

White River Families First Coalition March 26, 2018 - Meeting Notes



Present: Amy Molen, Jeri Gamblin, Kristi Shafer, Kirby Pollard, Hugh Flint, Jeff Flesner, Julie Bevaart, Pat Johnson, Marcy Boulet, RoxAnne Simon, Jan Burley, Gary Burley, Ginger Passarelli, Antoinette Graham, Kirsten Anderson, Ann Trullinger, Kathy Norbeck, Judy Dorman Passarelli, Tracey Dunn, Leslie Goldberg, Skip Sherwood, Sue Z. Hart, Sheila Smith, Angie Riggsby, Jennie Nicolls, Meagan Rhoades, Monica Gaub

Let's Make a Deal for Families: Angie has a refrigerator and household items. 253-223-6666.

Knowing Our Communities: Ginger Passarelli, The Soup Ladies

Moved to Buckley from Black Diamond in October. The Soup Ladies have had a very busy year. Feeding first responders, rescue teams, military personnel when an emergency disaster or need occurs for the last 15 years. Last year the team deployed to Houston for Hurricane Harvey and to Las Vegas and to many places around the Northwest. Soup Ladies is here to take care of people in our community. At both big and small incidents where there are officers serving. Six of the Soup Ladies are fire or police department chaplains. Last year put out 11,400 meals to first responders at no charge. Cost is about \$1.87 per meal per person. High carb and high protein food is served and very specific recipes. Have two trucks, painted pink, and seeking another truck. Recently was featured with Mike Rowe on "Returning the Favor" and they were gifted a cargo trailer and an instant pop-up kitchen. Soup Ladies is a non-profit, funded on donations. Volunteer opportunities and information online. Must have ICS, Incident Command System, and other test requirements. Have about 70 volunteers but need more. All registered in WA State as emergency workers and covered by State insurance. Men are called "Stew Dudes" and vital to the organization. SoupLadies.org

Coalition Business

- Community Champion Award nominations are due April 2nd. Forms are online. Please consider nominating an individual, business, organization or youth who is making a difference in the White River communities.
- White River Community Summit is Thursday, April 26th at the WRHS beginning at 5 pm. Must RSVP but the event and dinner are free. Resource tables, PB & J drive collection, keynote speaker is Tony Clarke from BLHS, sharing info on youth forums, and more.
- Peanut Butter & Jelly drive happening until 4/26. Can bring to community summit or drop off at collection locations including Wally's, Doxxa Crossfit, Buckley & Bonney Lake Libraries right now. Rainier School is also going to be involved.

Announcements/Networking

Sheila Smith, Donald Loomis Clothing Bank – Will be moving from current location of 15 years. Looking for a new location for best fit by mid-June. 360-829-6605. Serving our community for 23 years.

Antoinette Graham, Rainier School – Clients putting on play Fantasia Musical on Friday, March 30 from 3:30 to 5pm. Free. Community is invited. Flyers were distributed.

Kathy Norbeck, Sumner Library – Pierce County Reads info distributed. March is the name of the book. Lots of programs at the Library right now.

Tracy Dunn, CareNet – Offering free services to girls and women. Prenatal education is offered for first 12 weeks of pregnancy, childbirth education classes, breastfeeding class free. Six other

centers and mobile unit that goes to Seattle. Use CareNet cash that can be earned by attending classes.

Pat Johnson, Mayor, City of Buckley – Highly recommended the Rainier School Musical event.

Skip Sherwood, Trilogy Serves – Utilizing newsletters to get information out to residents about upcoming fundraisers, volunteer needs, and donation requests. Created a guide for opportunities to volunteer or donate. Doing a feed and read event in June and collecting peanut butter and jelly for other organizations. Please send information via email to trilogyserves@gmail.com.

Julie Bevaart, City of Buckley - Buckley Youth Center monthly flyer distributed for March and April. Open 11 to 4 during spring break with free lunches. Starting April 9th, center hours will be 2:00 – 6:00 on school days and 11:00 – 4:00 on non-school days. It's a Spring Fling Kinda Thing dinner/auction benefit for the youth center is April 21st. Tickets online, at youth or senior center for \$15. Annual reports available. **Buckley Senior Center** – Doing an intergenerational program with middle schoolers called Thrive.

Marcy Boulet, Tacoma Pierce County Health Dept. – Marijuana Prevention Tool Kit should be available online in the next couple of weeks. www.tpchd.org

Jan Burley, Community Presbyterian Church – Serving 99 kids per week with food backpacks.

Sue Z. Hart, Building Beyond the Walls – Storage shed being moved April 7th to Liberty Ridge Elem. ECEAP. Accepting application for next class held at Enumclaw Expo livestock barn. Learn to build a wheelchair ramp and ramp-a-thon participation flyer distributed. Looking for a project to complete for another non-profit. Lunch crews needed to serve lunch at each class. Class participants give 50 hours back to the community. Classes are offered for free so anyone can participate. Accepted to Seattle GiveBig and can donate. 425-346-2064 and on Facebook.

Amy Molen, Smile for a Lifetime – Orthodontic scholarship provides 6 scholarships a year for kids 8 – 17 who need braces. Youth give 40 hours of community service for free braces. Assistance with applications available. Online at smiles4life@molensmiles.com

JustServe.Org – Free website for volunteer opportunities for both people seeking and organizations that need volunteers. Group and kid volunteer opportunities. AmyFowers@hotmail.com.

Jeri Gamblin, JustServe.org & LDS Church - Amy and Jeri are working on a Day of Service on Sept. 10th in Buckley and Enumclaw. Churches and residents can join in. Contact Amy.

Kristi Shafer, WR Education Foundation - Raises funds for district needs. Auction on October 20th. PTA Foothills having buy 1 get 1 book fair April 16-20 in partnership with school district where kids will be able to take books home at no cost. **Relay for Life** exploring Buckley/Rainier School partnership in July or August.

Kirby Pollard, Foothills UMC & Marion Grange – Recently adopted Al-anon Mondays at 7:00 and Wednesdays at 8:00, AA group Tuesday & Fridays 5:30. Just fed 80 people at Prairie Ridge with help from the Buckley Food Bank. Serving free dinner every 3rd Wednesday. On steering committee for I1600 and collecting signatures. **Marion Grange** is 100 year old building that is being renovated and is available as a community resource for a meeting location for other non-profits. Hoping to get people to join the grange and non-profits to utilize it. Second Saturday of month at noon potluck meeting at grange. 253-347-2817 kirbytp@comcast.net.

Jeff Flesner, Rainier School – Fantasia Musical helps get clients out of their shells and think outwardly. Relay for Life is an exciting potential partnership opportunity.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 23rd at 3:30 pm at the Buckley Fire Station. Presentation will be White River School District Whole Child Initiative. NOTE: May meeting falls on Memorial Day so will be held the following **Monday, June 4th** at regular time and location.

Families First Coalition promotes activities and partnerships that support the health and human service needs of individuals, youth and families in order to strengthen White River area communities.