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Snowy bird feeder.
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Feature Articles

From the Editor's Desk

by Maggie Blackburn, Managing Editor

Who said you have to retire, when you're retired? There are loads of opportunities for folks in Port Ludlow to maintain an active and meaningful lifestyle during retirement. Throughout 2020 the *Voice* will highlight some of the clubs and groups that are open to all Port Ludlow residents. You'll learn about their histories, what they're up to today, and possibly get a glimpse of their future plans.

Whether you're new to Port Ludlow or have lived here for several years, take advantage of the opportunities the groups provide: learn new skills, like water coloring or fly tying; meet your neighbors; do those things you said you could do, if you only had the time.

This month's magazine highlights the Port Ludlow Art League (PLAL), and the First Wednesday Luncheon. Award-winning Photojournalist and Art Photographer Brian Goodman will present "A Photographic Journey to Manzanar" at the PLAL monthly meeting on February 19. The perfect opportunity to learn more about their organization. And, here's a heads-up: Daniel Evans, from the Northwest Maritime Center will give a presentation at the First Wednesday Luncheon in March. Evans is referred to as the "Race Boss" for both the Tacoma to Port Townsend and the Race2Alaska boat races. Luncheon will be held at the Beach Club, but people can sign up at either the Bay or Beach Clubs by February 28 to attend the March 4 luncheon.

So, whether you just want to have fun, make new friends, or take an active role in community activities, check out Port Ludlow's groups in future issues of the *Voice*, and join one. You'll be glad you did.

Valentine's Day: A Muddled Origin

by Jenise Harper, Contributing Writer

February 14 - Valentine's Day! Does this conjure up images of heart-shaped boxes of chocolates? A special dinner with your beloved? Jewelry, anyone? It's an appealing day, with cupids and cards—but how did Valentine's Day originate?

There are two stories told most consistently. Legend #1: Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage for young men, believing single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families. A Roman clergyman, Valentine, felt the decree was unjust and continued to perform marriages in secret. His actions were discovered, and Claudius ordered his death. Legend #2: Valentine was imprisoned for helping Christians escape harsh Roman prisons. He reportedly fell in love with a young girl (possibly his jailor's daughter) who visited him during his confinement. Before his execution, he sent her a letter signed "From your Valentine." Truth is elusive as it evolves through time, but the Catholic Church did canonize a martyred Roman priest who became Saint Valentine.

Some believe the February 14 celebration commemorates the anniversary of Valentine's death, A.D. 270. Others claim the Roman church wanted to "Christianize" *Lupercalia*, a pagan fertility festival held on the Ides of February (February 15). From an NPR report, "Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate romance and love and kissy-face fealty. But the origins of this festival of candy and cupids are actually dark, bloody—and a bit muddled. Though no one has pinpointed the exact origin of the holiday, one good place to start is ancient Rome, where men hit on women by, well, hitting them."

Picture the sacred cave where Romulus and Remus, founders of Rome, were believed to have been reared by a she-wolf. Imagine an animal sacrifice, followed by a beating ritual to beget fertility. According to Noel Lenski, historian at the University of Colorado, "The brutal fete included a matchmaking lottery in which young men drew the names of women from a jar. The couple would then be, um, coupled up for the duration of the festival—or longer, if the match was right."

Although the history behind the legend is murky, Valentine has evolved as a romantic figure, and *Lupercalia* gave way to celebrating the saint's memory. By the end of the 5th Century, Pope Gelasius officially declared February 14 as St. Valentine's Day.

Goeffrey Chaucer gave literary acknowledgement to St. Valentine's Day in his 1375 poem *Parliament of Foules*, writing, "For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne's day / Whan every foul cometh ther to choose his mate." (Mid-February marked the beginning of the avian mating season.) Valentine greetings dated from the Middle Ages, though handwritten messages didn't appear until after 1400. The oldest known valentine was a poem written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London, following capture at the Battle of Agincourt: "My very gentle Valentine ... for me you were born too soon ... And I for you was born too late ..." (The complete greeting is in the British Library, London, England.)

In the 1840s, Esther Howland started selling valentines in America, making elaborate creations with lace and ribbons. By 1900, modest postage rates contributed to the popularity of mailed greetings; in 1913, Hallmark Cards of Kansas City, Missouri, began mass-producing valentines.

According to market research, over 145 million Valentine's Day cards are sent each year (women purchase 85 percent of them), making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. Perhaps commercialization is troublesome, but Helen Fisher, a sociologist at Rutgers University, said, "This isn't a command performance. If people didn't want to buy Hallmark cards, they would not be bought, and Hallmark would go out of business." And so, the celebration of Valentine's Day continues, and February is forever defined.

Raised Beds

by Eline Lybarger, Contributing Writer

Planning your garden? You are getting older and it is harder to spade, plant, weed, and harvest. Perhaps this is the year to raise the garden up to you in a raised bed. They can be any shape or size; made out of a variety of materials. I saw a round one made from curved paving stones.

Most raised beds are rectangular, about eight feet long, because that is the standard length of boards; and about four feet wide, because two feet is how far most people can comfortably reach from the edge. Unless you are very tall, two to three feet is all the higher you will want the sides. If you have the room, you may want to make one large and one small bed, or several on angles like a herringbone pattern—of course, with space between to walk.

Select a location that is well drained with at least six hours of light per day. If drainage is a problem dig down four to six inches, fill the space with small river rock and line it with landscape fabric. This will allow water to escape but keep dirt from sifting into the rock and plugging your drainage. If you have subterranean rodents you may want to add chicken wire or “hog wire” which is much stronger. It comes with four-inch squares, but if you put two layers, slightly apart, the spaces will be only two inches.

As I said, boards are the most commonly used material, but if you choose treated wood, be sure to line it with landscape cloth so the chemicals don't come in contact with the plants. To secure the wood from the outside, pound rebar two feet into the ground, especially at the corners. If you are building in sand, you may want to plant the rebar in cement. Cement building blocks are another option. Line up the holes and pound rebar through them, two feet into the ground, then fill the holes with dirt and plant something attractive in the holes.

To discourage slugs place a copper wire on the very top board of your bed; they get a shock when their wet bodies come in contact with the copper wire. A line of “Sluggo” also works. However, a traditional fence is needed to discourage deer and rabbits.

Of course, you wouldn't put anything but good planting soil in your raised bed. Be sure to add extra mulch to help retain moisture during the summer. A drip system is another option.

In addition to making it easier to cultivate, plant, weed and harvest, your raised bed warms the soil, extending our growing season. So, get planting!

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Why Maine?

by Tim Rensema, Contributing Writer



Bad Little Falls, Machias, ME.

In the first U.S. Census of Port Ludlow, WA (1860), of the population of 124, 48 (38 percent) came from Maine, and three came from Scandanavia. In 1900, the population was 373 (only white residents were listed); 27 came from Maine (7 percent) and 71 came from Scandanavia (19 percent). By this time the majority of folks in Port Ludlow were listed as being born in the state of Washington. While the numbers are small, this non statistical assessment indicates that originally, the state of Maine made up a large proportion of Port Ludlow's population; but in the early 1900s the numbers shifted to Scandanavian immigrants. If you check the cemeteries of Port Townsend, Port Gamble, and other communities of Jefferson County (and northern Kitsap), you will see the same influence of Maine folks. Influences of Maine can be found in the naming of places in the Northwest such as Bangor and Portland. Finally, we've seen the name Machias (a Northeastern Passamaquoddy word meaning “bad little falls”) in at least three place names in Western Washington: a small town six miles east of Everett, a small drive in Port Gamble, and a loop road in North Bay, Port Ludlow. The county seat for Washington County, Maine (northeastern Maine) is Machias and indeed has a very bad little falls.

So, why may Maine residents have settled in the Northwest? There are probably three main reasons why this occurred. The first is that children, other than the first son, were not liable to inherit any land in Maine; land usually went to the first son. So these children had to find other avenues of employment or marriage to survive. A second reason would be the draw of the far west. Much of the migration occurred after the Civil War, where young men were exposed to new lands, new customs, and adventure. During this period, gold was flowing out of the mountains everywhere, and certainly they were drawn to that. Finally, in the mid 1800s, the old growth timber in Maine that was accessible, had been cut. Bangor, Maine was the lumber capital of the world at the time but was running out of logs. The loggers and sawyers worked through the forests of Minnesota and Michigan, but the call of the large and unlimited timber in the Northwest was a strong draw for these experienced workers. In many cases, Maine businessmen

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like Pope and Talbot knew the experience of Maine men and recruited heavily from Maine. Such local names as Ames, Walker, Brown, Harmon, and Longfellow grew up in Maine and traveled to Washington’s forests for work. The original Puget Lumber Mill was started by a Mainer, William Sayward.



*Pope Bridge, East Machias, ME. Images from the past Machias area.
Michael Hoyt photo collection*

If you are interested in seeing what a small town in Maine looks like, Port Gamble does provide a good example. However, if you travel to the most northeastern county in the U.S., you will arrive in Washington County, Maine, and you can see first hand the old Congregational churches that St. Paul’s (in Port Gamble) was modeled after. Walk through the cemetery at the old Congregational Church in East Machias, Maine, and identify the same names that appear in Port Gamble’s cemetery and the cemeteries of eastern Jefferson County.

The Port Ludlow Art League

by Pamela Raine, Art League President

Located on the shores of Puget Sound, Port Ludlow is an idyllic setting that includes charming residential neighborhoods, miles of picturesque hiking trails, a championship 18-hole golf course, and a boutique, waterfront inn overlooking a 300-slip marina. It’s little wonder why so many artists have gravitated to Port Ludlow to pursue their art.

Almost twenty years ago, a small group of local artists met at a luncheon. Their discussion soon centered on how to encourage local artists to exhibit their work. After bandying about ideas, it became clear that both Port Ludlow artists and the community would greatly benefit from an art league.

With careful planning and growing interest, the Port Ludlow Artists League (PLAL) formalized their organization in 2002. At the time, there were just 12 members. Over the past 17 years, the PLAL has flourished with close to 100 members, comprised of novice, intermediary, and accomplished artists

along with those who appreciate art. Responding to the diverse makeup of its members, the league changed its name to the Port Ludlow Art League.

Early in 2003, the current occupant of the office building on the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow, American Marine Bank, offered their Suite B space free of charge to PLAL members, so that they could exhibit their artwork. As a result, the Port Ludlow Art Gallery opened its doors later that year. Fortunately, subsequent tenants, Columbia Bank and currently Sound Community Bank, continue to offer Suite B to support Port Ludlow’s artist community.



Port Ludlow Art Gallery.

Submitted photo

The recently renovated Port Ludlow Art Gallery is a cooperative entity, supported and staffed by its members. Exhibits include paintings, photographs, collages, pottery, jewelry, woodworks, stained glass, woven pine baskets, and books. The exhibits change every two months.

