



The Village eView

February 15, 2017

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Coming Up:

Pathwork – Sunday, February 19

Council – Monday, February 20

Women's and Men's Conversation

Friday, Feb 24 to 26

This week we are celebrating Valentine's Day which is really the celebration of relationship.

Putting extra energy toward our friends is wonderful gift to give each other. Hollis has sent in some Valentine poetry and we have many notes to read. Mike writes about his sense of Valentine's Day.

Have you accomplished any RAK's this week? Random Acts of Kindness are another form of activism. Consider taking on this form of expression.

Next weekend, the Goodenough Community is offering a unique opportunity to engage men and women toward new understanding of each other in a truth-filled atmosphere. We'll look at how we are the same, how we are different, and how can we communicate more effectively with each other. Consider coming with some friends to improve your connection. This is a great event if you need a tune-up in your relationships. More inside . . .

On-Line News of the Goodenough Community System:

The American Association for the Furtherance of Community

Convocation: A Church and Ministry

Mandala Resources, Inc.

Sahale Learning Center

The EcoVillage at Sahale

For Friends Only

W. H. Auden

Excerpt: . . .

Easy at first, the language of friendship
Is, as we soon discover,
Very difficult to speak well, a tongue
With no cognates, no resemblance
To the galimatias of nursery and bedroom,
Court rhyme or shepherd's prose.

And, unless often spoken, soon goes rusty.
Distance and duties divide us,
But absence will not seem an evil
If it make our re-meeting
A real occasion. Come when you can:
Your room will be ready. ...

Note: *Galimatias* means "nonsense, gibberish, confused or unintelligible talk"



Happy Valentine's to all –
love yourselves and love
each other!



To Pam

I love you creativity, Valentine.

No one designs a Swamp quite like you, Valentine

And very few have a sense of humor like you, Valentine.

How about a game of ping pong, Valentine?

Love

Elizabeth.

To my sweetheart Hal, with love and gratitude for 30+
years together – together, even when apart. Hollis



Ode to Wood

Too long have I not sung the praises
of our hardwood trees,
felled, cut, stacked, dried, and hauled
to the house and woodshed,
then split and brought inside all winter long
to put inside our woodstove,
to burn, to keep us warm. This wood
that grows less than half a mile
from our house, these trees
that grow faster than I
can cut them down,
always making more
than we can use.

Oh, finally I sing the praises of wood.
Homegrown and handy, abundant,
convenient, cheap, the growth of these hills
right here at home.

Finally now, I sing the praises
of our hardwood trees.



Thanks and Love to Josh and Evelyn
for managing our firewood and
keeping us warm at Sahale.

Appreciation also to Adam and
Haley, Elias, Jess, Zac and Avi, Anna
Marie, and all the work away visitors
who helped split and stack wood.

Thanks also to Mike and Norm for all
you do to bring us warmth!

Love
Colette



To Sheila Hosner

I love your adventuresome spirit, Sheila.

*Your travels and commitment to service inspire me. Keep your pictures
and travelogue coming.*

Maybe Zanzibar after Uganda?

Love

Elizabeth



My heart is full as I think of the Women's Leadership Team: Joan Valles, Elizabeth Jarrett, Marjenta Gray, Rosemary Buchmeier, Evelyn Cilley, and our beloved faculty Colette Hoff. It is downright fun to work with you, to dream with you, to learn with you. Love Hollis



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Prayer for Revolutionary Love

Denise Levertov

That a woman not ask a man to leave meaningful work to follow her.
that a man not ask a woman to leave meaningful work to follow him.

That no one try to put Eros in bondage
But that no one put a cudgel in the hands of Eros.

That our loyalty to one another and our loyalty to our work
not be set in false conflict.

That our love for each other give us love for each other's work.
That our love for each other's work give us love for one another.

That our love for each other's work give us love for one another.
That our love for each other give us love for each other's work.

That our love for each other, if need be,
give way to absence. And the unknown.

That we endure absence, if need be,
without losing our love for each other.
Without closing our doors to the unknown.

Love you Joan!

A secret
admirer

from *Cries of the Spirit*, edited by Marilyn Sewell



I love you, Phil Stark! Your gentle nature, your wit and humor, your kind heart ... all these and more delight me.
Your friend, Hollis

To the Leadership Meal Team: Thank you for your dedication to nourishing the leadership of this community. For many, many years, you have faithfully fed us, and we are grateful – and our bellies are satisfied! Two Council Members



To Theresa Jacobson

You are a selfless, loving, many talented woman, Theresa

Friend to many, friends to the Black Pack, friend to Sahale

Thank for your service to each of us

And our community

I love your cards!

