

2023 Harstine Islander



January 2023 Harstine Islander

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Letter from the President

Dear Harstine Island Community,

Although I have been the President for just a few months, I have seen and participated in several great events happening on the Island. All the Harstine Island Community Club (HICC) auxiliary clubs have had several events over the summer months. The weather was great for all our outdoor events, the Kid's Carnival, Garden Club plant sale, HICC July 2nd BBQ, and the Saturday Farmers Market. All these events have been well attended, and we thank you all for your participation and support.

We also had great events happening inside the Community Hall, including LaJune Community Lunches, Theatre Club shows, Inquiring Minds, our monthly community membership meetings and potlucks, Women's Club Taco Bar, and the spectacular Oktoberfest and potluck.

As you can see, HICC has a lot to offer our members of all ages. There is something for everyone. Come out and enjoy all the events as much as possible. We really appreciate your involvement; it makes our community stronger.

Dennis Schauls
HICC President

HICC Updates



Your Membership Counts

Harstine Island Community Club is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that promotes educational, cultural, and social opportunities for our community, our off-island neighbors, and all the new friends we have yet to meet. Your membership dues and generous donations help us to maintain the 108-year-old Harstine Island Community Hall as a hub of activity for the island community.

In 2022, dues and donations have helped to replace sidewalks on the south side of the Community Hall, add a bicycle rack, upgrade interior lighting to energy-efficient LEDs, maintain the parking lot, and upgrade A/V systems to better support presentations and events. Additionally, they support ongoing maintenance, repair, utility, and operating costs necessary to keep the Community Hall available to the community.

Membership is open to all Harstine Island residents and property owners and is a great way to support the community. Dues are \$25 for an individual or \$50 for a family. Starting in 2023, you have the option for automatic membership renewal. To do so, please select either single or family membership and auto-renewal on the enclosed application/renewal form and include a voided check rather than payment. Donations for the various HICC auxiliary clubs and programs can also be made on the enclosed form.

HICC Treasurer's Report

January 1st 2022 – October 31st 2022

Revenue

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| Individual Donations | 32,778.64 |
| Corp Donations & Grants | 977.80 |
| Program Revenue | 5,547.00 |
| Interest & Dividends | 10,916.86 |

Total Revenue **50,220.30**

Expenses

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| Community Hall | 12,731.04 |
| Association Programs | 5,254.79 |
| Cemetery | 736.48 |
| Office Expenses | 500.52 |
| Utilities | 5,244.80 |
| Insurance | 5,358.65 |
| Licenses & Permits | 746.30 |
| Property Tax | 763.76 |
| Grounds Maintenance | 2,792.20 |
| Printing & Copying | 3,507.30 |
| Postage | 598.85 |
| Supplies & Materials | 532.61 |
| Professional Fees | 1,912.50 |
| Investment Mgmt Fees | 8,401.83 |
| Bank Fees | 105.07 |

Total Expenses **49,186.70**

Net Revenue **1,033.60**

Second Century Building Fund

The HICC Second Century Fund was established with the vision of "providing for building and land for the expanding needs of the HICC members and their guests for the next hundred years (Second Century Building Fund Charter)." An expansion will be needed as the Hall may not be large enough to support our community and its events in the future.

As we move into 2023, the Second Century Building Fund Advisory Committee includes the following members: Benjamin Brodfuehrer, Jo Ewart, Cal Ison, Ken Kramer, Dale McDaniel, and Chris Rowley. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the efforts to date. We all aspire to create a place of community for current and future island generations.

Thank You to Our 2022 Board of Directors

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| President | Dennis Schauls |
| Vice President | Mike Plomski |
| Secretary | Judie Schaaf |
| Treasurer | Benjamin Brodfuehrer |
| Member at Large | Tim Ainge |
| Women's Club | Kathy Wendt |
| Garden Club | Barb Sleezer |
| Theatre Club | Anne Strathairn & Dee Ann Meacham |
| Hall Manager | Lee Strohm |



Jarrell's Cove Cemetery Project

In 2017, Sandy began gathering records and successfully advocated for Jarrell's Cove Cemetery to be placed on the Mason County Historic Register. During the 2018 Memorial Day Weekend, a dedication ceremony was held, and a historical marker that tells the story of the Jarrell family and the cemetery was added.

