

## HARSTINE ISLAND COMMUNITY CLUB

### 1989 NEWSLETTER

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Let's put the snow shovels and chains away and hope we don't have to haul them out again soon. It's time for the much longed for warm, sunny days of \* spring \* and the *Harstine Island Community Club Newsletter*. Many clubs have upcoming activities worthy of your support. You will find a calendar at the end of this journal with dates of events as we know them. **COME ON OUT AND HAVE FUN SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY!!!**

**COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS OF YESTER-YEAR:** The Hall underwent some much needed refurbishing during the past year. With a big *Thank You* to Chairman Donna Gill, the "All Island" spaghetti dinner generated proceeds of \$800, and helped finish paying for the skirting project which was completed by early summer. On August 6th a scrape/paint party was held with about 20 volunteers, brushes in hand. One crew scraped and another followed with fresh green paint (same color as before). It was a long day with a short break; the last paint went on just after 6pm. The metal roof over the stage area was installed in late fall. The next improvement project is going to be insulation of the large main room. Anyone attending a meeting in the large room in winter knows how uncomfortable it can be. The major fund raiser for this project will be this year's "All Island" Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for May 27 from 4-7pm. Ginny Briesmeister has volunteered to chair. Come have a tasty dinner and benefit your community hall at the same time. Another small project will be the cleaning and rewaxing of the main hall floor. A BIG thank you to John Budd and Joe Klein for spreading a load of gravel across the muddy, muddy parking lot. Another BIG thanks to Joe LaLande who continues to supply the beautiful wood bowl door prizes for each CC meeting. The annual "Octoberfest" meeting was held October 14th with **Citizen of the Year for 1988** being awarded to the husband/wife team of **Marge/Joe Klein**. Also recognized for their past service to the community were **Alan Bacon, John Budd, and Carolyn Burgdorf**. Several public meetings were held at the Hall this past year to allow the community to hear both the pros and cons of a proposed fish pen farm. Swecker Seafarms of Rochester, WA, has proposed siting salmon rearing fish pens off the southeast end of HI. Anyone desiring additional information, contact the HICC, at E 651 Burgundy Rd, Shelton, WA, 98584. Has everyone noticed the new street light at the intersection of Pickering Rd and Hwy 3?? A BIG thank you to Orville Thompson who conducted a campaign to get the much needed light to brighten that dark spot.

**WOMEN'S CLUB:** has been very active during the past year, *as usual*. Some of their ongoing projects include sponsoring one "Lifeline" through Mason Gen'l Hosp, donating to 2 food banks in Shelton and supporting the HI Resource Comm. with its island projects. They also sponsored "55 Alive" a driver training refresher course. Two wonderful luncheons are put on by this group during the year; a spring luncheon in May and a X-mas luncheon in December. The club has also established a memorial plaque that will hang in the Hall's large main room. Their Holiday House held at the Hall in November was also a sparkling success. This is a wonderful X-mas shopping store filled with high quality items hand-crafted by *Islanders*. They have continued their improvement of the kitchen's resources with donations of plates, cups, tablecloths, soup spoons and 4 conference size tables which are **TRULY** appreciated by all.

**THEATER CLUB SHENANIGANS:** Due to busy summer plans by many theater members, our summer was lacking the joviality of the Vaudeville production, however, for the X-mas holidays we were rewarded with a hilarious production (free to the community) of *Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs*. The Hall was full each evening and judging by the laughter, everyone had a good time. An added attraction was "Marmalade Gumdrops" performed by the youth of the club under the direction of Vicki Shanahan. Our youth are to be commended for their creativeness and willingness to share a smile. This animated group is always on the look-out for help from YOU as a performer, back stage helper, costume sewer, prop painter etc....here's your chance to share a little laughter of your own.

**GRANGE ACTIVITIES :** The annual Ham/Oyster dinner held March 11 was an enormous success. This dinner is the Grange's major fund raiser of the year supporting the Grange Scholarship fund and worthwhile community projects. This is also an event everyone with a seafood appetite looks forward to each year.

