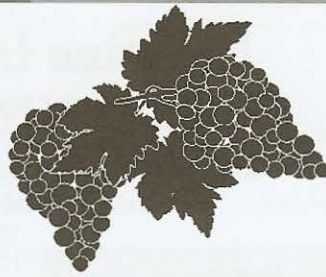


Harstine Islander



2009

Produced by Harstine Island Community Club

President's Report

The Harstine Island Community Hall walls echo its 95-year history in picture and memorabilia. If these walls could talk they would make audible to the listener the events of the past ninety-five years. More than three generations of islanders, club and organization members contributed their time, energy and finances to insure the hall stood through earthquakes, elements and time. As a foundation in the social fabric of the community, the Hall is the gathering place for many activities: Community Club, Pinochle, Theater Club productions, Choir performances, Garden Club sponsored Saturday Market, Annual Plant Sale, Senior Lunch, Grange, TOPS, Church services, Family Reunions, Dances, Birthdays, Parties, Weddings and Funerals.

The contributions from our clubs and organizations benefit students in our local schools. From purchasing classroom supplies to providing college scholarships the members make a difference for many. Donations are made to the local food bank throughout the year and donations are made to assist with projects in support of the Community Hall. I encourage any of you that are not current members of Community Club to join and help make a difference on our island.

Thanks in part to many individual donations to the electrical fund the much needed electrical renovations were professionally completed. In November the built-in microwave/wall oven unit failed. Thanks to the generosity of Bob and Eleanor Clark a new unit was installed this January.

We welcomed 2008 with the Richard Gerber Band and a New Year's Eve Dance hosted by the Benz's and Irving's at the hall. The building vibrated with stomping of feet, laughter and good company. In May Don and Mary Nichols and staff hosted another very successful fundraising Spaghetti Dinner. On multiple occasions throughout the year, Theater Club delighted us with musicals and productions. September started off with the Richard Gerber Band at the Labor Day Dance, which was hosted by Mike and Judy Callaghan. In addition Mike Callaghan organized and hosted a very successful Classic/Antique Car Show. October was our Annual Octoberfest celebration with all the fixings and presentations of Honored Citizens to: Della Rogers, Pat LeClair, and Judy Callaghan. Citizen of the Year was presented to Bud Glaser. The Harstine Island Choir warmed our spirits throughout the changing seasons with their wonderful performances. The Irish's and Bensons kindly hosted Thanksgiving Dinner and Barbara La June graciously hosted Christmas Dinner. We rang in the New Year "Island Style" while dancing to the tunes of the Whoa Dizzy Band.

As a strong, community based organization we enjoy great success and involvement; yet with rising costs, operation and needed repairs; our biggest challenge continues to be balancing the budget. The Harstine Island Community Hall continues to stand the "test of time."

-Gary Benz, President

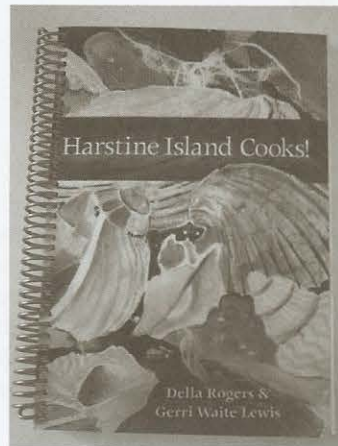


Harstine Island Cooks!

Harstine Island Cooks!

premiered in 2008 after 2½ years of hard, but delicious, work on the part of Women's Club members.

Over 1,000 copies have already found their way to island kitchens and beyond. The Women's Club and editors Della Rogers and Gerri Lewis are very pleased with the enthusiastic reception their latest contribution to Island culinary life has received.



