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WATERFRONT STATISTICS

SHIPS IN PORT:	67
NO. OF VISITS:	59
SEAFARERS RECEIVING MINISTRY:	384
NEW MINISTERING SEAFARERS:	0
NEW CORRESPONDENCE COURSE STUDENTS:	0
NEW BIBLE STUDY LEADER:	0

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Mission Statement

The Tacoma Seafarers' Center is organized to minister holistically, (spiritually, emotionally and physically) to seafarers who come to the Port of Tacoma. Our ministry emphasis is spreading the saving gospel of Jesus Christ world-wide to and through Seafarers.

HATS OFF:

Pictured are five of the six people from Our Savior Lutheran Church who installed the carport, that **Doc Campbell** purchased for our Center. Those involved are **Tim Porter, Jerry Isaksen, Gary Morgensen, Jeff Lyon and David Fors**. Not pictured is **Doug Grant**. Bless you gentlemen for a job well done.



A big heartfelt thanks goes to **Donna Eckhoff and her granddaughter Teri** for the hard work they have put into our flower beds around our Center. The weeds were many and tall. The Center is taking on a bright and cheery spring look. It is rumored that **Roy Blakeslee** was out there with them in the big garden with his tiller.

Roger Lawrence, our Board treasurer was observed outback with his stepson **Tyler**, hauling away trash from where our old dilapidated outbuildings used to be. It seems like a lot of halo polish is being used these days. Thank you Lord for your faithful servants and laborers.

A special 'Welcome Back' goes to our Port Chaplain and Director of Missions, **Lloyd Bovee**. He is recovering well

from minor surgery. Thank you and bless you Lord, for your healing hand.

A big thank you to **Robert and Jeannette Burton** for providing our new signs that identify our Chapel. We appreciate the thoughtfulness.



Deacon H. Gene Lawrence
Executive Director

WELCOME BACK!

Marifel Deluna has returned to us as a volunteer and is working Friday nights with the Jonah Choi family. Marifel is the daughter of Mar Deluna, who volunteers on Monday and Tuesday nights. The last time she was with us, she and her Dad did some much needed painting inside our Center. She is very decorative also, as when she put together our Christmas decorations two years ago. Marifel is a 19 year old senior who graduates from Mt. Tahoma High School in June 2003. She will be attending University of Puget Sound this Fall with an anticipated major in the medical field. When not busy in school or at the Tacoma Seafarers' Center, Marifel likes to ride horses. We thank the Lord for the blessing of Marifels' involvement with our ministry.



PHONE CARDS

As most of our readers know, we sell phone cards for the seafarers; however, all phone cards are not alike. We have six different ones that we stock or can print up on our terminal. When we go aboard a ship or the crew calls us asking for cards, we find out what country they want to call – one company is good for the Ukraine and very poor for China. We print cards for the country where they are going to be used. One phone card will have 60 minutes for China and another card will only have 23 minutes for China; but each will sell for five dollars.

On the *M/V Angele N* at TEMCO, the whole crew was Chinese and only five crewmembers had shore passes. They asked me for phone cards when I went aboard the vessel so when I returned to the Center, I made up the cards. I printed 20 five-dollar cards and we had 3 ten-dollar cards already. Now, this is where the trouble started. I returned, sold the cards, picked up three crewmembers and returned to the Center. The first crewmember made a phone call just fine. The 1st Officer's card did not work, so I printed a new one. I tried again and printed up one more when a phone call came from TEMCO and none of the phone card pin numbers worked. I tried making a call to the phone company terminal that provides our cards, but they were closed because of East coast time. I returned to the crewmembers at the Center and told them I would buy back all the phone cards and the next day I did. The down side to this was three of the cards that I picked up were used up. Oh well! Gene, our Director, was able to get the phone cards validated the next day.

The next thing that went wrong was when one of the crewmembers came to me and said he had only talked a couple of minutes and now his card wouldn't work. So here we went again! I took the card and returned the Center and gave it to Gene. There was \$2.36 remaining on it, so why wasn't it working? Why didn't he get his 60 minutes calling time to China? Gene called about this also. So a word to the wise – it uses more minutes when you call a cell number than a regular phone. They were a very good crew and they worked with us.

I returned to the same vessel on my day off with 6 more phone cards and visited the engine room. It was the cleanest one that I have ever seen. I had a good cup of engine house coffee (being an old time Diesel mechanic) – it always tastes better around other men and the smell of diesel fuel, oil and talking about how things are working for them. The 2nd engineer had smashed his 1st finger on the left hand at the fingernail and it was just hanging on. It sure looked painful. I picked up a bottle of Hydrogen Peroxide

solution and a tube of antibiotic ointment for him. He was very thankful. Later I asked to see the Captain and thanked him for allowing us to come aboard his vessel. We talked for almost 2 hours. Remember, these crewmembers have heard each other's stories many times over and when someone from the outside comes and spends time with them, it is one of the best things we can do for them. As you can see, I worked for this one ship many hours over a 4-day period. The pin numbers were wearing and the cell phone information informing; but when we make the time, Christ always make things come out on top.

Chaplain Lloyd Bovee

P.S. **Psalms 62:6** "He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken."

SEAFARERS' AUXILIARY

We had a wonderful year, full of fun and Christian fellowship. We enjoyed special readings, music and a delightful skit from a lady "just off" the plane from Norway. She had a bag full of laughs with her 'birdie shoes' and moose-hat trophy. Our meetings are happy ones.

The purpose of our organization is to support the Director and the Center. We were fortunate to help in many small ways, as well as in the larger plan of a viable computer system.

Our four member board of officers are changing: outgoing President – Judy Mandt, and Treasurer – Lillian Ellenwood, will step down, having served a two-year term. Vice President, Therese Staeheli, will take over the duties as President. Secretary, Addie Stern, will have a second term. Donna Eckhoff will join the Board as Treasurer. Jane Oberg will complete the board as Vice President

It is a good panel to begin our new year in August, 2003. They will lead us in a year of good works for our Lord by serving this Centers' activities.

As a soon-to-be-past president, I thank the ladies of this auxiliary for their support these past two years. I have been taught through their faith just how often the Lord moves mountains.

To the Board members who helped me: My Heartfelt Thanks.

To the new Auxiliary Board: Lead on – we're with you!

God Bless You All,
Judy Mandt

P.S. Come see us sometime. We meet at the Center on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 12:30 pm. For add'l information, contact the Tacoma Seafarers' Center, 253-272-0716.

NEXT TSC BOARD MEETING -- June 3, 2003 @ 7:00 am
NEXT LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING – August 26, 2003

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