

# Harstine Islander



## 2004 in Review

Again the seasons have sped by, leaving most of us wondering, "Where has the year gone?" Each year we set out with new found fervor to take on the many tasks that lay before us, and 2004 was no exception. Planning began early for the many regular events, and special emphasis was placed on giving the care to the Community Hall that 90 years of use warrants. A "Spring Cleanup" day was designated. Chaired by, and under the able direction of Barbara LaJune, the hall's interior was dusted from top to bottom, exterior power washed, and special emphasis given to cleaning the kitchen's cupboards, refrigerators, counters and floor. The annual island cleanup, chaired expertly by Leo and Marlene Echaniz, brought out numerous volunteers to clear the island of the litter that inexorably finds its way into our pristine environment. All of this cleaning set the stage for the All-Island Spaghetti Dinner Sandy Ball chaired. Two hundred thirty-one meals were served that evening, a record by all accounts. This successful event was followed by another successful rummage sale. Chaired by Jim and Ruth Irish, the passing from one home to another of treasured finds was again both a profitable and exciting event, bringing the bargain hunters by the scores. Mike Callahan chaired a new, hopefully annual event. The "Bridge Day Photo" was attended by numerous island residents, resulting in a fun event for all. Aerial photos of the bridge and assemblage were then reproduced on commemorative T-shirts. Mike and Judy Callaghan hosted our Oktoberfest celebration. As always, during this annual event our Honored Citizens and Citizen of the Year were announced. Longtime volunteers and active participants John and Kathy



Doherty were honored as 2004 Citizens of the Year. Honored Citizens were Willa Smith and Marlene Echaniz. In keeping with the tradition of honoring forbearers, island pioneer Philura Jarrell was also honored with a presentation to the rangers of Jarrell's Cove State Park.

## 2005 Newsletter

A Thanksgiving dinner provided eighty-six souls with the comfort of good food and fellowship. This event, chaired by Jim & Ruth Irish and assisted by the Bensons, is proving to have more and more participation with each passing year. With attendance growing each year, a holiday spirit filled Christmas Dinner was chaired by Fred and Carolyn Ebey. Ringing in the New Year, a New Year's Eve Dance was held to the delight of the many in attendance. This event was sponsored by the Senior Lunch and expertly chaired by Jim Irish.

The events of this year would not have been possible without the able assistance and support of the HICC Board of Directors. I would like to thank the outgoing officers, Mike Callahan, Vice President; Linda Benson, Secretary; Jim Anderson, Treasurer; Elizabeth Berndt and Marlene Echaniz, Members at Large and Allison Bowen, Past President. My thanks also go to Colleen Benson, Reciprocity, and Pam Nemi-Wood, Hall Scheduler. I am most appreciative and thankful for the dedication of these hard-working individuals and welcome the 2005 Board of Officers. The individuals filling board positions remain the same as 2004 with the exception of Marlene Echaniz, who fulfilled her two-year term. Jim Irish will take her place as Member at Large. I extend many thanks to the chairpersons, committees and numerous hard working volunteers that made the events of this past year so successful. It is very rewarding to serve with such able and talented individuals and we look forward to another busy year. *Mike Benson, HICC President*



## **2005 Weekend and Special Events**

### **February**

2nd, 16th, Sr. Lunch 12:00

### **March**

2nd, 16th, 30th, Sr. Lunch 12:00  
12th, Oyster & Ham Dinner 3:30-7:00

### **April**

1-3 "Charlotte's Web"  
13th, 27th, Sr. Lunch 12:00  
16th, Island Cleanup 8:00-12:00  
23rd, Fire Dist. Dinner/Auction 5:00-10:00

### **May**

7th, Garden Club Plant Sale 9:00-2:00  
11th, 25th, Sr. Lunch 12:00  
14th, Hall Spring Clean Day 10:00-2:00  
28th, Farmer's Market begins 10:00-12:00  
28th, HICC Spaghetti Feed 4:00-7:00

