



WACE Newsletter
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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello everyone! Welcome to summer, such as it is. In the Puget Sound region, we had snow on May 1st. As soon as summer gets here, if it does, it will be time for our Fall Conference.

Your Board of Directors has been very busy planning the classes and events. There are some very good classes, as always, thanks to the Conference Committee. Carol's Club will be returning as part of our entertainment, providing a great time of fun and socializing, as well as some great gifts. Time to plan for the area gift baskets again.

On a more serious note, I hope everyone has heard about City of Warner Robins, Georgia CE Officer Beau Weathers, who was shot in the line of duty. Officer Weathers had a Police Captain with him when the homeowner shot him with a shotgun. The result could have been much worse, but the officer turned just before being shot in the head and upper torso. Please keep him in your prayers, and pass this story along to your local legislators to remind them of the very real dangers we face each and every day. We will have more information on our legislation at the fall conference. It is an ongoing effort. Stay in touch with your local legislators so that they remember you when they get back to Olympia next year.

I had the pleasure of attending the wedding of Jimmi Maulding in May. Jimmi works for Mercer Island. I told her that I was there on behalf of the Board and WACE, so wish her well when we see her at Fall Conference in Leavenworth!

Elections will be held for positions on the Board of Directors this year. It is a great opportunity to see how the organization works, and get some experience to better our organization. Think about it. If you are curious or interested, feel free to contact one of the current Board members. Talk to them, ask them what they think about the experience. We have a very hard working Board and I want to thank them all for their work and support.

See you all in the Fall in Leavenworth.

Craig Salzman
President



CONFERENCE RECAP AND UPDATE

Hello to all, members and friends, from the 1st Vice-President

We have nothing but good reports to send to our members. We have a great working board, excited and busy with our organization. Our election held in September placed an ever great working body of members.

Our spring conference in Snoqualmie was wonderful! The roads were clear! Snow quietly began to fall half way through the day. Huge Icicles hung from the roof of the hotel, and snow banks surrounding the hotel were higher than the semi trucks. It was beautiful!

Our morning speaker gave a clear and concise presentation on Washington State Law re: public disclosure. She too was watching the weather and sped her class up with a small break. We were then given the time to report on WACE business and upcoming events.

The afternoon presentation was about rodents, roaches and dis-

ease. It made you happy you had already had lunch. But all of us know our job involves a lot of disgusting things.

Orlando Howell has done a stellar job on getting the WACE Association books and requirements in order. We are in good standing financially.

Fall Conference has now taken a life of its own and we are working toward getting information to every member and associate member, and also people who work with code enforcement.

Our conference has exciting classes, includes lunch and Thursday night dinner. Dinner will be outside, by the fire pit. Our social evening Thursday night is always great fun. Our funny money, provided by Carroll's Club casino, will be the money used during the auction bidding! Please remember to work on a basket from your community. It can be funny, nice, and beautiful, whatever you come up with to represent your community.

I have traveled to many places in the United States, attending Code Enforcement Conferences. I have yet to go to one that is better than what WACE offers our members. Our networking between members is outstanding.

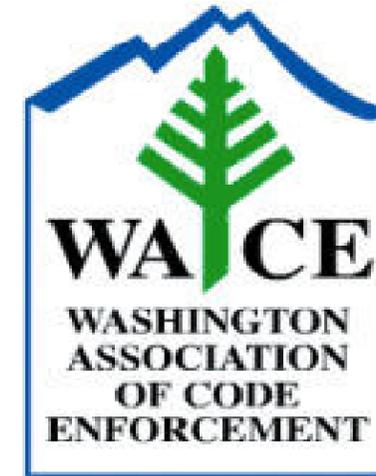
I look forward to seeing you at conference. Come along with the Railroad to meet their PR people, meet with the Banker on inside information on reaching the right person at the banks, examine the program to help neighborhoods legally squeeze out the problem people, keep burn out, out of your work day. Meet with old friends, make new ones and have great time learning!

It is my pleasure to work as your 1st Vice President. If I can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to call or email. Brenda.wood@kingcounty.gov.

