

A year has come and gone, and although it's hard to top 1989's excitement around the dedication of our community hall as an historic place.... we seem to have come pretty close to it. So **READ ALL ABOUT 1990** in this, the Harstine Island Community Club Newsletter!

It's history in the making!! With the future in mind, the HICC has recently purchased the 2.5 acres surrounding the community hall. This was a big decision, but one that promises many rewards for our community. The purchase price of \$9,300 was not to be considered lightly and required a commitment from each and every island property owner. A plea to the community was sent out in August to as many property owners as could be reached and as we write this newsletter, our Treasurer has just made the final payment. The land is now ours! This is an accomplishment for which we can all truly be proud. This is the kind of community support that makes Harstine famous. All future donations to this special fund will benefit the development phase of this project. There are lots of ideas being formulated and foremost on every list is increased parking. The **Property Acquisition and Development Committee** (chaired by Reid Mitchell and now called the **Property Development Committee**), will be working through these various plans and be reporting their progress at the HICC monthly meetings. Another committee is sparking back to life and will be making its mark on history, too. It's none other than the investigative **Island Resource Committee** this year chaired by Randy Price. This group made tremendous strides in recent years educating us about the island itself via the award-winning Island Resource Book. Now it's time to take that wealth of information and decide where to go from here. This will prove to be a timely issue because of the State's passage of **House Bill 2929** which states, in general, that Mason County WILL develop a growth management plan. How Harstine Island will fit into this growth management plan is the task of the Island Resource Committee. Therefore, this committee will be asking for a lot of input over the next few months. The Building committee (now called the **Building & Maintenance Committee** chairman - Joe Klein) has installed the long awaited cooking island in the kitchen. The Women's Club purchased the cupboards and Joe/Marge Klein worked on the installation. The cupboards are beautiful, and the tiled counter top is a sight to behold. This spacious new counter really speeds up serving for large gatherings/dinners and the overall layout helps direct the line of hungry people at our many community potlucks! This last remaining piece of the puzzle really completes our picture-perfect kitchen. The ever-faithful Al Bacon has also been working some long hours to upgrade the electrical capabilities of the hall. And not to be left out is our favorite **Sunshine Committee**. If you know of any islander in need of a pick me up due to recent illness, surgery or loss, please contact Donna Gill. She can be reached at E 1321 Pt Wilson Rd, Shelton, 98584, 426-8714 and will send a little HICC cheer their way. Also of community interest, are the informative reports from our liason, John Strasburger, who represents Harstine on the **Sheriff's Advisory Board**. John keeps the lines of communication open between the community and the Sheriff's office and reports at each HICC meeting. Any islander wishing to join John at these once monthly meetings in Shelton should contact him at 426-8888. On to the festivities.... The HICC hosted it's annual Fall "October-fest Wurst Dinner" for the entire community with approximately 100 people in attendance. After consuming all the sauerkraut & sausage it was time to enthusiastically bestow this year's honor of "**Citizen of the Year**" upon **Denise Beckwith**. Also honored were **Martin Goetsch** and **Irvie Wingert**, posthumously, and **Shirl Larson**, as recipients of this year's "**Service to the Community**" award. Our community is proud of the many wonderful people who volunteer their time, expertise, funds and ideas - that's what makes our community strong. We're all winners in that respect! Another success story was the annual all-island Spaghetti dinner in May that served 15 gallons of sauce, 48 lbs of noodles and 37 loaves of bread to about 300 people! This was the most successful dinner yet and is the major fund raiser that supports hall maintenance and all-island projects. Please take special note of the date for this year's Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, May 25th. With so many important island projects this year, like expansion of the parking lot and growth management/water quality studies, this dinner is a prime opportunity for you to support these efforts. Hope to see you there! In other community news, we were offered presentations from the Sheriff's office regarding "Operation ID", and "Stop Fraud Network", also Fire District 5 CPR classes and "55 Alive" classes taught by islanders Fran/Louis Orth. There's always so much to see & do! And due to the diligent efforts of Fire District 5, we have been upgraded to a "Class 6" district. So contact your insurance agent for possible reduction in premiums . . . over

We'd like to take this opportunity to extend a special invitation to "old" and "new" neighbors to BECOME INVOLVED WITH YOUR COMMUNITY! All of our clubs/organizations meet monthly for friendly informative meetings at the community hall. Read below about their many activities and check the attached calendar for specific meeting information.

The Garden Club continues to amaze us with their annual Apple Cider Squeez'n event that really brings the community together for some plain good old fashioned FUN. The added attraction this year, was the electric crusher and hydraulic presser that club member Jim Anderson constructed with the technical help of islander machinist Dick Seward. It was quite the hit of the show! All in all the club squeezed about 5,000 lbs of apples for about 185 gallons of apple cider. And to top the day off, Justine Angster (nee Goetsch) and kitchen crew also offered fresh homemade donuts. Next on the agenda is the preparation for their annual plant sale. Club members are sprouting (literally) lots of herbs, flowers, ground covers, etc., so plan to stop by the Hall on May 4 from 9-noon and bring some Spring home with you! Once Spring does hit, this same group will again be spending Saturday mornings from 10-noon sponsoring the "Farmers' Market". In addition to local artisans with their wares, the club members sell quite an array of fresh produce from their very own Harstine Island gardens!

