

Harstine Islander



Reflections 2005

2006 Newsletter

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as Community Club president for the last two years. Seeing the success of numerous events and activities of the club has been extremely satisfying and rewarding. This success is due to the hard work and dedication of many individuals. I would like to thank the 2005 Board of Directors: Mike Callaghan, Vice President; Jim Anderson, Treasurer; Linda Benson, Secretary; Members-at-Large, Elizabeth Berndt and Jim Irish. In addition, there are many, many volunteers without whose involvement our efforts would fall short. To each of you, a sincere "Thank you!" I also want to extend best wishes for continued success to 2006 President, Mike Callaghan and his Board of Directors. 2006 will be an exciting year with the addition of several new fun-filled events.

Several folks are deserving of special recognition and kudos for jobs well done. Colleen Benson served as Sunshine Chair, while Pam Niemi-Wood successfully tackled a difficult job serving as Hall Scheduler. Jim Irish was an able chair of both 2004 and 2005 New Year's Eve dances. This event is rapidly becoming an island tradition and a special way to ring in the New Year. Eleanor Pranger spearheaded a successful effort to have road signs replaced on Highway 3 announcing "Harstine Island." Reliably, Marlene and Leo Enchaniz organized a crew of volunteers for our annual island cleanup, while Barbara LaJune and Allison Main chaired our annual Community Hall spring cleanup.

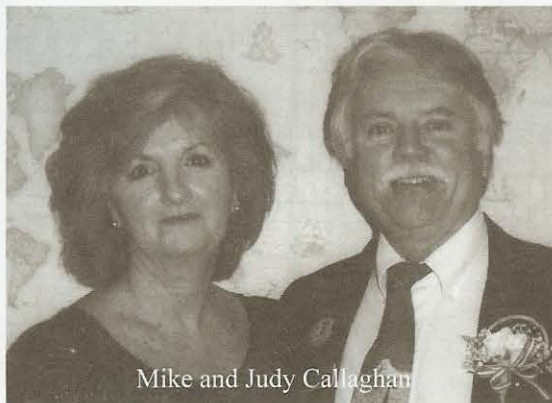
Leo was also busy with the fabrication and installation of chair cushion storage which solved a long-standing clutter problem.



Brenda Stainbrook



Barbara LaJune



Mike and Judy Callaghan

Jim Anderson spearheaded the installation of chair storage racks. Their efforts greatly contributed to an overall long needed tidying of kitchen space. And, while I'm on the subject of the kitchen — Jim Anderson, Jim Irish and Arlen Morris, along with a number of other volunteers, are responsible for the successful installation of a commercial kitchen sink. These efforts move us along in our goal to gain status as a certified kitchen. Notably, Jim Anderson also spearheaded the joint Community and Garden Club project, which was the construction of a beautiful new kiosk in the parking area and a much-needed storage shed.

Sandy Ball was directly responsible as chairperson for yet another successful all island Spaghetti Dinner. How Sandy can "out do herself" each year is a marvel. Speaking of marvels, Arlen Morris and Barbara LaJune cochaired a record-setting rummage sale. Mike Callaghan chaired a fantastic Labor Day dance, an event that will be repeated again in 2006. Mike and Judy Callaghan once again chaired a wonderfully successful

Oktoberfest celebration. Our community Thanksgiving dinner was chaired by Jim Irish, Ruth Irish, Linda Benson and I, while the community Christmas dinner was chaired by Fred and Carolyn Ebey. If you want to see the definitions of "community" and "fellowship" — attend one of these fine dinners. I also want to thank the numerous individuals who volunteered their efforts as host and hostesses for monthly meetings. In October, we announced and acknowledged several notable island residents and volunteers. As Honored Citizens, the Community Club honored Ester Goetsch

(posthumously), Brenda Stainbrook and Mike and Judy Callaghan. Citizen of the Year honors were bestowed upon Barbara LaJune, who has been, and is, tirelessly involved in

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February

1st, 15th, Sr. Lunch 12:00

March

1st, 15th, 29th, Sr. Lunch 12:00
11th, Oyster & Ham Dinner 3:00-7:00

April

12th, 26th, Sr. Lunch 12:00
15th, Island Cleanup 9:00-1:00
22nd, Fire Dist. Dinner/Auction 5:00-10:00
28-30th "Play"

