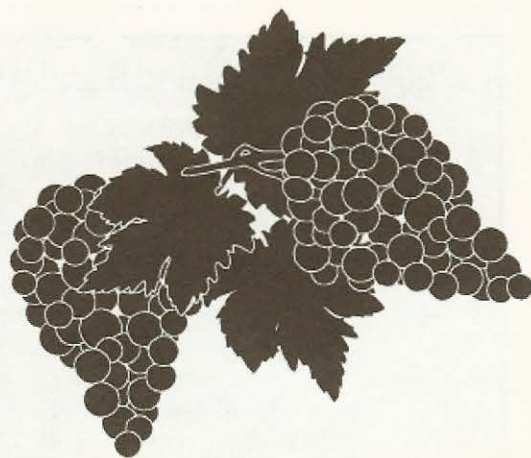


# Harstine Islander



2004 Newsletter

## News From our HICC President

Once again the year has flown by with many accomplishments. Our Harstine Island community spirit has come through with wonderful results. Thank you to the many hard working individuals who donated time and energy to the betterment of our community. The timeworn floor covering in the Community Hall kitchen was replaced with high quality commercial flooring. This kitchen project also included replacing the counter-top on the floating island with a durable laminate material and enlarging it so it can function better as a serving bar.

The Garden Club enhanced the Community Hall parking lot area with some really skookum cedar benches which are a welcome sight to many of the Saturday Farmer's Market attendees. The club also applied their talents to the kiosk area, planting interesting plants and including nice landscaping features..

Without community minded volunteers, projects like the above would not come to pass. We are very fortunate to have dedicated, involved citizens here on the island. During our Oktoberfest celebration, we honored some of these individuals. Sandy Ball was named Citizen of the Year for her tireless involvement with the Children's Carnival and for chairing many of the fund raising events like the Spaghetti Dinner. Pat LeClair and Jerry Christensen were named Honored Citizens for their generous donations and involvement with so many of the events at the hall. Elizabeth Berndt was also named Honored Citizen for involvement in many of the island projects, including writing this newsletter. Chester Streckenbach received a posthumous Honored Citizen award for his past efforts to see a bridge connect our island to the mainland.

Speaking of hard working volunteers, I would like to thank our maintenance committee, Leo Echaniz, Terry Hogan and Jim Anderson, for their efforts in keeping the hall building in order. It is a very large building and there is always something needing repair or replacement which they promptly take care of.

I would also like to thank our outgoing community club officers for their help and support this year. The officers were Mike Benson, Vice President; Linda Benson, Secretary; Jim Anderson, Treasurer; Marlene Echaniz and Bob Helm, Members at Large, Colleen Benson, Reciprocity;

and Pam Niemi Wood, Hall Scheduler. I would like to welcome our 2004 officers: Mike Benson, President; Mike Callaghan, Vice President; Linda Benson, Secretary; Jim Anderson, Treasurer; Marlene Echaniz and Elizabeth Berndt, Members at Large, Colleen Benson, Reciprocity, and Pam Niemi Wood, Hall Scheduler. I have enjoyed my tenure as president

these past two years. It has been rewarding and a lot of fun.

There are many projects on the horizon for 2004. During our Community Club meetings we have discussed the need for more parking space, and the need to refinish the floor in the Great Hall. During the December meeting we voted to have the hardwood floor refinished. It costs about \$3000 to have the floor professionally refinished. As you pay your dues this year, please consider adding a donation toward our floor renovation project. Thank you for the help and support you have all generously given. Sincerely, Allison Bowen, 2003 President of the Harstine Island Community Club.

2003 honorees with their presenters.





## **2004 Weekend and Special Events**

### **February**

4th, 18th, Sr. Lunch 11:30-1:30

### **March**

3rd, 17th, 31st, Sr. Lunch 11:30-1:30  
13th, Oyster & Ham Dinner 3:00-7:00  
25-27 Don't Drink the Water (play)

### **April**

3rd, Plant Sale Day  
14th, 28th, Sr. Lunch 11:30-1:30  
24th, Island Cleanup 8:00-12:00  
24th, Fire Dist. Dinner/Auction 5:00-10:00

### **May**

1st, Garden Club Plant Sale 9:00-2:00  
6th, Women's Club Spring Luncheon 11:30-2:30  
12th, 26th, Sr. Lunch 11:30-1:30  
15th, Hall Spring Clean Day 10:00-2:00  
29th, Farmer's Market begins 10:00-12:00  
29th, HICC Spaghetti Feed 3:00-7:00

