



# "SOUND BYTES"

The Official Newsletter of the West Sounds  
Officers' Spouses Club

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## Message from our President

### Looking Ahead

#### December

Lunch Club—12/04

Running Club—12/07

Membership Mtg—12/10

Book Club—12/12

Wine Club—12/20

Bunco, Moms & Tots, and  
Outdoor Clubs are on  
break for December

Golf Club is on break for  
the winter.

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**Simple joys, little pleasures**

**Laughter and smiles in big measures.**

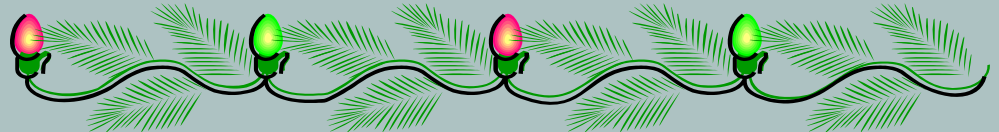
**Friends, family, togetherness, love...**

**The choicest blessings from above.**

**Peace, prosperity and happiness too...**

**All these and more are my wishes for you!**

*Merry Christmas*



### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

#### *"WSOSC Annual Holiday Party/Gift Exchange"*

Tuesday December 10th.....6:30 pm.....Ellen Smith's House

Join us for a fun and fabulous evening which includes:

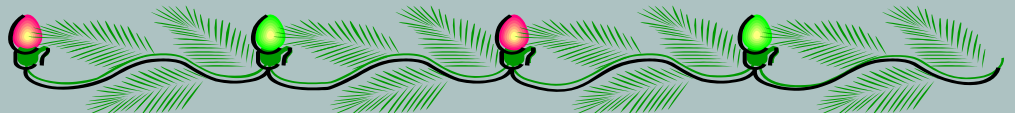
\*\*\*gift exchange\*\*\*

\*\*\*potluck dish\*\*\*

\*\*\*donation of pj's or comfy socks\*\*\*

Look for details on your Evite.

RSVP today!! We look forward to seeing you all.



## Lunch Club

Wednesday, Dec. 4th

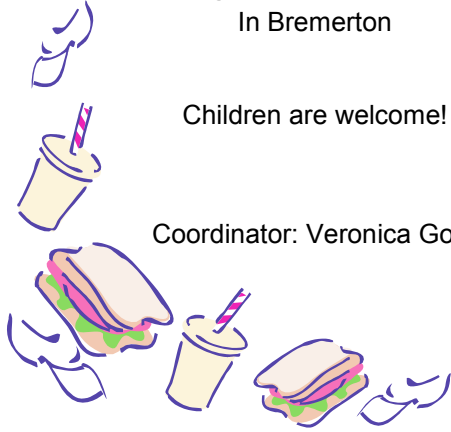
12:00

Big Apple Dinner

In Bremerton

Children are welcome!

Coordinator: Veronica Gore



## Book Club

Thursday, Dec. 12th, 6:30 pm

Cheri Huck's House

Book: Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer

Next month's book: Me Talk Pretty One Day by David Sedaris

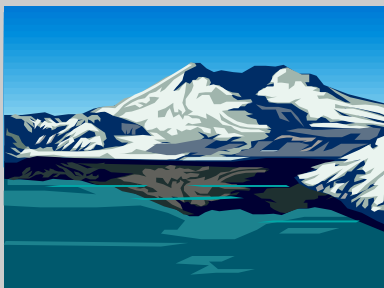
Coordinator: Christine Williamson

## Outdoor Club

Taking a break.

See you soon

Coordinated by Elizabeth Garnett



## Bunco



Taking a break for December.

See you in January

Coordinator: Linda Power

## Running Club

Jingle Bell Family Fun Run/Walk  
for Arthritis

Saturday, Dec. 7th  
1:00 pm

Location: Port Orchard  
City Hall

Register by Dec. 1st under team  
WSOSC at

[http://  
portorchardjinglebellrun.kintera.org](http://portorchardjinglebellrun.kintera.org)

Coordinator: Annie Calvin




**Wine Club**  
Friday, Dec. 20th,  
7 pm

Linda Power's  
House

Bring a bottle of wine and dish you  
think will pair well.

(Members 21 and older only)

Coordinator: Rachel Ventura

## Moms & Tots

We are taking a break  
for the busy month of  
December.

