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Past President's Report

The biggest challenge this past year has been to "balance the budget". We have been faced with the expense of electrical upgrades, major increases in cost of fuel oil and propane along with general maintenance and upkeep expenses. Many individual gifts along with the amounts paid by our affiliated clubs continue to be vitally important in solving our financial problems. However a truly significant effort by the Board to increase membership has made a big difference.

We have observed that there are a number of folks participating in community activities who have not made the commitment to join the HICC. We believe that all Islanders, including each member of the supporting organizations should belong to and support the HICC.

Not enough can be said about the skill and management of the "new kids on the block" Gary and Rose Benz and Jim and Jan Irving who have plunged energetically into Community Club work. Whether getting the electrical contracts, overseeing the work or arranging for automatic delivery of oil their work has been an excellent gift to the community.

An "Old Timer" (Frank Lewis) suggested to the Board that it was time to review and update the by-laws to be more in line with how we operate, with a Board that reports to the members. One important suggestion he made is that we broaden representation on the board by adding a delegate from each club. Your comments are appreciated. Notice of any proposed changes will be made public.

It was a delightful experience to serve as HICC President. It was made easier with the capable board members who took responsibility and accomplished the goals: Mike Callahan, Past President; Arne Berndt and Linda Benson At large; Carolyn Ebey, Secretary; Jim Irving, Treasurer; and, Gary Benz, Vice President.

This is a rare and precious community. It is growing and expanding in population. It is our responsibility and in our best interest to protect and preserve the structure, our Community Hall and institutions such as the Farmers' Market that give character and pleasure to us all.

- Dudley Panchot



RENEW OR JOIN NOW

Now is the time to renew or start a new membership in the Community Club. The 2008 **Membership** Application can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

2007 saw a record number of islanders join the Community Club. Thanks must go out to the 406 members of the Community Club for their financial support and willingness to volunteer for the many venues that would not take place without their support.

Membership

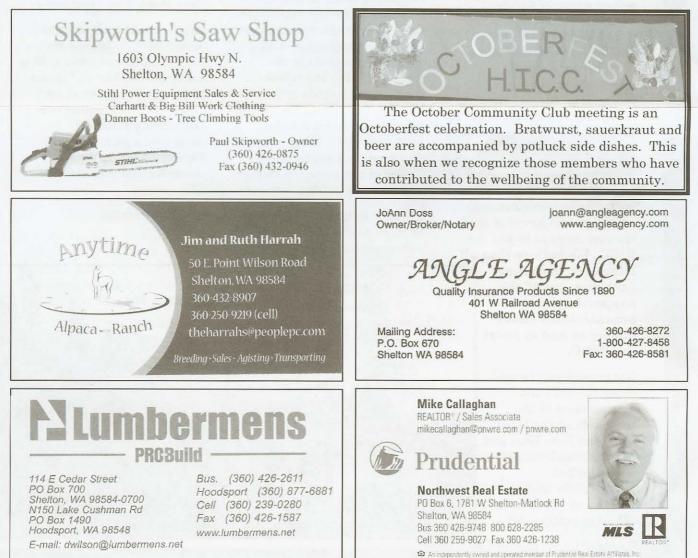
The increase in membership from 234 to 406 was due in large part to the hard work of several Club members who

worked a membership booth at every Farmers Market. This presence at the market offered existing and potential members an

easy opportunity to join or renew their membership. Many were unaware of just where the \$10 goes and what they get for the money. As



shown in the Annual Financial Report (on page 3) membership dues represent over 21% of our overall budget.



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HICC FINANCIAL REPORT 2007

BEGINNING BALANCES:

Hall Rental: Other Income:	\$ 4,175 \$ 3,438	Fundraiser Expenses: Newsletter Expenses	\$ 3,052 \$ 1,469
Fundraisers:	\$ 4,270	Utilities:	\$ 4,701
Donations:	\$ 2,958	Building Maintenance:	\$ 3 584
Membership Dues:	\$ 3,930	Insurance, taxes, etc:	\$ 5,145
2007 INCOME		2007 EXPENSES	
TOTAL:	\$ 5,505.15	\$7,045.53	
Checking:	\$ 370,51	370,51 \$1,436.67	
Savings:	\$ 5,134.64	.64 \$5,608.63	

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Last year the tones for island volunteers went off a total of 125 times, compared to a total of 98 calls for 2006. Of those, 89 were for medical emergencies, 19 for fire related, 10 for motor vehicle accidents and 7 for service calls or citizen assist. Volunteers respond out of the 2 island stations; Station 9 at the north end next to the Community Hall. Volunteers include Lt. Nick Arthur, EMT/Firefighter Colleen Arthur, and Firefighter Steven Meacham. Station 11 at the south end near Island Shores Road. volunteers include Lt. Nick Neuerburg, and Firefighters Craig Holly and James Stevens. All calls are backed up by mainland staffed Paramedic/EMT crews and a Command Officer.

