

# Tender Care Village



# The Village News

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## TRACI'S MESSAGE

2018 what a year!!! We launched Tender Care Village in May and have provided over 300 volunteer services to our members. We have the most interesting and wonderful members along with a group of enthusiastic, kind and caring volunteers, I have met so many fantastic people. Tender Care Village is making a positive impact and has begun to be recognized by other community leaders, in December we were awarded a grant from Three Rivers Community Foundation and have been gifted over \$500.00 in donations. Tender Care Village is off to impressive start, I am eager to see what 2019 will bring.

Our December social gathering welcomed a festive evening of Christmas lights and dessert. We rented a van so all 8 of us could ride together and celebrate the season. I look forward to many more socials in the New Year. I welcome all suggestions,

so we can offer a variety of gatherings. I encourage all members and volunteers to join, we have a lot of fun!!!



This month we will be attending a movie and one of our members will be hosting an afternoon of

games at her home, take a look at the calendar for dates and times.

On the business front, a reminder to all members to please try and get your service requests into Tender Care at least one week in advance, this allows us to offer the best coverage.

To our volunteers, please email Traci to set up a time to learn our new portal system, it makes

accepting and closing out services much more efficient. We will also be holding our January orientation/training class for new volunteers on Monday January 28<sup>th</sup>, please share this with your friends and family, we are always looking for new volunteers.

I wish everyone a happy healthy New Year!!!  
Traci



Renee (left) speaks with a member of Three Rivers Community Foundation

Renee (below right) accepts the grant from the Three Rivers Community Foundation



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## The Anniversary Gift

by  
Patricia Ransier Wells

School was out for the summer and my parents decided to send me to spend the summer with my sister Rita. She was married and living in Twisp, WA for the summer at her in-laws home while her school teacher husband was working the summer at the Mill. Her mother-in-law (Lizzy) was a visiting nurse and was gone on a job and her father-in-law (Hans) was either at the Mill or gone visiting his brother in Waterville. I remember seeing him only once.

I was nine years old, but come September when school started again, I would turn ten. I was being sent by bus and my sister would pick me up when the bus got to Twisp. My parents took me to the bus station in Pasco and my mother was emphatic that the bus people would take good care of me.

The trip began with my spirits high and as I watched the landscape go by, it wasn't too long before I was fighting to stay awake, but I managed. We had a bus change at Ellensburg and they took me into the station and directed me to some high back benches to wait. I waited and waited and everything had changed from bustling activity to quiet calm. I was tired of dangling my legs and slid down and walked around the bench. I saw the guy in charge about the same time he saw me and he froze practically in mid-step and then he started to panic. I had missed the bus!



“Com'on”. he called. We got into his car and he sped down the road and tried to catch the bus. We closed in and he was honking the horn and tried to get around the bus, but to no avail. The bus just kept going. We turned around and returned to the depot and waited for the next bus.

When the bus arrived, I was escorted on it and once seated looked out my window to see the fellow who had tried to catch the bus holding up an ice cream cone for me to take. I was really hungry because I hadn't eaten all day, but I said to him, “My Mother said I can't take anything from strangers.” He was disappointed but didn't try to make me take it. An older lady close by smiled at me and said I had done the right thing. Of course, now, we can see how incredulous this

was, right? I went in the car with him, but couldn't accept the ice cream cone he wanted to hand me through the window. I will vouch that he was a really nice guy trying to help a little girl. The rest of the trip was uneventful and my sister picked me up, although my memory of it is hazy. I was pretty tired.

Twisp was beautiful, surrounded by pine trees, a babbling creek and the air smelled so good. It's a small town and I learned the layout pretty fast. I met the girl across the street and two up the hill, so I had playmates. The summer was one of exploration and imagining and one very interesting experience.

I became aware that my sister's wedding anniversary was coming up and I wanted to get her a gift. I thought and thought how I could get her a gift. I had no money. How could I make money? So I got the bright idea, if I collected five cent refund bottles and sold them to the store in town, I could make enough money to buy her a gift. I was working on keeping a secret when I asked Rita if there was anywhere I could look at maybe buying something for our Mom. She told me about an Indian woman “up the hill” who sold small gifts.

I set to work collecting bottles and before too long I knew I needed help. I borrowed a small wagon from somewhere and asked my new friends to help me collect the bottles. a couple of days passed and I had sold 75 cents worth of bottles but on the last day, I realized there weren't any bottles left to collect. Maybe 75 cents would be enough for a gift.

I asked the girls if they knew where the Indian woman lived. They said they couldn't go there. I

asked if they could just show me and they agreed to go with me to a point. Up the hill we went and crossed the road and turned onto a dirt road. There was an embankment along our right side that covered the view to our right and we crept along until the embankment gave way to an open area and I saw a huge wigwam to the right of us. We had all been hunched over so we wouldn't be seen until I realized I was doing it because they were. I straightened up and said, "Do you want to come with me?" One girl said, "Oh no, they will eat you!" I was stunned by this remark and when I recovered, I said, "That's the craziest thing I've ever heard of. I'm going!". They begin screaming and ran for home.

