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HARSTINE ISLAND COMMUNITY CLUB 2000 NEWSLETTER

In this special year 2000, the Harstine Island Community Club has a wonderful opportunity for additional "improvement" work progress on the community hall. The following major jobs are done:

- a new foundation under the front of the building
- a new front porch and railing
- · a wheelchair ramp
- a newly painted hall exterior

Now we have the opportunity to plan an interior remodeling of the kitchen and restrooms. The need for updating these areas have been discussed for several years, but the above mentioned, more pressing projects, took precedence. Now, with over 330 Harstine Community Club members, and anticipating the many requests for the use of the hall, a serious look at remodeling these areas is warranted. Plans have been drawn more than once, but never approved. So, now is the time for interested members to provide input into the planning, and physical and/or fiscal help during the remodel.

So many years ago, when this club was the Harstine Island Social Club, a precedent was set that continues today. That is to have meetings and transact business while having fun doing it. We had a good year in 1999. Along with annual events such as Oktoberfest and the spaghetti dinner we enjoyed some special events like the Millennium Dance, a member quiz night, and a couple of game nights. We hope that everyone who likes to have fun while doing the important business of the club, will give us your ideas as to how we can make the year 2000 even more exciting than last year.

Finally, our MUCH DESERVED THANKS all around:

-to each and everyone who helped with the maintenance and improvement of the hall

-to everyone who pitched in to help with the social events, and running the monthly meetings

-to the leaders of the associated clubs: the Garden Club, the Theatre Club, and the Women's Club, for being there and for jobs well done.

-to unsung heroes who put out this newsletter, and are usually not considered unless the newsletter doesn't get sent out on time or at all. It's a big job and greatly appreciated.

Let's continue to have a fun and successful Community Club experience this year. -Bob Helm outgoing president 1999



During this past Oktoberfest, Terry Hogan (center, top) was awarded the Outstanding Citizen of 1999. Vikki Shanahan (left), Barbara Campbell (center), and Evelyn Enslow (right) were named Honored Citizens

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY HALL

1999 was an excellent year for needed improvements to the community hall. The old front deck posts and rails were replaced and a wheel chair ramp was installed. Dry rot was removed from the south east corner and a foundation wall now runs under the front of the building.

Jim Anderson was the energetic force behind the completion of these numerous tasks. Leo Echaniz was ever present and responsible for the detail of the four main porch posts and installing the rail and styles which were donated and primed by Rod Hammett.

Other labor contributors included always available Bob Helm, Bill Bogle, Terry Hogan, Bill Bingham, Fred Burgdorf, Frank Lewis, Howard Spears, George Perry, John Neilson and many others.

Fifteen gallons of primer, and 22 gallons of finish paint were used to paint the exterior of the hall. The exterior walls were scraped, scraped and scraped (many thanks to Jack and Diane Myers for their tireless scraping and painting), primed and painted. Terry Hogan sprayed, while Bob Helm, Jack Myers and Don Nichols back rolled the paint. Other contributors included Frank Lewis, Gene Nelson, Barbara LaJune, Bob and Marie Carpenter, Paul Perry, Nick Neuerburg, Rod Hammett, and Cliff Judd. Kay Braget donated \$23.00 towards materials and Jim Anderson, Bob Helm, and Terry Hogan donated miscellaneous lumber for forms and temporary bracing. Terry Hogan begs forgiveness if he has forgotten anyone who helped and is not mentioned in this article.

Future improvement projects include a uni-sex restroom accessible to the physically challenged. Also, Harstine Island Community Club has donated \$500.00 to Women's Club towards the purchase of a propane oven and six burner stove top to add more cooking capacity for the many food and festival gatherings that occur all year.

Another future project is a new metal roof. The existing roof is leaking slightly and the source has not been located. Also, the roof is rusting on the south side. The Community Club needs an influx of funds specifically for this needed roof project which is expected to cost \$25,000.00 and asks if members would consider an additional donation along with club dues to initiate this project in the year 2000.

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THEATER FOUNDATION The Harstine Island

Theater Foundation recently distributed a brochure that contained preliminary sketches of the proposed Cultural Arts Center. The facility has been the focus of the Foundation since their inception in 1996. The singular mission of the group is to have a cultural center on the island that would provide a facility to showcase local artists' works, provide studio space for fine arts construction, and a theater for regional acting groups.

Foundation President Frank Lewis said that the group is in the process of seeking grants and private donations to construct such a facility. Currently they are seeking a parcel of three or four acres on the island that would accommodate such a center. Mr. Lewis states, "We have a wealth of young people on the island that would benefit from a cultural center. We need to provide a facility for the youth as well as our other local artists."

