

HARSTINE ISLANDER

**Annual
Newsletter**

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From The President

When our family was young, exploring WA State was a family adventure. We would look at maps and pick new places to go camping. It was during one of those weekend trips in 1989 that we drove across the Harstine Island Bridge on our way to camp at Jarrell's Cove State Park. What an amazing weekend we had. I remember saying to my husband that I wanted to live here someday not knowing that we actually would.

We bought our property on Harstine Island in 1991 and moved to the island full time in 1997. Since our very first visit to the Island we have enjoyed many events through the years. (Farmers Market, Kids Carnival, Dances, HICC Monthly Potlucks and much more.)

Harstine Island Community Club (HICC) is very busy and used by so many. We have many clubs and activities that happen at our Hall. (Theater Club, Women's Club, Garden Club, Senior Lunch, Pinochle, Tops, Yoga, Farmers Market, and much more.)

Our goal for 2017 is to establish the Hall as the Island Emergency Center as well as establishing a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Besides all the fun we have at HICC and on the island I would say what stands out for me more than anything is the love and compassion people show towards one another in this community. I love being part of the Harstine Island Community and look forward to serving,



From the Past President

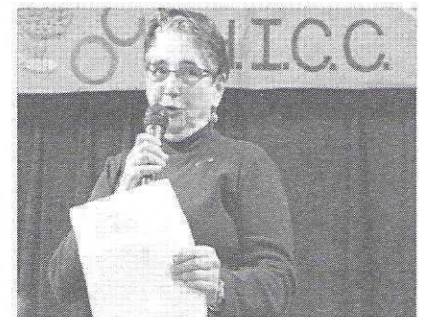
Time flies when you are having fun. Speaking as Past President looking in the rear view mirror the past two years have flown by. "The Hall" is truly the "hub" and heart of our Harstine Island community.

I want to give special thanks to the board members and officers that teamed up to

make the past two years remarkable. Ambitious hall improvements were taken on by the Ways and Means Committee and completed by many of the same volunteers that step up to make the improvements happen time and again. My heartfelt thanks to every person that volunteered to lead or

lend a hand. No different than our own homes our community's house is maintained by people power and funding.

2017 launched with new leadership, committed caretakers of Harstine Island Community Club.



Rose Benz Past President

Serving as HICC president the past two years has been memorable and an honor. Thank you,

Rose Benz

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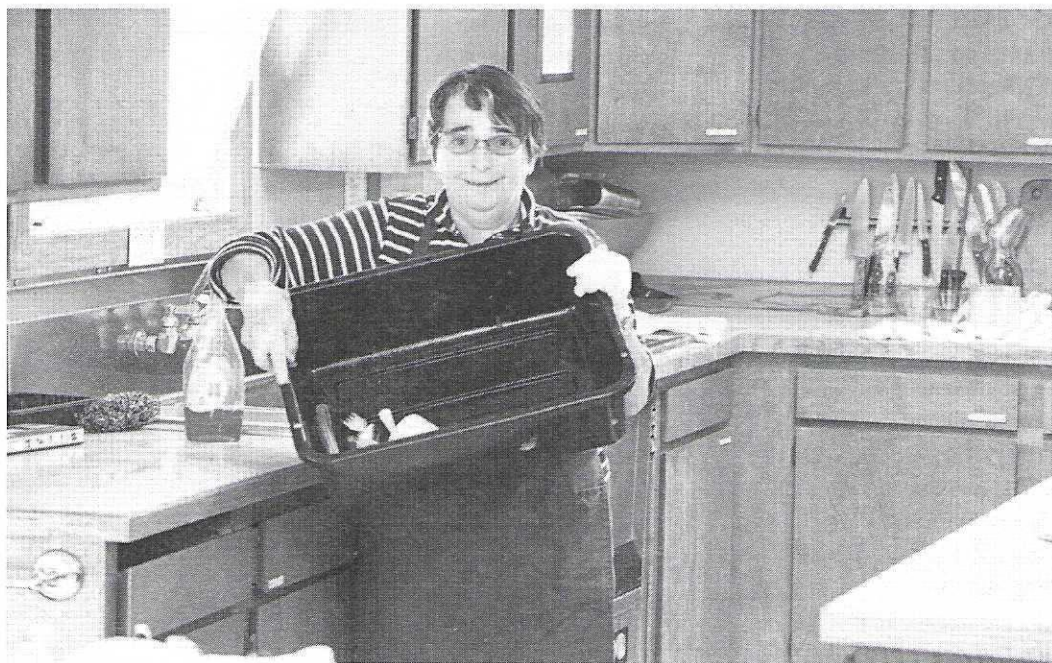
2016 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

