

**January 2016 - Volume 22 - Issue 1**

## **President's Report**

**Franclyn Heinecke**

### *Hives in the 'Hood*

Meet your beekeeping neighbors at our January 4 meeting – *Hives in the 'Hood*. Local suppliers will be there, and you can order your bee packages to arrive in April. People really enjoyed it when we had these kinds of meetings last year, with many folks meeting new friends and teaming up with neighbors to learn more about beekeeping. We'll introduce the Board for 2016, and our three study grant students:

Carson Newlun, Isaiah Dow and Dylan Gylling.

### *Forage Initiatives for 2016*

For several weeks, the Board has been working with various groups in the county to find ways to improve forage for our bees and other pollinators. The fine people at the WSU Puyallup Campus have been very supportive, and we're starting on two areas that will have improved forage for our bees in the spring.

### *What a Nice Christmas Party!*

Nearly 100 people came to the PCBA Christmas Party in December. *Thank you Marge, Christine* (for cooking the turkey), *Nicole and Tom* (for cooking the ham), and everyone else who brought such good food and fun gifts.

## Candy Canes

Use those left over or *50% off* candy canes in your hive boxes! Make sure they are made with sugar and real peppermint oil. Your bees will eat the sugar and get the benefit of the menthol in the peppermint oil. It helps deter tracheal mites in your bees, and gives you the chance to share that holiday feeling with your bees!

You can add candy canes straight to the hive, or put them in candy boards or fondant, as shown in this photo. You also sprinkled some pollen on your candy for a little added boost to the colony.

## Apiary

The bees are clustered up with all this wet weather we are having now. Please do a hive weight check on your hives to make sure that they have enough honey to make it till spring.

Thanks,  
Jeff Jones  
Apiary Chair

## Volunteer Needed

A volunteer is needed for the refreshment area at the general meetings. The person needs to be at Allmendinger by about 5:00ish to get the coffee and hot water started prior to the start of the evening. Please see one of the board members if you are interested in volunteering.

## PCBA Jan 2016 Membership Report

**Active Members: 269 Comp & Other Bee Clubs: 6 Additional Records: 98 Dec meeting attendance: 98**

**10 Due December:** Jim Mendenhall, Catherine Carruthers, Amanda Wilde, Susan Wetherford, Catherine Nelson, Chelsey Armstrong, Matthew Steffens, Alan Albanese

**60 Due January 2016:** Sally Bricka, Laura Brooks, Kelly Buck, Renzy Davenport, Alicia Halbert, Michael Henson, Carroll Kastle, Douglas McDonald, David Mitman, Don Pruett, Tina Tyler, Nancy Seabourne, Lillian Alred, Lori Cockerham, Sharon Carbonnel, Deborah Raynes, Elliott Kroker, Candyce Chittenden, Maura Winter, Scott Larson, Holli Reichl, Jill Lyons, Ralph Wessels, Keith Ostlund, Jonathan Genther, Robert Rich, Matthew Zemanek, Mark Polycyn, Kelsey Otto, Gunnar Johnson, Stephanie White, Sue Lucier, Robert Schalansky, Tony Houck, Kim Chisholm, Mark Hilt, Sean Leonard, Dennis Collins, Diane Constable, Robert Shipman, William Hunt, Consuelo Mae Snaer, Shayne Noble, Tad Greeson, Barrett Nance, Mark Tips, Jim Josephson, Anita Aguigui, Tammy Brooks, John Leque, Michael Moore, Donald Moore, Kelly Caviezel, Tyler Severy, R. Marion Gelb, Thomas Morgan, Cheryl Thresher, Joan Cronk, Regan Velasquez, Ginger George, Leland Fore, Kurt Layman, Jeff Taylor, Joe Morcombe, Jeff Ennis

**23 Due February 2016:** Robert Jones, John Knowles, James Roemhildt, Wayne Ward, Heather Marshall, Vikki Stevens, Mark Adams, Keanu Pernorio, Yadang Moth, Al Ericsson, Katie Van Dyken, Paul Marrinan, George Bluhm, Cindy Majors, Victor Breen, Don Peterson, Kate Peterson, Bec Kemp, Ghana Grishpun, Dan Jurpik, Robbie Parke, Donna Chamberlin, Tina Welsheimer  
**12 New Member(s):** Zach Martin, Bill Berry, Tabitha Brokaw, Cory Pedersen,

Bjorn Wanuig, Garnet Rudolph, Kerry Yanasak, Aaron Chin, Jeanette Dittus, Kevin Schoenfelder, Vito Desantis, Dylan Gylling

## Minutes

Minutes from the General Meetings and the Board Meetings can be found [here](#).