Crossing of the Bridge and 50th Anniversary of the Bridge Celebration

In 2019, Sandy put together a team to plan the Crossing of the Bridge and the 50th Anniversary of the Bridge Celebration. The event had more than 53 vehicles, flag bearers, a marching band, and walkers, with people lining the bridge, sidewalk, road, boat ramp, and on boats.



Celebrating 13 Years as Island Historian

We extend our gratitude to Sandy Murphy as she concludes 13 years of service as HICC Historian!

Historic Registry and the Harstine Island Community Hall Centennial Celebration

Sandy's first project was selling 310 engraved bricks to surround the flagpole for the "Rally Round the Flagpole" event in 2011. She also obtained the Community Hall's placement on the Mason County Historic Register. In 2012, Sandy formed and chaired the **Historical Preservation Committee**, a three-year project to plan a celebration for the Hall's Centennial in 2014. The team organized and digitized records, planned events, and completed a stone wall around the garden containing the 50-Year Time Capsule.



What's Next?

If you are interested in being part of the Historian Team, please contact the HICC board for more information.



What's Happening

Farmers Market & Indoor Market

Every Saturday at 10:00 AM from Memorial Day through September, Garden Club hosts the Farmers Market outside the Community Hall. There you'll find locally grown produce, baked goods, arts and crafts, and information on the area's community organizations and upcoming events.

For the rest of the year, excepting a hiatus in January, the market is held inside the Community Hall at 10:00 AM on the second Saturday of each month. Questions? Contact farmersmarket@harstinecc.org.



Garden Club

The Harstine Island Garden Club welcomes folks of all ages and levels of gardening knowledge, whether they live on the Island or not. Our meetings are a time of fellowship, learning, supporting our local community, and having fun! Meetings are held in the Harstine Island Community Hall at 4:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. We would love to have you join us in 2023. For more information, contact Edrie Andrews at join-higc@harstinecc.org.

Plant Sale

The Annual Plant Sale is our major fundraiser. In 2022, the Club came together to propagate over 50% of the plants sold, creating a record-breaking year in proceeds. Please join us for this fun event on May 20, 2023 at the Harstine Island Community Hall.

Pioneer School Greenhouse & Garden Project

This past year we were proud to see the culmination of the Pioneer School Greenhouse and Garden Project, which

we began in 2019 in partnership with the Pioneer School District. Harstine Island Garden Club members donated 650 hours to refurbish an abandoned greenhouse and garden into an outdoor living laboratory where K-8 students can cultivate curiosity, an appreciation of healthy food, and environmental stewardship.



Inquiring Minds

Hear fascinating talks by scholars and experts on a wide range of topics, including history, sociology, philosophy, and more, in this series presented by the Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau. The talks are open to the public and are held on the last Sundays of January, February, and March at the Community Hall. Attendance is free, but donations are accepted. Visit www.harstinecc.org/inquiring-minds for more information.

LaJune Community Lunch

Enjoy lunch with your neighbors at 12:00 PM every other Wednesday (except July) at the Community Hall. Lunch is \$5 and includes dessert and coffee or tea. Takeout is available for those unable to join in person.

Our volunteers donated over 550 hours in 2022 to provide these delicious homestyle meals for our community. For information on volunteer opportunities or take-out, please contact Evelyn Freeman at lajunelunch@harstinecc.org.



Women's Club

Women's Club is an opportunity to meet your neighbors and support the community through a variety of social activities throughout the year. We meet at 11:30 AM on the first Thursday of each month, except July. Our club is growing, and we would love you to be a part of it! For more information, contact Kathy Wendt at join-hiwc@harstinecc.org.



What We Accomplished in 2022

- Through the Chase Scholarship Fund, we provided scholarships for four island recipients totaling \$15,000.
- We held four Memorial Lunches for late island residents.
- We brought in a record number of sales from our Women's Club booth.
- We hosted our popular Kid's Carnival in August.
- We raised over \$600—and had a lot of fun—at our annual Taco Bar over Labor Day weekend.
- We held our Holiday House Bazaar the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers!

