

Louise Clark, RCW Past President

Louise was born and raised in San Francisco. After she married, they moved to Fresno and she completed her BA at Fresno State College. When her husband was called back into the service, they went to Omaha, Nebraska where Louise studied American history and political science and served as secretary and parliamentarian of the Armed Forces Wives Club. After a Portland assignment, they were transferred to Fort Greeley, Alaska where the Army maintained a cold weather and mountain school. Louise taught American history at the base school. She led a pioneer-like life, cold and isolated, with her husband on long duty schedules. Often she looked out to see buffalo lying in the road, warming themselves on the heating rods. Next they went to Brookings, Oregon where Louise was a newspaper reporter. They moved back to San Francisco and Louise took care of her ill father until he died. Next, her husband got a job with the National Park Services at the Fort Vancouver site. Louise received a scholarship from the Association of American University Women to start her MA degree. Her academic work was in military history, focusing on the social economic and political factors of the frontier from 1846-1861. Later, when her husband was transferred to Seattle, Louise became active in the women's rights movement and served as the local president of NOW, the National Organization of Women.

Currently, Louise is Past President of the Resident Councils of Washington. Louise values the way RCW synchronizes with the ombudsmen and other advocate groups.. Growth comes as board members strive to understand the issues in depth. Although she's seen improvement in getting residents to speak up as they learn about resident rights, there's more to do, especially regarding communication.

Louise is on the legislative committee, which is always very active. They spot bills that affect residents pro and con and keep residents informed. Committee members stay in close contact with legislators

even when the legislature is not in session. They also act semi - independently in that each is an advocate with the legislators from their district.

Louise believes that education on every level is the basic mission if better living conditions are to be achieved.

James Galbreath -President

James was born and raised in Seattle. He graduated from Ballard High School and attended the University of Washington. For twenty one years he had an accounting career at several banks; Rainier, NBC, and Security Pacific. He enjoys math and sports. James has been very active in resident council work. He was president of the resident council at Lynnwood Manor prior to his work in the resident council at his present home. He has been the treasurer and finance chair of the Resident Councils of Washington as well as instigating new bylaw changes for RCW this year. He considers himself a leader who puts forth effort to be good at what he undertakes. He has seen attendance at council meetings grow since his involvement in the council. Although it easy for residents to complain, James encourages them to put aside fears and speak up. James believes that his roles on the council have taught him to be open to all residents and their concerns and the residents do feel free to approach him about matters.

For ten years, earlier in his life, James was head of a church baseball league, responsible for everything from trophies to finances. This job also gave him experience working with others and managing group affairs for the good of all. He approaches people with an attitude of

trust and willingness to get along and make things work. He hopes to bring all that he has learned in the past to his work for RCW

Renee Gibbs, Vice President

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Renee came to Washington with her husband who was stationed at Fort Lewis in 1974. Having worked all her adult life, starting at the New York Life Insurance right out of High School, Renee immediately looked for work after she arrived in Tacoma. After a job with a ship builder dissolved, when the business closed, she interviewed at Boeing where she proceeded to work for 20 years. She ultimately became a scheduler for operators to run 13 machines and kept the computer hardware accurate. Renee believes her strongest asset is to look at a problem and help figure out a solution. She is active in her resident council at Lake Vue Gardens and is excited about an opportunity to have presence outside the facility and in the community.

Anna Wollenweber, PhD Treasurer

Anna's passion is her yen for knowledge. With a bachelor in history education, masters in Sociology, one in Anthropology and a PhD in Education she can be proud of her accomplishments. Anna taught 8th grade and served as a vice principal and a principal for many years. Her expertise in administration and organizational skills lead her to involvement on condominium boards and presently the resident council at Providence Mt. St. Vincent.

Anna believes helping each other is service to the community. Having met her husband at Queen Anne Manor, Anna looks to her community as her home and her friends, her family. It is important to support each other and work to communicate better with the administrator, to form committees that make their home even better. The resident council has been inviting guest speakers to help inform residents about community and educational opportunities as well as legislative interests.

Anna believes her experience and education will be an asset to the Resident Councils of Washington and looks forward to her contribution as a positive experience.

