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MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 20, 2008

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES CHURCH

15760 NE 4th STREET BELLEVUE

Meeting begins at 10:00 AM

PROGRAM

Speaker from Compassion and Choices

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NEW CLASS OFFERING

PAINT CLASS

A new class has been added to this semester's schedule, PAINT. This class will be two sessions, May 30 and June 6, 1:15 to 3:15 PM. The cost of the class is \$25. You do not need new software for this class. Paint is a drawing program that is a part of Windows - you already have it!

Here is a description of the PAINT class from the instructor, Jeannie Reed: Anyone who likes to doodle would enjoy Paint. I will be showing how to use the drawing tools: pencil, brush, eraser, straight line, curved line and others, to make simple attractive pictures. These pictures can be used with Printshop to make cards of your own artwork. This is also a very fun program to show the grandkids. You can then use their artwork in your documents or on your desktop. I will show how to save a picture and then import it into a document or send it in an e-mail.

To register for the Paint class, call our voice mail at
206-232-5892.

A THANK-YOU TO SNPS

Please extend my many thanks to the Senior Net membership and their generous support of the Phantom Lake PTA. I just heard the news from Rabecca Larson that Senior Net raised \$620 for the Walk-a-Thon efforts.

Thank you so much!!!

Tracy Maury, Principal

Phantom Lake Elementary School

[The money was collected at our April Membership Meeting]

Available Classes

Time is running out to register for Spring 2008 classes. Call the voice mail for current space available in the following classes:

- Intermediate Word Processing - May 7
- Internet for Fun - May 14
- Genealogy - May 16
- Many Faces of Google - May 19
- Digital Camera - May 29

**Mark your calendars for Fall 2008 registration
Tuesday, July 15 – classes.**



SNPS PERSONALITY SPOTLIGHT

**** Jessie Irene Fernandes ****

Irene Fernandes' association with SeniorNet goes back a long way. She first heard about SeniorNet from Dr. McIntyre himself; she took some classes and became one of the original Granpals. Although she no longer goes into a classroom, she collects and tallies up the Granpal hours each month.



During the depression, Irene's father, an army reserve officer since WWI, returned to active duty, scouting for flying training bases. Her parents were on the move continually, along with Irene, until she stayed in place for four years to attend Blue Mountain College, Mississippi. After graduating in 1942 with a degree in English and history, Irene joined her parents in Macon, GA where her father was post engineer at the Cochran Field Army Air Base. She got a job in Public Relations.

At the time the army was training British cadets as part of the Lend Lease program. Out of each graduating class some cadets had to remain as instructors for the Americans who followed. Irene married one of these RAF pilot officers and when he was recalled to the UK, much to the dismay of her parents, she went with him.

Like all able bodied civilians, Irene joined the work force in England working as an accountant for the US Army. No mean feat doing payroll in pounds, shillings and pence. When her husband was transferred to Scotland Irene worked in a canning factory until her husband was killed. Three months pregnant she returned to London where she remained until November, 1945. With her now seven month old son, Kim, Irene began an odyssey that took her to Glasgow, across the Atlantic to Montreal and by train to Alabama where she just missed her parents as her father was sent to Germany with the army of occupation. These were difficult times for families, especially military career families with personnel being posted all over the world and such was the case with Irene's family. She finally settled with a sister at an air force

base in Tucson, eventually got her own accommodation and started working at the Base Hospital which began a long career in hospital administration.

Irene moved to New York State in 1953 after her parents returned from Germany. She bought a house nearby and stayed there for thirty years.

A career that started as a medical secretary advanced to becoming the Director of Medical Records of a Long Island community hospital. During this time she also taught classes in medical terminology and basic anatomy to clerks and other employees. After her retirement in 1985 she moved to Bellevue to be near her son, Kim, now a veteran of yet another war, Vietnam, and presently employed as a computer programmer and engineer. He suggested that becoming proficient on computers would be very helpful on her next project which was writing her memoirs. When asked if she had any activities other than Granpals, Irene replied, "I'm a member of TELOS, have written several novels and recently published *The Wise Child*, as well as some poetry. Now I'm engaged in learning water-color painting, too. Until 2004, I traveled extensively, starting with much of Europe, the Middle East and after moving to Bellevue, I added SE Asia, the Pacific Islands, including Papua New Guinea. My 80th birthday I spent riding a camel in Egypt. All in all, it's been a great run!"

VIST OUR WEBSITE

www.seniornetps.org

Get information on our all-volunteer SeniorNet Computer Learning Center of Puget Sound.

Find information on COURSES /SCHEDULES.

See photos of our classroom and volunteers.

Save It or Shred It?

In our paperless society, we keep accumulating more and more receipts, etc. as we say to ourselves "I really need to keep this". But do we? Here is a list that was included in an article in a Weekend Living edition of the Seattle Times. It is a good guideline.



Keep for one month:

- Credit card receipts
- Sales receipts for minor purchases
- Withdrawal and deposit slips. Toss when checked against you bank statement

Keep for one year

- Pay check stubs
- Monthly bank, credit card, brokerage, mutual fund and retirement statements

Keep for six years

- W-2s, 1009 and the other guts of your tax returns
- Year-end credit-card statements, brokerage and mutual fund summaries.

Keep indefinitely

- Tax returns
- Receipts for major purchases
- Real-estate and residence records
- Wills and trusts

Keep in a safe-deposit box

- Birth and death certificates
- Marriage licenses
- Insurance policies
- Original Social Security cards (as advised to SeniorNet by Det. Michael Chiu)

AARP Driver Safety Program

I want to encourage everyone to consider taking AARP's 8-hour classroom driver refresher class. As the web site, www.aarp.org/drive, says, the class purpose is to "learn the effects of aging on driving and how you can adjust your driving. Most classes are taught in two, four-hour sessions spanning two days, and the course costs \$10." If you prefer, you can call [1-888-227-7699](tel:1-888-227-7699) for information. Be prepared to give your zip code. A local volunteer will call you back in 3-5 days with details. I don't think you have to be an AARP member to take the class, but I didn't confirm that.

The web site was very thorough. It included:

- *Find an upcoming class.
- *Take the course online.
- *Reasons to take the class, including possible reduction in your car insurance cost.
- *Test your driving IQ.
- *Volunteer in AARP's safety program.
- *Warning signs for when to stop driving.

I learned about the classes by notices in both The Seattle Times and The Bellevue Reporter. My March

class was at the Bellevue Library. As it happened, John and Irene Leggate were there too. There are also classes in several other Eastside locations, Seattle, and surrounding areas. The class was taught by a pleasant, competent fellow. There were several short videos, and lots of laughter and group discussion. We did discuss specific WA state laws also. Each person gets a useful workbook to take home. The Washington Driver Guide from the WA Department of Licensing is used, but has to be handed in at end of class. (I was inspired to go get my own copy to keep for further study.)

Drive safely! Drive responsibly

PS: In addition, I did some PR work for Senior Net during the classes. I got the OK from the instructor to talk briefly about Senior Net. And since I keep several green flyers and a few catalogs in the trunk of my car, I passed out about 20 of them to interested "classmates". So, if you take a class (size was about 35 people), you could do the same as we head towards the July registration!

[Article submitted by Judy Bailey]

