nebraska for trying to march back to their Niobrara River home from malaria-ridden Indian Territory. In a test case (1879), of the Ponca Indians' legal status, the desperation of official Washington became clear. Assisted by two pro bono attorneys, the Poncas sued in federal court in Omaha for a writ of habeas corpus. The U.S. prosecutor stated in his opposing brief to the judge that the Indians were "not persons within the meaning of the law." (Cont'd on bottom of P 5)

# **COLLECTOR'S CORNER**

MY TOBY JUG COLLECTION By Tess Chedsey

It all started overt 25 years ago in a South Pasadena, CA antique mall. I spied a nicely crafted ceramic jug with the words "To Widdicome" on the handle. "Widdicombe" is my husband's family name. I just had to have it.

My father-in-law saw it on one of his visits and mentioned he had a ceramic musical pitcher that played the tune "Widdicombe Faire". It is in the style of Toby, very well made and still plays the delightful tune. He gave it me on the spot. I was hooked.

My original Toby is called a face jug rather than a Toby Jug. Toby Jugs are full figures either standing or sitting and always holding a pint of ale along with whatever else they may be representing. I have a fisherman Toby, a night watchman Toby, a pirate Toby and just plain old besotted Tobies, among others. I love them all for their finely honed and colorful presence. Toby jugs are sometimes referred to as character jugs for good reason. I only have one other Toby face mug and one other Toby pitcher. The rest (20 at this point) are sitting Tobies. I prefer the larger Toby jugs, better to see the detail. All of them are from England and most are from Staffordshire, made by Shorter and Son. Mine were created in the early 20th century for the most part, with one or two from the late 1800's.

Many years ago, I bought a display case from a going-out-of-business antique store, where I display my collection. I love looking at them so I will continue to collect even though they are getting pricey. But, as every collector knows, it's not ones you loved and bought that you regret, regardless of the price, it's the one(s) you didn't buy. I passed up a standing, 100-year-old, magnificent Toby at an antique fair in Southern California many years ago because it was \$150 and I didn't feel such an extravagance was appropriate. Now that same Toby is worth between \$600 and \$1,000. But then, I am not in the Toby Jug collection business for profit – I just love 'em. But I sure wish I had that one to look at too.

## JUSTICE AND VIOLENCE: BROKEN TREATIES AND PROMISES (Cont'd from P 4)

The California gold rush as well as the postcolonial religious revival (the Second Great Awakening) had contributed greatly to inflame the populace, both Native and white. White casualties called for adjudication of Indians by white authorities, while the Natives' murderers were never delivered for justice to "savage" tribes.

The Black Hills of South Dakota, an area which was given to the Sioux in the Fort Laramie Treaty (1868) for their "exclusive use," is another case in point. The discovery of gold in the Black Hills, starting in 1874, brought a wave of people who disregarded the U.S. treaty with the Sioux. As had happened many times before between the Indians who were designated by treaty as the rightful owners of land and the white violators of the treaties led to open hostilities. Prominent among the scofflaws was one Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer. The opponents finally had it out at the Battle of the Little Bighorn (1876). The total U.S. casualty count, including Custer and Indian scouts, was 268 dead and 55 injured.

In the West, meantime, evangelical fervor helped to produce similar results. The Whitmans, Dr. Marcus and his wife Narcissa's relations with the Natives, brought about the first big bloodletting in the Northwest. Both were Protestant missionaries in Cayuse territory. As was frequently the case, missionaries arrogated onto themselves absolute cultural and religious superiority. (Cont'd on P 6)

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Narcissa is quoted as asserting: "[We] have come to elevate them and not to suffer ourselves to sink down to their standard." The Whitmans did not let their adopted children learn the language of the natives.

To sustain themselves during the first winter in Waiilatpu, Dr. Whitman "killed five wild horses." A common complaint by the Indians was that "Whitman sold wheat to settlers, while giving none to the Cayuse land holders, and demanding payment for using his grist mill." Dr. Whitman was a demanding taskmaster who tried to convince his Indian workers that agricultural work was ennobling. When Catholics arrived to impart their version of Christianity, fierce competition for the souls of the Natives ensued. Missionary Whitman declared the Catholic creed "invalid" and forbad his followers to attend Catholic services, who, in turn, gave the same instructions to their followers.

With the ever-increasing flood of Easterners coming over the Oregon Trail, white man's diseases spread like wildfires among the Indians. Dr. Whitman was able to cure some whites of measles, while Natives, lacking any immunity to the same malady, died by the hundreds. Soon the doctor was accused of poisoning the Cayuse, which called for his death. On November 29, 1847, he, his wife and 12 other whites were killed by the enraged Cayuse.

Under threat of forcible removal by the U.S. Army to a reservation in Idaho, Chief Joseph and his band of non-treaty Nez Perce people commenced their flight toward Canada (Mid-June 1877). Many soldiers and even more Nez Perce men, women and children were killed. The surviving few were captured on October 5, forty miles south of the Canadian border and shipped to Oklahoma.

This was neither the first nor the last, nor the worst, killing between whites and Indians in this country. And religious intolerance (Ghost dance!) gets a large part of the blame for the most repulsive massacre yet to come: Wounded Knee (1890).

