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ON THE FRONT COVER
The two nines at Port Ludlow Golf Course have been artfully sculpted out of dense forest in order that no two holes play alike. Photography provided by Vito DeSantis

ON THE BACK COVER
Firefighter/EMT Kurt Van Ness trained for months preparing to compete against 1,500 plus firefighters in a benefit stair-climbing event. Photography by Peggy Lee Flentie
Feature Articles

From the Editor’s Keyboard
by Beverly Browne, Managing Editor

The State is discussing education reform again and arriving at the usual impasse. Central problems for reform are teacher excellence, how to assess it, and how to hold teachers accountable. Stronger teacher evaluations are planned for 2013 but they lack a key ingredient—ties to student achievement through test scores or some other assessment of knowledge of a subject.

Because of our extensive exposure to teachers in school systems, we all think we know what good teachers are and what they aren’t. We have had our share of ones we liked and ones we didn’t care for. At the extremes, most people have a handle on what good teaching is; still there is a lot of middle ground. Furthermore, the qualities of a good teacher at one level may not be the same as at other levels.

What characteristics would one expect in an excellent teacher? One review says that an excellent teacher should be able to motivate students and (vaguely) teach effectively. In order to do this, the teacher must have a full command of the subject, the course structure, and the examination system. The latter sounds a lot like “teaching to the test.”

Good teachers understand the learning abilities of the students under their tutelage and that those abilities will vary among students in the same grade. Good teaching requires more than knowledge; it requires patience, flexibility, and interest in conveying the subject matter. The teacher must have a variety of tools in his/her kit to use when the situation demands, in other words, the craft of teaching.

Can these things be measured? To a certain degree they can. Combinations of student progress, student satisfaction and peer reviews can help determine the best performers. However, the measurement system must account for the varying requirements across the age spectrum and among various socio-economic populations.

We expect a lot from our schools and the teachers that teach our children. We should. But when measuring teacher proficiency, we must recognize that one size doesn’t fit all.

The views expressed in this editorial are those of the author. Comments and rebuttals may be sent to the Editor. Letters will be posted on the Voice website, plvoice.org.

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Kids Swing into Healthy Fun with Golf
by Beverly Browne, Editor

Golf is a game that originated centuries ago in Scotland. It is often thought of as an old person’s sport because the players seem to saunter leisurely from hole to hole without expending too much energy, something an older person can do. Anyone who has toted a bag full of heavy clubs around a course, especially a hilly course like the one in Port Ludlow, knows that description is a little wide of the mark. Golf can be taxing, physically and mentally, even for younger people.

Increasingly, golfing fans are youngsters, and to some extent we can thank Tiger Woods for that. Ever since Tiger picked up a club and brought this sport to the younger set, kids have gone crazy for golf. What’s not to love about a game that lets them swing hard, hit far, and walk several miles in beautiful, outdoor settings? As a result, golf programs for youngsters are springing up all over the country, including Port Ludlow.

What are the benefits of golf for young people? Fresh air and exercise are some of them, but there are more subtle benefits. Golf demands mental and emotional discipline. Golfers have to concentrate and block out distracting sounds and sights. If they are to play well, they cannot become distraught over an errant shot but must recover to focus on the shot to come. Golf has rules and etiquette that must be followed; young golfers learn to follow those rules and treat fellow players with courtesy. Golf is a competitive game. Young golfers learn to win and to lose with grace. Golf requires strength and accuracy; it is a good game for honing perception. Golf can be played for a long time; it is a life-long sport and a game the whole family can enjoy.

It is often assumed that golf is a game for rich kids, but its time to put this stereotype to rest. There are a wide variety of programs that allow kids to experience golf without breaking the bank. The new program in Port Ludlow is one of them. It is taught by instructors who have professional qualifications and golfing expertise. The site couldn’t be more convenient and what a fun way to spend part of the summer. So, if your child or grandchild has an interest or aptitude, consider signing them up for a session. Details for doing so are available at the Golf Shop, 437-0272, at the Port Ludlow Golf Course, or by looking at the related article (page 37) in the golf section of this issue. Enrollments begin this month.
What’s a Stuga?
by Linda Holmstrom, Guest Writer

I grew up in a boating family, and Port Ludlow was a favorite destination from the 1940’s through the 1960s. I remember anchoring in Inner Harbor, sleeping overnight on the twin islands, beach fires with the older kids and singing songs such as “Kookaburra.” We kids also liked to explore the remains of the old mill. All that was left at that time was a skeleton of a concrete building, a tall smoke stack, a few Victorian homes, a tavern, fruit trees and a phone booth.

In 1958 my parents bought waterfront property on the south side of Ludlow Bay. Daddy saw it as an investment, and something that would not interfere with his boating. There was a small vacant squatter’s cabin on the property, and Mother started planning to make it all cute with pretty curtains and all those corny things people like to put in their cabins.

Soon after the purchase, Mother got to work cleaning this shack, but came across a nest of mice. That did it. The only thing to do was to burn the place down. She did just that with the help of some friends. A couple of weeks later, she had a two-room Pan Abode home with an outhouse on the lot.

I haven’t mentioned my father in all this because he knew nothing about what was going on in Port Ludlow. He was in Europe on business and also visiting his relatives in Finland. The day came when he returned home, and Mother would have to “face the music.” She instructed her two little grandsons (who had witnessed the huge fire) to say nothing. This was something she needed to tell Papa John herself.

Five- and six-year-olds cannot keep a secret. As soon as their grandfather got off the plane, they rushed up to him and shouted, “Papa John! Papa John! We had a great big fire at Port Ludlow, but it’s okay ‘cause we have a new house now.”

What about the word “stuga?” That’s what my dad named this little house. It was a word he learned on his trip visiting his Swedish speaking relatives in Finland. It means “little house or cottage.” Our stuga, which was just to be a temporary lark for my mother, has given happiness and joy to our family for 54 years. Of course, it has grown bigger and now has a bathroom. Next time I’ll tell you about Ole Benson’s ghost.

Read it Again, Sam!
by Beverly Browne, Editor

There are still a few local Luddites who have not succumbed to the allure of Kindles and Nooks and prefer the comforting heft of a real book. Not all of them want to pay an inflated price for one untouched by human hands. Take heart, all you retro-readers. The used book market is alive and well in the Pacific Northwest.

In Port Ludlow, the best deal on used books (and CDs) is the Community Enrichment Alliance book sale in September. If you missed it this year, that’s too bad because it was fantastic. The Friends of the Jefferson County Library also have sales, which benefit the library.

There are some outlets that have been recommended by alert resident and avid reader, Bill Schaefer. He especially recommends the Eagle Harbor Book Company on Bainbridge Island. They are located at 157 Winslow Way East. It is a nice, clean store with reading chairs and great service. Even better, they give full-credit redemption on all new and used books. Poulbo’s Book Stop, soon to be Hood Bookseller, is open daily and offers full credit and good service. It is located at 18954 Front Street. Pages Books, 10030 Silverdale Way (behind O’Reilly’s Auto Store), has a very good selection. However, it has the poorest credit redemption program; only half of your credit applies to purchase.

Don’t forget The Goodwill as a source literature. The Silverdale and Port Townsend stores have begun alphabetizing the collection, making it possible although not easy to search for a particular author. The shopping experience isn’t fancy and there are no reading chairs or redemption program, but the books are only a couple of bucks. When you are done, leave the book on the ferry or bring it back to give another person a good read. Thrift stores also have book selections.
From the Commissioner’s Desk

by John Austin, Jefferson County Commissioner

I moved here from Minnesota, a state in which one must shovel the driveway after the first snow and every subsequent dusting, or resign to crossing a small glacier for the next five months on the way to work. Here in Port Ludlow, we may count upon rain or a rise in temperature to eventually clear our roads and driveways, but most of us are not content to wait for Mother Nature’s hand.

Our brave County and state workers battle the elements so that cars and emergency vehicles may safely move about the county as soon as possible. Each October our roads department goes through a check list of preparations which includes an inventory of sand, with a small amount of salt, the condition of our trucks and snow plowing blades, and a review of expected weather challenges. Our County roads are serviced by only eleven trucks: eight ten-yard dump trucks in Eastern Jefferson, two at the Hoh River shop, and a three-quarter-ton pickup for clearing our smaller residential roads. These trucks are strategically placed at our County shops (or sheds) in Port Hadlock, Quilcene and Brinnon.

When snow falls, the road crew starts work at 4:00 a.m. and continues in 8-hour rotating shifts. There are three priority levels for clearing which are based upon intensity of use and access for emergency vehicles. Oak Bay and Center Road are in the top tier. Swansonville and other high-use roads are second tier. Smaller feeder roads are last on the schedule.

The County is served by several State Highways: 104, 116, 19 and 20 as well as US 101. Of course, the State is responsible for clearing on their roads. To accomplish this task, there are two trucks stationed at Discovery Bay for most of East Jefferson as far south as Quilcene. There are more vehicles at the State Mount Walker facility for US 101 heading South.

Our County road crew is always open to suggestions or concerns and may be reached by calling Paul Walters at 360-385-0890. As ever, I am happy to talk about county issues at 360-385-9100.

May Day is Lei Day in Hawai’i

by Bev Rothenborg, Contributing Writer

May Day is Lei Day in Hawai’i where my family and I lived for almost 30 years. It dates back to 1928 when writer and poet Don Blanding suggested a holiday to celebrate making and wearing leis. School children there celebrate with royal courts and performances. When my kids were growing up, school children made fresh leis which were placed on the graves at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl (or Puowaina) Crater and other graveyards. I doubt that tradition continues as approximately 53,000 veterans and their dependents are interred at Punchbowl.

For many years, I helped my children pick plumeria blossoms and string them into fragrant offerings. The children would take them to school, and the day before Lei Day Boy Scouts and other volunteers would place the leis carefully around each grave marker at the various cemeteries.

On O’ahu the main celebration is at Kapi’olani Park where people enter leis in various categories to compete for prizes. The displays, which are grouped by colors, are absolutely amazing, and I would return year after year just to enjoy the beauty and creativity displayed. If you are there on May 1, don’t miss it! And don’t forget to wear your lei!
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My recent walks have convinced me that spring is here! All the trees and bushes have little green sprouts, and of course hyacinths, daffodils, forsythia and blooming cherry trees are everywhere. Since the beavers left, the neighborhood pond that was their home a few seasons ago is returning to its natural state. A pair of ducks live there now, and they glide purposefully through the water. Oh, I hope we will have to “Make Way for Ducklings” soon. Did you ever read that wonderful story to your children?

While Hawai‘i has sunshine and flowers year around, it becomes something that is taken for granted. Here, spring is an exciting time of year, and we expectantly wait for its arrival! Nani wale ku‘u home aina hau i ka iu or “so beautiful is aina hau, my home in paradise.”

Mint Julep, Anyone?
by Mary Kletti, Contributing Writer

Saturday, May 5 marks the 138th Run for the Roses—the Kentucky Derby. Often referred to as the greatest two minutes in sports, the pageantry at Churchill Downs never disappoints—unless, of course, you pick the wrong horse.

Perhaps you choose based on your favorite color. When horse racing first began in the early 18th century, there were no program numbers, public address systems or closed-circuit televisions. So when King Charles II first assembled race meets on the plains of Hempstead, they adopted racing silks—or colors—to distinguish their jockeys for easier viewing. The tradition of the silks remains today. Jockeys wear the colors of the horse owners, but because there are so many owners, silks have become even more colorful.

Or maybe you fancy the hat worn by a particular horse’s owner. Part Southern tradition, part spectacle, the hat parade is much of what makes it one of the greatest people-watching events in the world! There are no rules or limits when it comes to choosing your Derby hat. Large or small, contemporary or old-fashioned, big-brimmed, feathered, flowery, or just plain fascinating, women (and men) top off their Derby duds with a variety of flashy head wear.

Never mind the odds, maybe you just like the sound of the horse’s name. Some former winners include Vagrant, Hindoo, Joe Cotton, Elwood, Wintergreen, Whirlaway, Jet Pilot, Forward Pass, Seattle Slew, Go For Gin, Silver Charm and last year’s winner, Animal Kingdom. This year, you might pick from Daddy Long Legs, Hansen, Secret Circle, Gemologist, Alpha, Union Rags or Daddy Noes Best, to name a few.

Possibly a cocktail will help make the decision easier. The Mint Julep has been the traditional beverage of Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby for nearly a century. Each year, almost 120,000 Mint Juleps are served at the track over the two-day period of the Kentucky Derby weekend. That requires more than 10,000 bottles of Early Times Mint Julep Ready-to-Serve Cocktail, 1,000 pounds of freshly harvested mint and 60,000 pounds of ice.

So sing along to My Old Kentucky Home and then cheer for your favorite four-legged three-year-old for the next couple of minutes. When the dust settles and the photo finish has been reviewed, is that your horse wearing the 400-rose garland? Oh well, better luck next year!

The Kentucky Derby offers women a place to wear spectacular hats. Courtesy of Lady Diana Hats, Coeur d’Alene, ID

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Local News

Global Economy To Be Topic of Live and Learn Series

The next Live and Learn program will be titled China, India, and the United States and the Future of Economic Supremacy. The lectures will be on three consecutive Wednesdays, May 2, 9, and 16, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., at the Beach Club. Lecture titles are: Narrowing the Economic Gap, China’s Economic Miracle, India’s Rise from Isolation, The U.S. at the End of the Old Global Order, Strategies for the New Economic Order, The Future of the Three Economic Powers.

In the lectures Peter Rodriguez of the University of Virginia explores changes in the world economy through developments of three critical players. Rodriguez’ thesis is that the rise of China and India will dramatically transform the landscape of the global economy. These transformations have important implications for the United States and its role in the modern market place. This is a chance to find out, before everyone else, what to expect in the economic future.

Dr. Rodriguez is Senior Associate Dean for Degree Programs and Chief Diversity Officer at the Darden School of Business. He teaches global macroeconomics and international business. He earned his Ph.D. in Economics from Princeton University. He has received outstanding reviews as a lecturer.

Live and Learn Lectures are sponsored by the Community Development Alliance. Email Mary Stuart, marimstuart@gmail.com, if you would like a student guide book, $8.00. The format for the course is an audio-taped lecture, followed by a discussion. There is a small fee to cover the purchase of the tape.

Discover Your Artistic Talent

On Friday, May 4, plan to spend the afternoon at the Beach Club. From 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. you will be able to let your creativity flow by creating an acrylic painting of a Port Ludlow scene. We will enjoy wine, food and friends and painting with step-by-step instructions from Palettes and Pairings, palettesandpairings.com. Prepayment of $40 includes paint, brushes, canvas, supplies, wine and appetizers.

