

2024 Harstine Islander



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Letter from the President

Dear Harstine Island Community,

Both Ken Kramer and Cal Ison as Co-Presidents have had a fun year sharing responsibilities as Co-Presidents for Harstine Island Community Club (HICC). We alternated chairing the monthly HICC Board of Directors meeting and HICC General meeting. It allowed flexibility in our schedules for two busy retired guys to travel and work on projects.

Many successful events occurred in 2023 through the HICC auxiliary clubs (Women's Club, Garden Club, and Theater Club).

We are always in need of volunteers to participate in the many events that HICC sponsors. Think about what you might want to get involved with and let us know, so we can utilize your skills!

Ken Kramer and Cal Ison
HICC Co-Presidents

HICC Updates

Thank You to Our 2023 Board of Directors

Co-President	Ken Kramer
Co-President	Cal Ison
Co-Vice President	Chris Blocker
Co-Vice President	Angie Calvin
Past President	Jan Irving
Secretary	Ashley Weaver
Treasurer	Benjamin Brodfuehrer
Member at Large	Cara Griffith
Member at Large	Karen Epps
Women's Club	Kathy Wendt
Garden Club	Stephanie Mckinney
	Edrie Andrews
Theatre Club	Anne Strathairn
	Dee Ann Meacham
Hall Manager	Lee Strohm



Congratulations to the 2024 Officers and Board of Directors Elected at the December 8, 2023 Community Club Meeting

President	Cara Griffith
Vice President	Jill Diehl
Secretary	Michelle Moline
Treasurer	Benjamin Brodfuehrer
Member at Large	Jenel Ison

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.” An expansion will be needed as the Hall may not be large enough to support our community and its events in the future.

In 2023 the Second Century Building Fund Advisory Committee focused on the building infrastructure needed for an auxiliary building and a possible partnership with another non-profit organization (library, fire department, etc.) One of the things we’ve worked on is the well requirements if we were to use our existing well to add an auxiliary building. We also met with the Mason County Fire Marshal to understand building size requirements which require a fire alarm system and may require a sprinkler system.

The 2023 Second Century Building Fund Advisory Committee includes the following members: Benjamin Brodfuehrer, Jo Ewart, Cal Ison, and Dale McDaniel. We all aspire to create a place of community for current and future island generations.



HICC Treasurer’s Report

January 1st 2023 – September 30th 2023

Revenue

Individual Donations	22,988.62
Program Revenue	2,500.00
Interest & Dividends	19,513.33

Total Revenue **45,001.95**

Expenses

Community Hall	3,943.78
Association Programs	3,390.96
Office Expenses	3,240.41
Utilities	6,533.75
Insurance	8,295.89
Licenses & Permits	316.30
Property Tax	746.48
Postage	620.98
Supplies & Materials	397.85
Professional Fees	125.00
Investment Mgmt Fees	7,396.49
Bank Fees	126.09

Total Expenses **35,133.98**

Net Revenue **9,867.97**

2023 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.

Karen Epps

Karen stepped up when we needed her the most, taking on a vacant board position and hitting the ground running. Her dedication and enthusiasm have made a significant impact on our community. Karen wasted no time in offering her help with preparing the 2023 newsletter. Her keen eye for detail and creativity have undoubtedly enriched our communications. Karen's commitment extends to our monthly meetings, where she has consistently assisted with setup and cleanup. Her willingness to roll up her sleeves and pitch in has not gone unnoticed.



Karen's consistent presence and dedication have been a tremendous asset to this community. She has taken on significant responsibilities in organizing our larger special events, from the Summer Celebration in July to Oktoberfest in the fall.

Karen's business acumen and dedication shine through her work as the coordinator of the internal audit committee.

In addition, Karen has played an integral role in updating our bylaws.

Karen's tireless dedication and willingness to take on challenging roles have had a profound impact on our organization and community. We are immensely grateful for her contributions, and we look forward to continuing to work together to make a positive difference.

Honored Citizens

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

Pat Brunner

After moving from a city townhouse in 2017 to an island home with trees, acreage, and a waterfront view, a relatively new islander took an interest in island activities. He was asked and accepted a two-year position as Member-at-

Large on the HICC Board of Directors which gave him an overall view of the various island organizations and events in which to participate.