Love

Elizabeth



John-
Happy Valentine's Day! You are a gift- a compassionate, loving teacher of life...then and now.
Anonymous

My love to all the women and men who marched on January 21st. Kirsten





Our Valentine, Wiley, now 10 months old.

We are grateful for our grandson!

Love
Grandma and Grandpa



To Hollis Ryan

You have an ease of words and style

That remains graceful under pressure

No matter what the demands or setting

Your inspire me, dear friend and neighbor..

Besides, I love your soup tureen!

Love Elizabeth

For Norm Peck, with appreciation for your determination to grow and your steadfast love through many years. I celebrate you!



To Andrew Hovenden

Andrew, AnnnnDrewwwww

My bellicose believer of Haggis

Wait – not bellicose.

Thank you for what you model as a father and friend

You are an inspiration to me (and to many)

Is your name really Andrew Kerouac?

Love

Elizabeth.

To have without holding

Marge Piercy

Learning to love differently is hard,
love with the hands wide open, love
with the doors banging on their hinges,
the cupboard unlocked, the wind
roaring and whimpering in the rooms
rustling the sheets and snapping the blinds
that thwack like rubber bands
in an open palm.

It hurts to love wide open
stretching the muscles that feel
as if they are made of wet plaster,
then of blunt knives, then
of sharp knives.

It hurts to thwart the reflexes
of grab, of clutch; to love and let
go again and again. It pesters to remember
the lover who is not in the bed,



To Theresa,

Love your Valentine

You're my pal.

to hold back what is owed to the work
that gutters like a candle in a cave
without air, to love consciously
conscientiously, concretely, constructively.

I can't do it, you say it's killing
me, but you thrive, you glow
on the street like a neon raspberry.
You float and sail, a helium balloon
bright bachelor's button blue and bobbing
on the cold and hot winds of our breath,
as we make and unmake in passionate
diastole and systole the rhythm
of our unbound bonding, to have
and not to hold, to love
with minimized malice, hunger
and anger moment by moment balanced.



This is Random Acts of Kindness Week!

Have you done any RAK's today?

#RAKWEEK2017 IS OFF TO AN INCREDIBLE START

Keep up the kindness! 

Happy RAK Week everyone! We're so amazed by all the kind acts going on around the world right now. We're overjoyed that you all are taking advantage of this annual opportunity to focus on the good and unite through kindness. It's simply an opportunity to leave the world better than we found it and inspire others to do the same. Keep tagging @rakfoundation & using the hashtag #RAKWeek2017 so we can keep sharing all of your kindness with the world!

<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/get-inspired>

*The opposite of love is not hate,
it's indifference.
The opposite of art is not ugliness,
it's indifference.
The opposite of faith is not heresy,
it's indifference.
And the opposite of life is not death,
it's indifference.*

*~Elie Wiesel
(1928-2016,
Romanian-American Jewish writer,
political activist, Nobel Laureate)*



*A bit beyond perception's reach, I sometimes believe I see
That life is two locked boxes, each containing the other's key.*
Piet Hein, poet and scientist, 1905-1996

Dialogue with Men and Women: Finding the Keys to Better Relationships February 24 to 26, 2017

In these times, we see many examples of male and female roles and styles. How can we understand each other better and work well together?

Join stimulating intergenerational conversations, exploring:

- ◆ Your own inner masculine and feminine, patriarch or goddess.
- ◆ How men and women perceive and respond differently.
- ◆ How to express personal power respectfully..
- ◆ How cultural gender stereotypes affect us.
- ◆ What traditions do we value, and how do we want to transform?
- ◆ Healing ourselves and our relationships.

Costs:

Individuals: \$175
Two or more registering together: \$150 each
Cost includes room, board, and learning materials.
Limited scholarships are available. Contact Colette Hoff, hoff@goodenough.org

A weekend workshop
sponsored by the Goodenough Community

This weekend for women and men will be held on the peaceful and spacious grounds of the Sahale Retreat Center on Hood Canal.

While this is not a couples' event, it will provoke creative conversation for committed couples.

For further information, please contact: Bruce Perler (bruce_perler@hotmail.com),
Hollis Guill Ryan (hollisr@comcast.net), or Colette Hoff (hoff@goodenough.org).



Finding the Keys to Better Relationships

Hollis Guill Ryan

Are you curious about men and women, and what they think of themselves and each other?