### **June**

8th, 22nd, Sr. Lunch 12:00  
25th, Harstine Choir American Music 7:00

### **July**

1st-3rd, "Play On"  
6th, 20th, Sr. Lunch 12:00

### **August**

3rd, 17th, 31st Sr. Lunch 12:00  
6th, HICC Rummage Sale  
13th, Children's Carnival

### **September**

3rd, Labor Day Dance  
14th, 28th Sr. Lunch 12:00

### **October**

1st, Last Farmer's Market '05, 10:00-12:00  
8th, Apple Squeeze 8:00-4:00  
12th, 26th Sr. Lunch 12:00  
14th, Oktoberfest 5:30-8:30

### **November**

9th, Sr. Lunch 12:00  
24th, Thanksgiving Dinner 2:00-5:00  
26th, Holiday House 10:00-3:00

### **December**

2nd-4th, Christmas Play  
7th, 21st, Sr. Lunch 12:00  
8th, Women's Club Christmas Lunch 12:00  
18th, Harstine Choir Christmas 7:00-8:00  
25th Community Christmas Dinner 2:00-5:00  
31st, New Year Dance

## **Harstine Island Crime Watch**

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- ◆ Requesting Guest speakers to address concerns of property owners

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*We had a couple of new additions this year - a game invented by Steve Mounsey - Rope-A-Ball which was quite a hit, and we had a bead making station which the children really enjoyed. They made bracelets with brightly colored beads with their names. I opted not to rent the cotton candy machine, and with all the bees that attended - I was glad that I made that choice. Come join the fun this year in August. Nonie Neuerburg*

## Bridge Community Church

With all the newcomers to our beautiful and friendly island, there might be some who don't know about the church at the Community Hall. We are nondenominational and welcome all who want to worship God and learn who He really is and what He offers us. Besides the church service, we also have weekly Bible studies at member's homes, youth and women's meetings and men's breakfasts. The Christmas programs are always a lot of fun. The children especially enjoy helping us celebrate the birth of the Savior. Last year 97 was the largest attendance. It's great to meet the visitors and newcomers to our island and we would like to meet you!

We recently said good-bye to one of the founders of this fellowship. David Allison had been with us from the beginning and faithfully served as treasurer and taught Sunday school for adults for eight years. He had a long struggle with health and now is resting from his labors on this planet. He is missed by those of us who knew and appreciated him.

One of the goals of this church is to help those who are suffering or who are in great need. As our own cold winter weather drew near we learned of a Kurdish village in Iraq that has homes without heat and no funds available. Our church sent \$1000 to purchase stoves and kerosene for them to use during the bitter cold months. Perhaps it was easy for us to identify with them in a small way since our hall was without heat a short time last winter. We, however, had homes to go to after the cold service and plenty of warm clothes to wear. Much of our world is not as fortunate as we. For some members who have had difficult and needy times, it was a joy to be able to share and make life a bit easier for others.

The youth group had a busy year with work parties to help those who needed help, interspersed with overnight retreats and every other week meetings. Especially fun was a trip through a regional corn maze, pizza parties and a beach party with water sports, canoeing and kayaking.

Everyone enjoys the help and support that comes from service and companionship. We invite you to come and visit. You would be most welcome. We could be the friends you have not yet met! Sunday School is 9:30 AM and the church service begins at 10:30 AM. Call Pastor Spear if you have any questions (426-5221). Willa Smith





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The Harstine Island Garden Club is a loosely organized arm of the Community Club which contributes to the whole community. Garden Club members and friends monitor and maintain landscaping at the bridge, community club and kiosk grounds, and sponsor the Saturday Market, providing an opportunity for artisans and growers to market their products to a grateful community who does not have to go to town for fresh vegetables, plants and gifts.

Through its fund raising efforts, the club donates seed money to local school horticultural programs, purchases plants (when not able to grow our own) and landscape materials locally, and purchases needed equipment and furniture for the Community Club. To fund these services, Garden Club produces an extensive plant sale each May and the very popular apple squeeze and fall festival in October.