The PLAL meets the third Wednesday afternoon (1:00 p.m.) of each month at the Bay Club (January – June) or the Beach Club (July – December) to encourage and inspire members by providing speakers and hands-on workshops. The PLAL also offers a monthly “try a new technique” class for members to see if they would like to add another medium to their repertoire. In addition, the PLAL works with local businesses so that members can exhibit their artwork at locations in Port Ludlow, including Coldwell Banker Best Homes Realty, Active Life Physical Therapy, The Resort At Port Ludlow, the Olympic Peninsula Gateway Visitors Center, the Port Ludlow Post Office, and both the Beach Club and the Bay Club.

Whether you’re an artist at any stage of your artistic development or simply an art lover, the PLAL provides an extraordinary opportunity to exercise the right-side of your brain and feed your soul.

Be sure to check the *Port Ludlow Voice* for information on monthly PLAL programs, speakers, and local exhibits. For more information, please contact PLAL President, Pamela Raine at 206-465-5846.

First Wednesday Luncheon History

by Valerie Massey Goree, Contributing Writer



January's First Wednesday Luncheon Attendees.

Submitted photo

Before the first publication of the *Port Ludlow Voice* in August 1998, the *Ludlow Maintenance Commission Log* (LMC) was the newsletter of the day. Published quarterly, it provided residents with articles, news, and a calendar of events. The summer issue of 1987 delivered a brief history of the First Wednesday Luncheon. “Our once-a-month luncheon evolved out of a small group of bridge players who met on Wednesdays. In 1977 they invited newcomers to a luncheon. Now in 1987 50 to 100 ladies meet on the first Wednesday of the month!” was written by Kay McGuin, chairperson. Considering the Port Ludlow phone book of 1978 only listed 199 families, 100 ladies in attendance was a lot!

Alas, in my research, I discovered the ladies who first began the group are no longer with us. Names that were brought to my attention include: Gloria Eckmann, Marian Peterson, Betty Walker, Jonnie Schaub, Jane Daniels, Pat Hoelting, and Dee Ammerman. I personally spoke with Eve McDougall and Peggy Schafran, and I apologize if I omitted anyone who contributed to the early success of the group.

The first mention of the luncheon in the *LMC Log* was in July 1978. It was called the “New Residents Welcome Luncheon,” held at the Beach Club the first Wednesday of each month. Ladies were asked to bring a salad or sandwich; coffee, tea, and dessert were provided by the hostesses.

The announcement in the mid-summer issue of 1980 stated: “The purpose of our lunches is to be sure everyone meets her neighbors. So, it is most important for long-time residents to bring the new people who move into their area.” Included in each meeting was a rundown of community events. In the next issue of the *Log*, the announcement read: “Bring your own sandwich, yogurt, salad, or carrot juice (whatever turns you on).” Carrot juice?

As attendance increased, the hostesses formed committees to take care of the growing needs of the group. They elected a chairperson for the year, and she was responsible for delegating chores to the food committee, telephone committee, and the get-well card writers.

In December 1981, the ladies were asked to bring items for the food bank which had a great need during the holiday period.

After that, the group decided to contribute to the food bank every month. This tradition still holds. Another article of interest appeared in the spring 1982 issue of the *Log*: “In spite of snow, ice, and temperatures in the teens, almost 50 ladies attended the luncheon.” Many had walked to the event.

The luncheons continued with this format for several years. The first special guest attended the May 1980 meeting. Beverly Lamb, the Port Townsend librarian, presented a program to the 65 – 70 ladies present. It wasn’t until the late 1990s that programs were presented each month.

In August 1991, the event was renamed the Monthly Luncheon, and men were invited. Future programs reflected this change in the audience. Beginning in the spring of 1994, the telephone committee disbanded—no more phone call reminders. Notices of the luncheon meetings were posted on the Beach Club bulletin board, and an ad was printed in the *Port Townsend Leader*.

Since early 1995, the luncheon has alternated between the Beach Club and the Bay Club, and interesting or entertaining programs are presented every month. There has never been a charge—attendees are asked to bring non-perishable foods, toiletries, or financial donations for the food bank. If you haven’t taken advantage of meeting your neighbors for lunch, why not join us next month. Signup at the Beach or Bay Club. Hostesses provide a tasty meal, so no one has to bring carrot juice!

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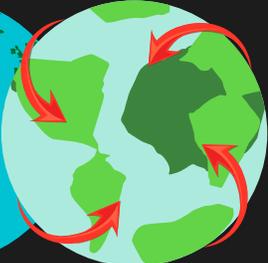


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Family STEAM Night at Chimacum Creek Primary

by Kyle Ehlis, Principal, Chimacum Creek Primary School

On December 12 Chimacum Creek Primary staff hosted a Family STEAM Night. Students and families came to school in the evening and participated in engaging activities from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. with Chimacum Creek Primary School staff and Chimacum Elementary School robotics teams. Over 60 students from Chimacum Creek Primary signed in for the event, with many of the students attending with two or more family members.

The acronym STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. Each of the activities that the families participated in involved several of these concepts. Students participated in building activities, Bee Bot coding, robotics, and other STEAM activities.

In October ten families participated in the Chimacum School District's "READY! for Kindergarten" program. This was the second overall workshop for the school district, but the first that included all five age groups. Groups were divided into ages 0 to 1, 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4, and 4 to 5.

Each family received a workbook with lesson plans that are designed for the age groups. Along with the workbook, families receive activity items that match the lesson plans. Families spent an hour and a half working with a trainer on how to deliver the lessons and learned ways to help their child be ready for kindergarten. The next "READY! for Kindergarten" workshop at Chimacum Creek Primary will be held on **Monday, February 24**, at 5:00 p.m.

Chimacum Creek Primary School provides an enriching environment that fosters lifelong skills to inspire learning through curiosity, motivation, persistence, confidence, and readiness to thrive and contribute to society. We grow learners!

Future of the Oceans

The fifth installment of the Port Townsend Marine Science Center's (PTMSC) "Future of the Oceans" lecture series will be held on **Sunday, February 9**, 3:00 p.m., at the Fort Worden Chapel. Admission is \$5; students and teachers are free.

Neil Harrington, environmental biologist for the Jamestown S'Klallam tribe, will discuss "Toxic Phytoplankton of the Pacific Northwest." Neil has worked for the tribe since 2012. His work has focused on harmful algal blooms, shellfish safety, invasive European green crab monitoring, and outreach to school children. He has 17 years of experience working in natural resources on the North Olympic Peninsula. He holds a Master of Science in biological oceanography from University of California, Santa Cruz.

For more information, visit the PTMSC website at ptmsc.org.

SBCA 2020 Pancake Breakfasts, Schedule and Purpose

by Carol Riley, Contributing Writer

It has been about a year since the first South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Pancake Breakfast occurred on January 4, 2019. The idea was a simple one: give people a place and reason to gather for breakfast once a month and raise funds for local charities at the same time. Chimacum Backpacks for Kids was the first organization to benefit, and it was a slow start. Attendance was small, but those who came enjoyed it, and there was optimism that the breakfasts would catch on, and they did. Attendance has grown over the past year, some months reaching as high as 110 guests. The food is delicious and plentiful, volunteer servers are pleasant and helpful, and the charities or local groups receive funding to help support their community activities.

The breakfasts will continue in 2020. There will be a few changes to the format beginning this month. The February breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, February 8**, at 9:00 a.m. That is a change from the "Friday at 8:30" format; the goal is to raise attendance by attracting residents who work during the week. The next change will take place on **Friday, March 6**. This breakfast will see a change to the menu; french toast (c'est si bon!) will replace the pancakes, and all other menu items will remain the same. There are rumors that the summer months might see a change to a delightful continental breakfast – you'll have to stay tuned to find out if that is the case.

The pancake breakfasts are a work in progress. If you like the idea of having a delicious breakfast with friends while supporting a local charity, then please continue to come if you are a regular attendee, and please consider attending if this will be a new experience for you. Everyone is welcome.

The breakfasts are held monthly, except for July and December. Here are the charitable organizations that will benefit from the breakfasts in 2020. We are thrilled that we have deserving recipients for every month.

- February – Rotary Club of East Jefferson County
- March – Port Ludlow Players
- April – Port Ludlow Performing Arts (PLPA)
- May – Chimacum Backpacks for Kids
- June – Dove House
- August – Bayside Housing and Services
- September – St. Vincent de Paul of Jefferson County
- October – Jefferson Land Trust
- November – Tri-Area Food Bank

Pancake Breakfast to Support Rotary Global Grant

by Paul Wynkoop, President, East Jefferson County Rotary Club

Please come to the Bay Club on Saturday morning, **February 8**, and purchase a pancake breakfast, served to you by the Rotary Club of East Jefferson County. Our Rotary Club, along with the six other Area 8 Olympic Peninsula Rotary Clubs have joined together to support a global grant to build toilets for families in the impoverished country of Togo, in Western Africa.

Doc Reiss, of the Nor'Wester Club, initiated the building of "Dignity Toilets for Togo" in 2017. In the past three years, his efforts have led to the building of 100 composting toilets for families in the village of Klobatem. Until the work began on Dignity Toilets, the only place families had to go to the bathroom was in an open field, along with several hundred other people. Melinda Gates best summed up the need when she said, "Toilets may not be a favorite topic of conversation. But if you care about keeping girls in school, expanding women's economic participation, and protecting them against violence, then we have to be willing to talk about toilets."

Each Dignity Toilet is almost maintenance free and will last for generations. The toilets are built specifically for families. Each family that we serve has to contribute something in materials and effort. Every toilet we build takes people out of the field and stops disease and ground water pollution.

Our goal is to raise a total of \$15,000 between the seven clubs that are participating in this global grant. If we're successful, our Rotary District and Rotary International will add matching monies that will bring the total to \$52,500. That will build approximately 100 more toilets for Togolese families (each toilet costs approximately \$400).

Doc Reiss will be at the pancake breakfast to provide additional details about this global grant project. Donations in any amount will also be accepted.

Chamber Luncheon & Leadership Award Nominations

The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a luncheon highlighting Housing Solutions Network at 11:45 a.m. on **Monday, February 10**, at Elks Lodge, 555 Otto Street, Port Townsend. Representatives from Housing Solutions Network will be updating the community on their progress.

The chamber has also released an award nominations form for the 2020 Jefferson County Community Leadership awards to be held on **April 25** at the Old Alcohol Plant. The categories for the awards are: Business Leader of the Year Award, Citizen of the Year Award, Rising Entrepreneur Award, Young Professional of the Year Award, and the youth Future Business Leader Award.

The mission of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce is to stimulate a vibrant economy by promoting, informing, connecting, and advocating for local business.

The Outsider, "inside" SBCA: LVP Serving March Benefit Breakfast

On **Friday, March 6**, Ludlow Village Players (LVP) will be the non-profit organization benefitted by the South Bay Community Association (SBCA) monthly morning-fest at the Bay Club, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Something new is in store for breakfast lovers: French toast! And, yes, there'll also be the traditional bacon, sausages, fruit, and other yummys. You'll be treated to great service from the cast and crew of LVP's spring production, *The Outsider*, plus there'll be special teasers that'll prompt you to purchase advance play tickets that very morning from the LVP crew, \$17 a person, cash or check. Plan ahead: Opening Night, **Friday, April 17**, offers special goodies and will be an early sell-out!