May

6th, Garden Club Plant Sale 9:00-2:00
10th, 24th, Sr. Lunch 12:00
13th, Hall Spring Clean Day 1 9:00-1:00
20th, Hall Spring Clean Day 2 9:00-1:00
27th, HICC Spaghetti Feed 4:00-7:00

June

3rd, Farmer's Market begins 10:00-12:00
7th, 21st, Sr. Lunch 12:00
10th, Harstine Choir Madrigal Music 7:00
11th, Harstine Choir Madrigal Music 3:00
24th, Clam Bake Place and time pending
30th-2nd "Play"

July

5th, 19th, Sr. Lunch 12:00

August

2nd, 16th, 30th Sr. Lunch 12:00
5th, HICC Rummage Sale
12th, Children's Carnival

September

2nd, Labor Day Dance
13th, 27th Sr. Lunch 12:00
29th-1st "Play"

October

7th, Last Farmer's Market 10:00-12:00
7th, Apple Squeeze 8:00-4:00
11th, 25th Sr. Lunch 12:00
13th, Oktoberfest 5:30-8:30

November

8th, 22nd, Sr. Lunch 12:00
23rd, Thanksgiving Dinner 2:00-5:00
25th, Holiday House 10:00-3:00

December

1st-3rd, Christmas Play
6th, Sr. Lunch 12:00
8th, Women's Club Christmas Lunch 11:30
16th, Harstine Choir Christmas 3:00-4:00
16th, 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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Whether called Neighborhood Watch or Crime Watch, our goal is the same: Peace of mind. The club's objective is not to enforce the law, but to report suspicious circumstances and keep islanders informed of unusual events.

The club patrols about 62 miles of roads on the island, and has stations at the bridge and other selected areas. These patrols provide oversight of activities and changes, and monitor dumping places for trash, vehicles, trailers, building materials, etc. We report all information for historical records.

New members are needed to reach our 2006 goal of having block captains and enough members to continue monitoring the many roads and neighborhoods. Join us by attending our 7:00 meetings at the hall the third Wednesday of each month.



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2005 FIRE DISTRICT 5

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Gary and Lorna Hink hung up their bunker gear and aid bag after 21 years of volunteer service to District 5 and Harstine Island. The Fire District, Fire Fighter's Association and Harstine Community Club honored and thanked them earlier this year. They touched many lives throughout their careers and will be missed on calls and at drills.

This year we hosted the first Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training at the hall, with 18 islanders participating in the three day disaster preparedness and response training program. Attendees learned basic first aid, triage, search and rescue, fire extinguisher use, and other disaster preparedness measures. District 5 also sponsored an 8 hour first aid class for Harstine Point Association. This training event was also well attended.

Fire fighter Jon Gorman was promoted to Lieutenant and will work as Station Officer at Station 9. Jon has spent nearly 4 months in Mississippi providing relief to hurricane victims, and is still there at time of writing this report.

The island has an all volunteer staff, with full-time paid staff on the mainland to support them. Station 9 (next to the Community Club) houses an engine and a basic life support ambulance. Station 11 (near Island Shores Road) has one engine and one brush truck.

District 5 covers 150 square miles of central Mason Co., with 10 stations, two of which are staffed 24/7 with a paramedic fire fighter and EMT fire fighter crew. Another station serves as district HQ and is also the communication center (Firecom) as well as administrative office. Mason 5's well trained and dedicated personnel are committed to providing its citizens with the best possible service. Some special services to educate and prepare for emergencies include:

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Mason 5 members are also members of Mason 5 Fire Fighters' Association, a nonprofit charitable organization which contributes time, effort, and funding to benefit their department and their community by providing various equipment and station needs, and providing support to those in need in the community. *Nick Neuerburg*

Educational Center for the Arts

Mason County needs cultural arts to enrich its citizens. For ten years the Harstine Island Theater and Educational Center Foundation has been working toward the dream of a cultural arts center and that dream is closer to becoming a reality. The Special Use Permit needed to allow the Foundation the right to build the Educational Center on Harstine Island has been approved by the Mason County Hearing Examiner. The process of securing the ten acres upon which to build the 20,000 sq. ft. building is progressing and the architectural and contractual firms have been secured. Both firms are in the process of working on preliminary plans and costs. This exciting, much needed, and rewarding cultural arts center is closer to becoming a reality. For more information, please call 360-427-0048.



