



South Whidbey at Home April Update

Public meetings. Our April 2 event filled the Parish Hall at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church to the rafters. We're sure the presence of the Rural Characters had something to do with that! But it was exciting to feel the hall buzzing and to finally begin signing up members and volunteers. Thank you to Star Store, Clinton Market, The Goose, and Sundance Bakery for supplying us with so many wonderful cookies, and to Soundtrap Studios for the loan of the sound system.



Our next public meeting will be sponsored by the Clinton Library and will take place Wednesday, **May 18th at 2:00 at Clinton Community Hall** on Hwy 525. Come join us!

Signing up made easy. You can now go to our website www.SWatHome.org, sign up to be a member or volunteer, and pay your \$240/household dues by credit card.

You can also print out the applications on our website and mail them back to us—if you're signing up to be a member, don't forget to include your check for \$240.

Don't worry that signing up now means you won't get a full year's worth of benefits--your membership doesn't begin until the day we open for business.

Calling for volunteers! We need enough volunteers vetted and gone through orientation in May to be able to serve our members when we open in June. So if you were waiting until we open to sign up as a volunteer, please consider signing up sooner. If you have already signed up as a full or supporting member but intend to volunteer as well, please fill out a volunteer application too. You'll find them online at www.SWatHome.org or call us at 331-1971 to request one in the mail.

Volunteering for SW@Home is shaped by you—you tell us when you are available and the types of things you'd like to do. We'll match your preferences with member requests. Most requests can be filled in an hour or two, and include tasks like minor home repairs or upkeep, friendly visits, phone check-ins, tech assistance, errands, and rides to on-island appointments and events.



Why I joined SW@Home. Langley's Pam Schell (left) signed up as a SW@Home member before we even had proper application forms. According to Pam, "I am so happy to join others at South Whidbey at Home. Now I feel even more comfortable in my future in my community. It's the best new idea to keep us in our homes, and even though I don't need it today, I want others to benefit now. In fact, I plan to volunteer too."