His career experience provided him with the skills to manage major projects. Although he was a member of the Second Century Building Fund for only four months, his organizational skills were evident in the paperwork he prepared regarding issues that needed to be addressed and basic steps to be taken that can be helpful in the future planning of the Second Century Building Advisory Committee.



Two years ago litter had become a major problem on island roads. He worked with Mason County to set up the Adopt-A-Road program which he coordinates. On behalf of HICC, it is a pleasure to present an Honored Citizen Award to Pat Brunner.

Bonnie Bowles

Bonnie Bowles moved to the Island over 10 years ago and immediately jumped right into community involvement. She is extremely generous with her time and is always willing to help a community member in need.

Although she spends the winter months at her home on Oahu, Bonnie still manages to contribute and get involved in more ways that most of us can manage! She is a member of the Womens club and actively volunteers wherever needed. Her extensive experience in the apparel industry contributed to the development of new product and designs to sell at the Farmers Market. Bonnie has volunteered to prepare and serve LaJune lunches and is a steady volunteer at the Food Bank. She regularly volunteers for road cleanup on the island. She organized and taught a weekly Maj Jong group as a social activity for people in the community. This group has been active for years.



Bonnie's most significant contribution over the years, however, has been made through her involvement with the Garden Club. She was the brainchild behind the Pioneer School Garden project and worked tirelessly for 3 ½ years to bring the garden to life. She is the Chair of our annual plant sale—and has made it bigger and better year after year. She was instrumental in forming our new partnership with Harstine Acres and has been diligent about attending the Friday work parties (with great enthusiasm!)

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 is a group of local gardeners of all ages and levels of expertise who come together for fellowship, learning and sharing. Our monthly meetings are held at 4:00 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Community Hall. Additionally, we work on a variety of projects throughout the year that support community improvement and beautification through gardening and green spaces. You do not need to live on the island to join!



This year, our work in the Pioneer School Garden wound down as the school took full responsibility for management and operations of their garden. Instead, we broadened our focus to a variety of projects that include a greenhouse partnership/farm support for Harstine Acres Farm, HICC grounds beautification and Farmer's Market support. We sponsored a Noxious Weed presentation and took a field trip to Whitney Farms. Again this year, our annual plant sale/fundraiser was a great success! And we were thrilled to welcome 11 new, energetic members!

We look forward with much anticipation to the new year! We'll continue our work on 2023's activities and anticipate launching new projects that include surplus food sharing and a fall cook-off.

Join us! Visit harstinecc.org/garden-club to learn more.

Inquiring Minds

Inquiring Minds is a popular community service project proudly sponsored by Harstine Island Community Club in partnership with the Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau. Humanities Washington is a long-standing, statewide organization funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington State Legislature, and private donations.

The Speakers Bureau roster (humanities.org/speakers) includes many diverse and engaging speakers from which non-profit organizations may choose scholars, authors, teachers, musicians, historians, or experts in a given field. The goal is to spark conversation and critical thinking. The upcoming winter series is scheduled for the last Sunday in January, February, and March, and on an adjusted date in April, the newest addition to this long-running project.

Speakers are chosen in November by a vote of the HICC membership on a ballot drawn from nominations from the Bureau roster. The 2024 panel of speakers will be announced in December. Presentations are free (donations are accepted) and open to the public. Initiated in 2009 originally in a partnership with Grant School, this 2024 series will be the 16th year HICC has hosted this popular event which draws attendees from throughout Mason County and beyond, our historic hall being a wonderful Sunday afternoon winter destination. Visit harstinecc.org/inquiring-minds for more information.

LaJune Community Lunch

Come to the Community Hall for lunch with your neighbors and get to know them better! Lunch is \$5 and includes dessert and coffee or tea. It is served at 12:00 PM and is the Wednesday following the Harstine Island Community Club Meeting.



All ages are welcome and encouraged to come. Takeout meals are available for those who cannot join in person. Volunteers are always welcome and needed. For more information, please contact Evelyn Freeman at lajunelunch@harstinecc.org or visit harstinecc.org/senior-lunch.

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, visit harstinecc.org/womens-club.



