

Harstine Islander



2003 Newsletter

HELLO FELLOW ISLANDERS

This year has passed so quickly, it makes me dizzy! I really have enjoyed my year as Community Club President. It was fun and very rewarding. We accomplished many projects. One is the beautiful new forest green roof at the Community Hall, thanks to Juan the roofer and his hard working crew, and to the many community club volunteers who helped with cleanup. Our thanks also go to Lumbermen's for their part in the project, and to our affiliated club members for their generosity in donations to the project.



From left: Ruth and Jim Irish, Ginny and Bob Briesemesiter, Karla Lortz (Allison Bowen not shown)

We have a magnificent new kiosk thanks to Tony Enslow and his friends. Community members and visitors will enjoy the kiosk for years to come. It includes a map, the reader board and a brief history of Harstine Island. Garden Club plans to landscape the area around the kiosk. Many of our clubs supported Tony's Eagle Scout project financially. Thank you, Tony, for a job well done.

I would like to thank the wonderful members of our clubs who have chaired the year's events. Without you, there would be no Community Club. We are very lucky to have such generous people who give their time and energies to our community. This is a wonderful community in which to live, and I feel very blessed to live here. Each year we celebrate Oktoberfest at the October club meeting. During this event we have an awards ceremony to thank individuals who have done a lot for the community in the last year;

people who are always ready to help when they can and aren't afraid to take on the big projects. This year's awards recipients were Citizens of the year, Jim and Ruth Irish; Honored Citizens of the year, Karla Lortz, Ginny and Bob Briesemeister and Allison Bowen. Thank you for your commitment to a better community.

We have many forms of communication on Harstine Island. One such form is this newsletter, mailed to every landowner on the island. We hope the newsletter will help keep landowners informed about the island's events. Elizabeth Berndt and her crew have worked very hard to organize, edit and report the clubs' news, and I commend them for a job well done. THANK YOU!

If you subscribe to the SHELTON MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, you may have read John Coopers Harstine Island News column. Each week, John pens an informative and entertaining column of the past week's events. He also lists the upcoming club activities and adds tidbits of information about our local area, which makes for interesting reading. Thank you John for a wonderful column I look forward to every week.

Last but not least is the website Karla Lortz took over from Nancy Ronning. (<http://www.harstiner.com/>) She has included a plethora of items to enjoy. Not only are there pictures of our local sunsets and wildlife, but there is also a photo of a totem pole on our island. She has island history to tell, and John Cooper's weekly column to read should you miss it in the newspaper. If you are new to the island, this website will educate you in many aspects of the island's history, clubs and events. Do look at the web site. Thank you Karla and Nancy for a great website.

All of the above items require a lot of dedicated time and energy from these wonderful community minded individuals. Thank you for such a wonderful contribution to our island community.

A special THANK YOU goes to our Community Club officers: Vice President Diane Myers, Secretary Marlene Echaniz, Treasurer Jim Anderson, members at large, Rod Hammett and Bob Helm, hall scheduler, Pam Niemi-Wood. Without these dedicated people, I would have been lost! Thank you for a fantastic year.

Community Club officers for 2003 are: President Allison Bowen, Vice President Mike Benson, Secretary Linda Benson, Treasurer Jim Anderson, Members at large, Bob Helm and Marlene Echaniz, Hall Scheduler Pam Niemi-Wood and Sunshine person Colleen Benson. I look forward to working with our new officers. It will be a great year! 2002 Community Club President, Allison Bowen

2003 Weekend and Special Events

February

5th & 19th, Sr. Lunch (11am-2pm))

March

5th & 19th, Sr. Lunch (11am-2pm)
8th Grange Ham & Oyster Dinner 3pm-6pm

April

2nd, 16th & 30, Sr. Lunch (11am-2pm)
5th, Plant Sale Day
14th, Children's Theatre Workshop
19th, Island Clean-up 8am-12pm

