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Greetings Valued Member!

We, at Aging Services of Washington, would like to introduce to you our new monthly e-newsletter called *advantAGE*. This is where you will find stories and updates about fellow members, our committees that serve you, forum news and much more. The purpose of *advantAGE* is to keep our members apprised of the happenings going on with fellow members. What will make this e-newsletter relevant to you, its reader, is providing content and story ideas that interest you. Whether you are the CEO, Resident Coordinator, RN or a volunteer, this e-newsletter is for you, our valued members.

Kin On's Story Circle Gives Asian Seniors Citizens Opportunity To Learn And Socialize



Kin On Community Health Care is providing opportunities for Asian seniors to connect with one another and share stories, games, traditions, cooking tips, interests and lots of laughter through Story Circle. Inspired by a similar project in Philadelphia called, "*The Best Day of My Life So Far*," *Story Circle* was originally created to be a story-telling event, said Jessica Wong, Fund Development and Marketing Assistant at Kin On.

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Aging Services Committee Spotlight: Workforce Development Paves The Path

Do you have a solid and stable workforce in your community? Or do you have those few positions that keep turning over? With jobs being somewhat scarce in this economy, the Workforce Development Committee is working to support communities to maintain a strong workforce. But what does that mean? What challenges do we continue to face and what will the future of healthcare look like in 10 years or so? These are all questions that guide the work of the Workforce Development Committee.

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Get To Know: Franke Tobey Jones President and CEO



Bruce Erickson: Erickson and his wife, Betsy, an oncology nurse, moved back to Washington from Georgia just last year so Erickson could assume his new role as President and CEO of one of Tacoma's icons; Franke Tobey Jones (FTJ). Raised in Seattle, Erickson has never felt more at home than in Washington and now living in Tacoma he is thrilled to be back in the Northwest. With over 25 years of experience in continuing care, Erickson chose this field when he graduated from college and started working at a nursing home. "I fell in love with that environment, you come home with more than you brought with you to work" Erickson said. "[The residents] are wonderful people; there's an intimacy with residents you can't find in other businesses."

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Dennis Eibe Reflects On The Benefits From The LeadingAge National Conference

I feel that I benefit from going to the LeadingAge Annual Meeting by being able to see, touch and experiment with all the latest technology that can benefit our industry, whether it be for our residents or staff. My focus this year were the various EHR systems and being able to spend a fair amount of time with each vendor to see what strengths and weaknesses there may be in each. This proved very beneficial and will allow me to work with our Wesley Homes team on this project and who we will determine to come to our campus and give live demonstrations to the appropriate staff that will be using the system that we might select. The idea of going almost paperless (will we ever really be totally paperless in an EHR system?) will be an extreme benefit and hopefully allow all the staff to spend more time with our great residents.

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Brattleboro Housing Authority Still Needs Our Help

Hurricane Irene caused significant damage to Brattleboro Housing Authority, a Vermont housing member. The organization suffered devastating water damage to 152 apartments for low-income elderly and 25 of the apartments are a permanent loss. Thanks to your generosity, we've raised more than \$21,000 to help them rebuild and recover. That leaves \$14,000 the organization needs to recover completely. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation.

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AdvantAGE was sent to you because you are a part of Aging Services of Washington and reaching out to our members is important to us. If you have enjoyed the content of this newsletter please feel free to submit a story idea about your community or provide any feedback you'd like to share. You can email Annie Runnels at arunnels@agingwa.org.

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