Breakfast reservations for March 6 are available through brownpapertickets.com or at the Bay Club, 120 Spinnaker Place, \$10 per person. Advance sales are requested to insure there's enough food and MORE for everyone. Last year's LVP benefit broke all records; *The Outsider* team is hoping for an even greater attendance, promising a morning of Players' Fun and Frivolity.

The Outsider, written by Paul Slade Smith, is set for weekend performances, **April 17 - 26**, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:00 p.m., Sundays at 2:00 p.m., at the Bay Club. Tickets will be available through brownpapertickets.com, as well as the Bay Club front desk after March 16.

The Outsider is a "must see" show if you enjoy comedy. You'll giggle. You'll chortle! Wait ... Plan to laugh out loud 'big time' at this zany look at a reluctant politician! What an oxymoron! And so timely ... as *The Outsider* skewers politics and celebrates democracy. Spearheaded by Guest Director Randy Powell, well-known for directing throughout the Kitsap Peninsula, the play is, as LVP Artistic Director Val Durling stated, "... the funniest play we've ever done!"

Want to get involved behind the scenes? Spots are available on the production team—from publicity to set-building and everything betwixt and between. Contact Mara Mauch, production manager, at marasmall@gmail.com.

A Special Trip to China

Join your Port Ludlow friends and neighbors on a 15-day tour of China. We start our journey, as we board our flight in Seattle, on October 28, 2020. Arriving in Shanghai, China, on the 29th, we will be met by an English-speaking guide. From there the adventure begins, as we explore the natural wonders, historic treasures, and cultural heritage of Shanghai, Chongqing, Chengdu, Xi'an, and Beijing. Spend a day playing with and learning about the pandas. Visit several markets and enjoy the jade, pearl, and cloisonné factories. See the Great Wall and the Terracotta Warriors. Experience a 3-day cruise on the Yangtze River. You will even cook and share a meal with a Chinese family.

An October tour gives us plenty of time to get our group together. For more information contact Karyn McKnight at pointsinblue@aol.com or 360-629-2146; or Roz Greene at rpgrgreen@aol.com or 425-765-6903.

February Events at the Library

Valentine Card Making for Adults

Bring your creative ideas and crafting talents to the Jefferson County Library on **Wednesday, February 5**, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. to make handmade Valentine cards— for ages 18 and up. Library staff will be on hand to provide guidance for new ideas. All materials will be provided including hearts, doilies, and more.

Writing Your Memoir



Savitri Bess.

Every life holds many tales. Whether your life is wildly unconventional or relatively normal, the contemporary memoir – everyday people telling their stories – has become a popular phenomenon. The Jefferson County Library will be hosting a three-week workshop on **Thursdays (February 13, 20, and 27)**, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will explore the techniques and finesse it takes to

feature yourself in writing.

Taught by author Savitri Bess, this workshop will examine the writing techniques of various authors and explore writing exercises designed to inspire projects by engaging the five senses. You will learn about positive feedback methods that support fellow writers.

Whether you are seeking to write essay-length pieces, or a book, this workshop will give you the tools with which to best tell the stories from your life. No writing experience is necessary. Please bring paper and a pen.

Great Decisions 2020

Great Decisions returns to the Jefferson County Library for the eighth year. Co-sponsored this year by the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (QUUF) in Port Townsend, this program is annually produced by the Foreign Policy Association to engage citizens in global affairs and to solicit their opinions about foreign policy.

Beginning on **Thursday, February 27**, at 6:00 p.m., this eight-week program will provide topics on current global issues and stimulate discussions. Come every week or choose your favorite topics. No registration required. This year's topics are:

- February 27 – Climate Change and the Global Order
- March 5 – India and Pakistan
- March 12 – Red Sea Security
- March 19 – Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- March 26 – U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle



Dr. Joyce Francis.
Submitted photos.

- April 9 – China's Road into Latin America
- April 16 – The Philippines and the U.S.
- April 23 – Artificial Intelligence and Data

This will be Dr. Joyce Francis' eighth year facilitating this program. She taught International Relations at George Mason University, Tulane University, and American University prior to moving to the Olympic Peninsula. She has coordinated the adult learning programs at QUUF in Port Townsend.

For more information about this and other Jefferson County Library events, please call 360-385-6544 or visit jclibrary.info.

Change of Watch, Port Ludlow Yacht Club

by Lori Longo, PLYC Communications Officer



PLYC Gala at the Bay Club.

Submitted photo

Change of Watch is one of many time-honored nautical traditions practiced at the Port Ludlow Yacht Club (PLYC). A Change of Watch ceremony is held to install our newly-elected officers and relieve the previous year's group of command. This year's gala event was held at the Bay Club and attended by 108 members and guests. The program was entertaining, the food delicious, and we all danced the night away.

We welcome our new Flag Officers: Rand Lien as commodore, Theresa Muir as vice commodore, Doug Sharp as rear commodore, and Billie Land as immediate past commodore. Each of the flag officers typically serves for four years, one year in each position.

December also brought The Lighted Boats Celebration co-hosted by Kori Ward, marina director, and Rob Hamilton, PLYC port captain. A new record of 29 captains participated by lighting their boats. We enjoyed a fabulous catered event on December 21 to thank all the captains and their crews.

If you are interested in exploring membership in PLYC, we'll host you for dinner in our Wreck Room, and you'll have a chance to meet many of our members. Please complete the form on our website, plyc.us/visit.

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Alarm Statistics November 2019

Alarms

Fires	5
Rescue/Emergency Medical	79
Service Call	10
Good Intent	12
False Alarm	2
Hazardous Condition	3
Total Alarms	111

Ambulance Transports

Jefferson Healthcare	19
Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton	10
Harrison Medical Center, Silverdale	5
Total Transports	34

Aid

Aid Given	28
Aid Received	2

Mutual Aid Defined

by Brad Martin, Fire Chief

Recently, community members have asked how mutual aid agreements work for Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue (District 3) and neighboring fire districts.

Very generally defined, a mutual aid agreement among emergency responders is an agreement to lend assistance across jurisdictional boundaries when there is a need for an emergency response that exceeds local resources. Examples of this can include things such as a multi-vehicle accident with several injured parties, or a large fire in an area where there is no fire hydrant, subsequently requiring several water tenders and firefighters.

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue (PLFR) is one of the Jefferson County fire districts that is a part of a mutual aid agreement with the other four districts in the county. The current mutual aid agreement also includes Navy Region Northwest (Indian Island) and Bangor bases, as well as both Clallam and Kitsap County Fire Districts. This agreement has been in effect since 2013.

With this agreement, PLFR can get help from any of the mutual aid agreement signers and can also provide help to any of the others. However, if one of the districts has been called upon to respond and happens to be on another incident, they advise the requesting district that they are unable to respond.

There are times when several local fire districts are responding to the same call and a request is made by the commanding officer of that incident for one district to respond to other districts calls until they become available again.

It is also important to understand that as all fire districts are generally understaffed, there are laws, rules, and regulations that

control how fire departments operate. Included in those statutory controls are requirements about the number of personnel required on specific incidents, which can quickly outnumber the personnel any one agency is able to provide. The need to abide by the laws, together with staffing issues, heightens the importance of a mutual aid agreement between districts.

If you have questions about the services Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue provides, please contact me at 360-437-2236 or by email at bmartin@plfr.org.

How the Great Depression Affected American Families

Every American family was affected by the disaster that befell the American and world economy after the Wall Street crash of 1929 and the bank failures of 1931. Farmers lost land and homes, bank depositors lost savings, and workers lost jobs. Hunger was also common, and public health suffered. Depending on their particular situation, each family had its own challenges and triumphs.

The Jefferson County Genealogical Society (JCGS) invites you to a presentation on **Saturday, February 15**, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., that will offer a context for understanding these family stories. The speaker will provide examples from his own family history and from other research to illustrate the human impact of the Great Depression. Presenter Austin Kerr, a member of JCGS, taught history at Ohio State University for 39 years. His main interest is to understand how his ancestors were part of, and influenced by, historical events, trends, and ideas. Kerr's publications include *Organized for Prohibition: A New History of the Anti-Saloon League* (1985).

The event is open to the public and will be held at Tri-Area Community Center, 10 West Valley Road, Chimacum. For further information, contact Linda at 360-774-3767.

Free Legal and Estate Life Care Planning Seminar

Richard Tizzano is hosting a seminar on legal and estate life care planning at the Bay Club on **Thursday, February 13**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Tizzano is an expert in elder law, estate planning, Medicaid planning, adult guardianships, personal health-care crisis management, strategic health cost risk mitigation, and sustainability of care. The seminar is designed to explore solutions to help you age in place, protect assets, and remain independent, providing peace of mind for you and your loved ones. A roadmap on "Aging and Long Term Care" will be provided.

Having the opportunity to be informed, organized and equipped will not only give you peace of mind, but give you hope and a healthy perspective for the journey. You will find Richard's seminar insightful, humorous, and informative. Seating is limited, so please reserve your spot today at westsoundlegal.com, or call 360-779-5551.

AAUW Silent Auction & Home & Kitchen Tour



AAUW math tutor with local third graders.

Looking for fun ways to support your community? Get out your calendars and mark the dates. Join in the fun with AAUW/UWF (American Association of University Women and University Women's Foundation) at two events that help provide funds for scholarships and local educational programs.

Last year, this organization provided over \$50,000 to women and girls from East Jefferson County, including technical school, college, high school, and middle school students.

Saturday, February 15 - Silent Auction: At 10:30 a.m. at the Port Townsend Elks Lodge, come to bid on unique experiences, such as a Mardi Gras lunch, a Honey Harvest, a class in collage card-making, a Murder Mystery dinner, or personal services such as massages, haircuts, and culinary delights including pies, scones and biscotti. You can bid on baskets filled with goodies, valuable gift cards, and certificates from local businesses such as a "Stay & Play" gift certificate from the Resort at Port Ludlow. The Resort special efforts to support worthy causes in Jefferson County. It has been a proud supporter of AAUW-UWF scholarships and educational programs via donations to the Silent Auction and Home & Kitchen Tours for more than 10 consecutive years.



Thank you from math students. Submitted photos

Saturday, April 25 - Home & Kitchen Tour: The 23rd annual AAUW/UWF tour features an exciting variety of new, restored, or remodeled Port Townsend homes. Home improvement workshops are offered by local businesses at the Hospitality Center. Tickets for the Tour will be available at brownpapertickets.com. Proceeds fund scholarships, Tech Trek STEM camp for 8th graders, and projects including 3rd grade math and kindergarten literacy. For more information, visit pt-wa.aauw.net/activities/home-kitchen-tour.

Additional AAUW calendar events, such as exciting community films celebrating Washington State's 100th year of suffrage are upcoming. For more details, visit pt-wa.aauw.net/2019/10/06/100-years-for-womens-right-to-vote.

AAUW Port Townsend and its University Women's Foundation of Jefferson County, a 501(c)(3) organization, is committed to making a significant impact on education and equity through scholarships, elementary school projects in literacy and math, and other mission-related projects. For additional details, visit pt-wa.aauw.net.