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the drawings of the proposed facility, or if you would like any other information regarding the goals and purposes of the Harstine Island Theater Foundation, please write to the foundation at H.I.T.F., P.O. Box 1081, Shelton, WA 98584 or you may call Mr. Frank Lewis at 426-4120.

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THEATRE CLUB For the first half of 1999, the Theatre Club might have been compared with "The Mouse that Roared." Starting with the vision and direction of Gene Nelson, along with the hard work and cooperation of almost every club member, "Oklahoma!" came to Harstine Island in July. Almost any way you want to look at it, this was the biggest challenge taken on by this relatively small club of enthusiastic actors, singers, dreamers and hard workers. The production was a success in every way and showcased the talents of many here on Harstine Island.

In May, the South Kitsap Acting Ensemble brought their talent and enthusiasm to the island for the second Young People's Drama Workshop, a very popular session for young people from Harstine Island. In September the youth of the island put on "The Mystery of Jarrell's Cove", a play written and directed by Vikki Shanahan. The theme of this successful program related to the care and protection of our water environment.

The Christmas show this past year was titled "Christmas at the Y2K Corral". Written by Pat Dunlap, this show took a lighthearted look at Y2K from various perspectives. Shirl Larson brought her talents and experience to the show as the director.

The Club plans another ambitious program for 2000



which includes the following (the dates are subject to change):

March 24th or 25th - Tentative The Yakima Community College Choir has tentative scheduled a return visit to the Island. This year the stage band may come as well.

April 5,6,7 & 8 - a small cast comedy, "Chicago", directed by Gene Nelson

June 30, July 1,2 & 3 - Show to be announced - but it will be great!

December 1,2,& 3 - Annual Christmas Show

The Theatre Club thanks the community for it's continued loyal support and invites you to attend the 2000 productions.

The Theatre Club meets on the last Monday of each month. The meeting starts at 7:00PM preceded by a pot luck dinner starting at 6:30 PM. We encourage you to join this fun and rewarding group. No prior theater or acting experience is necessary. Theatre Club also seeks people who wish to work behind the scenes, in areas such as set building, scene painting, prop making, and publicity. For more information please call Rosalie or Don Melnick at 426-9092.

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GARDEN CLUB The Garden Club meets on the second Thursday of each month to discuss problems and solutions concerning our lawns, trees, gardens, flowers, and berries. Speakers and informational videos are often scheduled for the monthly meetings. Every one is invited to attend and participation is not limited to the island.

Early in May the annual plant sale is held in the community hall. This features trees, vegetable plants, berry and grape plants, house plants, and bedding plants.

In mid-October the annual apple squeeze provides the community a chance to participate in a day of fun making fresh apple cider which is offered to the public in gallon jugs. Fresh made doughnuts, hot and cold cider by the glass, caramel apples, and sausage dogs with various toppings are part of the festivities. The funds from these activities are used to enhance the grounds of the community hall and the entrance to the island. One spring, the state park entrance benefitted from the attention of Garden Club members.

Several years ago the south side of the hall was transformed into a small garden designed by Sue and Bob Thompson, and Pat LeClaire and Jerry Christenson. This area has been upgraded with lower plant boxes which will be easier to water and maintain.

Last spring the area surrounding the large rock at the front of the hall was planted with numerous heathers donated by Karla Lortz. Top soil, railroad ties, and labor were donated by club members to beautify this important area of the community hall. Garden Club meets on the second Thursday of

each month at 7:00PM. Any interested person is welcome to join the club. For more information please contact Rod Hammett at 426-3089.



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CRIME WATCH The 4th year of Crime Watch begins January, 2000. In the past year, this organization has had just enough volunteers to maintain daily patrols. As always, any additional help is always welcome!

The crime rate on the island remains low. The sheriff's office confirms that regular patrols, such as those conducted by Crime Watch, help to keep loiterers away and consequently reduces criminal activity. Crime Watch is working with Community Club and Fire District #5 to set up an Emergency Contact System for the island. Harstine Island Crime Watch is in the process of setting up listings of property owners and residents by neighborhood. A couple of representatives from each area will act as contacts in case of emergency situations and keep the contact information for each neighborhood current. Once the initial information is organized, the hope is that it can be maintained without much effort by any one individual.

Harstine Island Crime Watch has current and up-to-date information available on the internet. Go to www.harstiner.com/home and click on "Neighborhood Watch." Officer information is listed there along with current newsletter information.

The Harstine Island Crime Watch meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM at the community hall. Volunteers are needed for the neighborhood contact program, as well as for our patrols. Please, get involved and help Harstine Island Crime Watch make Harstine Island the safest place to live in Mason County. The officer elections will take place in February. Until then please contact Glenn Yates at 426-8853 for more information.



