Wisdom Café- August 3, 2022. Which Person Influenced Your Life the Most?

Discussion led by Zlatina Encheva, King County Library

When you were an elementary aged child, who influenced you the most?

- I was influenced by Nancy drew, and wanted the freedom of driving in a car
- In the 1940's my influence was movie or radio characters; Superman, The Lone Ranger, I admired their principles
- In $5^{\rm th}$ grade, I went to the library. I was influenced by books. I found the bible and began to pray. Jesus became my brother
- My mother died when I was 7. My neighbor lady Carol influenced me. I would go there every day after school and she taught me about unconditional love, kindness and being nonjudgmental
- My parents influenced me. I was born after the war. We took in lodgers and later bought a shop. My father taught me about helping others, giving them a ride up a hill, or on a rainy day. In later years, I admired Nelson Mandela.
- Parents are big influencers
- My father was the biggest influence in my life. He taught me to build things. He liked to help others and was a Scout Master and was involved with the Red Cross and the local High School. A Chemistry teacher taught me the process of teaching, which I used when I later became a teacher. Also I was influenced by a Jr High Shop teacher.
- Interestingly, although people influence you, you also can influence others, either positively, or negatively.

Notes by BarbD

Be sure to attend our Wisdom Café discussion on Wednesday, September 7th, 1 pm: "What are the happiest moments in your life?" with King County Librarian Zlatina Encheva. It is fun to remember our happiest moments. Was it your wedding day, the birth of your children, a fabulous trip to an exotic place, or seeing an old friend and connecting after many years? Come join us at the Wisdom Cafe and share your favorite memories. (Find the zoom link on our website: www.sammamishseniors.org/events.)