Fire District 5

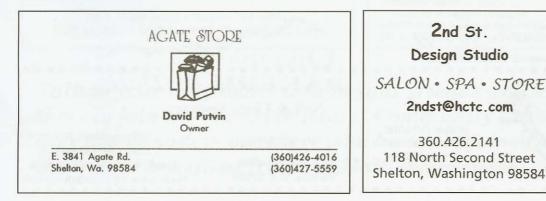
ENDING BALANCES:

Assistance is also provided by neighboring mainland Stations.

District 5 covers 150 square miles of central Mason County and operates out of 10 stations, 2 of which are staffed 24/7 by an Advanced Life Support ambulance crew and one station that serves as Headquarters for the District. Along with regular duties of responding to medical and fire calls, Mason 5 provides CPR and First Aid training, address markers, free home safety inspections, as well as education in fire prevention and emergency preparedness. The Fire District continues to work with the CERT (Community **Emergency** Response Team)

members of the community trained in First Aid, Search and Rescue, Triage of patients, Emergency Preparedness as well as other aspects on how to cope in a disaster. Anyone interested in joining the CERT program or thinking of volunteering for the Fire District can contact an Island Firefighter or call the District 5 office.

January 10, 1947 HICC President Bud Glaser Social committee report A dance will be held on February 1st. Dick said ferry would run 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.





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Citizen of the Year

Mary Nichols was named our 2007 Citizen of the Year. Her quiet but constant behind the scenes efforts are largely unsung. With her signature smile, Mary

makes sure dishes are washed at Senior Lunch and the Community Club meetings and the library is in good order and up to date. Generating funds for Community Club is high on Mary's list, attested to by her



Mary Nichols and her Citizen of the Year Award. Island the wonplace that it is.

volunteering to chair and co-chair two of the islands major fundraisers. This year will be Mary's third year organizing and chairing our Annual Spaghetti

> Dinner, transforming the Hall into an Italian Restaurant complete with white shirted waiters. Mary co-chaired the Harstine Island **Community Club Annual** Rummage Sale which was another successful fundraiser. In addition Mary can always be found behind the scenes keeping the clubs going. Thank you Mary for all that you do to help make Harstine Island the wonderful

Neighborhood Watch also meets at the Community Hall. Members of this group patrol about 62 miles of island roads, reporting suspicious activity to the Sheriff and keeping islanders informed of unusual events.

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Honored Citizens

I love, I love, I love my calendar girl. Yeah, sweet calendar girl each and every day of the year. The Neil Sedaka song says it all.

One of this vears' Honored Citizens is Pam Niemi Wood. Pam is keeper of our Harstine Island Community calendar. Keeping clubs, people and dates-toremember organized is Pam's forte and mission.



Honored Citizen Pam Niemi Wood

Planner and organizer of Holiday House is another of Pam's volunteer positions. These two jobs are paramount and Pam executes both with efficiency and flair.

Pam is a long time islander. In her teen years she organized dances at the Hall that continued for many years. Pam also is an

active member of Women's Club and has assisted with many other Community Club functions. Behind the scenes Pam and her

> husband Ed often cleanup after Hall events making a seamless end to many of our special evenings at the Hall. Pam Niemi Wood's name is a well deserved addition to the names on the Honored Citizen Plaque.

BJ Beauchene was named one of our Honored Citizens this

year. A long time Harstine Islander BJ is known as a mover, shaker and motivator. Her contributions include founder and chairing the funeral luncheon committee. This is a very important behind the scenes service. Over the years, BJ and her committee made sure each funeral luncheon was seamless in presentation. BJ is the creator of

Kid's Carnival which has become an island event that many children and grandchildren have grown up with. Taking part in



Honored Citizen **BJ** Beauchene

history. The Community Hall's elaborately decorated Christmas Tree is a BJ creation. BJ, friend to all, her greeting to newcomers

Women's Clubs

touts the benefits of joining island clubs and in her own words "getting immediately involved."

BJ has an Eleanor Roosevelt quote that she considers her personal mantra; "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery and today is a gift that is why they call it the present."

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Talk to your neighbors, talk to your friends and encourage them to join the Harstine Island Community Club. There are over 600 islanders out there who have not joined and most of them have benefited from the Hall at sometime.