Chase Scholarship Fund

Since the inception of the Chase Scholarship Fund in 2013, over \$110,000 in scholarships have been awarded to Harstine Island Residents pursuing academic, vocational, or continuing education. Donations to the Chase Scholarship Fund are appreciated and can be made through the enclosed form. For information on eligibility and application requirements, visit www.harstinecc.org/hiwc-scholarship.

Game Night

Learn a new game, play an old favorite, or bring your own game and make new friends at a Game Night hosted by the community at 6:30 PM every second and fourth Wednesday. Children are welcome with a parent or guardian.

Theatre Club

Theatre Club brings live, theatrical entertainment to the stage of the Community Hall. Our members manage all aspects of bringing a production to life here on the island, so we're always ready to welcome new members eager to get a peak—or lend a hand—behind the curtain. Theatre Club meets at 7:00 PM on the last Monday of each month.

2022 Performances

July Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple*
September *Monologues, Poetry and ?*
December *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*

The Odd Couple by Neil Simon

Our highlight of the year was finally bringing the female version of the play, *The Odd Couple* by Neil Simon, to the stage this past July after rehearsals were stopped twice due to the pandemic. We were moved by the positive responses from the audience.



"Thank you, it was wonderful to have the plays back. We all needed to laugh after the last two years."

—Audience Member

How You Can Get Involved

Have you ever wanted to be part of the cast or crew in a stage production? Here are just a few of the ways you can participate—no experience required:

- Act! Actors are chosen at open auditions.
- Direct a play or performance. Directors are selected by club members.
- Work behind the scenes on lighting, sound, costumes, props, publicity, and more.
- Recommend new plays for our actors and audience. Plays are selected by our club members.

For more information, contact our club manager, Daniel Frishman, at join-hitc@harstinecc.org.

2022 Awards

Person of the Year

The Person of the Year award recognizes residents of Harstine Island for outstanding contributions of personal service to the community.

Benjamin Brodfuehrer & Chris Blocker

From the day Benjamin and Chris moved to the island, they have been at meetings, arriving early to help set up and staying late to clean up. In 2019, they stepped in to work as Parade Traffic Marshals for the 50th Anniversary of the Bridge Parade and Celebration. In January 2020, they joined the HICC board in key positions (Secretary and President). During the pandemic, the Community Club benefited from their computer skills to keep the community apprised of information, set up virtual board meetings, and extend the Community Hall Wi-Fi to the parking lot. Benjamin and Chris became co-managers of the Farmers Market and graciously managed the disappointment of attendees in 2020 when there were limitations on the number of people who could enter the market. Identifying a need for younger members, they conducted a survey in the Spring of 2022 asking all community club members what they thought the Club needed; this resulted in Game Night, hosted every other Wednesday evening at the Hall.

Honored Citizens

The Honored Citizen award commends those who have made lasting contributions to Harstine Island.

Cathy Prins

Cathy is a talented artist and has generously shared her creations with the community. A member of the Women's Club since 2008, Cathy illustrated the cookbook *Harstine Island Cooks* with pen and ink drawings. Cathy served as Community Club Secretary for two years, in 2016 and 2017. In 2019, she contributed to the 50th anniversary of the Harstine Island Bridge Celebration by creating the Harstine Island map at the entrance to the island.

Lee Fleek

Lee has been involved in the Women's Club since 2018. In the summer of 2021, she stepped in as the lead for the Club's booth. Applying her business expertise, Lee expanded payment methods to include credit cards, increasing sales by approximately \$200 per day and contributing to a total of \$21,745 in sales for 2021. Lee has demonstrated her commitment to the Club by being at the Farmers Market every Saturday. She has organized a group of volunteers to represent the Club in the booth and illustrated a flyer to provide prospective members with Club information.

Evelyn Freeman

A constant face at club events, Evelyn is known for her delightfully cheery disposition, artistic skill in crafts and decorating, and helpful spirit. Evelyn has served the community by creating fun décor for club events and coordinating LaJone Community Lunches. Evelyn is always willing to support other islanders by gardening, helping with household needs, or just lending a hand.



