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Dear fellow Harstine Islanders,

Looking back at this year, the best I can say is:

“Uh, well okay then.” When I was asked to serve as president of HICC in 2019, I accepted with a 2019 mind set. My intended focus for this year as president was working on new ways of recruiting membership, attending to hall maintenance and upgrades and expanding programming to appeal to more people on the island. The start of the year seemed to be going great, but at the end of winter, Covid-19 began. While the board has accomplished much more this year than I would have expected, it has certainly been a tremendous challenge.

We began looking at membership recruitment by bringing on Vanessa Addleman as a non-voting board member to work in the new position of online communications. By utilizing Facebook, the harstinecc.org website and Nextdoor platforms, the board has had the goal of reaching a new audience and potentially younger members on the island. The work of moving the website to a new server and hosting service has not only lowered the cost to the club, but also delivered new tools for communication that we are rolling out.

The board has also done some work at the hall. The Ways and Means Committee did a budget to accomplish a substantial amount of work using money in our accounts, sadly, due the pandemic, the budget was unable to be approved by the membership. Given that obstacle, the board worked with donations and existing maintenance budget to accomplish the more pressing goals for the hall. These included replacing damaged exterior lighting, renovating and preserving the wood floors in the hall and upgrading the hall Wi-Fi hotspot. Thanks to do-

nations from club members, the hall not only has improved Wi-Fi, but also extended service to the parking lot. We feel this is crucial during this time, and by the generosity of membership, it will remain free for residents, with no future paywalls from the PUD. This also allowed for PUD to create other hotspots on the island for public use.

Another challenge facing the board during 2020 was an evaluation of club programming. We sought to maintain activities and events loved by the membership along with conducting surveys online to determine possible future programming. It has been my goal to preserve the club for future generations while also expanding it to fit the needs and desires of all residents. Some of the projects include developing a seed library, homesteading skills events and possible game nights, along with other new social events (once state government regulations allow it). It is our hope that the state will enter phase four within the next few months and we can again have the fun social events that have always made HICC such a part of our identity on the island.

While 2020 has been a year of obstacles, challenges and loss, I believe when all of this is over, we will be a stronger community.

Christopher Blocker—HICC President



Your membership dues support clubs and activities at the hall:

Community Club

- ◇ Inquiring Minds
- ◇ Memorial Day BBQ
- ◇ Octoberfest
- ◇ Thanksgiving Dinner
- ◇ Saturday Market Booth
- ◇ Maintenance and on-going renovations (Ways & Means projects)
- ◇ 2nd Century Building Fund
- ◇ Jarrell's Cove Cemetery

Women's Club

- ◇ Saturday Market Booth
- ◇ Memorial Luncheons
- ◇ Kid's Carnival
- ◇ Holiday House
- ◇ Scholarships
- ◇ Sewing Group
- ◇ Yoga
- ◇ Craft Days
- ◇ June Luncheon
- ◇ Pioneer Food Bank
- ◇ Saint's Pantry
- ◇ Turning Pointe Women's Shelter
- ◇ Taco Dinner
- ◇ Methodist Food Bank

Garden Club

- ◇ Saturday Markets (year round)
- ◇ Plant Sale

Theatre Club

- ◇ 2-3 Performances Per Year
- ◇ Scholarships

Senior Lunch

Pinochle

TOPS



Your Membership Counts

The hall has reached the grand old age of 106 and it still remains the hub of activity on our island. According to the Declaration of the Hall and Mission Statement: "The Harstine Island Community Hall promotes educational, cultural, and social opportunities for our community, our off-island neighbors, and for all the new friends we have yet to meet. The club actively manages and preserves the community hall, respecting the storied history of the hall and the island while looking forward to the future."

Keeping this in mind, we encourage the island residents to join or renew their memberships to help with the continuing upgrades and maintenance of the hall and its grounds. Please join our volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to preserve, not only the hall but also our sense of community. The hall does not stand only as a monument, but continues to serve our ever-increasing numbers. We appreciate your participation in our continuing efforts to protect, preserve and prepare our hall for the future.

Your membership dues and generous donations have made our past projects become realities. Please consider adding a donation (s) for our on-going repairs and renovations.



Lee Strohm Hall Mgr.



Bob McKibbin—Vice Pres

**HICC Treasurer's Report
(Oct 1st 2019 – Sept 30th 2020)**

Jim Irving, Treasurer

*DID YOU KNOW THAT IN 2020 WITH THE HALL CLOSED FOR SEVEN MONTHS IT STILL COST
\$62 PER DAY JUST TO MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY?*

The hall still needs to be heated, the water and septic have to be on and inspected and taxes have to be paid.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NEARLY HALF OF OUR INCOME!

