



## August 2019 NEWSLETTER

### The Group

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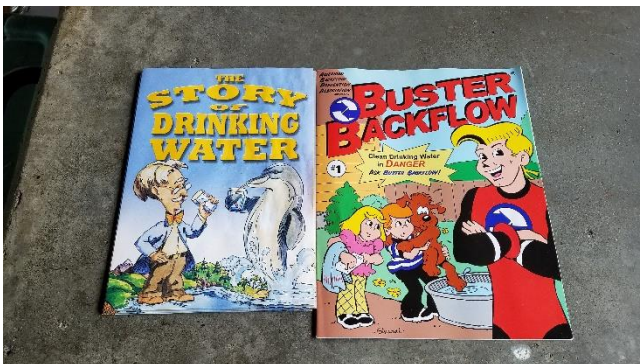
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August's Group meeting/picnic was held at Perrigo Park in Redmond. Thank you, Kathy Caldwell, for hosting this month. Our chefs this year included Chair Jeff Kobylk, Vice Chair Brian Gumke, and Ron Brown. The Group feasted on three types of grilled chicken (buffalo, bbq, and teriyaki) made by Brian, while Ron Brown cooked up tasty dutch oven dishes of corn bread and cherry macaroon cake and Jeff brought his famous moose meat lasagna along with a peach cobbler. Side dishes were prevalent with Kathy bringing her potato salad, Rachel Neville brought an olive plate, and Wednesday provided deviled eggs. There were also plenty of chips, cookies and drinks. Everyone ate well and appreciated having time to get to know each other a little bit more. On display at the picnic were some of the resources the Group has in storage including photos of improperly installed assemblies, a DCVA trainer, a PVB trainer, and some informational booklets. These resources are available to any Group member for use at fairs, presentations, or community outreach and education. Please contact the Group's Treasurer Dennis McLaughlin if you wish to borrow any of these items or others that are available at the Group's storage unit.



The meeting was called to order at 11:40am by Chair Jeff Kobylk. Those in attendance were: Bill Bauer City of Bothell, Ron Brown RA Brown Backflow, Kathy Caldwell City of Redmond, Tim Cantwell Tim's Backflow Testing, Debbie Crooks City of Kent, Bob Eastwood Retired, Vice Chair Brian Gumke Northshore Utility District, Dylan Harbison Sammamish Plateau Water District, Heidi Hiatt City of Kirkland, Past Chair Mick Holte City of Renton, Chair Jeff Kobylk City of Edmonds, Robert Main On-Site Testing, Treasurer Dennis McLaughlin Retired BAT, Dominic McLaughlin McLaughlins Peninsula BF Service, Linda McMurphy Retired, Chic Nessly Sammamish Plateau Water District, Rachel Neville WA Certification Services, Linda Pfeiffer A Woman's Touch, Wednesday Smith Batgirl Backflow Testing, Chris Sutton Backflows NW, Stephanie Talley City of Seattle SPU, Jesse VanDorn Backflows NW, and Secretary Katarina Hirai Silver Lake Water & Sewer District. The Group Treasurer Dennis reported the Group's account balance as of August 19, 2019 was \$21,070.17 with the costs being July meeting refreshments of \$52.18 and Word-ware of \$75.00. Income this month included seminar dues of around \$900 and interest of \$9.57.

The meeting began with discussion of the Group's upcoming seminar. Past Chair Mick Holte reported that he received confirmation from Deborah Diggins at Washington Certification Services that this year's seminar will garner attendees 0.6 CEUs, but that attendees must have 6 stamps in order to receive the full 0.6 CEUs. Rachel Neville advised members that Deborah Diggins is now accepting inquires electronically instead of only by mail.

Dale Baxmann alerted members to a new class being taught by WETRC called Advanced Troubleshooting and Repair. It is a two-day class that focuses on repair and has an emphasis on safety. This class is another option for BATs needing CEUs for their professional growth period.

The discussion was then directed to next month's meeting. Originally the Group had planned to meet at Brightwater Treatment Center with the topic being Wastewater Treatment Plant Issues and the Department of Ecology. Unfortunately, the Group was unable to secure the meeting space or a speaker for this meeting. Therefore, next month's meeting will be held at the City of Edmonds and the topic being Fireline retrofits, presented by Vice Chair Brian Gumke.

The last item discussed was the position of Webmaster. Wednesday Smith volunteered to be the Group's Webmaster once more now that she has the resources needed to perform the position's duties. Thank you Wednesday! This is a huge savings to the Group and we appreciate your dedication.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57am.

**The next meeting will be on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the City of Edmonds, 7110 210th St SW in Edmonds, where the topic of discussion will be Fireline Retrofits.**

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Katarina Hirai  
2019 Group Secretary