The cover art is a 1992 seashell print by Pat Dunlap of the Harstine Island Gallery, and Cathy Prins created the pen-and-ink

illustrations that dot the book. Its nine sections are introduced by glimpses of Harstine Island gastronomy history researched by Gerri Lewis. Specialized contributions were made by computer graphics whiz Sherry Ford, and

wordsmiths Donna Hamilton and Carleen Houghton. This all-volunteer effort features 375 taste-tested recipes collected from 110 islanders, and taste-tested by 30 members and their families and friends. The recipes include many original, never-before-published creations, adaptations, and even some "family secrets." Copies are available for \$15.00 at the island Farmers' Market, Sage Book Store, Arts & Flowers Nursery, Jarrell Cove Marina store, and at most island events, or from Della Rogers, 427-3738. Mail orders are \$19.50, P.O. Box 1635, Shelton, WA 98584.



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The October Community Club meeting is an Octoberfest celebration. Bratwurst, sauerkraut and beer are accompanied by potluck side dishes. This is also when we recognize those members who have contributed to the wellbeing of the community.

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Savings: \$ 5,609
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 TOTAL: \$ 7,046

ENDING BALANCES:

\$5,627
 \$3,315
 \$8,942

2008 INCOME:

Membership Dues: \$ 4,410 20%
 Donations: \$ 2,805 13%
 Fundraisers: \$ 3,814 17%
 Hall Rental: \$ 4,739 22%
 Insurance contrib. \$ 1,500 7%
 Newsletter ads \$ 1,208 6%
 Other income \$ 3,342 15%

2008 EXPENSES

Administration: \$ 1,047 5%
 Building Maintenance: \$ 4,830 24%
 Utilities: \$ 5,081 25%
 Fundraiser Expenses: \$ 2,733 13%
 Insurance \$ 4,010 20%
 Newsletter Expenses \$ 1,506 7%
 Hall Supplies \$ 1,177 6%

TOTAL: \$21,818

\$20,384

Building Maintenance line item does not include donations for the Electrical Restoration Fund which totaled \$5014.45 from January 2007 - December 2008. \$4008.50 of these monies was spent on the upgrade, remainder of monies was transferred to the Hall Restoration Fund

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We thank our local businesses for their advertising contributions, without which we would not be able to produce this newsletter. We are grateful for your continued support. Please mention that you viewed contributors ads in the Harstine Islander when contacting or visiting their establishments.

Fire District 5

District 5 calls for the Island for 2008 totaled 100, compared with 2007 total of 125, and 2006 total of 98. Of last years calls, 66 were medical related, 8 were motor vehicle accidents (3 with injuries, 5 without,) 2 structure type fires, 2 vehicle fires, and 22 other calls for various assistance. Current Island Volunteer roster out of the 2 stations on the Island include: Sta. 9 North End – Lt. Nick Arthur, FF/EMT Colleen Arthur, FF/MFA Steve Meacham, FF/PM Travis Larrabee, and FF/MFA Tony Enslow. Sta. 11 South End – Lt. Nick Neuerburg and FF/MFA James Stevens. All calls

are backed up by mainland staffed Paramedic crews and Command Officer with assistance for nearby mainland stations when needed. District 5 covers 150 sq. miles of central Mason Co. and also as of this year, the city of Shelton. With the addition of Shelton the District now operates out of 11 stations, 3 of which are staffed full time. Along with regular responses for aid and fire calls, Mason 5 provides CPR and First Aid training for the general public. They also offer address markers, free home safety inspections, as well as education in fire prevention and

emergency preparedness. The District continues to work with CERT – Community Emergency Response Team – training members of the community in first aid, search and rescue, emergency preparedness as well as other aspects in coping with a disaster. CERT has been meeting every other month and the program is set up so that anyone can come in and learn the program over a period of time. Anyone interested in volunteering in either the Fire Department or joining CERT can contact any Island Firefighter or call the District 5 office.

Inquiring Minds Series

The 2009 three-part series was co-sponsored by the Harstine Island Community Club and the Pickering Community Club. All the Sunday afternoon programs take place in the Harstine Island Community Hall. While these programs are free to the public, donations and underwriting are welcomed and encouraged to defray presenter travel and hall maintenance expenses. The April 19th performance will be Dr.

