

Wednesday Dec 20, 2006

Hello everyone,

We had a nice party last Saturday, but missed many people because of the power outage. I hope you're all surviving okay. Mine finally came back Monday afternoon, but not before my house had dipped to 46 degrees. I've been to the Eastside and seen the devastation over there. It may be several days before you Eastsiders are back. Try to keep warm!

PARTY LEFTOVERS

There were two glass casserole dishes left behind at the party, along with a spatula and some salad tongs. I think one dish might belong to Sue Santerelli? I have them all, please let me know if they belong to you.

NEW FACE

Ann Kenny, a speech therapist intern from Northwest Hospital, was with us for the first time. Great to see you Ann, hope to see you again!

DASH AWARDS

Michaelene Manion tells us about the first annual DASH Disability Awards in Kitsap county:

DASH Fair – February 23, 2007

Nominations are being accepted to recognize and celebrate those individuals, organizations and businesses in Kitsap County that have made significant effort in addressing disability issues. Nomination forms are available by calling 360-535-6151 or e-mailing howardd@kccha.org. All nomination packets must be received by January 19, 2007. A presentation of Awards will take place on February 23, 2007 as a part of the disability awareness fair at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds.

Connecting with Community

An opportunity for individuals with differing disabilities to share their common goals, discuss the shared barriers and encourage a better understanding that enables more participation in our communities. It is also place for government agencies, community based organizations, and local businesses to provide outreach and awareness of their products and services. In addition, the day will provide employment resources and a Job Fair of local employers and employment agencies. This event is for people with disabilities, their families, service providers and concerned members of the community. Free Admission.

SHAWNEE'S NEW PLACE

Diane Quayle tells me that Shawnee has her own condo now and is delighted with it. However, the move took place in the cold and dark due to the power outage! Can you imagine moving in the pitch black with candles to light the way from the U-Haul to your new place?? Hats off to the Quayles for pulling this off, and I hope your power comes back soon.

OUR LIBRARY

Duane Retel, our group librarian, is keeping track of any material you want to lend or borrow. This includes books, videos, tapes, DVDs, etc. He has this all organized on a sheet, and will be circulating that each meeting. If there is anything you want to borrow or to lend, contact Duane at 206-772-5477 or dr_leterwood@comcast.net.

WRITE DOWN YOUR STORIES

I'm gathering everyone's stroke story to compile into our own record book. We have enough remarkable experiences in our group to fill an encyclopedia! When you get a chance, write your story up in a few pages and get it to me. This is great practice for language abilities, too.

Next month we have a speaker from a research project which is ongoing at Swedish Hospital, involving a brain implant for cortical stimulation during stroke rehab to help regenerate the brain. This sounds fascinating! Mike Gordon is also going to share something new with us from his fertile mind. I hope you can all make it, see you then.

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