Kay Sweeney, Secretary

Born in Evanston Illinois, the home of the WCTU, Women's Christian Temperance Union, which was instrumental in ending prohibition, Kay's family moved to Minnesota where she graduated from Moorhead High School. Following High School she joined the Navy and was stationed in Jacksonville Florida from 1960-63 in the Hospital Corp, during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Kay met her husband in Florida, married and sadly 3 months after their marriage he died.

Kay continued her education at St. Michaels and the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks in nursing. Later she followed her parents to Seattle where her Dad had a job with Boeing. Kay continued her profession in nursing at the Veterans Administration Hospital and started her own business as a Nanny for Boeing and other corporate executives. Following her work with children she went to work in a group home for chronically mentally ill women 18 - 72 in Bellevue. After her Dad passed away, she cared for her Mom who had Alzheimer's until she died. Kay stayed in the house until her own health deteriorated and she could no longer take care of herself in a home that was far from accessible.

Kay's interests are based around her love for art and design. She has nurtured that skill through needlepoint selling designs to catalogs including numerous large placements and stoles that priests wear. She was commissioned by Seattle University for the stoles that are now utilized by priests in their chapel. Other interests include Sudoku, collecting baseball cards and being a loyal fan of the Mariners and Seahawks. Kay is President of the resident council of Mercer Island Care Center. As a new resident, Kay was interested in making a

difference for others and being involved in decision making. She joined the resident council when she became acquainted with the then President who welcomed her ability to make things happen. She prides herself on her ability as an advocate and believes she could be an asset at the state level by her involvement in the Resident Councils of Washington.

Maxine Behan, Board Member

Born in Bismark, North Dakota to wheat farmers, Maxine moved with her parents to Washington after dustbowls destroyed their crop. After the war, she and her husband moved to Seattle. After working as a clerk for 15 years at Boeing, Maxine retired to be with her husband. Her true love art arts and crafts, charcoal drawing, sketching keeps her hands busy. Now with the use of scanner she makes cards. Her experience as a Worthy Matron in Easter Star taught her leadership skills and how to run meetings; thus she was recruited as President of Stafford Suites Resident Council. Maxine has learned to listen and is willing to push to find results and that qualifies her to be on the RCW board.

Jim Hatcher, Board Member

Born in Auburn, Washington Jim is a true Washingtonian having lived here all his life. A graduate of Cleveland High School Jim continued his education attending South Seattle Community College in culinary arts leading him to several jobs as chef in the Seattle area including the Ballard Elks and the Old Spaghetti Factory. Education from the Seattle Institute of Training Technology or ITT, lead him to help produce power supplies for the nuclear missile and the F16 fighter plane. Jim's love for dogs and working for Pet Smart, encouraged a new career training dogs; his own business "Bad to the Bone Obedience Training". Jim worked for GMA Research, which trained him a telemarketer.

After his doctor declared him disabled and unable to work Jim continued his lifetime skills through his involvement in the resident council at several facilities and lead to his ultimate involvement with the Resident Councils of Washington. Jim now is very busy, busier than when he was working due to his passion for friends who live in long-term care and for those who will be facing it in the future. Jim is passionate about his RCW volunteer work and has been active with the RCW legislative committee. In his spare time he enjoys time with friends, loves animals and works on his computer, which he says, "is the key to the universe".

Darlene Marron, Board Member

Born in Salmon, Idaho, Darlene came to Washington with her family at age seven. She went to Lake Washington High School in Kirkland and is an alum of the University of Washington where she majored in education and psychology. Her professional career included teaching every grade level from preschool to college. Her personal ambitious goal was complete when she had taught all levels. Her favorite was 5th grade, because after all, they know everything, but teach special education for children with autism was also a favorite. She feels she has used her psychology major all through out her life and is still using it as a resident at Life Care of Bothell.

She has raised 2 beautiful daughters and 2 sons and is surrounded by many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her personal interest is in preserving the truth of our founding fathers and our world interest bank. She would like to see our children left with a prosperous economy. Her hobbies are obvious in her room which is decorated with puzzles. Although she feels her office as President of the Life Care of Bothell's resident council was more an appointment, meeting her you will recognized why others have recognized her skills and are attracted to her leadership. She would like to see her facility promoted by

helping breaking the barriers about the negatives of nursing homes. She loves her facility especially the art as she has dabbled herself with painting. Her council is interested in understanding legislative issues and keeping the funding up to help residents have quality of life as they reside in long-term care facilities.

