





## ~birthdays and anniversaries

### Birthdays

John Patrick  
Debbie Garrison  
Heather Lewis  
Errol Medel  
Ron Hyland  
John Galle

### Membership Years

John Merz	17
Marshall Bennett	24
Don Weber	52
Bill Heath	42
Doug Andrews	25
Pam Bauer	5
Brian Anderson	11

### Weddings

Carmen Blankenship married Joe 38 years ago.  
Bill Pugh married Karen 6 years ago.  
Sherm Voiles married Nancy 42 years ago.  
Michael Carnahan married Lorraine 49 years ago.



~guest speakers

November 7, 2017

Skip Pries introduced our speaker, Rep. Drew Stokesbary. He represents the 31st District — Edgewood, Auburn, Sumner, Mt. Rainier Natl park, Carbonado, etc. A mix of suburban and rural areas.

Olympia: Bills are introduced by House and Senate that are often 180 degrees opposite. He explains that it is hard to determine what is worth "getting worked up about." How to get a bill a hearing is always the first hurdle to accomplish. Getting people to testify about the positives of a bill (including paid lobbyists) can always be a challenge.

It's an extensive challenge to get a bill to be actually voted on and then it goes to the other side of the house and the process is started all over again.

The whole system (political) is designed to maintain status quo.

As for fixing the issue regarding car tabs, the bottomline appears to be the Senate and House of Representatives can't agree on which bill to use to fix the excess valuation problem associated with this recent problem. <http://drewstokesbary.housepublicans.wa.gov>

November 14, 2017

Pam introducing Liz Dunbar, executive director for Tacoma Community House



Fun Story: In 1987 she was the guest speaker for Sumner Rotary. This was the year that Rotary was ordered to allow women into the club.

Topic:

Immigrants and Refugees.

She wants to clear the way of misinformation on the topic of Immigrants.

Jobs are taken away from Americans. In reality, immigrants take low paying jobs that no one wants or high level jobs that employers can't otherwise find suitable employees. They also start many of their own businesses.

They statistically do not increase crime rates.

They statistically pay their share of taxes (by buying things).



They do actually integrate and learn English. Refugees

A refugee is someone who is fleeing persecution in their home country. U.S. has a history of accepting refugees. At this time there are 22.5 million

refugees around the world. In the U.S. it takes about 2 years of vetting before a refugee can be released from the refugee camp.

Washington has about 3,900 refugees. Popular countries: Ukraine, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan . . .

Tacoma Community House has a long history of helping immigrants. It's roots are based in the Methodist church. They teach English, GED

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classes (serving over 700 students each year), and employment programs. We help many immigrants find permanent jobs.

TCH helps people become a U.S. citizen and teach classes. It takes 5 years to become a citizen. TCH also helps people renew their green cards.

TCH is raising money to build a new building in Tacoma. With the new structure, TCH will be able to help more people.

Questions:

Barbara: What kind of an organization are you? Non-profit, non-faith-based, but part of the Methodist Women organization.

Why hasn't Marco applied for citizenship? Because his parents brought him to the U.S. illegally (undocumented).

Mark E: DACA: It's not officially done, right? A: DACA permit holders can keep them. Congress has until March 5 to "fix this" problem.

Europe has ghettos for immigrants, but the U.S. has done so much better. What's the difference? A: European countries didn't follow a vetting process that the U.S. does, so no support in place. Plus, the U.S. is a nation with historically immigration-based and therefore designed to accept immigrants.

What work are you involved with documented and undocumented immigrants. For employment, only documented. For learning English, we teach everyone.

Who paid for Marco's college? His earnings plus non-federal or state scholarships.

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