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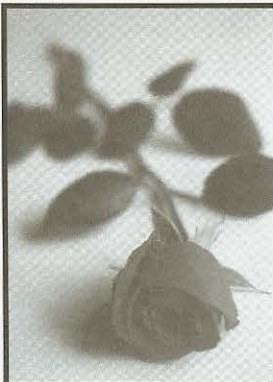
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Bridge Community Church

What a wonderful community we have on Harstine and what a privilege to reside here. One of the best things is we can worship our Lord Sunday mornings with our neighbors and fellow islanders and never leave the island. We have an active group that keeps busy, makes close friendships and serves our Lord, plus shares with others.

Of course, there is always a 9:30 Sunday school for adults, teens and children, followed by our 10:30 worship service. Communion is the first Sunday of the month. We also have Wednesday night prayer meetings in someone's home, and a monthly potluck dinner after church. Our youth groups have activity nights twice monthly. During the summer we have Youth Bible Camps and a week long Daily Vacation Bible School for youngsters, with a picnic for everybody. Spring and fall bring youth retreats. Last year we had picnics at Mason Lake and the Allison's home. Baptismal services are held at Spencer Lake, which is a bit warmer than the waters surrounding our island. Adults were involved in prayer vigils, men's breakfasts and women's socials. Our AMF Missionaries, who are part of the founding body, have spent Sunday afternoons at the Shelton Youth Detention Facility the past two years. Twice a month two men hold bible studies at the prison. We hope many of you were on hand to share our Christmas Tableau and to rejoice and celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ.

The Christmas season provides a chance to gather and sing carols and to sample the goodies that appear during the holidays. It reminds us of folks on this planet who do not have our material advantages, our freedom to worship publicly or our access to communications we take for granted. In 2005, we purchased more small radios that can receive short wave and other programs. Because many of the areas served by Far East Broadcasting Co do not have access to either electricity or batteries, the radios are equipped with cranks that can be wound to receive enough power to play the radio 30+ minutes. This gives people a chance to hear about their Creator who loves them. Experience of sending 40 such radios to Cambodia two years ago shows many people gather around one radio to listen, so this project benefits many.

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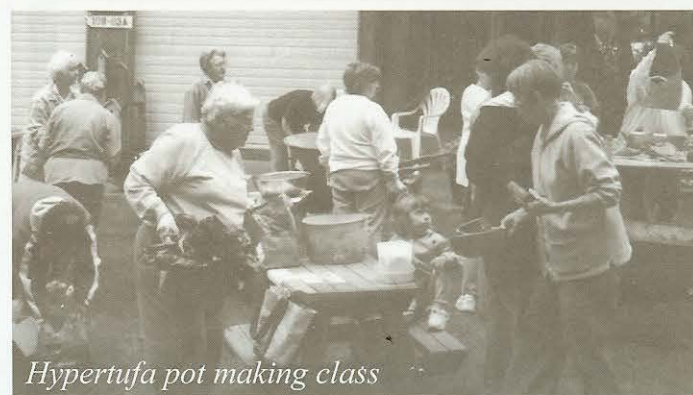
If you want to join a group which spends less time in the vagaries of "meetings" and more time having fun with neighbors while completing a very impressive number of fundraising and community improvement projects, join the Harstine Island Garden Club. The Garden Club is responsible for sponsorship and coordination of the summertime Saturday Market, produces a spring plant sale and the October apple squeeze. Between these activities, members landscape and maintain gardens at the hall, bulletin board kiosk and the bridge intersection. This year they installed the two attractive new kiosks which will anchor the Saturday Market and provide a secure, tidy place for the hall's many garbage cans. The kiosk crew also completed a much needed additional storage addition to the Community Club building. That's impressive.

The May Plant Sale provides a convenient stock of bedding plants, unique plants, garden art, and informative garden seminars to the island each spring. Members contribute overflow from their own gardens, while island nurseries provide baby plants and shrubs. Work parties gather to create garden art, birdhouses and feeders, while extension agents, growers and designers share expertise in specialized fields. For appreciation and education, members often visit outstanding gardens on the island and in the region.

For the apparent looseness of the organization, members are knowledgeable gardeners, friendly growers who are ready to share information and assistance to new gardeners on the island. Meetings are at the hall the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.. Information on tours, or alternate meeting times and places are usually in the Harstine Island column published weekly in the Shelton-Mason Journal. Come one, come all. For more information, contact Jim Anderson 360-427-8701 *Arlen Morris*



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Volunteers contributed to many hall projects as time and money allowed. Inside, chair racks were fabricated allowing chairs to be placed on the walls, creating more floor space. A small storage area was built on the side of the hall so Women's Club can store the children's carnival props there, creating more space in the crowded basement. The installation of a deep stainless steel commercial sink, new counter tops and spruced up cupboards has started us down the path toward a certified commercial kitchen. Outside, a new "dog proof" trash can area and a kiosk to keep dry at the Saturday Market completed a busy and productive year of maintenance and hall improvements.