Harstine Ladies are busier than ever with outings, luncheons, donations and **dedication!** One of this year's highlights included the Harvest Breakfast & Rummage Sale which served about 125 people. The proceeds were donated to the Mason General Hospital Lifeline program, and will support 2 units for 1 year. This group also hosted a luncheon honoring Wilma George, our island's local mail carrier, who retired after many years of dedicated service. The ladies also have many fond memories of this year's Holiday House Arts & Crafts Fair. This one was especially memorable for the power outage which hit about 20 minutes after opening and lasted until about 15 minutes before closing. With the aide of flash lights and hurricane lanterns it was business as usual for these hardy islanders (except for the hot soup & coffee which had to be taken from the menu). As mentioned earlier, these same ladies purchased the new kitchen cupboards for the cooking island in the hall and deserve a big THANK YOU for keeping the upkeep and upgrading of the community hall high on their list of priorities. The major fund raisers that support these projects are sales from their Harstine Island sweatshirts, T-shirts and hats, and from their entertaining book The Island Remembers.

The show must go on.....and boy did it!by none other than our own Harstine Island Theater Club who presented two shows in 1990. This was all under the illumination of the new professional stage lighting system purchased by the group this past year. The Vaudeville in July was entitled "Northwest Fare" and included "flashback" skits covering the last century. Old favorites were featured including the Island Mens' Dance Ensemble and the ladies Kitchen Kettle Band. For Christmas the presentation was a delightful "One Magic Christmas" that included a Raggedy Ann skit featuring our island children. The show was directed by Gene Nelson and produced by Pat Dunlap. Pat also wrote the script for the Raggedy Ann portion of the show. This was truly a festive program alive with the *magic* of Christmas. For 1991 the club will be under the management of Gene Nelson and an enjoyable busy year is planned.

The Grange continues to grow.... and anyone interested in rural living is encouraged to come join. This is a family oriented, non-partisan group, interested in scholarships, pot luck dinners and community service. In fact, participation at the Mason County Fair this year once again gained the group the **1st place award** for their Grange Booth display. Grange applications and information may be obtained by contacting membership chairman, Bud Glaser or secretary, Frances Bacon. The Grange has scheduled their popular annual Oyster/Ham Dinner for March 9, 4 to 7pm at the Community Hall. This is another *tasty* event you won't want to miss. Local island oysters have that special quality that you just don't find in "off island" oysters! A July picnic is also held with open invitations for ALL to attend. This is a casual, fun, get-to-know-your-neighbors event. Date and place will be posted at the community hall.

In closing, we'd like to send a BIG "Thank you" to all islanders for your invaluable support this past year.....your continued input and exchange of ideas keeps us all in touch with the "Heartbeat of Harstine".

✍️ THESE UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

Mar	9	Grange Ham & Oyster Dinner	4pm-7pm
Mar	16	Women's Club Flea Market	9am-4pm
Mar	23	Spring Cemetery Clean-up	10am
Apr	20	All Island Clean-up	9am
May	4	Garden Club Annual Plant Sale	9am-12noon
May	18	Summer Cemetery Clean-up	10am
May	25	All Island Annual Spaghetti Dinner	4pm-7pm
July	5/6	Theater Club Vaudeville Production	TBA
Aug	31	All Island Labor Day Dance	9pm
Sept	28	Women's Club Harvest Breakfast & Rummage Sale	TBA
Oct	11	October-fest/Citizen of the Year Awards	6pm
Oct	26	Garden Club Apple Cider Squeezing	10am-3pm
Nov	30	Women's Club Holiday House	TBA
Dec	TBA	Theatre Club Christmas Program, FREE TO ALL	

☎ CLUB MEETING INFORMATION AND CONTACT PERSON ☎

Grange	3rd Friday	6:30-7:30 potluck dinner-7:30 meeting
<u>Contact</u> : Ernie Chaffee at 426-3350, Bud Glaser at 426-8871 or Frances Bacon at 426-8873		
Women's Club	1st Thursday	12noon brown bag lunch/meeting
<u>Contact</u> : Marilyn Laubach at 426-2359		
Sweatshirt/T-shirt/hat sales - Janeth Kinser at 426-7092 or Ruth Goodwin at 426-6798		
Garden Club	2nd Thursday	7:00 meeting
<u>Contact</u> : Barbara LaJune at 426-0494		
Theatre Club	Last Monday	6:30-7:30 potluck dinner-7:30 meeting
<u>Contact</u> : Gene Nelson at 427-8699		
Harstine Island Resource Committee	Call for time/date	
<u>Contact</u> : Randy Price at 427-8955		
Mixed Pinochle	1st & 3rd Saturdays	7:30 game time
<u>Contact</u> : Damon LaJune at 426-0494		
Women's Pinochle	Call for time/date	
<u>Contact</u> : Kay Braget at 426-8737		
Harstine Island Community Club	2nd Friday	6:00-6:30 happy hour 6:30-7:30 potluck dinner-7:30 meeting
<u>Contact</u> : Marge Klein, President at 426-9859		
Barbara LaJune for community hall reservations at 426-0494		



Please send all donations to Harstine Island Community Club, c/o Damon LaJune, Treasurer. Damon's address is E 651 Burgandy Rd, Shelton, WA 98584

- ☐ 1991-92 Harstine Island Community Club Dues (\$5 per person/\$10 per couple)
- ☐ Donation for Island Resource Committee Growth Management & Water Quality Studies
- ☐ Donation for Property Development Fund
- ☐ Donation for Building & Maintenance Fund