
MARY BRIDGE BRIGADE

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

TAMMY HALL



Building a Better Future

Dear Brigade Members,

I hope you have had a beautiful summer and created many memories full of sunshine, family and friends.

As the demolition, re-routing and construction work has been happening on campus, we feel inspired by the vision of the new hospital and our role in building a better future for our community. We are excited to have made our first payment toward our \$10 million dollar pledge to the new Mary Bridge Children's Hospital.

During the summer months, the Brigade has been involved in our own construction phase. As we sift through our MBB Archives, preserving our legacy of supporting patients and their families, we have identified the need to modernize our information. The Board has been reviewing our manual, bylaws, and committee responsibilities. We are building a stronger social media presence to spread the word about who we are and what we do. And we have Lisa Dini working in the office keeping us on track and moving forward.

The Brigade Board is excited for the upcoming fall guild events. May we continue to build on our commitment to MBCH with the construction of new events and fundraisers.

September 2023

BRIGADE ALLOCATIONS

Charitable funds are allocated for department needs that empower and improve patient and family care, family-centered programming at MBCH or clinics, and tools, equipment or supplies that directly impact patients and/or families.

A recent allocation was provided to MB Child Life Services for "Sensory Kits". The kits were recommended by MB Patient Ambassador, Liam, and his mom, Bev. The kits are intended for children who are having a difficult time with the extra construction noise at Mary Bridge.

The kits contain noise-canceling headphones and stress relieving toys. Each kit displays a large MBB Logo.



2023 MBB allocations granted:

- Orthopedics - \$9318 for cast saws & \$438 for wheelchairs
- Audiology - \$16,300 for audiometers
- Pediatric Therapy Services \$7600 for orthotic trial kits
- Ambulatory Clinics - \$3075 for Touch2Play devices
- Child Life - \$12,500 for activity kits
- Children's Therapy - \$18,255 for rolascreens

Guild Presidents

Attention Madam Presidents! There will be a Presidents' meeting on Monday, September 25. Details coming soon.

Council

The next Council Meeting is October 23 at 9:30 am. Location is TBD.

Because Council meeting attendance has been light and meeting locations have been difficult to find, we have decided to meet quarterly.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

Brigade Events

The Annual Meeting in May was a delightful gathering of nearly 140 Brigade members. Thank you to all that attended!

It was great to see everyone and celebrate all that you do for MBCH. We loved seeing all of your gorgeous hats!

Brigade Night at Tacoma Little Theater - Thursday, Sept. 28
Celebrate the Brigade and watch one of our board members, Gretchen Boyt, perform in The Play That Went Wrong.

See Page 3 for Ticket Details!

Annual Soiree | February 29, 2024
Tacoma Country and Golf Club

Festival of Trees



ONCE UPON A TIME

The Brigade is a proud sponsor of the 2023 Festival of Trees to be held at the UPS Tennis Pavilion. This year public days and the gift shop return! Public days will be Nov. 25-26, Tinsel on the Town Dec. 1, and Gala Dec. 2.

More information to come at the October Council meeting.

Office Updates

In June we said farewell to Haley as she decided to focus her time on her son, Mason. Lisa Dini is in the Brigade office. Please call ahead if you would like to visit the office as Lisa's hours vary at this time.

Housekeeping

We are asking all guilds to provide a copy of their Charter to the Brigade office for our digital records.

Member Directory will be printed. Any major changes to information should be submitted to marybridgebrigade@multicare.org.

Featuring Brigade Board Member
Gretchen Boyt as Sandra

Not HIM

HER

THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

BY
HENRY LEWIS,
JONATHAN SAYER
& HENRY SHIELDS

DIRECTED BY JENNIFER YORK

TACOMA
LITTLE
THEATER
SINCE 1918
210 N. I ST. TACOMA, WA 98403

THUR
28TH
SEPT

Mary Bridge Brigade
COMMAND PERFORMANCE

6:30 Lobby Opens
7:30 Curtain

\$30 General Admission
\$50 VIP - Includes Drink & Appetizer

FUNDED IN PART BY
TACOMA
LITTLE
THEATER
CREATES

210 North I Street, Tacoma, WA 98403

"THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG is presented by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists Play Service collection. (www.dramatists.com)"

[FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
TICKETS CLICK HERE
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH
LOBBY OPENS AT 6:30
CURTAIN AT 7:30