MASON FIRE DISTRICT #5 Island fire fighters from Station 9 next to the community hall and Station 11 from Island Shores responded to 65 aid calls (injury or illness) and 10 fire related calls from January 1 to November 20, 1999. Also, there were approximately 20 runs off-island for aid or water tender support.

District 5 offers several services to the community to help educate and prepare community members for emergencies. Some of the services available include:

Address Markers are available to clearly mark your residence for emergency personnel. They make great gifts and installation is provided free of charge.

Home Safety Inspections help you identify fire and safety hazards. These inspections take less than an hour and are free.

CPR and First Aid Training is periodically offered. This includes a four hour CPR class and an eight hour first aid class. A minimal fee is required to cover the cost of materials and the instructor.

Mason Fire District #5 maintains a reference file of individuals with special needs in case of fire or other emergency. If you have any questions regarding this list or if you wish to be included please contact the fire district.

The district is always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in this service to the community, call District Headquarters at 426-5533 for more information.

District Roster - Current Personnel

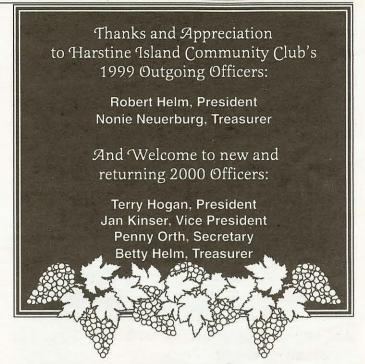
Station 11:

Nick Neuerburg, FF/MFA
Mark Mottet, FF/MFA (in EMT Training)
Bonnie Zitsman, FF/MFA (in EMT Training)

Station 9:

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(FF=Fire Fighter; FR=First Response; EMT= Emergency Medical Technician; MFA=Medic First Aid)

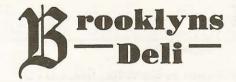


BRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH The

Bridge Community Church celebrated their third anniversary in November, 1999. Usually 70 to 90 people enjoy worship each Sunday. Services begin at 10:30 AM and Sunday School begins at 9:30 AM. On Wednesday evenings there is a home meeting for Bible study and prayer. Everyone is invited to these meetings.

County restrictions have delayed the church's work on a new building, but preparations continue to be made for a structure. Participants in the church are very grateful for the use of the Harstine Community Hall as their place to meet. Pastor Howard Spear states, "The most important work is building the fellowship of those who are trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, and who desire to grow in love and obedience to Him and service to others."

For more information please phone Pastor Howard Spear at 426-5221.



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Grange, in operation since 1914, addresses community needs in a nonpartisan forum aimed at suggesting and supporting legislation at local, state, and national levels. This year's community support included donating to the food bank all year long and targeted needy families for holiday support at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Harstine Grange also continues to offer a scholarship of financial support each year to an outstanding graduate from a Mason County high school. Again, the Ham and Oyster Dinner, an annual island favorite had a very successful turnout. Meetings are held at the community hall on the third Friday of each month. For information, call Al Bacon at 426-8873.



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LAJUNE'S SENIOR LUNCHEON

The Harstine Island Senior Luncheon was originated by the late Damon LaJune in September of 1998 with only six people attending the first lunch. Attendance has swelled from the original six to an average of 65 people with the highest attendance in 1999 being 72. After Damon's death, it was renamed LaJune's Senior Luncheon in his honor. It is run by a board of 12 dedicated and hard working women and men. The luncheon is held every other Wednesday at the community hall, with lunch being served at 12 noon. The purpose of the lunch is strictly social, to acquaint people with their neighbors while enjoying a delicious and nutritious meal. Anyone over 50 is welcome to attend. A \$2.00 donation is asked for at the door.



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Farmer's Market opens the first Saturday in June and closes with apple squeeze in mid-October. Hours are from 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.



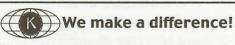
WOMEN'S CLUB offers a tradition of meetings; Christmas and May Luncheons, a spring outing, and a June hot dog roast. The club is also active in fund-raising activities to help maintain the community hall, fund annual scholarships for island residents, and provide needed money for local food banks. Other benevolent activities have included gifts for seniors in nursing homes, and food baskets and clothing donated to Pioneer School.

Following funerals for island residents, Women's Club provides a luncheon for the family and friends allowing opportunity for fellowship.

The past year's Children's Carnival delighted many small children with games and prizes, face-painting, hot dogs, pop corn, and popular "hobo packs" distributed by the older island kids dressed as clowns. District # 5 fire station personnel were on hand with a fire engine and a "safety house" attracting many young participants.

