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Season's Greetings from RHP!

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This is our first quarterly newsletter since the August 2018 Old-Timers Reunion and RHP Annual Meeting. Some fairly significant changes have occurred since then.

After renting Doc Sulis' office in the old First Aid Station (Pioneer Hall) for almost 2 years, the Town (RISA) offered more spacious quarters in Community Hall. A modest display was set up in the old Barber Shop in time for the Town's Thanksgiving dinner and can be viewed at this time by appointment.

Informal conversations with RISA could mean additional indoor and outdoor storage and display possibilities. RHP will assist the Town in adding Community Hall and the Café / Library buildings to the Cowlitz County Historic Register.

Current activities include setting up office space; designing secure displays and exhibits for our physical collection; and consulting with Cowlitz Co. Historical Museum and co-members of the Historic Association of the Lower Columbia (HALC) about developing best practices to preserve and share our digital collection.

Members and friends are invited to donate artifacts and memorabilia that may have survived the years. Photographs, letters, etc. will be scanned and returned.

The 2019 Ryderwood History calendars are now available. This issue focuses on the early Retirement years and RHP members will receive one with this mailing. Also, a Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation grant helped us produce a 42-page high gloss booklet that contains all the photo-pages of the three calendars that have been produced so far. The calendars are \$10 each and the books start at \$25 with options to add future pages and chapters. Call the office number listed above to order either and we will mail them to you.

We are overwhelmed with the support that "new Ryderwood" has shown for our activities. Not only has the Town (RISA) provided space for us, they also donated the cost to print the 2019 Calendars. The Women's Club supported RHP's efforts to incorporate; and AMVETS, VFW and Paul Hayes have become Sponsors.

The Annual Old-Timers' Reunion is on the Calendar for Sunday, August 25th and Ryderwood looks forward to seeing many of you then. A spring meeting with a featured speaker is scheduled for Monday, April 22nd after which the next quarterly report will be mailed.

*Sincerely, June Strovas, President
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