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THIS & THAT

The Newly Elected Orientation (NEO) is fast approaching. If you have not already committed to being there please consider joining us. On the night of December 9th we are having a pizza party with the new Assessors. Come join us if you can and help support our new Treasurers. Please call me if you have not yet registered so we have an accurate count.

Education Update: Rick Phillips, President & Chief Investment Officer of FTN Financial Main Street Advisors, LLC is developing an education program for investment certification. There will be two tracks; One specialized for Non-Pooling Counties and the other specifically designed for the Pooling Counties. Credentialing will be possible after passing a test. Currently the plan is for launching the Pooling County Program in May 2015 with the Non-Pooling following in June. This certification will be done through the GIOA and will conform to the standards of Continuing Professional Educations.

After the NEO our next big event will be the Legislative Meeting on January 26 & 27 in Olympia. This may prove to be a very busy year for us legislatively and we need to show Shawn our support, so please plan on attending. Shawn will be emailing more information and the registration soon.

Big THANK YOU: To all the Treasurers that are leaving our ranks this year. Thank you for your service to your county, this association, and the taxpayers. This Association is a tight knit group and friendships do develop. Thank you personally for all the support, time and patience you have given me over the years. Thanks for the memories!

Please read about some of the retiring Treasurer's future plans on page 2. In addition Jan Sears asked to formally address the group with a farewell letter on page 3.

Become better acquainted with Tammy Peterson on page 3. We will continue each month to feature one of our new Treasurers to learn a little more about each one. Holly Schiffer, Treasurer-Elect of Asotin County will be featured next month.

We are approaching Christmas so this month's WSACT History describes how the family of one past County Treasurer helped the entire country to "Deck the Halls".

To all of you a Merry Christmas!

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ARCHIVES



WSACT now has a Dropbox Account providing us with archive capability for Association's

records from 1906 to 2013! The collection is over 2 gigabytes and is password protected. Individual passwords are not available for this account so pass word

distribution will be limited to a few select officers (ie. WSACT Secretary) but additional access to the collection will be explored for the future.

What are your Future Plans?

Dani Burton: I will be contracting with the Treasurer's office part time for the first several months, just to be sure they get the taxes assessed and also to help with getting the tax statements out timely. After that I intend to get my house in order – literally – and then start to plan the fun parts, such as traveling. I also intend to have gardens for the first time in years next year. I'm going to practice deep-breathing and relaxing, and try to learn how to be a person again. My Husband and I have a whole list of things we want to do and see, so we'll just start checking things off of the bucket lists!

Margaret Crabb: I plan to volunteer at the hospital to rock infants that have drug addicted moms and in my spare time, travel

Rose Bowman: My first focus upon retiring will be taking on the role of Governor of Rotary District 5020 on July 1 for the 15-16 year. This Rotary District has 88 clubs and includes all of Vancouver Island, BC and the counties of Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Pierce, Mason, Grays Harbor, Thurston, Lewis, Cowlitz and down to Woodland in Clark County. It is a very large District; however, Leon and I are excited to take on this challenge, the benefits are huge including the opportunity to travel. We will be going to Sao Paulo, Brazil this June for the International Conference and Seoul, Korea the following June. In between we hope to have lots of time to travel with and to enjoy our grandchildren before they head off to college and start their adult life which will get busy quickly. Leon is hoping to get more woodworking time in his workshop; I am hoping to just have some "do whatever" Rose time. It has been an honor to serve Lewis County and the taxpayers these last 20 years; the best part is all the friends I have made all over the state in my fellow treasurers and working with all of you for the good of the citizens of the state.

Kathleen Rupp: My husband and I will be leaving for Brookings, Oregon on January 1 to spend two to three months with our daughter. She lives on the beach, so I will be spending a lot of my time walking the beach, fishing, sightseeing and just plain relaxing.

