Linrud Accepts Oregon Conference Role

Daniel Linrud has accepted the invitation of the Oregon Conference to become the new assistant to the president. He has most recently served the Ontario Conference in Canada as executive secretary. Linrud, born and raised in the Northwest, fills a spot left vacant three years ago when Scott LeMert moved to a pastoral role. He was a pastor and administrator in the Ontario Conference for 16 years. Linrud and his wife, Verlaine, (pictured here) previously served in the Washington Conference for 10 years. Read more online from the Oregon Conference.

Catlett is New WWU Dean of Students
Hilary Catlett, formerly Walla Walla University (WWU) contract professor of social work and sociology, has been appointed as the university’s dean of students. Catlett earned her Bachelor of Social Work degree from WWU in 1997 and her Masters of Social Work also from WWU in 1998. After graduation, Catlett worked in California for several years as a social worker in various capacities. She returned to Walla Walla, Wash., serving the local domestic violence shelter and Walla Walla County. She is currently a licensed clinical social worker through Washington State. Read more online from WWU.

**Wilson Reflects on Mandela**

While people around world mourned the death of South African statesman Nelson Mandela, Ted N. C. Wilson, Adventist world church president, released the following statement: “The global Seventh-day Adventist Church joins the people of South Africa and the world in mourning the loss of Nelson Mandela. His life of forgiveness and reconciliation served as a light in a world that too often lives in the shadow of reprisal, anger and malice. May all reflect on his important efforts to bring people together in peace.” Read Wilson’s full statement online at the Adventist News Network.

**WWGH Honors Two Nurses**

Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH) was proud to recognize two employees last week with the first ever Walla Walla General Hospital DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The two registered nurses honored, Pam Smith and Kim Thompson, were both recognized by their peers for their continual outstanding care for WWGH patients. Each received a certificate that reads: “In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people.” Each was also given a
beautiful and meaningful sculpture called A Healer's Touch. Read more from WWGH online.

Northwest-born Author Dies

Nancy Van Pelt died Nov. 26 at age 79. Born in Tacoma, Wash., and a graduate of Auburn Adventist Academy, Van Pelt wrote more than 40 books and taught more than 3,000 seminars on successful family life across the U.S. and in 70 countries. She “lived her life with excellence, no matter what she did, as a quilter, author or a philanthropist,” daughter Carlene Will of Spokane, Wash., told Adventist Review in a telephone interview. Read more of Mark Kellner's article on Van Pelt in the Adventist Review.

A Video about Church Community

Ever been to a concert or sports event when you felt at one with the entire crowd? Is that how it feels at your church? Our church's 14th fundamental belief is about God's community — His people. The My Way to Jesus website features 28 resources including videos that illustrate each fundamental belief. Watch the video on community now.
Looking Ahead

December
A full list of Christmas events around the Northwest.
14: Kirkland, WA Concert Series
14: Holiday Concert, Portland, OR
20: Sunnyside Church Musical Christmas Program
25: Merry Christmas!
31: New Year's Eve!

More Events

As we head through the holiday season, author Mike Jones asks a simple question: What was Jesus thinking before leaving heaven and coming to this world? Read more in the December Gleaner.
Spam
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Welcome our newest member to the Administration team here at the Oregon Conference. Dan Linrud, D.Min, Assistant to the President. Linrud was born and raised in the Northwest, but most recently comes to us from Ontario Conference in Canada where he was the Executive Secretary. Linrud also served in the Ontario Conference in such roles as pastor and administrator for the past 16 years. Previous to that he served as a pastor in the Washington Conference for 10 years.

He is a 5th generation Seventh-day Adventist and married to a pastor's daughter, Verlaine, who is an elementary school teacher. One of Dan’s greatest joys is connecting with God and others in transformational relationships. The emphasis on his doctoral studies was the spiritual transformation through small groups. The Linrud’s have two young adult daughters, Shalaine and Anelise.

Help Provide Midwest Tornado Relief
On Sunday, November 17, dozens of tornadoes passed through eight Midwest states destroying and damaging hundreds of homes and killing eight people. Illinois and Indiana were hit the hardest. A head elder from Peoria, Illinois, church stated that two Adventist families’ homes were totally destroyed and another damaged. No one was injured. The local Adventist Community Services Disaster Response (ACS DR) personnel are conducting needs assessments and preparing to assist in relief efforts. Pray for the thousands of individuals who have been affected by and will be responding to this tragedy and consider giving a financial donation through ACS to support disaster response efforts. To donate, visit www.communityservices.org, call 1-800-381-7171, or make checks payable to ACS and mail to: 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904. You can also place your donation in a tithe envelope marked “ACS Disaster Response”

Support Philippine Relief Efforts
Super Typhoon Haiyan swept across the central Philippines November 8, 2013 with sustained winds of 195-mph destroying entire towns. Please pray for and support those many people in need right now. More than 2,300 people are confirmed dead and thousands more still missing. Those who wish to specifically aid Adventist churches and members in storm-stricken areas can do so through their local church with checks payable to “Philippine Typhoon Relief.” Be sure to mark the tithe envelope with the same project title or donate online. Those who wish to donate to the broader relief effort providing food, shelter and other assistance to the general public may give directly to ADRA online.
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2013 Pull-Out Calendar

Download the 2013 "Pull-Out" Calendar found in the January issues of the Gleaner and the eCommuniqué!
Hilary Catlett Named Dean of Students

Walla Walla University Welcomes New Leader

By: Rachel Wood

Hilary Catlett, Dean of Students.

