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## Greetings From The President:

We've just finished another great successful Spring term of classes. As usual the Curriculum Committee tried to come up with something of interest for most everyone. One of the most popular was the class titled Philosophical Questions taught by newcomer Kjirsten Severson from Portland. A class review is published later in this newsletter. If Seth is our King of Philosophy, then I think that we just found our new Queen.

The equally popular class titled "Justice and Violence: Broken Treaties and Promises", taught by Erhard Gross, reviewed the horrible treatment of the Native American Indian and the 500 treaties that were broken by the government. Class was followed by a three day field trip to three different Indian Reservations. You couldn't find a more inclusive, in depth experience than this! We hope to have more of these multifaceted classes in the future.

ENCORE will be taking another innovative step forward this fall: we will be sending this Newsletter and class announcements electronically. This announcement will be included in your Membership Renewal Notice that will go out in August. Those of you who are not able to download emails will have the opportunity to "OPTOUT" of the electronic edition and continue to receive a hard copy in the mail. By sending the newsletter electronically we will be saving substantial printing, collating and mailing costs.

We're still looking for members who would like to give just a short one day two hour presentation on an experience or lifestyle they might have had in the past. I can't believe the talent and depth of experiences some of our members have. And, we are always asking for subjects that you would like us to present.

See you at our Annual Membership Meeting on Friday, June 3rd, at the Clatsop Community College's Columbia Hall, Room 219, beginning at 2 pm. Election of officers and approval of next year's budget are part of a full agenda. Dessert will be served.

And don't forget to use our website: [encorelearn.org](http://encorelearn.org) for the latest information, and the Bulletin Board with announcements about upcoming events of interest to our members.

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**ENCORE's ANNUAL MEETING will be held Friday, June 3, 2016 at 2 PM in Columbia Hall, Room 219, Clatsop Community College. We hope to see MANY ENCORE MEMBERS in attendance.**



June's Lunch Bunch and ENCORE'S Annual Meeting will be combined on the same day, June 3, at the same location (Columbia Hall on Clatsop College's Campus) at 2 pm with the rest of the members and we will enjoy dessert of fruit platters and a variety of cakes. **No "regular" lunch bunch that day, June 3.**

On July 1st, Lunch Bunch will resume the usual format of sampling various local restaurants on the first Friday of each month.

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

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ANSWERS to "Here's Some Fun" in last ENCORE'S Class Act: How'd you do??

- 1.The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.
2. The Ed Sullivan Show
3. On Route 66
- 4.To protect the innocent.
- 5.The Lion Sleeps Tonight
6. The limbo
7. Chocolate
8. Louis Armstrong
9. The Timex watch
10. Freddy, The Freeloader and 'Good Night and God Bless.'
11. Draft cards (Bras were also burned. Not flags, as some have guessed)
12. Beetle or Bug
13. Buddy Holly
14. Sputnik
15. Hoola-hoop
16. Lucky Strike/Means Fine Tobacco
17. Howdy Doody Time
18. Shadow
- 19.Monster Mash
20. Speedy

**INTRODUCING A NEW INSTRUCTOR – Kjirsten Severson: Philosophy**

Submitted by Erhard Gross

She slides into the classroom – not burdened with books or lecture notes. Her first act is always to move the lectern out of the way. Next, she grabs a couple of felt tip markers, one black, one blue, and asks whether we should get started. The subject is philosophy and the instructor is Kjirsten Severson.

When she speaks she uses not only hands and arms, she uses her entire body. Frequently she'll stand with her feet spread comfortably apart, her right foot pointed inward as if she were pigeon-toed. Frequently, she bends at the knees and then rises to lend emphasis to her statements. Good thing she has ENCORE's large (Cont'd on P 3)

(Cont'd from P 2) whiteboard available, for she writes the principal components of her presentation, emphasized with boxes and arrows, on the board to depict how they are related to each other. She enunciates in clear, crisp tones, betraying absolute self-confidence and erudition. And she solicits questions from the rapt audience. When one of her listeners makes a particularly pertinent comment, she might say four or five enthusiastic yesses in rapid succession. When I interviewed her, she confided her astonishment at the large audience who signed up for her course and asks very good questions of her.

Who is this newcomer among our instructors? She hails from South Dakota, where she lived until entering Brigham Young University. After a bachelor's degree in Recreation and lots of unanswered questions about religion, she gradually turned to philosophy. Then she pursued her Master's degrees in Feminist Ethics, and Western Philosophy from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The next station was Duquesne

University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for a PhD in philosophy. She says she is happy with her life, yet, her quest for truth continues unabated.

