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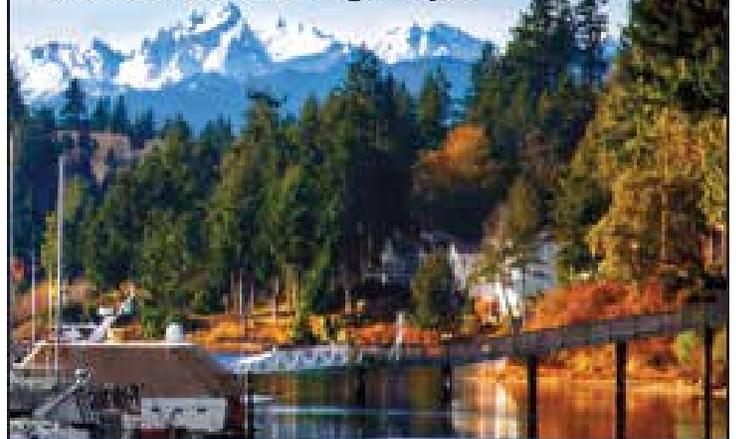
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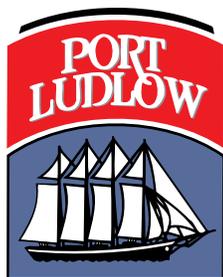
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Merry Christmas.

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Victoria Robertson.

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Feature Articles

From the Editor's Keyboard

by Beverly Browne, Managing Editor



Beverly Browne.

This month there is a big change in the *Voice* and we hope you will enjoy it. We have incorporated color inside the issue. The current plan is for quarterly color issues; December, with all its colorful holiday trappings, seemed a good time to start. We believe it will provide the talented photographers and artists in our community with a better venue to display their work. Our advertisers also

have indicated a desire for more options in their promotions and we were happy to provide that for them.

Our features are related to the holidays: gift-giving (traditional and otherwise), the perils of shopping online, some different ways to cope with the Christmas letter, a nostalgic piece on the Christmas tree, and an article about experiencing the holidays in a land without snow. Be sure to look at the sports section for gift ideas for the hunters and fishermen (and women) in your family. Who knew there were so many high-tech products for hauling in fish and bringing home game? And of course, the entertainment section is full of must-see and must-hear holiday events.

There is an update on the totem pole. The fund raising efforts have succeeded in raising enough money for the renovation and the original carver has agreed to do the work. Collection continues for a maintenance fund. Before long, the totem will look like it did twenty years ago – and just in time for the anniversary of The Inn. Things are looking up in Ludlow.

On the down side, vandals took out the Rotary-installed flags on South Bay Lane. They knocked down the poles and ran off with the flags. Now really, whoever you are, what is the point of this? Halloween is long gone. We can only hope that, if you are not caught and subjected to legal proceedings, you will reflect on your behavior and improve it in the future. If you don't, that future won't be bright for you. May you find coal in your stockings.

This December all of us at the *Port Ludlow Voice* wish our loyal readers a most happy holiday season. May your stockings be filled with all the good things of life, may

you find your equivalent of Ralphie's BB gun under your Christmas tree, and may your days be merry now and in the years to come.

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

Holiday Greetings

by Mary Kletti, Contributing Writer

It seems there is a decrease in holiday letter-writing due to the increasing use of social media. Studies indicate women are greater users of certain social networks; they spend more time on Facebook than men – 60 percent versus 40. If the holiday letter is traditionally written by the woman in the household, it seems that a holiday letter is unnecessary. I'll drink to that!

Think about it. If you've been keeping up with your friends all year long via social media, they don't need a holiday letter from you. If you've stayed in touch, you already know about the new granddaughter or the trip to Peru or the restraining order or the triple bypass.

Maybe they're not hooked up to you on Facebook. Maybe you only communicate once a year by exchanging holiday cards. Then do they really care about the root canal or the sunburn on the Riviera or the third row concert seats?

Why not use the money you'll be saving on postage to buy Toys for Tots, or drop that extra cash into the Salvation Army bucket of your choice? Then post it on Facebook so your friends don't sit by the mailbox and wait for your letter.