And yes, the members are gardeners, and garden lovers. They are knowledgeable about local growing conditions and share information with all who ask advice. The group often arranges visits to local and off island stand-out garden destinations. The Garden Club meets the second Thursday of each month at the Community Hall, usually at 7:00 P.M. Announcements of special meeting hours, locations and events are published in the Harstine Island column of the Shelton-Mason Journal. Contact: Jim Anderson 360-427-8701. Written by Arlen Morris.



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Jon Gorman, FF/EMT  
Tiffany Morrison, FF/EMT

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#### Emergency 911

Fire District #5 360-426-5533  
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WA State Patrol 360 426-6674  
Harstine Pointe Security 426-2300

## 2004 FIRE DISTRICT 5 REPORT

As of December 26, 2004, fire fighters operating the two volunteer stations on Harstine Island responded to 101 calls on the island. This number does not include the numerous off island calls. There were 97 combined calls last year, so our responses have increased. The call breakdown is 68 medical (illness and injury), 22 fire, which includes any structure fire, brush fire, smoke investigations, and burn complaints, 5 MVA (motor vehicle accidents), 5 service (citizen assists) and 1 drug lab call.

Harstine Island has an all-volunteer staff, with full-time paid staff on the mainland as backup. Station 9 next to the Community Hall houses one engine and one basic life support aid car. Station 11 across from Island Shores Road on the south end, houses one engine and one brush truck.

Fire District 5 serves 150 sq. miles in Mason County with ten stations, two of which are staffed 24/7 with a paramedic and an EMT response crew. Another station serves as District HQ and Communication Center (FIRECOM) and administrative office. Mason 5 paid and volunteer workers are ready to assist you and are committed to providing the best service possible, with well trained and dedicated personnel.

District 5 offers several services to help educate and prepare the public for emergencies. These services include address markers to clearly mark your residence for responders, home safety inspections to help identify fire and other safety hazards, CPR and first aid training in basic life saving measures, a reference file for residents within the district with special medical needs and pre-fire plans on commercial and some residential buildings.

Members of Fire District 5 are also members of Mason 5 Fire Fighters Association, a nonprofit, charitable organization. They contribute their time, efforts and funding to benefit their department and community by providing various equipment or station needs and supporting those in need in the community. *Nick Neuerburg*





## Harstine Island Theatre Foundation Update

Planning continues on a cultural arts center that will add a new dimension to Mason County residents. The nearly ten-year vision to establish a center for performing and visual arts has moved closer to reality. Mason County Parks and Recreation Department has purchased approximately ten acres from the Washington State Parks Commission. The Cultural Arts Foundation is currently working with Mason County to dedicate this property to the construction of the Cultural Arts Center. The property has been surveyed. The twelve member Harstine Island Theater and Cultural Arts Center Foundation Board has chosen an architectural firm. The firm is in the process of drawing up a preliminary site plan that will be submitted to Mason County for approval.

In 1914 Harstine Islanders took a giant leap forward when they built the Community Hall. That facility has well served the social needs of island residents for ninety years. The Cultural Arts Center will provide another venue for the performing and visual arts. The center not only will offer modern facilities for local theatrical productions, but will also provide a performance space for professional artists to present recitals, concerts and dramatic productions. Work and display spaces are planned for ceramics, sculpture, painting and other visual arts.

The Foundation views the center as an educational facility that will give children and adults experiences and skills in the cultural arts. A major goal for the center is to offer classes for all ages, from the very young to senior adults, in the various areas of the cultural arts such as painting, sculpturing, dance, music and theater. Local school districts have welcomed the cultural arts center concept and have expressed interest in cooperating and assisting with the project.

The Cultural Arts Center is a unique endeavor. The vision is becoming reality. It will be a source of pride, but most importantly it will serve Mason County as a much needed cultural resource. The Harstine Island Cultural Arts Center Foundation is registered as a 501-C3 foundation. All gifts and donations are recognized as tax deductible. Contributions can be sent to Harstine Island Theater and Cultural Arts Center Foundation; Post Office Box 1951; Shelton, WA 98584. *Written by Fred Ebey*



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## Harstine Island Choir...