We are fortunate that her car broke down near Portland as she was nearing the end of a



transcontinental trip a few years ago. That is how she came to find herself teaching at Clackamas Community College, Oregon City. Kjirsten drives to Astoria every Friday to find a beautiful city in a scenic setting with an appreciative audience. All of who, by the way, are her senior.

Among her hobbies is trail running, for which our area, too, provides lots of opportunities. Is it a surprise then that high on her list of goals and aspirations is her desire to live here at the North Coast? Philosophy is not an easy subject to teach. Kjirsten Severson is an instructor with rare teaching ability and infectious enthusiasm. Should we not make every effort to have her come back?

(Editor's Note: On P. 8 see a review of Kjirsten's philosophy class written by John Marshall and on P 10 one by Sue Zerangue .)

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** We have begun a new feature in our newsletter – "COLLECTOR'S CORNER" – The second column appears in this issue. It is by Rose Power and you'll find it on page 5. Please consider sharing information about a collection you might have. Who knows, you might find someone else in the organization who is like-minded with whom to trade stories.....!

Who'll write the next "Collector's Corner" article? Could that be YOU!

**BRAIN TEASER QUESTION:**

A certain family party consisted of 1 grandfather, 1 grandmother, 2 fathers, 2 mothers, 4 children, 3 grandchildren, 1 brother, 2 sisters, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 1 father-in-law, 1 mother-in-law, and 1 daughter-in-law. A total of 23 people, you might think, but, no. What is the minimum number of people here? (Answer on Page 6)

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 FROM THE CROCHET CLASS – MAYBE???

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the lady behind the wheel was crocheting! Realizing she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper rolled down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, 'PULL OVER!' 'NO!' the lady yelled back, 'IT'S A SCARF!'

**SAVE SOME PAPER?**

On the Membership renewal form for 2016-2017 that will be mailed out in August you will see a new check-off item:

**NEWSLETTER:**  send by email;  send by post office;  send both email and paper

Those of you with email addresses on file with ENCORE are receiving this issue of the newsletter by both email and paper copy through the Post Office. If you check the first option "send by email only" on your member renewal form, starting with the Winter newsletter, you will no longer receive the newsletter in the mail, saving paper and postage. If you don't have email you will continue to get it through the post office. If you want both just check off the third option.

We are sending this newsletter (Summer 2016) and the next newsletter (Fall 2016) both ways so you will be able to see what it is like to get it via email. And the newsletters will continue to be available on the [ENCORElearn.org](http://ENCORElearn.org) website by clicking on the "Newsletters" tab. From that tab you can go back and see any of the newsletters since 2013.

**LOOKING FORWARD:**

Dearest Friends,

As our newsletter goes to press, we have only a few days of ENCORE classes left in this tumultuous spring. I hope the year has been good to you, and that summer beckons with travel and family plans, outdoor adventures, or just the peace of quiet days. I'd like to give you a "heads-up" for summer, and a glimpse of what your Curriculum committee has in store for fall.

**So, what about summer?** We have informally reserved rooms at the Educational Services District building (ESD), on Marine, near Safeway. Every Wednesday, from June 1st through August 31, we'll be having an informal Summer Science class (same format as Science Exchange) from 10 am to noon. Then, 2 hours for lunch, and, just like last summer, we'll have a Coloring class in the afternoons from 2 till 4 pm. This information will soon appear on our website, but please remember, these are casual, informal classes, (no paperwork), and are just for our summer enjoyment. You need not be an ENCORE member to attend.

**You will need to register for our fall offerings**, however. Drew will continue Dancing; Father David Janes will teach a class on Shrines of the Holy Lands, Bernie Thomas has promised to revive her Current Events class, just in time for what we assume will be a presidential election. Erhard Gross will educate us about The History of the English Language, and Science will keep us on our toes. Donna Wright will be returning with a course on "Short Fiction," and we hope Steve Berk will share his thoughts with us, as well. At least that's the plan. As September approaches, keep an eye on the website for the official posting of fall classes.

Wishing you all a very safe and merry summer. I urge you to check out our summer classes, and don't miss the mid-summer picnic. That's always a delight!

