

Southwest Foundation Adds Five New Board Members



Dick Hannah



Dorothy Jackson



Al Krause



Mark Matthias



Kay McClaskey

Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation has elected five new members to its Foundation Board of Directors: **Dick Hannah, Dorothy Jackson, Al Krause, Mark Matthias** and **Kay McClaskey**. Each board member will serve a three-year term which began on July 1, 2009. Currently there are 25 voting members serving on the foundation board.

As the owner of Hannah Motors, Hannah has supported Southwest Washington Medical Center by hosting several private fundraising events and supporting Pink Power events, which provided his dealership with a naming opportunity in the Kearney Breast Center.

Jackson and husband **Mel** are owners of Fort Vancouver Convalescent Center. In gratitude for the compassionate care their patients receive at Southwest Washington Medical Center, the Jacksons recently made a gift to name the cardiac care unit waiting room on the 4 floor of the Firstenburg Tower.

Krause performed Southwest Washington Medical Center's first heart surgery in 1992. During his career, Krause was considered one of the most skilled heart surgeons in the region and was largely responsible for the growth of the hospital's heart surgery program.

As co-founder and owner of Beaches Restaurant, Matthias champions children's causes by serving on the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors and the Vancouver School District Foundation Board. He was named "First Citizen" last year for his many community involvements and achievements.

McClaskey is known for her many civic involvements, including serving on past boards of the Community Foundation of Southwest Washington, the Parks and Recreation Board, the Children's Trust Auxiliary, the Vancouver School District Foundation and the current Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors.

The Southwest Foundation is the primary fundraising arm of the medical center and manages over \$6 million for programs such as Women's and Children's Services, Cardiac Care, Hospice, Cancer Care, Diabetes Education and Physical Rehab. The Foundation is a separately incorporated not-for-profit organization. Its mission is to support the work of the medical center in benefiting the community. Therefore, it shares the same goals as the medical center namely, to increase access and affordability to the community and to work towards prevention. The Foundation raises and manages funds to support large capital needs, new programs, and services for people who might otherwise fall through the cracks. It accomplishes this by working with businesses and individuals that want to make an impact on the medical center as a vital, community resource.

Port of Vancouver USA and Clark Public Utilities formalize land swap for rail project

The Port of Vancouver USA and Clark Public Utilities have agreed to exchange property adjacent to the utility's River Road Generating Plant and the port's new Terminal 5 in order to accommodate rail construction.

The port commission on Sept. 8 unanimously adopted a resolution to exchange 0.77 acre of property currently included in Terminal 5, immediately west of the utility's property, in exchange for two small triangle parcels totaling 0.77 acre on the south side of the utility's property.

The property the port acquires in the exchange will allow for rail construction to begin west of Gateway Avenue and around the perimeter of Terminal 5, formerly the Alcoa/Evergreen Aluminum property. This construction will begin in the fall of this year, with expected completion slated for spring of 2010.

News Brief

Dream Big is co-hosting its first book fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, Barnes & Noble, 7700 NE Fourth Plain Boulevard. This event will support Evergreen High School, Hayes Freedom High School, and Mountain View High School to ensure that each student will have the required text for the Dream Big 101 class. For more information, visit www.dreambigcc.org. <> Harvest Fun Day begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Bi Zi Farms, 9504 NE 119th Street. <> Columbia Springs is holding workshops on backyard composting. The first workshop will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, Columbia Springs, 12208 SE Evergreen Highway, Vancouver; and the second and third workshops held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24 and Nov. 14, CASSEE Center, 11104 NE 149th Street, Brush Prairie. To register, email MCR@columbiasprings.org or call 882-4567. For more information, visit www.columbiasprings.org.

Calendar

Gov. **Chris Gregoire** is joining health officials at the Center for Community Health in Vancouver to discuss the state's efforts to prepare for a possible H1N1 flu pandemic this fall. The meeting is at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Main Conference Room, 1601 East Fourth Plain Blvd. <> A National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Clark County Korean War Memorial Dedication will be from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Vancouver Division, Portland VA Medical Center Vietnam Memorial Garden, 1601 East Fourth Plain Boulevard. <> Ice cream social in Ridgefield is this evening from 5:30 to 6:30 in Bellwood Heights. <> CCRSN MIS Committee meets at 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 18.

Thursday on the air

Election 2009: Politics in the Park: City of Vancouver Mayoral Debate (9-10)—4:45 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Planning Commission (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Chicago White Sox at Seattle (live)—7 p.m. FSN KFX

September 11th Commemoration—Patriots Day (9-11)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Brenda Bailey sending in a request. <> **Nelson Holmberg** making things happen. <> **Rose Hart** great hostess. <> **Jennifer Werdel** explaining things just right. <> **Thursday**, sunny, 55-76. **Friday**, mostly sunny, 62-85. **Saturday**, light rain, 53-68.