**GARDEN CLUB GROWINGS-ON:** Yes, there is alive and growing, a garden club on HI. They have gotten off to a colorful start with an *Annual Plant Sale* in early spring. This event blossomed into a real-live Farmer's Market each Saturday morning (during the summer ) from 10-12noon at the Hall. Some of the culinary delights available (in season) from "islander-locals" are: oysters, eggs, honey, baked goods, berries, lettuce, peas, beans, potatoes, beets, herbs, flowers, etc. This ambitious group also delighted all with an "Apple Squeez'n" party at the end of October. With a truck load of purchased apples and those brought from local orchards, over 60 gallons of apple juice were squeezed. The weather cooperated and a great time was had using the *people-powered hand-cranked* press (thanks to Balls & Kramers) and also the electric press (thanks to Craig/Stephanie Watson). It was a great spectacle there on the Hall steps with neighbors cleaning, cutting, crushing and cranking on apples!!

**HI RESOURCE COMM:** Boy, has this group been *busy!* One of their current projects, water quality testing, is a *wet* adventure where volunteers physically go out and take water samples from @20 streams located at all points of the island. Samples are delivered to a lab in Bremerton and results mailed back. 4 tests have been conducted to date with each one costing @\$200. As you can see, this is a costly process but one the committee feels is necessary to establish a baseline to monitor changes in our waterways as they occur in the future. The committee has also started a project to identify existing wetlands on HI. Anyone interested in becoming *intimately* involved with the oft-unseen flora and fauna of HI contact John Dunlap at 426-8840. Lots of education/adventure here!!

**CEMETARY :** An annual clean-up was held last May with lots of neighbors, clipping, mowing, watering and sharing in the real meaning of community. Improvements will continue with a large storage tank donated by Al /Frances Bacon's daughter Linda Gilbreath. A work party is planned for early spring to install the tank. This will make watering the rhody's in the dry summer so much easier.

**FUN YET TO COME.....**Come join us at the Hall **APRIL 1ST** for the annual **Flea Market and soup/sandwich luncheon** sponsored by CC. Contact Laura Brakebill at 426-6235 if you want to rent a table to sell your attic and basement treasures. Barb LaJune at 426-0494 will gladly accept the donation of a pot of your favorite soup and/or your help in the kitchen. **APRIL 8TH** is the date to support our school kids with a **spaghetti dinner, mini auction, and entertainment**. This event's proceeds will benefit the 6th grade Fort Flagler fund and the 12th grade senior party fund. We have some outstanding students this year from Harstine that would welcome your support. Contact Cindy Bingham at 426-3347 for more information on how you can help. **APRIL 15TH** is the day that we can all go out and **CLEAN UP HARSTINE**. This is an annual spring cleaning event that leaves us all, including Harstine herself, feeling so much happier. Everyone meet at the hall at 10am to get your assigned area and bags. The more people, the shorter your pick-up area. Kids and grown-ups are encouraged to come out and show their pride in living on beautiful Harstine Island. A hot dog lunch will be served to warm us all up afterwards. If you can't make it out on the 15th, contact Jim at 427-8701 so he can get bags to you and you can do your area at your leisure. The County will pick up all bags at the Hall on the 18th. Not to be forgotten is the CHUCK ALLISON BENEFIT scheduled for **APRIL 22ND**. This is a silent auction from 2-5pm with a potluck dinner at 5. Anyone having items to donate and/or needing more information should contact Vicki Shanahan at 426-3416. Also, a reminder that every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9am there is an **aerobics class** at the Hall. This is open to both men and women and is free of charge. The "A-1" instructor is LeAnne Wagner who donates her time and stunning efforts to keep us healthy and fit. As we speak, a **CPR class** is being planned for the very near future, contact Carolyn Burgdorf at 426-8613 for dates and times.

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