AARP Smart Driver Course Scheduled in March

The AARP-sponsored SMART Driver Course will be offered at the Beach Club on **Wednesday, March 25** and **Friday, March 27**, from noon to 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the course is to enable drivers to enhance and extend their safe driving experience. The latest in driving technologies, how the aging process affects our ability to drive safely, and how to compensate for those changes are covered. The course is strongly recommended for drivers who have not taken it before, those for whom it has been a while since having taken it, and those new to Washington's driving regulations and the local driving environment.

Washington State encourages insurance companies to grant premium discounts to those who take the course. Classes are open to the public. A \$20 fee is charged to cover the cost of materials. AARP members receive a \$5 discount. The cost of the course will increase to \$25 on July 1, so plan on taking the course now if you can. The course is eight hours long; therefore, attendance is required both days.

To reserve a place in the class, or for further information, call Russ Henry at 360-437-2250.

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End of Life Doula

by Molly Fahrenschon, Guest Writer

Do you need a non-medical end of life companion? An End of Life Doula provides care and comfort to a dying person, their friends, and family caretakers. Like hospice, an end of life doula meets with the client and provides guidance and support when needed. Unlike hospice, a doula is able to dedicate a greater amount of time and attention to the client and family before, during, and after death.

Many end of life doulas meet with clients well in advance of death to explore their feelings, facilitate discussions with family, or to help with legacy projects like a memory book. Clients are also guided through their vigil plan, detailing all the elements of the final days or hours, such as where the client feels most comfortable and what sensory requests should be fulfilled to create the desired atmosphere. When a client enters the final stages of life, the doula stays as long as possible, sometimes in shifts with other doulas, supporting the family through what can be a difficult or confusing time. Families often meet with the doula again a few weeks later to discuss the loss, grief, and how to find closure.

If you would like more information on end of life doulas and the services they provide, please give me a call, 360-821-1035.

Birdie, It's Cold Outside

We're starting to get some cold, snowy weather. How are your hummingbirds doing? Last year a fellow member of the Western Washington Birders suggested using bubble wrap to keep their food from freezing during the night. I gave it a try, and it seems to work. If you don't have any of that bubble wrap left over after the holidays, or it's too complicated to do, bring the feeders in at night. Just make sure they're back outside bright and early; or should I say before bright—early!



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Maytrelli Diaz will be facilitating. Please contact her for information info@holistikliving.com

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Community Meetings

First Wednesday Luncheon

Save the date! Plan to join us on **Friday, February 5**, at 11:00 a.m., for the First Wednesday Luncheon at the Beach Club, 121 Marine View Drive.

Our featured guest for February is Denise Winter, artistic director of Key City Public Theatre. Actors from her Key City Players will be performing scenes from their upcoming production. This should be a very entertaining program, so bring a friend or new neighbor. All Port Ludlow residents are encouraged to attend. Sign up at the Bay or Beach Clubs before the end of the month. After that contact Marilyn Durand at 360-437-7667 to cancel or make a late reservation. There is no admission fee. Guests are asked to donate non-perishable foods, personal toiletries, household products, pet foods, and diapers for the Tri-Area Food Bank. Monetary donations are always greatly appreciated as well. Please remember to bring your complete table setting including placemats, dishes, utensils, and napkins. The savings on those items allows additional support to the food bank. This time of the year there is a special need for our support of the Tri-Area Food Bank.

Note: *This is a change from our regularly scheduled club rotation. We will be back on schedule next month.*

Port Ludlow Bookworms

Port Ludlow Bookworms will meet on **Monday, February 17**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bridge Deck to discuss *Disappearing Earth* by Julia Phillips.

Disappearing Earth tells the story of two Russian sisters, eight and eleven years old, who disappear on the remote Kamchatka Peninsula. Set against a social and ethnic backdrop where outsiders are the first to come under suspicion, the story follows the police investigation during the ensuing year. The plot is interwoven with twists, turns, and conflicting evidence, while Phillips leaves clues along the way to help readers figure out who took the girls. She vividly portrays life in Russia's reindeer-herding camps as well as its desolate tundra, healing hot springs, menacing volcanoes, and icy Bering Sea. Phillips drew upon her two-year experience as a Fulbright scholar in Kamchatka to accurately depict this colorful northeastern region of Russia as it transitioned from Soviet-era isolation to a post-Communist society with new problems to solve.

The March 16 meeting will feature a discussion of *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles.

For more information, text Leslie Carlson at 360-643-0291 or email her at lcarlson554@gmail.com.

Memoirs & More

Memoirs & More, a book club focused on memoirs, autobiographies, and biographies, will be meeting **Monday, February 3**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bridge Deck to discuss Betty MacDonald's *The Egg and I*.

Ann Robinson of *The Oregonian* writes, "In 1945, World War II had just ended and folks sick of international politics, bloody battles, and scrimping at home were aching for a reason to laugh. So when MacDonald's wry, rueful take on the rustic life of chicken farming in the rural hinterlands of the Olympic Peninsula showed up on bookstore shelves, it was snapped up quicker than a hen goes after cracked corn. *The Egg and I* sold one million copies in less than a year; Hollywood spit out a movie version starring Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray in 1947, which was followed by the first comedy series on TV from 1951 - 52 and the Ma and Pa Kettle movies, starring Marjorie Main and Percy Kilbride as the infamously lazy neighbors. The book has remained in print ever since."

But the book is not without controversy. Nava Atlas writes, "While many contemporary readers still adore the book, others are deeply disturbed by its blatant racism against Native Americans as well as its classism and snobbery toward those the author describes as Neighbors with a purposeful capital. In fact, following the book's publication, lawsuits against the author were filed by the Chimacum community." (*The Literary Ladies Guide*)

Join us for a lively discussion of this local classic.

We will be discussing *The Color of Water* by James McBride at the March 2 meeting. For more information, text Leslie Carlson at 360-643-0291 or email her at lcarlson554@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome! Appetizers provided; BYOB.

Stamping/Paper Arts Explores Stained Glass Effects

In February, the Stamping and Paper Arts Club will be making a unique and sophisticated card using the "shattered glass stamping technique." Contrary to how it sounds, we will *not* be stamping with shattered glass. Instead, we will be using inks, stamps, sponges/brushes, and masking tape to make a card with a layered, stained glass effect. Yes, it's not only interesting, but fun and easy to do.

Trying to make a card with a vintage feel? This technique will work for you. Looking for a bright Spring-colors card? This technique works for that as well.

Join us at the Bay Club on **Wednesday, February 19**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon to see what it's all about—and let your imagination and creativity loose. For further information, contact Chris Spagle at: chspagl2@gmail.com.

Let's Keep Movin'!

by Peggy Welker, Fitness Class Member

Do you want to have more energy to play with your grandkids or to pursue your hobbies? Would you like to improve your overall health and sense of well-being, or simply look better? If these are fleeting thoughts at the back of your mind, or if you are seriously thinking about getting involved in regular exercise, then consider attending the new Monday morning class from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Bay Club. TJ, the instructor, has been teaching group fitness classes in Jefferson County for 20 years. Her new class entitled "Let's Keep Moving" replaces the previous Zumba class. It is a full body workout that encompasses aerobics for cardio, and weights and bands for strength training, balance, and core strength. I bet you are thinking, "this sounds like a lot, am I up to it?" Don't panic or talk yourself out of it. TJ is a master at working with those of us with bad knees, hips, backs, shoulders, and creaky joints in general. She will tailor the workout to meet your needs and limitations.

Come join us every Monday, make new friends, and have a blast while getting in shape. The class is open to everyone, you do not have to be a member of the South Bay Club in order to attend. The cost of the class is \$7, and the first class is free. You also have the option to buy a 10-class punch card for \$70.

If you find that you want more than a one day a week group workout class, don't forget Amy's Zumba classes are every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.; and Kathy's Zumba toning are every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Lose yourself in the great music, work up a sweat, and have fun doing it. Also, check the Bay Club Calendar for other classes--morning aqua aerobics and aqua walk-- throughout the week.

Martha's Book Club

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, February 11**, at the Bay Club to discuss *Piano Tide*, the debut novel by award-winning naturalist, philosopher, activist, and author Kathleen Dean Moore.

Piano Tide is set in the fictional Alaska town of Good River Harbor. The last stop on the ferry, the town is isolated, both literally and figuratively. Caught between steep, forested slopes and relentless tides, the hapless people of Good River Harbor are caught, as well, in a struggle between those who hope to make a simple living on the rain-drenched land and those determined to make a killing. The story centers on young Nora Montgomery, a newcomer who arrives one day lugging a full-size piano. When she arrives in town, she immediately confronts Axel Hagerman, CEO of Good River Products, Inc., who has made a killing by selling off the spruce, the cedar, the herring, and the halibut. But when he decides to export the water from a salmon stream, he runs headlong into Nora, who leads the townspeople in a transformative act of resistance.

Piano Tide is a lively and engaging novel that transports us to a town on the edge of the Alaskan wilderness, populated by an assortment of intriguing and appealing characters with very believable connections and tensions. Everyone is welcome.

DigitalLife Workshops in February

All workshops are held in the South Bay Club classroom and are open to the public. You are encouraged to visit our learning and problem-solving workshops.

Photo Editing Group – Monday, February 10, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to employ software to improve your photos, create slideshows, print those good shots, and scan your old photos. Questions and on-the-spot help. Join us every second Monday.

DigitalLife Board Meeting – Monday, February 10, noon

Following the photo editing workshop, please come and make suggestions during the board meeting. It's open to all. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

All Things Apple Group - Monday, February 17, 6:00 p.m.

Questions and help with all Apple devices. See presentations and get applications support. Learn from individual help breakouts. Meetings are held every third Monday in the evening.

Digital Camera Group – Monday, February 24, 9:30 a.m.

We talk photo composition, lighting, using your camera's features, and shooting tips. All skill levels and camera styles are welcome. Always bring your camera and instruction manual to these workshops. This group meets every fourth Monday.

Ludlow Single Seniors

The February Ludlow Senior Singles luncheon will be at Sogno di Vino Italian Restaurant in Poulsbo. The date is **Tuesday, February 18**. The time is 12:30 p.m., and the address is 18830 Front Street N.E. (next to the Green Light Diner).

We are going to be limited to 16 at this event, due in part to the size of the restaurant. So, give Diane a call at 206-910-0639 to get your name on the "I'm Going" list. The Ludlow Senior Singles is a fun group of people who enjoy trying out different restaurants in the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsula areas every month. Give us a call and join us!

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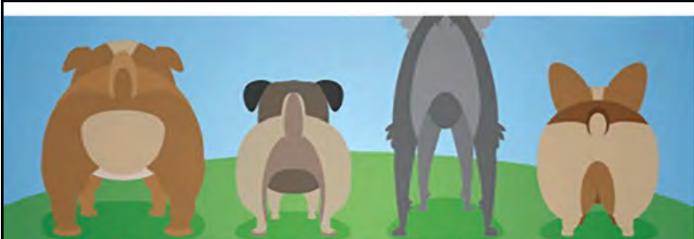
On **Wednesday, February 26**, at 7:00 a.m., the Port Ludlow Garden Club will depart from the Bay Club via bus to the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle. You will view the show gardens discovering the newest products and plants, and you may attend free Seminars with varying topics. We expect to arrive at the show at 9:30 a.m. and depart at 3:00 p.m.