### **June**

9th, 23rd, Sr. Lunch 11:30-1:30

### **July**

1st-3rd, Vaudeville (play)  
7th, 21st, Sr. Lunch 11:30-1:30

### **August**

4th, 18th, Sr. Lunch 11:30-1:30  
7th, HICC Rummage Sale  
14th Children's Carnival

### **September**

1st, 15th, 29th Sr. Lunch 11:30-1:30  
4th, Island Dance Night  
25th, Heaths & Heathers Sale 10:00-2:00

### **October**

8th, Community Club Oktoberfest 5:30-8:30  
13th, 27th Sr. Lunch 11:30-1:30  
16th, Garden Club Apple Squeeze 8:00-4:00  
16th, Farmer's Market closes 10:00-12:00  
29-31, *Dracula Baby* (play)

### **November**

10th, 24th Sr. Lunch 11:30-1:30  
25th, Community Thanksgiving Dinner 2:00-5:00  
27th, Women's Club Holiday House 10:00-3:00

### **December**

3rd-5th, Theatre Club Christmas Play  
8th, 22nd, Sr. Lunch 11:30-1:30  
9th, Women's Club Christmas Lunch 11:00-3:00  
25th Community Christmas Dinner 2:30-5:30

## **Neighborhood Watch**

Harstine Island Crime Watch reports good news about crime on the island. Island crime for 2003 was down 20% compared to 2002. Violation of drug laws was significantly lower, with only about a quarter of the number reported this year compared to last year. Civil complaints were down 33%. Theft, burglary, vandalism and trespassing showed a 10% decrease.

Mason County Sheriff Steve Whybark mentioned the local program in his successful grant application for funds for further work in Neighborhood Watch programs. Crime Watch meets at the Community Hall at 7:00 P.M. the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Newcomers are invited to attend this meeting and will be invited to join the roster of people who make Harstine Island a safer place in which to live. For more information contact George Perry, Chief of Watch, 426-7330 or Dianne Dawley, Neighborhood Coordinator, 427-8833.



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Special thanks need to be extended to area merchants. Their continued support through donations is ever appreciated.

Remember, a day volunteering is always returned by many more days of "feeling good!" Reserve your place in the Carnival family now, and August 2004 will go down in your personal history as the month when you felt "so darn good!" *Sandra Ball*

### Bridge Community Church...

... has been busy all of our 7th year on the island. Our top attendance was 119. We have enjoyed fellowship with each other, learned more about what a loving God has planned for us, and helped those who needed comfort and assistance. Besides Sunday School at 9:30 and church at 10:30, we have Women's Meetings, Men's Breakfasts, monthly carry-in dinners, weekly home Bible studies, after church coffee hours and biweekly youth group meetings. We prepare and deliver Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

Our busy youth group had 2 special projects to help families who needed "hands on" assistance. Thirty-nine youth attended the Passion Play in Puyallup, many helped host a picnic for the adults and guest youth, and they had a pizza party. A Halloween Barn Party was fun for all of them and their friends. Three industrious youth won a trip to a Mariner's game. Plus, the youth group and the Sunday School presented a delightful Christmas play.

Not to be outdone, the adults held their summer picnic and returned the favor of the youth by inviting them, too. On this beautiful day the wet kids were the result of fun in a canoe and not from the rain!

To meet a goal of spreading the news of God's love and provision for all who will respond, the Mission Project gathered funds to send 45 radios to refugees in the hills of Indonesia. The radios will enable them to be encouraged by the broadcasts from FEBC which produces and broadcasts 627 hours of programming daily in 154 languages. The Sunday School youth donated enough to send 91 Bible Story books to children in Russia and the Ukraine.

We wish a wonderful 2004 to you all and please remember we meet each Sunday at the Community Hall. All are welcome. Pastor Spear can answer questions you may have. Call 426-5221. *Willa Smith*

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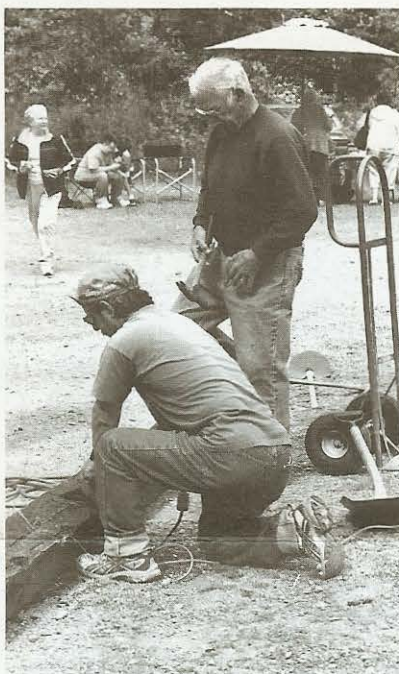
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Nick Arthur and Colleen Benson are presently serving as volunteer residents at Station 10 on John's Prairie. When their home is finished being built on McMicken Road, they will again become responders for Station 11. We added 6 EMT's with Jon Gorman returning home after

retirement from the Air Force, and Tom Ryan, Nick Arthur, Colleen Benson, DeeAnn Meacham and Tiffany Morrison completing extensive training and getting certified this past year.