This Community Enrichment Alliance event is open to the community. Sign up now as space is limited. We must have a minimum of 20 participants and can accommodate no more than 42. Pre-pay at the Beach Club by May 1 or call Diane Ruff at 437-4160 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Living Well With Chronic Conditions Workshop

Home Instead Senior Care, Olympic Elder Services, Madrona Hill Urgent Care, Active Life Physical Therapy and the Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) of Port Ludlow have scheduled a series of free workshops. In collaboration with the Olympic Area Agency on Aging, these workshops are designed to lessen stress and frustration in individuals suffering from chronic conditions, such as diabetes, asthma, heart disease, chronic pain, arthritis and hypertension. The goal of the program is to help them live a healthy life with their chronic conditions by managing their symptoms. The first workshop will be taught by two trained leaders and will begin Wednesday, May 2, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the conference room at The Bay Club. They will continue for six consecutive weeks and are open to the public.

All of the materials to be used were developed by Stanford University’s Chronic Disease Self Management Program. Those caring for a loved one with a chronic condition may benefit from this workshop, also. Each participant will have access to a Living Well With Chronic Conditions book.

The meeting site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged with an advance seven-day notice. Space for the workshop is limited so please register soon. For more information, registration and to request accommodations for a disabled person, please call Paulette Dodgen at 866-582-1487 or 360-538-2457, or e-mail her at dodgepj@dshs.wa.gov.

Fire Commissioners’ Meetings

At the Friday, April 13 South Bay Community Association (SBCA) meeting, Director Richard Grieves urged residents of Port Ludlow to attend the monthly Fire Commissioner meetings, held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at our local Fire Station on Oak Bay Road.
**Marilyn Sandau’s Work Featured**

The Port Ludlow Artists’ League Artist of the Month is Marilyn Sandau. She will be honored at their “First Friday Reception” on **Friday, May 4**, at Columbia Bank. Her works will hang at the bank during May, as well as at the Artists’ League Gallery adjacent to the bank.

Sandau moved to Port Townsend four years ago after retiring from teaching Special Education for thirty-two years in Massachusetts. “I am not quite sure how I got into doing collage, but I have always been fascinated by color and composition,” Sandau says. Influenced by a Joseph Cornell exhibit in her college years, she began collage about ten years ago and became more focused on it after her recent retirement. Generally color-driven rather than thematic, her canvases become as she says, “magical things, where the pieces just come together until it feels right. I often become completely lost in the world I am creating.” Prompted by the “Small Expressions” show at Northwind, she has been working on smaller pieces as well as doing collages in series or groupings.

Sandau says, “My studio is my master bedroom, since it is larger than the others and gets terrific eastern and southern light. Who needs a big sunny room to sleep in?” Sandau’s pieces have been hung in various galleries from Vermont and Massachusetts to local galleries in Port Townsend, Port Ludlow, and Sequim.

League members and friends are invited to view Marilyn Sandau’s exhibit at the “First Friday Reception” on **May 4**, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the lobby of Columbia Bank on Oak Bay Road and from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Art Gallery adjacent to the bank.

In addition to Sandau’s artwork at the bank, some of our local and loyal merchants will be displaying artwork by other League members. Stop by, say “Hi!” and take a look at other fine art:

- Active Life Physical Therapy - Gary Griswold
- Coldwell Banker - Jeanne Joseph
- Columbia Bank (Conference Room) - Branan Ward
- Home Instead - Gary Griswold
- Mats Mats Chiropractic - Bonnie Stephan
- Port Hadlock Medical Clinic - Betty Harmon
- Port Ludlow Community Church - Barbara Adams
- Port Ludlow Golf Course - Joy Herring
- Gateway Visitor’s Center - Bonnie Stephan

**In The Gallery – A Visual Epicurean Delight!**

Port Ludlow Artists’ League will be exhibiting “You Are What You Eat!” in the Gallery during the months of May and June. Friends, artists and chefs are invited to attend the “First Friday Reception” at the Gallery adjacent to Columbia Bank in the Upper Village on **Friday, May 4**, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Come and meet the artists and see what they have “cooked up” for the exhibit which features a theme wall of edibles—drawn, painted, photographed, collaged, beaded or sculpted.

This is a culinary extravaganza not to be missed, and it won’t add a single calorie for all you dieters. Regular Gallery hours are 10:00 to 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**Artists’ Reception**

The North Bay Art Group invites the community to view their newest art exhibit titled “Spring into Summer” in the Gallery Room at the Beach Club. Please join us there for an Artists’ Reception on **Sunday, May 6** from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Whether your passion is oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, mixed media or photography, you will find something to tickle your fancy. Among those members exhibiting are Fran Bodman, Alisha Gruszewski, Bill Hansen, the late Phyllis Hansen, Bev and Dean Nelson, Sally Pendergast and Penny Sanzaro. If you are interested in purchasing a piece of artwork, please call the artist for the price.

For further information, or if you would like to join our group, please call Penny Sanzaro at 437-7970 or Sally Pendergast at 437-4001.

**Friday Market Opens**

_**by Sandie Schmidt, Market Manager**_

Your Friday Market is getting ready for another season! We open **Friday, May 11** and will run through **September 28**. Hours remain the same, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will again be located in the field just west of the Village Store.

Your favorite vendors are eager to open with one exception: Ike’s Fish will be starting his semi-retirement and will no longer join us. If you know of another seafood vendor, please let me know and/or let them know how to contact me. But, all your other favorites will be very happy to greet you with all their fabulous items. Mac’s Macaroons (pet items) is offering an opening day special:
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buy one bag of treats and receive one FREE! How great is that!

Visit Friday Market and see your friends and neighbors. You just never know what you will find. New vendors come and go each week. New vendors are welcome and those eager to attend may contact Market Coordinator Sandie Schmidt at 437-0882 or e-mail sjsandra5@msn.com.

Benefit Jewelry Trunk Show

On Friday, May 11, from 5:00-7:30 p.m., Working Image (WI) and Key City Public Theatre (KCPT) are teaming up for a fund-raising project to be held in Port Ludlow. Taking advantage of a significant bequest of unique imported jewelry that KCPT recently received from a donor, the two non-profits will turn the gift into funds for each group’s ongoing operations. The jewelry comes from Pakistan, India and Afghanistan. There will be an intriguing array of jewelry that includes turquoise, lapis, coral, hand-crafted beads and other semi-precious stones in exotic and traditional designs.

The event will be held in a private home located at 447 Bywater Way, Port Ludlow. The public is invited to shop from this unusual assortment of baubles, bangles and beads. Cash, checks or credit cards are welcome. For more information, call 360-301-9984, or for directions to the event, call 360-301-6902.

Master Gardeners Plant Sale Extravaganza

On Saturday, May 12 the Jefferson County Master Gardeners will have their semi-annual plant sale at the WSU Extension Building at 201 W. Patison in Port Hadlock. There will be trees, shrubs, berries, vegetables, ornamentals and native plants—all from Master Gardeners’ own plantings and for sale at exceptional prices.

For the first time, the sale also includes representative plants from local nurseries: Far Reaches, Naylor Creek, Kul Kah Han’s Garden, and Willow Wind. The sale starts promptly at 9:00 a.m. and ends at noon. These exceptional plants would make a great Mother’s Day gift. They’ll go quickly so plan to arrive early. For general information, contact Barbara Schultz at barbaras8@hotmail.com.

CEA’S Sixth Annual Mystery Dinner

Come solve the mystery. The Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) Mystery Dinner will be held on Monday, May 21. We will meet at the Bay Club at 4:00 p.m. to board the bus to our destination and enjoy friendly frivolity along the way. Incidentally, you will not be solving a murder mystery…the mystery is your destination.

Bus transportation is $28 per person. Payment should be made by check payable to CEA. You may make your reservation with Roz Greene at 437-7780, 31 Sea Vista Place or with Gloria Russell-Baker at 437-9509, 81D North Chandler Court. Your check will hold your reservation. The deadline for reservation refunds is May 14.

At the restaurant we will choose from an extensive menu and separate checks will be provided. Sit back, relax, leave the driving to the professional, and have fun.

Driver Safety Class

There will be an eight-hour Driver Safety course sponsored by AARP at the Beach Club on Monday, May 21 and Wednesday, May 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The course is designed to enhance and extend the safe driving experience for people ages 50 and over. However, drivers of all ages should benefit from this course.

The class will review recent changes in traffic laws, the changing driving environment and the latest in safety equipment in personal vehicles. The course contains information to enable the aging driver to continue to drive safely. There will be an emphasis on collision avoidance, and tips will be presented on how to reduce the chance of injuries in the event of a mishap.

Classes are open to the public. The cost is $12 for AARP members and $14 for non-members of AARP. Checks should be made out payable to AARP. If one wishes to join AARP before the class, call 888-687-2277 or visit www.aarp.org. You will immediately receive a membership number which may be used to secure the discounted class fee. Certificates of completion will be provided.

The Beach Club requests a daily room fee of $1 per person (please bring exact change).

To reserve a place in the class or to ask for further information, call Russ Henry at 437-2250 or e-mail him at russhenry62@gmail.com.
Taps for the Memorial Day Flag Ceremony

by Captain Jerry Conover, USMC (Retired)

The final Memorial Day Flag Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 28, at 11:00 a.m. to begin in front of the Bay Club followed by a concert of patriotic music in the auditorium.

Ten years ago, Barbara Wagner-Jauregg contacted Captain Jerry Conover, a former Marine. She inquired about the correct ways of disposing of an American flag, no longer fit for display, which had been in the personal effects of her late husband. Conover, experienced in heraldry, explained that an amendment to the Constitution Section 8(k), Chapter 1, Title 4 of the United States Code states that the flag, when it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. Conover, working with Mike Morgan and Gary Atkisson, planned the ceremony to include an opening prayer by Chaplain Jack Kaelbarger, USN (Ret.), and then the handing of the flags, with words of dedication, to the commitment flame. Following the ceremony, the Independents, a mixed choral group from Kitsap County, presented a program of stirring patriotic music. The concert was followed by refreshments.

It has become time to sound Taps on this event. I am afraid that age has crept up on the warriors as it has on the flags. And so we execute our final salute. It has personally been a very important event in my life, as I believe it has been for all of those participating. We were able to show our pride in our heritage, returning our allegiance to our country back to our community.

It has been the custom for each flag to be dedicated to a deceased military family member, acquaintance or group. Flags for disposal may be taken to the Bay Club prior to the event. For more information, call Jerry Conover at 437-0537 or Mike Morgan at 437-2208. Semper Fidelis.

Chili Cookoff at the Bay Club

Do you make the best chili you’ve ever tasted? Well then, enter the contest that the Bay Club is hosting on Friday, June 15 and strut your stuff. This event is open to the public and the winner will receive a special (surprise) prize. Though space is limited, a few more contestants would certainly be welcome.

Cooks will pay a $5 entry fee, which includes their table, with proceeds going to the renovation fund at the Bay Club. The tasters in the community will dine on your endeavors, with salad and bread provided by the Club for $12 per person.

Please contact Linda Colusurdo or Mike Morgan at 360-437-2208 to enter this tasty and fun event.

Anne of Green Gables with the CEA

Join us for a Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) outing to see this much loved story performed on Saturday, June 23. We will be going to the new but very historic Port Gamble Theater in the charming town of Port Gamble.

Tickets can be purchased at www.PortGambleTheater.com or by calling 360-977-7135. Tickets are $15 for adults and $12 for seniors. Play time is 8:00 p.m.

Our group will meet for dinner at Mike’s Four Star BBQ in Port Gamble at 6:00 p.m. Mike has great food and a large selection from which to choose.

In order for us to sit together as a group, please call Marilyn Durand at 437-7677 to let her know if you plan to join us. It will help Mike’s BBQ and the theater to accommodate us. Please join us.

Life Line Screening

Preventive Health Events

Have you taken control of your health today? Life Line Screening will be at the Port Ludlow Conference Center on Monday, June 11, offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. The screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. This event is also being sponsored by Harrison Medical Center. The Stroke, Vascular and Heart Rhythm Package ranges from $129 to $159. There is no time like the present to take action!

The screenings will be for: Carotid artery blockage (stroke), atrial fibrillation, abdominal aortic aneurysm,
**Festival by the Bay Tennis Competition**

by Deanna Richards, PLFA Tennis Chairman

This year’s Festival by the Bay will take place on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 27-29.** As a part of the Festival, the Port Ludlow Racquet Club would like to sponsor an event that would include all members of our tennis community. “We’re hoping it will be a fun social event for everyone,” commented Deanna Richards, event coordinator.

The event is not a ranked tournament, but a friendly competition. The format will be doubles and consist of seven rounds of four games each. Players will be assigned a different partner after each four games until all participants have played with one another. Each participant will record his/her individual game scores at the end of each round of four games. Each game won equals one point for
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a possible total score of 28 points at the end of the event. The highest scoring individuals will go on to the finals.

Participating in this event is a “win-win” for the community, the Festival, Chimacum Schools and OlyCAP (Olympic Community Action Programs) who are all beneficiaries. The entry fee is $10, and all participants are eligible for prizes. Forms will be available by Sunday, May 20, and can be picked up at either the Bay Club or Beach Club. If you have any questions about the event, call Deanna Richards at 437-8185.

PLAC Underwrites Bluegrass Hootenanny
by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, Guest Writer

At the conclusion of its 20th anniversary season presenting outstanding professional entertainment to Jefferson County audiences, the Port Ludlow Arts Council (PLAC) approved underwriting the full cost of bringing nationally touring bluegrass band Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen here to perform at the “Bluegrass Hootenanny,” an indoor-outdoor evening of bluegrass, barbecue and brews for the whole community, Saturday, June 23, 5:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the Bay Club.

Billed as an audience appreciation event, PLAC’s “Bluegrass Hootenanny” will feature a gourmet farm-style barbecue buffet supper catered by Joann Saul, owner of Dream City Catering and Fins Coastal Cuisine of Port Townsend. She and her team are leaders in catering and special event planning on the Olympic Peninsula. Locally crafted beer and hard cider as well as wine will be sold. Barbecue tickets are $25, with admission to the concert included in the price of the dinner. No one will be admitted to the concert without a dinner ticket.

Renewing subscribers for PLAC’s 2012-2013 concert series can purchase Hootenanny Barbecue tickets during the “Early Bird” renewal period that runs through Friday, June 1. All renewals will be handled by mail order only. Applications and envelopes can be obtained at both Bay and Beach Clubs. New subscribers are urged to pick up applications and mail them in now so they get a priority number. New subscriptions/dinner reservations will be processed Friday, June 1 with any remaining dinner tickets going on sale at the Bay Club beginning the next day.

Solivan’s bluegrass band is garnering attention across the country with many gigs scheduled. Central California-born Solivan migrated to Alaska in the 1990s, eventually becoming a vocalist and instrumentalist in the U. S. Navy country/bluegrass band, “Country Current.” Now residing in Alexandria, Virginia, he is a singer of power and passion, a writer whose articulate songs go straight to the heart, and a multi-instrumentalist on mandolin and fiddle, who combines the pure, hard drive of classic bluegrass with twenty-first century sophistication.