TACOMA LITTLE
THEATER
210 N. I ST.
TACOMA, WA
98403

CONCESSIONS INCLUDING
BEER, WINE AND COCKTAILS
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE.
RECOMMENDED FOR AGES
12+

Come join us as we raise money for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital with a night out at Tacoma Little Theater! The Brigade's own board member, Gretchen Boyt, will be performing as Sandra in The Play That Goes Wrong at Tacoma Little Theater and we have put together a fundraiser to support our board member while raising money for the hospital. \$10 for every ticket sold and all concession proceeds will go to supporting the work of Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. The lobby will be filled with renderings of the new hospital and there may even be a raffle basket or two. So come out, bring your friends, have some food and libations and support our hospital and our Brigade member!

Brigade and Guild Events

SEPTEMBER

Brigade Command Performance of The Play That Goes Wrong
Thursday, September 28 | Tacoma Little Theater 210 N I St, Tacoma
Lobby opens 6:30 PM, Curtain 7:30 PM
Tickets \$30 each
VIP Ticket \$50 includes reusable tumbler with wine.

Hyada Park Guild Wine, Dine, Donate & Dance
Friday, September 29 | Browns Point Improvement Club 201 Ton A Wan Da Ave NE, Tacoma
6-9 PM ~ Tickets \$75 featuring Milbrandt Vineyards Wine

OCTOBER

South Sound Ya-Ya's Bunco Fun and Auction
Saturday, October 7 | VFW 2909 Martin Way E. Olympia
6 PM ~ Tickets \$25

Dotha McCormick Guild Annual Luncheon and "Raise the Paddle" Fundraiser
Navigate the Jungle with Child Life
Saturday, October 14 | Tacoma Country and Golf Club 13204 Country Club Dr. SW, Lakewood
11 AM ~ 1:30 PM ~ \$40 per person | For reservations contact Gidge Campbell at
(253)307-8501 or mscamp3@comcast.net

NOVEMBER

Dr. AW Bridge Guild Mountain Country Store
Friday, November 3rd, 4-9PM & Saturday, November 4, 9AM-4PM
Eatonville Baptist Church 825 Eatonville Hwy, Eatonville
Hand-crafted items from over 60 artisans. Raffle

Mary Edna Agnew and Dr. Warner M. Karshner Guilds Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, November 11, 9AM-2PM
Waller Road Grange 2708 64th St. E, Tacoma
Holiday Bazaar and Raffle

Ida Marge Guild Holiday Bazaar
Friday November 17 | 9AM-4 PM | Buckley Hall 127 River Ave, Buckley
Handcrafted items, gifts, "gently used" items for the holidays. Raffle

DECEMBER

Sacajawea Guild 47th Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 9 | 8-11AM Moose Lodge 500 Grand Ave, Centralia
Adults \$7, Children 4-12 \$4, Ages 3 and under Free
Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce, fruit juice, coffee, and hot cocoa.

SAVE THE DATE:

**2024 ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND MEETING
MAY 16 10:30 AM AT TCGC - LAKEWOOD**

Peninsula Guild #1 Celebrates 75 years!

Peninsula Guild # 1, locally known as the Mary Bridge Thrift Store, is celebrating 75 years of serving the greater Gig Harbor community with a unique place to purchase affordable, quality used items. Everything from tablecloths to toasters, clothing to china can be found at this little gem of a store.

Peninsula Guild #1, affiliated with the Mary Bridge Brigade, was chartered in May 1948 by 8 Gig Harbor women whose sole objective was to raise money to support health care for children. All these years later, our mission remains the same.

The Guild would like to recognize the generous donors and regular patrons of this community who support our mission. We will be hosting a Thank You Celebration to commemorate our 75 years. This will be held September 12, 13 and 15 at the shop during regular store hours, 10:00 – 4:00.

Refreshments and “special coupons” will be provided.

We hope you will stop by and say hello!

**PENINSULA GUILD #1 THRIFT STORE
6951 KIMBALL DRIVE
GIG HARBOR, WA 98335
253-858-3826**

**OPEN TUE, WED, & FRIDAY 10 – 4
DONATIONS ACCEPTED MONDAY
& THURSDAY 10 - 4**



Mary Bridge Brigade - Peninsula Guild #1

Gig Harbor Washington

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Children's Health

Supporting Mary Bridge
Children's Hospital



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