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NEW BOARD MEMBERS LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Brigadoon will be starting the year 2010 with six new board members. Denise has worked hard to bring accomplished new members to the board. Brigadoon will be moving into a new era and the new board will need to raise funds and oversee a transition to a more independent organization to continue this wonderful and heartfelt work. We are pleased to introduce the following new board members:



Jeni Mhyre has been a member and volunteer with the Whatcom Humane Society, a volunteer at St. Joseph Hospital and a helping parent with Parent to Parent. She was a board member at the Bethany Christian Services. Jeni wants “to contribute to a cause I have grown to really appreciate.”



Leanne Little works for Peak Potentials Training International, a personal development company all about “changing lives”. She is a registered nurse and has experience in business and fund raising. Leanne wants to “help the program succeed ,even flourish. Being part of another organization who are “changing lives” is incredible! Seeing partnerships develop as a results of what we are doing is the most rewarding part.”



Jane DeBrock was a Public Health Nurse in BC, Canada. She has experience in human resources and fund raising. She has been affiliated with the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the NW Family Development Center and is active in several outdoor recreational groups. Jane states “I want to help plan and implement strategies to refocus the program toward a more financially secure and wider service program.”



Mary Allen has a masters degree in counseling and works for the Whatcom Discovery center. She has experience in business and human resources. She volunteered at the Brigid Collins Family Center for one year. Mary says “I strongly believe in the benefit service dogs can provide for at risk youth and people with disabilities.”

Mission Statement

We provide trained dogs to perform tasks and support that would otherwise require human assistance for children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities. We engage the youth of the community in this process. We are a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation.



Chris Pastorino works at the Whatcom County Planning & Development Office and has been a volunteer with Brigadoon for a year and a half. She has fundraising, marketing, legal and writing skills. Chris has served on the boards and organizing committees of several local organizations. She states, “ I want the unique mission of Brigadoon to be even more known in the larger community. I will work to foster the sense of a locally based organization that reaches many different people and places.”



Karl Kleeman is a retired PhD Hospital Clinical Microbiologist. Karl currently volunteers on the Grants Selection Committee with Whatcom Community Foundation , as an Assistant Curator at the Lynden Pioneer Museum and as the editor of the Brigadoon newsletter. Karl is most interested in helping Brigadoon with developing and maintaining a sound business plan.

The first meeting of the new Board will be January 21 . We are excited to have so many new Board members with new ideas and a new dedication to the continuation of the many successes we have seen over the past few years. A big welcome to all.



From Denise Costanten, Founder of Brigadoon.

For those of you who know me, understand that I am a person of vision and dreams. I love to ponder all the possibilities of Brigadoon and how we can help as many people as possible.

I must say this past year has proven to be a road paved with many lessons for me to learn, and learn them I have! 2010 promises to be an exciting time for Brigadoon. We have a new board, new dogs, new and seasoned volunteers plus a team of professionals on the side lines to help where ever it is needed.

Brigadoon will grow a lot this year thanks to all the outstanding people on our team. A solid foundation must be put into place as part of our financial sustainability. There is a lot to accomplish this year and to be successful some key personnel will have to be hired. This will require team work, organization, planning and of course money.

I want to thank all of you already involved, and for those who will become involved in the success of Brigadoon Youth & Service Dog Programs. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year!

Denise