Brenda Wood
WACE 1st V.P.
Conference Chair

FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

September 17, 18, & 19, 2008
8:30 am—5:00 pm



Icicle Inn Best Western
505 Hwy 2, Leavenworth, WA
www.icicleinn.com
509-548-7000

Member Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax No: _____

E Mail: _____

Conference Cost: \$250 members

\$290 non members (includes annual membership fee)

Method of Payment:

Check, Money Order, Cashier Check, Purchase Order

(sorry, not set up for credit card payments at this time)

Return Completed Form & Payment Information by **September 12, 2008**

MAIL TO: 

WACE
Attention: Orlando Howell, Treasurer
P.O. Box 617
Hoquiam, WA 98550
Fax Number: (360) 538-0938

WACE MEMBER ON THE MOVE!

Ronda Litzau, formerly with City Of Sammamish, has moved!

She now works for King County, as a Code Enforcement Officer II. We were very happy to have a qualified, trained officer in the application pool. Ronda was ready to take the King County Codes and go to work.

She works in the central north end portion of King County, sharing a boundary line with Brenda Wood and Erroll Garnett. Ronda participates in the Community Directed Patrol, with the KCS and other offices in King County.

She is a great asset to our group!

IN REMEMBRANCE


☞ Garry Heidt ☞

In honor of our dedicated colleague and dear friend please join us in celebrating his life.

Viewing will be on February 2nd and 3rd, Saturday and Sunday from 12:00pm to 5:00pm at Keith & Keith Funeral Home on 9th and W. Yakima Avenue.

Services will be on Monday, February 4th at 2:00pm at Keith & Keith on 9th. Burial service will follow at the Naches Cemetery.

Please join us for a Potluck Celebration at the Naches Clemansview Park (previously the Boot n' Spur Club) at 8894 US Hwy 12 directly after the ceremony. Keith & Keith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Gone Fishin'

I've finished life's chores assigned to me,
So put me on a boat headed out to sea.
Please send along my fishing pole
For I've been invited to the fishin' hole.

Where every day is a day to fish,
To fill your heart with every wish.
Don't worry, or feel sad for me,
I'm fishin' with the Master of the sea.

We will miss each other for awhile,
But you will come and bring your smile.
That won't be long you will see,
Till we're together you and me.

To all of those that think of me,
Be happy as I go out to sea.
If others wonder why I'm missin'
Just tell 'em I've gone fishin'

- Delmar Pepper

A fellow Code Enforcement Officer and WACE member has lost his battle to cancer. Garry worked for Yakima County and was truly one of the good ones! All who knew him, loved him. His presence will be missed by many but he will be forever in our hearts!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AND NEWS

Robin Blair, 3rd Vice President

Membership applications have been pouring in this past couple of months. We are now up to 182 current members. Quite impressive if you ask me.

I am getting ready to bill the second half the group. For those memberships that expire in September, dues can be mailed in with your fall conference fee, if that makes things easier.

Please remember to include the WACE membership application with your payment. A current application is available for print from our WEB page at www.wace1.com. (As a reminder, we no longer collect pass-through dues for AACE). The information on the member-

ship application is used to update the roster and financial records. We have received checks from jurisdictions with no names, or just initials. This creates a bit of a headache (and gives me more gray hair) because some jurisdictions have several employees. I then have to contact the jurisdiction and attempt to sort out whose dues are being paid.

When the application is sent with the payment, it goes to our Treasurer, Orlando Howell. He records it in the financial statement records and then sends it to me to update the membership roster and

issue membership cards. I retain the membership application in a file for each jurisdiction in case we

need to go back and check records for payments. The process can take a couple of months but in the end we have a pretty organized membership list.

Some members have called me or sent an email telling me when a colleague has moved on to another position or jurisdiction. This has been very helpful. I really appreciate your assistance! If you have information on a missing member, or potential new member, please let me know. I can be reached at (360)755-0921 or robinb@ci.burlington.

I will have copies of the updated roster at fall conference. Hope to see you there!!

TREASURER'S NOTES!

Orlando Howell

Greetings fellow WACE members!

Since being elected as your Treasurer in September, 2007, I have been updating our financial records and working with Robin Blair to update our membership records.

I have obtained a Master Business License and Articles of Incorporation as a Non Profit Corporation from the State of Washington for WACE. I have applied to the IRS to update our tax designation to a Non Profit Business League. Our Taxpayer Identification Number, as found on the W-9 form, is available to any jurisdiction that requests it. The financial records are backed up in two locations, are detailed, and easily deciphered. State and Federal files have been identified for yearly report submittals. I am

pleased to announce that WACE is in good financial condition.