As I approached the opening of the Wigwam I slowed. I got closer and said a tentative, "Hello?" A soft voice invited me in and when I first stepped in it took a second before my eyes adjusted to the darkness. The woman was dressed in leather skins and sat on the floor of the wigwam near a circular row of rocks and in the middle was greyed wood that had burned but allowed to cool down. The inside was quite large.

She had been studying me, too. She said to me, "You are very wise." I didn't know what to say to that, but the thought crossed my mind that she had heard us talking outside. "Sit." she said. I knelt on my knees on the other side of the fire pit and looked at her.

"Why are you here?", she asked. I told her I wanted to get my sister an anniversary gift. She showed me beautifully made tiny gloves and moccasins. I really liked the tiny gloves and asked how much they were. "One dollar," she said. I told her I only had 75 cents, so I had to earn some more money. She nodded her head. I stood and said, "Thank you." and left.



What to do! I searched for more bottles to no avail. Finally, I asked my sister if I could borrow twenty-five cents. She wanted to know what I wanted it for. So, looking at my toes... I said I had sold bottles to get enough money to buy Mom a present, and I went to the Indian woman, but I didn't have enough money. So my sweet sister gave me a quarter and I felt horrible for lying to her, but hoped in the end it would be alright.

Back to the Indian woman I went, passing the girls along the road, who dropped their jaws when they saw where I was heading. The transaction was swift. Nothing had changed in the wigwam. It was exactly as it was when I was there a couple of days before. I took the little gloves gently in my hands and begin planning how I was going to smuggle them past Rita. I thanked my new friend and left.

Of course, when I got back to the house, Rita wanted to see the gift for Mom! I confessed to my lie and told her it was for her anniversary! She was so pleased and I could tell by the look on her face that she liked the tiny gloves.



Rita is 89 now and she kept that gift until just a couple of months ago and she called me to let me know she cleaned things out including the little gloves. I smiled as I remembered how much she liked them.

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The Edith Bishel Center is looking for about 4-6 volunteers who would like to drive our van and our independent living teacher to her appointments with her clients. I've attached some more info. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you have anyone interested. Thanks, **Daniel Lipparelli** *Executive Director*,

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#### Volunteer Driver Job Description

Position Title: Volunteer Driver Reports to: Office Manager

Program Description: The Edith Bishel Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the blind and visually impaired in southeastern Washington. Our mission is to enrich the independence and quality of life for individuals who are blind and visually impaired. We are proud to serve Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Yakima, and Klickitat counties.

Position Summary: Using the van provided by the center, the volunteer driver is responsible for transporting the Independent Living Teacher from the Edith Bishel Center to her appointment with clients served through the Independent Living Program. Clients are served within Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Yakima, and Klickitat counties. The Driver will follow their driving schedule, maintain regular communication with the office, report maintenance issues and participate in training. The Driver may be requested to help transport items and machines into the client's homes and help set them up. The Driver maintains an equipment log and cleaning of the van.

Time Commitment: • 2 days a month for 4-8 hours a day • Six month commitment

Qualifications: • Valid Drivers' license • Must be 25 years of older • Satisfactory background check • Satisfactory driving record • Good interpersonal skills • Reliable, flexible, and able to drive a few hours at a time • Maintain client confidentiality • Ability to lift 40lbs • No health condition that may impair ability to drive safely (vision, hearing, perception, reflexes, certain medications, etc.)

An application can be found at <https://edithbishelcenter.org/volunteer/> Please e-mail a completed application to [info@edithbishelcenter.org](mailto:info@edithbishelcenter.org)

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Members enjoy pie after the Senske Christmas event





## Housekeeping Services Anyone?

(repeat information)

Although TCV does *not* offer housekeeping services, we understand there is a great need for it. Sharon and Traci have researched and interviewed potential housekeeping services and below are some providers that will offer a discount to our members.

The Hunny-Du Crew (Dale and Lori Jones) - (509) 948-0490, 20% off cleaning or handyman services for Tender Care Village Members

The Magical Touch (Cindy Mendoza) – (509) 572-5113, willing to give Tender Care Village Members a reasonable rate on all services

CleanWorks Window Cleaning (Mike Moore)- (509) 737-1971, willing to give Tender Care Village Members a discount on services.

*Volunteers* – If you are interested in being listed to do housekeeping and or deliver restaurant meals to one of our members (for a fee), please contact Traci. This would be outside of the TCV, but could offer reasonable services to our members, while supplementing your income.

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## January Calendar

If members want to participate in an activity, *please call to reserve a ride*

1/8 Tuesday – \$5 movie and social gathering. Traci will have movie selections and times as we get closer

1/28 Monday – Orientation/Training, 10am-12pm, Mid Columbia Library, 1620 S Union St. Kennewick

1/31 Thursday – Social gathering 1pm-3pm, Games, tea, coffee and dessert at Margret’s home (member). Let Traci know if you would like to attend, Traci will arrange rides and let Margret know how many to attend.

Exercise Class (can be done sitting or standing)

1/3 Thursday

1/8, 1/10 Tuesday/Thursday

1/15, 1/17 Tuesday/Thursday

1/22, 1/24 Tuesday/Thursday

9 am-10 am, HealthPlex, 1268 Lee Blvd. Richland

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