District 5 has 11 stations for 150 sq. miles, two of which are staffed 24 hours with a paramedic and an EMT response crew. Another station serves as District HQ, communication Center ( FIRECOM ) and administrative office. Mason 5 staff and volunteers are providing the best possible service and well trained, dedicated personnel.

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### Station 9 (north end)

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**Tom Ryan, FF/EMT**

**Mary Ryan, EMT**

**Steve Meacham, FF/EMT**

**DeeAnn Meacham, EMT**

### Station 11 (south end)

**Nick Neuerburg, Lieutenant**

**Jon Gorman, FF/EMT**

**Dave Ellis, FF/MFA**

**Tiffany Morrison, EMT**

**David Morrison, FF Recruit**

**Nick Arthur, FF/EMT**

**Colleen Benson, FF/EMT**

All members of Fire District 5 are also members of Mason 5 Fire Fighters Association, a nonprofit, charitable organization. Members, along with the career staff local union, contribute time, effort and funding for equipment and station needs and help those in need within the fire service and the community. *Written by Nick Neuerburg*



## Harstine Island Theatre Foundation Update

Some real progress was made in 2003 in the Foundation's goal for a Cultural Arts and Recreation Center on the island. Most importantly, Mason County completed the purchase of an eight-acre land parcel on Harstine Island Road North, running south from Yates Road. This site was the same site the Foundation proposed to purchase from the Washington State Dept. of Parks and Recreation. A poll-questionnaire mailed last year indicated 75% of the polled landowners who responded favored a park site at this location.

The second major advancement in the journey for a Cultural Arts Center was the final approval of the Mason County Comprehensive Development Plan by the State of Washington Hearings Board. This means that this site and other county sites can now be developed per an 'approved' zoning ordinance and comprehensive plan, subject to required public hearings and final approval by the County Commissioners.

We now have several new board members and have met with our new Advisory Board in September 2003. Two of our board members attended an excellent class in grant writing, which will reap many benefits in the near future.

If you are interested in our goals, have questions about our plans or would like to make a donation, please contact the Harstine Island Theater Foundation; PO Box 1951; Shelton, Washington 98584; or call 426-9092 or 427-0448. *Bob Helm*

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## ***Harstine Island Grange #568***

meets the 3rd Friday of each month at the Community Hall. The Grange is involved in the Mason County Fair, the 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, and we provide financial donations to Shelton food banks year round. Scholarship recipients are chosen yearly from county high schools. The annual Oyster and Ham dinner in March is one of our main events. Come to a meeting or call Bill Bogle for more information (426-8548).

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After going into the red last year with our new roof, we have returned to the green. Some notable expenses were insurance \$4116, fuel oil \$833, garbage \$339, phone \$460, power \$1024 and propane \$269. Upkeep and improvements, including the new kitchen floor and repairs to the well, furnace and water heater totaled \$4880. We recorded 280 memberships. Cookbook sales continued briskly, and our other fund-raisers, the Rummage Sale and Spaghetti Dinner, each brought in over \$1650. The newsletter continues to be our main source of income. We greatly appreciate your membership. *Written by Jim Anderson, HICC Treasurer*



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### Bridge Community Church

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Sunday School 9:30 AM -10:30 AM  
Worship Service 10:30 AM

### Crime Watch

Kathy Doherty 426-2722  
3rd Wednesday of each month  
7 PM Meeting

### Garden Club

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

### Grange

Bill Bogle 426-8548  
3rd Friday of each month  
6:30 Potluck  
7:30 Meeting

### Pinochle (Mixed)

Barbara LaJune 426-0494  
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7:00 PM Meeting

### Pinochle (Women)

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### Theatre Club

Fred Ebey 426-9643  
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6:30 PM Potluck  
7:00 PM Meeting

### Women's Club

Brenda Steinbrook 432-9635  
1st Thursday of each month  
12:00 Noon, Brown Bag Lunch

## RESERVATIONS

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## FEELING BLUE?

