

**North Tillamook County  
Women's Association  
Annual Report May 2020**

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

*Amongst all the Pandemic, I think about my involvement with NTCWA and I smile because I recognize that involvement as being a huge part of the positive in my life. It was a learning experience, but along with skillful and tactful guidance from the other Officers, it all unfolded into what I am very proud of. We were able to create an atmosphere that met our Mission Goals and also MY goals of making it a joyful and meaningful experience. My hope is that you found it*



*a venue to socialize, learn about opportunities to enrich our community and yourself, and know that you have contributed to the "big picture" by just your commitment and involvement, no matter how big or small. Together we made a difference and will continue to no matter what creative ways we*

*have to resort to. Just a thought... Basket Silent Auction, on-line? Who knows what next year's agenda will be or how it will be available to all members. I tend to "error on the side of caution" and will be mindful of that when deciding when and if we can all meet together again. Stay tuned to our web site and emails. In closing, thanks for the memories-it was an enchanting, enlightening, exciting, enjoyable first year for me as your NTCWA President and I look forward to an evolving next year!*

*-Gayle Stephens  
gstephens@nehalem.tel.net*

**SPRING LUNCHEON (May 5) CANCELLED  
TOUR OF HOMES (August 29) CANCELLED**

We are taking every precaution expected by County Health to protect our community from COVID19. Our spring meeting and summer event are being cancelled and will be considered for re-scheduling at another time.

**Fall Fundraiser Basket and Bake Sale**

Based on evolving recommendations from CDC and other public health experts, we will wait on decision to hold our fall sale.



**BOARD MEMBERS FOR NTCWA 2020-21**

A slate of officers was announced at the March meeting. The Nominating Committee included, Rosa Erlebach, Linda Urdzik and Kaleen Wineinger. The **slate of officers** proposed were Gayle Stephens, President and Dianne Getty, Secretary to renew for a second year. To fill vacancies in offices left by Mary Brayman and Barbara Gustafson the slate also included Carol Mills for Vice-President and Lisa Stewart for Treasurer. However, **due to the later cancellation of April Annual Business Meeting, we were unable to hold a regular election.** Thus, members were asked in an email, to email their objection to the slate proposed as one's vote, to the Nominating Committee. There being no objections received, it is considered an approval of the proposed slate. Due to these unusual circumstances, the newest officers will be assuming their offices on the board and be involved in summer planning for our future start up activities.

**Carol Mills** joins the board as **Vice-President**.

She has been active in the women's club since she and her husband moved here three years ago. She grew up spending summers clamming on Nehalem Bay with her family. Being back to the area and finding the perfect home on Dean's Point in which to spend her retirement is a dream come true.



**Lisa Stewart** joins the board as **Treasurer**.

A new member this year, Lisa has been a Manzanita resident for three years. Her retirement as a Prosecuting Attorney and classroom teacher from California, the completion of their new home and an eagerness to be involved in her community, propelled her to the women's club. We are glad to have her share her talents with us.



**WHAT DO WOMEN WANT?**

Responses to the Survey are trickling in...please, we need them to do our planning for next year. Your officers will be meeting in the next few months, hopefully. As our nation's response to the pandemic change and conditions improve, we want to be ready with safe options for our group to gather again. Your creative ideas on how we might do that safely will be appreciated.

Mail Surveys to PO Box 73, Manzanita Or 97130.

**A BANNER YEAR – ACHIEVEMENTS THAT MADE US PROUD**

Over 300 socks were collected from our ladies and stuffed into a large sock made by



Phyllis Scott. Socks were sorted and taken to local and county organizations for distribution. Phyllis also made 125 Christmas socks for the CHILD organization to be stuffed with gifts for families and given out to local families.

- ✓ This year we welcomed over 24 **NEW Members** to our organization. **NEW Time schedules** for meeting agenda to facilitate members' participation and encourage working women to come during their lunch hour. **NEW publicity brochure** **NEW web site-** NTCWA.ORG **NEW name** – North Tillamook County Women's Association **NEW By laws,** **NEW 501(c)(3)** organization
- ✓ We **offered four community informational programs:** **"Elder Abuse and Fraud"** members, Laurie Zacker of US Bank and Sara Rose Thurston of Ticor Title. **"Coffee With a Cop"**, Manzanita Police Officer, Mike Simms. **"Women of History"** Fort Clatsop Park Ranger, Sally Freeman about the **"Women of the Lewis and Clark Expedition"**.

As **stewards of the Pine Grove Kitchen**, we hosted Pine Grove on the Tour of Homes event. On display to the public was our NTCWA banner and a festive table set with available items included in the kitchen rental for use. The Nehalem Bay Historical Society was open for visitors as well.

