

HOSPICE HAPPENINGS



Compassionate care for the terminally ill, their caregivers and their family

A Message from VHOCC Board President

Dear Volunteers and Hospice Supporters,

It is a privilege and an honor to be in a position to lead this wonderful organization with its rich history of serving our community. My term as the President of the Board of Directors began January 1, 2012. It is my intention to keep VHOCC focused on 3 key areas: services, finances and volunteers.

We will continue to provide professional and compassionate care for our hospice patients by providing volunteers, procedures, medical equipment and medical supplies so that our nurses can support our patients and their families.

Increasing our annual income from donations and bequests so that it exceeds our carefully analyzed expenses is ongoing. We cannot continue to lose money each year since our reserves will not last indefinitely.

Increasing our number of volunteers and training them for the following is vital to the success of carrying out our mission: key office positions, providing respite for caregivers, bereavement, educational programs and delivering supplies and equipment.

In a little over two years we have come from a pencil and eraser “technology” to an electronic system that is bringing VHOCC into the 21st century and allowing all of us to better serve our patients and our community. A big thanks to each volunteer for all that you have done to adapt to the new technology and procedures.

With your feedback we will continue to improve and grow our Volunteer Hospice.

An old Chinese proverb said it quite well, “If we don't change our direction, we are likely to end up where we are headed.”

Please send your suggestions and observations to president@vhocc.org so that we can make the changes that will keep us on the right path.

Bruce Busch

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- BOARD MEETING
3rd Tues - 10:00 AM
- PORT ANGELES IN-SERVICE
2nd Monday- 1:00 PM
Hospice House
- SEQUIM IN-SERVICE
3rd Monday 11:00 AM
Methodist Church

Grief Support Series

@ PORT ANGELES Hospice House
 (Behind 8th Street office)

*Monday 6:30-8 PM 6-week series.

@ SEQUIM Trinity United Methodist
 Church 100 N. Blake Ave

*Monday 1-3 PM 5-week series.

*Call office for dates.

Grief Support Groups are ongoing meetings for people who have completed the Grief Support Series.

Port Angeles Support Group

*Twice a month @ the Hospice House

Wednesday 6:30 PM

Sequim Support Group

*3rd Monday @ 1:00

Methodist Church

*Call office for dates

Compassionate Friends

(Parents who have lost a child)

St. Luke's Episcopal 525 5th Ave
 Sequim Tuesday 6-8 PM
compassionatefriends.org

Barbara Thompson Facilitator

797-0091

Call Hospice 452-1511 for additional information.

From the Director's Desk

by

Sue Hynes, RN BSN

As the year ended, we said good-bye to some of our longstanding members of the Board of Directors. Thank you for your years of service and a personal thank you from this Executive Director who greatly appreciated your wisdom, guidance and support for the last two years.

In December we honored those who died and were not physically with us to enjoy the sparkle of the season. The radiant light tree held the names of those cherished and we shared memories of them at our first memorial service. The service included songs, poems, prayers and remembrance. The service was appreciated by all who participated. We plan to have the event again next year.

On a similar note, we are planning to create a memorial garden in front of the Hospice House. We have already received support from the Master Gardeners of Clallam County and Jack Marshal from Blake Sand and Gravel. It is still very much in the planning stage and I encourage anyone who would like to participate in the project to call me. Our hope is to have the garden in by the early summer.

A second goal is to update our hospice lending library in the Hospice House. This would allow the bereaved a place to go where they can feel comfortable and safe as they reflect on the lives of those who are gone and loved.

Additional goals will build on past accomplishments and enhance our service delivery. We will

- complete the refurbishing of the offices and Hospice House,
- continue writing policy and procedures so we have consistency and reliability in our services,
- coordinate and integrate our programs and services,
- bring more educational opportunities to our volunteers and staff, and
- strengthen the relationship with our community partners to have a coordinated response to any type of disaster.

I take a step into the new year, always with my eyes set on the mission - to provide compassionate care to the dying and their families. I know this is achievable because we have a dedicated "Team Hospice."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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As an added convenience for our web visitors, donations can now be made on-line through PayPal on our home page at vhocc.org

DONOR NAMES MOVED TO WEB SITE

VHOCC is grateful for the community support and the generous donations of money, time and equipment that we have received during the past 33+ years. Without this, we would not exist. We have always acknowledged the thousands of donations in our quarterly newsletter as our way of showing our appreciation.

We are striving to be a good steward of these gifts and one of the ways we can do this is in the printing of our newsletter. We have made the decision to print a smaller newsletter by listing donor names each quarter on our website vhocc.org rather than in our printed newsletter. Each quarter the new list of donors from the past three months will be given recognition on the web site. These names will be archived for a year. A smaller newsletter will save us thousands of dollars every year.

We realize that not everyone has a computer available and won't be able to see their names on our web site. We will continue to send a thank you letter to each donor, as we have in the past. Thank you for your patience in the changes we are making at VHOCC. If you have a problem in accessing our web site, please email the web editor at it@vhocc.org or call the office and leave a message.

If you would like to give us feedback about this decision, you can email editor@vhocc.org.

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- Linde Family Funeral Service for the boxes of linen pads.
- Mark Hynes for clearing the VHOCC sidewalk during the snow storm.
- Tom Cox for bed delivery during the snow storm.
- Lynn Gilbert for managing our office and training those in the front office who answer phones and greet visitors.
- Gail Porter for tireless data entry.
- Brian Murphy for his ready help on building/fixing broken things in the office.
- Dennis Beguelin and the Crossing Church with their new ministry to help Hospice patients and their families.
- The Glenn Wiggins Family for the "Four Elvis Presley" Hospice fundraiser.
- Dee Darst, Trudy Kindler and Maggie Bourne- Raiswell for helping to make our first memorial service at Hospice a success.
- Charlie Ferris for entertaining at our Christmas Luncheon/Annual Meeting.
- Charlie Ferris and Amanda Bacon for their beautiful songs sung at our memorial service.
- Liz Miller for being a support to our wonderful nurses.
- Maggie Jamieson for being a preceptor for our visiting MSW student.
- Jack Marshall for his input and design of our memorial garden.
- The Master Gardeners of Clallam County for their help in the Memorial Garden.
- Connie Lee for her design of the Memorial Garden.
- Liz Sullivan for helping to create the new Operations manual.

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