

August 8, 2019

Tuesday the office staff here had the great opportunity to attend the annual fun fundraiser for United Way of Lewis County. "Power of the Purse" celebrated it's 14th year as a major fundraiser for United Way. The theme was a "A Day at the Derby" and as you can see by the pictures it was quite the event.



Other Community members "Dressed for Races"

This fundraiser provides an opportunity each year for local women to come together to raise funds for a good cause. This year the event was sold out at 350 participants. Many were dressed for the theme and wore extravagant hats and dresses. This provided for a festive atmosphere and one where fundraising for the cause was the priority.

The event was MC'd by Deanna Davis, an accomplished professional speaker and entertainer. She blended her special sense of humor with the serious goal of the evening to raise funds to reduce poverty in Lewis County.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lewis County Statistics:

- 77,066 Number of Households:
- 29,509 Poverty Households:
- 13,869 Median Household Income:
- \$45,523 (State Average: \$67,106)
- Unemployment Rate: 4.8% (State Average: 5.4%)

United Way of Lewis County says the Power of the Purse *"brings together women from all walks of life who want to make an impact in our community and celebrate the power of women's philanthropy through United Way of Lewis County."* This includes a raffle for prizes and an evening with friends out on the town! Their pitch is that *"By investing in United Way of Lewis County's vital poverty work, you are changing lives every day. YOU are an important piece of the puzzle in creating a healthy, vibrant Lewis County."*

It certainly was a fun evening learning more about United Way's work and contributing to a good cause. If you want to learn more about what United Way does in our community click [HERE](#).



Stillwaters Staff enjoying the event (from left to right) Julie, Sherri and Cindy
As you can see we left our hats at home!

The *Women United* theme comes from a group forming locally at United Way. Women United is another way for local women to connect on the topic of positively impacting the lives of women and children in poverty. This newly forming group is hosting a “meet and greet” Wednesday, September 18th at 6 pm at the Chehalis Theater. They advertise this as an opportunity to learn more about Women United and connect with other women in the area. Click [HERE](#) to go to their website for more information.

In other news – Next week is Fair Week! Starting Tuesday and going through August 18th the Southwest Washington Fair will be in town. Put it on your

calendar and plan to go Wednesday the 14th for Senior Day (1/2 price entry).

Check out this **WEBSITE** for the schedule of events.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another." Charles Dickens