Village Phone Directory
by Tom Stone, PLVC Phone Directory Committee

The new Red Phone Directory is now here and on sale at the Bay and Beach Clubs and at the Friday Market.

If you desire home delivery, you may call Bob Azen, 437-9677, or Diane Purdy 437-1262.

The new Residential and Business phone directory has been totally revamped. A considerable amount of time has been spent ensuring that our 1,500 plus residential homes are included and correctly listed. The yellow page section includes those area businesses that know about us and want to do business with us. This is your opportunity to support these local vendors as well as getting good service. Following our new yellow page advertising section, you will find a new section loaded with coupons that will save you the cost of the directory, many times over. We have also included a brand new Port Ludlow map that includes the trails in our neighborhoods.

Some of the recipients of the proceeds from this Port Ludlow Village Council community project include the Port Ludlow Trails Committee, the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Wellness Committee and the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Port Ludlow Welcomes Zumba Instructor

Port Ludlow has a new Zumba Gold instructor. Sheri Fernandes has passed the torch to Marcelle Thimgan (pronounced ‘Timyan’). Marcelle brings 15 years of experience in bodywork and yoga to the popular Latin-inspired dance fitness class. An understanding of anatomy and physiology and passion for dance are expressed through her simple style. You just move your body and follow her lead through low-impact movement. It’s fun and liberating. Come enjoy Zumba Gold, one dance step at a time. The classes take place in the Port Ludlow Conference Center. The summer schedule is valid through September: Mondays and Fridays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Please contact Marcelle at 360-531-0914 or e-mail marcelle@olypen.com for further information.
You Did What?! How Many Stairs?!
by Linda Karp, Contributing Writer

On Sunday, March 11, Kurt Van Ness, a Career Fire Fighter/EMT for Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue ran up 69 flights, 1,311 steps to a 788-foot elevation in the Columbia Center in downtown Seattle to come in 15th out of 1,550 other fire fighters! Whew! All this he did while wearing 60 pounds of gear!

Why did he do this? It was for the Scott Firefighter Stair Climb, a fundraising event put on by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Over the years it has turned into a very competitive event for 1,500 plus firefighters. All funds raised go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

How does he train? Year round he tries to keep a good cardio base by biking, swimming, running, etc. Starting November 1, he begins training specifically for the stair climb. In November and December he runs stairs without his firefighter gear (Bunker Gear) in order to build up his cardio. This is done on the stairs at Fort Worden, Stadium High School in Tacoma, Robert Novak’s (a PLFR volunteer) beach house steps and on the Stair Mill at work.

In January he starts wearing a 50-pound weight vest in order to get accustomed to the weight of the Bunker Gear which is 60 pounds. In late January he starts wearing the Bunker Gear which adds heat and resistance. Then finally in February he does all his training in full gear, Bunker and SCBA. He takes the two weeks off before the climb with the exception of a massage to keep his legs fresh for the climb.

Kurt was born and raised in Chimacum where he attended all his years of school. He was one of four boys in his family, no girls. Since then they have added two daughters-in-law and one niece (along with a nephew) to this close family. After high school he attended Olympic Community College for Fire Science which led up to his job with PLFR. In 2008 he purchased his first home in Port Ludlow. When he’s not working, he spends his time going to school, hunting, fishing, mountain biking, cross fit gym workouts, working out with friends and “hanging out” with his “Little Brother” Isaiah. Kurt has been a part of Big Brothers/Big Sisters for six years. He is also learning the trade of installing and repairing blinds with Milt Morris.

Kurt started at PLFR as a Resident Fire Fighter five years ago. After one and one-half years as a Resident, he was moved into a Career FF/EMT position.

He says, “Over the five years I have worked at PLFR, I’ve acquired many skills, experiences and relationships that continually allow me to grow as an FF/EMT. Currently, I am an EMT-Basic, but would like to attend Paramedic School which would allow me to perform more life-saving procedures than my current scope of practice.”

How lucky Port Ludlow is to have such bright and ambitious young men serving our community!

PLFR Has Updated 911 System

In the United States national emergency telephone numbers began being used in 1968, implemented by AT&T. They were first used in the United Kingdom. They did not become widely used in the United States until the 1970s and many municipalities did not have 9-1-1 systems until the 1980s. Now, the majority of municipalities have an emergency system.

Jefferson Communications (JeffCom) provides dispatching services throughout Jefferson County including Port Ludlow. Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue has updated the dispatch center’s software programs with New World Systems software programs. JeffComm has obtained bonds and improved software and hardware, including the radio system itself. The enhanced 9-1-1 system provides the dispatcher address and phone numbers on the dispatch screen when someone calls 9-1-1. This is useful in the case of fires and other situations when communicating one’s address may be difficult.

Very recently, systems called smart systems have come available. The smart system allows citizens to enter any information they believe will help responders answer calls to their residence. The information must be updated every six months. The system is supported by existing 9-1-1 fees. Some municipalities have instituted these systems but critics complain about the frequency of updating, security problems and the cost of the system which may be used by few people.

Senior Men Sought as Volunteers

A Port Ludlow group seeks one or more senior men for volunteer work at Martha and Mary Retirement and Life Care Center in Poulsbo. The volunteers meet every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. to run a discussion group with senior male residents. Transportation is shared. Volunteers usually go to lunch together after the meetings. The work is very enlightening and rewarding. The only requirements are that the volunteer should be outgoing and understanding. If interested, contact Mike Fleming at 437-5172, or Tom McCay at 437-2156.
Port Ludlow Clinic Welcomes New Doctor

Jefferson Healthcare has announced that Dr. Shannan S. Kirchner will begin seeing patients at the Port Ludlow Clinic this month. Dr. Kirchner came to Port Townsend in 2006 and practices Family Medicine. Her areas of interest include general pediatric, adult and geriatric outpatient medicine.

Dr. Kirchner holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from McPherson College and received a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Iowa College of Medicine with a residency at the Family Practice Residency of Idaho. She is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.

Prior to making Port Townsend her home, Dr. Kirchner practiced in Anacortes, the San Juan Islands and Sitka, Alaska. She also had a private practice with Family Care Network in Bellingham, Washington for three years.

The Port Ludlow Jefferson Healthcare Clinic is located at 9481 Oak Bay Road, Suite A, in Port Ludlow. For appointments at the clinic, call 437-5067. Dr. Kirchner also maintains an office at the Jefferson Medical and Pediatric Group in Port Townsend, 360-385-4848.

Sheriff’s Report

For the month of March, 2012, there were a total of 32 recorded Port Ludlow events known to the Sheriff’s Office. Countywide, there were 598 events during March, 2012. The parameters defining Port Ludlow are SR 19, Tala Shore Drive, Oak Bay Road, and Olympus Boulevard.

- Agency Assist: 3
- Alarm or Incomplete 911 Call: 2
- Animal Control: 1
- Disturbance (unwanted persons, gunshots, etc): 2
- Miscellaneous/Informational: 5
- Suspicious Vehicle or Person: 3
- Theft/Burglary: 5
- Traffic Incident/Complaint: 3
- Welfare Check: 2
- Traffic Violations: 2
- Missing Person: 1
- Civil Assist: 3

Let’s keep our neighborhoods safe. Please contact the Sheriff’s Office if you notice any suspicious activity and always call 9-1-1 for an emergency!

Active Life Physical Therapy Welcomes Jessica Monroe, PTA

by Michael Haberpointner, PT, DPT

Here we “grow” again! We are pleased to welcome Jessica Monroe as a full time Physical Therapist Assistant. Jessica has a Bachelor of Science and Kinesiology degree from the University of Hawaii as well as a PTA degree from Whatcom Community College. She brings with her a strong background in exercise class instructing and personal training. Jessica is certified through the American Council on Exercise Personal Training and is also a “Les Mills” certified Body Pump instructor.

In addition to working with physical therapy patients, Jessica will begin offering exercise classes here in our clinic. One class will focus on core strengthening and balance and the other will be a custom designed class focusing on senior fitness. Jessica grew up in Chimacum and we are so pleased she chose to come back to her roots and work in our community. Clients will enjoy her professional instruction and positive personality.

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Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Alarms
Rescue/Emergency Medical 49
Service Call 5
Good Intent 7
Total Alarms 61

Ambulance Transports
Jefferson Healthcare 13
Harrison Medical Center 5
Harrison Silverdale 1
Total Transports 19

Mutual/Automatic Aid with Neighboring Districts
Provided 5
Received 3
Total Mutual Aid 8

Statement from Interim Fire Chief Brad Martin

This month I embark on a new path with my articles. Historically, they have been geared toward safety tips. Those are important. However, it’s also important to discuss what Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue (PLFR) is doing to ensure the continued high level of service that you’ve come to expect.

As all are very much aware, the Fire District is facing an unprecedented financial shortfall. Without community education about actions designed to overcome this hurdle, it is very easy for negative perceptions to develop. As your Interim Fire Chief, I am not only taking the situation very seriously, I am taking it personally as well. It is unacceptable to me that there are members in this organization and our community facing an uncertain future. The pressures that the men and women of Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue and our supporting community are experiencing are not fair or just. However, we will survive them and come out on the other side stronger, more cognizant of our vulnerabilities, and better financial planners.

I also believe that the only way we will succeed is to bring all stakeholders (commissioners, union and non-represented staff) together to develop solutions that will work now and ensure we avoid similar circumstances in the future. I am working diligently with all involved to overcome our fiscal uncertainty and form a plan that will allow us to focus on our mission and continue to provide the absolute best service to the community. Your firefighters want to do all that is possible to accomplish this as well.

I will do my best to provide current information to the community so you will know what we are doing to accomplish our mutual goals. However, I do ask for some patience and leniency as information may be presented at varying frequencies due to work group and research schedules, approvals, outreach to staff members and other reasons. Although these are trying times, information and feedback will be forthcoming. I thank you for your continued and unparalleled support of your local Fire District.
Community Meetings

First Wednesday Luncheon

It’s that time of the year. It is time for our somewhat annual Spring Fashion Show. The theme of the show will be “Spring into Fashion.” The clothes will be provided by several Port Townsend shops and the models will be our friends and neighbors. Rumor has it that a few of our local firemen will be there too.

So join us at the Bay Club on Wednesday, May 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Food Committee will provide the lunch. To make this an extra special event, table service will be provided. That means you do not need to bring your own plate and silverware. Instead of paying for your lunch, we ask that you make a donation to the Food Bank. This month we are requesting the following donations: tissues, toilet paper, feminine products and cereal. Of course, cash or checks are much appreciated.

Sign up at either the Beach Club or the Bay Club by Monday, April 30. After that, please notify Fran Bodman at 437-5110 if you plan to attend.

The last luncheon of the season will be on Wednesday, June 6 at the Bay Club. We will be entertained by our own Port Ludlow renowned pianist Kathie Sharp.

Container Gardening Tips

Pack your lunch (beverages and dessert provided) and join us for this interesting program Wednesday, May 9, 11:00 a.m. at the Beach Club.

This month the Port Ludlow Garden Club welcomes Michael Henery from Henery’s Garden Center in Port Townsend.

He will demonstrate planting herbs, edibles and flowers together in harmony.

Container gardening has something for everyone!

From the windowsill garden to the spacious outdoors, planting in pots and containers of every kind is limited only to one’s imagination.

Annual dues are $20 and non-members are welcome for a $5 fee.

Any questions relating to this program may be directed to Carol Grieves at 360-437-0881 or Nancy Kavanagh 360-437-5049.

Port Ludlow Book Club

Haunting? Definitely! Spellbinding? Absolutely! True? Unbelievably yes! That is a quick study of Gregg Olsen’s true-crime book, Starvation Heights: A True Story of Murder and Malice in the Woods of the Pacific Northwest. The Book Club will gather on Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 pm at the Bay Club to discuss this perplexing saga of medical murder set in an era of steamships and gaslights in which the author reveals one of the most unusual and disturbing criminal cases in American history. The author hopes to attend this discussion.

In 1911, two British heiresses submit to the ministrations of Dr. Linda Burfield Hazzard, a Seattle doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Hazzard’s office is in Seattle, but her “clinic” is in Olalla, WA, where she treats patients for an assortment of medical and emotional problems by starvation and enemas. The death of one of the sisters starts an investigation that reveals what evil really looks like.

Dr. Hazzard profits by slowly taking over bank accounts, pillaging jewelry and creating bogus powers of attorney. Her victims number in the forties, and what sets her apart from other serial killers are the methods she used and the slow suffering endured by her victims. No reader will ever forget Dr. Linda Burfield Hazzard and her sadistic technique of mass murder by starvation.

The book selection for June is Healer: A Novel, by Carol Cassella. The author, Dr. Cassella, will be our guest for the discussion. Everyone is welcome. For questions, please call Martha Dawson at 437-4167.

Senior Singles to Dine at the Red Lobster

Senior singles, please join us at the Red Lobster Restaurant in Silverdale. Our dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m. We will have our own room, order from the menu and, as always, enjoy the good food.

Please call our hostess, Marg, by Tuesday, May 8 to make your reservation as the restaurant must have a final count one week prior to dining. Marg’s number is 437-0917.

The Red Lobster is located at 3420 NW Randall Way in Silverdale. Bring your friends as all senior singles are invited. Remember your name tags!
Stamping and Paper Arts

May’s meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16 at the Beach Club from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Our program, “Changing Colors and Textures,” will be given by Monica Martin. Do you have cardstock on hand that is not quite the color you desire for that special card you’re about to make? Monica will show us how to change the color using colored chalk. Ever the creative card maker, she will also show us a new way to give plain paper a textured background look. Start looking around your house and yard for items such as a Brillo pad, bamboo mat or something that when pushed into a warmed foam product conforms to the item, and becomes a new stamp for making a textured background as it cools. And last, but not least, Monica will demonstrate stenciling made easy. Does this sound like an interesting and innovative morning? All are welcome to come and find out.

Remember to bring any “show and tell” cards or paper crafts to share, as well as your bargain-priced used stamps and supplies for others to see and purchase.

Home Theaters with Port Ludlow DigitalLife

Have you ever thought about having a home theater set-up in your home? Well, here is your opportunity to learn details from an expert in home theater and hi-fi installations. Come to the monthly open community meeting of Port Ludlow DigitalLife (PLDL) on Monday, May 14 to hear Patrick Higaki, a project manager with Nuts about Hi-Fi in Silverdale. He will cover the range of options now available for your own home theater. Did you know that vinyl records are back in the hi-fi marketplace? Hear his comments on what the audio market place is doing these days. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for a social time with cookies and coffee; the program will start at 6:00 p.m.

Other upcoming DigitalLife Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Workshops in May:

- Office SIG is Monday, May 7, 10:30 a.m. to noon.
- Special Topics SIG is Monday, May 21, 10:30 a.m. to noon.
- Mac SIG is Monday, May 21, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Photography / Pro Show Gold SIG is Monday, May 28, 10:00 a.m. to noon.
- Women’s Workshop is Monday, May 28, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Workshops are held every Saturday morning, 10:30 a.m. – noon. All SIGs and workshops meet at the Bay Club. For information about joining PLDL, contact Mary Ronen at 437-0268 or email maryr@olympus.net.