The cost of \$55 Members, \$60 non-Members, includes transportation, ferry fees, a snack on the bus, and admission to the show. Lunch is not included.

RSVP to Michelle, michelle7913@msn.com and send in your checks to confirm your reservation as soon as possible. Your reservation is not confirmed until your check is received. Provide your name and contact information, and mail check to the Port Ludlow Garden Club, PO Box 65235, Port Ludlow, WA 98365, or deliver it to the Garden Club box at the Bay Club.

Questions, email: portludlowgardenclub@gmail.com or contact Frances at 360-302-6154.

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Arts and Entertainment

This section features news on Port Ludlow arts and entertainment events, as well as a performing arts calendar for Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. Submit news and calendar items to editor@plvoice.org by the 8th of the preceding month.

PLPA Moves into 2020 Full-Speed Ahead!

by Peggy Welker, Publicity Chair



Birch Pereira & The Gin Joints - Recently scheduled for the 2019-2020 Season Finale. Not to be missed!

Provided photo

The new year is now in full swing and so is Port Ludlow Performing Arts (PLPA). Although the **Saturday, March 28**, concert with The High Kings is sold out, PLPA is working hard to secure another fantastic Irish group for next season.

This might be a good time to remind you that tickets for any of our season concerts can be purchased in advance through a link on our website or by calling Brown Paper Tickets directly at 800-838-3006. Take a look at our season lineup in our Concert Series Brochure or on our website portludlowperformingarts.com. This will allow you to get your tickets early, so you won't miss out on any of your favorite concerts. While you are "taking a look," please note that we have secured the contract for our Summer Soiree concert, the final concert of this season. Mark your calendars, Birch Pereira & The Gin Joints will perform on **Sunday, June 7**, at 4:00 p.m. Pereira's old-school tenor voice, his skilled bass playing, and his group of talented and versatile musicians will take you on a sonic tour of great music.

The PLPA board is working very hard to secure a varied and high quality concert lineup for next season. In addition, we are taking steps to expand our publicity to all of our new Port Ludlow

residents. To assist in this endeavor, we encourage all of our supporters to invite a "new" neighbor to attend one of our concerts.

We are always looking for opportunities to promote and expand our music education outreach program to the students in Jefferson County. The program has benefitted thousands of students, from K2 through seniors in high school, by expanding their minds and providing opportunities that otherwise would not have been available. We provide elementary students with scholarships for instrument rental; we purchase equipment, music, uniforms, etc., for music departments as needed, as well as sponsor students to participate in various performance opportunities. Once a year for our Junior High and High School students we sponsor a concert at the Chimacum High School (we bused in the Quilcene High School students this year) put on by one of the PLPA's season performers. Funding for these programs as well as the Adventures in Music program comes from the PLPA budget as well as from donations made to the Martha Dawson Fund, established in 2015 in memory of the late Martha Hicks Dawson, past president and long-time member of PLPA.

Adventures in Music brings local musicians to the elementary school to perform and educate students in the performing arts. This program, sponsored by PLPA in collaboration with The Port Angeles Symphony Orchestra, serves as a valuable resource in bringing music culture to the Chimacum elementary schools. This year (2019 - 2020) we, happily, have been able to include students from Brinnon. Musicians bring their instruments and their special expertise to the schools for three separate programs throughout the year. Recent programs have highlighted Percussion, the Native American Flute and Culture, A Little Bit Country, and The Cello. Two other programs are set for 2020.

Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra

Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra (PTSO), under the direction of Maestro Tigran Arakelyan, will present its free concert, entitled "Literature in Music" on **Sunday, February 23**, at 2:00 p.m. at Chimacum High School Auditorium.

This concert will feature clarinetist Kincaid Gould, winner of PTSO's first Young Artist Competition. Kincaid is a Senior at Port Townsend High School and has been principal clarinet with the PTSO and the Port Townsend Summer Band. Also joining the orchestra will be the Port Townsend High School Orchestra.

Mr. Gould will perform Carl Maria Von Weber's *Concertino in E flat for Clarinet and Orchestra*. Other pieces in this performance

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are works drawn from literature: Otto Nicolai's overture from his opera of Shakespeare's *Merry Wives of Windsor*, a *Fantasy of Romeo and Juliet* by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, and Gabriel Fauré's *Pelleas et Mélisande Suite*.

Von Weber wrote this concertino for his friend, virtuoso clarinetist Heinrich Baermann. It was the first of several collaborations. The music shows off the different sounds of each of the clarinet's three registers and is a staple of clarinet literature.

Otto Nicolai was a German composer, conductor, and founder of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. He wrote five operas of which the *Merry Wives of Windsor* is the best known. He died at 39, days after being named "Kapellmeister" in Berlin.

While Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet* is called a Fantasy, it is actually a tone poem, a popular form in the late 19th century, that tells the story of the play through music. In the piece, he conveys the love, the fighting, the foreboding, and the doom of the ending. It took Tchaikovsky over 10 years and three tries to develop *Romeo and Juliet* into the piece we hear now.

Maurice Maeterlinck had a rousing success with his 1893 play *Pelleas et Melisande* in Paris. In subsequent years, several composers have written music based on the play. In this case, patrons were searching for someone to write incidental music for an English version. Their first choice, Claude Debussy, turned them down as he was writing his opera based on the play. Gabriel Fauré accepted the challenge to write the music on a very tight schedule. To do so, he used music from unfinished works and had his best student orchestrate it. From the 19 interludes, Fauré selected four to make up this popular suite.

You can find out more about this concert and PTSO at ptsymphony.org.

Events at KCPT

Key City Public Theatre's (KCPT) new CoLab program is preparing to unveil "Visions in Motion 2020," a multifaceted art event. In these shows—created as wholly original experiences—artist Andrea K. Lawson and her team of teens and adults stir together music, visual art, dance, poetry, and theater. It's a celebration of how from 1920 to 2020 creative expression has triumphed over oppression. Through the common theme of Igor Stravinsky's groundbreaking *Rite of Spring* ballet, Visions draws a line from art created more than a century ago to brand new work born this year. The cycles of change and renewal, along with freedom of speech and social justice, drive the action.

Show times are 7:00 p.m. on **Saturdays, February 1 and 8**, and 2:00 p.m. on **Sundays, February 2 and 9**. Tickets are \$20, while patron tickets are \$40, and may be purchased at keycitypublictheatre.org or by calling 360-385-5278. Remaining tickets will be sold at the playhouse, 419 Washington Street, Port Townsend, where doors and the lobby bar open 30 minutes before curtain time.

Also, in February, KCPT will stage two nights of dinner theater at the Alchemy Bistro & Wine Bar, 842 Washington Street, Port

Townsend. The four-course dinner, paired with live performances by local actors, will be laid out at 6:00 p.m. on **Sunday and Monday, February 9 and 10**. Tickets, which typically sell out well in advance, are \$58 per person.

LVP Thespians Win as Playwrights

by Jenise Harper, Contributing Writer

What do an Oceanographer/Petroleum Geoscientist and a Home Builder/Computer Artist have in common? Give your answer some thought.

Oh, darn! I gave it away in the headline. Two Port Ludlow thespians (Ludlow Village Players, LVP) are among the winners of the One-Act Play Competition sponsored by the Port Townsend Arts Commission, designed for Jefferson County playwrights as part of the Port Townsend PlayFest 24. Kudos to Jim Gormly and Wynne Stevens for their winning submissions, set for performances **March 6 - 15** at the Key City Public Theatre. Jim explained, "All winners will be honored by the Port Townsend Arts Commission at an awards ceremony prior to the opening of the annual Festival performances. It is my understanding that each play will be performed four times, either as a staged reading or a workshop production."

If you've been an LVP follower, you've seen both Jim and Wynne onstage. According to Wynne, "Retirement has opened up the strangest avenues – stuff I only dreamed about when I was younger, thinking perhaps I could do this or that ... if only I had the time. One of those aspirations was acting. Six years ago, I was fortunate enough to receive a part in the LVP production, *Rumors*. A few years later, I played Otis in *Suite Surrender*. Working with Val Durling and the other fine actors in our community has been one of my most rewarding experiences – one I shall cherish forever," said Wynne.

Jim is also an LVP regular, explaining, "I was never involved in acting or writing prior to LVP in 2011. I mentioned to Margie (his wife) that I might try out for a part, some day; thinking I had a year before I had to follow through on that statement. However, as it happened, LVP needed a male actor for a role, and the next day I auditioned. I've been hooked ever since, appearing in several plays, including the upcoming show (*The Outsider*, April 2020) and have been assistant director to Val Durling, twice. I'm also on the board of directors of LVP."

The transition from acting to playwriting was a natural process for both Jim and Wynne. "Although I've written three plays prior to this one," said Jim, "I now feel I can legitimately claim to be a playwright, since the other plays have only been read in a small readers-theater group setting, without an audience. This was my second submission to the competition; the first one I submitted in 2017 didn't win."

Wynne expounded on the process, "Time ... afforded me the opportunity to try writing, thinking that, to unleash my imagination and fantasies through words, I might fulfill another of life's calling. During the ten years, Andrea (his wife) and I have lived in Port Ludlow, I've written three novels, a screenplay, and the script

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that brought me to the Key City competition. While my work languishes on Amazon and in local libraries, the point was never to achieve fame or fortune – only to see if I was up to the task.”

Jim summed it all up, “We won the privilege of having a play performed to a paying audience. We’ll receive a cut of the ticket sales. I’m expecting I’ll be able to buy a couple beers, maybe.”

Oh, My! God? The setting of *Oh, My! God?* is a park, according to Jim, who describes the comedy as: “Adam and Evelyn are married. Evelyn is outdoorsy, loves horses, is a birder; Adam is not an outdoorsman, kind of a wimp, doesn’t understand the allure of horses. Both greatly want a child, but they’re pushing the age limit to be starting a family. Evelyn goes off in search of a bird to add to her life-list and finds something she never expected. Meanwhile, Adam has an encounter with his guardian angel, Ernestine, and God ... and discovers that horse-racing is popular in Heaven.”

Timeless—According to Wynne, “My submission, *Timeless*, is about an old man who suffers from amnesia due to an accident in his early thirties. His friends, family, and fiancé never knew about the accident or what became of him. The man’s memory returns late in life and, through retelling the story of his early life, tries to piece together enough clues to lead him back to his estranged fiancé.”

The former Oceanographer/Petroleum Geoscientist is Jim Gormly. And, Wynne Stevens?—“Before we moved to Port Ludlow, I was a custom home builder and computer artist.” For more information on the competition visit keycitypublictheatre.org/for-playwrights.