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Club Information

Community Club

Mike Callaghan 427-9516
2nd Friday of each month
6 PM - 7 PM 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

Allison Main 432-2355
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
1st + 3rd Saturdays of the month
7:00 PM Meeting

Pinochle (Women)

Lucy Dike 426-0637
Every other Tuesday

Theatre Club

Bob Helm 427-0448
Last Monday of each month
6:30 PM Potluck
7:00 PM Meeting

Women's Club

Marlene Echaniz 427-3873
1st Thursday of each month
12:00 Noon, Brown Bag Lunch

Harstine Island Choir

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6655) to reserve the hall.

Theatre Club

Theatre Club presented two plays in 2005. Bob Helm directed the first of these, "Charlotte's Web." It had a cast of more than forty actors and many support personnel. With almost as many children as adults in the cast, it was very exciting backstage. The acting was superb and the costumes Garby Elmore and crew designed and constructed were wonderful. The sad event that took the life of one of our cast, Marissa Goodell, in a traffic accident was a terrible shock, but the cast pulled together and worked all the harder for great performances. We give much credit to her parents and her brother, Quin, who played Wilber. We dedicated the performances to her memory.

"Once upon a Christmas" was written by Shirl Conway Larson and directed by Whickey Conway Larson. We performed this play several years ago, and this year's cast included some of the original players.

2006 will be a busy year for our club. In spring we hope to do an old radio play or two, written and performed by our senior acting member, John Cooper. This proves to be a lot of fun with scripts, commercials and audience participation. Around the 4th of July we will perform "They Came From Outer Space." This is a rip roaring comedy and should be great entertainment. We will again attempt to cast the musical "Dracula Baby" in the fall. The free Christmas play will be performed the first weekend of December. If you are interested in performing or helping with the 2006 plays, call one of the following people: Spring play, Bob Helm—427-0448; summer play, Barbara Hubbard—427-4482; fall play, Fred

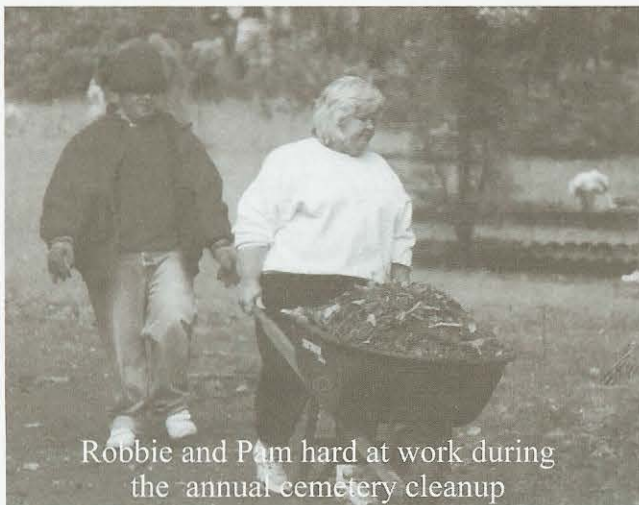
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Harstine Island Women's Club

Harstine Island Women's Club (WC) was established in the 30's and is about 100 strong. Regular meetings are the first Thursday of the month, with social time at 11:30, lunch at 12:00 and the meeting at 12:30.

This year we held a Mexican Fiesta for our first meeting (Sept.) when we installed our officers. The usual format is to bring a bag lunch and the hostesses furnish dessert. The Dec. meeting, our Christmas Luncheon, is the second Thursday in Dec. to accommodate the theatre production. In Jan. we play bingo for white elephant prizes. March is a soup luncheon with designated members bringing soup and breads. April is "Out to Lunch," May is a spring luncheon and June a picnic. July is a luau, but there are new ideas for a picnic on the south end of the island. The August meeting is at Pat LeClaire's home and includes election of officers.

For service projects we offer 3 scholarships to island students - usually \$500 each, and \$50 per month to both Saint's Pantry and the Methodist Food Bank.