What We Accomplished in 2023

- Through the Chase Scholarship Fund, we provided scholarships for five island recipients totaling \$15,000.
- We made a donation to the Pioneer School District STEM Program of \$3,500.
- We held three Memorial Lunches for late island residents.
- We brought in a record number of sales from our Women's Club booth.
- We hosted our popular Kids' 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 \$125,000 in scholarships have been awarded to Harstine Island Residents pursuing academic, vocational, or continuing education. For information on eligibility and application requirements, visit 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. Visit harstinecc.org/game-night to learn more.

Theatre Club

Building on a wonderful 2022–2023 season, the Harstine Island Theatre Club is already hard at work on our new season which kicks off in April with *Crossing Delancy* with veteran director Barb Hubbard at the helm. In July, we plan on performing the farce *You Have the Right to Remain Dead*, directed by newcomer PJ Hopkins. Our annual free-admission Christmas show will be *The Curious Savage*, directed by Pam Mueller.

Newcomers are always welcome to act or help with the many backstage jobs that make up a successful play.

We meet on the last Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Harstine Island Community Hall. We hope to see you soon!

Visit harstinecc.org/theater-club for more information.



Anywhere Library Partnership

New as of December 2023! Anywhere Library joins us at the community hall the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 10 AM to 11 AM. Story time will also be provided by a librarian for children in attendance. Visit harstinecc.org/anywhere-library to learn more about the services offered.

2024 HICC Calendar of Events

Visit harstinecc.org/calendar for event information.

JANUARY

2 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 3 6:30 PM Cemetery Committee
 4 11:30 AM Women's Club
 7:00 PM Board Meeting
 9 4:00 PM Garden Club
 10 6:30 PM Game Night
 12 6:30 PM HICC Meeting
 13 10:00 AM Indoor Market
 16 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 17 12:00 PM LaJune Lunch
 18 **Adopt-a-Road**
 19 **Adopt-a-Road**
 1:00 PM Chase Mgmt Meeting
 24 6:30 PM Game Night
 25 7:00 PM Second Century Mtg
 28 2:00 PM **Inquiring Minds**
 29 7:00 PM Theatre Club

FEBRUARY

1 11:30 AM Women's Club
 7:00 PM Board Meeting
 6 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 7 6:30 PM Cemetery Committee
 9 6:30 PM HICC Meeting
 10 10:00 AM Indoor Market
 13 4:00 PM Garden Club
 14 12:00 PM LaJune Lunch
 6:30 PM Game Night
 15 7:00 PM Second Century Mtg
 20 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 25 2:00 PM **Inquiring Minds**
 26 7:00 PM Theatre Club
 28 6:30 PM Game Night
 29 7:00 PM Board Meeting

MARCH

5 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 6:30 PM Cemetery Committee
 7 11:30 AM Women's Club
 8 6:30 PM HICC Meeting
 9 10:00 AM Indoor Market
 12 4:00 PM Garden Club
 13 12:00 PM LaJune Lunch
 6:30 PM Game Night
 19 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 21 7:00 PM Second Century Mtg
 24 2:00 PM **Inquiring Minds**
 25 7:00 PM Theatre Club
 27 6:30 PM Game Night

APRIL

2 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 3 6:30 PM Cemetery Committee
 4 11:30 AM Women's Club
 7:00 PM Board Meeting
 5 7:00 PM **Crossing Delancey**
 6 7:30 PM **Crossing Delancey**
 7 2:00 PM **Crossing Delancey**
 9 4:00 PM Garden Club
 10 6:30 PM Game Night
 12 6:30 PM HICC Meeting

13 10:00 AM Indoor Market
 7:30 PM **Crossing Delancey**
 14 2:00 PM **Crossing Delancey**
 16 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 17 12:00 PM LaJune Lunch
 18 7:00 PM Second Century Mtg
 19 1:00 PM Chase Mgmt Meeting
 24 6:30 PM Game Night
 28 2:00 PM **Inquiring Minds**
 29 7:00 PM Theatre Club

MAY

1 6:30 PM Cemetery Committee
 2 11:30 AM Women's Club
 7:00 PM Board Meeting
 7 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 8 6:30 PM Game Night
 10 6:30 PM HICC Meeting
 11 10:00 AM Indoor Market
 14 4:00 PM Garden Club
 15 12:00 PM LaJune Lunch
 16 7:00 PM Second Century Mtg
 18 9:00 AM **Plant Sale**
 19 11:00 AM **Cemetery Cleanup**
 20 7:00 PM Theatre Club
 21 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 22 6:30 PM Game Night
 25 10:00 AM Farmers Market