Robert Carriker, professor at Gonzaga University, lecturer, author and historian, sharing tales of the early 1841 U.S. expedition and exploration that linked Walla Walla, Puget Sound and the Columbia River on the Washington Coast. For information on future programs or to schedule for your own organization, contact: Arlen Morris, 432-0712 (HICC) or Connie Hawes, 432-8524 (PCC)

September 2009 - Islanders once again can dance to the music of the **Richard Gerber Band** at the **Labor Day Dance** hosted by Mike and Judy Callaghan. **New Year's Eve 2009** will see the return of **Swing Fever** to center stage to help Islanders welcome in the New Year. The Irving's and Benz's will once again host and will have the hall decked out with thousands of twinkling lights to set the mood.

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Quote taken from a brochure at the Hall (prior to 1940) "many hours of hard work were put in by our island musicians who often donated their musical talents to the dances held every two weeks to raise money to put in our beautiful hardwood floor."

While the dances no longer are fundraisers and now only happen twice a year they are still an important element of island life. We have a dance to end summer, to end the year and maybe we need a dance to signal the beginning of summer - any volunteers?

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Friday, June 10, 1921
(Regarding the island ferry service.) Mr. E.R. Andrews will make four daily trips, at 8, 10, 2 and 4 on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays only; but special trips will be made on call for which a schedule of charges will be made.

HICC minutes, 9/12/69
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Honored Citizens

This year we have three Honored Citizens; **Pat LeClair**, **Della Rogers** and **Judy Callaghan**.

Known for her lovely Lavender gardens and nursery Arts and Flowers, every year **Pat** opens her home and gardens hosting



the August Women's Club meeting. Pat has been an active contributor to our Harstine Island Community since

she moved to the island twenty years ago. In her quiet, behind the scenes way, she helps a variety of island organizations and clubs prepare for their events. Pat has been president of Women's Club and has had a hand in many Women's Club events and committees. Along with BJ Beauchene they founded, organized and chaired The Kids' Carnival. Pat also spent numerous years as a committed member of the memorial luncheon committee. Pat is an active member of Garden Club; over the years she has donated

many beautiful plants to beautify the gardens at the Community Hall.

Two and a half years ago **Della** took on the monumental task of planning, organizing, writing, and tending the next generation of Women's Club cookbook. The new cookbook, *Harstine Island Cooks!*, a resounding success, is now in its second printing. Della's foodie roots go back several years introducing her McFrog label homemade "Hot Pepper Jelly" at the Farmer's Market. Also in the food category, Della

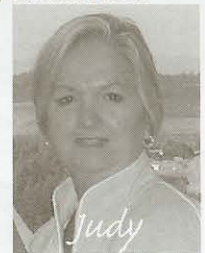


co-chairs the Annual Holiday House kitchen. This is another large undertaking to help raise funds for Women's Club supported charities and scholarship fund. The senior lunch program has also benefited from Della's high energy and love of cooking. Della was an active member of the senior lunch team. She gives her time to Community Club projects and is the current Secretary. Women's

Club has also benefitted from her time and energy.

Judy casts her support far and wide. Judy not only gives her time helping on island, she is also involved in the community at large. Turning Pointe, a safe house for battered women and their children is Judy's off island focal point. Judy spends countless hours campaigning, organizing fundraisers, procuring needed goods and services and much more to guarantee the success of Turning Pointe. On island Judy is always at the ready to give a hand to any HICC or Women's Club project or fundraiser. Judy and her husband Mike have planned and organized events, including the Labor Day dances and first annual car show event. Judy has always been a very committed member of Women's Club.

Judy is also an active participant in the Harstine Travel Club.



Citizen of the Year

This year's Citizen of the Year Bud Glaser will be dearly missed as he wore many island hats. With his signature broad smile, Bud made everyone he encountered feel welcome. Bud was tireless in his efforts to monetarily support on and off island causes with his recycling of aluminum cans. Over the years all funds were donated to both on and off island clubs, organizations and various scholarship funds. Bud was Harstine Island Community Club President in 1946. He pioneered,

championed and supported the Community Club and its umbrella organizations. Bud was also an active member in the Harstine Island Chapter of Pomona Grange.

