



Companionship

Companionship Celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr.



Companionship celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. in January at

two separate events. On Saturday, January 17, we gathered at the Garfield Book Company in Tacoma to hear Martin's Big Words, a story about King's life and ideas. Jessica, a Franklin Pierce team member, read the story aloud as we all sat around a toasty fire and listened. After the story, we asked our participants to draw pictures of what the story meant to them or

of their dreams and hopes. We had so many wonderful and thoughtful pictures!

Then, on Monday, January 19, Companionship joined



"No White Only" by Robert "RJ" G.

many others in celebrating King's birthday at the Tacoma Dome Exhibition Hall. We listened to musical performances, poems, and

speeches. We also watched several local groups dance. It was so exciting, several of our participants jumped up and danced in the aisles!

As January draws to a close and we begin February, we hope that you will come out and play with us at some of the great events we have planned!



"I want to study butterflies when I grow up," by Mary F.

Ice Skating at Sprinker

Companionship spent Sunday, January 18, trying to stay upright on ice skates at Sprinker Recreation Center. We had a wonderful turnout and everyone really enjoyed themselves. The majority of our participants

and staff skated for the first time! We served hot cocoa and cookies to keep our skating engines running, and even managed to gather almost everyone for a group picture.



Companionship Program

Pierce County Parks & Recreation

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February's Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Valentine Dance	7
8	9	10	11	12 Jump Party at Pump It Up	13 CIP's "Dancing With the Stars"	14 
15	16	17	18  Swimming	19	20	21
22 Bowling	23 Companionship Meeting	24	25	26 Recreation Night	27  Everyone's Birthday Party	28 Recreation Night

2/6- Valentine's Day Dance in Puyallup. 7:00pm-9:00pm Ballou Jr. High, 9916 136th St E, Puyallup. Strap on your dancing shoes and come dance the evening away! Have a friend you would like to bring along? This is a great opportunity to introduce them to Companionship!

\$3.00

2/12- Jump Party at Pump It Up with Clover Park. 6:00pm-7:30pm Pump It Up 3610 S. Pine, Ste. A, Tacoma. Come jump with us on the big air inflated toys at Pump It Up! Parent or guardian *must sign waiver* to participate. Waiver can be found at pumpitupparty.com, or at the event. **\$4.00 per jumper**

2/13- "Dancing With the Stars" Peninsula CIP's annual dance. 5:30pm-7:30 pm Gig Harbor High School. Come dressed as your favorite celebrity! **FREE**

2/18- Monthly Swim Night with Clover Park. 7:30pm-9:00pm Clover Park High School Pool, 11023 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, Lakewood. Throw on your suit and come catch up with friends. **Cost is \$1.00 per swimmer.**

2/22- Bethel Goes Bowling. 2:00pm-4:00pm Paradise Village, 12505 Pacific Ave S, Tacoma Knock down some pins with Companionship! **\$3.00 per bowler.**

2/23- Companionship Monthly Meeting. 6:00pm-7:00pm Downtown Puyallup Library. Our monthly staff meetings are always open to our participants and other community members.

2/26- Recreation Night with Franklin Pierce. 6:30pm-8:00pm Midland Elementary, 2300 105th St E, Tacoma. Come play basketball and other games, read books, visit and have some fun! **FREE**

2/27- Everyone's Birthday Party with Sumner. 7:00pm-8:30pm Lakeridge Middle School, 5909 Myers Rd E, Bonney Lake. It's not your birthday? That's ok! Come pretend like it is and celebrate with Companionship! Please pre-register so we can have enough *treats and presents* for everyone. **FREE**

2/28- A Night at the Rec Center in Eatonville. 6:30pm-8:00pm Eatonville Rec Center, 113 Mashell Ave., Eatonville. Come play pool, air hockey, board games and do a few crafts with friends! **FREE**

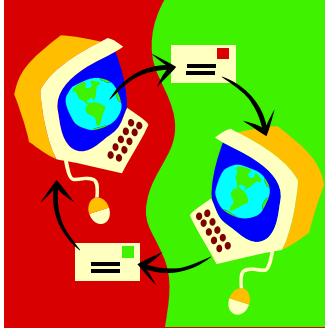
CIP Meetings

2/12/09- Eastside Meeting 6:30-8:30
"Arts & Crafts, Ice Cream Social, & Self Advocate Presentation" White River High School, Buckley

2/19/09-Westside Meeting 6:00-8:00
"Transition Road Show" Giaudrone Middle School, Tacoma

2/25/09- Peninsula Meeting 5:30-7:30
"Power of Youth" Peninsula High School, Gig Harbor

Stay Connected



Would you like to receive our monthly newsletters via email? Send us an email requesting to be added to our email contact list. We also email any changes in events, new information, and addition emails. Don't miss out!

Event Ideas?

At Companionship, we are always looking for fun, new events to bring to our participants. Have an idea for an event you would like Companionship to host? Let us know! Call our Companionship line at 253-798-2997 or send us an email at pccparkscompanionship@yahoo.com. Be as specific as you can. We will take all ideas into consideration. If we choose your event, we'll even right a little story about you in our newsletter! Remember, Companionship is open to everyone.

Our Gratitude

The Companionship Program is funded through generous grants from the Division of Developmental Disabilities and every school district we represent. Because we are a grant funded organization, we want to thank those that donate services, supplies or additional funding. This month we would like to thank AIM Mail Center. The folks at AIM have enabled us to bring

this larger formatted newsletter to you by offering us a great discount on copies. AIM is funded through Center Force, a non-profit organization that offers employment and job training to individuals with disabilities. We would also like to thank the City of Tacoma's Human Rights and Human Services Department. This group put on the outstanding Martin Luther King,

Jr. Celebration at the Tacoma Dome. They were kind enough to reserve seats and parking for us, something they don't normally offer. Our gratitude goes out to both of these wonderful organizations!



Donations

Would you like to donate to the Companionship Program? Per Patrick Kenney, Pierce County Executive Director of Administration, charitable gifts and contributions made to or for the use of Pierce County's Companionship Program for exclusively public purposes are tax deductible per IRS Code Section 170(c)(1). Pierce County's tax identification number is

91-600-1359. Currently, Companionship is in need of a good digital camera to take pictures during our events for inclusion in our monthly newsletter. If you or someone you know wishes to donate to our program, please contact Jenn Sergent.

Mark Your Calendar

Time to dust off your talents! On Friday, March 6, Puyallup will be hosting a **TALENT SHOW!!** It will be held at Hunt Elementary in Puyallup between 6:30pm and 8:00pm. We will take pre-registered talents as well as write-ins. So let's come one, come all, bring a friend, and showcase all our Companionship Talent!!

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Come play with us!



Companionship is designed to provide recreation and leisure opportunities for individuals with special needs and their families. Our goals are to enrich the lives of all who participate and to increase understanding and acceptance of disabilities as a natural part of life. There is no membership or commitment. Come once or come often, just come play with us!



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