Jan Sears: Bud and I will travel for while and then spend a few months in Arizona with our son and his family. We plan to be back in Washington by July. **(Jan also submitted at letter to WSACT found on page 3)**

Bob Lothspeich: We live on the farm where I was raised, and although I have someone doing the farming now, I intend to do a lot of cleanup around the farmstead and the barns, and will be trimming the ten, 100 year old maples we have around the house. We will take time to visit our kids and the 3 grandchildren (ages 5, 6, and 9) often who all live in Seattle. Our middle daughter lives and teaches in Geneva, so we will go visit her again, this time for an extended period so we can visit more of Europe, and we want to travel the U.S.A. some as well. I hope to take up fishing on a more regular basis fitted amongst our travel and home project plans.

2015 Calendar

January Legislative Meeting, January 26 & 27, 2015, WACO Building, 206 10th Ave SE, Olympia

District Legislative Meetings:

NE District, Davenport, May 13, 2015, 9:30 a.m., Lincoln County Courthouse, 450 Logan, Davenport, WA

NW District, May 14, 2015, 11 a.m., Crane Room, 1800 Continental, Mount Vernon

SE District, May 13, 2015, 10 a.m., Dayton Library, Delany Room, 111 S 3rd. St., Dayton, WA

SW District, May 27, 2015, 9:30 a.m., 929 Lakeridge Dr SW, Room 101, Olympia, WA

WSACT Annual Conference, June 22-25, 2015, Enzian Inn, Leavenworth, WA

WSACT Legislative Conference, July 27-28, 2015, Whitman University, Walla Walla

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WSACT History

Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly!

At one time the largest Holly producer in the United States was a Holly farm on Yarrow Point, a small community by the eastern end of the Evergreen Point Bridge. The farm was established by Edward P Tremper, from starting stock imported from England. The farm continued to be operated by the Tremper family until the 1950s but one of the younger sons , Abraham decided the property title business



Abe Tremper

was more to his liking and joined the other family business, Osborn & Tremper, a Seattle Title Company. After several decades at the title

company Abraham, went on to become the King County Treasurer, serving from 1947, serving until 1964, and he served as the President of



This photograph shows women sorting holly boughs at Tremper Holly Farm. The farm, which was located on Yarrow Point on the east side of Lake Washington, closed in 1956.



Treasurer Profiles

Tammy Peterson

Wahkiakum County Treasurer

My Hometown: **Cathlamet, Washington**

The hardest thing I've ever done: **Losing my son, Kyle, when he was 21**

Three people (living or dead) I'd invite to dinner: **I would love to have one last dinner with my son, brother and nephew who are all gone.**

A dream I have is to: **Visit the pyramids in Egypt**

You'd be surprised to learn that I: **Am terrified to drive over a bridge**

The most adventurous thing I've ever done is: **I am afraid of heights, so riding California Soar at Disneyland was probably the most adventurous thing I have done. (I might add that I cried during the whole ride!)**

My favorite way to relax is: **Cuddling with my two grandsons**

I'm most proud of: **My children**

My favorite meal is: **Sautéed Prawns**

My pet peeve is: **When people pull up to the gas pumps, pump their gas and then proceed to go in and do their shopping and visiting leaving their car at the pump!**

My motto is: **Think positive!!**

The last book I read was: **The New Testament**

My favorite movie is: **Titanic**

My favorite music is: **Classic Rock & Roll**

FAREWELL FROM JAN SEARS

Members of WSACT:

It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter. Being a member of this organization has been a great honor for me. Each and every one of you has been extremely supportive and helpful during my tenure as Treasurer. Mentoring seems to be your strong suit.



Bud and I are looking forward to traveling and spending some time in Arizona with our son and daughter-in-law and future grand babies. By the way, Judy Morris

introduced herself to Jason in his Nike Store a couple of weeks ago. I know you will embrace the Treasurer Elect, Rhonda Pederson. She has 14 years in the County Auditor's office and has pledged to continue the " Good Fight". You will enjoy her work ethic and sense of humor.

I say goodbye in body, but not in spirit. WSACT and its members will always hold a special place in my heart. Bud says we have the best conferences and the most fun!! My regards to you all. It has been a pleasure and a heck of a ride.

Jan Sears, San Juan County Treasurer