Love and blessings to you and yours,  
Sincerely,  
Sue Zerangue





## YOUR BID

Submitted by Celia Tippet

Join your friends and make new friends while learning the mind-activating game of bridge. The classes, held at Astoria Senior Center (ASC) on Tuesdays from 9:30 to Noon, are taught by the dynamite team of Baker & Gramson, or Sandy ([503-738-0782](tel:503-738-0782)) and Ann ([503-861-1133](tel:503-861-1133)), who will walk you through the learning process. The texts used are "Bidding," "Play of the Hand," "Commonly Used Conventions," and "Defense" all from the ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) series. They will be available for purchase during the classes.



If you played years and years ago and have fond memories of social bridge with Goren rules or if you have never played, these are the classes for you. There are NEW guidelines and conventions to be learned. This is the NEW bridge and it is powerful and efficient and aids you in making much better bids. You will learn how to play duplicate bridge and will be encouraged to try your new skills at monthly Sunday games and at the ASC on Tuesday afternoons.

You do not need a partner to join the fun; you will meet new eager players. Join the throng on Tuesdays at the Senior Center and make a new bid on life and living.



## Review of "Downloading Photos" Class

Submitted by Ellen Norris, Class Coordinator

This spring Jane Francis, a part-time technology instructor at Clatsop Community College, offered a two-session ENCORE course on the use of our little "smart" phones and tablets. Eleven ENCORE members came to the sessions. The first thing Jane did was separate us into Mac users, Samsung users, and other Android users; there was more than one person in each group. In that first session Jane had several interesting things to show us, and took questions from us about things that we would like to know about

our little devices. For the second session, Jane had answers for each of the questions she had not been able to answer in the first session along with more interesting tidbits about our devices. We may not now be experts, but we sure do know more about our technology!

## Justice and Violence: Broken Treaties, Broken Promises – A Review

Submitted by Rose Power

Beginning April 21<sup>st</sup> of this year, Erhard Gross offered the 3rd in his series of classes about the American Indians. Where the first two had dealt with the coastal tribes of Oregon and Washington respectively, this time he cast a wider net, encompassing the history from first European contact in the Americas.

Beginning with Columbus in 1492, he traced the reports of the natives being "hospitable and helpful", to the imprisonment of natives to be taken as trophies to the court of Spain, to the enslavement of large numbers to work in the Spanish quest for gold. By 1493, the brutality had spread to wholesale burnings at the stake, to "cleansing the souls" of the "uncivilized" natives. Atrocities like scalping and dismemberment became acceptable when practiced against natives.



At this time, on the mainland, tribes spread from coast to coast, inhabiting

many areas of the country. In general they were monogamous, had few children, and cherished those born to them. They had diverse languages and cultural practices, from hunter-gatherer cultures to agriculture. Their societies were ruled by chiefs - not always hereditary - and the medicine men that perpetuated the spiritual beliefs of the tribe.

As the Spanish spread through the land, many of their horses broke free and were taken by Indians. This had a profound change on their way of life.

As North America became colonized by Europeans, the Indians were first befriended, and then were pushed aside, as whites grasped more and more land. In 1830, President Andrew Jackson implemented the Indian Removal Act, forcing the Eastern Indians from their ancestral homes along the infamous "Trail of Tears" to Indian Territory in current Oklahoma. This was in defiance of Supreme Court rulings. Children were taken to Indian Schools and forced to discard their language and customs, learning

instead white trades that were useless when they returned to their tribes. Treaties were written, signed and broken, always to the disadvantage of the Indians. Land was taken in exchange for trinkets, food, blankets, and promises of money payments that were diminished, partly by Indian agents and often simply by government's failure to pay.

Dispossession, disease, starvation and despair took their toll. Across the map, we traced the effects of the clash of cultures. In 1862, leaderless young Indian men attacked and killed farming families in New Ulm, Minnesota. In retaliation, many Indians were captured and killed. In Colorado, after the discovery of gold in the area, Indians were promised a place of safety at Sand Creek, and then massacred wholesale by drunken soldiers. Even children were mutilated and killed at the order of the commanding officer, who declared, "nits make lice. Kill them all." Officers and men who refused to take part were later killed as traitors. Claims were made of 500-600 warriors killed, when in actuality most men were out on a hunt, and most of the bodies were of women and children.

The discovery of gold in the Black Hills of South Dakota - ceded by treaty as Indian land in perpetuity - saw a flood of fortune-seeking whites invading the land. They were followed by the military, sent to protect the miners and settlers. There were Indian raids on settlements, followed by an attack by a Lt Fetterman, who defied his commanding office's orders and led men into Indian Territory. They were all killed, and the event was described as the "Fetterman Massacre". In the southwest, the Apaches and Navajos were 'removed' to Bosque Redondo, far to the east, and when they were later released, they endured the "Long Walk" to return to their lands. The authorities executed a "scorched Earth" policy of destroying cropland to starve the Indians, and shooting any who resisted.