Lee Fleek, Evelyn Freeman, Cathy Prins & Benjamin Brodfuehrer (Not Pictured: Chris Blocker)

2023 HICC Calendar of Events

Visit www.harstinecc.org/calendar for event information.

JANUARY

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| 4 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| 5 | 11:30 AM | Women's Club |
| | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting |
| 9 | 4:00 PM | Garden Club |
| 11 | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 13 | 6:00 PM | HICC Meeting |
| 18 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| 25 | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 29 | 1:30 PM | Inquiring Minds |
| 30 | 7:00 PM | Theatre Club |

FEBRUARY

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| 1 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| 2 | 11:30 AM | Women's Club |
| | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting |
| 7 | 4:00 PM | Garden Club |
| 8 | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 10 | 6:00 PM | HICC Meeting |
| 11 | 10:00 AM | Indoor Market |
| 15 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| 22 | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 26 | 1:30 PM | Inquiring Minds |
| 27 | 7:00 PM | Theatre Club |

MARCH

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| 1 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| 2 | 11:30 AM | Women's Club |
| | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting |
| 7 | 4:00 PM | Garden Club |
| 8 | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 10 | 6:00 PM | HICC Meeting |
| 11 | 10:00 AM | Indoor Market |
| 15 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| 22 | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 26 | 1:30 PM | Inquiring Minds |
| 27 | 7:00 PM | Theatre Club |
| 29 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |

APRIL

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| 6 | 11:30 AM | Women's Club |
| | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting |
| 8 | 10:00 AM | Indoor Market |
| 11 | 4:00 PM | Garden Club |
| 12 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 14 | 6:00 PM | HICC Meeting |
| 21 | 7:00 PM | Prose, Poetry and ? II |
| 22 | 2:00 PM | Prose, Poetry and ? II |
| | 7:00 PM | Prose, Poetry and ? II |
| 23 | 2:00 PM | Prose, Poetry and ? II |
| 24 | 7:00 PM | Theatre Club |
| 26 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 28 | 7:00 PM | Prose, Poetry and ? II |
| 29 | 2:00 PM | Prose, Poetry and ? II |
| | 7:00 PM | Prose, Poetry and ? II |
| 30 | 2:00 PM | Prose, Poetry and ? II |

MAY

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| 4 | 11:30 AM | Women's Club |
| | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting |
| 9 | 4:00 PM | Garden Club |

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| 10 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 12 | 6:00 PM | HICC Meeting |
| 13 | 10:00 AM | Indoor Market |
| 20 | 9:00 AM | Plant Sale |
| 24 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 29 | 7:00 PM | Theatre Club |

JUNE

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| 1 | 11:30 AM | Women's Club |
| | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting |
| 3 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |
| 7 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| 9 | 6:00 PM | HICC Meeting |
| 10 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |
| 13 | 4:00 PM | Garden Club |
| 14 | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 17 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |
| 21 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| 23 | 7:00 PM | The Savannah Sipping Society |
| 24 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |
| | 2:00 PM | The Savannah Sipping Society |
| | 7:00 PM | The Savannah Sipping Society |
| 25 | 2:00 PM | The Savannah Sipping Society |
| 26 | 7:00 PM | Theatre Club |
| 28 | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 30 | 7:00 PM | The Savannah Sipping Society |

JULY

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| TBD | 4:00 PM | Comm. Summer BBQ |
| 1 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |
| | 2:00 PM | The Savannah Sipping Society |
| | 7:00 PM | The Savannah Sipping Society |
| 2 | 2:00 PM | The Savannah Sipping Society |
| 6 | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting |
| 8 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |
| 11 | 4:00 PM | Garden Club |
| 12 | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 14 | 6:00 PM | HICC Meeting |
| 15 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |
| 22 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |
| 26 | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 29 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |
| 31 | 7:00 PM | Theatre Club |