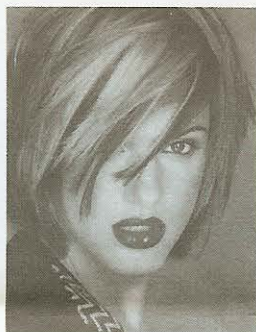
B. J. Beauchene heads the committee for funeral lunches. WC also helps maintain the hall, organizes the Children's Carnival each August and assists the canned food donations to Pioneer School Christmas baskets.

To finance these projects, we rely on our \$15 dues and proceeds from the Holiday House Bazaar Pam Niemi Wood chairs right after Thanksgiving, plus funds from our booth at the Farmer's Market Betty Bogle and Pat Andrews chair. We need volunteers for all these events throughout the year.

A subsidiary of WC is the sewing group that meets at member's homes the third Tuesday of each month. Again, bring a bag lunch and the hostess will provide coffee and dessert. Our telephone committee gets the word out to everyone, and Mary Nichols is hostess chairman to ensure everyone has a chance to serve. All island women are encouraged to join our club. Call Marlene Echaniz, pres. (427 3873) or Kathy Doherty, treas. (426 2722) for further information. *Marlene Echaniz - President*

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Community Club 2006

Membership Application/Renewal

Harstine Island Community Club's Dues are \$10.00 per person age 18 or over.

Name _____

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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:

Hall Restoration \$ _____ Cemetery Fund \$ _____ Women's Club \$ _____

Grange \$ _____ Garden Club \$ _____ Theatre Club \$ _____

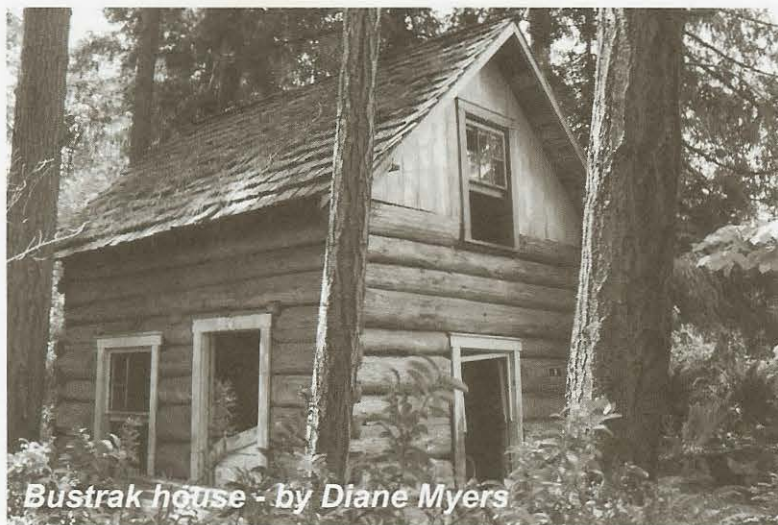
Harstine Choir \$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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

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

Please remove this application/renewal form and mail it with your check to:

Harstine Island Community Club (HICC)
PO Box 1635; Shelton, WA 98584



Bustrak house - by Diane Myers

CLAM BAKE

The Island Remembers describes some delightful events in our island's history. One of these is a traditional clam bake where island delicacies are cooked long hours in the ground over glowing coals. Community Club is considering recreating this event with a clam bake of our own. The tentative date for this event is 24 June 2006. It will cost approximately \$20 per person. Of course, space is limited. We will probably be able to accommodate only 100 community club members. If you are interested in helping with or attending this event, come to the club meetings to keep informed. This and other exciting events are awaiting the club in 2006.

2005 Reflections *continued*

numerous activities.

Our Community Club was founded and operates with two principle objectives as a social club; the preservation of our historic hall and the promotion and fostering of the *community*. These are both very noble and worthy purposes. However, upon reflection, I have found a third *common thread* that binds us together—good food! Many of our events feature food or have food available. Unlike even the finest of restaurants that occasionally have a “bad” day, I don’t believe there is ever an occasion that folks leave the hall unsatisfied. 2005 came and went swiftly, as seemingly do all years. This year will be imprinted in our minds with a myriad of natural disasters through the world and the United States. It is during times of stress and anxiety that we find comfort in the companionship of good friends and neighbors. For nearly a century, the Harstine Community Hall has been a cornerstone of the island community. It is the gathering place for many, serving interests and activities as diverse as our community. To join in, all that is required is an open heart and willing hands. Please know

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