

# CLASS ACT



## Fall Greetings From The President

By Dave Zunkel

In the current political climate people talk about 'values' but I am thinking of 'value' in a different sense, i.e., the 'value' of belonging to ENCORE. The world 'value' uses 29 lines in Websters Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary for the English Language. I like the initial definition of value (val'yo) – the relative worth, merit, or importance (of something).

So what is the value or benefit of ENCORE membership? I see value in five different areas:

1. Opportunities for life-long learning via classes with learning for the sake of leaning with no grades or tests.
2. Opportunities to participate in the organization through:
  - Teaching - teaching 6 or more hours entitles one to free membership
  - Serving as a class coordinator
  - Being a member of one our committees
  - Serving as an elected officer and board member
  - Working in other ENCORE positions - Webmaster, Historian, Lunch Bunch Coordinator, Media Liaison, Class Act editor
3. Fun and fellowship via special ENCORE events such as the annual Holiday party, the summer picnic, the Lunch Bunch and fun trips.
4. Privileges derived from Clatsop Community College sponsorship include use of the College library, library computers, and interlibrary loan privileges.
5. Availability of our quarterly newsletter Class Act, membership directory, and website.
6. For the cost of \$50 a year (\$25 if you join after winter quarter), I would say ENCORE membership has many benefits and tremendous value. If you agree, be sure to pay your dues and participate. And invite a friend or two. I think they will all agree - ENCORE gives great value for the money.

**FROM THE EDITOR:**

I feel the more contributions we get from our readers the more meaningful to each of us Class Act will become. So send in your articles, notices, jokes, pictures, class and event reviews or whatever you want to see here. A lot of you did make contributions and I thank you so much for that. I would like to make the deadline the first of the month from now on instead of the 7th as I have to hand in the completed Newsletter by the 15th. So the official deadline for submissions for the March 1 Newsletter will be February 1. Of course if I can I will accept articles after that particularly the February Lunch Bunch picture and write-up. As soon as your group has an event please assign someone to write it up and send it in as soon as they can. I thought more students would write something appreciative about their teacher and class and include a picture. Maybe we will see that next semester.

*Jean Hooge*

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**ENCORE Members experience Oktoberfest**

By Kay Limbird

Thirteen ENCORE members journeyed to Mt. Angel for the annual Senior's Day at Oktoberfest, September 13, 2018. Eleven members traveled together on the Astoria Senior Center bus with Brian, our amiable volunteer driver.

We arrived in Mt. Angel just as the festival opened, at 11 a.m. Immediately we purchased our Senior discounted five dollar wrist bands which allowed us free admission throughout the festival's featured attractions and "gartens." The pleasant temperatures and clear air provided a comfortable exploration environment for the fest's variety of offerings. Many festival-goers of all ages were dressed in colorful dirndls, and lederhosen and thus added authenticity and atmosphere to the event. Those who wished to look the part could purchase suitable German attire at multiple vendors on the festival grounds. Street-lined vendors supplied every conceivable Oktoberfest delicacy, including wursts of all types, German potato salad, deep fried pickles, fried apples, sauerkraut, German chocolate cake and plenty of beers and wines. The festival halls were brimming with enthusiastic performers, dancers, food and drink. The "Salzburger Echo", a trio of alpine horn players, were a special favorite of this writer, and they were generous to perform several times during our visit. This writer's most memorable Salzburger Echo performance took place in St. Mary's church where the biblical motifs and vaulted heights, truly enhanced our experience. In addition to the fest halls' entertainments, there were many outdoor stages with colorful, musical attractions and dancers

of all ages. Horse drawn wagons with comfortable seating made regular stops to enable Oktoberfest Festival visitors easy and novel transportation around town. Most ENCORE members attending the Oktoberfest festival requested an arrival back to Astoria before dark, so promptly at 5 o'clock Brian picked us up at our pre-arranged gathering point for our return trip to Astoria. Following a brief rest stop in Longview, we arrived back to Astoria before 8 p.m. full of good memories, festival music and great German food and beer.



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Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age  
and start bragging about it.

### **Lunch Bunch October 5, 2018 at Fultano's Pizza.**

By Ellen K. Silverman

I had such a lovely time with our jolly group of 14 lively seniors who gathered in spite of the rain and dreary weather. I invite more of you to come and join our Lunch Bunch for our monthly gatherings on the first Friday of the month. Attending were Bernie Thomas, Bob & Aletha Westerberg, Lorri Bradley, Sue Zerangue, Elaine Horsak, Carol Sigurdson, Frank Spence, Sherry Payne, Charlotte Thiringer, Norm & Jean Hooge, Ellen Silverman and Ellen Norris.



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## **Forestry Perspectives in Oregon Class Outing** By Cecilia Balcomb

On Thursday, October 11th, thirteen adventurous ENCORE members assembled in Seaside to embark on a three day road trip down the Oregon coast to visit sites of interest to persons taking part in the Forestry Perspectives Class. The group had met earlier on October 4th for a lecture by Erhard Gross, the first in the series. Erhard talked about forestry practices emphasizing the role of Asa Mead Simpson, who purchased land on the coast around Coos Bay, built sailing ships, and supplied much of the lumber used in the development of San Francisco. He donated the land for the Shore Acres State Park where his mansion was located.