BEGINNING BALANCES (10/1/19):

ENDING BALANCES 9/30/2020):

Savings:	\$ 5,701	\$ 5,777
Checking:	<u>\$17,176</u>	<u>\$16,301</u>
TOTAL:	\$22,877	\$22,078

2ND CENTURY FUND

\$ 311,536

(brokerage account)

87 donors, 234 donations

2020 donations = \$10,445

CHASE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

\$ 246,766

INCOME

EXPENSES

Membership Dues	\$ 9,050	46%	Administration*	\$ 4,020	19%
Donations	3,681	19%	Maint. & Improvements*	9,088	40%
Fundraisers	1265	6%	Fundraiser Expenses	412	1%
Hall Rental	3,962	20%	Utilities	4,670	21%
Insurance Contrib.	1,500	8%	Insurance	4,229	19%
Misc. Income	88	<1%	Misc. Expenses	120	<1%
TOTALS	\$19,546	100%	TOTALS	\$22,539	100%

*Includes: permits, fees, taxes, donations & newsletter

**Includes: supplies, repairs, cleaning, etc

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Jim Irving - Treasurer

Harstine Island Garden Club

The Garden Club meets at noon on the second Tuesday of each month. Each meeting features a program, speaker or a visit to a place of interest to gardeners. Meetings are often off site. Contact Lee Strohm to find out where the meetings are held. Meetings are informal and open to anyone interested. The club sponsors the Farmers Market every Saturday from Memorial Day through September. The indoor market runs from October through May, except January. Market hours are ten to noon. About 30 vendors sell art, crafts, baked goods, honey and farm products. The first Saturday in May the club holds a plant sale.

We work during the year to start plants and make hyper-tufa pots, which are planted with sedums. In 2019, the club took on the restoration of the Pioneer School green house and garden. We plan to have it functional by mid-February, 2020. Membership is open to anyone living on or off the island. Dues are \$15 a year.

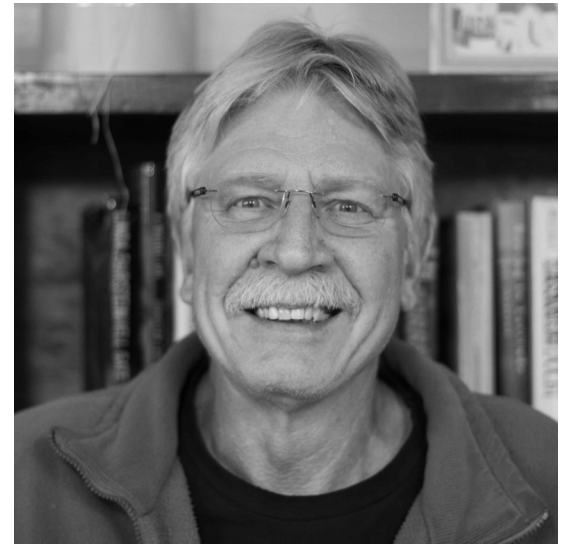


Jill Fish - Garden Club Representative



Harstine Island Theatre Club

At the time of the Covid-19 lockdown Harstine Island Theatre Club was in the midst of rehearsals for "The Odd Couple" (female version). Everyone was working hard on character development, props, sets and all aspects of the production. It all came to a screeching halt in mid-March. Amazingly enough all the folks involved are still onboard for staging the show when the hall reopens. Originally scheduled for April we optimistically moved it to June. Ho hum. Then we thought all would be well by September. Nope. Maybe we could still do a little something for Christmas. You know, some skits, songs and Santa. We all know that won't be happening either. As for "The Odd Couple" (female version), we are hoping that we will present it in April, 2021. This has been a trying time for all of us, but we will get through it and once again commune together at the beautiful and historical Harstine Island Community Hall.



Mike Plomski - Theatre Club Representative

Harstine Island Women's Club



Judie Schaaf - Women's Club Rep



Ginny Schauls— Women's Club Rep-

The Harstine Island Women's Club is involved in social and charitable activities. The Women's Club provides a feeling of belonging that only a small community can offer.

General membership meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month (except July). At most meetings, members bring a brown bag lunch and a delicious dessert is provided by the club hostesses. Social time begins at 11:30 with lunch at noon. After lunch there is a program of interest to the group and a business meeting. The Women's Club is a great opportunity to meet neighbors and engage with the Harstine Island community.

When someone on the island passes on, the Women's Club provides a memorial luncheon at the community hall. Club members bring home cooked dishes in addition to a main course purchased by the club. The memorial lunch allows the family to grieve while feeling a sense of community.

The Women's Club sponsors a Kids' Carnival every year on the 2nd Saturday in August. Young people and adults work together to provide a fun filled day including games, clowns and prizes.

November is the time for Holiday House held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving at the community hall and fire hall. This is a popular venue for showcasing handcrafted items and the perfect way to start or finish holiday shopping.