Reading early HICC Meeting minutes, Bud's name was often mentioned referring to his efforts to revive the Hall after its dormancy during the World War II years. During this time he organized fundraiser dances and projects to keep the Hall in repair. The list goes on, however

let us end with the statement "he is a true island pioneer, one could say Bud is a Harstine Island icon."



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 bi-weekly, low cost lunch. The program continues and is called "Damon's Diner" in his memory. The lunch staff headed by Barbara La June served 1,950 hot meals to Islanders last year. \$649 was donated to the Community Club to help defray


utility costs. This amounts to an increase of about 16% over 2007. Additionally the staff donated their time and food to provide dinner to those attending the New Year's Dance. The number of people helping altered 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 at only \$3 per person!

Grange #568

The Grange was founded over 80 years ago. It meets at the Hall the third Friday of each month; potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7:30. Grange projects include the Annual Ham & Oyster dinner as the major fundraiser. Proceeds fund the Dictionary Program. Stuffed toys are made by Grangers and donated to local hospitals. Hearing aid batteries are collected and recycled to assist the less fortunate. Annual

donations to Saint's Pantry Food Bank in Shelton are made. The triangle on the island side of the bridge was planted and is maintained by the Grange. The large map of Harstine Island on the island side of the bridge was created and furnished by the Grange. The Grange works in conjunction with other island organizations to maintain cemeteries, assist with meals for memorials and earn funds to maintain the Community Hall.

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Bridge Community Church

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Harstine Island Women's Club

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.

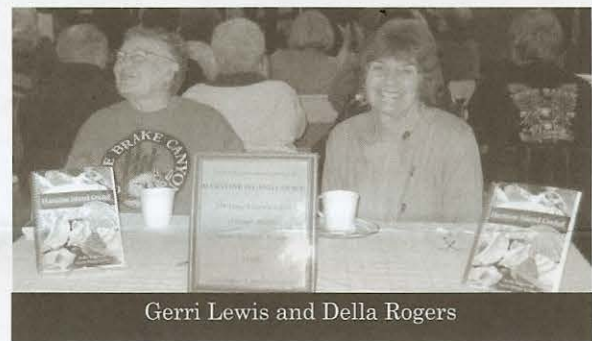
Holiday House is a popular venue which showcases hand-crafted items, a perfect way to start your holiday shopping. It is held the Saturday after Thanksgiving at the Community Hall and Fire Station. **Kids' Carnival** is held the 2nd Saturday in August. Young people and adults work together to provide 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 passes on the women provide a **memorial 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. 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 *The Island Remembers*, which gives a historical view of the island is available as well as our new cookbook, *Harstine Island Cooks!*

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 banks, and help with the expenses of keeping the Community Hall insured and in shape.

This last year we were able to give \$50 to each of the Pioneer Elementary classroom teachers as well as supplies collected at our September meeting. People who enjoy sewing meet monthly in each others homes on the third Tuesday from 10:00 to 2:00 to share handiwork, relaxation and lunch. Join us at Women's Club and experience the feeling of belonging that only a small community can offer.



Gerri Lewis and Della Rogers

Garden Club

The Harstine Island Garden Club is one the most informally organized clubs in the HICC family of organizations, with a core membership who meet the 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the hall unless otherwise noted. Membership is open to all who are interested in gardening and

gardens. Meetings often focus on garden issues, speakers, and destination garden visits. The main mission is to maintain the grounds of the community hall and other public island spaces, contribute to the maintenance of the community hall and be an environmental resource for all. This friendly and hardworking group manages to produce a Plant Sale each spring which often includes garden seminars and demonstrations, sponsors and manages the Saturday Market from early June to the first of