This is a person with a story to tell and who wants to hear everyone else's story as well. She has never met a stranger, and will burrow into your life so deeply, you won't remember a time she wasn't part of it. She will help you with anything, offer advice (needed or not) and defend you if you are slighted. She has added humor and life to the community.

She entered into the community with reluctance when asked to join the Women's Club. She saw herself as one of the guys, not a "girly girl". She had spent the previous 15 years as a volunteer EMT, driving aid trucks and rushing to answer emergency calls. Besides her career of overseeing school bus drivers, she raised two wonderful kids helping them raise goats and sheep and working in 4H. Now she has switched her energy to new tasks.

And, boy, did she ever switch! She is beloved among the "girly girls" for her antics at the annual Women's Club auction, dressing in costume and making fun of herself. She took on the task of increasing Community Club membership and did it with humor and a bit of guilt. And it worked! She has worked on the club newsletter; rummage sales; spaghetti dinners; New Year's dances; and for 9 years has been one of the cooks of the very same brats and sauerkraut you are now enjoying tonight.

She was Community Club Vice President for 2 years, arranging a variety of programs and has been President for the last two years. As President she has managed all the crises, big and small but will be remembered for some special ones. After a swarm of vermin invaded the hall, she took charge of getting them eradicated with much relief from the kitchen workers. She also saved the kitchen from being shut down by getting the dishwasher replaced. Sounds easy, but not when you need a specific size, commercial model NOW. After exploring all the local options, she made a new friend in New York who was able to make it happen quickly and, of course, with a discount. She and Esther are now pen pals.



2016 Honored Citizen Award

Twenty Nine years ago the Harstine Island Community Club had its very first Octoberfest gathering and began the Tradition of awarding up to three *Honored Citizens* and one *Citizen of the year* award annually. The 2016 Honored Citizen Awards are:

Dianne Dawley - Moving to the Island in 2001 she became active by joining the Women's Club. She served in many positions from the Phone Committee, Monthly Meeting Hostess, Hall Decorations, and Community Celebrations. For the last 11 years she has chaired the Holiday House Bazaar. This has been a very successful Bazaar for the Club and for the vendors who participate due to her expertise in running community festivals and her own business. Her infectious good humor and laughter is part of why we are successful in events she is in charge of. Congratulations to Dianne. Sadly since receiving this award Dianne has passed away.

Nicholas Neuerburg - Protecting his Island and his community for over 25 years with enthusiasm and caring for others is what "Nick" is all about. From spending two days putting out a brush fire at Bal-low, to assisting survivors at the death of a loved one, to stimulating and teaching community emergency response teams, to running the South End Fire Station, and to the work of gathering and selling aluminum cans, distributing the proceeds among organizations that benefit the citizens of Harstine Island. Thank you and congratulations to Nicholas John Neuerburg.

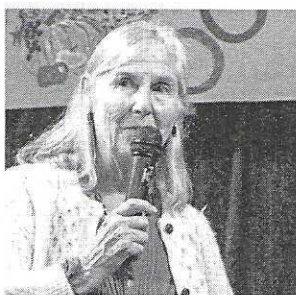
Don Nichols - Although Don has passed away from us he has left a lasting impression on us and all of the many things he did for his community is much appreciated. Don and his wife arrived on the Island in 1990. For many years Don arranged for and organized the waiters and the set up at the annual spaghetti dinner. He volunteered to drive people to their appointments, helped with the aluminum scrap for recycling and participated in removing tires from a piece of property where a tire garden was not wanted. His practice of precision in the art of bonsai led to teaching it at the first island craft workshop. Congratulations to Don and his wife Mary who have contributed selflessly to the challenges, growth and fun we have here on Harstine Island.

