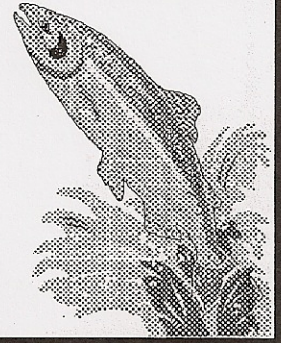




THE SALMON CREEK POST



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COMMANDERS NOTES

The start of a new year. What does it hold for us as individuals and also as members of Post 176? We can be a very successful Post if we want to be or we can be a Post just getting by. We need to want the best for our Post and be willing to work for it in any way we have to so we can achieve the standard we set. We are a Post that has been here since the 1950's and have a long storied past that we should all want to proudly take far into the future, and give veterans a reason to want to join us as members. This can only happen by members getting more involved, coming to meetings and participating. We need to get volunteers to take over some of the Post offices and give the same people who are elected year after year a break and get some new ideas so none of us get burned out. There will always be people there to help if a problem occurs and help is needed to solve it. Don't let not having any experience deter you. The position will teach you the job as well as the help from the outgoing officers. We are currently looking for someone to volunteer for our 2nd Vice Commander position.

The Visconsi deal is moving along nicely. Surveyors have been to the Post and laid out the property lines, all utilities lines have been marked, the wetlands abatement work is being done, an environmental study has been done, permit work has been started and we have received a proposed print of where the building will sit. Part of the deal is for Visconsi to re-do the entire parking lot, new paving and striping. The parking layout will be somewhat different but it looks good with plenty of spots for parking. We still do not know when all the preliminary work will be completed so the final papers can be signed by both sides, after our lawyer goes through them, and actual excavating can begin but it's getting closer.

POST HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

CLOSED - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

GOD says;

Whoever drinks the water

I give him will never thirst.

Indeed, the water I give him

will become in him

a spring of water welling up

to eternal life.

Our membership quota as put out by Department for 2014 is set at 325. We have some members who have not paid dues since 2011. They will be purged out of the computer and put into a non active paper file in a filing cabinet and will no longer be members unless they want to pay their dues from 2011 to the present or rejoin as new members. They are all good people and have their reasons for falling so far behind. Of the 325 members we have 312 renewed for 2014. We have also had seven new Veterans join our Post since June 2013. We have had 34 renewals on line and five members from other Posts that have transferred to our Post. We are at 96% renewal and only need 13 more members to get us to 100%, so if you have not yet sent in your dues, please do so. Also, if you receive a notice to renew your dues from Department, check your membership card before sending in a check or renewing on line. If the card has 2014 on it, throw away the renewal notice. Do not send in another check if the card has 2014 on it. I just have to call you and then send the check back or shred it. I want to thank all of you who have made the effort to get us to where we are. There are only two other Posts ahead of us in renewals but they have less than 30 members. I am at the Post on Mon, Tue and Wed from 8:30 am til about noon so drop by to pay your dues or just to have a cup of coffee. You are always welcome. Again, I want to thank all of you.

Just as a reminder to everyone, our monthly membership meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. We always have a potluck at 6pm and socialize for about an hour. It is a good time to get together with other members and meet some of the newer members or some old friends and to stay up to date with what is happening with the Post. We want to get some activities going for the membership but we need help from you to tell us what you want. Coming to the meetings is a good way to get those ideas out there and help to plan them. The participation at the meetings are down to the same people attending every month which is demoralizing to them. It's only about an hour or so once a month of your time. Please make an effort to attend if you can. We need you and your input. We are planning to get the Post exterior scraped and painted this summer so there will be an opportunity to help if you can.

Gary Zilm Post 176 Commander

BINGO MANAGER

We are into the start of a new year after having the best New Years Eve in the history of BINGO at Salmon Creek American Legion Post 176. We will be working hard to try to have the same type of games every quarter during the year. The people who attended the New Years Eve games really enjoyed themselves and appreciated the payouts and the types of games we put in place for them.

We have seen some new faces at the BINGO hall and we are hoping to see more with some new "in house specials" as we move forward. Things have been a bit slow, what with the holiday bills coming due and the uncertainty of the new health insurance and how it is going to affect us. It is only to be expected for there to be some apprehension on the part of everyone until it is settled, and not to be so ready to revert back to the things they like to do to quickly. However, when they are ready to come back, we will be here and will be more than happy to have them back.

February Specials are:

Mon Evenings - Pick a heart for extra cash

Tue Afternoons - \$25.00 Monitor

Wed Afternoons - Game 20 - \$1000.00

Wed Evenings - Game 20 - \$1199.00

Come join us and have some fun and win some cash when your numbers are called for BINGO. We also have pull-tabs and a kitchen for food.

Our hours are:

Mon - Tue - Wed at 11:00am & 6:30pm each day.

Cora Lane Bingo Manager Post 176

If you need help having your income taxes done this year, help is available by qualified AARP people who worked for or with the IRS or as accountants during their working years. Each year they attend classes so they know all the rules and laws and the new changes that always seem to be put in. Plus they always check each others preparations before it is given to the client, printed and electronically filed, if that is what you want them to do, or you can mail it yourself.

These services are available starting on February, 4th at the Marshall Center on Tue. and Thur from noon to 4pm. You should get there early to get a number because not all numbers given out are called every day and are moved to the next day they are doing taxes. A lot of people take advantage of this service. The Marshall Center is located at 1009 E McLoughlin Blvd. The phone number is 360-487-7100. They don't take reservations but if you have a question, give them a call.

Three Creeks Library is also doing taxes free with AARP members on Tue 1-5pm, Wed 1-5pm and on Thur 3-7pm. This location also starts on February 4th. They are located at 800-C NE Tenney Rd. The phone number is 360-571-9696 if you need more information.

These people are all volunteers and make doing your taxes easy without putting a lot of stress on you. Be sure you bring along your identification, your social security card and all of your W-2 forms. If you want your return electronically filed and the refund to go to direct deposit, you will need to have a deposit slip for your account so the IRS will know where to send it. They do a good job and are quick at getting you in and out. Good luck.

BINGO DAYS & HOURS

Mon - Tue - Wed, 11am & 6:30pm

For your enjoyment we offer Pulltabs on the same days and times as BINGO.

Our kitchen is open at 9:30am for the first session and at 5:00pm for the second session on the same days and times as BINGO.

We have a staff we are very proud of and we would like you to meet them and say "Hello". They truly are the BEST and they will do whatever they can to help you.

We are again offering the Halls and the Parking Lot for activities that you may want to use them for. Call us at 360-573-2331 and tell us what you want to do. If you don't get an answer right away, leave your number and we will do our best to set up your activity.