Hilary Catlett, formerly known as one of Walla Walla University’s contract professors of Social Work and Sociology, has been appointed as the Dean of Students.

Catlett earned her Bachelor of Social Work from WWU in 1997 and her Masters of Social Work also from WWU in 1998. During her time as a student here, she was active in the Student Senate and an AGA officer.

After graduation, Catlett and her husband Kris lived in California for several years, where she worked as a social worker in various capacities. In 2004, they moved back to Walla Walla and she worked for a local domestic violence shelter and the Walla Walla County as a Designated Mental Health Professional. She is currently a Licensed Clinical Social Worker through Washington State. In recent years, she has worked as a contract professor for WWU’s Social Work and Sociology department.

Catlett and her husband have two children, Dawson and McKenzie. An interesting family fact, Hilary is the daughter of our local professor of Theology, Darold Bigger.

“It’s great to be coming back home to this campus,” Catlett says. She looks forward to her new leadership role as Dean of Students and is excited to work with the students, faculty, and staff.

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“The global Seventh-day Adventist Church joins the people of South Africa and the world in mourning the loss of Nelson Mandela. His life of forgiveness and reconciliation served as a light in a world that too often lives in the shadow of reprisal, anger and malice.

“May all reflect on his important efforts to bring people together in peace. What a joy that we can also be part of that process as we are reconciled to God and each other by the grace of Jesus Christ, the Prince of peace. We offer our sympathy and condolences to the Mandela family and the citizens of South Africa.”

Ted N. C. Wilson
President
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
12/9/2014 - WWGH Names First Ever DAISY Award Winners

*A same day surgery and a home health nurse were selected by their peers for this honor*

Walla Walla General Hospital was proud to recognize two employees last week with the first ever Walla Walla General Hospital DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The two registered nurses honored were Pam Smith, a registered nurse on Same Day Surgery, and Kim Thompson, a home health nurse, were both recognized for their continual outstanding care for our patients. In addition, each was nominated for a specific act of dedication and caring.

These two extraordinary nurses were selected by their peers to be the first recipients of this award at Walla Walla General Hospital. At a presentation given in front of the nurse’s colleagues, physicians, patients, and visitors, they each received a certificate commending her for being an "Extraordinary Nurse." The certificate reads: "In deep appreciation of all you do, who you are, and the incredibly meaningful difference you make in the lives of so many people." Each was also given a beautiful and meaningful sculpture called A Healer’s Touch, hand-carved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Africa.

In addition to their reputation as compassionate nurses each was nominated for a single specific event that exemplified their dedication to their patients. Kim was described as going way out of her way to provide comfort and reassurance to the family member of a patient while making sure they both had access to all the community resources available. Pam was nominated by an employee who later also became a patient and discovered that Pam’s friendly, helpful manner was shared equally with fellow employees and with patients.

“We are proud to be among the hospitals participating in the DAISY award program. Nurses are heroes and it’s important that our nurses know their work is highly valued. The DAISY Foundation provides an additional way for us to do that,” says Teresa Price, interim vice president for patient care services at WWGH.

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, CA, and was established by family members who were inspired by the compassion and kindness provided to their loved one. The family believes that nurses are unsung heroes who deserve far more recognition and honor than they received and their unique program for thanking nurses has grown into a program embraced by health care organizations around the world.
Upcoming Events | GleanerOnline.org

Sunnyside Church’s 32nd annual Musical Christmas Program

Invite you friends to enjoy an evening listening to some of Portland’s finest musicians. Bring your music and join in singing the “Hallelujah Chorus” for the finale. An offering will be taken at the door for the ministry that feeds the hungry at O’Bryant Square. We hope to see you there.

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Alvin Woodruff’s 96th Birthday

Alvin Woodruff, Falls City Church member, will turn 96 on Dec. 29. A celebration of his 96th birthday will be Jan. 5, 2014 at the Polk County Fairgrounds in the arts and crafts building, in Rickreall, Ore. There is an open invitation to all. Send your best wishes to Alvin by writing to 14595 Forest Hill Dr., Monmouth, OR 97361 or calling 503-623-5358.

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Washington Conference Youth Rally

The Washington Conference Youth Rally is designed to help high school aged youth discover their place in the church. The day will feature powerful worship music, testimonies, drama, breakout sessions and engaging preaching, including featured speaker Dan Jackson, North American Division president. The event is free. An optional lunch will be served in the dining hall for $10. This must be purchased ahead of time. Youth groups who have further to drive may reserve cabins to stay over on Friday…

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$20

Steve Green in Concert

Grandview Adventist School is hosting Steve Green in concert. The concert will be held at the Sunnyside High School Auditorium, 1801 E. Edison Ave., Sunnyside, WA. Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children 6–12. For more information, call the school at 509-882-3817 or 509-439-1054. Come and enjoy an evening with Steve Green.

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