



Cascade  
Christian  
Home

# newsletter

P. O. BOX 485 LYNDEN WA 98264

(206) 398-2626

JANUARY 1979

Ben Mulder, Editor

## 1979 . . . Target Year For Cascade!

Many exciting things have happened since our last newsletter in November. An annual meeting has come and gone, the financial drive totals are still climbing, and many individuals and organizations are getting involved with Cascade. 1978 was indeed a good year. A solid foundation on which to build the Cascade Organization was laid, land was purchased, our financial goal of \$125,000 was met back in November and the plans for our first "Home" are about finished. God has been good to us and we should continually thank Him for all His blessings. Here are a few of the happenings during the past two months . . . . .

- . . . Annual Society Meeting - November 6. Newly elected board members are Roger Dykstra, Marv Van Mersbergen, and Shirley Speelman. Election of officers for 1979 included Don Kooy, President; Pastor Dick Bouma, Vice President; Marv Van Mersbergen, Secretary; Roger Dykstra, Treasurer; and Henry Vander Veen, Vicar.
- . . . Don Vander Giessen of Seattle agreed to be our District Board Member representing the Seattle area. He replaces Mr Bill DeRooy who retired from the Board in November. Thank you for your services Bill and welcome to Cascade, Don!
- . . . Retiring board members are Dr John Cook and Arie (Ike) Honcoop. Both served on the original steering committee and the first Board. Thank you very much for your dedication and concern, Doc and Ike!
- . . . Committee Chairpersons are: Property and Grounds, Randy Knutzen; Admissions and Programs, Pastor Dick Bouma; Personnel and Employment, Don Kooy; Guilds, Shirley Speelman; Furnishings, Tina Van Waveren; Finance, Roger Dykstra; Promotion, Marv Van Mersbergen; Public Relations, Ben Mulder.
- . . . Our Board's recording secretary, Carol Bouwman, has moved to Olympia to work with Roger Van Dyken who was elected to the State Legislature in November. Thank you for your services Carol! Our new secretary is Anne Heusinkveld. Thanks for accepting this challenge, Anne.
- . . . Our Admissions and Program Committee is now complete. Pastor Dick Bouma reports that the following will serve with him on this committee; Roger A Barnhart, M.D., Plastic Surgeon, Bellingham; Alice DeVries, Dairy Farmer, Mt Vernon; Don Kooy, Cascade Board Chairman and owner of Midway Trailers, Lynden; Ronald Snyder, Case Worker, Bellingham and Whatcom County District, Department of Public Health; Fred Vander Mey, Music Teacher, Mt Vernon Christian School.
- . . . Recent activities for Cascade include the following . . . . .

First Reformed Church of Lynden - Bazaar (\$3,300.00)

Lynden Ministerial Association - Thanksgiving Festival (\$1,250.00)

Lynden Kiwanis Club - Western Washington University Concert (\$865.00)

- . . . Thanksgiving Day offerings from churches throughout the State of Washington amounted to over \$11,000 (and \$500.00 was received from the Church on The Hill, Norco, California!)
- . . . Salem Christian Home in Ontario, California had pledged to assist Cascade with \$25,000. A recent calf sale/auction for Salem netted them \$86,000. This will enable them to complete the pledge to Cascade. Thanks to all of you in California.
- . . . Also many contributions from various Sunday Schools, Young Peoples, Cadets and Calvinettes, Ladies Groups and other organizations.

## Present Happenings

Plans for the Home are receiving the finishing touches by the architect. Our next step will be to apply for a variance and permit. Several departments in Olympia will also take a look at them, (which could take some more time.) While waiting for all of these things to take its course, other items will receive a lot of attention. Some of these are .....

### Admissions

This committee will get busy now. Preliminary guidelines will look like this:

Resident must be 18 years or older  
 Primary diagnosis must be mild retardation  
 Have good control of major medical problems

All residents must be ambulatory  
 Sensory impairments must be minimal  
 Emotional involvement must be minimal

### Furnishings

A master list of items needed for the "Home" is now being compiled. Individuals or organizations wishing to donate for a specific item may coordinate this through the Furnishings Committee, Iina Van Waveren at 366-3555 or Grace Mulder at 354-5879. Some of the needed items that have been assigned to individuals and organizations thus far include a piano, outdoor sign, stereo and sound system, and the kitchen equipment. There are many more ... lawn maintenance equipment, office equipment, family/dining room furniture, bedding, recreational items, and anything that goes into a home. Please let us know if you want to donate or work for something specific. (How about a station-wagon or a mini-van?)

### Cascade Women's Guilds

- . . . Lynden Area ... Margaret DeWaard is its first president after being organized in November. Their first project will be a Soup-N-Pie Supper February 6. On the back burner is a luncheon/fashion show for sometime in April.
- . . . Mt Vernon - Oak Harbor Area ... Retta Rientjes became this chapter's president after a December organizational meeting. They plan to have their monthly meetings on the 4th Wednesday of every month. March 15 is the date of their first project. This will be a luncheon/fashion show in the Oak Harbor Reformed Church.
- . . . All good things come slow but sure, according to Shirley Speelman, Chairperson in charge of organizing the Guilds. She is pleased with the enthusiasm of the ladies in the Lynden and Mt Vernon - Oak Harbor areas. Now she wants to concentrate on Seattle and Eastern Washington. If any of you readers in the Seattle Area want to get involved, you may obtain more information by calling the Don Vander Giessens at 206-365-7381. Those of you on the East (and sunny) side of the mountains, please call Alice DeVries in Mt Vernon at 206-424-3508. If all else fails, call Shirley at 206-398-2630.