

Broadened Horizons

Wiser Horizons: Everything you ever wanted to know, over food with friends

Special points of interest:

- Welcome Alice Bettencourt!
- Welcome new members!
- Welcome new board members!

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We had so much fun with the pilot workshop, we're offering almost every Wednesday summer!

Wiser Horizons is a chance to enjoy potluck with other members and learn all about this organization we call our village.

We can provide a presentation about how to use the website and cover any subject you like.
 - How to promote Wider Horizons to friends and family

-How to request services



-How to look up people in your pod
 -How to update your website profile
 Attend as many as

you like; each one will be different.

Offered these Wednesdays:
 June 15, 22, 29
 July 13,20,27
 August 10, 17, 24,31

Call Amy at 817-995-3933 to make a reservation over the phone.

NOTE we will have to schedule these Wednesdays by reservation only. If only one signs up we'll ask him/her to choose another Wednesday.

“Intergenerational relationships and participation”

The Seattle U students stirred up a ton of interest in intergenerational activities! From the initial exploratory meeting with Dr. Kristi Lee and our own Kay Beisse, together we zeroed in on our core value of “intergenerational relationships and participation” as a focus for a student project. After an exhaustive lit review, face-to-face chats at our GiveBIG event with Nick Licata, paper surveys and detailed phone interviews, the five Seattle U students put together a presentation on their findings. And here are the first two results:

**Family and Friends Picnic in the Park
 Thursday,
 July 21, 5pm
 Volunteer Park**



**Where Were You When?
 Thursday,
 September 8, 6-8 pm
 1st Security Bank
 Different**



Welcome Alice Bettencourt, our new Social Work student!

Alice Bettencourt is a first year MSW student at the University of Washington. Her interest in social work was piqued first while working as a caregiver at an Alzheimer's care facility, but currently she works at the University of Washington Medical

Center doing administrative work. Ensuring that all individuals have access to quality, affordable healthcare is what keeps her motivated both professionally and personally. As a life-long resident of Seattle, she spends her free time attending

Sounders and Mariners games, gardening, or hiking with her husband and dog. She is very excited to start working with Wider Horizons.



THANK YOU to Natasha Pietila, our first Social Work student!

One more THANK YOU to Natasha Pietila, our first Social Work student! From January to June, Natasha spent two days a week, and more, to providing and bolstering programs that enhance our village. She started with in-person interviews with some of our members to really get to the core of what they wanted

out of our village. From there she delved into resources to support our Preparing for a Good Death group and led group discussions with easy sensitivity. Natasha assembled the successful Friendly Conversations program, which is shaping up into a highly valuable asset for us. Finally, she

teamed with our own Paul Beck to survey other villages to gauge their growth patterns and other valuable data for comparison. All this while taking a full load of classes, changing apartments, supporting her parents in California, and knitting in the Warm for Winter group each month. We will miss you very much,

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June 3, 2016

Denise Klein
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Dear Ms. Klein:

On behalf of the AARP Board of Directors, it is with great pleasure that I officially inform you of your appointment to AARP's National Policy Council (NPC). Your term of office is for two years, from June 3, 2016 through May 31, 2018. You will be eligible for two additional two-year terms.

Members of the Council develop and make public policy recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding AARP's federal, state and local legislative and regulatory issues. Throughout the year, Council members are asked to participate in a variety of activities including maintaining ongoing relationships with states, hosting AARP policy forums, and representing the Council before AARP members and the public.

Dorothy Simon, Vice President in the Office of Policy Development and Integration, will be in touch with you regarding further details of your appointment, including information about the orientation session for new members on July 11th and other upcoming NPC meetings.

I am delighted that you are willing to accept appointment to the Council. We believe that the next few years will be a very pivotal time for AARP's public policies.

Sincerely,

Joan Buff
Chair, AARP Board of Directors

cc: Alicia Georgan, President Elect, AARP Board of Directors
Doug Shadel, Washington State Director
Dorothy Simon, Vice President, Office of Policy Development and Integration
James Leddy, Chair, National Policy Council Nominating Committee

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Denise Klein, Executive Director, Council Member, Featured Speaker ...