Jo Ewart - After permanently moving to the island in 2006 Jo became involved in Island activities. As a member of Women's Club she served as secretary for 3 years as well as chairing the Scholarship Committee, Saturday Market Club sales booth, and numerous other events. She has served as the HICC secretary for two years a very time consuming position. She has volunteered at the Pioneer Food Bank since it began 6 years ago, is President of the Junior Programs Board which brings plays to all Mason County elementary and middle schools, and in her spare time she teaches a conversational Spanish class at St



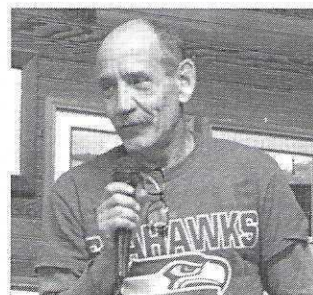
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Women's Club

In 1916 nine women on Harstine Is. started meeting in one another's homes to sew and visit. This was the beginning of the Harstine Is. Women's Club. Today with 105 members we hold monthly meetings at the Hall; we still visit and the sewing group still meets in one another's homes apart from our regular meeting.

Last April we celebrated our centennial anniversary. A skit was put on telling a little of our history and most of us were surprised to learn how much money we've donated through the years with fund raisers. Women's Club in conjunction with the Judy and Charles Chase Memorial fund, provides scholarships for continuing education for many Island residents of all ages, on a yearly basis. We make funds available to Community Club for upkeep and improvements when needed. Monthly donations are made to the Methodist Food Bank, Saint's Pantry, and Turning Pointe, which is a safe place for women and children. Collections are also taken monthly for the Pioneer Food Bank. We also provide Memorial luncheons at the Hall for family and friends' of deceased Island residents, upon family request.

Fund raising events include our Women's Club booth at the Saturday Farmer's Market, featuring logo sportswear, wine glasses and mugs, as well as Island maps, cookbooks and license plate frames. We also put on a Holiday House Bazaar the Saturday after Thanksgiving, showcasing many local artisans with their hand crafted wares. And the Friday of Labor Day weekend we host a delicious Taco Bar Dinner.

Meetings are held monthly (except July) on the first Thursday of the month. Social time begins at 11:30, lunch at noon, followed by a program at 12:30 and ending with a short business meeting. Lunch is usually a brown bag with dessert provided or one of our theme lunches or outings. All women are invited to join this wonderful organization.

For information contact: Michelle Mott at 360-427-5164



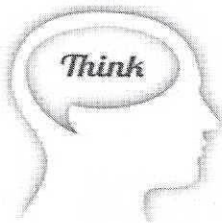
2nd Century Building Fund

The volunteer spirit has been the cornerstone of the Harstine Island community. The 2nd Century Building Fund can provide you an opportunity to lay your own cornerstone in building future generations a place to grow and thrive. You can do this by making a tax-deductible donation in most any form; cash now or leave a donation in your will to become a legacy donor. You can create a memorial to honor an islander by using the tax status of the foundation to reduce taxes through gifts of appreciated stocks and mutual funds. Another consideration – You may be able to save tax dollars by contributing IRA and 401K funds by directing it through your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution).

CASH NOW: Make your check out now to "HICC" and mail it to: Treasurer, HICC, P.O. Box 1635, Shelton, WA 98584. On the check in the "For" line, write: 2nd Century Building Fund Donation."

NAME THE FUND IN YOUR WILL: Use the two note forms below. One to notify your attorney of this donation and the amount; the other to tell the HICC Treasurer so we can thank you and name you as a Legacy donor in the future (only your name, not the amount given, will be used unless you don't want even that)

REAL ESTATE, SECURITIES OR OTHER DONATIONS: To make special arrangements for these or other gifts, call Jim Irving, Convener, 2nd Century Building Fund Committee, (360) 432-9231.