See you soon

Coordinator: Brooke Sweet



## Mah Jongg

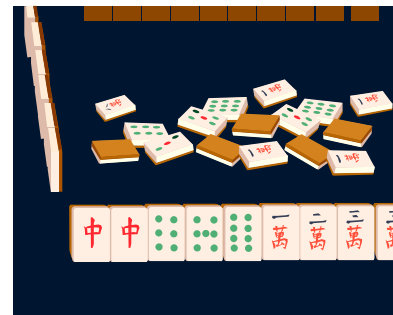
Every Monday

9:30 to 11:30 am

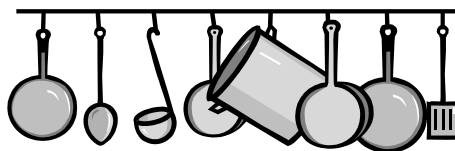
Café Noir in Silverdale

Join in or learn to play!

Coordinator: Alice Thomas



## COOK'S CORNER



### Tomato Basil Soup

From the Kitchen of  
Tryphina Heryford

#### Ingredients:

1 tbsp olive oil  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1 (6 oz.) can tomato paste  
1 (28 oz.) can of diced or crushed tomatoes, drained  
2 cups half & half, cream, 2% milk or soy creamer, heated  
¼ cup fresh basil, chopped  
2 tsp sugar  
1 tsp garlic powder  
¼ tsp white pepper  
Salt

Heat oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Sauté garlic until fragrant, stirring often. Add tomato paste; stir and cook for 30 seconds. Add drained tomatoes, cover and simmer gently for 15 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool slightly. Puree with a stick blender in the saucepan or transfer to a blender to puree. Return to saucepan and stir in heated creamer, fresh basil, sugar, garlic powder, white pepper and salt to taste.

Serve with grilled cheese or toasted bread if desired.

## Fun Things for December

- 1 Wild Lights at Seattle Woodland Park Zoo (Nov. 24—Jan. 4) 5:30-8:30
  - 4 Fleet & Family Readiness "Coping With the Holidays" webinar
  - 5 & 6 Pacific Edge Outfitters 10-50% off sale
  - 6 "A Christmas Carol" at ACT Theater in Seattle (showing all month)
  - 7 Festival of the Chimes and Lights in Port Orchard
  - 11 "Home for the Holidays" Navy Band NW Holiday concert at Bremerton High School 7pm
  - 13 "Christmas in Big Valley" in Poulsbo. Walk from Candy Cane Lane all the way to the Manger.
  - 14 CPR and First Aid Class at Bangor Gym
  - 14 Midtown Family Christmas in Seabeck
  - 15 Santa arrives at the Kitsap Mall
  - 20 Psychology of Spending (Fleet and Family Readiness)
  - 21 Festival of Lights at Grotto—ITT trip
  - 23 Holiday Bowling at Olympic Lanes (Dec 23—Jan 4)
  - 26 Lifeguarding Class at Bangor Gym
  - 28 Snowshoeing on Hurricane Ridge—ITT trip
  - 31 Rockin' and Rollin' in 2014 New Year's Eve Party (Olympic Lanes)
- Football at Sam Adams on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Featuring Direct TV Package for all NCAA & NFL Games!



Happy  
Holidays

**EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

Elected Officer Positions:

- Lisa Aldrich, President
- Jenna Cotherman, Vice-President
- Elizabeth Garnett, Secretary
- Tessa Ferguson, Treasurer
- Suzy Klorig, Parliamentarian
- Ellen Smith & Karin Zwolfer, Advisors

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- Linda Power, Newsletter
- Jenna Cotherman, Webmaster / Social Media
- Shenafa Kenneys, Community Service
- Tryph Heryford, Member Services

**ACTIVITY GROUPS:**

- Christine Williamson, Book Club
- Linda Power, Bunco Club
- Vacant, Dinner Club
- Tina Salter, Golf Club
- Rachel Ventura, Wine Club
- Veronica Gore, Lunch Club
- Alice Thomas, Mah Jongg Club
- Brooke Sweet, Moms and Tots
- Elizabeth Garnett, Outdoor Club
- Annie Colvin, Running Club



**Spread the word . . .**

Feel free to forward information to new spouses or those that may not have heard of us yet. Our most powerful marketing tool is our members! Sometimes it's the spouse that you least expect that may need a hand – by connecting with each other socially, we build bonds and create opportunities to look out for each other and lend that helping hand when it's needed. So, let's not keep this club a secret – help us get the word out!

**Save the Date**

January 7th @ 10:00 am

General Membership  
MetLife and Tricare



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