May

1st, Women's Club Spring Luncheon (12pm-3pm)
3rd, Garden Club Plant Sale
14th & 28th, Sr. Lunch (11am-2pm)
24th, Community Club Spaghetti Dinner
31st, Farmer's Market begins (8am-11pm)

June

11th & 25th, Sr. Lunch (11am-2pm)

July

9th & 23th, Sr. Lunch (11am-2pm)

August

2nd, Community Club Rummage Sale
6th & 20th, Sr. Lunch (11am-2pm)
10th Children's Carnival (11AM-2PM)

September

3rd & 17th, Sr. Lunch (11am-2pm)

October

1st, 15th & 29th Sr. Lunch (11am-2pm)
4th, Garden Club Apple Squeeze (8am-4pm)
10th, Community Club Oktoberfest (5pm-10pm)
11th, Farmer's Market closes (8am-11am)

November

12th & 26th Sr. Lunch (11am-2pm)
27th, Community Thanksgiving Dinner (2pm-3pm)
29th, Women's Club Holiday House (10am-3pm)

December

4th, Women's Club Christmas Lunch (12pm-3pm)
5th, 6th, 7th, Theatre Club Christmas Play
10th & 24th, Sr. Lunch (11am-2pm)
25th Community Christmas Dinner (2pm-4pm)

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While Neighborhood Watch is a national organization and activity, Harstine Island's is locally based and locally administered through 100% volunteer efforts. Its primary activities involve daily patrols of island roads, forwarding information to law enforcement agencies regarding possible criminal or dangerous behavior, organizing neighborhoods to patrol and/or observe their local area, and occasionally inviting guest speakers to inform the public regarding criminal or dangerous circumstances.

The organization meets at the Community Hall at 7:00 P.M. the 3rd Wednesday of each month. You are invited to attend. You might like to serve as a patrol volunteer one day per month, as a neighborhood coordinator, as an officer of the organization or in other ways. The Watch is entirely supported by contributions from individuals and organizations on the island, and invites contributions.

For more information contact George Perry, Chief of Watch, 426-7330 or Diane Dawley, Neighborhood Coordinator, 427-8833. Diane can also add your name to our newsletter so you can be informed of events.



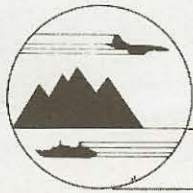
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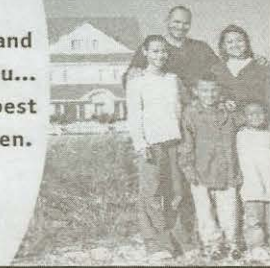


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...celebrated it's 6th anniversary in November, and can look back on growth in numbers and in fellowship with God and each other. One of our goals is to support each other and to reach out to hurting folks with prayer and practical helps both locally and throughout the world. We have an active group with regular Sunday school classes for all ages, and a weekly home bible study for adults. We sponsor a biweekly youth group, monthly women's meetings, men's prayer breakfasts and a men's coffee hour at a local restaurant. Once a month we have a "carry-in dinner" and every other month is a refreshment and chat time after each Sunday service that month. We do have fun!

On the more serious side, we help local families at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas with gifts of food and staples. For our "Birthday Gift for Christ" we delivered food boxes to 7 families, made and stuffed stockings for Sunday schools in the ghettos of New York, purchased and shipped over 20 tons of rice to starving farm families in Laos, and bought, collected and shipped over 500 pounds of warm clothing, including 82 blankets to suffering churches in Afghanistan and Pakistan. We find ourselves so blessed here that it is a thrill to share with others not so fortunate. We invite all to join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 for Sunday School and 10:30 for church. Communion is offered the first Sunday of the month. Call Pastor Howard Spear for further information. 426-5221

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Garden Club

"Come on in and have a seat! Don't be shy - it's only the monthly meeting of the Harstine Island Garden Club. We don't mind if you have a little dirt under you fingernails, or look like you just came in from the garden. It is time to get together with friends and neighbors and catch up on island life and what's going on in that most important and magical place, The Garden! About the only rule we have, is that the meeting can't start until the coffee is done."