JUNE

1 10:00 AM Farmers Market
 4 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 5 6:30 PM Cemetery Committee
 6 11:30 AM Women's Club
 7:00 PM Board Meeting
 8 10:00 AM Farmers Market
 11 4:00 PM Garden Club
 12 6:30 PM Game Night
 14 6:30 PM HICC Meeting
 15 10:00 AM Farmers Market
 18 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 19 12:00 PM LaJune Lunch
 20 7:00 PM Second Century Mtg
 22 10:00 AM Farmers Market
 24 7:00 PM Theatre Club
 26 6:30 PM Game Night
 29 10:00 AM Farmers Market
 11:00 AM **Cemetery Cleanup**
 7:30 PM **You Have the Right to Remain Dead**
 30 2:00 PM **You Have the Right to Remain Dead**

JULY

2 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 3 7:30 PM Board Meeting
 5 7:30 PM **You Have the Right to Remain Dead**

6 10:00 AM Farmers Market
 7:30 PM **You Have the Right to Remain Dead**
 2:00 PM **You Have the Right to Remain Dead**
 9 4:00 PM Garden Club
 10 6:30 PM Game Night
 12 6:00 PM HICC Meeting
 13 10:00 AM Farmers Market
 16 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 18 7:00 PM Second Century Mtg
 19 1:00 PM Chase Mgmt Meeting
 20 10:00 AM Farmers Market
 4:00 PM **Summer Celebration**
 23 **Adopt-a-Road**
 24 **Adopt-a-Road**
 6:30 PM Game Night
 25 **Adopt-a-Road**
 27 10:00 AM Farmers Market
 29 7:00 PM Theatre Club

AUGUST

1 11:30 AM Women's Club
 7:00 PM Board Meeting
 3 10:00 AM Farmers Market
 6 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 7 6:30 PM Cemetery Committee
 9 6:30 PM HICC Meeting
 10 10:00 AM Farmers Market
 11:00 AM **Kids' Carnival**
 14 4:00 PM Garden Club
 12:00 PM LaJune Lunch
 6:30 PM Game Night
 15 7:00 PM Second Century Mtg
 17 10:00 AM Farmers Market
 20 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 24 10:00 AM Farmers Market
 11:00 AM **Cemetery Cleanup**
 26 7:00 PM Theatre Club
 28 6:30 PM Game Night
 30 6:00 PM **Taco Bar**
 31 10:00 AM Farmers Market

SEPTEMBER

3 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 4 6:30 PM Cemetery Committee
 5 11:30 AM Women's Club
 7:00 PM Board Meeting
 7 10:00 AM Farmers Market
 10 4:00 PM Garden Club
 11 6:30 PM Game Night
 13 6:30 PM HICC Meeting
 14 10:00 AM Farmers Market
 17 10:00 AM Anywhere Library
 18 12:00 PM LaJune Lunch
 19 7:00 PM Second Century Mtg
 21 10:00 AM Farmers Market
 25 6:30 PM Game Night
 28 10:00 AM Farmers Market
 30 7:00 PM Theatre Club

OCTOBER

1	10:00 AM	Anywhere Library
2	6:30 PM	Cemetery Committee
3	11:30 AM	Women's Club
	7:00 PM	Board Meeting
8	4:00 PM	Garden Club
9	6:30 PM	Game Night
11	6:30 PM	Oktoberfest & HICC Meeting
12	10:00 AM	Indoor Market
15	10:00 AM	Anywhere Library
16	12:00 PM	LaJune Lunch
17	7:00 PM	Second Century Mtg
18	1:00 PM	Chase Mgmt Meeting
22		Adopt-a-Road
23		Adopt-a-Road
	6:30 PM	Game Night
24		Adopt-a-Road
28	7:00 PM	Theatre Club
30	7:00 PM	Board Meeting

NOVEMBER

5	10:00 AM	Anywhere Library
6	6:30 PM	Cemetery Committee
7	11:30 AM	Women's Club
8	6:30 PM	HICC Meeting
9	10:00 AM	Indoor Market
12	4:00 PM	Garden Club
13	12:00 PM	LaJune Lunch
	6:30 PM	Game Night
19	10:00 AM	Anywhere Library
21	7:00 PM	Second Century Mtg
22		The Curious Savage
23		The Curious Savage
24		The Curious Savage
25	7:00 PM	Theatre Club
27	6:30 PM	Game Night
30	10:00 AM	Holiday House