What arrived in the mail this week: "Dear Ms. Klein: On behalf of the AARP Board of Directors, it is with great pleasure that I officially inform you of your appointment to AARP's National Policy Council (NPC). ... Members of the Council develop and make public policy recommendations to

the Board of Directors regarding AARP's federal, state and local legislative and regulatory issues." Can the AARP pick superb Council members or what! Congratulations! On Tuesday, June 21, Denise will present "Is There a Village on Your Horizon?" as part of the Endless

Opportunities series at Jewish Family Services.



From the 1st Security Bank promotional photos

Family and Friends Picnic in the Park Thursday evening, July 21

Let's recreate our big success with last year's picnic details, then enhance it this year by inviting family and friends! Set for Thursday, July 21, starting at 5 pm in Volunteer Park. We can bring back the croquet tournament and bocce ball brawls that defined last year's events, plus a whole lot more for fun for all ages. Potluck feasting, chatting, relaxing and enjoying each others' company can be in store for us this year!



Where Were You When? Thursday evening, September 8

1st Security Bank Different (Week of Grandparents Day and the 15th anniversary of September 11)

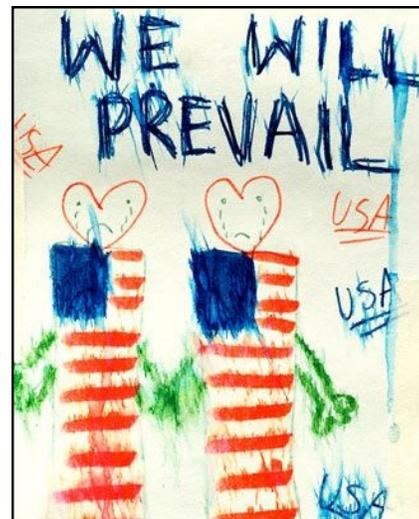
After the Baby Boomer generation clearly defined year boundaries, the edges of subsequent generations blurred and confusing. What defines these generations anyway?

Amy has a new take on defining generations:

Where were you during world-shaking events? For instance, where were you when Kennedy was assassinated? Did you react as a child, fearful that adults couldn't protect you? A young adult with ideals shaken to the core? Was he your contemporary, rattling your notions of mortality? These stories and perspectives can bind us together in

shared experiences.

Let's get together over food and drink, and tell our stories, StoryCorps style. We can record them for our own Wider Horizons archives and to share with others if we like. Each generation has so many stories. Let's use Grandparents Day falling on 9/11 to shake out these tales!



More volunteers, please – A plea for non-members

Our unique village takes as standard a quality that's rare among villages: Most of our volunteers are members. It's a cause to celebrate, as each time a member helps a member our whole network grows and strengthens. All of you who step up to ask for help and to volunteer – THANK YOU!

Now let's expand our neighborhood to include more non-member volunteers. We have developed a comprehensive screening program, including background checks, interviews and orientations. We have a couple of opportunities on VolunteerMatch with more to come. Now is the time to

invite your helpful friends and neighbors to join in our village!

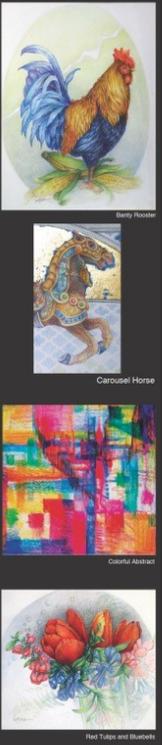
Contact Amy at 817-995-3933 with all questions about orientations, requirements, opportunities and anything else that comes to mind.



Christina Kourteva photographed the last picnic and stayed to chat with Paul Beck.