After an overnight stay at the Quality Inn in North Bend, the group headed out on October 12th for Shore Acres State Park. After arriving members were encouraged to explore the grounds, gardens and especially spend some time observing the wave patterns and fascinating sand encrusted formations. A special treat was spending some relaxing moments at the pond where small schools of golden, orange fish synchronized circular movements across the water. Last stop – the gift shop, of course.



Next on the agenda was to drive to the town of Charleston for lunch and then on to the Coos History Museum and Maritime Collection. A docent gave us a delightful guided tour of the museum. We learned about a "steam donkey" a wood-fire powered contraption on skids that was used to haul logs through the forest. Before leaving a visit to the gift shop was in order.

After the guided tour at the History Museum, we proceeded to Newport for an overnight stay at the Motel 6 – overpriced, understaffed, no breakfast, no amenities. Some of us have subsequently complained to Motel 6 management.

The next morning the group assembled for breakfast and to choose the next activity. Five visited the Oregon Coast Aquarium and four went to the Hatfield Marine Science Center. Doug and I chose the Oregon Coast Aquarium. We especially enjoyed the "Below the Tides" exhibit where multicolored fish moved gracefully through flowing waters. We also liked the poufy, white, transparent jelly fish, the trained pelican, and the transparent tunnels under swarms of fish. All was well done.

Once again, it was hard to resist the lovely gift shop at the Aquarium. What an enjoyable trip! Oh so glad we went! Trip participants: Art Limbird (trip leader), Kay Limbird, Lynne Ryan, Ellen Silverman, Ellen Norris, Gerrie Penny, Erhard Gross, Dory Lukas, Donn Ketner, Doug & Cecilia Balcomb, and Jim & Kathleen Hudson.



*When you attend an ENCORE class or event, you will be entering a place where photography, video and audio recordings may occur.*

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

## **ENCORE Lunch Bunch at the Tongue Point Job Corp Campus.** **By Gerrie Penny**

On November 2nd lunch was prepared by the culinary students, led by Steve Smith, head chef. Food was wonderful. Our hostess was Katrina Gasser who is the Community Liaison official for Tongue Point Job Corp. She made all arrangements for our luncheon and led the tour after lunch. There were 21 members in attendance: Ellen Norris, Carol Newman, Ellen Silverman, Kit Ketcham, Sue Zerangue, Elaine Horsak, Mary Lucy Varga, Michael Kinney who brought a friend, Roger Westerman, Norm & Jean Hooge, Michael & Jean McGonigle, Aletha & Bob Westerberg, Dick & Melissa Powell, Jill Mulholland, Julie Snyder, Charlotte Thiringer & Gerrie Penny. I hope I didn't omit anyone's name.

Handouts gave us much information about the jobs for which training is offered and what those jobs typically pay. This is a wonderful place for young people aged 17-1/2 up to 25 who do not have an interest in attending college and need some kind of job training. The Tongue Point Job Corp has an outstanding performance record in issuing GEDs, career training, and full time placement rate. Their overall regional/national performance rate is 101.6% and they are #5 out of 124 Job Corps Centers in the U.S. They are located on a retired naval base consisting of 64 acres. They currently have approximately 473 students. One of their students, Cheyenne, who is enrolled in their welding program spoke to us briefly about herself. She went into welding after starting out in the glazing program where she had to do a bit of welding. That's where she realized she was good at it and wanted to pursue that course of training. Her ultimate goal is to join the Army as a welder and serve with her twin brother who is already a welder in the Army.

After lunch we were able to tour the facilities. It was one of the few times that week the sun came out and the sky was blue. The view from there is wonderful. We saw a room in one of the dorms: beds made, clothes put away; not because the students knew there would be a tour but because that is part of their training. We saw how recreation space can be built into an old aircraft hangar: gym, extensive exercise room, expansive arts & crafts facility, relaxation area with bistro-type seating. And we saw the area where the glazing students learn their trade.

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These two photos were taken on the second field trip for the Forestry Perspectives in Oregon class taught by Art Limbird on 11/1. They are at the Warrenton Fiber Company speaking with the founding owner.



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**The Swine Is Dead** submitted by Erhard Gross

The last boss of Communist East Germany, Erich Honecker, was weary after a day's meetings with his Politburo. So he ordered his chauffeur to bring the limousine for a drive in the country. As they were driving past farm houses, they ran over a chicken. The chauffeur asks Honecker whether he wants him to go apologize for killing the chicken. Honecker responds: "I'm the mightiest man here and will go myself." Five minutes later Honecker returns with a fat lip and bruised face. The farmer had roughed him up.

They resume their drive and, a mile down the road, run over a pig. Honecker declines the job of informing the nearby farmer of the mishap and orders the chauffeur to go. He returns over an hour later - all smiles and a bundle of money in his hand. Honecker asks: "What did you say to the farmer?" The chauffeur: "I told him I'm your driver." And: "The swine is dead."

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