What's on our agenda? We may begin delving into some of life's most important questions, like "What is the best variety of tomato for this area? How do you turn hydrangea cuttings into new plants? Where is the best place to buy fencing? How high should the fence be?" We may continue with Show and Tell, something we can't get enough of. Tonight, Karla Lortz is showing us some pictures of her upcoming book about heaths and heathers. Garden club is a good place to share all the successes and failures of the past season. It is usually cookie time before we are planning work parties to maintain the various garden projects around the Community Hall, or discussing new ideas for meetings.

We accomplish all this in only two hours, from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. the 2nd Thursday of each month. "It has been a real pleasure having you as a guest at tonight's meeting. We hope you come back again. Beware, though, it can become contagious!" *Written by Jim Anderson*



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We will have four new Recruits in the 2003 County Fire Training Academy in Jan. They are Colleen Benson, Nick Arthur, and Steve and DeeAnn Meachem. They will spend the better part of the next six months learning different aspects of fire and medical emergency response. Fire District 5 is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact District Headquarters at 426-5533.

District 5 services 150 square miles in Mason County with 11 stations, two of which have a Paramedic and EMT response crew 24 hours a day. Another station serves as District HQ, Communication Center (FIRECOM) and administrative office. Mason 5 is ready to assist you and is committed to providing the best possible service with well-trained and dedicated personnel.

District 5 offers several services to help educate and prepare the community for emergencies. These include:

Address markers to clearly mark your residence for responders (minimal fee and free installation),

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CPR and First Aid Training to train you in basic life saving measures (minimal cost), and a

Reference File the district maintains concerning residents with special medical needs and Fire Pre-Plans of commercial and some residential buildings.

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Harstine Island Theatre Foundation Update

The Foundation continues to move ahead, albeit slowly, towards achieving its mission to develop a facility on the island. Over the years, as a practical matter, the foundation has broadened its vision beyond merely providing a larger theatre. As there is no facility on the island or in Mason County that fosters both performing and learning about the arts, we hope this facility can ultimately serve that broader purpose. Additionally, it is becoming clearer that such a facility, if properly conceived, might well serve other community functions that cannot be accommodated at the existing Community Hall. While not fully flushed out, this could conceivably include after school child accommodations, senior exercise programs, etc. Pioneer School District is supportive of having a location nearby where kids would be exposed to the arts as funding constraints assure this cannot happen elsewhere. Additionally, a survey of theatre attendees at the community clubhouse indicated overwhelming support for what the Foundation is trying to accomplish. Presently the Foundation is working with Mason County to acquire some state park lands on the island that would be adequate to accommodate the envisioned facility and include a small picnic area. We hope to acquire the site in 2003. Lastly, the Foundation is looking for volunteers willing to roll up their sleeves to help make this vision come true. If you would like to help, call any Foundation board member.

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The Apple Squeeze is just an awful lot of fun. If you haven't been a part of it yet, come join the festivities October 4th, 2003.



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The club has many fund-raising activities. The General Store has items with a Harstine Island logo for sale at the local Farmer's Market June to October. Our latest additions are the hooded full-zip sweatshirts and the washed denim aprons.

Mark your calendar for this year's Children's Carnival - Saturday, August 9, 2003 - a delight for many children. It features games and prizes, face painting, hot dogs, pop corn, and the ever popular "hobo packs" the older island children distribute dressed as clowns. The Fire Department brings their Smoke House for the day and runs the children through a scenario for fire escape. Last year we raffled bicycles to two very lucky ticket holders. Plans for a face-lift of several of the games are in the making.

Our traditional Holiday House Bazaar begins the Christmas activities on the island. This event features crafts and other gift items for sale the Saturday following Thanksgiving: Saturday, 29 November 2003. Last year's Holiday House hosted 36 vendors in the Community Hall and Fire Station!