In 1870, an Indian named WodziWob had a spiritual revelation that the performing of a "Ghost Dance" would make Indians invulnerable to bullets and arrows, and drive the whites from

(Cont'd from P 7) never to return. The movement roused hope among even the Plains tribes, but was unsuccessful. A second wave of Ghost Dances was begun by Wovoka in 1890. This time the white Press was instrumental in arousing sentiment against the "unchristian" practices, and urging its elimination.

This is as far as the classes have taken us so far. The next segment will cover the final class, and our field trip to Umatilla, Oregon and Lapwai, Idaho.



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## PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTIONS CLASS REVIEW

Submitted by John Marshall

Instructor: Kjirsten Severson

In this class, our inspiring instructor, Kjirsten Severson, led the class in an attempt, by means of philosophy, to reconnect with the wonder of being alive.

Out of the rich philosophical traditions of the West, we examined the nature of reality, knowledge, truth, justice, mind, and free choice. We learned of the two general schools of philosophical thought: the discovery of truth by means of rational principles, or, the discovery of truth by experience in the world. We followed shifts in thought from one age to the next. For instance, in the medieval world, truth was given to us by authority; but, Descartes' "I think therefore I am", showed that we humans can play a role in truthfinding. Philosophically, his thought opened onto the modern world.

This eight week long introductory course in philosophy expanded the horizons of thought for all who took the class. Kjirsten brims with enthusiasm for her subject and her knowledge just flows, without a note. And, the class responded and participated with wonderful questions and comments. It was a great class.

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## A REVIEW OF THE CLASSES OFFERED THIS SPRING TERM

Submitted by Sue Zerangue

Drew Herzig has tirelessly worked his **Folk Dancing** magic once more, starting our week off on Monday mornings, in the newly reopened Senior Center, with music, movement, and fun! His students vow they'll never let him stop.

Tuesday mornings found us **Cooking for 1 or 2, Part Deux**, with Merianne Meyers and her gallant North Coast Food Web staff. They kept us really busy preparing delicious, nutritious meals that we then had the pleasure of eating together, and also provided samples to tempt loved ones later in the day. ENCORE generously donated \$100 to the cost of this class so that more of our members could enjoy it. A yummy time was had by all!

**Bridge Lessons R Us**, with Sandra Baker and Anne Gramson, completed their year-long series of classes this spring, open to both ENCORE members and the general public...also enjoying the Senior Center's refurbished spaces. (Sue's Reviews continue on P 9)



(Sue's Reviews – continued from P 8)

Tuesday afternoons were for needle-crafters only. Evy Berger followed her winter class on Knitting with another classic skill... **Crochet!**

These classes were held at Clatsop Community College's Astoria campus, but this term, instead of being in the lower floor of Columbia Hall, we enjoyed a side room in the Art Building. Hard to tell what was more fun...seeing the exhibits, enjoying the frequent student visitors, or just spending several therapeutic hours a week creating with yarn, while discussing the ways of the world. I made two washcloths & a Barbie blanket.

The all-too-brief, 2-session class on **Downloading Photos**, dynamically taught by Jane Francis, was exceedingly popular. She divided the class into operating-types, Androids and Apples...then tried to diagnose what issues we were each having with our devices. She showed me how to take a screenshot on my Galaxy Note 3. It's an unusual procedure involving holding down two buttons at once - till you hear a click. She patiently watched me practice till I got it right. Her help was inspired and of benefit to all.

Maria Brooks' beloved Art & Politics of the Documentary has followed Jane's class on Wednesday mornings. We are making good use of the Senior Center's well-appointed classroom, though seldom does anyone understand how to work the remotes with ease. We always see grippy films that Maria encourages us to discuss and compare. So many stories, and so many ways to tell them. Never enough time to do them justice.

Wednesday afternoons, this year, meant **Science Exchange** at the ESD building. Oh, what a vast array of topics we covered, many of them more than once. Aply facilitated by Judith Schlecter, with tech assistance from skillful students, we traversed the wide fields of geology, biology, anthropology, archaeology, astronomy, physics, climate change, and plenty

of inscrutable

chemistry...(thanks, Bob Goldberg)... as well as casting a loving focus on trees, crows, epigenetics, and the ever-popular... gut bacteria. Science Nerds, stay tuned for more.