Sandy Rose, Board Member

Born and raised in Sacramento, Sandy chose marriage over continuing a profession in cosmetology. She and her husband moved to Nevada where she took a job in a dental office. In seven years, she learned everything from bookkeeping, managing an office to dental assistant work so by the time she moved to Seattle and pursued a job she was able to challenge the University of Washington and receive her dental assistant license without attending the University. She worked in all venues from private to the Seattle King County Health department. She raised 2 boys and a girl who all live locally including her husband who is in Puyallup. Her interests include people, reading and movies. She is very much interested in making a difference and having a voice for the resident council. Although she feels she is challenged by her physical abilities she does have opinions of what is good for her peers.

Frank Jordan, Board Member

Born and raised in Kinston, North Carolina Frank joined the Navy at 19 and began a 20-year career as a Navy electrician, retiring as a Master Chief. Frank traveled extensively with the Navy, which took him to France, Italy, Netherlands, Japan, Korea and the Philippines to name just of the few cultural experiences he has enjoyed. Father of two boys, Frank continued his work an electrician in the private sector while living in the Green Lake area. In 1980 after marrying his Wife Loretta, Frank moved to Bellevue where they lived until 1993. Frank was also one of the original owners of Bent Bike, and has 12 grandchildren. Frank has been active in resident councils since entering a long-term care facility about 11 years ago. He is interested in the

Resident Councils of Washington because he believes in their great work and wants to be part of making a difference and being part of the solution.

Doris Phillip, Board Member

Born in Bremerton, raised Montana Doris is back in the Seattle area because she missed it. Doris is fortunate to have 2 sons and 1 grandson and a sister in Seattle. Her interests are broad, but she loves to collect lighthouses and wind chimes keeping her love for nature and the ocean near and dear to her heart. She has a special elephant wind chime that was given to her because her Mom collected elephants. She is a busy person - loves crafts, getting involved, planning events and raising money. She even helped get a store open in her home called the Snack Attack where snacks are sold at very reasonable rates. Doris considers herself a "Jack of all trades" worked in the operations loss department for Bank of America, worked with collection agencies, did janitorial and waitress work, managed a Burger King even was a cab driver. The cab driver job was her favorite because she was able to meet so many interesting people even dignitaries from Japan. Her roots in leadership started by helping her Mom with a campfire group where the girls learned crafts, fundraising, singing even made 3000 Kleenex flowers for a float for a parade. Doris adapted well to her her home because she treats people the way she would like to be treated. Presently, she is the President of the Resident Council as Prestige Care in Edmonds where she enjoys the challenge of involving her friends.

Ed Callow, Alternate

Ed is a native Washingtonian, having been born in Seattle and raised near and around West Seattle and Burien where he went to Highline High School. He is one of 3 siblings with a brother in Bellingham and one in Federal Way. His passions include is personal goal to walk and his church where he was for 20 years an acolyte or helper to the priest. Being involved with the Elk lodge for 27 years, he is social and loves to

volunteer. He likes to visit people and strives to make a difference as he works with other residents through his resident council. Offset printing was his study of interest at Highline Community College. Ed has worked for General Electric in manufacturing, maintenance and environmental health safety and for the Dept. of Education for King County School District as a truck driver. Presently, when he isn't socializing he pursues his therapy and looks forward to using his computer to email and research his interests.

Anne Finley, Alternate

Born and raised in Seattle, Anne graduated from Forest Ridge High School, a private Catholic school. She spent 2 years at Gonzaga & Seattle University. She ultimately received her LPN degree through Seattle Central Community College. She has worked at Providence Hospital, nursing homes, private duty and for her father, a doctor. Anne has 2 adult children, two brothers and two sisters. When she isn't helping with the Resident Councils of Washington and other activities at Rehab of North Seattle, she is actively reading, exercising or shopping at local malls. Her friends describe her as compassionate, empathetic, and caring and always researches options before making decisions. For these reasons, the Resident Councils of Washington is honored to have her as an alternate to the board.