

1990 Harstine Island Community Club Newsletter

THE FEBRUARY SNOWS HAVE MELTED, and the swallows, hummingbirds and "snowbirds" have all returned.....which *must* mean it's time for the annual **Harstine Island Community Club Newsletter**.

THERE'S BEEN A LOT GOING ON AROUND THE OLD HALL THIS CENTENNIAL YEAR.... Due to the unrelenting efforts of John and Martha Lea our community club building has been accepted to both the National and Washington State Registers of Historical Places! A large rock was placed (by Bill Bingham, thanks!) at the entrance to the hall from the North/South Rd. and a large bronze plaque was installed on it with the inscription: "HARSTINE ISLAND COMMUNITY HALL - Built 1914 - HAS BEEN PLACED ON BOTH THE WASHINGTON STATE AND NATIONAL REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES - Dedicated Centennial Year 1989". If you're driving by the hall, stop and take a look at this proud marker. The hall dedication ceremony was held in October in conjunction with the HICC annual "October-fest Wurst Dinner". The Citizen of the Year award was enthusiastically awarded to Barbara and Damon LaJune. Sid Baunsgard, Glenn Yates, Frank/Gerry Lewis and Esther Goetsch also received their much deserved "Service to the Community" awards. This celebrated evening was video-taped for future enjoyment. The event was doubly "warm" because the insulation in the main room in the hall has been completed. Thanks go to Al Bacon for the re-wiring job that had to be accomplished prior to the insulation being installed. Also a big thanks to all the volunteers that worked on this project and spent many hours in the attic crawling through spider webs to shore up the ceiling. The main hall floor also received a bit of spit and polish. Various volunteers laid carpeting at the doorways and scrubbed, waxed and polished the maple floor returning it to its original golden luster. These jobs, and others, were partially funded by the proceeds from last year's All-Island Spaghetti Dinner. A big thank you goes to Ginny Briesmeister who chaired the dinner last year and has offered to chair it again this year. We all look forward to this tasty fund raising event. Did you notice at last year's dinner the spiffy tuxedo style aprons your handsome waiters were wearing? These new creations were the handy work of Willa Donahue. Her efforts are really appreciated by all of us. Check the Coming Events calendar for the date for this year's dinner. Have you noticed how clean our island looks? That's thanks to the annual spring cleanup that was once again capably chaired by Jim Anderson. Over 30 volunteers worked picking up trash to beautify our island. Let's all work together to keep it in this pristine condition all year 'round. During the year, if you know of an islander who isn't feeling well, drop our sunshine committee person a line and they will send a card of our well wishes for their speedy recovery. This year, Donna Gill has taken over the responsibility from Thora Stewart and Kay Bragat who have done such a good job over the last few years. Contact Donna at E 1321 Point Wilson Rd, Shelton, 98584, 426-8714.

Thanks to Al Bacon and a crew of volunteers, the **CEMETERY** now has an 800 gallon water tank installed and ready to go. This makes summer watering of the many beautiful rhododendrons a much easier task! Also, the cemetery clean-up this year is scheduled for 10:00am May 12.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE has been working to complete the project of cataloging the streams. Application was made to the state Wetlands Preservation Project. We were selected but not funded. This is a group that is in need of input from the community as to "where to go from here"....contact Damon LaJune if you would be interested in helping your island and its community.

The **GARDEN CLUB** reminds you to mark your calendars for May 12th. That's the date of the Club's annual plant sale. They also sponsor the very popular apple squeez'n event in late October. Last year they squeezed 60 gallons of juice and this year they "doubled our pleasure" with 164 gallons! The weather didn't quite cooperate this year like it had last, but once a tarp was strung across the parking lot "double the fun" was had by all! The Farmer's Market will once again open shop this summer from 10-noon each Saturday. Watch for signs of their opening.

Last December, Islanders were once again given their Christmas gift from the **THEATER CLUB**. A charming original play written by Shirl Larson was presented. The story depicted various storybook characters and their adventures after escaping their "home" pages. Appreciative audiences filled the hall both nights. Look for Theatre Club's annual Vaudeville production on July 6th & 7th at 8PM.

