

HARSTINE ISLAND COMMUNITY CLUB

1988 NEWSLETTER

With another mild winter the past year, the Harstine Community Hall has come through with flying colors as well as some very major improvements. A cement foundation has been put under the west end of the building and a large storage room built there as well as a smaller, insulated, heated room for costumes, etc. The skirting around the hall was also finished. This represents a great number of Saturdays worked by a small number of dedicated volunteers, supervised by Fred Burgdorf, Building Committee chairman. Joe Klein installed a set of new doors to the main hall. He and Marge organized and did much of the work reupholstering the old theater seats around the walls, too. The historic pictures were also reframed.

The "All Island" Spaghetti Dinner last May raised \$500 for the skirting fund. That, added to the funds donated by many of you, provided enough to complete that portion of the project. The remaining part--the leaking roof over the back of the stage and kitchen--will be tackled next as soon as funds are available.

Included in the new foundation under the hall was a space for a time capsule. Hopefully the sealing of it can be tied in with the celebration of the Washington State Centennial to take place in 1989. Denise Beckwith (427-8701) is in charge of this project; call her if you have suggestions for items or comments.

In October a party was held to honor all those people who worked on the skirting and foundation project. Also, what's hoped will become an annual tradition, a citizen of the year was named. To nobody's surprise, the 1987 person to be so recognized was Fred Burgdorf; the one who has for many years seen to the maintenance and improvements to the hall. Also honored for their many contributions made to the community in past years were Joe LeLand, Thora Seward, Beulah Hitchcock and Helen Wingert.

The Island Resource Report which was published by the Resource Committee has been in considerable demand; copies are still available for \$5.00, excluding the cost of postage. It received an award from the American Planning Association. The committee dissolved after having completed the report; however, it has been reactivated to attempt to obtain water samples in the various bays and estuaries around the island for future reference as to water quality. Currently seven locations are apparently being tested by the state but about an equal number of additional ones need to be sampled to adequately cover the area. This added effort could be quite expensive depending upon how it's accomplished it has been learned. Nevertheless, the importance of such information has led those interested to continue to explore ways the task might be done reasonably.

Two dances sponsored by the Community Club were held last summer; one on the 4th of July and the other during the Labor Day weekend. Even though quite well attended, the cost of live music these days makes it difficult to break even. Many folks look forward to these annual events; hence, the club hopes to continue them as long as money isn't actually lost on them.

Another new group has been formed on the island under the wing of the Community Club--a garden club. It is a very informal group which meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. Its purpose is to exchange ideas, seeds and plants besides bragging about their cabbage or whatever! Speakers are invited from time to time and visits are being planned to exceptional gardens in nearby areas. Everyone is welcome. There are no officers as such and so far no dues.

The Theater Club presented a musical program to the Island at Christmas and recently staged their second very successful dinner/auction to raise funds for future productions. Planning is in the early stages for the annual summer vaudeville show. It's an opportunity for all you frustrated thespians out there to come and join the fun!

More land is being donated to the cemetery, thanks to the Scott family. Don't forget the annual cemetery cleanup on May 21st. Chairman Allen Bacon reports there is the possibility of acquiring a 2,000 gallon tank that would make it possible to store water for watering the plants during summer months, a much needed item.

Recently the Community Club has sponsored two meetings to discuss the proposed fish farm pens to be located off the southeast shore of the island in Dana Passage. A number of concerns have been expressed by some people. The Mason county authorities are currently reviewing the proposal; neither the Resource Committee nor the Community Club have taken any position on the issue.

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Check the new bulletin board recently installed on the outside of the hall on the porch for coming events. It was donated and put in place by Kent Kirkpatrick and Susan Donnelly.

Following is a Calendar of Events as now known--May 1st:

Annual Cemetery Cleanup -----May 21
All Island Spaghetti Dinner-----May 28
4th of July Dance -----July 2
Theater Club Vaudeville -----July 9
Labor Day Dance -----Sept 3
Octoberfest (New Members/Honored Citizens)-----Oct 14
Harvest Breakfast & Rummage (Womens Club)-----Nov ?
Holiday House Bazar (Womens Club)-----Dec ?
Christmas Program (Theater Club)-----Dec ?
Oyster or Ham Dinner (Harstine Grange)-----Feb/Mar ? '89

The various island groups meet as follows: (All meetings at Community Hall)

Community Club 2nd Friday each month--6:00 P.M. Social,
6:30 P.M. Potluck, 7:30 Meeting; Damon
LaJune, President. (426-0494)
Women's Club 1st Thursday each month (except July)--
12:00 Noon; Peg Samson, President (426-3810)
Theater Club Last Monday each month--6:00 P.M. Social,
6:30 P.M. Potluck, 7:30 P.M. Meeting; Joe
Beauchene, Manager (426-8844)
Grange 3rd Friday each month -- 6:30 P.M. Potluck,
7:30 P.M. Meeting; Ernest Chaffee, Master
(426-3350)
Women's Pinocle Every other Th & day--12.30 P.M.
Mixed Pinocle 3rd Saturday each month-- 7:30 P.M.
Garden Club 1st Wednesday each month-- 7:00 P.M.

Your continued support is very much appreciated. Please return to: Geraldine
Lewis, Community Club Treasurer, E. 51 Howard Cove Lane, Shelton, WA, 98584.

1988 Community Club Membership (\$2.00 / person)-----
Community Hall Maintenance donation-----
Community Hall Roofing donation-----
Cemetery Fund donation-----
Island Resource Report (\$5.00 \pm \$1.25 for mailing)-----
Total amount enclosed-----

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