Our more traditional Holiday House Bazaar brings the festive air of Christmas to the island featuring craft and other gift items for sale on the Saturday following Thanksgiving which this year will fall on November 25th.

The Harstine Island Women's Club offers opportunities for fun and service to all interested island women. The club meets each month (except July) on the first Thursday at noon. Please join us to meet new friends and to enjoy entertainment and lunch together. Bring a brown bag lunch, dessert is provided. This club has emerged from a small group formed in the late 1930's to become an active auxiliary to Community Club. For more information, please contact Cindy Meyer at 427-0943.



Pioneer Community Kiwanis

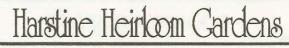
We meet every Wednesday from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM at the Spencer Lake Resort.

The Kiwanis are organized internationally and locally to serve and save the world's children. For more information please come to our meeting or call Diane Edgin at 427-0422



Bjorn Cofield (left), Lyndsey Owen and their sidekick Beluga, clown around at the Children's Carnival.



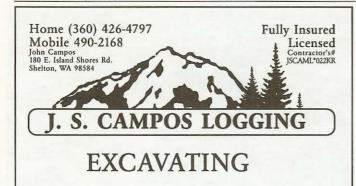




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-from the staff of the Harstine Islander

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Terry Hogan - 426-5220 2nd Friday of each month 6-7PM Happy Hour/Potluck Dinner 7:30PM Meeting

Bridge Community Church

Pastor Howard Spear - 426-5221 Sunday School 9:30AM-10:30AM Worship Service 10:30AM

Crime Watch

Glenn Yates - 426-8853 3rd Wednesday of each month 7PM

Garden Club

Rod Hammett - 426-3089 2nd Thursday of each month 7PM

Grange

Al Bacon - 426-8873 3rd Friday of each month

Pinochile (Mixed)

Barbara LaJune - 426-0494 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month 7:30 PM

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Kay Braget - 426-8737 Call for time and dates

Theatre Club

Don or Rosalie Melnick - 426-9092 Last Monday of each month 6:30 PM Potluck 7:00 PM Meeting

Women's Club

Cindy Meyer - 427-0943 1st Thursday of each month 12 Noon, Brown Bag Lunch



Community Club 1999 Operating Statement Expenses: \$14,630.83 Income: \$14,856.63

Itemized Expenses		Newsletter		
Administrative		Design & Print	538.42	
Bank Charges	\$ 20.00	Mailing Costs	403.70	
Insurance	2,419.85	Designated Funds		
Permits/Licenses	118.75	Building - Cap. Improvements	278.14	
Community Donations	32.37	Miscellaneous	193.70	
Postage	101.95	Itemized Income		
Fund-raisers		General		
Rummage Sale	219.00	Rental	\$4,015.00	
Spaghetti Dinner	247.72	Dues	1,675.00	
Oktoberfest	394.22	Interest	12.33	
Misc. Fund-raisers	682.89	Fire Dept. Lease	287.53	
Property Management		Gifts & Donations	3,356.20	
Building Maintenance	3,927.01	Newsletter Ads	350.00	
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Cleaning	155.00	Recycling	27.08	
Taxes	442.19	Miscellaneous Fund-raisers	1,322.50	
Supplies	634.32	Designated Funds		
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Harstine Island Community Club Dates to Remember in 2000

February

11th - Com. Club Meeting 6PM

March

11th - Grange Ham & Oyster Dinner 24th or 25th - Tentative Yakima Com. Coll. Choir

April

5,6,7 & 8 - Theatre Club presents "Chicago", 8PM 5th, 6th & 8th Dinner Theater performance on the 7th, 6PM 29th - Young People's Drama Workshop. 9:30AM -1:30PM TBA - Island Clean-Up Day

May

4th - Women's Club Spring Luncheon Noon
 6th - Garden Club Plant Sale
 27th - Comm. Club Spaghetti Dinner

June

3rd - Opening Day of Farmer's Market 10AM-Noon 30th - Theatre Club Summer Show TBA 8PM

July

1,2 & 3 - Theatre Club Summer Show TBA 8PM 29th - Comm. Club Rummage Sale

August

12th - Women's Club Children's Carnival 11AM-2PM 26th - Labor Day Dance

October

13th - Oktoberfest 6PM 14th - App. Squeeze & close of Farm. Market 10AM-3PM

November

7th - Election Day 23rd - Damon's Thanksgiving Dinner 25th - Holiday House Gift Bazaar 10AM-3PM

December

1,2 & 3 - Theatre Club Christmas Play 8PM
7th - Women's Club Luncheon 12 Noon
8th - Community Club (Officer Elec.) 6PM
25th - Damon's Christmas Dinner



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