The Women's Club manages the Charles and Judy Chase Memorial Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships for full-time, permanent residents of Harstine Island. The club has awarded scholarships to individuals as well as supporting the Pioneer Middle School marching band and educational activities at Pioneer School District. In addition, it utilizes club funds to contribute to local charities and provides funds to help with the expenses of keeping the community hall insured and maintained.



Benjamin Brodfueher—Secretary



Lyn Fish - Past President

Harstine Island Board of Directors 2020

- President - Christopher Blocker
- Past President - Lyn Fish
- Vice President - Bob McKibbin
- Treasurer - Jim Irving
- Secretary - Benjamin Brodfueher
- Member at Large— Susan McKibbin
- Member at Large - Pat Brunner
- Hall Manager- Lee Strohm
- Women’s Club representatives- Judie Schaaf & Ginny Schauls
- Garden Club representative- Jill Fish
- Theatre Club representative- Mike Plomski



2nd Century Fund

Since 1914 when island neighbors came together to build a small building for an athletic club which later became the Harstine Island Community Hall, the community spirit has been the cornerstone of Harstine Island. In 2014 community members continued the tradition by forming the HICC 2nd Century Building fund to meet the future needs of our community. As we continue to maintain and treasure the historic hall, an auxiliary building is in the planning stages to allow for expanded capacity for community events.

This year we were saddened by the passing of Dudley Panchot, one of the original group that started the 2nd Century Building Fund and it's most avid supporter. A donation to the fund in his honor would bring a smile to his face and benefit a cause that was always close to his heart.

Lay your own cornerstone in helping to build an auxiliary building by supporting the 2nd Century Building Fund monetarily. Tax deductible donations can be made in most any form: cash, sustaining monthly donation, legacy by naming the fund in your will, creating a memorial to a loved one, donations of appreciated stocks and mutual funds, or as a part of your RMD (required minimum distribution) from an IRA or 401K. To discuss your options contact the HICC Treasurer, Jim Irving at 360-432-9231.

Historian Report

This year is one for the history books; 2020 started off as usual for most islanders. In January and February the snowbirds were gone and there were the usual activities available at the hall for those that wintered on the island. We had all received the 2020 yearly Harstine Islander newsletters recapping the prior year's news. Community Club, Women's Club, Theatre Club and Garden Club had their board meetings to plan the year's activities followed by their membership meetings.

HICC sponsored Inquiring Minds lectures by Feliks Banel on "Storm Warnings Historical in the Evergreen State" in January and by Nick Bond "Are Salmon Doomed? Hatching a Plan to Save a Northwest Icon" in February.

T.O.P.S, senior lunches, Saturday indoor markets, HIWC craft day, weekly yoga, Harstine Island choir retreat, pinochle and more rounded out the first two months of activities at the hall.

By March, however, a worldwide pandemic was spreading the Coronavirus Outbreak/Covid-19 had arrived in Washington. The whole country was shut down: schools, businesses, restaurants, bars, beauty shops, etc. Social distancing was the norm, everyone was asked to stay home, wear a mask, wash their hands often. The shelves were out of many items as their suppliers were also shut down for the safety of their workers. Washington was hit hard as one of the first states to encounter the pandemic. Travel bans were put on China, Mexico, Canada and Europe.

All activities at the hall were canceled. The reader boards were the main communication for the island. Kiwanis Club cancelled the annual Crab and Clam Dinner fundraiser benefitting of the Pioneer School District.

PUD 3 replaced the lighting on the Harstine bridge with new LED lights. The Public Works Dept. repaved the roads on either side of the bridge in advance of the future Project No. 2026 to replace the deck work. HICC spread four yards of gravel at the Y intersection by the bridge in front of the reader board. HICC upgraded the in-

ternet connection at the hall thanks to the generosity of an anonymous group of donors. Hood Canal Communications in cooperation with PUD 3 set up a Wi-Fi connection at the south end fire station for the benefit of students for the duration of the corona virus. The main hall floor was refinished in July.

The Pioneer School District 2020 replacement levy passed. The Pioneer Food Bank program continues to seek donations. Pioneer para-educators and bus drivers are delivering breakfasts and lunches to Harstine Island students. Many on the island planted vegetable gardens, some for the first time.

The Covid-19 pandemic has been devastating to people and the economy. In this stressful time, there have been opportunities for positive things to happen. Islanders have been generous in their contributions to local food banks, neighbors have checked on each other and offered help when necessary, people have reconnected with old friends via internet connections. We have been made more aware that we need to better prepare for emergencies. The announcements of vaccines nearing certification gives us hope.