Port Ludlow Hikes for May and June

Friday, May 11: Hansville Trails
Join the group for an easy excursion of approximately 5 miles through wooded trails in North Kitsap County. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailhead. For information, contact Doris Monti at 437-0716 or Jack Riggen at 437-0370.

Friday, May 25: Spruce Railroad
This is a gentle walk of 8 miles along an historic abandoned railroad grade above Lake Crescent west of Port Angeles. The Dine and Discover event in June will be a presentation about the history of the Spruce Railroad. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailhead. For information, contact Dick or Heather Ullmann at 437-5010.

Tuesday, June 5: Low Tide Hike at Fort Worden
This is a special hike to take advantage of a minus 3-foot tide. We will have an easy walk along the beach from North Beach into Fort Worden. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailhead. For information, contact Doris Monti at 437-0716.

Friday, June 8: Upper/Lower Dungeness, aka Hot Dog Hike
It’s time for the annual hot dog hike. You may enjoy a moderate 6.4-mile hike or an easier 5.2 miles. The groups will hike either the Upper or Lower Dungeness. Bring a snack to enjoy at the half way point and then return to the trailhead for hot dogs, baked beans and other goodies. The cost is $3 per person. Bring your own beverage and folding chairs. Dessert donations are welcome. Sign up for one of four start times at the Beach Club. For additional information, contact Bernie Robinson at 437-0703.

Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop
Walk the 4.5-mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains and Mount Rainer. Meet at the trailhead on Timberton Road at 9:00 a.m. For information, contact Barrie Gustin at 437-8025.

For those who have a Big Shot or other type of embossing and die cut machine, we will continue to meet the day before our regular meeting day at the same club. Our next meeting is from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Beach Club on Tuesday, May 15. For more information, please contact Barbara Emerson at 437-7800.
PLAL May Meeting

Port Ludlow Artists’ League is pleased to host artist Gail Larson at their May meeting to be held at the Bay Club. Larson works in water media and oils but is best known for her collages.

Larson’s formal education includes the Cornish Art Institute as well as community colleges and workshops with local and nationally recognized artists. In 1996 she received Signature Membership in the National Collage Society and is an active member of the Northwest Collage Society. She is also a member of Sequim Arts and the Northwest Watercolor Society. She has received awards in collage, water media and oils.

Larson, from an early age, has always liked to create and turns to nature as her major source of inspiration. She commits her vision in the abstract and uses nature’s colors for her palette. She has found the Collage Society’s various “challenges” exciting; one such challenge for the Cancer Lifeline was to visually portray poetry. During the showing of the completed pieces, a grandmother was moved by Larson’s collage which reminded the woman of her granddaughter’s fight with cancer. “Having someone relate to your work in such a manner makes your work even more meaningful. Challenges get you out of your comfort zone and inspire you in new ways,” says Larson.

Guests are welcome to attend this monthly meeting, social time and program at the Bay Club on Wednesday, May 16, at 1:00 p.m. A guest fee of $5 may be paid for an individual meeting or dues of $30 will provide a year of inspiring programs for art lovers and artists of all levels. More information can be obtained by contacting President Wanda Mawhinney at 437-9081 or by e-mail at mawhinneyw_w@msn.com.

Port Ludlow Hiking

The Port Ludlow hiking group held a meeting in early April to plan our adventures for May through October. Thanks to Jack Riggen and many volunteers, the schedule was quickly completed and we enjoyed a potluck dinner.

Rating a hike’s difficulty is subjective, but our club has used these guidelines for many years:

Easy: Few or no hills. Up to 700-feet elevation gain. Under 4 to 6 miles.

Moderate: Up to 1,100-feet elevation gain. Usually 5 to 7 miles.

Difficult: Up to 1,600-feet elevation gain. Usually 6 to 9 miles.

Challenging: Over 1,600-feet elevation gain with sustained climbs. Generally 7 to 11 miles.

Hiking can be a physically demanding sport and occasionally potentially hazardous. A hiker must make a realistic determination of his/her physical condition when choosing a hike. Each hiker is responsible for carrying equipment and supplies that are appropriate to the hike and is solely responsible for his/her safety.

CEA at the Alchemy Bistro

Join the Out to Lunch Bunch at the Alchemy Bistro and Wine Bar at noon on Wednesday, May 23. The Bistro is located at 842 Washington Street in Port Townsend next to the Haller Fountain. Alchemy is the seemingly magical process of transmuting ordinary materials into something of true merit. Local foods are transformed into delectable dishes. You may select one of three complete meals that Chef Robert is preparing for us. Crab cake with petite ensalada, cioppino zuppa with petite ensalada or wild Cape Cleare salmon ensalada.

All meals include a petite dessert, coffee or tea, tax and gratuity for $20. Individual checks will be provided. Reserve your place by Monday, May 21 by calling Mary Stuart at 437-8140, by e-mail at marystuart@gmail.com, or sign up at the Beach or Bay Clubs in the binders at the reception desk.

Mark your calendar and join the Community Enrichment Alliance members, neighbors and guests at the Alchemy for almuerzo!

Dine and Discover

The Dine and Discover event for May has been cancelled.

On Monday, June 4, come to the Beach Club to hear the history of the Olympic Peninsula’s Spruce Railroad as only historian Steven Hauff can tell it. Gain insight into why this rail link, so close to Port Ludlow, was considered important to the country. Follow its construction and the problems encountered. Learn the origin of the name Spruce Railroad. Local hikers will recognize the name as a favorite hiking trail. What will be the fate of this railway, and what problems are still being encountered?

Remember to bring your own complete table settings including placemats, dishes, glasses, utensils, napkins and your favorite beverage. A $2 per person fee will be collected at the door. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. For questions, call Michael and Hilda Cahn at 437-8223.

This presentation ends this season’s Dine and Discover series. Dine and Discover will resume on Monday, October 1.
Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Report

by Vicki Tallerico, Secretary

President Pete Leenhouts called the Thursday, April 5 meeting of the PLVC to order at 3:00 p.m., in the Bay Club. Other Council members present were Jim Boyer, Tony Durham, Richard Grieves, Laury Hunt, Ned Luce, Lois Ruggles, Don Thompson and Elizabeth Van Zonneveld. Absent were Larry Nobles, Vicki Tallerico and Art Zoloth. A quorum was declared. The meeting was recorded. Eight residents attended the meeting. President Leenhouts welcomed them.

Council Actions and Committee Reports:

Secretary’s Report: A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the minutes of the PLVC General Meeting for March 1.

Treasurer’s Report: Don Thompson gave the recent Treasurer’s Report. IMQ Legal Fund contained $6,733. The General Operating account held $22,613. Certificate of Deposit stood at $10,926. General Operating funds available were $33,539. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Treasurer’s Report.

Iron Mountain Quarry (IMQ) Committee: Following a discussion concerning the IMQ History Report’s contents and confidentiality status, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the IMQ draft report and maintain its confidentiality until there can be a special meeting to review the report before taking the document public. A committee including Sub-Chairperson Lois Ruggles, and committee members Bev Browne, Pete Leenhouts and Elizabeth Van Zonneveld were appointed to review and red line the report. The committee members agreed to present the new draft to the council at their next Workshop on April 17.

Wellness Committee: Peggy Schafran extended an invitation to the PLVC Directors to attend the Healthcare CEO’s Meeting at the Beach Club on Wednesday April 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask questions to be answered by the speakers.

Utilities Committee: Phil Otness reported that he attended a meeting on April 3 concerning the progress of the contract for Public Utility District to assume transmission of energy to customers in Eastern Jefferson County. The transfer from the current provider, Puget Sound Energy, should take effect next March. The PUD is working with Rural Utility System (RUS) to obtain a low cost government loan for the purchase of the infrastructure. Due to the $89 million dollar stimulus grant received, NOA is working on the installation for Broad Band (Fiber Optics) by the summer of 2013.

Announcements: For meeting times, see box. Information about the PLVC and Port Ludlow is available at www.plvc.org. The meeting agenda is posted on the website at least one day in advance.

Newspaper Ad
Village Activities Calendar

Most events are open to everyone in the community unless members-only is indicated, or unless obviously for special-interest groups

May

Tues., May 1
8:00 – 9:00 a.m., Jefferson County Chamber Coffee Talk with speaker Debbie Wardrop, Resort At Port Ludlow
9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Trails/NRC Meeting, Bay Club
Noon – 5:00 p.m., PLUSH Investment Meeting, Bay Club

Wed., May 2
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., First Wednesday Fashion Show and Luncheon, Bay Club
1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Living Well with Chronic Conditions Workshop, Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA Live and Learn Lecture, Global Economy, Beach Club

Thurs., May 3
9:00 a.m. – noon, Bayview Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Knitwits, Beach Club
3:00 – 4:00 p.m., Bluebills Meeting, Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC General Meeting, Beach Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Timberton Homeowners Meeting, Bay Club

Fri., May 4
9:30 – 11:30 a.m., SBCA Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Create an Acrylic Painting with CEA, Beach Club
4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Artists’ League First Friday Reception honors Marilyn Sandau, Columbia Bank
5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Artists’ League Reception continues next door, Art Gallery

Sat., May 5
7:00 – 10:00 p.m., Mark Pearson Concert, Bay Club

Sun., May 6
7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Summer hours start, Beach Club
Noon – 4:00 p.m., Summer hours start, Bay Club
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., North Bay Artists’ Reception for Community, Beach Club

Mon., May 7
9:00 a.m. – noon, LOA Meeting (members), Beach Club
10:30 a.m. – noon, DigitalLife Office SIG (members), Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Timberton Board Meeting, Bay Club
5:00 – 7:00 p.m., South Bay Potluckers (members), Bay Club
Dine and Discover Cancelled, see Future Events for June

Tues., May 8
6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Book Club, Bay Club
7:00 p.m., Fire Commissioners’ Meeting, Fire Station

Wed., May 9
11:00 a.m., Garden Club Brown Bag Lunch with Speaker, Beach Club
Noon – 4:00 p.m., Golf Demo Day with Callaway, Cleveland and Ping, Golf Course
1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Living Well with Chronic Conditions Workshop, Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA Live and Learn Lecture, Global Economy, Beach Club
7:00 p.m., USCG Auxiliary General Meeting, Fire Station

Thurs., May 10
10:00 a.m. – noon, Drainage District for North Bay Meeting, Beach Club
Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club

Fri., May 11
8:30 a.m., Hiking Club leaves for Hansville Trails, Bridge Deck
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Friday Market Opening Day, Village Center
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
10:00 a.m. – noon, Inner Harbor Board meeting (members), Bay Club
5:00 – 7:00 p.m., SBCA Monthly Social (members), Bay Club
5:00 – 7:30 p.m., Benefit Jewelry Sale for WI/KCPT, 447 Bywater

Sat., May 12
10:00 a.m., PLYC Opening Day Festivities, Marina

Sun., May 13
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Mother’s Day Brunch, call The Fireside at 437-7412 for reservations

Mon., May 14
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Woodridge Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
3:30 – 5:30 p.m., MGA Board Meeting, Bay Club
4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Wellness Committee Course on Brain and Aging, Bay Club.
5:30 – 6:00 p.m., DigitalLife Social Time, Bay Club
6:00 – 8:00 p.m., DigitalLife Home Theaters presentation, Bay Club

Tues., May 15
10:00 a.m. – noon, Big Shots Paper Arts Group, Beach Club
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Knitwits, Beach Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC Workshop, Beach Club
5:00 p.m., Senior Singles dine at the Red Lobster in Silverdale
5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Fairwood Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
6:30 p.m., Reader’s Theater, for location call 437-2861

Wed., May 16
10:00 a.m. – noon, Stamping and Paper Arts, Beach Club
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Artists’ League meeting with guest artist Gail Larson, Bay Club
1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Living Well with Chronic Conditions Workshop, Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Olympic Terrace Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA Live and Learn Lecture, Global Economy, Beach Club

Thurs., May 17
5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Niners Couples Group, Beach Club

Fri., May 18
9:30 – 11:00 a.m., South Bay ARC Review Meeting, Bay Club
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Sat., May 19
6:00 – 9:00 p.m., North Bay Western BBQ, Potluck and Dance (members), Beach Club

Mon., May 21
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., AARP Driving Class, Beach Club
10:30 a.m. – noon, DigitalLife Special Topics SIG (members), Bay Club
10:30 a.m. – noon, Teal Lake Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
4:00 p.m., CEA Mystery Dinner bus leaves from Bay Club
6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Mac SIG (members), Bay Club

Wed., May 23
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., AARP Driving Class, Beach Club
Noon, CEA Out to Lunch at Alchemy Bistro, Port Townsend
1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Living Well with Chronic Conditions Workshop, Bay Club

Thurs., May 24
Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
1:00 – 4:00 p.m., LMC Board meeting (members), Beach Club

Fri., May 25
8:30 a.m., Hiking Club leaves for Spruce Railroad, Bridge Deck
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Callaway Tour Van, Fit and Build Clubs, Golf Course
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club

Mon., May 28
10:00 a.m. – noon, DigitalLife Photography/Pro Show Gold SIG (members), Bay Club
11:00 a.m., Memorial Day Flag Ceremony and Concert, Bay Club
4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Wellness Committee course on Brain and Aging, Bay Club.
6:00 – 7:00 p.m., DigitalLife Women’s Workshop, Bay Club

Wed., May 30
1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Living Well with Chronic Conditions Workshop, Bay Club

Future Events
SBCA Board Meeting, June 1
Free Spirits Annual Meeting and Member Recognition Party, June 5
First Wednesday with Kathie Sharp on Piano, June 6
Life Line Screening, June 11
Chili Cookoff, June 15
Anne of Green Gables Theater Party, June 23
Junior Golf Program begins, June 23
Bluegrass Hootenanny with Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen Band, June 23
Rally for the Cure, July 12
SBCA Annual Meeting, July 18
Festival by the Bay, July 27, 28 and 29
Hiking Club Fall Getaway, September 10 to 13
Arts Council Champagne Opening Concert, September 22
Beginning Computer Class starts, September 29
Dine and Discover resumes, October 1

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Important Dates

LOA Meeting
Monday, May 7, 9:00 a.m.
E-mail: PortLudlowLOA@yahoo.com
Sign up for the LOA Bulletin online at the above address

LMC Board Meeting
Thursday, May 24, 1:00 p.m.
Tel: 437-9201
E-mail: beachclub@olympus.net
Sign up for the Navigator online at the above address
Visit www.lmcbeachclub.com for more complete information
All LMC members are welcome.

