

2022 HARSTINE ISLAND



HIWC Newsletter December 10, 2021

This past year has been both challenging and rewarding for Womens Club. We successfully worked through the challenging Covid-19 mandates/restrictions in partnership with the Harstine Island Community Club Board.

We were happy that through the Chase Scholarship Fund we were able to give a total of \$20,575.00 in scholarships in 2021. Thank you all the committee members involved in making this happen.

In February our membership collected small toys, cookie gift certificates from Olympic Bakery, plus \$126 in cash to donate to Pioneer School District's student awards program.

In May 29, 2021 we started using our newly purchased Square Up which allowed customers at our Women's club booth to use a credit card for purchases. Rounded off the total gross sales were \$21,135 with a net profit of \$6555. Thanks to Evelyn Freeman, Lee Fleek and the many volunteers for all their hard work for the Womens Club booth during the year. It is very much appreciated!

In August we had our first gathering since March 2020 due to Covid-19. Pat Le Clair did a wonderful job of hosting a brown bag lunch on her deck. It was nice to see everyone!

Although we had to cancel our annual Kids Carnival and Holiday House we were able to have our annual picnic at Harstine Pointe and we were able to meet in the community hall for the first time this year on November 4th. We also had 30 club members attend our annual Holiday Meeting on December 2nd in the community hall.

I appreciate getting to know all the Womens Club members. They have so many great ideas and are all fun to work with. I look forward to working with all of them again next year.

The slate of officers for the coming year are Susan McKibbin President, Kathy Wendt Vice President, Kayce Benson Treasurer and Jacque Hammond Secretary. I thank Cheryl Yamamoto for serving last year as Secretary.

I am looking forward to a fantastic new year.

Susan McKibbin
President



Your Membership Counts

The hall has reached the grand old age of 107 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.

Annual Dues are \$25.00 per adult or \$50.00 per family. Please mail your check to:
Harstine Island Community Club HICC, P.O. Box 1635, Shelton WA 98584



**HICC Treasurer's Report
(Oct 1st 2020 – Sept 30th 2021)**

Jim Irving Treasurer

IT COST \$45 PER DAY JUST TO MAINTAIN THE HALL

(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 (10/1/20):		ENDING BALANCES 9/30/2021):	
Savings:	\$ 5,777		\$ 5,779
Checking:	\$16,301		\$23,071
TOTAL:	\$22,078		\$28,850*

*After transferring 2nd Century Funds to Morgan Stanley

2ND CENTURY FUND
(Brokerage account)

125 donors, 251 donations
2021 donations = \$158,007

\$ 531,525

CHASE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

(Includes new distribution of \$282,000)

\$ 541,747

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$10,675	42%
Donations	8,698*	34%
Fundraisers	1,487**	6%
Hall Rental	3,062	12%
Insurance Contrib.	1,500	6%
Misc. Income	255	<1%

*Does not include donations to auxiliaries or 2nd Century Fund

**Calendar Sales

EXPENSES

Administration+	\$ 4,793	29%
Maint. & Improvements++	4,168	25%
Fundraiser Expenses	0	0%
Utilities	2,986	18%
Insurance	4,488	27%
Misc. Expenses	120	<1%

TOTALS	\$25,677	100%	\$16,555	100%
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+ Permits, fees, , taxes, , donations, & newsletter

++Includes, supplies, repairs, cleaning, septic, etc

AMAZON SMILE:

From your purchases over the years Amazon has donated \$1,609 to HICC so if you are inclined to use Amazon make sure you use Amazon Smile & select Harstine Island Community Club to support.



Harstine Island Garden Club 2021

The Harstine Island Garden Club is a group of men and women of all ages who gather to share garden knowledge and fellowship. The club has 3 focuses; meetings and education, sponsoring the Farmers and Indoor Markets and the Pioneer School greenhouse and garden restoration.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month in a variety of different locations.

During these meetings we host speakers, discuss relevant garden topics, take field trips, and hold workshops in preparation for our annual plant sale.

You do not need to live on the island or possess a lot of garden knowledge or experience to become a member.

After a pause in 2020 the Farmers and Indoor Markets are back. We had a successful summer season, meeting every Saturday. In 2019, we adopted the Pioneer School greenhouse and garden restoration the space was in severe disrepair and no longer usable by the school.

The Garden Club project team initially worked in coordination with the Pioneer School administration on initiatives, ideas, and priorities for healthy outdoor learning. Despite the setbacks and restrictions in 2020/21, we managed to make tremendous progress in restoring and revitalizing the space.

Now school is once again in session, the space is being used and incorporated into teaching plant-based science, healthful/sustainable food projects, and other healthy outdoor “green” curriculum.

Our annual Plant Sale is the first Saturday of May. The proceeds from the sale go to support the School Garden Restoration Project. For information contact Lee : leeswoods51@gmail.com. or 206 755 4652



Inquiring Minds Series

Inquiring Minds/Conversations is a community service project sponsored by Harstine Island Community Club in cooperation with the Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau, a state-wide organization funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington State Legislature, and private donations. Humanities Washington pays the speakers’ fees and HICC pays the travel expenses.

The Speakers Bureau roster includes many diverse and engaging speakers from which to choose: scholars, authors, teachers, historians, and/or experts in a given field. The goal is to spark conversation and critical thinking. The next series of lectures is scheduled at 1:30 the last Sunday in January, February, and March of 2022. This will be the 13th year HICC has hosted this popular event.