When you think deeply about it, do you believe there are significant differences between women and men? If so, are those differences due to nature? Or, if men and women are fundamentally different, is it because of social expectations?

What do you imagine men think is healthy masculinity and femininity in themselves and in women? Would women agree?

What can youngers and elders learn from each other about gender across the generations?

What questions would you ask women? What would you ask men? What do you most want to know about evolving gender roles and relationships?

From Friday evening, February 24, until Sunday afternoon, February 25, women and men will gather in thoughtful and stimulating dialogue, shaking loose the effects of traditional understandings of men and of women, exploring current and evolving roles, discovering shared and divergent perspectives.

Expect to do more than talk, however! Bring your drum and rattle, your dancing feet, your voice, your exuberance!

Designed for men and women of all ages, this event will benefit those who are single and those who are in any stage of relationship.

Adding to the depth of conversation will be the gracious grounds of the Sahale Learning Center – more than 60 acres of forest, meadow, and flowing water. Plus, whatever the weather, accommodations are cozy, and healthful, home-cooked meals are abundant.

The weekend, including room, meals, and learning materials, costs \$175 for individuals and \$150 per person for people registering together.

Do you have more questions? Are you ready to register? Send an email to Bruce Perler (bruce_perler@hotmail.com), Hollis Guill Ryan (hollisr@comcast.net), or Colette Hoff (hoff@goodenough.org). We look forward to seeing you!



The deAnguera Blog: Valentine's Day Love



Valentine's Day is here. That is when we all send Valentines to those we love and receive them. A number of us got one from Theresa. I'm her pal. It's great to receive a Valentine and mine is on my desk.

You should have seen what we had for dinner! Delectable chicken along with tasty potatoes and salad. Add apple pie with cherries and whipped cream.

Afterwards a group of us watched Hip Hoperation, an inspirational show about a group of senior New Zealanders 66 to 94 who learn Hip Hop. Eventually they make it to a hip hop contest in Las Vegas where they are quite a hit. It's hard to imagine them doing any hip hop individually but the group gave them all the confidence they needed. The love the seniors had for each other and for their leader was nice to see. Love can give energy making many things possible.

For me the whole subject of love is controversial. It is not simple. That's because we live in a culture where love is equated with marriage. When a man tells a woman he loves her that means he wants to marry her. Love is always associated with marriage. The image

is of the lucky twosome who now look into each other's dewy eyes and know they will marry.

The person who taught me the most about love was Kathleen Notley. What we both discovered was that love was best found without any expectations. We lived for the moment and that suited me just fine. I know from experience that love is the best way to experience eternity even for only a brief hour or so.

Love is a mystery. It is Divine and can't be put into any kind of container. Yet we all need its healing power. So much of society is built around fear. Why is that? Love requires community. Community enables sharing making trust possible. Without love there can be no trust. So people have to be made afraid then they will do what the powerful want.

I wonder how many people feel unloved. I know it is possible for people to be married and even be grandparents yet feel unloved. It is not easy to find love in our culture. That requires connection. Our career lives can make that difficult by driving us away from each other.

Love can be practiced as a discipline. I am sure any number of Swamis would agree. The Goodenough Community is built around the discipline of love. This discipline enables us to maintain Sahale, especially challenging projects like a sewer line. We just got it hooked up today so now all we have to do is fill up the trench it's in. In the right hand photo above you can see Jim Tocher and Josh deMers working on the pipe. It's easy to take our discipline for granted out here.

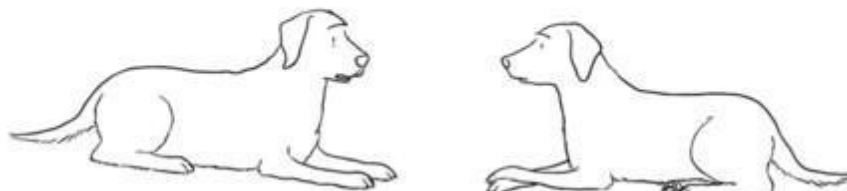
Would it not be great if our world were built on love and trust? No more wars. No more regime change.

Last of all love and trust allow space for the development of wisdom.



I love this image of the Burj Khalifa Tower in Dubai, UAE. It represents the business model in the extreme. Would love and community build anything like this?

Humor dept



GREGORY

"There they were, sitting around the dinner table, knocking off a bottle of C tes-du-Rb ne and blathering about the Middle East—you've never heard such shallow, simplistic reasoning in your life—and one of them turns to me and says, 'And what do you think, Barney? What do you think we should do?' and all I could come up with was 'Woof.' I felt like such an ass."