Women's Club continues to award annual scholarships to young people in pursuit of higher education. In 2002, we awarded three \$500 Scholarships to island residents - Brian Sorensen, Danielle Stratford and Jeffrey Thornton.

The Harstine Island Women's Club offers opportunities for fun and service to all Harstine Island women. The club meets each month except July on the first Thursday at noon. Please join us to meet new friends and enjoy entertainment and lunch together. Bring only a brown bag lunch; the hosts provide dessert. *For more information, contact Nonie Neuerburg at 427-5521.*

Harstine Island Grange #568

Harstine Grange #568, like the rest of the clubs, invites you to join the fun. We meet the 3rd Friday of each month at the Community Hall, and would love to have you join us!

In the past, the Grange was influential in getting electric power to the island, building the Community Hall, and formulating the island's first newsletter. We are now involved in other activities. Naturally, the Grange is an oft awarded exhibitor at the Mason County Fair. Grange women make and donate stuffed toys to hospitalized children and senior citizens in Fir Lane. Caps are made and donated to newborns at Mason General Hospital. We provide financial donations to Shelton food banks year round. Scholarship recipients are also chosen yearly from county high schools. The annual Oyster and Ham dinner in March is one of our main events. Grange nonpartisan activities range from local to national concerns. Harstine members have been officers at both the county and state levels. For more information, call Allen Bacon @ 426-8873.



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Community Club 2002 Operating Statement

Itemized Expenses (\$21251)

Administrative

Bank Charges	28
Insurance	4342
Permits/Licenses	37
Awards	114

Fund-raisers

Spaghetti Dinner	547
Oktoberfest	276
Holiday Dinners, etc	20

Property Management

Bldg. supplies, garbage, services	854
Bldg. Improvements	10802
Fuel Oil/Propane	933
Phone	443
Electricity	997
Taxes	387

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Itemized Income (\$19711)

General

Rental	4268
Dues	3675
Lease	250
Interest	33
Donations (all clubs)	4160
Newsletter Advertisements	855
Insurance Contributions	1500
Miscellaneous	51

Fund-raisers

Cookbook Sales	868
Rummage Sale	1897
Spaghetti Dinner	1773

Designated Funds (Gifts)

Damon's Dinners	381
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Overall Total (-1540)

Club Information

Community Club

Allison Bowen 426-9059
2nd Friday of each month
6PM - 7PM Happy Hour/Potluck
7:30 Meeting

Bridge Community Church

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

Crime Watch

George Perry 426-7330
3rd Wednesday of each month
7 PM Meeting

Garden Club

Jim Anderson 427-8701
2nd Thursday of each month
7 PM Meeting

Grange

Al Bacon 426-8873
3rd Friday of each month
6:30 Potluck
7:30 Meeting

Pinochle (Mixed)

Barbara LaJune 426-0494
1st + 3rd Saturdays of each month
7:00 PM Meeting

Pinochle (Women)

Kay Braget 426-8737
meets Tuesday every 2 weeks

Theatre Club

Elizabeth Berndt 426-9940
Last Monday of each month
6:30 PM Potluck
7:00 PM Meeting

Women's Club

Nonie Neuerburg 427-5521
1st Thursday of each month
12:00 Noon, Brown Bag Lunch

AT YOUR SERVICE

The Community Hall is a marvelous place for weddings, anniversaries, civic meetings, etc. If you want to reserve use of the hall, contact Pam Niemi-Wood: 427-6655.

HAVE A SUNNY DAY

If you know someone who feels "under the weather," tell Colleen Benson. She will send a "ray of sunshine" to brighten anyone's day. Call 426-7803.



Theatre Club

Theatre Club was busy as usual. We again hosted the Yakima Valley Community College Choir. We performed two plays written and directed by Harstine Islanders. The first was John Cooper's old-time vaudeville type production 'Corn on the Range' which the audience loved. The second was Bob Helm's 'Nightmare at the North Pole.' This was a fabulous first play and everyone agrees it was a great success.