...had its debut for the HICC Christmas program 2004. Of the 20 who comprised the original choir, the youngest was 12 and the oldest - well, in his 70s! We had a great time learning the music together, and decided to make the choir official. We started in January with 30 members and hope to grow to 40 by Christmas. The first part of 2005 we will be learning American songs from Billings to Copland - looking toward a performance in July. The music is wonderful, and we will have a great time. If you would like to sing in a choir, even if it has been 40 years since the last time you sang, join us Sundays from 4:30 to 6:00 at the Community Hall.

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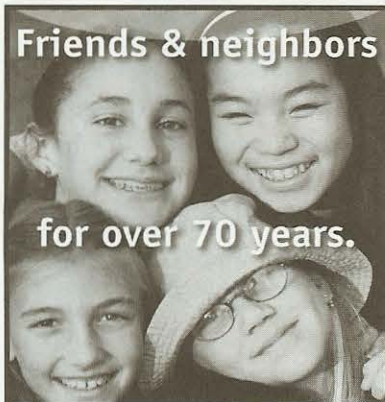


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## Harstine Island Women's Club

Harstine Island Women's Club, established in the 1930s, is approximately 100 members strong. Begun by several of the island's pioneer women, it has developed into a functional, professional and fun organization that is very active in all island activities. Much of the history of the club can be gleaned by reading Just among Friends-Recipes from the Goods Cooks of Harstine Island. Besides many good recipes, there are bits and pieces of history and things written by some of those pioneer women!

The club meets eleven months of the year, with July being a bit of a "time out." The meetings begin with a brown-bag lunch, interspersed with a soup luncheon in March, an outing in the spring and a Christmas extravaganza. There is lots of visiting and a business meeting and a program carefully chosen with the interests of the islanders in mind. The gatherings begin at noon on the first Thursday of each month (remember, nothing in July) with the business meeting scheduled to begin at 12:30. The meetings are generally concluded by 2 P.M.. Annual dues are \$15.00.

Services hosted by WC include annual scholarships and memorial dinners given to honor those of our citizens that have passed away. WC also hosts the annual "Kid's Carnival," a nonprofit, very affordable day-long activity geared toward the youngest members of our island family and surrounding community. The Holiday House bazaar, held in November, is one of two fund raising activities. The other, the annual "store" that sets up at the onset of the island Farmer's Market, sells sweatshirts, t-shirts, totes and hats all with the island emblem. This is where you can purchase one of the wonderful and useful heretofore-mentioned cookbooks. Island maps, license plate holders, etc. are also offered for sale.

All island women are invited to join this remarkable club. Come and join us and maybe meet a new best friend. Getting involved can help keep Harstine the paradise it is. A few hours a month is all it takes. *Sandra Ball*

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Greetings! Our membership remains strong at 260. Completing refinishing the Hall floor at \$2500 was our major Hall improvement, with furnace repair and a new water heater accounting for the lion's share of maintenance expenses. Total utilities remained remarkably similar to last year at \$3400. Insurance coverage increased 15% to \$5200. The Net Worth Report for 2004 shows the Cemetery CD at \$8107.48; Cemetery Checking at \$1290.25 and the Cemetery Savings at \$632.57. The HICC Checking is at \$2447.69 and HICC Savings at \$5083.56. The total income for the year is \$19,586.67 and expenses were \$19,162.05.

