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Transitions & Change

“Our days are a kaleidoscope. Every instant a change takes place. New harmonies, new contrasts, new combinations of every sort. The most familiar people stand each moment in some new relation to each other, to their work, to surrounding objects”.

Henry Ward Beecher

As we move into the New Year there are many exciting new transitions happening within the Cowlitz Chaplaincy.

In September I submitted a letter of transition to our board of directors. I requested that I be allowed to move into the position of Senior Chaplain and be relieved of my duties as Executive Director. This wasn't a difficult decision as Nancy and I have been praying about this for several months. With our family commitments in Virginia and a need to support my family there Nancy and I have been traveling to Virginia more often. I felt that the Chaplaincy needs to have its Director in position here in Cowlitz County, not in Stafford, Virginia.

Our Board has wisely chosen Chaplain Tom Haan as the new Executive Director. Tom brings much to the

Chaplaincy in his organizational and fund raising skills. I am excited to work under Tom's Leadership, and support him as the New Director.

I am also pleased to announce that we are adding two new Volunteer Chaplains to our mission. Chuck Smith and Francisco Uribe who are scheduled to attend the Chaplains Academy held in May at the Washington State Training Commission's Police Academy. They each bring added skills to the Chaplaincy.



Francisco Uribe and Chuck Smith

Our office is also experiencing change. Wendy Pastor has been working in our office and has done wonderful work. Wendy has been called to head up the ladies ministry at her church and will also be part of the office staff there. God is good... All the time... All the time... God is good! In the midst of transition we have once again been blessed by His provision. Cynthia Moon has stepped up to volunteer as our Office Manager. Cynthia will be working with the Chaplaincy staff as well as volunteers Crystal Eiland and Nancy Gambaro to meet the expanding clerical needs.

Chaplain Mario





Chaplain Tom Haan 1-H-15

THANKSGIVING FOR FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

One of the new developments this year is the formation of an auxiliary fundraising committee.

The committee members are Erin Hart, Jean Marshall, Naomi Mahncke, Jeanette Scibelli, Bob and Roxanne Stuart, and Malcom Worrell. We are very thankful for their willingness to volunteer their time and expertise to help us move toward long term sustainable funding. The committee meets weekly, and has been working hard on a number of projects to help the chaplaincy.

One of the first projects the committee worked on was the 2014 Chaplaincy Golf Classic and because of their efforts the classic was a great success.



The words I use to describe this year's tournament are expansion and development. We moved the Golf Classic from Woodland to the Longview Country Club, and we moved the tournament from July to September. This enabled us to have a longer time to plan following the auction breakfast in April, and it helped us to move it in a more central location for

most county golfers. We are grateful to the Longview Country Club for allowing us to invade their club for a day, and they gave us a very reasonable price.

At the 2013 tournament we had 11 teams and 46 golfers. This year we increased to 17 teams and 67 golfers. Last year we profited \$4000.00, and this year we made \$7,500.00. Because of the hard work of our volunteers we profited 62% of our income over the 50% profit we had in 2013.

We are grateful for the many individuals, businesses, and organizations that sponsored the Golf Classic. Each of them are listed under "Events" on the website. Please think of them when you need services in the community.



We are hoping to have the 2015 Chaplaincy Golf Classic about the same time next year, and we are talking to the Longview Country Club about keeping it at their club. So put us on your calendar for next September and begin to spread the news to all your fellow golfing friends!

Erin Hart has revamped and improved our website so please visit us at www.cowlitzchaplaincy.org. One major improvement to our website is the ability to donate through the site, so please check us out on the web. We encourage you to also like us on Facebook.

Plans are already in motion for our Annual Les Nelson Memorial Breakfast and Auction in April 2015. As you are planning your giving for the chaplaincy in the coming year we will be asking for table sponsors, and silent and live auction items, so please set aside time for this great event.

Chaplain Tom





Chaplain Doug Fields 1-H-16

TIS THE SEASON FOR... “SHOP WITH A COP”

I was at a meeting recently and the subject of “Shop with a Cop” came up. The person who brought the topic up shared how the program impacted a little girl who had a particular negative image of police officers due to some difficult events in her life. Though reluctant, she agreed to participate and was paired with a seasoned female officer. They both reported that the experience was delightful as they bonded together. According to her mentor, her perception of police officers was drastically changed and she came away from the experience with a more positive perception of police officers. Mission accomplished!!

As we approach “Shop with a Cop” 2014, we are once again in the final stages of preparing this event to help over 40 students this year which pairs children in need with officers to shop for Christmas presents. So on Friday December 5th and Saturday December 6th, police officers and deputies from Longview Police Department, Cowlitz County Sheriff’s Department, Castle Rock Police Department, and Kelso Police Department will meet and shop with these children, thanks to donations from Wal-mart, Cowlitz Credit Union and other supporters.



In addition, we are excited also to possibly host a “Shop with a Firefighter” this year in partnership with Wal-Mart, Bakers Corner Firefighters Association and volunteers with Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue. We hope to help an additional 20 children on December 13th.

ON THE ROAD WITH THE CHAPLAINS

With over a month to go in the year, our chaplains have been called out over 180+ times to minister to families in crisis this year. Last year our total call outs for the year was 165. As you can see we are well on the way to breaking over 200 call outs for service for 2014.

In addition, we have been involved in lots of other activity including conducting 2 critical incident stress debriefings for two companies that experienced the death of a worker. Our chaplains have made appearances at 5 public events this fall that are sponsored by first responder agencies and continue to attend 5 or 6 monthly events that are community oriented. Our chaplains have performed 9 funerals this fall with many of them as a direct result of our ministry to families during crisis. In addition, we performed 4 weddings in the last couple of months. Finally the chaplains have provided over 194 hours of direct contact with first responders through department visits, training events and ride alongs with the various agencies in the county.

We ask that you continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we minister to our first responders and families in our community.

Chaplain Doug





Chaplain Flip Eiland 1_H-12

THE HOPE & PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS

When I was a boy, growing up in the country, there was always something to look forward to. In the spring it was the melting away of the winter snow and the promise of warmer weather. June brought the end of school, and the endless possibilities of summer, such as fishing, hiking and swimming. Then came the fall color change on the foliage and, where I grew up, the beginning of the Penn State football season. That always seemed to bring the community together. Right around the corner was the most anticipated season, Christmas. This brought the excitement of gift giving and receiving, sharing holiday meals and sometimes the fulfillment of wishes.

Humanity functions best when we have something to look forward to. God sent us the greatest gift and hope for mankind in his Son, Jesus. The glorious hope for the people of ancient Israel was the promise of the coming Messiah, and that was fulfilled with the birth of Jesus. Through belief in Him, we can have that same salvation and forgiveness today. As this season approaches, let us remember the One who really makes Christmas, Christmas.



It is my privilege to serve as a volunteer Chaplain, to the First Responders and citizens of Cowlitz County since 2009. As we celebrate this season, it is my prayer that you are showered with many blessings from God. Luke 2: 10-11

Chaplain Flip



HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Amazonsmile Foundation. If you choose to shop at Amazon.com this holiday season, Please go to www.smile.amazon.com and choose Cowlitz County Sheriff's Chaplaincy. You can shop for your Amazon.com items and the Chaplaincy will receive a percentage donation

INTRODUCING



Cynthia Moon

Cynthia is our new Office Manager effective November 24th, 2014. We are excited to have her support to the mission of the Chaplaincy. Welcome aboard Cynthia!