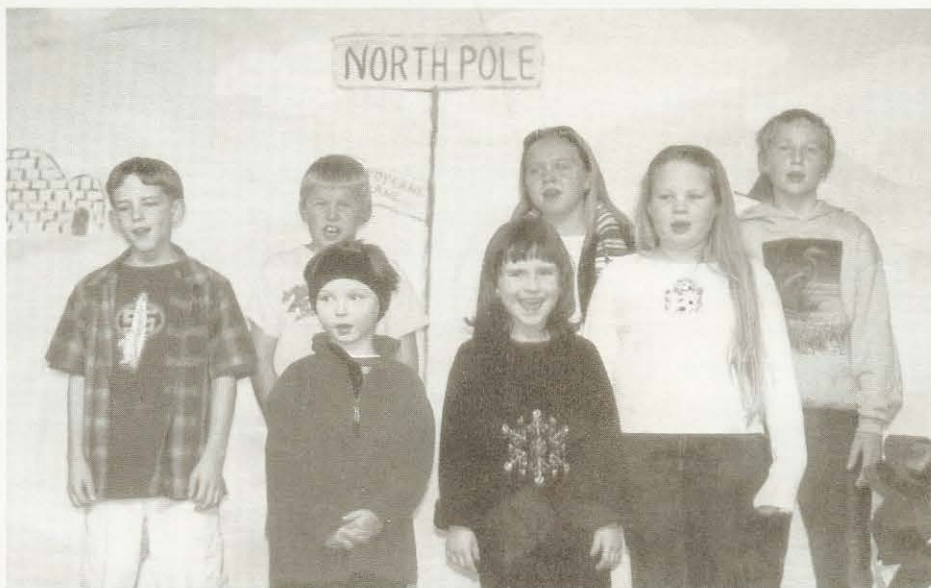
It has become tradition that many of the island children enjoy the Children's Theatre Workshop. It has been so much fun for the children we decided to try a Director's Workshop for the adults. Don Anderson guided us through a day of "basic training" for directors.

We would be amiss not to support young people interested in a career related to the theatre. The club sponsored a \$500 scholarship in Don's honor for leading our workshop. Kalina Jazuk received this award. Her sister Michelle also applied for a scholarship. Both of these long time members of Theatre Club received a \$500 scholarship.

2002 marked the passing of three of our beloved members: Jack Myers, Din Fuhrmeister, and Cliff Judd. Each was an active, supportive and positive member of Theatre Club. We will miss them.

Theatre Club has planned a little bit different venue for 2003. We hope to perform the mystery 'Ten Little Indians' by Agatha Christie, and the comedy 'Don't Drink the Water' by Woody Allen. Of course, you would not want to miss the traditional Christmas play in December!

You are welcome to join Theatre Club. Our meetings are at 7:00 the last Monday of the month, following the 6:30 potluck.



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Garden Club \$ _____ Theatre Club \$ _____ Neighborhood Watch \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

(Note: Please do not send other club dues with this community club dues form.

Instead, contact the other club directly concerning its dues. Thanks!)

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Harstine Island Community Club (HICC)

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THE ROOF IS ON!!

We did it! The roof is on, looking good, and keeping us dry! The picture shows a few of the volunteers who helped clean the grounds behind our roofers. The back row is Ken Heuman, Roy Ferguson, Earl Heuman, and Bob Shepard. Relaxing after a job well done are Don Nichols and Jim Anderson. It is good to sit down and call this project done!



Across from the Community Hall, our new reader board is already in use, built with volunteer effort under the leadership of Tony Enslow. His completed Eagle Scout project is a nice addition to our island, letting folks know when the hall is used for special functions, and providing readers with information about island history and street locations.

If you are a new islander, come to Community Club and get involved. You won't regret it!



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