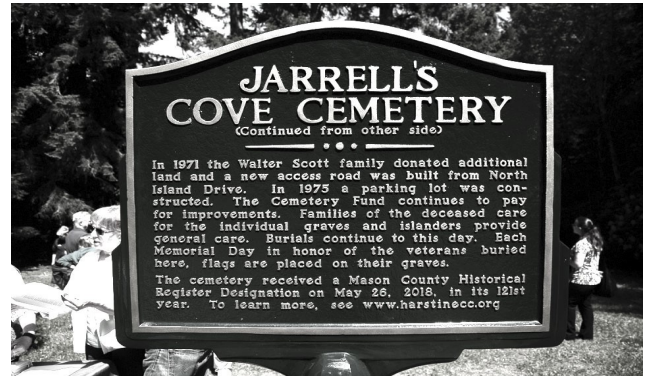
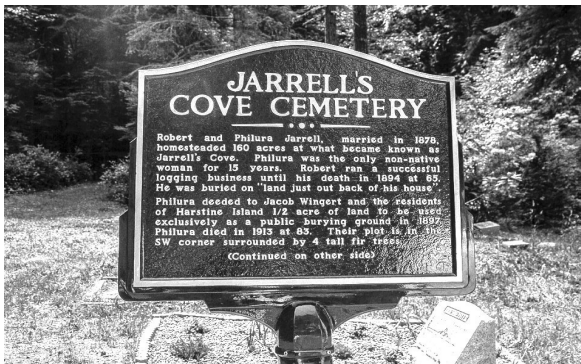
Sandy Murphy - Historian



Susan McKibbin Member at Large



Pat Brunner - Member at Large



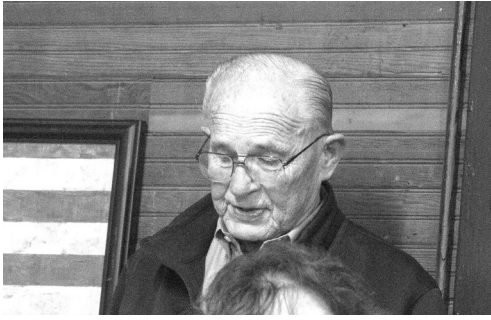
Jarrell's Cove Cemetery

In late 2018 the representative for the estate of a late local resident, John Diehl, contacted our committee and asked if we were awarded any funds from a large estate how much could we use and what for? We responded with several options, stating that for any long term preservation of the park additional land would be of the highest priority in order to keep the park fully active. This prompted a mid 2019 inquiry into the adjacent property which was already listed on the real estate market. Unfortunately, the offer price was well beyond what we might afford and the parcel larger than we needed. The aforementioned will had gone into probate for legal assessment and distribution.

That brings us to 2020. It looked like we were back to square one. Then in February, 2020 we received a \$2,000 donation from the John Diehl estate. John and his mother are interred in the park. The question again, what would be the best thing to plan for? We decided to ask the property owners, the descendants of Henry Haskell, on the opposite side of the cemetery if any property might be available to add to the cemetery plot. This request was well received and has resulted in a tentative verbal agreement on potential property line adjustment to enlarge the current parking area. This would add about 65 feet to the east of driveway (on your left driving in) and the old cemetery section of the park 20 feet to the east. We are working our way through this process. With Covid-19 things are moving slowly. We are excited to pursue this opportunity and look forward to putting the details together to expand the park to accommodate island folks for the foreseeable future.

You can give funds directly to the Jarrell's Cove Cemetery via your annual HICC membership renewal.

Dudley Panchot



The island has lost one of its most beloved citizens. Dudley Panchot contributed so much over the years. He gave time and resources not just to our island community and club, but also to our state and country. Dudley was one of the people who asked me to consider serving as president of the HICC and was a mentor to me. I miss having chats with Dudley and being able to ask his advice more than I can express.

My heart goes out to Anne and his family along with everyone else who is missing Dudley. Christopher Blocker



No Calendar

There is no official calendar of events in the newsletter this year due to the unpredictability of the pandemic and restrictions on gathering. When we are able to begin planning events, they will be updated on our website at harstinecc.org.

This year the Harstine Island Community Club board created a new position to maintain and update the website and social media postings. Vanessa Addleman is currently serving in this position. If you have calendar items or other updates that need to be added to the website, please email them to Vanessa at info@harstinecc.org.

Currently, the website features information about each of our clubs and their regular events (when there are no restrictions in place), historical information, as well as information on how to rent the hall or become a vendor.

Throughout 2021, the website will undergo an updated look and structure. We hope to implement new features including an online calendar of events, online dues payment, as well as email updates to all current members or those who will sign up on the website. Stay tuned!

Until we can gather again, we can continue to show our community spirit in our online forums including the Farmers Market Facebook, nextdoor and the Harstine Island website. While the hall may be closed, there are still many wonderful people continuing to keep the club and hall going. Despite the pandemic restrictions, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved without leaving the house.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2021!"

Harstine Island Community Club

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For Hall Rental See: <https://harstinecc.org/about/community-hall-usage-policies>