The fact that we remain in the green in 2004 is the direct result of the hard work of members at our fundraisers, and the generous support of the donations from the newsletter. Thanks again for your support. *Jim Anderson, HICC Treasurer*



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### Harstine Island Grange #568

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was involved with the passage of I-872 getting the blanket ballot back in the primary. They gave all Mason County 3rd graders a dictionary of their very own. The Grangers are involved in the Mason County Fair, donate stuffed toys to hospitalized children and senior citizens at Fir Lane, knit caps for newborns at Mason General Hospital, donate to Shelton food banks and provide scholarships to high school students every year. The oyster and ham dinner is one of our main fund-raisers. The Grange meets the 3rd Friday of each month at the Community Hall. Come to a meeting or call Bill Bogle for more information (426 8548). *Written by Bill Bogle.*

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

### Crime Watch

Allison Main - 432-2355  
3rd Wednesday of each month  
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### Garden Club

Jim Anderson 427-8701  
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### Grange

Bill Bogle 426-8548  
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### Pinochle (Mixed)

Barbara LaJune 426-0494  
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7:00 PM Meeting

### Pinochle (Women)

Lucy Dike 426-0637  
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### Theatre Club

Fred Ebey 426-9643  
Last Monday of each month  
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

### Harstine Island Choir

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Frank Lewis as Snow White in  
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## Theatre Club

2004 brought a mixture of theater  
performances that could all be called "retro."

The spring performance, "Don't Drink the Water" written by Woody Allen and directed by Ed Woods, took place during the cold war years. The summer play, "Fads and Fancies" was written by our own John Cooper, and was directed by Whickey Hopkins. This vaudeville production was set between 1940 and 1970 with events and songs unknown by many and forgotten by others! The Christmas presentation, "Once Upon a Time" while timeless, was written by Shir! Larson in 1983. This rhyming look at "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves" was also directed by Whickey Hopkins. All the above were comedies many people enjoyed.

2005 will have four productions of various types. "Charlotte's Web" is a well-recognized make-believe story about relationships between man and beast and in particular, between a girl, a pig and a spider. Performance dates are April 1, 2 and 3. It will be directed by Bob Helm. "Play On" is a comedic look at a community theater group's attempt to produce a show. Something about this sounds familiar! It is written by Rick Abbot and will be directed by Barbara Hubbard. It will be 'played on' July 1, 2 and 3. "Dracula Baby" is a musical written by Bruce Ronald and will be directed by Fred Burgdorf for a "Halloween" performance on October 28, 29 and 30. A Christmas show will also be presented. Thank you for all of your support in the past and for your support in 2005. *Betty Helm*



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HICC is compiling a membership roster with member names and contact information for the benefit of our members. Check the following box ONLY if you wish your information to be excluded. ☐

In addition to your HICC dues, please indicate if you would like to donate to one of the following:

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## Your Membership Counts

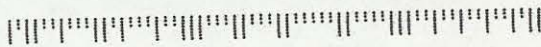
The venerable Harstine Island Community Hall has served our community for nine decades and is rapidly approaching centenarian status. Our Hall may be aging, but it still remains the hub of activity on our island.

This year the Harstine Island Community Club focused on restoring the Hall's great room floor to its original state. Island historians report that the material for the floor was derived from old-growth maples. These trees were felled in the Grapeview area and towed to the island via the Sound. Brought to the Hall site, they were milled and the floorboards were prepared for installation. This spring they returned to their original luster with a thorough cleaning, sanding and a new finish. Their new sheen reflects this island's continuing pride in our historic Hall.

The countless volunteers who dedicate their time to preserve not only the Community Hall but also our sense of community, are the lifeblood of this preservation effort. But the hall does not stand only as a monument, but continues to serve ever-increasing numbers. We are in the planning stage for even more events to encourage increased participation by our youth and families. Our hope is that future planned projects to preserve and enhance the Hall will also come to pass. Expansion of our parking area to better accommodate islanders and guests alike is rapidly becoming a priority. However, the speed with which we are able to move forward is dependent upon having available funds. Your membership and generous donations have made our past projects become realities. We again enlist your membership and support. Again, as you pay your dues this year, please consider adding a donation for our ongoing repairs and renovations. We appreciate and encourage your participation in our continuing efforts to protect, preserve and prepare our Hall for the future. *Mike Benson, 2004 President, HICC*



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