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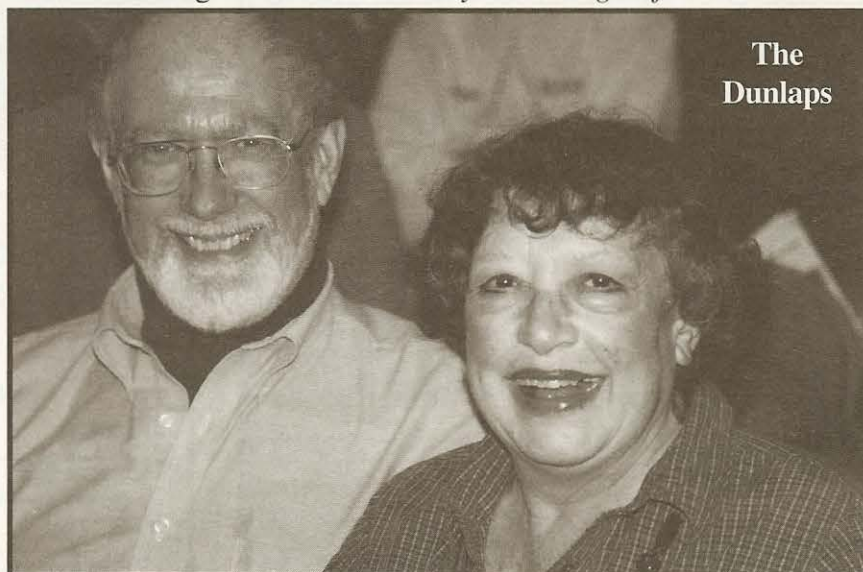
## Theatre Club

2003 was a diverse year for the Theater Club. Agatha Christi's "Ten Little Indians" was an unqualified success under the leadership of no less than three co-directors: Whickey Hopkins, Lorna Hink and Karla Lortz. Whickey was called on again to direct "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," featuring a large cast of our island's talented children with adults in supporting roles.

We rescheduled "Don't Drink the Water" due to lack of players to fill the many roles. This points out our need for more 'would-be thespians' to join our ranks. We welcome not only actors, but also new members interested in the many aspects of production needed to put together a successful performance.

This year we will present the rescheduled "Don't Drink The Water" in March. John Cooper is writing another of his famous Vaudeville varieties for July. "Dracula, Baby" will bare his fangs on Halloween and the community will find its traditional Christmas gift from Theater Club in early December, although the production hasn't been decided yet.

This is an ambitious schedule. It means a lot of work and a lot of fun, so if you are interested in participating, it will be a good year to do so. All you need to do is attend one of our meetings on the last Monday of the every month or contact one of the existing members. *Written by Fred Burgdorf*



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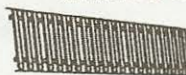
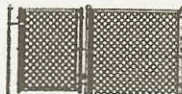


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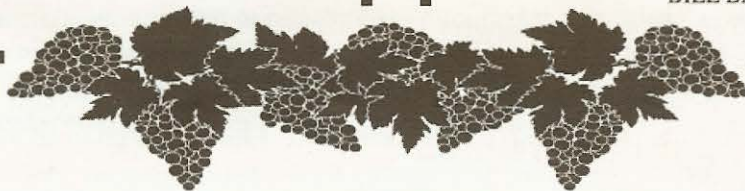
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## Our Year in Review

The tranquility of Harstine Island belies the many bursts of activity generated throughout the year. Again, as in many years past, the Community Club sponsored numerous events and programs that prosper a spirit of fellowship, community and neighborliness. The first notable activity, back on April 19<sup>th</sup>, was the Annual Island Cleanup. Marlene and Leo Enchaniz, who coordinated the teams of volunteers, chaired this event and most-importantly saw to the removal of literally tons of refuse, returning our island to its rightful state of cleanliness. On May 24<sup>th</sup>, Sandi Ball spearheaded the annual Spaghetti Dinner. All who attended were treated to seemingly endless amounts of pasta, salad, garlic bread and wonderfully delicious desserts. August 2<sup>nd</sup> was

the date of the Annual Rummage sale, chaired by Jim and Ruth Irish. This event seems to prove the adage that one man's junk is another's treasure. At a minimum, thousands of articles move annually from one home to another. It has been reported that some items actually leave the island. Proceeds from this event were dedicated to a new kitchen floor and counter top in the Community Hall. Jim and Ruth Irish also chaired the Thanksgiving Dinner. Over eighty individuals were served at the Hall and numerous dinners were delivered to some of our elder neighbors and the ill. The Community Hall serves again as a warm gathering place for residents to share fellowship and Christmas Dinner.

The preceding events, in combination with those events sponsored by the various clubs, are affirmation that our Community Hall endures as the focal point of our island community. Our thanks go to all those who have volunteered many hours of service throughout the year to the Community Club, the Community Hall and our community. Our island is a most wonderful place, but it is truly our people that make Harstine Island a grand place to live. *Mike Benson*



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