LMC March Board Meeting Highlights
by Vaughn Bradshaw, LMC Secretary

The monthly business meeting of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board of Trustees was held Thursday, March 22 at the Bay View Room of the Beach Club. The following are highlights of that meeting:

General Manager Brian Belmont reported that problems are being experienced with the indoor pool area dehumidification system. The air-handling portion of the unit is encased in sheet metal which is rusting out and parts have disintegrated. The overall unit is over 25 years old. One of the compressors was replaced a few years ago and the other compressor is believed to be the original. A relay failed earlier in the year. It was repaired and is working at this time. Before too long the whole system will need to be replaced. Bids for simply replacing the system were solicited from contractors, but the units proposed ranged from 8 to 15 tons, and prices varied from $18,000 to $50,000. It was determined that the correct approach would be to have the system engineered and design specifications prepared. That will include adding an outside air intake. There is currently no outside air feeding the system or the room, but the County will require this if the system is replaced. A proposal was requested and has been received from Hunt Engineering to perform the mechanical engineering and design work necessary for $4,500. This proposal will be reviewed in detail before being considered for approval.

It was reported that the Talbot part of the trail system is now marked by the Trails Committee.

It was reported that the resort operators had invited a biking magazine and trails people to come look at and try out the trails in Port Ludlow for biking use by outside guests. The Trails Committee of the Village Council develop and maintain trails for the use of Master Planned Resort (MPR) residents, their guests and guests of the Resort. There are four biking trails in that system, counting Montgomery Lane which is paved.

The other three trails that are approved for biking use belong to Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) and include the Timberton Loop, the Niblick’s Loop and the now-closed back nine Golf Course. None of LMC’s trails other than Montgomery Lane are approved for bike-riding. In the past, “No Biking” signs were placed at the top of Rainier and these will be replaced.

The Board approved Alisha (Ali) Gruszewski as a new member of the Communications Committee.

The LMC Strategic Long Range Planning project was presented in detail at the April 21 Annual Meeting to inform members, and more importantly to get member input and ideas. Specifics continue to be available on the Beach Club website, www.lmcbeachclub.com, click on General Info. To review Navigator issues on line, click on Newsletter, and by reviewing Voice issues on line, click on Newsletter, then Port Ludlow Voice. Tours of the affected areas were held on April 13 and April 18.

One of the elements of the Strategic Long Range Plan is correcting deficiencies in the Beach Club electrical system. The Board has received a schematic design for this work from Hunt Engineering. The schematic design documents are currently under review by the LMC.

Another element of the Strategic Long Range Plan is a project to correct drainage deficiencies around the Beach Club. The LMC received four design proposals for this work, and has tentatively selected Northwestern Territories Inc. (NTI) civil engineers. Some follow-up questions need to be answered by NTI before the contract is formalized.
Join the Conversation
by Teddy Clark, LMC President

The Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, April 21 at 2:00 p.m. at the Beach Club Bay View Room starting with a business meeting with opportunities for member participation. As members in our community association, participation strengthens our association. Following the meeting, there was a lively social event supported by the LOA (Lot Owners Association) and the LMC.

The accomplishments of the past year were reviewed at the meeting. Our amazing volunteers have supplied work, time, creative ideas and energy, with assistance from our dedicated General Manager Brian Belmont and staff. We are fortunate in having six hardworking Standing Committees and an Election Service Committee.

As the Board of Trustees worked to establish a Strategic Long-Range Plan for the management of LMC assets, additional committees formed to help complete this important goal. First, a Collaboration Team consisting of four trustees and members from the Operations and Finance Committees, plus several community members with backgrounds in engineering, operations and finance worked with the professional Facilities Evaluation of LMC properties. The Facilities Project Team, Financial Team and Communication Team addressed specific issues. Currently, an energetic team is working on plans for our annual meeting. All these people share a vision and mission of making this a harmonious community that reflects integrity, creativity and respect.

Six Standing Committees meet once or twice monthly to keep our community association running smoothly. Meetings, like all meetings of the LMC Board of Trustees and committees, are open to members. The committees also post information on the Beach Club bulletin boards. Each committee has a chairperson plus several volunteers and two trustees. The committee chair reports their group’s work at each monthly meeting and the two trustees of the committees can also serve as liaisons between the board and the committee. Clear, good communication between the Board of Trustees, committees and members is critical to an effective community association.

Tom Satterlee chairs the Operations Committee along with a lively group of volunteers. This committee has oversight of the Beach Club, Kehele Park and the RV Park, and work closely with Brian Belmont. Many of you may remember the excitement of the group last spring when celebrating the reopening of our beautifully refurbished outdoor pool.

Our Greenbelt Committee is currently chaired by knowledgeable, involved Jack Riggen. The committee has a huge job since our Greenbelt is composed of acres and acres of trees adjoining many members’ properties.

The Finance Committee is serious about safeguarding the assets of the LMC but do manage a few notes of humor with Ned Luce as chair. They are truly dedicated and hard at work thinking about long range financial possibilities to sustain our Beach Club and Reserve Fund over the long term.

When you want to have an interesting conversation, just chat with Sue Milner or anyone on her Communications Committee. They are very involved in communication throughout our community. One of their tasks is to publish the LMC Navigator. This committee is also actively exploring numerous possibilities for participation by everyone in our community. They will always invite you to join the conversation.

Carol Shamhart actively chairs the Covenants and Regulations Committee. The committee dives deeply into the complexities of our governing documents. These documents are the framework which assists all of us in living together in harmonious association.

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC), chaired by Bill Clark, reviews plans for home construction, remodeling, fencing and other property amenities and trees and views. As we all know, striking a balance between growing trees and neighborhood views can be difficult. The ACC is charged with mediating in this area.

Having strong committees is the heart of a vibrant community association. I want to extend accolades to each committee chair and their members. They all work hard but have a bit of fun in the process. Thank your volunteers, but better still, meet them all in person and extend your thanks. Catch the spirit and join the conversation.

Update from the Manager
by Brian Belmont, General Manager

Don’t you just love spring? Beautiful flowers are in bloom, mother deer are showing off their fawns and the Beach Club’s outdoor pool opens. All are signs that spring has arrived in Port Ludlow.

Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) members should mark their calendars – the outdoor pool will open Friday, May 18 and will remain open through September.

Another indicator of spring is that the Beach Club will be open every day beginning Sunday, May 6 through

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**September 30.** Our hours of operation will be 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. daily.

In my April *Voice* article, I reported that Hunt Engineering Services, Inc. was hired by LMC to prepare a schematic design of the existing electrical switchgear, electrical panels and major mechanical equipment. Hunt submitted the draft design to LMC in March.

Hunt Engineering will now be asked to work on design development that will include sizing and location of any new electrical equipment and an estimate of costs. Once this phase is completed, LMC will work with Hunt to prepare necessary construction documents which will define the scope of work providing us with the necessary documents for bidding, permits and construction.

You may notice lots of bright colored paint marking the pavement and road near the Club. In order to address Beach Club drainage issues, the LMC Board of Trustees has contracted with Northwestern Territories, Inc. (NTI) to prepare the following:

- Boundary survey of the Beach Club property with topographical survey and as-built mapping.
- Handicap parking improvement and emergency exit feasibility study.
- Final drainage plans and construction engineering.
- NTI’s work should be completed by early May.

LMC will continue to update our members as new information becomes available so that informed decisions can be made as we continue to work hard at sustaining the assets of the association and make plans for the future.

If you have questions or comments about this article, or about ongoing work at the Beach Club, I can be reached at 360-437-9201 or beachclub@olympus.net.

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**North Bay Potlucks Season Finale**

To cap a very successful season, North Bay Potlucks will present a Western BBQ dinner followed by a demonstration of line dancing and the cowboy two-step. You can even learn a few easy steps yourself. Wear your Western duds and ride on down.

This event will take place on **Saturday, May 19** at 6:00 p.m. at the Beach Club for only $6 per person. Delicious BBQ will be provided along with wine and beer. Bring your own tableware and a dish to share.

Sign up at the Beach Club. For more information, call Fran Bodman at 437-5110.

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**Beach Club Swimming Schedule**

**Spring Youth Classes**

May Sessions are offered on Thursday afternoons only. In June classes are offered at the following times:

- **Wednesday, June 6; Monday, June 11; Wednesday, June 13; Monday, June 18** and **Wednesday, June 20**

  Session times are 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Level 1 and 2), 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Level 3 and 4), and 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Level 5 and 6).

**Summer Youth Classes**

Summer Sessions are on Mondays and Thursdays:

- **Monday, June 25** and **Thursday, July 5; Monday, July 9 and Thursday, July 19; Monday, July 23 and Thursday August 2; Monday, August 6 and Thursday, August 16; and Monday, August 20 and Thursday, August 30.**

  Session Times are: 12:10 - 12:40 p.m. (Level 5 and 6), 12:50 - 1:20 p.m. (Level 3 and 4), and 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. (Level 1 and 2).

**Adult Classes**

Times: Monday and Wednesday afternoons in June and July. Beginner classes are 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. and stroke refinement classes are 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

**Junior and Senior Lifeguarding**

Classes take place on Monday and Wednesday evenings in August from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. The instructor is Lynn Hovde. Class cost is $55 for 8 lessons. To register, call 765-3994 or 531-4656. Private lessons are available at $15 per 30 minutes/$25 per hour.

Lessons are for Beach Club members and their guests. 

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SBCA Meeting Report
by Janet Force, South Bay Editor

South Bay Community Association (SBCA) President Pat Traci called the monthly Board meeting to order on Friday, April 13, 9:30 a.m. Directors Tom Claudson, Richard Griesves, Sue Oemichen, Ken Thomas and Sharon Walker were present. Chris Whitehurst was absent.

Mike Morgan and Linda Colasurdo of the Bay Club staff, Recording Secretary Mea Graham, and 21 SBCA members also were in attendance.

After a quorum was determined, 6/7, it was moved, seconded and passed (MSP) to approve the agenda, with the addition of the monthly social for this meeting. The motion to approve the March minutes with no changes was also MSP, 6/7.

Thomas reported the financial highlights for February, showing the Total Current Assets for the month to be $344,072.07, Total Assets to be $674,722.57, an increase of $38,207.74 over last year’s Total Assets. The Income Statement for February showed total revenues of $6,355.75 and Total Operating Expenses of $35,084.00 and a Net Operating Surplus of $45,624.63 for the 2011 fiscal year. (Note: The surplus is always high the first month of the quarter due to the majority of dues being paid during that month, while expenses are very consistent month to month.) The Maintenance Reserve is $242,224.77 with no expenditures, and the Renovation Fund is $15,016.84 with no expenses. MSP to approve February 2012 financial report.

The motion for Contract review and approval process was MSP under Old Business, and one motion was MSP under new business: The Bay Club staff will sell tickets to the Festival by the Bay.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 11:32 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Friday, May 4, 9:30 a.m. at the Bay Club.

SBCA April Meeting Highlights
by Jen Portz, Contributing Writer

Architectural Review (ARC): Linda Colasurdo reported one generator application was dealt with. The ARC had sent a letter to the Board regarding suspension of review of view issues until legal counsel had responded to their questions. Pat Traci advised that answers had been received from Richard Shattuck. Once the Board and ARC disseminated the information it would be made public, addressed in a Village President’s meeting and in a joint ARC-Board meeting open to residents.

Facilities Planning: Richard Griesves reported the Landscaping Notebook would be available at the front desk until Thursday, May 31 for member review. It contains comment sheets which should be left at the front desk.

Finance: Ken Thomas noted the committee is still looking for ways to save money or increase revenue. Comments may be sent to Thomas at takitho@msn.com.

Long Range Planning: Kay Cathcart opened a lengthy discussion regarding the final draft of the proposed community survey saying the committee was “not looking to make changes” but wanted to “keep things fresh.” Sue Oemichen noted the vote was just for “the content (of the survey) to be approved.” Several other factors are still undecided, specifically, ways the survey might be returned, controls to eliminate duplicates, the minimum amount returned for the survey to be considered valid, who will compile and evaluate information received and how any results will be used. Sharon Walker suggested the committee’s flow-chart, which indicates the anticipated steps left to be accomplished, be included. Responding to one of Walker’s question, Cathcart noted the survey was to be about the facility rather than the people, saying “we want to enrich the community, to look for general versus specific. Specifics would be thrown out, they’d be biased.” Tom Claudson stressed the cover letter must explain the purpose of the survey. It is

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anticipated that it will be sent with the notice of annual meeting to cut costs and hopefully increase the response rate. Approval of the survey’s content was by a 4 to 2 vote with Walker and Claudson dissenting.

Operations: Morgan noted membership had increased to 550 members. The Reserve Study and Audit were being finalized and expected by May. The initial draft budget was being worked on, employee insurance reviewed, and building insurance renewed for three years with a two percent increase. Beginning in May the Club will be open Sundays from noon to 4:00 p.m. Evan Olson will be moving so a new employee is being sought for the evening shift; no current employees are interested. The pool heater and spa motor were replaced and the spa re-plumbed after a check valve failure, the HVAC fan motor and thermostat were replaced, back patio tiles replaced and building trim is being painted as weather permits.

Other Meeting Highlights: New directories will be available in May. The meeting moved into executive session; when they returned to open session, a motion to accept the proposal for insurance coverage for employees was made and passed unanimously. (The Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, July 18 at 3:00 p.m.)

Bay Club Landscaping Update
by Robert Burns, Guest Writer

As noted in the last edition of the Voice, the South Bay Homeowners Association Board has undertaken an examination of the residents’ opinions regarding the landscaping surrounding the Bay Club. A notebook, located at the Reception Desk, has been developed to facilitate the collection of comments, suggestions and recommendations. The period for comments is Sunday, April 1 – Thursday, May 31. Following are responses to frequently asked questions:

Why is this necessary? The Bay Club Landscaping is more than 20 years old and has undergone a number of changes since its original installation. There is a need to remove, replace or otherwise fix up a number of plants and areas. As with any real estate, the community center landscaping provides residents with a certain level of enjoyment and has a significant impact on the perception of the health of the community, particularly with potential home buyers.

Who will decide on the new design? The Board will have the final decision as to design, types of plants and cost. The Board’s decision will be based on recommendations from a Landscaping Design Team, which will be composed of any resident who volunteers to participate.

What are the plant types? Since the landscaping will reflect the Port Ludlow theme of “A Village in the Woods by the Bay,” there will be little change in existing plantings. Changes will involve items that require little to no maintenance such as native or dwarf species, have low watering needs and are resistant to pests and diseases. There will be no exotic plants.

What will be the cost? Little to no new monies will be needed. Volunteer work parties will be used to offset labor costs, residents will be asked to donate plants for free, requests will be made for monetary donations, the current landscaping contract will be renegotiated to shift committed dollars, and if necessary, needed items will be purchased at substantial discounts. No expenditures will be made without specific Board scrutiny and approval.

What are the time frames? After the community input period ends on Thursday, May 31, the Landscaping Design Team will summarize the responses, perform an evaluation using objective criteria, and make recommendations to the Board for action at the August Meeting. Planting season is the beginning of September through the middle of November.

All residents are encouraged to become involved with this project.