Wish List for our office, in no particular order

- ⇒ Battery-operated wall clock
- ⇒ Small bookcases for possible lending library and other resources
- ⇒ Two Ikea-style desks (one drawer, lightweight)
- ⇒ More artwork – especially artwork done by members
- ⇒ Lovely large baskets to display our Warm for Winter creations and yarn supplies
- ⇒ Lightweight, moveable podium
- ⇒ Plant stand
- ⇒ Desktop computer with large screen monitor (2)
- ⇒ Electric tea kettle that shuts itself off
- ⇒ Large coffeemaker
- ⇒ Small refrigerator
- ⇒ Tall wicker basket, perhaps with lid, for holding recycling
- ⇒ Collapsible cart to tote supplies to meetings off site
- ⇒ More lightweight folding tables and card tables in great condition
- ⇒ More folding chairs in great condition
- ⇒ Lightweight, light duty vacuum cleaner
- ⇒ Small microwave
- ⇒ Floor lamps for diffusing lighting when overhead fluorescents are too harsh



ADULT COLORED PENCIL WORKSHOP with Vandra Pentecost

Come learn techniques to take your coloring books and journals to the next level. Step beyond copying to express your own vision!

Mark Making - Shading - Color Layering
Burnishing & Eraser Techniques
Watercolor Pencil Techniques too!

Saturday, June 25th, 2016
Three hour sessions

Session 1 9:30 -12:30
Or
Session 2 1:30 - 4:30

Mount Baker Neighborhood Center for the Arts
2919 Rainier Ave. South
Seattle, WA 98144

Early registration by May 28
barbmbnca@gmail.com

Cost: sliding scale \$45.00 - \$90.00
After May 28th; \$75 to \$120.00
Limited to 8 participants per session.
Materials list sent after registration.

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Our first village coincidence, er, collaboration, er, collective, er, cooperation, er, oh call it what you will—this is special!

Vandra Peterson, a favorite cousin of our own Kathleen O'Connor, is presenting a colored pencils workshop on June 25 in our own Barbara Oswald's gallery, the Mount Baker Neighborhood Center for the Arts. A few spots remain in these workshops, so please spread the word among your colored pencil artists.

Annual report about membership

The end of May finds us with 80 members.

We started up last June with about 65 members. Since then, we've welcomed 23 new members and lost 8, primarily due to moves out of our service area. This is perhaps a somewhat higher turnover than we expected, due in part to the economics of members trying to stay in Central Seattle but finding less-expensive housing elsewhere and, in some cases, closer to family.

We welcomed these folks who have joined in the past several months:

- ◆ Dolores Browne and her household, which includes Mary McGough (her daughter) and David Lishner (her daughter's husband). They live in the Central District on 18th near Madison.
 - ◆ Su Devan, who lives at 17th and Mercer.
 - ◆ Linda Mason, lives on Harvard between Roy and Mercer.
 - ◆ Janet Tufts and Dave Darragh, (friends of the Hendricksons) who live near the top of the Madison Valley.
 - ◆ Estelle Schechter, who lives next to Volunteer Park.
- At least 3 new members are close to signing on.

We've also said goodbye to these members:

- ◆ Shirley Coffin (moved to Shoreline)
- ◆ Marge Grinnell (moved to Queen Anne)
- ◆ Judith Shoshana (moved to Rainier Beach)
- ◆ Betsy Brown (moved to Horizon House)
- ◆ Beth Reiter (moved to Whidbey Island)
- ◆ Laura Hurtado-Webb (moved to Olympia)
- ◆ Kathy Sellars
- ◆ Kathleen Bishop (the only Founding Member who decided not to re-up)

Welcome new board members!

The Wider Horizons board voted four members to the Board of Directors at its June 7 meeting:

Elizabeth (Liz) Ohlson
Ann Lawrence
Charles Heaney
Sandra Wheeler

Have you noticed?

Some improvements we've made in the last few months:

- ◆ Speeded-up matching of volunteers to member requests (Thank you Scott Dills!)
- ◆ A team of computer techie volunteers (Sarah, Dan, Jesse) and an event photographer (Emily)
- ◆ A new projector and huge screen for the office
- ◆ New blogs on the website, www.widerhorizonsvillage.org
- ◆ Clip-on nametags for all members (no more sticky notes!)