## **NTCWA EXTENDS HELP TO VITAL LOCAL NONPROFITS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

Fundraising efforts through the Tour of Homes, Fall Fundraiser Craft and Gift Fair, Raffles and Donations **raised \$11,000**. This amount has been distributed to two areas of need in our Purpose statement in the by-laws: a **scholarship** for two NeahKahNie High School senior young women **and local organizations** who support women and families. ***Our support prioritized and focused funding for food insecurity and safety needs of women, children and seniors. The following organizations are working to meet local and immediate needs during this health crisis:***

**Tides of Change** (formerly Women's Crisis Center) Staying Safe at Home is not always a possibility for some women and children or teenagers. This agency provides protection and counseling for challenging issues of suicide, abuse, economic pressures made even more dire with the Virus lockdown in our community.

**Friday Backpack food program** This local all volunteer program serves Nehalem Elementary and is run by that school's cafeteria lead cook and volunteer crew. They pack backpacks/box for needy kids with enough food to get them through the weekend. This is not a school district or Government funded program. it is supplemented by donations by our three local grocery stores.

**CHILD** is a 3-fold working donation program lead by our own NTCWA member Bobbi Mosher. Children in this local community benefit from these efforts and donations to provide:

- ✓ **BACKPACKS and school supplies** for local needy children, are purchased and filled. Volunteers try to include a pair of shoes or a coat for individual children in need

also. Last year her group distributed 90 backpacks.

- ✓ **GRUB CLUB** volunteers feed children from our local area a nutritious lunch during summer weekdays.
- ✓ **WISH LIST-Christmas Giving Tree** Filling the gap left by the departure of Secret Angels, these volunteers organize and purchase gifts for children. Our own Phyllis Scott made over 125 Christmas stockings that are filled by this group for the children receiving something on their "wish list"

**Meals for Seniors** We recognize our senior population is suffering during this pandemic with hunger, isolation and fear for their health safety. Our donation will go towards many local meals served to seniors, immediately and in the future.

**North County Food Bank** According to the NCFB Board President, they have seen an increase in the number of clients requesting food help. Our donation will help with this current surge now and in the coming months.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** met in January to review and revise the application form, drawing on input from previous awardees. Applications were received and reviewed in late March and April. In response to this extraordinary time, the committee decided to fund two applicants: Karissa Haderman is awarded \$2000 for studies at OSU and Honors College. She plans to focus on natural sciences. Alyssa Ahlers is awarded \$1500 for studies at U of O or OSU. She plans to study music education.

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**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** met in January to discuss improving internal communication, outreach, and publicity of meetings and events. Seven members in attendance signed up for tasks related to increase use of social media, use of .doc files in email communication; posting to online sources, newspapers in print, paper flyers in the community. Personal connection through the meeting's Greeters is recommended, to match new members with established members. *Chair: Kaleen Wineinger*  
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**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** New this year to assist with creating a welcoming atmosphere of friendliness, making personal contact with new and renewing members, and encouraging participation at meetings and activities. The Meeting Helpers assist the Secretary and Treasurer in their role as Greeter, Hostess, set up and take down for meetings. The Secretary and Treasurer's role is to contact and introduce new members and guests to the organization, complete membership contact information for the Roster and send out emails to the membership. Making personal contact is also fulfilled by the role the "Sunshine and Shadows" ladies play, with Chris Bloom and Judi Hanson. They make contact with members who need a special greeting, a note of cheer or congratulations for a birthday or special event. *Chair: Dianne Getty, Secretary*  
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**KITCHEN COMMITTEE WORK PARTY**  
The annual cleaning and inventory of the kitchen was on January 7 this year with eight members in attendance. The inventory is done so we know what items need replacing and updating. Table caddies were filled with packets of

salt,pepper, creamer, etc. Drawers and cupboard shelves were cleaned. Stove tops were cleaned. New coffee carafes will be ordered and we are looking for a source for replacement wine glasses.  
*Chair: Phyllis Scott* [phylwscott@gmail.com](mailto:phylwscott@gmail.com)

**HOLIDAY DECORATING COMMITTEE**  
The NTCWA has a tradition of decorating the Pine Grove Community House for the winter holiday season. Members are invited to help decorate (Monday after Thanksgiving) and un-decorate (Monday after Christmas). Twelve members participated along with help from some members' husbands to hang the icicle lights and lift and carry large items. Jane Arkes, Chairperson has prepared a detailed report of process and procedures for the next chairperson going forward. She has identified items for consideration by the Board,for next year. Coordination with organizations



and dates for community event use of Pine Grove is important for the work party, so maximum benefit of this traditional gift to the Pine Grove and community can be encouraged.

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