SBCA LRPC Update
by Sue Oemichen, SBCA Director

The South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) is an advisory committee to the SBCA Board of Directors on all matters pertaining to long-range planning issues that may affect the growth, preservation, maintenance, and value of SBCA membership. This committee is in the very early phases of developing a long-range plan. To begin the process, an analysis of SBCA’s strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities will be completed to formulate the SBCA’s vision for the future. We need the thoughts and ideas of our membership for this analysis. We will begin the process of getting input from our membership with a survey. This survey will be sent out in June. Details regarding the distribution, return, and reporting of information back to our membership will be in the June Voice. Our membership’s input is vital to developing a realistic vision and long-range plan. We want our community to be involved in every step of our process. Please watch for the survey coming in June and plan to participate. We appreciate your help and participation.
SBCA Board of Directors Goals Update
by Sue Oemichen

As you will recall in the October 2011 Voice, Pat Traci, President SBCA Board of Directors discussed the goals adopted by the Board of Directors for this year. The Board has been working hard to complete these goals. The three overall goals are listed below followed by the specific actions for each goal and our accomplishments to date. Please attend a Board meeting held the first Friday of the month for further updates. We have done a lot this year and have more to do.

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<td>Reaching out to Village presidents twice to enlist ideas on how to improve communications between the SBCA Board and the community.</td>
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<td>Expanding the Finance Committee to include members from the community to review expenses and make recommendations, as indicated, to the Board and members.</td>
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<td>First meeting held December 5, 2011. Ten Villages were represented. Second meeting scheduled for April 16, 2012.</td>
<td>Ken Thomas cross-trained in the Treasurer’s role.</td>
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<td>Encouraging member attendance at Board of Director’s meetings.</td>
<td>The Finance Committee making their final Process Review report to the Board and members.</td>
<td>Two community members added to expanded Finance Committee. Approved at December 2011 Board meeting.</td>
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<td>Voice articles. Ongoing by word of mouth.</td>
<td>Completed. Given to Board December 2011.</td>
<td>Finance Committee is working on suggestions to increase revenues.</td>
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<td>Conducting a survey of members to determine how communication and services can be improved.</td>
<td>The Finance Committee recommending an auditor and the completion of the independent audit by June 30, 2012.</td>
<td>Reviewing and analyzing the SBCA Reserve Fund Study completed in 2010-2011 and current legislation to implement a Reserve Study process.</td>
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<td>Writing monthly articles for the Voice highlighting a particular Board business subject or achievement.</td>
<td>Reviewing and revising, as indicated, the Association’s mission and developing a vision for the future of SBCA.</td>
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Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in making a difference in your community? Would you like to better understand how your homeowner’s association works? Are you willing to share your talents and skills with your neighbors? If so, the SBCA (South Bay Community Association) Nominations Committee has an opportunity for you. The SBCA Board of Directors has three openings on our seven-member board. Each year SBCA members elect three or four Board members, depending on the year, to fulfill a two-year term. Please call Ken Thomas at 437-7906, Sue Oemichen at 437-0697, or Linda Colasurdo at 437-2208 if you are interested in running for the SBCA Board of Directors or if you have additional questions. This is a great opportunity to support your SBCA community.
Member Recognition and Annual Meeting:

Tuesday, June 5 at 5:30 p.m., all Free Spirits are invited to the Annual Meeting and Membership Recognition Party at the Bay Club. The cost is nominal ($5 per person). Save the date!

We have three goals for that evening: to recognize our volunteers/members for their support; to enjoy great pizza, beverages and good friends; and to introduce next year’s Board and events. Signup at the Bay Club begins Thursday, May 10 and ends Saturday, June 2.

Opportunity is Knocking:
The Free Spirits Board is looking for new members who will participate in planning next year’s events. We have begun adding co-chairs for each position to allow for flexibility and diversity; having a co-chair provides for sharing coordination responsibility. We need new and different ideas for our events and new people bring new energy.

Free Spirits has, for several years, offered five events a year. Because the number of activities in the area has increased, the Board has been discussing a reduction in the number of events for next year. We would maintain the major events (July and December) and look to modifying the others according to interest. The Board meets 2-3 times for each event approximately an hour and a half.

We need co-chairs for the following positions: Chef, Treasurer, Coordinator of Volunteers and Scribe. Tasks for Board Members include menu planning and preparation, room and table set-up, finding volunteers for events, managing the bar, and/or generally assisting in over-all planning for events. Experience is not required.

As you are looking toward next season (July through June), consider joining the Board of Free Spirits and add your ideas for planning, implementing and celebrating future events for South Bay. It is occasionally hard work; however, it is more often fun and the rewards are many. If you are interested or have questions about the positions, contact Sherry Robinson at sarrobinson@msn.com.

South Bay Potluckers Meet

April Showers bring May Flowers for the South Bay Potluckers. Join them on Monday, May 7 at 5:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. Meet your neighbors and celebrate the arrival of spring. Sign-up sheets are available at the Bay Club desk. Please sign up for a main dish, salad, or dessert. Coffee will be provided. Don’t forget your table service and your choice of beverage. Direct questions to Marge or Dick Beil at 437-0212.

South Bay Members’ Social

Join your neighbors on Friday, May 11, 5:00 p.m., at the Bay Club for the next monthly social event of the year. Relax with friends, meet new neighbors and welcome our returning snowbirds. Please remember to bring an appetizer to share with provided beverages.

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The Rawsons Perform Hungarian Dances

Join Alan and Sandy Rawson at their Chimacum home on Friday, May 4 and Sunday, May 6, 2:00 p.m., for the complete (21) Hungarian Dances by Johannes Brahms, arranged by his close friend and associate, violinist Joseph Joachim. While originally published for four-hands piano, their inspiration was from pure folk and popular gypsy fiddle playing, captured in its essence in this version by the great Hungarian virtuoso. From the depths of sorrow to ecstatic elation, a world of human emotion unfolds in these miniature studies.

Complementary to the wonderful music, Sandy will again apply her love of gourmet preparation for a splendid reception with Hungarian favorites to follow the music.

Seating is limited and arranged through advanced paid reservation of $22. Checks should be made payable and mailed to Dr. Alan Rawson, 10318 Rhody Drive, Chimacum, WA 98325. For further information, go to www.rawsonduo.com or telephone 360-379-3449. The e-mail address is rawsonduo@gmail.com.

Coffee Concerts are Back

Gwendolyn Moore’s popular Coffee Concerts have returned after her adventures on the upper Amazon in Peru (but that’s another story). Each concert is performed on Mondays and repeated on Tuesdays, from 9:45 a.m. until noon. The music is greatly enhanced by Gwen’s commentary. Barbara Hinchliff often joins Gwen for two-hand piano music.

May concerts will include the following music: Monday and Tuesday, May 7 and 8, Schumann’s Fantasy Pieces and Copland’s Concerto No.1; on Monday and Tuesday, May 14 and 15, Schubert, Debussy and Chopin will be offered; on Monday and Tuesday, May 21 and 22, Beethoven and Bach will be featured and on Monday and Tuesday, May 28 and 29, you will hear some Schubert and Beethoven. The website should be up and running soon for more complete details, or call Gwendolyn at 385-3626 to get on the e-mail list.

Admission to the concerts is $10, or $45 for a five-concert ticket book. Proceeds fund musical scholarships for local students. The concerts are held at 523 Blue Ridge Road in the Discovery Bay area. You may call the above number to get directions to the venue.

Kitsap Forest Theatre

Enjoy a performance of Fiddler on the Roof at Kitsap Forest Theatre at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, beginning May 27 through June 17. There will also be a performance on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28.

In the little village of Anatevka, Tevye, a poor dairyman, tries to instill in his five daughters the traditions of his Jewish community in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. Rich in historical and ethnic detail, Fiddler has touched audiences around the world with its humor, warmth and honesty, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy and sadness.

The rich score features songs loved the world over such as Sunrise, Sunset, If I Were A Rich Man, and Matchmaker.

What a setting for this beloved musical! The quarter-mile trail to the stage transports you to a magical place where stories have come to life for the past 84 years. Instead of curtains or lights, there are singing birds, a babbling creek and a sun-dappled stage. This unique venue is located on a 360-acre rhododendron preserve owned by the Mountaineers near Bremerton on Seabeck Highway. The stage is surrounded by giant old-growth fir with ferns serving as “footlights” while cedar bark and living moss cover the “wing walls.” Seating is carved out of the side of a natural amphitheater. The trail opens at 1:00 p.m. Food is available for purchase or you may take your own picnic.

Go to www.foresttheatre.com for more information and directions to this unique venue. The theatre may be reached at 800-573-8484 or 206-521-6000 and press 1.
PLAC’s New Season Features Strings of All Persuasions, Jazz and Music of Hollywood

by Barbara Wagner-Jaquerg, Guest Writer

Attendees at the final concert of the Port Ludlow Arts Council’s (PLAC) 20th anniversary season of Performing Arts in Port Ludlow got a sneak peak at the 2012-2013 Season. A six-concert series, still priced at the same level as the just-concluded season, will include a premier American indie string quartet; an all-acoustic quartet with roots in Argentina playing a modern variant of Gypsy jazz; the return of Ludlow favorite jazz vocalist Greta Matassa; a trio with worldwide roots playing world music and classical arrangements; a Russian-born pianist exhibiting her passion and surrender at the keyboard—and the long-awaited return of the “longest-running” Phantom, none other than Franc D’Ambrosio.

Subscribers attending the April concert received renewal packets; all others were sent by mail—providing them a priority renewal period until Friday, June 1. Renewals are only accepted by mail. Those wishing to become subscribers are encouraged to pick up applications at either the Bay or Beach Club, The Inn and other local businesses and mail them as soon as possible to get a priority number for acceptance after the first of June.

The 2012-2013 series includes:

- **Saturday, September 22**, 7:30 p.m., Champagne Opening Concert with Carpe Diem String Quartet, featuring two familiar faces from the Olympic Music Festival, Korine Fujiwara and Charles Wetherbee. At home with the traditional string quartet repertoire, this exciting ensemble’s musical passion has led them down the paths of gypsy, tango, folk, pop, rock and jazz-inspired music.

- **Friday, October 19**, 5:00 p.m., Cabaret Night with the Gonzalo Bergara Quartet followed by an Afterglow Supper at The Inn At Port Ludlow. Composer and lead guitarist Bergara is fiery and focused as he mixes cascades of arpeggios with the sounds of Paris and his native Argentina. He’s backed by an ace clarinetist and honed rhythm section.

- **Sunday, December 9**, 4:00 p.m., “Music of the Holidays” with Seattle’s own Greta Matassa and her Quintet featuring Clipper Anderson on bass and vocals with Susan Pascal on vibes. They’ll perform familiar holiday music and beautiful songs by Johnny Mathis, Henry Mancini, Burt Bacharach, the Carpenters, Judy Garland and the Tijuana Brass.

- **Friday, February 22**, 7:30 p.m., International String Trio capitalizes on the diverse backgrounds of its members who came to the U. S. from Russia, Japan and England and who met at and are alumni of Boston’s Berklee College of Music. This trio prides itself on stylistic diversity delivering folk, world, virtuosic classical arrangements and popular songs from movie sound tracks.

- **Friday, March 15**, 7:30 p.m., Liana Forest, concert pianist. Russian-born Forest has appeared in concerts throughout the world, receiving acclaim for her virtuoso skills, musical insight and warm stage presence. She will be joined by a bassist and percussionist for an evening of “Bach to Broadway” exhibiting her passion and poetic surrender at the keyboard.

- **Saturday, April 20**, 7:30 p.m., Franc D’Ambrosio’s “Hollywood, Songs of The Silver Screen,” Returning to Port Ludlow for the Series Finale, D’Ambrosio appears in response to the community’s popular demand. Best known for his impressive portrayal of the “Phantom” in Andrew Lloyd Webber’s Phantom of the Opera, he has toured with his critically-acclaimed shows in the U.S., Europe and South America.

Season subscriptions are $120 for all six concerts, equivalent to $20 each, while individual tickets that are sold approximately one month before each performance are $24. Buying a subscription equates to six concerts for the price of five—a saving that you can pass along to a friend if you’re going to be away for one or more concerts. Applications for new subscriptions are also available at both the Bay and Beach Club with priority, until Friday, June 1, given to renewing subscribers. New subscriptions are dated when received and will be filled as long as seats (up to a maximum of 120) are available.

As a special bonus, series subscribers enjoy first options to purchase dinner-concert tickets to the Bluegrass Hootenanny with a bluegrass barbecue and brews dinner by Dream City Catering (see related article on page 12) and a modern bluegrass concert by Frank Solivan and Dirty Kitchen on Saturday, June 23, at 5:00 p.m.
Performing Arts Calendar

Tuesday, May 1
Living Voices presents a Navajo girl’s vision of becoming a modern healer in a changing world which is brought to life as her community joins the U.S. in World War II. Presented by a solo performer accompanied by historic photos, audio and video, 7:00 p.m., Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, May 3 – 13
Ellen and Cal have risked their savings and their reputations to open their perfect jewel of a bistro, but all is not well at the Golden Carousel, Key City Public Theatre, Port Townsend, various times, 379-0195, www.keycitypublictheatre.org.

Friday and Sunday, May 4 and 6
At a local private address, the Rawson Duo performs the complete (21) Hungarian Dances by Johannes Brahms on violin and piano followed by a gourmet reception, 2:00 p.m., tickets through advance paid reservation, 379-3449, www.rawsonduo.com or e-mail rawsonduo@gmail.com.

Saturday, May 5
After more than 40 years of performing professionally, Port Ludlow resident Mark Pearson will share his life and career in songs and stories, 7:00 p.m., Bay Club, 437-2208, www.MarkPearsonMusic.com or contact@MarkPearsonMusic.com.

Saturday, May 5

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Sunday, May 6
The Westsound Senior Follies will feature performers “Age 55 and Farther” in a variety show with all proceeds being donated to the WA Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, 3:00 p.m., Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Friday, May 11
The Sing-Along Sound of Music is a full screening of the classic film musical. Complete the experience garbed as Nazis, Nuns or Fraulein with audience interaction, heckling and goodie bags, 7:00 p.m. with casual menu available at 5:30 p.m., Bremerton’s Admiral Theatre, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12
The Port Angeles Chamber Orchestra offers works written for smaller musical ensembles in a more intimate setting. The concluding concert of the season will offer music by Haydn, Bernstein and Hindemith, Friday at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Angeles, and Saturday at Sequim Worship Center, both at 7:00 p.m., 360-457-5579, www.portangelessymphony.org.

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, May 11 – 27
The Full Monty tells a heartfelt and timely tale of a community that comes together during economic hardship and follows their dreams, 7:30 p.m. (3:00 p.m. Sundays), Bainbridge Performing Arts, 206-842-8569, www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org.

Saturday, May 12
Enjoy a Parisian Spring in Bremerton when the Symphony offers Paris au Printemps with music by Franck and Breval and more, 7:30 p.m., pre-concert chat at 6:30 p.m., Bremerton High School Performing Arts, 360-373-1722, www.bremertonsymphony.org.