AUGUST

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| 2 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| 3 | 11:30 AM | Women's Club |
| | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting |
| 5 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |
| 8 | 4:00 PM | Garden Club |
| 9 | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 11 | 6:00 PM | HICC Meeting |
| 12 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |
| | 11:00 AM | Kid's Carnival |
| 16 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |

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| 19 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |
| 23 | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 26 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |
| 28 | 7:00 PM | Theatre Club |
| 30 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| 31 | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting |

SEPTEMBER

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| 1 | 6:00 PM | Taco Bar |
| 2 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |
| 7 | 11:30 AM | Women's Club |
| 8 | 6:00 PM | HICC Meeting |
| 9 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |
| 12 | 4:00 PM | Garden Club |
| 13 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 16 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |
| 23 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |
| 25 | 7:00 PM | Theatre Club |
| 27 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 30 | 10:00 AM | Farmers Market |

OCTOBER

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| 5 | 11:30 AM | Women's Club |
| | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting |
| 10 | 4:00 PM | Garden Club |
| 11 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 13 | 6:00 PM | Oktoberfest & HICC Meeting |
| 14 | 10:00 AM | Indoor Market |
| 25 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 30 | 7:00 PM | Theatre Club |

NOVEMBER

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| 2 | 11:30 AM | Women's Club |
| | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting |
| 11 | 10:00 AM | Indoor Market |
| 14 | 4:00 PM | Garden Club |
| 8 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 10 | 6:00 PM | HICC Meeting |
| 22 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 25 | 10:00 AM | Holiday House |
| 27 | 7:00 PM | Theatre Club |
| 30 | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting |

DECEMBER

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| 1 | 7:00 PM | Christmas Show |
| 2 | 2:00 PM | Christmas Show |
| | 7:00 PM | Christmas Show |
| 3 | 2:00 PM | Christmas Show |
| 6 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| 7 | 11:30 AM | Women's Club |
| 8 | 6:00 PM | HICC Meeting |
| 9 | 10:00 AM | Indoor Market |
| 12 | 4:00 PM | Garden Club |
| 13 | 6:30 PM | Game Night |
| 20 | 12:00 PM | LaJune Lunch |
| 27 | 6:30 PM | Game Night |

Harstine Island Community Club

PO BOX 1635

SHELTON WA 98584-0994

Get Involved

Community Hall Rentals

Are you interested in using the hall for a community event or renting it for a private event? Visit www.harstineecc.org/community-hall-rental or contact the HICC Hall Manager, Lee Strohm, at rental@harstineecc.org to learn more.

Amazon Smile Donations

Are you an Amazon.com shopper? When you select Harstine Island Community Club as your nonprofit beneficiary, Amazon donates a portion of the revenue from your order to HICC. We received over \$500 in 2022 from the purchases of participating members. Thank you!

To participate, 1) visit smile.amazon.com, 2) sign into your Amazon account, 3) go to **Your Account** and select the option to **Change your Charity**, 4) search for and select Harstine Island Community Club.

Bud's Recycle

Bring your cans and non-ferrous metals (aluminum, brass, copper, stainless, and lead) to Fire Stations #5-9 and #5-11 or the collection box at the Pointe. Since the program's inception, your donations to Bud's Recycle have raised over \$40,000 for local charities, including HICC.

Adopt-a-Road

HICC members volunteered 142 hours and collected 1,816 pounds of trash across 12 cleanup days in 2022. We need your help again in 2023 on January 17-19, April 18-20, and July 18-20. To volunteer, contact Pat Brunner at roadcleanup@harstineecc.org.

Jarrell's Cove Cemetery

2022 saw much-needed improvements to the cemetery. We need your help to make 2023 just as successful. Join the Cemetery Committee or volunteer for a work party before the Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day weekends. Contact Sandy Murphy at cemetery@harstineecc.org about volunteering.

Island Photography Contest

We're looking for photos of the island, from the island, or on the island to be featured in the 2024 HICC Calendar and made available for purchase at the Farmers Market. You have until June 15, 2023, to submit a landscape-oriented photo at least 1,650 px wide to Kayce Benson at calendar@harstineecc.org. Members will vote for their favorite submissions from a pool of 36 committee-selected finalists at the July Community Club Meeting.