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La June Senior Lunch

Damon La June had an idea and decided to make it happen. He wanted the older people on the island to have more opportunities to socialize so he started a biweekly, low cost lunch. The program continues and is called "Damon's Diner" in his memory. The lunch staff headed by Barbara La June served 1,632 hot meals to Islanders last year. \$348 was donated to the Community Club to help defray utility costs. Additionally the staff donated their time and over \$370 worth of food to provide dinner to those attending the New Years Dance. The number of people helping changed as the seasons changed but there were always enough willing volunteers to cook, set-up, clean-up and plan meals. It is hard to imagine how they can provide the great meals and only \$3 per person!

Grange #568

The Harstine Island Grange #568 was started in 1914 and along with other locals under the umbrella of the Pomona Grange holds an annual Ham & Oyster Dinner. This all-you-can-eat event draws a large crowd and replenishes Grange funds which are used for scholarships and community services such as providing books to schools, toys and clothing to the hospital, and food to the needy. The 2008 event was held in March and drew a crowd of nearly 200 people.



"The treasury report was \$17.46, of which \$2.58 was profit made from the Holiday Dance."

Bridge Community Church

Bridge Community Church has been meeting in the Community Hall since 1996 and is now in the process of building it's own 5,300 square foot facility on 6 acres of land north of the bridge. The church was established by islanders and the 75+ members are now guided by Pastor and Mrs. Howard Spear.



Women's Club provides a format to meet neighbors and become involved in the community. **Social activities** include the monthly meeting (except July) where members gather for camaraderie and programs. Lunch is either a brown-bag along with a provided dessert or one of our theme lunches.

Holiday House is a popular venue which showcases handcrafted items, a perfect way to start your holiday shopping. It is held the Saturday after Thanksgiving at the Community Hall and Fire Station.

Children's Carnival is held the 2nd Saturday in August. Young people and adults work together to provide a fun-filled day for the children. There are games, clowns, and prizes. A great activity for children and grandchildren!

When someone from the island dies the women provide a **funeral lunch** at the Community Hall. It is a service that allows the family to grieve as well as feel the sense of community the island provides.

This is a group that is active year round. Spring begins with the **plant sale.** You can purchase plants, garden art and bird houses, all at very good prices while supporting the club's fundraising efforts. Come and learn from local nursery growers and take time to enjoy food, music and see your neighbors.

You know summer is here when the **Farmer's Market** opens the first Saturday in June and runs every Saturday through October from 10am to noon. Free booth Generations mingle and the island history lives on.

If you want to show off your association with Harstine Island, there are logos galore at the **Women's Club booth** at the Saturday Market. Sweatshirts, fleece vests, denim shirts, visors, and of course T-shirts are some of the clothing items available. License plate holders and mugs are part of the various choices. The book <u>The Island Remembers</u>, which gives a historical view of

the island is available as well as our new cookbook, <u>Harstine Island</u> <u>Cooks!</u> due to be published in April.

Many of these activities raise funds and the **use of those funds** is another important part of Women's

Club. We provide scholarships for local students, contribute to Pioneer School and local food

Garden Club

space is available, so contact the Garden Club and start selling. Come and enjoy the handcrafted items ranging from paintings, jewelry, knitting, custom signs, and soap to a variety of edibles.

The end of summer is marked by the **Apple Squeeze**. Come and lend a hand as totes of apples are turned into cider. There is a job for everyone, from the smallest tot to grandpa. Inside the hall there are demonstrations of traditional arts and crafts including hands-on activities for banks, and help with the expenses of keeping the Community Hall insured and in shape.

Seamstresses also have their place on Harstine. This group has monthly meetings in various homes, usually every third Tuesday of the month from 10:00 to 2:00, to enjoy a variety of handiwork, relaxation and lunch.

Join us at Women's Club and experience the feeling of



Members of the Women's club previewing the auction items at the March 2008 meeting.

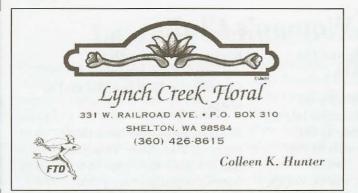
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the kids. Fresh doughnuts and apple products are also available to munch on.



All of the grounds maintenance at the Hall is provided by members of the Garden Club.

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Harstine Island Community Choir continues to grow and serve our island community and our county. With 35 of the 54 choristers living on Harstine Island, you would have a fine opportunity to meet your neighbors and have a lot of fun singing during our Sunday afternoon rehearsals should you decide to join the choir. Membership is open to everyone. The 2008 June concert features swing, blues, jazz, Broadway, folk and spirituals. The choirs December concert features tunes with hand bells and songs with instrumental accompaniment.

Additional off island performances are scheduled. In conjunction with Mason General Hospital Foundation, the choir will perform for the Karen Hilburn Breast and Cervical Cancer Fund.