Sunnie Bell, her husband Mike, and several veteran crew, spent their Thursday mornings in the Senior Center, telling us stories about close-calls and hair-raising adventures during the long, illustrious career of **The Salvage Chief: Rescue Ship**. Through love of this old vessel, Sunnie, Mike, and collaborators created a handsome book, available in class, that vividly illustrates many of the difficult rescues the Salvage Chief attempted during its decades of service as "the strongest tugboat in the world." We hope to tour this ship, now docked at Tongue Point, in just a few days. All book sale proceeds are donated to the Maritime Museum.

Long planned and prepped for, Erhard Gross is in the final week of his class, the Thursday afternoon **Justice and Violence: Broken Treaties and Promises**. Examining closely what happened to native people when they encountered the American government during the 19th century... is not easy. The many unfortunate acts of violence, betrayal, and insurmountable cultural differences, seen through 21st century eyes, become a sad and shocking review. Jim Hansen, a local citizen, who lived in western Montana as a boy, spoke to our class and lent additional insight about the indigenous world. Erhard's new map and map stand worked just as intended. BONUS: a 3-day trip by rented vans to both the Nez Perce and Umatilla Reservations is scheduled for next week. Being a huge Chief Joseph fan, going to Lapwai, Idaho, is my dream come true. There are approximately 20 ENCORE members signed up for this adventure, and we're rarin' to go!  
(More Sue's Reviews on P 10)



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While in Australia, Chris attended several conferences where he talked about how Astoria has retained a vibrant local food and business economy in spite of the ubiquitous movement toward big box stores and national/international food chains. He also told us where the name "Baked Alaska" came from (he did NOT name the restaurant after a dessert), and he told us about the foodie events planned for the annex that he recently opened across 12<sup>th</sup> from the restaurant. Information on the Stagiaire Events planned is available on the website BakedAK.com, from the link "Stagiaire events" at the top of the page.

In attendance at the lunch were: Reta Leithner, Marion Olmstead, Frank Spence, Marjie Spence, Kit Ketcham, Nellie Hutchison, Lynne Ryan, Frances Kaspar, Deborah Morgan, Ed Morgan, Linda Brandon, Hazel Sealy, Jennie Ulbricht, Gerrie Penny, Marlene Colendich, Desmond Doss, and yours truly, Ellen Norris.

## MAY LUNCH BUNCH

This was a real example of the cooperation and goodness of the people in ENCORE!!

**First**, lunch bunch was set in its new time /date slot: 1st Fri of May. **Next**, the Mexican restaurant in Warrenton that we had scheduled had a fire and would be closed on our date. However I had not a clue that had happened until Bernie Thomas (to my rescue!) called and notified me of the sad news.

OOPS...Scurry around and find another place---Hurry 'cuz we are out of time for notifications etc.

Following Marlene Colendich's suggestion, Aletha to the rescue: "I'll just call and see if they will be able to accommodate us on Friday." (Moneilbon Mexican Restaurant, 2975 Marine Dr, Astoria) She did, they could, and we had it set. When she called it in to Evy at the ENCORE office, Aletha mixed the name up

and gave us a fictitious name but with the right address. All's well that ends well. It was good and the group, though small, was convivial and left with their hunger satisfied.



Bob Cook was comfortable enough to share some of his experiences of the way other countries have May Day. I may not have everything totally accurate as to his telling of the tale, but I hope it is VERY CLOSE. While he was serving in the military, he was with a special unit servicing nuclear warhead missiles. In Okinawa people were trying to climb over the chain link fences to get to the missiles and strong water streams were turned on them. Water was also used in Germany on another May Day when protesters gathered and began to become bothersome. Bob said the local government had a tank truck with water shooting out of it in strong streams that cleared the streets swiftly. He said in Russia and East Germany they had the buildings covered with large flags or cloth portraits of the communist leader of the day.

Attending Lunch Bunch were Gerrie Penny, Hazel Sealy, Lorrie Bradley, Kerry Hawley, Kit Ketcham, Sue Zerangue, Anne Gant, Bob Cook, Elaine Horsak and yours truly, Reta Leithner .

**P.S. Our June Lunch Bunch meeting will be 2 PM at the college, Room 219, Columbia Hall.** Our bonus will be that the whole slate of ENCORE officers will be there as well as many general members – participating in the ENCORE Annual Meeting.

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