Many historians agree that next to Black slavery, the United States' policy towards the Red Man was the most repressive and inhuman treatment of an ethnic population in its history. I will try to present the subject as objectively as possible.

Classes meet: 1:30 PM, April 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, in the newly remodeled Astoria Senior Center, 11<sup>th</sup> & Exchange Streets. Field trip dates: May 23-25.

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### LOOKING BACK:

**December's Lunch Bunch** crowd met at the South Jetty Dining Room and Bar in Hammond on Dec. 2 for a good meal, good company, and wonderful service! Aletha Westerberg had come up with an enjoyable puzzle linking first lines of familiar seasonal songs with their correct second line. It was kind of tough for most of us, but it also inspired some memories to share. In attendance were Carol Sigurdson, Tisha Tarver, Bernie Thomas, Hazel Sealy, Lorri Bradley, Ed and Deborah Morgan, Bob and Aletha Westerberg, Ellen Norris, and Kit Ketcham. Always fun to hang out with this crowd! Kit Ketcham, reporter. (More Lunch Bunch notes middle of P 7)

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#### Dear Members of ENCORE,

Your Curriculum committee is trying to put together programs and courses that appeal to a broad audience. Whereas some of these offerings may be as tame as crocheting, others can be controversial. And where we encourage our instructors, old and new, to give our members a fair advance notice of the contents of their presentations, under the principle of Academic Freedom, we neither require an absolutely unbiased presentation nor censure our instructors and facilitators.

If you are exposed to subject matter and instructors whose bias you can't share, you have the option of leaving. Short of that, we request that you respect the opinions of others just as you would expect others to respect yours.

October 19, 2015

For the Curriculum committee, Reta Lindstrom, Chairperson

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LOOKING BACK: (Cont'd from P 6)

**February Lunch Bunch:** on February 2, 17 ENCORE members and guests met at The Great Wall restaurant in Gearhart for lunch. In honor of Black History Month, Reta Leithner had us see how many people we could name in three minutes who had a major affect on race relations in the United States. Then Lori Bradley told us about some of the over 60 "days" celebrated in February, such as "national eat ice cream for breakfast" day (the 6<sup>th</sup>) and "national tooth fairy" day (the 28<sup>th</sup>). Present were: Reta Leithner, Roger Williams, Jennie Ulbricht, Hazel Sealy, Lorri Bradley, Ellen Norris, Kit Ketcham, Eric Anderson, Mickey Anderson, Chris Bryant, Larry Bryant, Marion Olmstead, Mikaela Davis (guest), Bernie Thomas, Carol Sigurdson, Charlotte Thiringer, and Rose Power. Jennie won the door prize this month. Submitted by Ellen Norris

## A FLAVOR OF GREECE IN FLORIDA! By Art Limbird

When people travel to Florida usually they focus on Disney World and Epcot Center near Orlando or Miami Beach, Miami, and maybe the Everglades. In Miami and even in Tampa there is an awareness of the Cuban Culture and signs printed in Spanish. However, the one place that impressed us for its authenticity and differences from the usual tourist destinations was Tarpon Springs and its 'Greekness'.

All along the west coast of Florida are fresh water springs that issue out of the limestone platform that makes up much of the Florida peninsula – such as Crystal River, Homosassa Springs, and Weeki Wachee Springs. However, for Kay and me, the best is Tarpon Springs located off the main north south highway [Route 19] and north of Clearwater, Largo, and St. Petersburg. What we found most charming was the history of the Tarpon Springs and its continuation of traditions and cultural ties that go back to the late 1800's.

Apparently, the sponge beds of the west coast of Florida were discovered by accident in 1873 by Key

West turtle fishermen whose nets were caught up in sponges off the mouth of the Anclote River. Spongers came to the area to work the beds, and the commercial sponge industry was founded there in 1890. Some spongers moved to Tarpon Springs and by 1900 the city was considered the largest sponge port in the United States. The first Greek man to come to Tarpon Springs introduced sponge diving in 1896 as the primary method of sponge harvesting. In 1905 he and 5 other Greek men started the sponge diving business. Word of their success spread to Greece and Greek migration to Tarpon Springs is ongoing today. The sponge beds still are there and being managed in a sustainable manner.

The Anclote River is a working waterfront today with commercial shrimp, fishing, and sponge boats tied up along the shore. (Cont'd on P 8)

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A FLAVOR OF GREECE IN FLORIDA! (Cont'd from P 7)

There seems to be a renewed interest in natural sponges. On both sides of Dodecanese Boulevard, that parallels the river, there are places like 'Spongeorama Sponge Factory', Tarpon Springs Aquarium, The Sponge Factory, and Tarpon Sponge Inc. The 'sponge exchange' [where sponges were bought and sold] now has the 'Sponge Exchange Shops', a maze of boutiques in this historic structure. And, boats take visitors out with real sponge fishermen!