Thursday, May 17
Gaelic Storm is back in full force with their high-energy, foot-stomping, feel-good music combining influences from rock, bluegrass, Jamaican, African and Middle Eastern music, 7:00 p.m., Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Friday, May 18
Pure Prairie League was the front runner in the country-music category in the 1980s and with a confluence of various artists filling their ranks throughout the years, it’s no small wonder that they continue to please, 7:00 p.m. with a casual menu available at 5:30 p.m., Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, May 18 – June 16
When a parishioner volunteers to donate $10,000 to the sisters’ school if they will perform at a Las Vegas club, Mother Superior is hesitant to accept…what follows is the most feather-filled, sequin-studded, fan dancing Nunsense show ever! Jew Box, Poulsbo, 8:00 p.m. with 2:00 p.m. Sunday matinees, 360-697-3183, www.jewelbox.org.

Saturdays and Sundays, May 27 – June 17
Escape to the Kitsap Forest Theater where Fiddler on the Roof will enchant you in this outdoor venue, 10-minute trail to the stage opens at 1:00 p.m., show starts at 2:00 p.m., The Mountaineers Players, near Bremerton, 800-573-8484, www.foresethter.com. Additional performance on Monday, May 28.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 31 – June 3
Tony and Tina’s Wedding brings to life all the shenanigans and excesses of the Italian-American wedding in this interactive comedy where the theatergoers are the guests joining in the mad celebration of dancing, singing and clapping followed by a spaghetti dinner reception, various times, Bremerton’s Admiral Theatre, 360-373-76743, www.admiraltheatre.org.
Did You Miss the Party?
by Diana Smeland, President, Port Ludlow Associates

On April 18, we hosted the Ludlow Bay Village Condominium Launch Party. There was an overwhelming response to the waterfront condos, and we are thankful for such a wonderful event. If you missed the event, or would like more information, we are meeting with small groups and individuals ensuring you receive personal attention regarding your specific questions. Our goal is to provide you all with the available information about this exciting project.

Let me know your thoughts. If you have questions, my direct line is 360-437-8342, or e-mail dsmeland@portludlowassociates.com.

Amazing Things Are Happening!
by Debbie Wardrop, General Manager

We are nearing an amazing time of year on the Olympic Peninsula. The salmon runs have begun, the fields have been planted and Chef Dan is gearing up for the freshest farm produce at his fingertips. Here’s a sampling:

- Fresh Halibut (the number one favorite item of our guests at The Fireside!).
- Salmon—coming mid to late May.
- Fresh goat cheese from Mystery Bay Farm on Marrowstone Island.
- Farm fresh eggs and berries from Finnriver, salad greens from Red Dog Farm and a variety of vegetables from Dharma Ridge and Spring Rain in Chimacum Valley. Check out www.reddogfarm.net for the CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) and Market Bones programs.

A floorplan for a Ground Floor Condo.

A floorplan for a Townhome.

A floorplan for a Townhome.

Seafood delights abound at The Fireside.

Provide photo
To celebrate these and other special items, we are moving to a daily dinner menu. Please join us as Chef explores new preparations of these and other farm-fresh items.

We are also thrilled to announce our new guest room amenity program featuring locally made bath soaps, bar lotions and bath salts. The line is called Earth and Ocean and is produced by Sweetlife Farms located on Bainbridge Island, www.sweetlifefarm.com. The in-room versions are unwrapped and support our endeavors for sustainability. You can purchase the take-home versions in the lobby retail area.

The Artists’ League will have a new display for May and June themed “Flowers.” With everything in full bloom, we are eager to see the work of this talented and committed group. Please stop by to see the displays (all for purchase). Maybe you’ll find just the thing to celebrate Mother’s Day.

Speaking of Mother’s Day, please call 437-7412 to make reservations for the Mother’s Day Brunch scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on **Sunday, May 13**. The menu features a served entrée and buffet of seafood, salads, pastries and desserts. Kids menu offered for those 10 and under.

Happy Hour continues through May from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with 50 percent off small plates and daily beverage specials.

A big thanks to the many locals who have contributed to our new about-to-be launched website. We will have podcasts on the site featuring the community at work and at play, sharing why Port Ludlow is so special. If you would be interested in this, please call me at 437-7070.

**RV Park Has New Management**

The Port Ludlow RV Park is under new management. We would like to welcome Randy and Susan Burnside who will be managing the RV Park for Port Ludlow Associates. They have already started sprucing up the park for our guests to enjoy. We are looking forward to enticing more “land yachts” to Port Ludlow, particularly with the certification of the Park as a “Good Sam Park.”
The Yacht Club’s Opening Day
by Kori Ward, Marina Manager

If you have not had a chance to experience the Port Ludlow Yacht Club’s “Opening Day Ceremony”, I recommend a visit to the Marina on Saturday, May 12. Whether or not you are a boat owner, the festivities are always captivating. Bagpipes, snare drums, past Commodores marching, the raising of our national ensign and the roar of the cannon inaugurating the first day of boating season are a few of the activities for the annual Port Ludlow Yacht Club’s “Opening Day”. The ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m. and usually lasts about an hour. Immediately following the ceremony, christening of new member boats will take place. Hopefully, we’ll have calm seas so the club can make their traditional cruise around Ludlow Bay to salute 2012 Commodore Harold Brunstad.

Hand Dipped Ice Cream Coming Soon
The Marina Store is being replenished with all your favorite goodies along with some fun new items, too. Beginning mid-May, we invite you to the Marina Store for a hand-dipped waffle ice-cream cone. The flavor for the month of May will be Umpqua Vanilla Bean.

Coast Guard Aircrew Details Rescue at PLYC Marine Exchange

Port Ludlow Yacht Club (PLYC) members and guests were given a first-hand account of an actual Coast Guard helicopter rescue at a recent Marine Exchange hosted at the Wreck Room. Lieutenant Kelly Higgins and Petty Officer Michael Von Bormann spoke about their preparation and rescue of two sailors from the stricken 26-foot S/V Pia near Smith Island on September 4, 2010.

Lt. Higgins, co-pilot, and P.O. Von Bormann, rescue swimmer, serve on the MH-65 Dolphin helicopter and are based at the Coast Guard Air Station in Port Angeles.

The presentation began with a video documentary of the rescue which was performed during darkness in gale-force winds and 10-foot seas. They discussed the factors that are critical to the performance of a successful rescue. These factors include basic equipment needs: having a fully functional VHF radio, having an adequate supply of suitable flares on board, having all passengers wearing the PFDs and being able to deploy a dinghy if conditions warrant. In addition, they discussed how boaters can improve their chances of survival and being found by equipping their vessels with dry suits, EPIRBS and PRD-mounted strobe lights. They also spoke at length about the importance of checking marine weather forecasts and national data buoy information, such as Smith Island, before departing the dock.

Questions from the audience were continuous and the speakers stayed for an extended time to talk to attendees one-on-one. Marine Exchange program leader, Peter Joseph, expressed appreciation and stated that the presentation would “help all of our members be better prepared.” The crew of the Pia rescue received the Heroic Action Award from the Coast Guard Foundation in May 2011.

CG Auxiliary Offers Boating Safety Advice
As the weather warms and fishing season approaches, many boaters and fishermen start thinking about boating and the call of open waters. Before leaving the dock, Simeon Baldwin, Flotilla Commander for the Port Ludlow Coast Guard (USCG) Auxiliary, urges boaters to properly equip their craft and to always wear a USCG-approved life jacket. “Nationally, nearly nine out of ten boating drownings occurred when the victim was not wearing a life jacket,” Baldwin says. “Besides their life-saving flotation, life vests and float coats provide insulation to protect against hypothermia, but they only work if boaters wear them,” he said. In Washington, children 12 years and younger must wear a life jacket at all times when underway on a boat less than 19 feet in length unless in a fully enclosed area.

The Jefferson County Sheriff’s Marine Patrol and the U.S. Coast Guard patrol local waters to ensure that boaters carry required life jackets, fire extinguishers and up-to-date flares and other items. Baldwin encourages boaters to obtain a voluntary safety examination of their
boat or paddle craft offered by the USCG Auxiliary to ensure that their boats will meet all the State and Federal requirements if the Coast Guard or local law enforcement officers stop them.

In addition, Washington’s mandatory boating education law requires that all operators of motorboats of 15 horsepower or more take a boating safety class and obtain a Washington Boater Education Card. The law is being phased in over time and in 2012 applies to those operators less than 40 years old. Baldwin recommends that boaters who have not already done so should take a boater education course through the USCG Auxiliary and obtain their boater education card.

Finally, Baldwin warns “Don’t drink and boat. Alcohol affects both judgment and reactions, and its effects are more pronounced on the water. Operating a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited, the same as driving an automobile under the influence.” For more information about voluntary vessel safety exams or boating safety classes, contact the Port Ludlow USCG Auxiliary at wow.uscgaux.info/?unit=130-04-01.

USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 41, meets on the second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at the Port Ludlow Fire Station. Prospective new members are welcome.
From the Desk of the Director Of Golf (DOG)

by Vito DeSantis, PGA Golf Professional

As I write this article I am somewhere over the Rocky Mountains on a plane back from The Augusta National Golf Club (Home of the Masters Golf Tournament) and home to one of the most storied places in golf’s long history. While at the Masters I saw close to 100 of the most talented and most recognizable golfers on the planet do things with the golf club that many of us could only dream of doing. For a while, most of them effortlessly coaxed their golf ball around one of the most beautiful places in the world. As I marveled at these great players, I wondered to myself how they hold their concentration so well. How can they drown out the thousands of people lining the fairways? Do they not feel all the eyes on them? How do they keep from folding like a cheap lawn chair in front of all the TV cameras?

As I wrestled with this question 30,000 feet in the air, a picture popped into my head of Luke Donald, the number one ranked player in the world. He was standing behind his tee shot on hole number six. His eyes were shut and he was taking big deep breaths. The answer to my question was, of course, they see and hear all of the distractions. They see Amen Corner, they see Rae’s Creek, and without question, they see the trouble that awaits every misguided golf shot. They see the gazillion magnificent azaleas. They hear the hum and feel the eyes of the crowd. They can’t help but hear the roars that seemingly come out of nowhere and leave goose bumps on your skin and, without a doubt, they know what it means if they win and slip on the coveted green jacket and are forever called a Masters champion. The secret is that, although they allow themselves to take in all the beauty that the golf course has to offer, they commit for less than a minute or so to visualize and focus on what they need to do.

Have you ever walked up to a tee box and said to yourself, “Don’t hit it in the water!” and certainly, “Don’t hit it in the bunker over there!” and “What if I don’t carry the water hazard in front of me?” or “How does my swing look to others?” If you’re like me, then you probably have had these kinds of conversations with yourself. More often than not, when you have those conversations, poor things happen. Try taking a lesson from some of the best players in the world. While the others in your group are teeing off, quickly close your eyes and visualize what you are going to accomplish. See yourself making a great golf swing; see your ball flying in the trajectory you want and in the direction you want. Then right before you open your eyes, take a deep breath. If any ill-fated results creep into your mind, start over. Remember, it’s ok to see all that the course has to offer. Listen to the birds, enjoy the wonderful scenery, enjoy your fellow players but for that minute, while you’re waiting to play your next shot, visualize what you are going to do. If it works for the best players in the world, I am willing to bet it will improve your game.

Speaking of game improvement, keep in mind that we will be hosting a couple of demo days this month at the club. Ping, Callaway and Cleveland Golf will be on site on Wednesday, May 9, noon - 4:00 p.m. and will allow you to hit and use the newest golf equipment they offer. Also, remember that on Friday, May 25, the Callaway tour van will be on site to fit and build clubs for you immediately. Talk about instant gratification! Remember, though: to take advantage of this opportunity you must have an appointment, as serious inquiries will be given priority.

Last but not least, there is a new couples nine-hole league starting up. The league will play every Saturday starting on May 5 with a fun, non-intimidating shamble format. The league is open to members and non-members. For more information, please call Kathy Traci at 437-7874.

News from the Lady Niners

by Barbara Berthiaume, Publicity

The Lady Niners Captain, Kathy Traci, hosted a Welcome Back Luncheon at her home after the normal round of golf. Taco del Mar of Poulsbo catered a delicious taco salad buffet. Judy Smith highlighted the new golf rules for new and returning members. Cynthia Lawson and Nancy Reasoner were warmly welcomed back to the club.

The Niners Couples Golf Group will have a Shotgun Scramble on Tide on Thursday, May 17 at 3:00 p.m. with dinner to follow. Notices for this event will be in both the Ladies’ and Men’s locker rooms. Sign-up sheets for golf and dinner will be at the Golf Shop desk. Single Niners are encouraged to sign up for these golf events as well. Niners Couples Chairpersons, Barclay and Cathy Hampton and Bill and Barbara Schaefer, will match up singles for the couples golf events.

Single players are encouraged to bring their “significant other” to the dinner following golf. A nominal dinner fee
will be collected for each attendee at the clubhouse prior to golf. Sign-up sheets for coordinating future Couples Dinners are located in the Ladies’ and Men’s locker rooms. Please remember to arrive at Niblick’s before 2:30 p.m. to check-in for the May 17 game.

Refer to the handbook schedule for individual games during the month of May. All games take place on Thursday.

Junior Golf Program Signups Begin

The 2012 Junior Golf Program is gearing up; sign-up forms are available at the Golf Shop. The program will take place every Saturday from June 23 to July 28 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. The program is open to any young person with an interest in learning how to play golf. Participants should be at least six years old as of Tuesday, June 19 and no older than 16 years old to participate in the clinic. The cost is $125 per participant; the fee includes instruction, a shirt, hat, and lunch after the last session.

Participants receive age-appropriate instruction from skilled instructors. Clubs will be available and provided to participants who do not own their own clubs. Participants will learn putting, chipping and pitching, the rules of golf, and golf etiquette. Full swing evaluation will be provided. In addition, the young golfers will enjoy skills contests, on course competition, and comradeship with other young golfers.

The youngsters should also look forward to Junior Golf Day on Monday, July 2. Every child will receive a golf club for participation.

The goal of the youth program is to provide area youth with an opportunity to learn a game that they can play for a lifetime – and have fun.

Rally for the Cure Planned

by Carol Katuzny, Rally Coordinator

The Port Ludlow golfing community will continue to conduct The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation’s “Rally for the Cure” Golf Tournament. This year the Rally will be held on Thursday, July 12. Our mission continues to be breast cancer awareness and finding a cure for this insidious disease.