Bill Mawhinney Retires from Reading Series

After 13 years of curating and hosting the monthly Northwind Reading Series, Port Ludlow’s Bill Mawhinney has handed the torch to four Port Townsend area poets — Sheila Bender, Sharon Carter, Holly Hughes, Linda Robertson — who will share the duties of signing on poets to read, hosting the readings, doing public relations and audience mailings. The four new host-curators will strive to fill Bill’s shoes.

Mawhinney will be honored at a party celebrating his tenure on **Thursday, February 20**, following the 7:00 p.m. poetry reading featuring Bill and fellow poet Laurence Cole. The event will be at Northwind Arts Center, 701 Water Street, Port Townsend. The public is encouraged to come for dessert that night and to bring a beverage or finger food if they’d like.

Poets and local poetry audience members treasure the work Bill has done! Further information may be found at info@northwindarts.org.

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Performing Arts Calendar

Saturday, February 1

The Lonely's musical love affair with Roy Orbison has been emphatically received at sold out performances. The structured themes of Orbison's songs defy convention. Port Ludlow's Bay Club, 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m., brownpapertickets.com. See complete details in the January issue of the *Voice*.

Saturdays and Sundays, February 1 – 9

"Visions in Motion 2020" includes multifaceted events combining music, visual art, dance, poetry, and theater, 7:00 p.m., Key City Public Theatre, Port Townsend, 360-385-5278, further details in this issue of the *Voice*.

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, February 1 – 23

Come share the angst, humor, and compassion with characters who wrestle with life choices we all remember when *Tick, Tick, Boom* comes to Poulsbo's Jewel Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m. with 2:00 p.m. Sunday matinees, 360-697-3183, jewelboxpoulsbo.org.

Friday, February 7

Pablo Cruise, the multi-platinum band whose fun, infectious grooves, and breezy pop sound ruled the charts with mega hits is back on tour and better than ever, 7:30 p.m., Bremerton's Admiral Theatre, admiraltheatre.org, 360-373-6743.

Saturday and Sunday, February 8 and 9

Bainbridge Symphony Orchestra will offer a unique concert filled with great and powerful works written and conceived by extraordinary, but often overlooked, women composers, 7:30 p.m. (Saturday), 3:00 p.m. (Sunday), 360-649-9974, bainbridgeperformingarts.org.

Sunday and Monday, February 9 and 10

Key City Public Theatre's dinner theater will be held at Alchemy Bistro & Wine Bar, Port Townsend, with a live theatrical production, 6:00 p.m., 360-385-5278, keycitypublictheatre.org. Further details in this issue of the *Voice*.

Saturday, February 15

Constellation Choir, a mixed-voice ensemble dedicated to exploring the unique repertoire for voice and strings, and Bridges, a string orchestra, come together to perform *Sunrise Mass* which takes audience members on a lyrical journey through stirring moments, 7:30 p.m., 360-649-9974, bainbridgeperformingarts.org.

Sunday, February 23

The Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra performs *Literature in Music*, featuring as guests the Port Townsend High School Orchestra, 2:00 p.m., Chimacum High School Auditorium, complete details in this issue of the *Voice*.

Saturday, February 29

"The Underwater Bubble Show" is a visual, musical, emotional and lavish show that transports people in an imaginary underwater world with a real feeling of being submersed in the ocean deep, 2:00 p.m., Bremerton's Admiral Theatre, 360-373-6743, admiraltheatre.org.

Port Ludlow Art League Artists of the Month - Things You Love Group Show



To the Touch, by Pamela Raine.

The Port Ludlow Art League (PLAL) will adorn the Sound Community Bank with an ensemble artwork exhibit featuring various artists responses to a “Things You Love” theme. Artwork will include watercolors, pastels, oils, acrylics, mixed media, fabric, and photography.

A reception for the group art exhibit is set for 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 12**, in the lobby of the Sound Community Bank and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at

the newly-renovated Port Ludlow Art League Gallery next door. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, contact League President Pamela Raine at 206-465-5846.

Jeweler of the Month – Linda Henderson at the PLAL Gallery

Linda has always had a keen eye for color and style. She enjoys searching for unique beads, crystals, and gemstones to create one-of-a-kind pieces including stunning necklaces and silver earrings. Her latest designs will be on display at the Port Ludlow Art Gallery in February. The Gallery is located next to the Sound Community Bank.



Necklace by Linda Henderson.

Submitted photos

PLAL Features Brian Goodman, Award-Winning Photographer

by Patricia Webber, PL Art League

Photojournalist and art photographer Brian Goodman brings “A Photographic Journey to Manzanar” to the next Port Ludlow Art League (PLAL) meeting. Manzanar was the World War II Japanese-American internment camp in the California desert, located between the Sierra Nevada and Inyo mountains. Goodman, through his artistic photography of what remains of the site, presents a program which promises to be artistically beautiful, historical, and poignant.

Mr. Goodman has been an international, award-winning, professional photographer for over 40 years. His photojournalism work has taken him throughout Europe, the Middle East, and North and Central America. Locally, his fine art photography is on exhibit at Northwind Arts Center in Port Townsend.



Manzanar War Relocation Center Welcome Sign.

Photo by Brian Goodman, 2014

The program will be on **Wednesday, February 19**, 1:00 p.m., at the Port Ludlow Bay Club. The public is welcome to attend. Admission is free to PLAL members; a \$5 donation is accepted from non-members. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Patricia Webber at 2pw@gmx.com.

Abstract Art Exhibit at the Bay Club

Throughout the month of February, enjoy the dynamic, exciting abstract art exhibit in the Port Ludlow Bay Club located at 120 Spinnaker Place. The exhibiting artists — Georganne Muse, Pamela Raine, Jackie VanNoy, Carol Nielson, Katie Jablonski, and Patricia Webber of Port Ludlow; Joanie Klorer, Bainbridge Island; JoAnna Caro, Sequim; and Gail Larson, Quilcene—are members of a thriving abstract art critique group founded by Patricia Webber in 2016 and sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League.



Oscilloscope III. Acrylic on Canvas by Patricia Webber.

Submitted photo

Abstract art uses color, textures, shapes, lines, and patterns to create visual compositions that creatively depict actual images, concepts, or pure imagination. The works on display cover a range of styles and techniques and represent the artists’ pursuit of artistry and visual expression.

For more information, contact Patricia Webber at 2pw@gmx.com.

Shadows & Light at Northwind Arts Center



The Point, by artist Mark Skullerud.

Submitted photo

Twenty-one returning artists and 11 new artists are featured in the 7th season of Northwind’s Artist Showcase 2020 program entitled Shadows & Light. More than a hundred new works will be on display, and the grand opening and reception will be on **Saturday, February 1**, for Port Townsend’s monthly Art Walk from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The exhibit closes on **Sunday, March 1**.

Guest curator Elisabeth Mention spent 32 years as a museum professional working in and for major museums in the U.S. and Europe. As a paintings conservator at the Getty Museum in Los Angeles, she specialized in restoring old master paintings including works by Van Gogh, Monet, Rubens, and Gainsborough. She lives and happily creates art in Port Townsend. Mention says, “The number of quality submissions this year has meant that not every strong entry could be accepted, but I’m pleased that the showcase artists for 2020 are bringing their exciting expressions to the community.”

Northwind Arts Center is located at 701 Water Street, and is open from Wednesdays to Mondays (closed Tuesdays) from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. For more information visit northwindarts.org/exhibits/artist-showcase or call 360-379-1086.

News from Northwind Arts Center

“Let’s Play” is a juried show inviting you to release your inner child, discard your usual practice, and take a different approach and experiment! The show will run through February with an opening reception during Port Townsend’s Art Walk on **Saturday, February 1**, from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Juror Marit Berg has taught printmaking for 14 years at Tacoma Community College, which has allowed her to dig deep into processes while focusing on craftsmanship and discipline. Her artwork is literally the offspring of two very different modes of art-making. Her father taught printmaking for over 30 years, and her mother was a Fulbright scholar and abstract expressionist painter.

Exhibit hours are Wednesday through Monday, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; (closed on Tuesdays). For more information visit northwindarts.org/exhibits/artist-showcase. Northwind is located at 701 Water Street. The phone number is 360-379-1086.



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Village Council

Board Meeting Summary

by Sally Franzel, PLVC Secretary

At the January 2 Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Board Meeting, Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) President Diana Smeland reported on the housing market in the Master Planned Resort (MPR). During 2019, 110 units were sold versus 105/107 in the previous year, and the resale market remained solid. West Harbor Homes continued with construction of new homes and was also available for remodel projects. In order to promote use of facilities during the winter months, the golf course held a winter series which attracted 40 players. The Fireside Restaurant at The Inn is offering Wednesday night prix fixe theme dinners, and Niblicks Café now offers takeout meals Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The menus for these meals are available on Facebook and are posted at The Inn and at the Marina.

Smeland then reported on progress with the Olympic Water and Sewer Inc. (OWSI) water treatment project and the securing of the Department of Health (DOH) State Drinking Water Revolving Fund Loan (SDWRF). A written update on the project as of December 17, 2019, was provided to residents with their recent bill. As required by the state, a notice of intent to release funds was published on December 18 in the *Port Townsend Leader*, which will run for 30 days. The DOH is expected to sign the loan documents in the first quarter of 2020. Unrelated to procuring the loan, OWSI will continue with the design process, including the design and construction of a building that is 800 square feet. The intent is to apply for a building permit the first quarter of 2020 and seek bids in the second quarter.

Holiday Lights Chair Dave McDermid reported that lights in the median have been far less troublesome this year due to the replacement program, whereby some new lights will be added each year as older strings are retired. The Public Utility District (PUD) has advised that electric consumption has not been charged for the median lights in the past but will be this year. It is estimated this charge will be in the \$100 – 150 range for the three months the lights are utilized.

Dan Toepper, PUD commissioner for district 3, said that the PUD board of commissioners operates on a rotation basis and that he has been appointed president of the board. He added the board was reviewing policies and procedures to ensure efficient use of public funds. Toepper continued that PUD had experienced considerable turnover in the past five years and was expanding its hiring in 2020 to improve the organization’s stability and structure. The board has approved a “meter opt-out policy,” and that residents will be permitted to select the type of one-way meter they want. The PUD board has not yet made a determination on the optional use of a two-way “smart meter.”

The Village Council Board reviewed committee members for 2020, approved the appointment of Nancy Corbridge as co-chair of the Welcome Event Committee, and approved the previously distributed list of committee members for all committees.

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting
Thursday, February 6
 3:00 p.m., Port Ludlow Conference Center

Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, February 18
 3:00 p.m., TBA
plvc.org

Chair of the Communications Committee Mike Towner said the council needed to review and improve how it communicates with residents. Continuation of e-blasts, updates on the website, and availability of the archives was recommended. An objective for 2020 will be to coordinate with the homeowners associations to avoid scheduling of various events on the same day in order to remove repetition and to encourage participation. The strategy would be to produce a community calendar available to all event planners and residents.