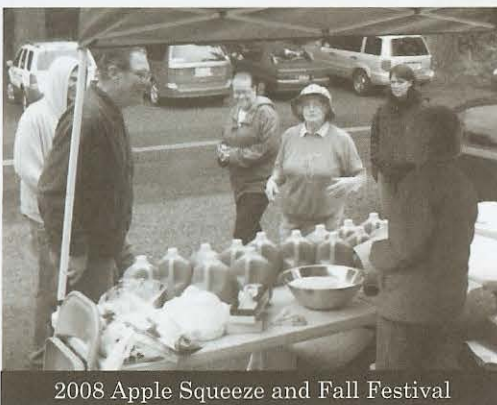


Jo Ewart washing apples

October, puts on an annual Apple Squeeze and Fall Festival and schedules pruning workshops with professional arborists. At each of these events the membership grows as the community

comes together to get the job done.

Proceeds from the Plant Sale and the Apple Squeeze fund island and hall beautification and improvement projects. The club also provides honorariums to area school horticultural programs. For information contact, Jim Anderson 427-8701.



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Harstine Island Theater Club

The Harstine Island Theater Club has been producing shows since 1984. Originally we did a summer Vaudeville and a Christmas show. Over the years we have expanded our efforts to include an additional show in the spring or fall. In the recent past we have done a revival of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," a "Broadway Musical Mystery," "Santa Goes on Strike and "Dracula Baby." This year we are working on the female version of

"The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon which is scheduled for April 24, 25 and 26. It is being directed by Barbara Hubbard and features Lorna Hink, Anita Chandler, Judy Moore, Betty Helm, Barbara Morrison, Fred Burgdorf and James Robinson. Our summer show is **"The Ransom of Red Chief"** based on an O'Henry story. Fred Burgdorf is directing the show and it will be presented June 26, 27 and 28. We also have plans to

host an event for the children at Halloween. Each year the Theatre Club offers scholarships to students pursuing Theater Arts in college.

If you want to participate in Theater Club, our meetings are the last Monday of each month. Potluck supper starts at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Also, feel free to call Barbara Hubbard, 427-4482 or Judy Moore, 427-3722 if you have any questions about the club.

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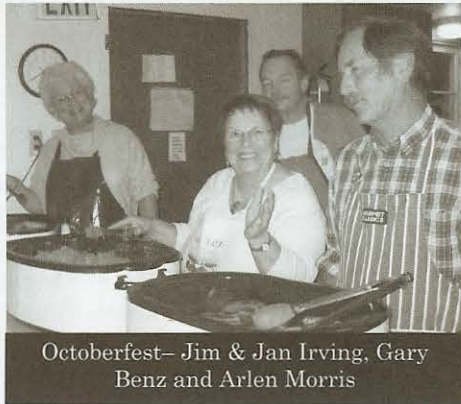
The Harstine Island Community Club Board wants to thank all of you who not only continued your membership in the Club but also encouraged others to become members. The funds raised help defray the cost of maintaining the hall, but more importantly members are the sole and driving force behind the many events hosted at the Hall. The mailing of the newsletter signals the beginning of the membership drive for 2009. Membership runs from April 1st to the end

of the following March. The Membership application for 2009 can be found on the back page of this newsletter. To help the Community Club cover the cost of maintaining the hall, the membership voted to increase dues for members to \$15 per adult per year. We are pleased to report that a record number of islanders joined the Harstine Island Community Club in 2008. 445 islanders renewed or became new members which equates to a 10 percent

YEAR	MEMBERSHIP
2003	285
2004	261
2005	273
2006	236
2007	408
2008	445

increase over 2007 and a 50 percent increase over 2006. We are hopeful that this time next year we can again report a new record.

The "Dues Crew" will be present at the many events hosted at the Hall and at Saturday Market to sign you up or you may mail it in (see back of newsletter.)



