

VDL Newsletter #39



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Pick a Door, any door



Facelift for the clubhouse.....

The front of the clubhouse received a facelift, compliments of **Gary Collins**. He not only installed two new and very nice looking doors, updating the look of the 80's, but he installed a new door lock which actually works! The lock requires a four digit code, so the new code is **0041**.

Restaurant review by Larry Johnson (and a few

more).....



Mexican Food Cart at the Manson Red Apple Market

If you're in a hurry or don't feel like cooking or going out for dinner, try the Mexican cart in the Red Apple parking lot. They have great traditional burritos and generous portions. There's a reason that someone is almost always over there ordering food to go. It's definitely not fancy restaurant food, but the price is right and if you compare the homemade Mexican food to fast food fare like McDonald's or Taco Bell, it's way better. I don't know if it's the same everywhere, but we have a lot of food carts in the Portland

area; some are very good, many are mediocre, and some are not good at all. I would put the Manson Mexican cart somewhere between mediocre and very good. Up until last fall I was always a little squeamish about trying it out – food carts don't have the best reputation for cleanliness. I would rate cleanliness in the mediocre range for this cart – the rating is off the high end of the chart compared to street vendors in Mexico. If you can deal with this in your search for a great burrito, the Manson Mexican cart is worth a try. -Larry

And on a side note, I have eaten there several times and have suffered no ill gastrointestinal effects and I found the food to be authentic and very good!! –Leslie

Sojourners in Chelan

I spoke with a friend this past weekend who has been to Sojourners in Chelan. She reported a very good slice of pizza to go and a great grinder. The prices look good (around \$8 for a grinder) and the menu is vast, with sandwiches, salads, good sides, etc.

Tante Baci relocated to Chelan

Tante Baci, formerly of Manson, has relocated to Chelan, right across from the Chamber of Commerce building. I haven't been there yet, so if someone would like to provide a review for next newsletter, that would be great.



Beginning of summer.....

We kicked off the start of summer in grand style over Memorial Weekend. The weather cooperated for the most part and only got better as the weekend went on. While Chelan was crowded and crazy, Manson was pretty calm and controlled.....unless of course you were at Wapato Point, but that's another story. **Kathy Coleman** encountered 3 fellow **Cougs** who got the boot from Wapato (another proud moment for us Cougs) and

were looking for a ride back to Pullman on Sunday morning. If you see Heidi and Steve, be very gentle with them, as they worked their tails off at Wapato keeping things to a low simmer!

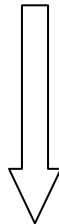
Wayne (Duane Wayne, D-Dub) and his lovely wife **Donna** hosted a really great potluck on Saturday night. It was very well attended, with the crowd spilling out onto the pool deck. There was tons of good food, dessert and company and even a raffle, which **Jim Baker** was peddling. **Jim** managed to collect **\$52** for the Social Committee fund, while **Ron Trickett** walked away as the winner, **\$52** richer.....congratulations **Ron**!!

The community also presented **Jim Dixon** with a memory book of **Gloria**, which included personal passages, **Gloria** encounters of the best kind, photos and signatures. This was a great community effort and I think **Jim** and his family appreciated everyone sharing their memories of Gloria. In addition, **Cindy Sneesby** and **Rita McCann** presented **Jim** with a special pool tile wall hanging, which Jim can proudly display in his home to help him remember those fun days at the pool with **Gloria**, where she reigned as hair queen for so many years! The wall hanging includes a mirror, so **Jim** can carry on the tradition of checking and double checking his hair!!

As if one meal wasn't enough for **Wayne** and **Donna** to host, they held a pancake breakfast on Monday morning for the power eaters who were hungry following the night before!

Thanks to all the helpers for the set-up and clean-up work. **Rita**, **Cindy** and **Frank Barkey** surprised the Saturday set-up crew by pre-decorating the clubhouse with a little aloha flair. They earned themselves a new committee assignment.....the "decorating committee!!!" **Frank** didn't know he had such talents and I am not sure **Donna** did either, but it's amazing what you find out when someone puts a hula skirt in your hand and tells you to decorate the umbrellas!!!!

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Splish, splash, the pool is finished.....and almost open.....



Thanks to the pool crew of **Dave Sneesby**, **Gary Collins**, **Jeff McCann** and probably a few others for getting the pool done just in the nick of time. For those of you a little out of the pool loop, the three guys purchased a second heat pump, which will increase our heating efficiency by a lot, had the entire pool resurfaced and painted (including fixing some bad cracks), had new pool tiles installed, the coping repaired and the wood sections caulked (almost done). The pool looks fabulous and is full of water. Hopefully this week the remaining work will be completed, the water treated and heated and it will be ready for the first swimmers!!

Next on the Social Committee's schedule.....



A message from Wayne and Donna and the Social Committee:

The Social Committee will be making and serving desert bars and coffee for the annual meeting on Saturday, June 4th.

Next on the agenda will be homemade cinnamon rolls with fresh brewed coffee and milk on Saturday June 11th from 8am till 9:30 am. (\$1.00).

For Father's Day weekend (Saturday June 18th) will feature another great pancake breakfast. Breakfast will include all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs and sausage links w/orange juice and coffee for only \$3.00.

The SC is holding out hope that they can get Dave to volunteer for kitchen duty again because he looked so good in his apron (that's all he was wearing BTW)!



The SC is planning another 4th of July weekend BBQ. The BBQ will be on Saturday, July 2nd @ 6:30 P.M.



As usual, family and guests of VDL residents are always welcome to attend the potluck parties and pancake breakfasts.....don't leave anyone home hungry!

And lastly, D-Dub and Donna and the rest of the committee would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who volunteers to help with the set-up, clean-up and hosting duties!

Okay, I am just about out of room for this edition and five pages is plenty of reading. Thanks to everyone for a good, relaxing and stress-free start to the summer!!!!

-Leslie (See VDL Contact List) Lot #45