



VOLUNTEER HOSPICE OF CLALLAM COUNTY

Spring 2019

# HOSPICE HAPPENINGS

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

Serving our community since 1978



**ROSE CRUMB**

**1925- 2018**

Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization, whose service area stretches from Diamond Point to Joyce.

The mission of Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County is to provide physical, emotional and spiritual support to terminally ill patients and their families with free around the clock registered nursing availability and trained volunteers.

This support enables patients to live out their final days as fully and comfortably as possible. Ongoing grief support services are also offered to the families and anyone in the community who has experienced the death of a loved one.

Since its inception in 1978, all services have been provided free of charge to patients and their families; VHOCC does not bill any government agency for its services.

We remember with gratitude Rose Crumb, R.N., the founder and former director of Volunteer Hospice from 1978-2009.

She received her nursing degree in St. Paul, Minnesota, her home state, and practiced in Port Angeles.

Inspired by caring for her dying father in Minnesota in the mid-1950's, she and a small group of volunteers established VHOCC in 1978. One of the early patients was her own husband T.L. "Red" Crumb, who died in 1984.

Rose was determined from the outset that end-of-life services would be provided free of charge. This meant no charge to the federal, state or private insurance agencies ever. She declared that dying and caring for the dying was stressful enough without having to worry about finances. In her wisdom she also realized the unique opportunity for service at an extremely distressing time.

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### Board of Directors

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Thanks to Rose's vision, determination, leadership and above all love, VHOCC has grown from serving one patient to thousands of patients and families. She inspired nurses and volunteers alike by teaching and leading by example. She lived her beliefs and her mission every day. She also had a delightful sense of humor.

Her strength and love for her hospice "family" of nurses and volunteers was exemplified by her attendance at the VHOCC 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Nov. 2018. She followed that by attending the annual meeting on Dec. 11, 2018. The humble person she was didn't care for standing ovations, but she revelled in the many "hospice hugs" she received. She often rewarded volunteers with a warm hug declaring "that's your paycheck!"

So, we end our time with her by saying "**THANK YOU ROSE.**"

### Volunteer of the Month

November Georgeann Castor  
December Phil Morgan-Ellis  
January Lyell Fox  
February Jim Wadington



### Hospice Hugs

#### Volunteer of the Month Program Donations

Chestnut Cottage Restaurant  
Lila Morris Massage  
Oak Table Cafe

#### Polar Bear Plunge Donation

Red Lion Hotel

## MY WILD IRISH ROSE

MY WILD IRISH ROSE, THE  
SWEETEST FLOWER THAT GROWS.

YOU MAY SEARCH EVERYWHERE,  
BUT NONE CAN COMPARE

WITH MY WILD IRISH ROSE.

MY WILD IRISH ROSE, THE  
DEAREST FLOWER THAT GROWS,

AND SOME DAY FOR MY SAKE,  
SHE MAY LET ME TAKE

THE BLOOM FROM MY WILD IRISH  
ROSE.



*Rose chose this song  
to be played and sung  
as the recessional at  
her funeral.*

Rose and  
VHOCC  
Nursing  
Staff



## NEW HEADQUARTERS

VHOCC has had numerous inquiries on the status of our move to the new headquarters, located at the corner of Race and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. As the old saying goes, “the devil is in the details.”

Remodeling of the existing office building has been progressing nicely under the able direction of VHOCC Board Member and volunteer extraordinaire, Michael Bucierka. As of this writing, completion of the main building, as well as groundbreaking for the adjacent storage facility, is slowly working through the maze of required building permits and inspections. In February, bids were being finalized on the fire alarm and sprinkler systems that must be in place as part of the permit process.

Despite the unforeseen delays, the new 3,700 square foot office, along with a large addition specifically designed to meet the storage needs of hospice supplies and medical equipment, will be a huge improvement over the existing, cramped quarters.

VHOCC nurses, staff, and volunteers look forward to serving the community from our new home at 829 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street. An Open House celebration is being planned for when that day finally arrives and an exciting new chapter begins. Keep your eyes out for updates on our website, [www.vhocc.org](http://www.vhocc.org), and our Facebook page. As for the exact date of the opening, experience has taught us to simply say that it is “to be determined”. But, like our founder Rose Crumb, we remain very determined.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH

VHOCC is seeking an Executive Director to provide leadership and management to ensure the organization’s goals and operations align with its mission and values. The Executive Director will work with the Board, employees, volunteers, and members of community to develop and execute VHOCC’s strategy while continuing to provide an exceptional level of service and support to clients and their families in the community. The ideal candidate is people-oriented, approachable, with a gentle heart, steady hand, and a business mindset to successfully carry out the needs of our growing organization, while never losing sight of our caring mission. A master’s degree in Health Administration, Public Administration, or related field; or a master’s degree in Nursing, with emphasis on end-of-life care preferred.

Contact Ed Hopfner, M.D. at 360-457-7643 or Sally Featherstone, MN, at 425-419-3803 to obtain more information and request a complete position description.

## SEQUIM BAY YACHT CLUB FLOATS OUR BOAT

Volunteer Hospice extends a huge **THANK YOU** to the Sequim Bay Yacht Club (SBYC) and all who contributed time, effort, money, and expertise on the water for another successful **REACH AND ROW FOR HOSPICE RACE**. The 26th annual race on Sequim Bay by sailors and rowers alike last September is the largest fundraiser of the year to benefit VHOCC. These funds are earmarked specifically for the Respite Care Fund, which allows families in critical need to benefit from limited, but much-needed, paid respite care. Over \$31,000 from boat sponsorships, donations and race entrance fees from the 2019 race were added to this special fund and 66 families in need benefitted last year.

Started in 1992 by two avid sailors, Dr. Mike Crim and the late Scott Ogilvie, the event has historically taken place in September. We couldn’t do what we do for our families without the help from community organizations, their vision and ongoing support, and SBYC has been a faithful, long-term partner in our mission.

Yacht Club Commodore Doug Schwarz has announced that the **27th Reach and Row for Hospice Race** is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2019. Mark your calendars for a fun day and a worthy cause.







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**Thank You!**

**Events**

- April 16: Healthcare Decision Day
- May 6-12: Nurses Week
- May 16: Cedars At Dungeness Lady Niners Memorial Golf Tournament, Sequim
- May 12-19: ESPRIT Conference, PA
- May: Louella Gerbhardt Memorial Golf Classic, Bellingham,

**Community Orientation to Volunteer Hospice**

- First Thursday every month, 11 am - noon, Sequim
- First Friday every month, 10 am - 11 am, Port Angeles  
 (call the Volunteer Services Manager 360-775-7806)

**Programs: Information & Register at 360-452-1511**

**Community Education & Volunteer Training Series**

- Fridays, March 22 - April 26, 1:30 – 3:30 pm, Sequim
- Wednesdays, Sept 18- Oct 23, 6 – 8 pm, Port Angeles

**Grief Support Groups**

- Sequim: Mondays, May 6 – June 3, 2019, 1 - 3 pm
- Port Angeles: Tuesdays, June 18 – July 23, 2019, 2 - 3:30 pm

**Check-In Support Groups** Sequim and Port Angeles  
 (after completion of one of our Grief Support Groups)

**”Living Alone Now” Workshops** Focused on practical matters for those who have lost a spouse or partner

- April 30: Fraud Prevention & Consumer Protection (Karen Hallis)
- May 21: Q&A with Mark Harvey of Senior Info. & Assistance
- June 25: Self-Care (Debby Smith, Rev. Maggie Bourne-Raiswell)

**One-on-One Grief Support** to anyone in the community