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Garden Club & Farmers Market

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

Grange #568

Contact: Glen Yates, 360-426-8853
3rd Friday, 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting

Harstine Community Choir

Contact: Wendy Cobb, 360-426-1855
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

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Every other Wednesday at 12 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, 360-432-9231
1st Thursday 11:30 a.m. brown bag lunch, dessert
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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 Neuberger, 360-427-5521
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Contact: Nancy Nelson, 360-432-0866 Monday 9 a.m.

Pinochle Club

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

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Dates to Remember

April

All Island Clean-Up, 11th at 9 a.m.
Inquiring Minds #3, 19th at 1:30 p.m.
Theatre Club "*The Odd Couple*"
8 p.m. on 24-25th and 3 p.m. on the 26th

May

Garden Club *Plant Sale*, 2nd, 9-2 p.m.
HICC *Spaghetti Dinner Benefit*, 23rd, 4-7 p.m.
Choir Concert, 31st at 3 p.m.

June

Farmers Market Opens, 6th, 10 a.m. - Noon
Theater Club "*Ransom of Red Chief*"
8 p.m. on 26-27th and 3 p.m. on the 28th

August

Rummage Sale, 1st, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Contact: Mary Nichols, 360-426-9376
Kids Carnival, 8th, time TBA
Contact: Judy Moore 360-427-3722

September

Labor Day Dance, 5th at 8 p.m.

October

Apple Squeeze, 3rd at 10 a.m.
Octoberfest, 9th at 6 p.m.
Kids Halloween Party, 31st at 3 p.m.

November

Thanksgiving Dinner, 26th at 2 p.m.
Holiday House, 28th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Contact: Dianne Dawley, 360-427-8833

December

Theater Club, *Christmas Play*,
4th-5th at 8 p.m. and 6th at 3 p.m.
Community Club *Holiday Party*, 11th at 5 p.m.
Choir Concert, 13th at 3 p.m.
New Year's Eve *Dinner Dance*,
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Harstine Island Choir

Anyone who sings knows that the power of music lifts your spirits, reinvigorates your body, and improves your outlook on life. There is joy in singing in a choir, and when everything is just right, you become part of something much bigger. This keeps singers coming back to rehearsals 4:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday afternoons when it would be much less trouble to sit at home and watch TV.

Tracks Across America was the title of the 2008 spring concert series which featured great American songs like Chattanooga Choo-Choo, Alexander's Ragtime Band, Camptown Races, Yankee Doodle, Deep River and Puttin' on the Ritz. This spring the choir sings their first choral masterwork, Randall Thompson's

Frostiana, featuring seven of Robert Frost's most famous poems set to music. Along with this, they will perform music from Broadway, including a medley of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera." Christmas time is the other highlight of the choral year. The choir met with standing ovation at the hall for their presentation of Christmas songs from around the world. They continue in their tradition of singing both familiar tunes along with introducing interesting songs from other cultures. Remember, to sing in the Harstine Community Choir all

you need is the love of music and a commitment to come to most rehearsals; nothing else! Call Elizabeth 360-432-9940 for more information.



This is part of the crew called **CAPSTANS**, the Men's Glee that rehearses sea shanties and drinking songs Wednesday nights. If you are interested in singing with them, call Monty 360-426-1855.

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Pioneer Community Kiwanis

Meets every Wednesday - 7 a.m. at
Spencer Lake Bar and Grill

Most meetings include a guest speaker discussing topics of local interest. This is a great opportunity to find out what is going on in your community.

We concentrate on helping the children of this area and the Pioneer School District. If you would like to find out more, please join us for breakfast or call Lee at 360-432-0136 or Jim 360-426-6371.

Our main fundraisers are **Crab & Clam Dinner & Auction** every March at Pioneer School, **Spencer Lake Fishing Derby** on Opening Day and sales of the **Wonderful Ornaments** of historic interest.

Some of the things we support are Cub Scouts, Mother Read, Scholarships for graduating 8th graders at Pioneer School, Pioneer School Nurses Fund, Christmas Baskets and Law Enforcement Camp.

"Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time."

