

Battelle Singles Newsletter

December 4, 2002

**A great time was had by all at the Battelle Singles Thanksgiving Gathering.
Good food, good folks.
Come meet with us at a TGIF soon!**

TGIF - each Friday from 5pm to 7pm or ???

Contact an officer from the list at the bottom of the newsletter with questions.

December

- 5 - Hanford House, Richland
- 12 - Fiesta Bowl
- 19 - Las Margaritas
- 26 - Shilo

How Government Works

(anywhere in the world)

The government had a vast scrap yard in the middle of a desert.
Congress said, "someone may steal from it at night."
So they created a night watchman position and hired a person for the job.
Then Congress said, "How does the watchman do his job without instruction?"
So they created a planning department and hired two people.
One person to write the instructions, and one person to do time studies.
Then Congress said, "How will we know the night watchman is doing the tasks correctly?"
So they created a Quality Control department and hired two people.
One to do the studies and one to write the reports.
Then Congress said, "How are these people going to get paid?"
So they created the following positions, a time keeper, and a payroll officer, then hired two people.
Then Congress said, "Who will be accountable for all of these people?"
So they created an administrative section and hired three people.
An Administrative Officer, Assistant Administrative Officer, and a Legal Secretary.
Then Congress said, "We have had this command in operation for one year and we are \$18,000 over budget, we must cutback overall cost."
So they laid off the night watchman.

Battelle Staff Association Events:

- **BSA Events** - <http://bsaevents.pnl.gov/Default.asp>
- **BSA Film Club** - <http://bsaevents.pnl.gov/ViewAll.asp?CommitteeID=1>
- **Tingstad and Rumbel holiday concert. Dec. 4**, - 2003 Grammy winners Eric Tingstad and Nancy Rumbel (Best New Age Album) will perform a special holiday concert. Discounted tickets are available for \$10 from the ETB reception desk.

For more info, see <http://www.tingstadrumbel.com>. 8 p.m., Battelle Aud. Contact: Andy Plymale, <mailto:plymale@pnl.gov> or (376-8506).

- **Consort Columbia - Dec. 5-6** A 32-voice chorus in the Tri-Cities will perform John Rutter's *Magnificat* with chamber orchestra. The performances also will feature carols and traditional Christmas songs with a chance for the audience to join in at the end. BSA discount prices are \$9/general admission and \$7/students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased at the ETB Reception Desk. For more info, see http://www.tcfn.org/consort_columbia/. 8 p.m., First Lutheran Church, Kennewick. Contact: Will Shaw, <mailto:will.shaw@pnl.gov> or (372-6140).
- **The Cutters and Friends holiday concert, sponsored by Three Rivers Folklife Society. Dec. 6** - Discounted tickets are available at the ETB reception desk. Cost: \$6/students and seniors; \$8/adults. For more info, see <http://www.3rfs.org>. 7:30 p.m., Battelle Aud. Contact: Andy Plymale, <mailto:plymale@pnl.gov> or (376-8506).
- **The Science Behind the Military December 10** - The next Community Science and Technology Seminar Series event is on Wednesday, 7 p.m., at the Columbia Basin College Theatre. The seminar, sponsored by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and Columbia Basin College, is free and open to the public. Russ Rhoads, a Senior Program Manager in the National Security Directorate, will speak on the topic, "The Science Behind the Military." At the next Community Science and Technology Seminar Series event, Russ will address today's military needs and what is being done at PNNL to take armed forces strategies and technologies to the next level. To view a picture of Russ, see <http://digisource.pnl.gov/imagemagick.nsf/f/uv?open&SMAA-477QTB>. To read the full article, see <http://www.pnl.gov/insidepnnl/battcomm/features/features031203.htm>.
- **The Mid-Columbia Ballet presents "The Nutcracker." Dec. 13** - BSA discount tickets for the Battelle-sponsored matinee performance are available at the ETB reception desk. See Lab director Len Peters make his ballet debut! Discount ticket prices are \$14/adults; \$8/students/seniors; \$6/children 12 and under. These prices are \$2 off regular price. For more info, see <http://www.tricityarts.org/mcb>. 2 p.m., Richland High School Aud. Contact: Terri Miley, <mailto:terri.miley@pnl.gov> or (372-4388).
- **Leavenworth tree lighting — Dec. 13.** Come along and travel to Leavenworth, Wash., for their annual tree lighting festival. Visitors come back year after year for this famous festival. The aroma of food booths and roasting chestnuts fills the air; holiday music from the gazebo encircles the village while youngsters sled in the park. At dusk everyone gathers to sing "Silent Night" and witness the lighting of the village as it is transformed into a magical wonderland of lights. The trip includes transportation to Leavenworth as well as a continental breakfast, snacks and beverages on the bus. Cost: \$27/person. If you would like to reserve a seat, visit the BSA Web site (<http://bsa.pnl.gov/>) and fill out the form and send your payment to Maxine Thornton (K1-23). Space is limited, so send your payment along with the completed form and reserve your seats today! Contact: Maxine Thornton, <mailto:maxine.thornton@pnl.gov> or (375-2522).

- **Big White Ski Trip January 15 - 18, Big White, BC, Canada** - Ski Trip includes bus transportation with beverages and snacks, 3 nights lodging at the Inn at Big White, and 3-day lift tickets. \$100 deposit due per person to reserve your space must be received by November 10, 2003. See [BSA Events](#) for more information. Contact: [Sheri I cayan](#), 375-6650

Links to local events:

http://www.ci.richland.wa.us/parksandrec/2003_special_events.htm
<http://www.tri-citylinks.com/calendar/>
<http://www.tri-citylinks.com/thingstodo/>
http://www.geocities.com/footloose_dance/
<http://www.gottalifegottadance.com/>
<http://www.swingcitydanceclub.com>
<http://www.nwspeeddate.com>

Our contact info <http://bsa.pnl.gov/singles.htm>

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