Centennial year 1989 found the **GRANGE** celebrating their 75th anniversary in September. The State Master attended the celebration as did several other state officers. Special awards were given to long-time members. Irvie Wingert, the Grange's last Charter Member was also given special attention. Members were also involved in a 1st place State & Grange Centennial Pageant presented at the Grange State Convention in June. This past March was the ever successful Ham & Oyster dinner that is growing in popularity. The proceeds from this event support Grange community service projects. Maintenance of the garden spot at the triangle and a sizable donation to FPD #5 to go toward a defibrillator were also Grange considerations this year.

Our favorite **WOMEN'S CLUB** has again decided to venture into the realm of publishing. They are currently working on a Harstine Island recipe book as their next fund raiser. For information on submitting your favorite recipe, contact Marge Klein at 426-9859 or write to her at E3661 Hartstone Is No Rd, Shelton, 98584. In addition, this past year the club started an ongoing project of selling sweatshirts stencilled with a design of the island. These *hot* items are available in many sizes and colors through Marge Klein. It's fund raisers like these that allow the women's club to support worthwhile projects. A big *thank you* goes once again to these ladies for purchasing more tables for the kitchen.

CONTACT THESE FOLKS FOR MORE INFO

HI Comm Club	Damon	LaJune-426-0494
Theatre Club	Reid	Mitchell-426-2519
Garden Club	Barbara	LaJune-426-0494
Wmn's Pinochle Kay	Braget	426-8737

Women's Club	Marilyn	Laubach-426-2359
Grange	Ernie	Chaffee-426-3350
HI Resource	Damon	LaJune-426-0494
Mixed Pinochle	Damon	LaJune-426-0494

👉 YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL	1	-	Flea Market & Soup Luncheon, 9am - 4pm
	8	-	6/12th Grade Benefit Spaghetti Dinner/Mini Auction, 5:30pm dinner, 7:00 pm auction
	15	-	Annual Island Cleanup, 10am
	22	-	Chuck Allison Benefit Potluck Dinner/Silent Auction, 2pm - 5pm auction, 5pm dinner
May	13	-	Annual Garden Club Plant Sale, 9am - 12noon
	20	-	Annual Cemetary Cleanup, 10am
	27	-	Annual All Island Spaghetti Dinner, 4 - 7pm
July	1	-	Fouth of July Dance, 9pm
	7/8	-	Theater Club Vaudeville Production, TBA
September	2	-	Labor Day Dance, 9pm
October	13	-	Octoberfest/Citizen of the Year Award Presentation, TBA
	14	-	Women's Club Harvest Breakfast & Rummage Sale, TBA
November	25	-	Women's Club Holiday House, TBA
TBA (Dec)		-	Theater Club Christmas Program - free to all, TBA
TBA (Feb/Mar)		-	Grange Ham/Oyster Dinner, TBA

✓ MEETING TIMES AND DATES

COMMUNITY CLUB.....	6:30 Happy hour/potluck dinner	
	7:30 Meeting	2nd Friday of each month
WOMEN'S CLUB.....	12noon	1st Thursday of each month
THEATER CLUB.....	7:30 Meeting	Last Monday of each month
GRANGE.....	6:30 potluck dinner	
	7:30 Meeting	3rd Friday of each month
GARDEN CLUB.....	7:00 Meeting	2nd Thursday of each month
HI RESOURCE COMMITTEE.....	7:30 Meeting	Last Friday of the month
WOMEN'S PINOCHLE.....	12:30pm	Every other Tuesday
MIXED PINOCHLE.....	7:30pm	1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month

PLEASE RETURN TO: ELLEN WRIGHT, COMMUNITY CLUB TREASURER, E3321 Harstline Island Rd No, Shelton, WA 98584

- ☒ 1989 Harstline Island Community Club Membership Fee (\$5 per person)
☒ Donation for Community Hall Maintenance Fund
☒ Donation for Cemetary Fund
☒ Donation for Resource Committee Water Testing