



FAITH-BASED COFFEE

Thursday, April 23

Meeting Notes

Announcements

- **Faith Action Network** – Annual Spring Summit on 5/31 from 1-4pm at Vancouver Heights United Methodist Church. This group is a Faith-Based Lobbying Organization and would like your input re: 2016 priorities. For more information: www.fanwa.org or email fan@fanwa.org
- **Jerri Stanley (SW Washington Recovery Coalition)** – Selling raffle tickets at the cost of \$25 each to enter to win a 1957 Four Door Bel-Air during their Mother's Day BBQ on 5/9 at 11am at Lord's Gym. Tickets can be purchased at Kleen Street's Recovery Café (5317 NE St Johns Road)
- **Carrie Vogelzang (City of Vancouver)** – Lots of volunteer opportunities coming up to "Serve" – learn more: www.cityofvancouver.us/volunteer or (360) 487-8316
- **Peter Johnsen (Boomerang)** – Boomerang is a generosity store – they sell donated and consigned items of quality at accessible prices, and then give every penny of profit back to local causes. They also have meeting space available. Learn more: www.boomerangvancouver.com
- **Jan Stahl (Clark County Prayer Connect)** – Planning their annual Prayer Walks for High Schools on 8/2.
- **Tim Sibley (NW Marriage Institute)** – Next Pathways to Responsible Fatherhood Workshop will be on 6/6 at Trinity Lutheran Church. Learn more: http://www.northwestmarriage.org/pathways_to_responsible_fatherhood_workshops.html
- **Karin Woll (Commission on Aging)** – Timebank goes live on 4/30 – they will be piloting it in 7 neighborhoods west of I-5 to start with. They will be sharing more information about this at the July Faith-Based Coffee meeting.
- **Roger Button (YMCA Clark County)** – Healthy Kids Day Event on 4/25

Partnership Story Highlight: "Using Thrivent Action Grants" – Thea Weber

- Lutheran Community Grants – she has applied for and used these grants to purchase school supplies in bulk for school districts. You do have to be part of the Lutheran community for these grants.
- Thrivent Action Team Grants – these are available for anyone who is a Thrivent Financial Member (anyone can be a member). \$250 mini-grants to have community impact.

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Special Presentation: “Where We Live” by Kai Hill and Traci Cole with the YWCA

Sexual assault is a community problem. It is estimated that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually assaulted in their lifetimes.

The YWCA Sexual Assault Program provides support and information to women, children, and men. They provide:

- 24 hour advocacy, in-person or phone support
- Support at adult and child forensic medical exams.
- Support at law enforcement and legal interviews.
- Criminal court system support.
- Crime Victim’s Compensation assistance.
- Information and referral to community resources.
- Mandatory reporting (under 18). Adult victims receive services whether reporting or not.
- Community education/presentations in preschools, schools, colleges, businesses, and private groups.
- Support groups for adult women, Latina women, teen women, men, non-offending parents of children who have been sexually assaulted.
- Individual therapy (at no cost) serving adult women, men, and teens.
- Language interpretation services for sexual assault survivors.

Their hotline # 360-695-0501 or 1-800-695-0167

From their presentation, here are some steps that we can all take:

- Notice behavior
- Interpret as a problem
- Assume responsibility
- Choose how to intervene
- Attempt to help

Train your staff and volunteers. Have a policy in place. Listen to your voice. Speak up and act if you notice behavior.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 5/28 from 9-11am at Trinity Lutheran Church (309 W 39th Street)

TOPIC: Special Presentation “College Access Champions” by Bola Majekobaje followed by a Resource Panel