INQUIRING MINDS SERIES

The Inquiring Minds series is sponsored by the Community Club in cooperation with Humanities Washington's Speaker Bureau. Special thanks are extended to Arlen Morris for bringing this speaker series to Harstine Island ten years ago. Each year programs are offered the final Sundays of January, February, and March at 1:45 at the Community Hall. Speakers are chosen by vote of Community Club members from the Speakers Bureau roster. The roster includes many diverse and engaging speakers covering a variety of topics. The goal is to spark conversation and critical thinking while offering a break from the gloom of winter. Presentations are free (donations accepted) and open to the public.

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Historical Preservation

Harstine Island has a long and rich history. We've been fortunate to have two books written to capture the early history: *The Island Remembers ~ A History of Harstine Island and Its People* by Beulah Hitchcock and Helen Wingert in 1979 and *Conversations with Esther a Personal History of Harstine Island* by Esther Goetsch as told to John Erickson in 1998.

As the historian for the Harstine Island Community Club, I am looking to all islanders to add to this history, by writing your personal story of your family's coming to the island, including a brief description of your prior life, how you found the island and came to live here, your community involvement and the joys of living in this wonderful place. It would be nice if you would include a photo or two as well.

I have collected some of your stories already and

have a note book awaiting more stories from you all. I am not a writer myself but have an interest in collecting your personal histories, so that when a writer comes along he/she will be able to add to our continuing island history.

Please take some time, remember, and enjoy writing about your connection to the island. You can send your stories to Sandy Murphy at twobeachbums101@aol.com.

HICC Board for 2017

President - Linda Roberge

Vice – President- Ken Adkison

Treasurer- Jim Irving

Secretary – Cathy Prins

Past President – Rose Benz

Member at Large – Tom Mulledy
(Photographer)

Member at Large – Sandy Murphy
(Historian)

Women's Club Rep – Judie Schaaf

Theatre Club Rep – Mike Plomski

Garden Club Rep – Jill Fish

Hall Rental/Event Calendar – Linda Roberge



HICC Treasurers Report for 2017

Jim Irving Treasurer

*DID YOU KNOW THAT IT TAKES OVER \$69 PER DAY
JUST TO KEEP THE DOORS TO THE COMMUNITY HALL OPEN?*

BEGINNING BALANCES (1/1/16):

Savings: \$ 5,694
Checking: \$ 6,083
TOTAL: \$11,777

ENDING BALANCES 12/31/16):