Greek restaurants line the boulevard touting the authentic dishes they serve each day. We thoroughly enjoyed the food at Mykonos Greek Cookery. Our waitress was the granddaughter of the owner [he was sitting at a table near us with several other older men – all speaking in

#### **A PRAYER ON TURNING 80**

Anonymous – shared at coffee hour in our RV park Today, dear Lord, I'm 80, and there's much I haven't done. I hope, dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81. But then, if I haven't finished all I want to do, would you please let me stay a while until I'm 82? So many places I want to go, so very much to see, do you think I might manage to make it to 83? The world is changing and there's so much more in store, I'd like it very much if I lived to 84. And if by then I'm still alive, I'd like to stay till I'm 85! And after that, dear Lord, I pray you'll fix it so I can see what Greek and fingering their prayer beads]. After we ate, I used my few words of Greek to thank 'Katherina' for her service and to thank 'Nicos' for his fine restaurant.

This 'downtown' has joined the National Register of Historic Places – The National Park Service named it the first 'Traditional Cultural Property' in Florida. The waterfront has a real feel of a Greek fishing village. Today, there are restored Victorian era mansions and lively Greek traditions mingling in this wonderful place. Craig Park, on Spring Bayou, is famous for its Greek Epiphany Celebration. St. Nicolas Greek [Eastern] Orthodox Church has a prominent setting on the main street where we watched a magnificent procession of clergymen and parishioners one Easter Sunday when we were there.

happens when I'm 86. I know, dear Lord, it must be nice in heaven, but could I wait to see it till I'm way past 87? I'll be slowing down then and sometimes will be late, but it sure would be pleasant to be around at 88. I will have seen so many things and had such a wondrous time, so I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave at 89...maybe. One more thing, dear Lord, I thank you very kindly, but if it's OK with you, I'd love to live past 90.

# SHAKESPEARE AND CHOCOLATE - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Basic Camp (NOT including tickets \$350.00 per person: 14 meals & 5 nights)

WEDNESDAY arrive at camp by 4 p.m., AUGUST 24; dinner at 6 PM

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Thursday, Aug 25	GOURM	T DAY
Friday, Aug 26 at 10:00 a.m.	BACKSTAGE TOU	R \$20
Friday, Aug 26 at 1:30 p.m.	TWELFTH NIGHT	\$77
Saturday, Aug 27 at 8:00 p.m.	RICHARD II	\$77
Sunday, Aug 28 at 8:00 p.m.	HAMLET	\$77
MONDAY Are 20 dement server	after hundrichten T	

MONDAY, Aug 29 depart camp after breakfast Transportation is provided from camp to the above plays. If you choose to attend other plays at the same times, you could still go in the van. The option to Camp Latgawa 13250 S. Fork Little Butte Cr. Rd. Eagle Point, OR 97524 541-826-9699

www.gocamping.org

drive on your own is always available. Information on the other plays is available at **www.osfashland.org** 

ENCORE Trip Committee is not organizing this event! This announcement is for information only to

ENCORE members. Interested? Contact The Westerbergs, <u>westysr@gmail.com</u> or Camp Latgawa at www.gocamping.org

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"Who was	that masked man?" Invari	day and rode off into the sunset, the ably, someone would answer, I don	
	e Beatles first came to the	e U.S. In early 1964, we all watched	I them on The
3. 'Get you	r kicks,	'	
4. 'The stor	••	true. The names have been change	ed to
5. 'In the ju	ngle, the mighty jungle, _		'
		to, and the Watusi, we 'danced' und d the ''	er a stick that was lowered as
7. Nestlé's	makes the very best		
		ador of Goodwill.' Our parents share	ed this great jazz trumpet player
9. What tak	kes a licking and keeps or	n ticking?	
10. Red Sk television s	eleton's hobo character v show by saying, 'Good Ni	vas named ght, and ' '	and Red always ended his
11. Some A	Americans who protested	the Vietnam War did so by burning	their
	te little car with the engine it go by? &	e in the back and the trunk in the fro	nt was called the VW. What other
13. ln 1971	l, singer Don MacLean sa 	ing a song about, 'the day the music	c died.' This was a tribute to
14. We car	n remember the first satel	lite placed into orbit. The Russians o	did it. It was called
	the big fads of the late 50 ed the	)'s and 60's was a large plastic ring t	that we twirled around our waist.
16. Remen	nber LS/MFT	I	?
17. Hey Kid	ds! What time is it? It's	!	
18. Who kr	nows what secrets lie in th	he hearts of men? Only The h	Knows!
19. There \!	was a song that came out	in the 60's that was "a grave yard s	mash". It's name was the
20. Alka Se name?		ablet on his head" as it's Logo/Repr	esentative. What was the boy's

# (Answers upon request to Editor!)

## ENCORE/CLATSOP COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Tuesday March 1, Lunch Bunch at 12:30 at Doogers in Warrenton MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

At the February 15th Membership Committee meeting it was decided to change Lunch Bunch to Fridays at 12:30 for the first Friday in April and May to see how it 'works'. There have been concerns raised about it being on Tuesdays with both morning and afternoon classes -- people having to leave early or arrive late for classes on Lunch Bunch days. Since there are no afternoon classes scheduled for Fridays this would allow for a more leisurely time and perhaps more persons attending. So, it will be Friday, April 1 [!!!!] and Friday, May 6.

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