The 9-hole golf tournament at the Port Ludlow Golf Course (PLGC) is open to all golfers. There is no need to be a member of the Golf Club. Entry fees are $45 for PLGC members and $65 for nonmembers. This includes cart, green fee, prizes, a one-year subscription to selected magazines, lunch and tons of fun! Following golf, we will enjoy a delicious lunch at the Bay Club with our traditional fund-raising raffles and door prizes. Non-golfers wishing to support this worthy cause are invited to attend the luncheon for a nominal fee $10.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Golf Shop later this month; the field is limited, so sign up early. Entry deadline is Sunday, July 8. This is a win-win event, and is certain to make a difference in someone’s life, perhaps a family member, a friend or a neighbor.

Add the date, Thursday, July 12, to your calendar for a 9:00 a.m. shotgun. Details will appear next month. If you have questions, you may inquire at the Golf Shop, 437-0272, or call Carol Katuzny, 437-1157.

PLWGA Welcomes New Members

by Lucinda Thompson, Captain

First, let me welcome our new members this year: Sue Fechner, Sudie Parker Hensen and Diane Wilson. Glad you’re with us! With some Tuesday play now under our belts, it appears that this is going to be a very good year for our women golfers. Opening Day brunch at Niblick’s was fun and got us all in the mood for the golfing season. Unfortunately, the rain had other plans that day, so in spite of our fine camaraderie, we were left still anticipating our first outing. It came the following week and the weather was glorious–sunny, warm, beautiful. The field was relatively small, but then again only a few of our snowbirds have returned.

The outing to Salish Cliffs was postponed until April 23, again because of the rain, but most everyone was able to attend and everyone looked forward to playing there with great eagerness. Although the rain has played a large role so far this year, the spring colors it is drawing are pretty spectacular.

Matt Pritchard is holding his clinics again this year. People obviously loved these last year and we are glad to see them back. Also, Mix’n’Match is underway. This year we have three start times on Fridays and a sign-up sheet so we are hoping for more participation. We are also looking forward to our Spring Tournament on Monday and Tuesday, May 7 and 8.

Our first winners of the season for the 3-4-5 Toss were: First Flight: Linda Aho, Peggy Selby, Suzy Lee; Second Flight: Dion Watson, Grace Allen, Beth Weaver.
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Fort Flagler State Park: Marrowstone Island, hiking trails and beaches, WWII defenses. Tours are $5 for adults; $2 for children. Check at the office for times.


Gateway Visitor Center: Route 19, open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Featuring photographs of early immigrants, books and travel information. For information or to volunteer, call 437-0120 or visit gatewayvcr@olympus.net.

Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) First Friday Lecture: Friday, May 4, 7:00 p.m. Brad Matson discusses his new book, Death and Oil: A True Story of the North Sea and the Piper Alpha Disaster, Port Townsend City Council Chambers, 540 Water Street, Port Townsend.

JCHS Research Center: 13692 Airport Cutoff Road, Port Townsend, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission: $4 for adults, free for those under 12. Phone 379-6673.

Jefferson Museum of Art and History: 540 Water Street, Port Townsend, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. General admission: $4, free to Jefferson County residents on the first Saturday of the month. Maritime heritage and other exhibits. Call 360-395-1003.

Markets: Chimacum, Sunday, May 20 – October 28, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Rhody and Center; Port Ludlow, Intersection of Oak Bay and Paradise Bay Roads, Friday, May 11 – September 28, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Port Townsend, Uptown Tyler Street, Saturdays through December, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Polk Street, Wednesdays, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.


Port Townsend Aero Museum: Jefferson County International Airport, 195 Airport Road, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission: $10 for adults, $9 for seniors, $6 for children 7-12 years old, free for children under 6. Exhibits feature vintage aircraft. Biplane rides by Goodwin Aviation Company, 360-531-1727.

Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC): 200 Battery Way, Fort Worden State Park. Natural history and marine exhibits. Admission: $5 for adults, $3 for youths 6-17, PTMSC members free. Call 385-5582, e-mail info@ptmsc.org or visit www.jchsmuseum.org for a schedule of events.

Puget Sound Coast Artillery Museum: Fort Worden State Park, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission: $3 for adults, $1 for children, JCHS members free. Harbor defenses in Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Call 385-765-3334 or visit jchsmuseum.org.

Quilcene Fish Hatchery: 281 Fish Hatchery Road, Quilcene, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call 360-765-3334.

The Nature of Things

by Linda Karp, Arts and Entertainment Assistant

Northwind Art Center will present its new show, “The Nature of Things”, spotlighting artists Rae Belkin, Linda Jarvis, Ellen Reichart and Kathleen Snow.

Inspired by the nature of the worlds, internal and external, these four artists share their unique visions. Working in a variety of media including painting, drawing, assemblage and printmaking, their striking works range from the poetic to the humorous.

The exhibit will run from Friday, May 4 through Sunday, May 27. The Gallery Walk and Artists’ Reception is on Saturday, May 5, from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. and the Artists’ Talk will be on Sunday, May 6, at 1:00 p.m. at Northwind Arts Center, 2409 Jefferson Street in Port Townsend.

Explore Northwest’s Maritime History Online

Sound Experience, the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding, the Northwest Maritime Center (NWMC) and Wooden Boat Foundation, along with other members of the Pacific Northwest Maritime Heritage Council and the maritime news website Three Sheets Northwest, have jointly launched the Northwest Maritime Heritage site. The online resource allows users to quickly find all of the region’s historic ships, lighthouses, maritime museums and events to help them explore the region’s nautical past.

“The new site at www.threesheetsnw.com/maritime-heritage will make it easier for patrons here at the NWMC to discover maritime heritage sites in our region, and learn more about our own organization,” said Jake Beattie, Executive Director. “This new effort, created with our fellow maritime museums, historic ships and other maritime sites, is designed to help better inform and educate the public about the Northwest’s maritime history and at the same time use technology to help increase regional tourism.”

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Powered by Three Sheets Northwest, the site offers multiple ways for visitors to find and engage with the Northwest’s maritime heritage and culture. Its powerful search tool shows the location of heritage sites and easy-to-browse categories of northwest maritime attractions, organizations and vessels. It is easy to navigate and free.

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Non-profit Sound Experience owns and operates the historic tall ship, *Adventuress*, to educate and inspire all to care for Puget Sound. The Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding teaches and preserves the skills and crafts associated with fine wooden boatbuilding and other traditional maritime arts with emphasis on the individual as craftsman. The Northwest Maritime Center is a multi-use waterfront campus that provides powerful maritime experiences for people of all generations. The Pacific Northwest Maritime Heritage Council is made up of museums, historic vessels, historic societies, lighthouses, historians and historic sites that protect and promote the stories of the boats, ships, explorers, tribes and other Pacific Northwest entities. Three Sheets Northwest is the region’s only maritime news website and is a community news partner with the *Seattle Times*.

Juried Art Show Seeks Entries

The Port Townsend Arts Commission and Northwind Arts Alliance are seeking submissions for “Expressions Northwest,” the 14th Annual Art Port Townsend Juried Art Competition which takes place from **Wednesday, August 1 through Sunday, August 26** at the Northwind Arts Center in Port Townsend. Artists must be at least 16 years of age and a resident of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, or British Columbia. Works in both two- and three-dimensional forms, including photography, are eligible. A total of $1,600 in cash prizes, a purchase award, and additional merchandise awards, will be presented.

The juror for this show will be Rock Hushka, Director of Curatorial Administration and Curator of Contemporary and Northwest Art at Tacoma Art Museum. He has curated more than 50 exhibitions and worked to build the museum’s permanent collection.

A non-refundable entry fee of $45 is required for a maximum of three digital entries (no slides or prints) per artist. This year entry images must be submitted online to [www.OnlineJuriedShows.com](http://www.OnlineJuriedShows.com). First create a free account, then follow the directions for entry into Art Port Townsend. Proceed through all five steps of entry including getting a Receipt of Entry. (There is a helpful link, “How to Enter” provided for you on the website.) The deadline is **Friday, June 1**. For more detailed information, please contact Joan Balzarini at 360-681-0850 or Rae Belkin at 360-437-9442 or at artist@cablespeed.com.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes for Dove House

Dove House Advocacy Services is gearing up for its third annual “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” event on **Wednesday, May 9** with registration at 5:30 p.m. and the walk beginning at 6:00 p.m. The walk begins at Rotary Park next to the Port Townsend Ferry terminal and continues down Water Street to the Northwest Maritime Center where there will be a short program and refreshments.

The walk is part of an international effort to call attention to the issue of rape, sexual assault and gender violence in our communities. Men are encouraged, but not required, to walk in high heels so that they might experience a tiny portion of the pain a woman might feel as a result of abuse. Women and children can wear their comfy shoes for the walk.

There is no charge for the walk, but a $5 donation is suggested to cover expenses. Dove House appreciates the sponsorship of the Northwest Maritime Center, Jefferson Healthcare, and the Port Townsend Lighthouse Lions Club for refreshments.

Registration forms are available at the Port Townsend Police Department, Jefferson Healthcare, the Food Coop, and at Dove House, 1045 10th Street, as well as many other Jefferson County businesses. Please call Dove House at 360-385-5292 for more information.

9-1-1 Scam Alert

by Janet Silvus, Director of JeffCom 9-1-1

Residents in Washington and other states have reported receiving calls from someone requesting money for 9-1-1 services. The caller claims that residents must pay a fee to register their house in a 9-1-1 database so first responders can locate the home in an emergency. The caller also requests names and medical information from the residents. Any request for 9-1-1 funds over the phone is a fraud, and residents who receive these calls should hang up and report the suspicious call to their local police or sheriff’s non-emergency phone number.
Jefferson Chamber Events

Save the date for the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at Chimacum High School on Saturday, October 13, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity to showcase your business and learn about the many diverse businesses in our county. Registration information will be available soon.

Member Lunch Meetings: Noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 555 Otto St., Port Townsend. Lunch served by Subway for $6 to $8.

Monday, May 7: The CoLab, Frank DePalma, Heather Dudley, Nollette and Leif Hansen will present the basics and collaborative potential of co-working. Share ideas about how you or your company could most benefit from local co-working space. The sponsor is Holly’s Fine Flowers.

Monday, May 14: Representative Steve Tharinger is sponsored by Hope Roofing and Construction.

Monday, May 21: Dr. Laura Lewis, Executive Director of Washington State University (WSU) Extension.

Monday, May 28: No Meeting.

Other Events:

Tuesday, May 1, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Coffee Talk at the Resort At Port Ludlow, 1 Heron Road, Port Ludlow. Speaker, Debbie Wardrop.

Thursday, May 3, Noon to 12:30 p.m. Ribbon Cutting at Osprey Tours and Handcrafted Kayaks, 1017 Water Street, Port Townsend.

Tuesday, May 8, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. After Hours Mixer at Mt. Townsend Creamery, 338 Sherman Street, Port Townsend.

Wednesday, May 9, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Executive Board Meeting at VIC, 440 12th Street., Port Townsend.

Wednesday, May 16, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Board of Director’s Meeting at Port Hadlock Conference Center, 173 Chimacum Road, Port Hadlock.

Thursday, May 17, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Ambassador’s Meeting at Pedro’s Fiesta Jalisco, 10893 Rhody Drive, Port Hadlock.

Chamber Meetings Have Value

by Fred Obee, Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce President

I’ve been reflecting lately on our weekly Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce luncheons that are held most Mondays at the Elks Lodge in Glen Cove. We usually have anywhere from 35 to 75 attendees. Some meetings featuring hot topics draw even more. People who visit from other chambers often remark: “You do this every week? We can’t get 50 people to come once a month.” It’s true. Our weekly gatherings are pretty unique among the small towns around Puget Sound.

Over the years, people occasionally discussed whether the weekly meetings are a good use of resources or whether we might be able to tackle more important projects on behalf of our members if we weren’t so busy scheduling speakers and caterers. I’ve bounced back and forth on that question, but in recent years I’ve become a true believer in the value of the weekly meetings.

In recent weeks, we’ve heard from new Port Townsend Mayor David King, we’ve been treated to demonstrations of long lasting lights by Ken Kelly of Vintage Hardware, and we have heard from high school students who are learning the basics of running a business by operating an espresso cart. Politicians, Navy commanders, non-profit managers and even people with interesting hobbies have spoken at weekly chamber meetings. I can’t remember a presentation where I didn’t learn something new about our community or gain some fresh insight about the many ways we are connected.

Another highlight of the weekly meetings are the announcements by members at the beginning of the meeting. In this part of the program, anyone can share a current promotion that is under way, or provide news of a fundraising event or introduce a newcomer to our community. Those announcements are a real slice of community action unfolding in real time, and they are an important way that we remain in touch and informed.

Two years ago as I was working on a committee that drafted the chamber’s strategic plan, we had the opportunity to do some real thinking about the role of the chamber. One goal was to seek communication among business members that moves beyond our management. This is not such a revolutionary idea, of course, but to assure that information is flowing freely, we do need to be intentional about creating the right opportunities.

The weekly luncheon meeting is one place where that kind of connection can happen. Next time you have some free time during the Monday lunch hour, come by. The chances are good you will walk out feeling smarter.

The Bras are Back

The Fifth Annual Bras for a Cause auction will be held on Saturday, May 12, at the Silverdale Beach Hotel. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for the silent auction followed by dinner and a live auction at 7:30 p.m. This wacky event is the primary fundraiser for Soroptimist International of Greater North Kitsap (SIGNK), a group of professional and business women who are dedicated to improving the lives of women and children in our community.

Yes, there will be bras, but like nothing you’ve ever seen (unless you’ve been to previous auctions). There will be artwork that is wearable or displayable—crafted in every medium you might or might not imagine—and created by well-known local artists. There is more, of course: trips (both local and abroad), gifts for yourself or others and services. To find out more, purchase tickets or make a donation, go to www.signk.org.
Symposium on Women’s Health

Jefferson Healthcare’s third annual symposium will focus on women’s health. Join us at the Northwest Maritime Center on Saturday, May 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Meet local medical experts on women’s health and receive a complimentary gift bag filled with goodies from local businesses. Take advantage of free blood sugar and cholesterol screenings and other health and wellness screenings.

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If joint pain or injury is slowing you down, trust in our Orthopedic specialists to get you back on track. Joining our new clinic is board certified Orthopedic surgeon Dr. Michael Thomas. Together with Dr. Alan Greenwald, Physician Assistant Kevin Hines and a dedicated group of nurses and physical therapists, our team will provide you with the excellent care you deserve. From fracture care and sports medicine to joint repair and replacement, we offer a full spectrum of Orthopedic services using the latest in surgical technologies our patients have come to expect.

Jefferson Healthcare Orthopedics is conveniently located on the second floor of Jefferson Hospital in a comfortable setting. To learn more about our joint replacement program or other Orthopedic services, call us at (360) 344-0400.

Now accepting new patients.

Orthopedic services including:

- Total Joint Replacement: Knee, shoulder and hip replacement
- Joint Repair/Reconstruction: Knee and shoulder
- Foot and ankle surgery
- Carpel Tunnel Release
- Arthroscopic and Reconstruction
- Hip Fractures Repair
- Ligament, Tendon and Nerve Repair

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