\$ 5,696
\$11,971
\$17,667

2016 INCOME

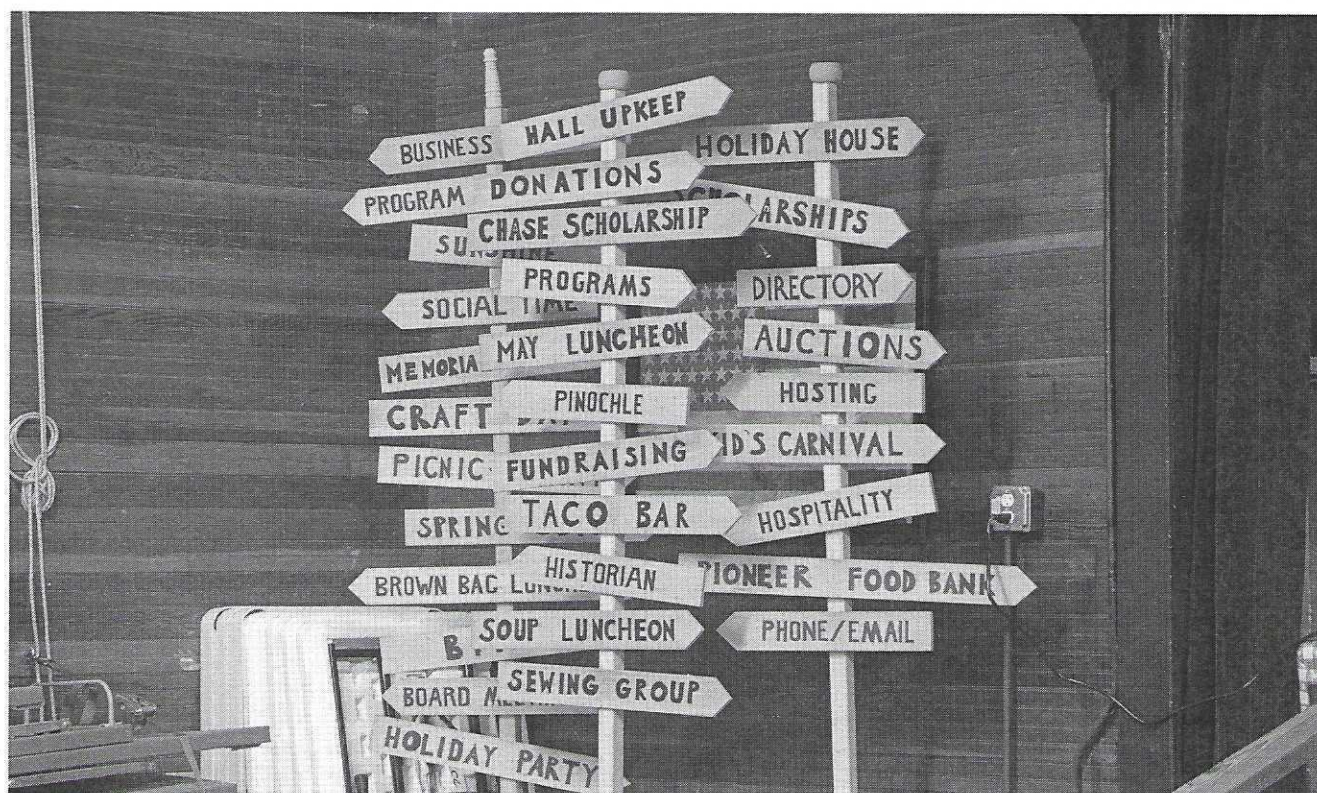
Membership Dues \$ 7,985 32%
Donations 6,929 28%
Fundraisers 3,926 16%
Hall Rental 3,750 15%
Insurance Contrib. 1,500 6%
Misc. Income 837 3%

2016 EXPENSES

Administration \$ 3,854 15%
Building Maint./Improvements 9,223 37%
Fundraiser Expenses 1,553 6%
Utilities 3,914 16%
Insurance 4,699 19%
Misc. Expenses 1,881 7%

TOTALS \$24,927 100%

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Dates to Remember for 2017

April

- 8 Saturday Indoor Market (10-noon)
- 8 Inquiring Minds
- 12 Senior Lunch
- 14 HICC Mtg. & Potluck
- 26 Senior Lunch

May

- 6 Annual Garden Club Plant Sale
- 10 Senior Lunch
- 12 HICC Mtg. & Potluck
- 13 Saturday Indoor Market (10-noon)
- 24 Senior Lunch
- 27 Outside Farmers Market begins (10-2)
- 27 HICC Spaghetti Dinner (5-8PM)

June

- Outdoor Farmers Market every Sat.
- 7 Senior Lunch
- 9 HICC Mtg. & Potluck
- 21 Senior Lunch
- 30 Theatre Club Summer Play (7-9)

July

- Outdoor Farmers Market every Sat.
- 1 Theatre Club Summer Play (7-9)
- 2 Theatre Club Summer Play (3-5)
- 5 Senior Lunch
- 14 HICC Mtg. & Potluck
- 19 Senior Lunch

August

- Outdoor Farmers Market every Sat.
- 2 Senior Lunch
- 4 Auction
- 11 HICC Mtg. & Potluck
- 12 Kids Carnival (10-2)
- 16 Senior Lunch
- 30 Senior Lunch

September

- Outdoor Farmers Market every Sat.
- 2 HICC Taco Bar (5-8)
- 8 HICC Mtg. & Potluck
- 13 Senior Lunch
- 27 Senior Lunch

October

- 7 Outdoor Farmers Market (10-noon)
- 11 Senior Lunch
- 13 Octoberfest (5-8)
- 13 Award Presentation
- 14 Final Outdoor Farmers Market (10-noon)
- 14 Fall Festival
- 25 Senior Lunch