Theater Club

July performance: A Mystery Broadway Musical

Free December performance: To be announced, watch the reader board for more information

2007 productions: Happy Birthday America produced by Fred Burgdorf, and Santa Goes on Strike, directed by Lorna Hink.



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Fetime Service ward Hugo (Bud) Glaser For dedication and service to the Harstine Island community Budle diaucho Controll. Eb

Bud Glaser is only the third person to be presented with the Lifetime Service Award. Bud has contributed to the Harstine community as a business person and volunteer. His metal recycling efforts have resulted in thousands of dollars donated to the communities clubs. Bud is an active member of the Grange, Past President of HICC and has contributed to the island community in many ways.



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Important Information

Harstine Island Community Club Contact: Gary Benz at 360-427-3180 Programs: Arlen Morris 360-432-9712 2nd Friday of each month 6-7 p.m. Happy Hour and Potluck, 7:30 meeting

Garden Club & Farmers Market Contact: Jim Anderson at 360-427-8701 2nd Thursday 7 p.m. Farmers Market Saturdays, 6/7 - 10/4 10 to noon

Grange #568 Contact: Glen Yates at 360-426-8853 3rd Friday, 6:30 p.m. Potluck 7:30 meeting

Harstine Community Choir Contact: Elizabeth Berndt at 360-432-9940 Every Sunday following school calendar 4-6 p.m.

Neighborhood Watch Contact: Tim Rogers 360-426-5712 3rd Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Senior Lunch Contact: Barbara La June 360-426-0490 Every other Wednesday at noon

Theater Club Contact: Judy Moore 360-427-3722 Last Monday 6:30 p.m. potluck 7 p.m. meeting

Women's Club

Contact: Jan Irving at 360-432-9231 1st Thursday 11:30 a.m. brown bag lunch, dessert and coffee provided

Bridge Community Church Contact: Pastor Howard Spear 360-426-5221 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship 10:30

Community Emergency Response Training Contact: Nick Neuerburg 360-427-5521 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Station 9 next to Hall

TOPS #WA1042 Contact: Nancy Nelson 360-432-0866 Monday 9 am

Pinochle Club Contact: Barbara La June 360-426-0490 Mixed 1st and 3rd Saturday at 7 p.m. Pat Ritchie 360-427-0413 Women Every other Tuesday at noon

Mason County Fire District 5 Business line: 360-426-5533 Burn Ban 360-427-7799

Dates to Remember April

All Island Clean-Up 12th at 9 a.m.

May

Garden Club Plant Sale 3rd - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. HICC Spaghetti Dinner Benefit 24th - 6 p.m. Choir Concert 31st at 7 p.m. June 1st at 3 p.m.

June Farmers Market opens 7th 10 a.m. - Noon

July Theater Club Play 5th at 8 p.m.& 6th at 3 p.m.

August Rummage Sale 2nd 9 a.m. Arlen Morris 432-9712 Kids Carnival 9th Time TBA Labor Day Dance 30th 8 p.m.

October Apple Squeeze 4th at 10 a.m. October Fest 10th at 6 p.m.

November Thanksgiving Dinner 27th at 2 p.m. Holiday House 29th 10 Dianne Dawley 427-8833

December Theater Club Play 6th at 8 p.m. 7th at 3 p.m. Choir Concert 13th at 7 p.m. and 14th at 3 p.m. New Years Eve Dinner Dance 31st at 8 p.m.





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Island Traditions

Since the Harstine Island Community Hall was built in 1914 it's timbers have been rocked by moving feet and flexed with the rhythm of many a dance. Dances where originally hosted to

raise funds to maintain the building and the social spirit of the community. At one time "ferry service" was scheduled to accommodate the dances. The island tradition continues and



has recently been reenergized with two major dances. The Labor Day Dance finished off the summer with the Richard Gerber Band playing music from the 50's and 60's. The event was hosted by Mike and Judy Callaghan and

Matt and Carol Lettich. The dance was well attended and fun was had by all!

Under twinkling lights Islanders welcomed in 2008 with style at the New Year's Eve Dance. Rose and Gary Benz and Jim and Jan Irving hosted the event. A buffet dinner was provided by Senior Lunch. The music was again provided by the Richard Gerber Band. The Hall was almost at capacity with good cheer, laughter and friendship.

There are plans to expand on the existing events, watch the reader board for details. The dances this year were self supporting. With your continued attendance and participation these will remain an island tradition for many years to come.

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Women's Club \$	Garden Club \$	_ Theater 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 it's dues. Thank you! Please remove this form and mail it with your check to: Harstine Island Community Club (HICC) P.O. Box 1635 Shelton, WA 98584



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