The board discussed the pluses and minuses of Movie Night and concluded it was a valuable event, but not necessarily a fundraising event. Because there were concerns raised about the “dead time” between food, activities, and the movie, members considered expanding the offering such as combining the evening with the Welcome Event, or adding musical groups to fill the gap. The board approved a motion to explore how that might be accomplished on a community-wide basis jointly with PLA, Ludlow Maintenance Commission, and South Bay Community Association. Rita Garcia, chair of the Welcome Event, agreed to be the point person for this evaluation, and representatives of the other organizations will be asked to participate.

Get Ready for Winter

by Kim Moffitt, PLVC Emergency Management Chair

It’s the time of year to think about getting one of those pesky winter snows. We were a bit surprised last February. Hopefully, this year Port Ludlow will be much better prepared. Here are a few things to think about for preparation and reaction to a snow event.

- Prepare your home:
 - Weatherproof your home.
 - Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have fresh batteries.
 - Make sure you have a working fire extinguisher.
 - Make sure you have enough supplies for a few days without power.

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- Prepare your vehicle:
 - Create an emergency supply kit for your car.
 - Have the radiator system serviced or check the antifreeze level yourself with an antifreeze tester; add antifreeze as needed.
 - Make sure the tires on your car have adequate tread and air pressure.
 - Keep the gas tank near full to help avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
 - Keep your car in good working order.
- **Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of freezing weather and winter storms.** Sign up for Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management’s public safety text message service, NIXLE. Go to jeffcoec.org and click on the phone icon, or text “jeffcodem” to 888777 on your cell phone.
- **Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow.** If you know in advance that we might get snow, put a snow melt product on the driveway to accelerate the melting process.
- **Check on your neighbors.** Some of our more vulnerable neighbors may need assistance during or after a snowstorm.



Winter 2019.

Submitted photo

Agreement for Neighborhood Operations Center

by Mike Towner, Guest Writer

December 30, 2019, marked a significant milestone in advancing emergency preparedness for our village. Members of the Port Ludlow Village Council and the Port Ludlow Community Church met to place their signatures on the Memorandum of Understanding that will allow the Emergency Management Network Operations Center (NOC) to be established at the church. The memorandum was signed by Village Council President Bill Dean, Pastor Brent Hirshy, and Church Board Secretary Hester Harding.

The NOC will be located in a room in the downstairs area of the church. The building is a perfect location due to its elevation above the water level of the bay, and proximity between the communications centers at the Bay and Beach Clubs, central to the village.



Signers of the agreement, left to right, Pastor Brent Hirshy, Hester Harding, Bill Dean.

Photo by Mike Towner

Pastor Hirshy and Hester expressed the church’s enthusiasm about the opportunity to work with the Village Council to establish this significant resource that will serve the entire Port Ludlow community.

The next step will be for the NOC project team, led by Village Council Vice President Mike Towner to establish the various radio communication channels that will be called into service to respond to different emergency scenarios. These include radio links between the Beach and Bay Clubs communications centers and the NOC, Ham communications to the Jefferson County Emergency Operations Center, and Family Radio Service (FRS) communications to the Neighborhood Block Captains. Truly, this is a community-wide and beyond endeavor.

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Village Activities Calendar

Events are open to everyone in the community unless they are specified for members only, or are for a special interest group.

February

Saturday, February 1

7:30 p.m. - PLPA Concert, The Lonely, Bay Club
 - 6:15 p.m. Subscribers check in,
 - 6:30 p.m. General Admission

Monday, February 3

9:00 a.m. - NBLOA meeting (members), Beach Club
 4:30 p.m. - Ludlow Village Players (LVP) rehearsal, Bay Club
 5:30 p.m. - Dine & Discover, Beach Club
 7:00 p.m. - Memoirs & More, Bridge Deck

Tuesday, February 4

9:00 a.m. - Port Ludlow Trails Committee, Fire Station
 3:00 p.m. - Course in Miracles, Bay Club
 6:00 p.m. - Jeffco EMS Council meeting, Fire Station

Wednesday, February 5

9:00 a.m. - Hiking group meets for Timberton Loop
 11:00 a.m. - First Wednesday Luncheon, Beach Club
 4:30 p.m. - LVP rehearsal, Bay Club

Thursday, February 6

10:00 a.m. - PLDD regular meeting, Fire Station
 10:00 a.m. - Line Dancing, Bay Club
 1:00 p.m. - KnitWits, Beach Club
 3:00 p.m., PLVC Board Meeting, Conference Center
 5:00 p.m. - LVP rehearsal, Fire Station

Friday, February 7

8:15 p.m. - Hikers meet for the čičmōhán (Cheech-ma-han) interpretive trail, Bridge Deck

Saturday, February 8

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - SBCA All-Community Breakfast Benefit for Rotary, Bay Club (*Note day change*)

Monday, February 10

10:00 a.m. - DigitalLife Photo Editing, Bay Club
 Noon - DigitalLife Board of Directors meeting, Bay Club
 4:30 p.m. - LVP rehearsal, Bay Club

Tuesday, February 11

3:00 p.m. - Course in Miracles, Bay Club
 6:30 p.m. - Martha's Book Club, Bay Club

Wednesday, February 12

9:00 a.m. - Hikers group meets for Timberton Loop
 4:30 p.m. - LVP rehearsal, Bay Club
 6:00 p.m. - Port Ludlow Singers, Beach Club
 6:30 p.m. - Anything Goes Improv group, Beach Club

Thursday, February 13

10:00 a.m. - Line Dancing, Bay Club
 Noon - 8:00 p.m. - Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 5:00 p.m. - LVP rehearsal, Fire Station

Friday, February 14

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 9:30 a.m. - SBCA Board of Directors meeting (members), Bay Club
 5:30 p.m. - SBCA Members Social: Valentine's Day Dessert/Dance, Bay Club

Monday, February 17

4:30 p.m. - LVP rehearsal, Bay Club
 6:00 p.m. - Digital Life All Things Apple, Bay Club
 7:00 p.m. - Bookworms group, Bridge Deck

Tuesday, February 18

12:30 p.m., Ludlow Senior Singles lunch at Sogno di Vino Italian, Poulsbo
 3:00 p.m. - Course in Miracles, Bay Club
 3:00 p.m. - PLVC Workshop, TBA
 6:00 p.m. - LVP Readers Theater, Beach Club

Wednesday, February 19

9:00 a.m. - Hiking group meets for Timberton Loop
 10:00 a.m. - Stamp and Paper Arts, Beach Club
 1:00 p.m. - Port Ludlow Art League, Bay Club
 4:30 p.m. - LVP rehearsal, Bay Club

Thursday, February 20

10:00 a.m. - Line Dancing, Bay Club
 1:00 p.m. - LMC Board meeting (members), Beach Club
 3:00 p.m. - PLPA Board meeting, Bay Club
 5:00 p.m. - LVP rehearsal, Fire Station

Friday, February 21

8:15 a.m. - Hikers meet for a Port Townsend hike, Bridge Deck

Monday, February 24

9:30 a.m. - DigitalLife Digital Camera Group, Bay Club
 3:00 p.m. - *Voice* Staff meeting, Fire Station
 4:30 p.m. - LVP rehearsal, Bay Club

Tuesday, February 25

3:00 p.m. - Course in Miracles, Bay Club

Wednesday, February 26

7:00 a.m. - Garden Club meets bus for Seattle trip, Bay Club
 4:30 p.m. - LVP rehearsal, Bay Club
 6:00 p.m. - Port Ludlow Singers, Beach Club

Thursday, February 27

10:00 a.m. - Line Dancing, Bay Club
 Noon - 8:00 p.m. - Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 5:00 p.m. - LVP rehearsal, Fire Station

Friday, February 26

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Hands on Clay, Bay Club

Upcoming Events:

March 4 - First Wednesday Luncheon
 March 6 - SBCA All-Community Breakfast Benefit for Ludlow Village Players
 March 25 and 27 - Smart Driver Course

Beach Club/North Bay News

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Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

On **Saturday, April 18**, Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) will hold its annual membership meeting at the Beach Club. Four of nine board of trustee positions will be open for election. Two elected trustees will represent lot owners, and both positions are three-year terms. Two positions will represent condominium owners, one of which is a three-year term, and the other is a one-year term. Completing their terms of office in April are Mike Nilssen, Randy Deering, and Austin Kerr. Linda Haskin will be leaving the board in April with one year left on her current term. Mike and Randy have served on the board since 2014, Linda since 2015, and Austin is wrapping up his three-year term in April. All four trustees have been dedicated and valuable contributors to their North Bay community.

We encourage knowledgeable candidates who have an appreciation for our democratically run association to run for the open positions. Candidates who have had prior experience by serving on an LMC committee, or who are familiar with LMC governing documents and policy, are particularly encouraged to become involved. Further information about the association and trustee duties may be found in the current version of the LMC Bylaws available on the website, lmcbeachclub.org, or at the Beach Club office. Volunteers serving on the board of trustees find that the obligation requires an average of ten to twenty hours per month, including attending monthly board and workshop meetings and acting as a representative on one or two committees.

If you are an LMC member interested in running for the board, please submit a biographical summary for inclusion in the mailing packet that will be sent to all LMC members with the annual meeting ballot. We ask that candidates limit their summary to 300 words and that it be single-spaced. Please submit your biographical information by **March 15**. It may be sent by email to beachclub@olympus.net, delivered to the Beach Club, or mailed to PO Box 65060, Port Ludlow, WA, 98365. Include background information about yourself, such as education, training, occupational experience, prior experience in a homeowner association, involvement in LMC committees, or participation in other Port Ludlow groups. Consider sharing your perspective concerning the issues facing the LMC and how you might contribute to its future.

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

Important Dates

LOA Meeting
Monday, February 3, 9:00 a.m.

Email: portludlowloa@yahoo.com
Sign up for the *LOA Bulletin* by emailing the above address

LMC Board Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 1:00 p.m.

Phone: 360-437-9201

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Sign up for the *Navigator* online at the above address

Visit lmcbeachclub.com for complete information

All LMC members are welcome. ✳

North Bay Potluck Dinner and the Adorables

Join your neighbors at 6:00 p.m. on **Saturday, February 22**, for the 8th annual performance of the Adorables. A group of twenty-some cute, talented, local women, the Adorables will return to present a new musical production number, *Cruising Puget Sound*, arranged and produced by our own Nancy Bonderson.

Sign up at the Beach Club to bring an appetizer, main dish, or a dessert. Bring tableware and, if you wish, BYOB. All this fun and entertainment costs only \$3 per person.

To be part of the Adorables, call Nancy Bonderson at 360-554-0470. To sign up to volunteer to help or for more information, call Fran Bodman at 360-437-5110 or email her at fran-bodman11@gmail.com. ✳

PLDD Moves to New Meeting Schedule

The Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) Board of Commissioners has approved a resolution to hold its regular meetings on a quarterly schedule. These meetings will be held the second Thursday of the first month of each quarter – January, April, July, and October – at 10:00 a.m. at the Port Ludlow Fire Hall.

The work of the PLDD will continue uninterrupted. Maintenance and engineering services provided to the district will not be affected by the change to the meeting schedule and any landowner within the district will continue to have direct access to the commissioners with any questions or concerns.