I am looking forward to greeting each of you at our annual Fall Conference in Leavenworth on September 17-19, 2008. Each year, we are excited to present Fall Conference as a time to experience quality education relevant to our jobs, networking with other professionals in our field, and after work hours fun, all in a great setting at a **very low cost**. Please submit your conference registration early by fax, email or by US mail. Thank you for supporting WACE, the professional organization that is and will be here for you, our members.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Treasurer. If you or your jurisdiction need assistance, please use contact information for any Board Member as found on the website at www.wace1.com.

Conference Prizes!

Please remember to bring a gift bag/basket to Fall Conference.

These are given away throughout the conference as door prizes and auction items.



**2008
FALL
CONFERENCE**
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17
THROUGH
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Don't forget to bring baskets for the Auction

To Register

Return completed Form & Payment by September 12, 2008

TO: WACE
Attention: Orlando Howell
P.O. Box 617
Hoquiam, WA 98550 by mail, or
FAX: (360) 538-0938

Accepted Method of Payment

Check, Money Order, Cashier Check, & Purchase Order
(Not set up for Credit Card payments at this time)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OR QUESTIONS:

Please contact WACE Treasurer

Orlando Howell

ohowell@cityofhoquiam.com

(360) 532-5700 x251

Thursday evening entertainment provided by:

[Caroll's Club and your WACE Board](#)

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**CONFERENCE
LOCATION**



Icicle Inn

505 Hwy 2, Leavenworth, WA
www.icicleinn.com

Make your reservations early,
rooms fill up fast.

For reservations call 509-548-7000

Room rates per night are:

1 bed, 1 Person, \$85.00

1 bed, 2 People, \$95.00

2 beds, 2-4 People, \$95.00

There is a full breakfast selection buffet for those staying at the hotel.

Accommodation Questions or Problems :

Contact Brenda Wood (425) 387-9074

CONFERENCE FEES

\$250 for current WACE members,

\$290 for non-members - (includes annual membership fee)

No refunds after September 12, 2008

Conference fee includes:

Lunch – Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Dinner – Thursday night.

FALL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Wednesday, September 17

9 am—12 pm

Excel as a Professional

Instructor: John Neff, CBO

Take the next step to becoming more successful as a Code Enforcement Professional. This session will help enhance your career as a community leader, by discussing ways to improve your communication skills, raise your level of service to the public, and examine professional ethics, both state and local, and the effect of legislation in reference to our field of work.

LUNCH 12 pm—1 pm

1 pm—5 pm

Junk Vehicle Identification

Instructors: Trooper Troy Giddings

Trooper Renee Padgett, &

Vin Specialist Marilyn Seward

This is a hands on class that will begin in the classroom perfecting the art of filling out paperwork that will be accepted by the state. Then we will move into the parking lot to search for VINS in the most unlikely locations. You will be certified Junk Vehicle inspector, recognized by WSP, upon the completion of this class.

Washington state DRS representative will be available to discuss individual retirement matters/ concerns all three days. Bring your most current statement for analysis.

Thursday, September 18

8:30 am—10:30 am

Banks as Respondents

Instructor: Dwight Tredo, Wells Fargo

This is a community relations outreach presented by Wells Fargo Bank. With the influx of foreclosures resulting in empty houses, Code Enforcement Professionals and lenders are building relationships. Who, what, where, and how to find the right person in the bank that can help abate the violations on our vacant homes.

10:30 am—12 pm

BNSF

Instructor: Burlington Team Members

Another, who, what, where and how to find the correct person to enable cleanup/abatement of railroad properties throughout our state.

LUNCH 12 pm—1 pm

1 pm—5 pm

Community Directed Patrol

Instructors: Cynthia Konecny - KCSO

Kelly Buchanan – DOC, Brenda Wood – KCCEO, & KC Case Detective Steve Soule

A task force created in King County to address properties that are tapping many jurisdictional resources. How to gather intelligence, have it analyzed and create an effective plan to deal with problem properties together.

Friday, September 19

8:30 am—12 pm

Make It Positive

Instructor: Kevin Wilhelmsen

Working with the public presents many challenges to those on the front line. This session will provide you with the tools to successfully conduct business in a positive manner even when those who show up have a negative attitude. Subjects include effective communication deescalating angry citizens, & conflict resolution.

Thursday Evening

Food+Gambling+Auction

=FUN!!

Caroll's Club Casino

back by popular demand

You don't have to be a high roller to enjoy Caroll's Club Casino. The payouts are high and heck they even give you the money to gamble with. You do need to win big though if you want to out bid your fellow officers at the auction to follow.

Wanted: Fun, unique, and interesting baskets for the auction.