Presentations are free (donations accepted) and open to the public.

Contact: Judie Schaaf at judieann2@gmail.com

“What is Sr. Lunch”

It is a time to get out of the house, visit many friends in one place and meet new neighbors. And the bonus of a hot meal prepared for you. I'm sorry to all the newcomers to the island that I didn't take the time to get the history of how this lunch was started. So I will just say what I hope for it to be now. “Pretty much the same thing “ I guess. Although you don't really need to be a Senior. I would like it to be known all are welcome. There have been many changes going on in the kitchen. New looks, new procedures, and new helpers. So thank you for your patience as we adjust and learn the ropes.



Pickup Trash on the Island

Pickup trash on South Island Drive from Milepost 1 to 3.2
Insert Map here: The Harstine Island Community Club (HICC) entered into a 2 year Adopt-a-Road (A&R) agreement with Mason County. Under the agreement HICC committed to:

- Pick up trash on North Island Drive from milepost 1 to 4.6 Harstine Point. The Kiwanis have an agreement covering milepost 1 to the bridge.
- Pickup trash on South Island Drive from milepost 1 to 3.6 (intersection with East Island Drive) The Kiwanis have an agreement covering milepost 1 to the bridge.
- Clean the roads adopted at least 4 times a year.
- Provide safety training to volunteers
- Ensure volunteers wear safety gear (vests and hard hats)
- Document/record clean ups conducted
- Maintain a contact person/group leader (Pat Brunner volunteered to be the HICC contact person for the first 2 years.)



Community Club 2nd Century Fund

Since 1914 when island neighbors came together to build a small building for an athletic club which later became the Harstine 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. This last couple of years have been tough on everyone but the kindness and generosity of Harstine Islanders just won't be dampened by hard times.

During August and September of this year Islanders came together to clear and level the building site for our new auxiliary building. Volunteers gathered and chipped the branches from the uprooted trees; cut the root balls off to burn with the rest of the debris; and cut and split the trunks. The split wood was sold at our Annual Donor Event held on September 24th. We had a fantastic party where we raised \$48,000 from the silent auction and other generous cash donations. The 2nd Century Committee extends their sincerest thanks to all who donated goods for the silent auction and to those who made cash gifts. Plans are being drawn up by our Architect that will be used to obtain a building permit so that we can proceed with the raising of our new, grand auxiliary building.

Continue the momentum to build the 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.



Theater Club

At the time of the covid lock down 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 2020. Originally scheduled for April 2020 we optimistically moved it to June 2020. Ho hum. Then we thought all would be well by September 2020. Nope. Maybe we could still do a little something for Christmas. You know, some skits, songs, and Santa. We all know that didn't be happen either in 2020 or 2021. Amazingly enough all the folks involved in “The Odd Couple” (female version), are still on board for staging the show when the restrictions loosen for large groups. We are now hoping for March 2022. This has been a trying two years for all of us, but we will get through it and once again commune together at the beautiful and historical Harstine Island Community Hall.

Historian Report

The last 15 months have shaped and affected all our lives due to the ongoing worldwide pandemic, COVID 19. Harstine Island is just a small dot on the globe but very large in our hearts. The community hall remained closed with the Garden Club's Farmer's Market opening over the Memorial Day weekend in the parking lot. The Community Club had a soft opening in July and August with masks required, bringing your own food and beverages. In September due to COVID delta variant the HICC meeting was held in the parking lot. There was no meeting in October. In November and December meetings and programs were held without food and with a mask mandate.

With the hall closure came the many Hall Renovations: including main hall - hardwood floor refinished, theater seats removed and reupholstered, seat frames cleaned and stained, risers cleaned and painted, one riser removed and floor patched and painted to provide storage space for table racks, window trim installed and stained, and stage upgraded; kitchen/dining room - cabinets refinished, new hardware installed, wall sheet rocked and painted, wrapped and stained windows, chair rail installed and stained, recycle cabinet built; bathrooms – painted, upgraded and redecorated; basement – new upright freezer, 2nd fireproof filing cabinet, and new lighting installed. The grounds and parking lot were also improved: trees and brush cleared, trails added, site for future building prepped, and Wi-Fi updated.

Last year the HICC “Person of the Year” and Citizens of the Year” awards were not given. This year a collective honor was awarded to the many volunteers who have taken the opportunity of the hall's closure to make renovations to the hall and grounds. “MANY HANDS MADE IMPROVEMENTS DURING PANDEMIC 2020-2021” plaques are posted in the hall, along with a full list of improvements and the volunteers who accomplished them. Many other changes happened as well. The Collective was formed and looks forward to becoming an official club under the umbrella of HICC in the future. There are two newly formed independent organizations “Fire Adapted Community - Harstine Island”, Hi PIE - Harstine Island Pitch In Everyone. Also, Mason County Public Utility District and HICC have formed a 2 year Adopt-A-Road agreement to pick up roadside litter on both North Island Drive and South Island Drive.

On a personal note, I will be giving up the position of HICC Historian at the end of 2022. I first took over the position from Eleanor in 2009 and have found it a very rewarding experience. This last summer I had applied for and received the generous monetary gift of financing for a color document scanner from Sierra Pacific Foundation, with the purpose of digitally scanning and preserving our historical documents. This coming year will be dedicated to this purpose as my parting gift to our community. I am pleased to announce that Rick Calvin has joined me as historian-in-training. Although he is new to the island, he comes with a great resume having worked on the board of the Mason County Historical Commission for the last 10 years.