This change was made because, after many years of operation, the PLDD has moved from developing new drainage infrastructure to maintenance efforts. The workload for the board of commissioners no longer requires meeting on a monthly basis. There are many meetings where no drainage issues come before

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the board and the issues that do arise can be dealt with most efficiently by an email to PLDD Chairman Don Forbes, *commissioner#2@pldd.org*. The public is encouraged to attend the quarterly regular meetings where all drainage issues that arise between meetings will be discussed in detail.

To fulfill the commission’s obligation of paying contractor invoices in a timely manner, the new board resolution also allows for eight special meetings during the year in which the only agenda items will be the approval of invoice vouchers to be sent to the county treasurer and the approval of minutes of meetings prior to being posted on the PLDD website. These special meetings will be conducted on a conference call and are open to the public.

Anyone can join the conference call to listen to the commissioners vote on invoices and minutes. To listen in on the conference, simply dial a telephone number and enter an access code when prompted. The phone number and access code along with the date and time for the special meetings are listed on the homepage of the website *pldd.org*. The minutes from the special meetings will be posted on the district website.

The 2020 quarterly regular meetings of the PLDD Board of Commissioners will be held on **April 9, July 9, and October 8**. These meetings start at 10:00 a.m. and are held at the Port Ludlow Fire Hall, 7650 Oak Bay Road, Port Ludlow. ☼

PLDD Seeks Candidates to Serve on the Board of Commissioners

Port Ludlow Drainage District Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants interested in being appointed to serve a six-year term as a commissioner. Anyone interested in a position on the PLDD Board should send a letter listing personal skill sets that would benefit the purpose and duty of the District. Send a letter by **Monday, February 10**, to PLDD, P.O. Box 65621, Port Ludlow, WA 98365 or an email to *commish@pldd.org*.

Candidates must own property within the Port Ludlow Drainage District and be a registered voter in the State of Washington.

For information on the drainage district, please visit the PLDD website at *pldd.org*. ☼

Welcome to North Bay

The Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) welcomes our new neighbors. We are glad that you’re here. Please don’t hesitate to contact LMC at *BeachClub@Olympus.net* with your questions about living in Port Ludlow. If you haven’t heard from the North Bay Welcome Chair, Jamie Bima, please feel free to contact her at 360-437-9335 or via email at *jamiebima673@gmail.com*.



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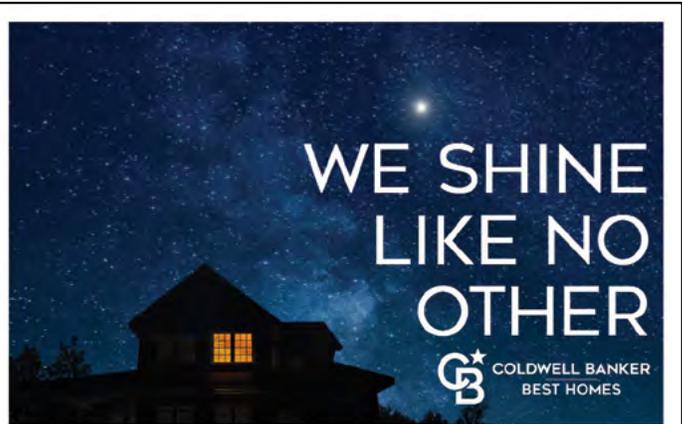


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December Board Meeting

by Ray Sheldon, SBCA Board President

The South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Board of Directors met for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Friday, December 13. Items discussed and motions approved included, in the order they were addressed, the following:

- Over \$6,100 was collected for the Tri-Area Food Bank; over \$30,000 has been collected over the last five years.
- Interior painting, installation of ceiling fans, and floor repair will make parts of the Bay Club unavailable or limited while they are in progress.
- The various committee reports were heard, with copies available on request.
- The investigation continues regarding a hearing loop in the auditorium to assist those who are hearing impaired.
- A Woodworker Sub-Committee was approved, answering to the Facilities Committee. The members of the sub-committee were named and approved.
- The charter of the sub-committee was tabled until the January board meeting.
- Christmas bonuses, as recommended by the HR and Finance Committees, were approved.
- A new BMI (Broadcast Music Incorporated) music licensing agreement was approved.

Celebrating February at the Bay Club

by Carol Riley, Chair, Activities and Amenities

Change is good. It keeps us on our toes and spices up our lives. Well, South Bay Community Association stands ready to help you with that. Get ready for a change! Our monthly pancake breakfast for February is going to be on a Saturday. And because Saturdays are for sleeping in a little, it will start at 9:00 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m. Same great pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee and tea, but a new day and time, **Saturday, February 8**, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. The breakfast will support the Rotary Club of East Jefferson County and their partnership with seven other Rotary Clubs to help fund "Dignity Toilets for Togo." Please read more about this humanitarian effort in the article by Paul Wynkoop in the News section of this month's *Voice*.

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Friday, February 14, 9:30 a.m.

Committee Meetings

Activities and Amenities: **Monday, February 10, 9:30 a.m.**
Communications: **Monday, February 10, 11:00 a.m.**
Facilities: **Tuesday, February 11, 9:30 a.m.**
Finance: **Tuesday, February 11, 1:00 p.m.**
Health & Fitness: **Thursday, February 13, 9:30 a.m.**
Architectural Review: **Friday, February 21, 9:30 a.m.**

To keep informed of SBCA Activities & Events,
please visit plsbca.org.

Meeting minutes are posted at plsbca.org
under Association Business.

All SBCA members are welcome. 🚣

Romance is good, too, and here again, the Activities and Amenities Committee wants to help you with that. The February member social falls on February 14, Valentine's Day, and we have a wonderful surprise for all members attending. The Mike Klinger Trio, who charmed us at the Christmas Gala, will be back to play for the Valentine "Wine and Chocolate" social. The Club will supply wine, gourmet chocolates, and beautifully decorated tables. Please bring a dessert to share.

Tickets for the Valentine's Day Social are \$15 and may be purchased at the Bay Club until February 13. They will not be sold at the event due to licensing restrictions, so plan accordingly.

New Health and Fitness Committee Starts Strong

The South Bay Community Association Health and Fitness Committee had its first meeting on December 12. Its main goal is to "promote physical, emotional, and cognitive health through fitness in a safe, well-equipped fitness center useful for all ages, abilities, disabilities, and state of health and fitness."

We plan to provide programs, education, and demonstrations on proper use of our equipment. Committee members were assigned "captainships" of each fitness area and fitness classes to help maintain and improve the fitness experience. Don't hesitate to share your ideas on how we can build on our solid foundation of a well-equipped fitness center.

Meetings are at 9:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Bay Club conference room. You are welcome to join us as we keep raising the bar. 🚣

South Bay “Gleanings”

by Jenise Harper, South Bay Editor

The only people I know who love history more than I do are my husband and *Voice* columnist Tim Rensema. I’ve been pulling up old issues dating from the *Port Ludlow Voice* origin, August 1998, and finding a wealth of information about our community and the Bay Club. Since I’m involved in one way or another with the performing arts groups, I’ve often wondered if the stage lights were an “original” with the building. Here’s what I found in the September 1998 issue: “The bids came in, PNTA (Peninsula Northwest Theatrical Advisory Associated) was chosen, and ... new stage lights will be at the Bay Club. This new lighting will make a big difference in all of our events that use the stage for performances. The Arts Council, Broadway, and Free Spirits will join financial forces with other SBCA funds from rentals to cover the cost of the new lighting.” I know there have been improvements since that time, but it’s fun knowing more about when the initial stage lighting was installed and who was involved.

Also interesting were the references to the Arts Council (now Port Ludlow Performing Arts), Broadway (an annual Broadway-style revue put on by former resident Peggy Smith), and Free Spirits—apparently an SBCA social group, as shown in this item from the same issue: “The Free Spirits will be having a Mediterranean Dinner at the Bay Club on Saturday, September 12th. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m., to the accompaniment of a strolling accordionist, and we will go into the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. to eat. During the dinner, there will be a short intermission while the Mozaic Middle Eastern Dance Ensemble performs on the stage.”

And, remember the “Potluckers” ... Check out the familiar name noted at the end of the article. “We have four Potlucks scheduled for 1998 - 1999 ... The themes and menus will be decided by each committee. Please look for the volunteer signup sheet at the September Free Spirits dinner, or contact Pat Lohrey, chairman.” In a later issue, the contact was another name familiar to *Voice* readers, Bev Rothenborg.

This month’s “Gleanings” ... All things begin sometime, somehow, somewhere. It’s fun to check history, origins, chapters of the SBCA story, and ... some things never change. Yay, Pat! Hooray, Bev!

Welcome to South Bay

The South Bay Community Association (SBCA) welcomes our new neighbors. We are glad you’re here, and we hope to meet you at one of our monthly socials. Please don’t hesitate to contact us with your questions about life in Port Ludlow. To learn more about SBCA news and events, you can visit plsbca.org.

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Sports & Games

Trails Mix

by Tim Rensema

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Port Ludlow Hiking

Unless otherwise noted, hikers meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:15 a.m. to arrange carpools, get directions to the trailheads, and depart at 8:30 a.m.

Friday, February 7 - čičmáhán Trail - Revisited

The group will explore a different portion of the čičmáhán (Cheech-ma-han) interpretive trail in Port Townsend from that walked in December. Plan for a gentle three to six mile walk on the trail that includes signs telling the story of the relationship between the nineteenth century European settlers with the S'Klallam people and their leader called Chetzemoka. Information: Jack Rigen: 360-437-0370.

Friday, February 21 – Fort Townsend

Enjoy an easy four to six mile walk on our local state park trails with impressive second/third growth forest and views of Port Townsend Bay. We plan to have one of the trail stewards join the excursion. Information: Merrily Mount 360-437-9308.

Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop

Walk the four and a half mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains. Meet at the parking lot trailhead on Timberton Road at 9:00 a.m.

For more hiking information and pictures of previous hikes to these and other destinations, check out: portludlowhikingclub.com.

Day Trip Skiing

by Tim Propeck, Sports Editor

Every year about this time my golf clubs get traded for skis for outdoor activity. My favorite mountain for day trips is Stevens Pass. There are a few reasons for the selection. It is by far the easiest mountain to get to and from during the week when I do these day trips. The drive is counter-flow to all the Seattle commuter traffic. The other major reason is the elevation at Stevens. The base elevation is just over 4,000 feet, while the base at Snoqualmie, which is another close mountain, is only 3,000 feet. That makes a big difference on getting snow rather than rain on a lot of days during the season.

Stevens Pass was started as a ski resort in 1937 by some adventuresome individuals from Seattle. It has gone through a lot of change over its history and as of last year became part of the

Vail group of ski areas. Vail has become the conglomerate in the ski industry owning resorts all over the world. A single annual pass works at all their resorts. That works out well for me since I make enough trips to Whistler (another Vail Resort) each season to justify a season pass there. Better yet, Vail also offers close to a 50 percent discount on their season pass for former military personnel. I am taking full advantage of that veterans benefit.

So, when the weather is not real conducive to golf, I am off to the mountains.



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