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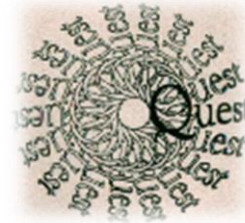
"I'm sorry, dear. I wasn't listening. Could you repeat what you've said since we've been married?"

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Quest: A Counseling and Healing Center

Our belief is that mental and emotional health is a prerequisite for spiritual well-being, collaboration, and the expression of compassion. Quest's counseling and education programs, open to all interested individuals, focus on empowering individuals, couples, and family groups to be happier and be more effective in relationships.

Call John or Colette (206-755 8404) or Colette and John at Sahale – 360 275-3957. In Seattle, John and Colette meet with clients at the community center, 3610 SW Barton Street, Seattle 98106, as well as at Sahale.



Cultural Programs in the Goodenough Community are created for visitors and they are developed as opportunities for our members and friends to practice our lifeways and apply them to contemporary issues and problems in our lives. For instance, the men's program must be an expression of the best wisdom men have gathered from their life together—about what is a good man and how he could best express that in his own life. Similarly, women must return to the essentials of being a good woman in this day and age.

Calendar of Programs and Events, 2017

What makes community meaningful and fun?

The richness of life in community comes in many ways – getting together informally over a meal ... celebrating a significant birthday with long-time and newfound friends ... working together in a creative endeavor ... collaborating in a work party ... thinking deeply with others about what it means to be fully alive and connected with ourselves, each other, and Spirit ...

In the Goodenough Community, we recognize such ways to connect as expressions of **community culture**. Throughout the year, we offer **cultural programs** so that you can engage with the community, participate in your own development, and have a good time.

We **welcome your interest** and your participation, and hope that you will join us at any – or many! – of this year's events.

A Weekend for Men and Women . . .

February 24 to 26, 2017

Men and Women Together: A New Relationship

Annual Membership Meetings

March 10 to 12



Men's Culture will be joining the women's culture for creative conversation

February 24 to 26, 2017. A weekend for men is being planned for the spring. Focal Person: Bruce Perler, bruce_perler@hotmail.com



Women's Culture

Next Saturday gatherings are January 21 and April 8, 10 am -2 pm, at the community center in West Seattle

Women's Weekend, May 5-7, 2017 at Sahale

Women of the Goodenough Community have been gathering intentionally and regularly since 1983 to discover in themselves and each other the essence of womanhood at any age and the presence of the Divine Feminine.

Focal Person: Hollis Guill Ryan, hollisr@comcast.net

Third-Age Gatherings

Next gatherings will be Friday evenings, January 20; March 31 and May 12 at the community center in West Seattle. Focal Person: Kirsten Rohde, krohde14@outlook.com

Annual Goodenough Community Memberships Meeting: March 10 to 12 at Sahale. It's a good time to support the organization that surrounds all our activities. We will share accomplishments in the prior year and join in visioning the future. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Kirsten Rohde 206 719-5364 for more information. And RVSP to??.

Work Parties throughout the Year

Traditionally, the Goodenough Community sponsors work parties over Memorial Day weekend (**May 26 to 29, 2017**), as well as other times throughout the year, to express

gratitude for the presence of our beloved retreat center, Sahale, and to experience the satisfaction of playing and working together.

Focal Person: Colette Hoff, hoff@goodenough.org

Summer Camp for Youth, June 25 to July 1

A wonderful opportunity for children 9 to 12 to have a full camp experience in a beautiful setting with loving leadership.

Focal Person: Irene Perler, Irene_Perler@hotmail.com



Human Relations Laboratory, August 6 to 12, 2017



This intense and joyous week-long event is a communal experience of personal growth, and has been presented annually and is now in its 48th year!

Focal Person: Colette Hoff, hoff@goodenough.org

True Holidays Celebration, Saturday, December 2, 2017



Be part of this fun-filled family-oriented evening, and prepare yourself for a holiday season (whatever faith tradition you follow) that fills your heart.

Focal Person: Kirsten Rohde, krohde14@outlook.com

Winter Solstice Bus Trip, Saturday December 16, 2017

Board a bus, play in the snow, shop in Leavenworth, have a horse-drawn sleigh ride and enjoy an abundant dinner

Focal Person: Colette Hoff

New Year's Eve at Sahale, 2017 – 2018

Sunday will be New Year's Eve and Monday will be New Year's Day next year.