November

- 8 Senior Lunch
- 10 HICC Mtg. & Potluck
- 23 HICC Thanksgiving Dinner (5-7)
- 25 Holiday House (10-2)

December

- 1 Theatre Club Holiday Play (7-9)
- 2 Theatre Club Holiday Play (7-9)
- 3 Theatre Club Holiday Play (3-5)
- 6 Senior Lunch
- 8 HICC Mtg. & Potluck
- 20 Senior Lunch
- 25 HICC Christmas Dinner (5-7)
- 30 New Year Social

YOGA

Tuesdays 10AM-11AM
Thursdays 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
@ Harstine Community Hall
\$10.00 Suggested donation



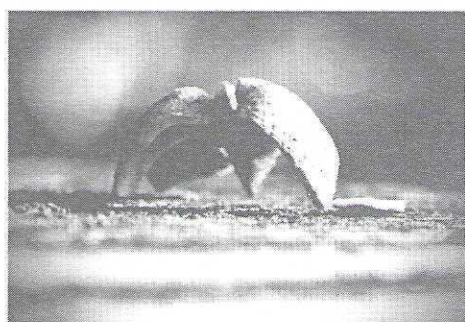
Join Us

Garden Club

The Harstine Island Garden Club meets the second Thursday of each month at the Community Hall at 1 pm. We have a variety of speakers with amazing knowledge to help us all be better Pacific Northwest gardeners.

We have fundraisers throughout the year including our fabulous Plant Sale in May, and a Harvest Festival in October.

The Garden Club sponsors the Harstine Island Farmer's Market which runs all year. The Market has over thirty talented artists, craftsmen and fabulous local produce as well as delicious baked goods, fresh bread, local honey and pet treats.



Theatre Club

Before the bridge was opened there were few permanent residents on the Island. Their local social life pretty much centered on the Grange and the Community Club. After the bridge and during the 1970's and 80's, people began to move here in increasing numbers. One result was a growing community club membership and new blood with varying interests one of these being the Community Theatre.

The group has grown and matured over the years since, producing shows from Vaudeville skits to full blown Broadway production the likes of "The Sound of Music". Over the years the club has added lighting, sound systems, a control booth, enlarged the permanent stage, rebuilt the back stage area, and numerous rewiring jobs. The Theater Club shares in the annual expenses of the Hall. The Club also provides an arts related scholarship.

If you would like to become a part of the fun, games, and workers, please come to one of our monthly meetings and check us out. We are always looking for volunteers from actors, backstage people, and ticket takers. We meet the last Monday of every month at 7 PM- Potluck at 6:30 PM. See the calendar in this newsletter for exact dates. Thank you for considering to be one of us.

Pioneer Food Bank

Thank you for joining our Community Partnership against Hunger

For most, Thanksgiving comes only once a year. For Pioneer Food Bank Patrons, the spirit of Thanksgiving comes monthly, and the Patrons are so grateful. Serving the Pioneer School District boundaries, it is a task that could not be achieved without the partnership efforts of many. Volunteer coordinators wish to thank Bridge Community Church for stepping forward as our community partner anchor. They are joined by Fresh Start Deli, Pioneer Schools, Heath and Heathers Nursery, Agate Store, area home owners associations, Pickering Storage, S&S Produce, VFW Auxiliary 1694, the former Harstine Grange, a small army of faithful - monthly volunteers, along with the generous individuals, providing ongoing and needed donations. We are blessed to be working with all of you.

Little known Pioneer Food Bank facts...

Did you know most of the volunteer roster is made up of Harstine Island residents? Did you know that each summer Pioneer Food Bank sponsors a program that distributes food to the children in need in our community, in the absence of the school years lunch program and back pack program? Did you know your summer garden surplus is a welcomed donation? Did you know Pioneer Food Bank was started by AmeriCorps volunteer Tara Rigby (a former Harstine Island resident)? ! If you want more information about times, donations or volunteering, please contact **Dale McDaniel** at:

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