

# Valley Volunteers

## Puyallup ~ Sumner



*It's a Volunteer Thing!* SEPTEMBER, 2018 NEWSLETTER



### Upcoming Items and Events to Note

#### Sept 3 is Labor Day

National Holiday

#### Sept 8

##### Valley Volunteers meeting

10 am. Please wear your VV polo for a group picture! Remember to bring your dues and save 50¢ on postage! After the business meeting we will be affixing stickers to our Come Walk With Me snacks.

#### Sept 28-30

##### GFWC-WS Fall Board

Yakima, Wa. Registration deadline is September 15th

#### October 6th

##### Come Walk With Me

Have you signed up for our team?

#### October 13th

##### Valley Volunteers meeting

10 am After the business meeting we will affix stickers to the Halloween treats for the Sumner Historical Society.

#### October 20th

##### GFWC Peninsula District

Fall Board in Tacoma. Please plan to attend! Mark you calendars now.

### Labor Day:

## A Brief History and What It Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

On June 28, 1884, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. More than a century later, the true founder of Labor Day has yet to be identified. Many credit Peter J. McGuire, cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, while others have suggested that Matthew Maguire, a secretary of the Central Labor Union, first proposed the holiday.

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families.

This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years, especially where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR



## *VV September 8th Meeting* **It Will Be Busy and Fun**

In August, GFWC's weekly digital *News & Notes* had an article regarding getting ready for Advocates for Children Week taking place on October 21-28, 2018 and planning a project now. Advocates for Children is the signature program for GFWC Juniors of which St. Jude is a partner. GFWC's hope is that this annual tradition brings together all GFWC clubwomen to make a significant difference in the life of a child.

And Valley Volunteers is ready to go! Our mask straps project is ready to send off to St. Jude. At the September meeting we will take a group picture with the 139 mask straps that we have made these past few months and mail them out the following week, so they arrive in time for Advocates for Children Week. Please wear your Valley Volunteers polo for the picture. We will look so good!

By the way, *News & Notes* is a great way to stay informed and take advantage of learning more about our federation. If you have not signed up for this digital weekly, please consider doing so. You won't regret it. Just go to <https://www.gfwc.org> and click on News/Publications menu and select News & Notes. It is also accessible through a link on our State website [gfwcws.org](http://gfwcws.org).

Then it's on to prepping 1020 granola bars that we will be passing out to the Come Walk With Me walkers on October 6th!

*New Information on*

## **Come Walk With Me**

Have you **joined or donated** to our **Valley Volunteers Team** yet? It's easy to do. To get to our team page to sign up use this link: [http://mchs.convio.net/site/team\\_id=1772&pg=team&fr\\_id=1140](http://mchs.convio.net/site/team_id=1772&pg=team&fr_id=1140) then click the *join our team* or *donate to our team*. Our team's donation goal is \$250. It would be wonderful to meet and perhaps surpass it.

You can even join as a virtual walker (which is free) to help get even more donations for our club!

Since we have several Breast Cancer Survivors in our club, CWWM is a personal club project and has been for several years. Let's continue to give our all to this great charity event.

The route appears to be the same as last year and they are once again having the Pre-Event Packet Pickup on Thursday, October 4th from 3-7pm at The Old Cannery Furniture Warehouse so you can pick up your packet ahead of time. Wow! That means you can skip the long lines on Saturday morning.



## **Come Walk With Me Route for October 6th, 2018**



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**Valley Volunteers Quick Pics & Notes:** These are highlights of our club's support to our GFWC Programs, club projects and one another....a show of our members on the go all throughout the month!



*Your* **Donations**  
will go to support our  
Sumner High School Choirs  
*Thank you* for your support!  
GFWC Valley Volunteers  
Spartan Choral Association  
Sumner High School Choir Boosters

**EDUCATION Support!**  
Provided a donation jug at the rhubarb rockets launching for Sumner High School choirs. They collected \$48.10

**CONSERVATION & GF Club Support!**  
Kim, Charlene and Rita gave support to GFWC Sokico by attending their Bunko Fundraiser for a new police dog's vest.



**Supporting CONSERVATION**  
The Loseths have a squirrel feeding station set in amongst their back yard trees. The squirrels are fed daily. The little guys go through 5 lbs. of peanuts every week!



**Making and taking time for each other!**  
On Friday, August 24th, Laura, Billie, Peggi and Rita went for coffee. There was just so much laughter and catching up to do that the two hours together just flew by!





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**September Meeting is  
Saturday, the 8th 10 A.M.  
Ryan House Museum  
1228 Main Street, Sumner**

**Inspiration  
Billie**

**Flag Salute  
Vicki**

## **Remember to bring to the meeting!**

- Used books for Friends of the Library
- Cookbooks for the Ryan House Museum
- Your Volunteer Hours for Last Month
- Egg Cartons for the Food Bank
- Box-Tops for Ed
- A friend!



## *Events and Special Days*



### *September*

- National Courtesy Month
- Fall Hat Month
- National Literacy Month
- National Preparedness Month

<b>Aug 31st - Sept 23rd</b>	Washington State Fair
<b>September 3rd</b>	Labor Day
<b>September 8th</b>	Valley Volunteers meeting
<b>September 9th</b>	Grandparents Day
<b>September 14th - 16th</b>	Western States Conference in Las Vegas
<b>September 15th</b>	Deadline for GFWC- WS Fall Board Registration
<b>September 22nd</b>	First Day of Fall
<b>September 28-30th</b>	GFWC - WS Fall Board, Yakima



**Pinkie Egelston  
September 16**

**Vicki Connor  
September 28**



Membership  
renewal  
**deadline is  
October 15**



## **Remember to check the new Valley Volunteers web site!**

- ~ Each month's newsletter
- ~ ESO Forms
- ~ Monthly Volunteer Hours forms

It is still in work, coming soon  
will be news on what is  
happening with GFWC locally,  
nationally and around the state.

[www.gfwcvv.com](http://www.gfwcvv.com)



## *Fall is here, The GFWC goal, **Bridge the Gap!***

*Three new members would  
be a big deal for our fall  
membership recruitment*