

GLADSTONE GAZETTE

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CLARK COUNTY ACS DIRECTOR RETIRES JUST SHORT OF 90

BY KALEB EISELE



A beloved leader recently retired after nearly 20 years of service at Clark County Adventist Community Services. Eleanor Hetke served as a nurse and a missionary for decades before joining CCACS as a volunteer around 2008. In 2015, Eleanor took on the responsibility of becoming the center’s executive director and led the team until her retirement this year – just before turning 90 years old!

Eleanor’s retirement was celebrated by colleagues, friends, and family as part of the center’s awards banquet this spring. When the team asked Eleanor what she’d like the theme to be, she said, “Stones!” “I had to think on that one!” said Karen, who worked on the event. “Five of us got together and painted rocks. We decided to make the Flintstones part of the theme and she thought that was just so funny. Over 100 people showed up. We had to pull out more tables because everybody wanted to be there if they weren’t out of town.”

Eleanor and her husband even sat in a specially made Flintstones car as the community recognized the love and care she

has poured into CCACS. Colleagues David Rodriguez and Gayle Perry shared words of encouragement and appreciation, and Eleanor’s granddaughter sang.

In the words of David Rodriguez, “In moments where it would have been easier to crumble, to fear, or to surrender to cynicism, Eleanor chose to stand. She has taught us that true power is not found in controlling our circumstances, but in surrendering them to the One who controls the universe. She is strong in the Lord: When her own strength failed—as it does for us all—she didn’t turn away. Instead, she leaned harder into God’s grace, proving that His power is made perfect in weakness. Eleanor, your life is a beacon that shines light into the darkness. You have shown us that a virtuous woman is not merely gentle, but fierce in her love for God and unwavering in her devotion to truth. Thank you for demonstrating that when we are weak, He is strong. Thank you for being our example of a woman strong in the Lord. We call you blessed.”



TUALATIN VALLEY ACADEMY GRADUATES FIRST SENIOR CLASS

BY RACHEL BLACKBURN AND MCKENZIE WALLACE

June 14, marked a historic milestone for Tualatin Valley Academy (TVA). For the first time in its 110-year history, it graduated a Senior class!

The weekend of celebration began Friday night when students shared memories, created a time capsule, and received a prayer of blessing by their parents. Celebrations continued on Saturday when students led out in the Sabbath morning service at Beaverton Adventist Church and then with a Class Night with family and friends.

Sunday came all too soon with the long-awaited commencement held on Sunday morning. Students shared memories of high school and presented their class gift – a beach volleyball court at the end of the soccer field! The NPUC Caring Heart Award was presented and Walla

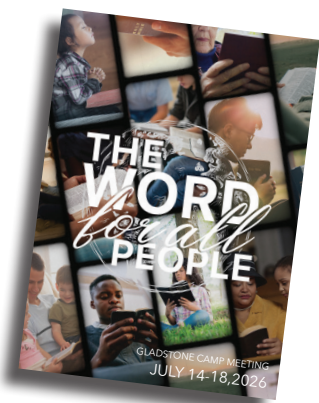
University awarded more than \$200,000 in scholarships to five of the students! Best of all, students received their diplomas.

Reflecting on graduation weekend, TVA Principal Christina Orozco-Acosta shared, “These seniors took a courageous step and became the trailblazers and the pioneers in being the first to start a tradition at TVA.” Additionally, Orozco-Acosta recognized the vital support of the TVA community, “This historical moment could not have been made possible without a group of people, including pastors, board members, parents, the high school teachers, and conference leaders, whose support and countless hours of work made this dream a reality. I am very grateful for the community that came together to make history.”

Gladstone Wrapup

Here are a few tidbits from this week at Gladstone. At the Snack Shack Oregon Strawberry and Mudslide were the hot ice cream flavors. This week our transportation team has had the opportunity to minister to non-Christians who have visited. – You never know who you might meet at camp meeting. The Youth Tent has seen increasing numbers each night this week. Thursday evening over 150 were in attendance. The ACS Boutique has done brisk business with a lot of new items this year. If you’d like to contribute next year, stop by the Boutique this weekend to learn how. The last few days have been a rush of sunshine, sprinkles, cold, warm, and lots of laughter, dirty feet, and tired children. We’re so glad you’re here with us this week and we’re looking forward to next year when we can meet again. Until then, may God keep you under His wings.

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This year, you’ll find the Pavilion services bulletins in your printed camp meeting guide. Starting on page 21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Union College Alumni Gathering - Alumni, family, and friends of Union College/Union Adventist University are invited for fellowship fun, food, and a bit of the good ol' Union spirit Sabbath afternoon at 5:00 pm in the Conference Office Boardroom. Union reps, Jennifer Rieke Schall '05 and Walterson Souza will be joining us to share how Union is doing.

Do you attend a church that has fewer than 100 people? Our small congregations are incredibly important, and we want to see them strengthened! Please take a few minutes to complete our confidential Small Congregation Vitality Survey. Your feedback will help us better understand the gifts of our congregations and identify opportunities for growth in spiritual life, worship, community engagement, and more. There are no right or wrong answers—your honest perspective matters. Take the survey at orad.us/SmallChurchSurvey

Renew your campsite for next year! Reserve your same campsite for next year through the end of August. Stop by Locations or reserve online. Next year's camp meeting week is July 18-25. General campsite reservations will open in September. Reserve your sites online at orad.us/CampAtCampMeeting.

Singles Ministry Ice Cream Social - Join your single friends, or come make new friends downstairs in the Holden Center Laurelwood Room, after the Saturday evening meeting dismisses. Donations accepted to cover the ice cream costs.



TODAY'S CAFETERIA MENU

Full menu at www.OregonAdventist.org/cafeteria

Breakfast 7:30-8:30AM	Lunch Trays 12:00-1:30PM	Dinner 5:00-6:15PM
Cinnamon Rolls Boiled Eggs Hot Cereal Cold Cereal Breads & Fruit	Cottage Cheese Loaf Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Steamed Broccoli Rolls Salad	Leftovers Hoagie Sandwiches Salad Bar

Gluten-free, Dairy-free and vegan options available.

Pacific Union College Alumni - You're invited to a special alumni lunch on Sabbath, July 18 following the service in the Conference Office Boardroom. Come share a meal, reconnect with fellow alumni, and hear what's happening today at PUC!

POTLUCK LIST

Filipinos and Filipino-at-heart are invited to the Camp Meeting Annual Oregon-Washington Adventists Filipino Fellowship Lunch Potluck on July 18 right after church next to the Butterfly building. Bring favorite food/drinks to share. Bring a chair if desired. Utensils will be provided.

Singles Ministry Fellowship Lunch - Bring haystack ingredients for a potluck lunch. Beans, olives, plates, cups, napkins, and plasticware will be provided. Downstairs, Holden Center, Laurelwood Room.

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LIVE CONCERT

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