DECEMBER

3	10:00 AM	Anywhere Library
4	6:30 PM	Cemetery Committee
5	11:30 AM	Women's Club
	7:00 PM	Board Meeting
10	4:00 PM	Garden Club
11	6:30 PM	Game Night
13	6:30 PM	HICC Meeting
14	10:00 AM	Indoor Market
17	10:00 AM	Anywhere Library
18	12:00 PM	LaJune Lunch
19	7:00 PM	Second Century Mtg
30	7:00 PM	Theatre Club

Get Involved

Community Hall Rentals

Are you interested in using the hall for a community event or renting it for a private event? Visit harstinecc.org/community-hall-rental to learn more.

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 adopted the six miles of road not covered by Kiwanis on E North Island Drive and E South Island Drive. Under the adopt-a-road agreement HICC has with Mason County, HICC performs four cleanups each year. In 2023, we removed approximately 52 bags of trash, along with five tires and various pieces of scrap lumber.

2024 cleanups have been tentatively scheduled for January 17-19, May 14-16, July 23-25, and October 22-24.

Visit harstinecc.org/adopt-a-road to learn more and volunteer.

Jarrell's Cove Cemetery

Join the Cemetery Committee, which meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM, or volunteer for a work party on May 19, June 29, and July 24 at 11 AM. Contact Michelle Moline at cemetery@harstinecc.org to learn more.

Island Photography Contest

We're looking for photos of the island, from the island, or on the island to be featured in the 2025 HICC Calendar and made available for purchase at the Farmers Market. You have until June 15, 2024, to submit a landscape-oriented photo at least 1,650 px wide to Kayce Benson at calendar@harstinecc.org. Members will vote for their favorite submissions from a pool of 36 committee-selected finalists at the July Community Club Meeting.

Pioneer Food Bank

The HICC has partnered with the Pioneer Food Bank to host an annual food drive. Please bring canned goods to the 6 PM community meeting on Friday, April 12, and join the evening program to learn more about how the food bank is serving our community. The food bank operates out of Bridge Community Church on the last Tuesday of the month from 6-7 PM, serving as many as 70 families or 230 people per month. Those who wish to volunteer can call or text (360) 819-6488 or email pioneerfoodbank@gmail.com.

Contact Us

Eager to get connected but don't know where to start? We can help. Get in touch at harstinecc.org/contact-us.

Harstine Island Community Club

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Supporting Our Community

Join the Harstine Island Community Club Today!

The Harstine Island Community Club, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is dedicated to enhancing educational, cultural, and social opportunities for our community, welcoming off-island neighbors, and building new friendships. Your support through membership dues and generous donations is the lifeblood of our efforts, helping us maintain the historic Harstine Island Community Hall, which has been a central hub for our island community for over a century.

Thanks to your membership dues and contributions in 2023, we've achieved significant milestones. Our efforts have included essential electrical upgrades, ensuring the safety and functionality of the Community Hall. Moreover, your contributions continue to support ongoing maintenance, repair, utility, and operational costs that keep the Community Hall accessible to our community.

In 2023, we encountered an unforeseen challenge. The cost of property insurance nearly doubled due to a significant increase in the commercial fire rating for Harstine Island. This change has put a strain on our resources, and we now need your support more than ever to maintain our vital community space.

Membership in the Harstine Island Community Club is open to all residents and property owners on the island, previous members that were formerly property owners or residents of Harstine Island, or to those that have an interest or association with Harstine Island and are approved by a board member. By becoming a member, you show your commitment to supporting our community. Individual memberships are just \$25, while a family membership is \$50. Additionally, you can further support the community by making donations to our various HICC auxiliary clubs and programs. Every contribution makes a difference.

Your support is crucial in ensuring that the Harstine Island Community Club continues to serve the needs of our island community. Join us, donate, or get involved in our auxiliary clubs and programs today. Together, we can preserve our island's heritage and make our community even stronger.

Donate

Harstine Island Community Club relies on contributions from members like you to support our community programs. Visit harstineecc.org to donate.