This isn't bah! humbug! Friends who live back in the Midwest will get a Christmas card from us, with a handwritten note. Sure, it takes a little longer, but the personal touch makes a difference. Try addressing the envelopes ahead of time, which makes the note writing task a little less daunting. I'd much rather receive a penned note than a holiday letter that everyone is getting.

Somebody once said, "A picture is worth a thousand words." Consider a Christmas photo card. Not a boring shot in front of the Christmas tree; maybe a collage of things you've done during the past year. This way, friends don't have to read an entire letter of where you've been. Photo cards are easy to make – there are lots of websites

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to help you with this – and your friends will enjoy them. Be sure to include that little handwritten note, and don't forget to date them.

If you insist on writing that letter, keep it short and focused. Be yourself. Stick to words you use when you're speaking so your readers "hear" you when they're reading. Again, a quick handwritten note at the bottom of each Christmas letter will make the update feel more personal and less like an anonymous form letter. Be creative and have fun with it, because your readers will know if you didn't. It also helps to read it aloud, or have someone else read it to you. You might want to rewrite a section if it doesn't flow well or it puts you to sleep.

When your card arrives at our house, of course I'll read the enclosed holiday letter. I'll smile, and groan, and shake my head as I note the typos. I will totally appreciate being thought of this time of year. But don't expect a cookie-cutter from me.

It's Just Not Christmas Without the Tree

by Gayle Refbord, Contributing Writer

My earliest memories of Christmas are the glowing lights and shiny ornaments on our Christmas tree. The decorated Christmas tree still gives me the same thrill as it did then. I don't like the effort of putting it up, but also hate to take it down. Looking at the lights and ornaments on the tree gives me a warm, fuzzy feeling inside. I usually cry with loss when it comes down.

Christmas wasn't always celebrated as it is today. In fact, the Puritans of Massachusetts banned any observance of Christmas and anyone caught observing the holiday was fined. Connecticut had a law forbidding the celebration of Christmas and the baking of mincemeat pies. A few early settlers did celebrate Christmas, but it was far from common.

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Oh! Christmas Tree...

Photo by Gayle Refbord

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Christmas trees predate Christianity by centuries. Ancient Romans decorated trees with small pieces of metal during Saturnalia, their winter festival in honor of Saturn, the god of agriculture. There's quite a bit of evidence to suggest that December 25 was chosen as the day to celebrate Christ's birth in order to take over the holiday from the pagans. Most historians place the birth of Christ as in the spring or summer. Shepherds really didn't watch their flocks in the fields in the dead of winter.

The modern Christmas tree appeared in the middle 1500s. Trees were sold at local markets and set up in homes without decorations in the Strasbourg area of Alsace in 1531. The oldest record of a decorated Christmas tree came from a 1605 diary found in Strasbourg. The tree was decorated with paper roses, apples, and candy. In 17th and 18th century Austria and Germany, the tops of Christmas trees were hung upside down in a living room corner. They were decorated with apples, nuts, and strips of red paper.

The custom of a Christmas tree was introduced in the United States by Hessian troops during the War of Independence. German settlers in eastern Pennsylvania used homemade decorations. Young ladies spent hours at Christmas crafts, quilling snowflakes and stars, sewing little pouches for secret gifts, and filling paper baskets with sugared almonds. Small bead decorations and fine drawn silver tinsel came from Germany, together with beautiful angels to sit at the top of the tree. Candles were often placed in wooden hoops for safety. The Christmas tree was considered a quaint foreign custom, but by 1850, it had become fashionable in the eastern states. Franklin Pierce was the first president to introduce the Christmas tree to the White House in 1856. The first national Christmas tree was lighted in 1923 on the White House lawn by President Calvin Coolidge.

In 1930, the U.S.-based Addis Brush Company created the first artificial Christmas tree made from brush bristles. Another type of artificial tree is the aluminum Christmas tree, first manufactured in Chicago in 1958. The optical fiber Christmas tree came in two major varieties. One Dallas-based company offers "holographic Mylar" trees in many hues. Upside-down artificial Christmas trees, originally introduced as a marketing gimmick, became popular for a short time. Natural looking artificial trees became increasingly popular during the late 20th century and still are.

I've seen many types of Christmas trees in my 62 years on earth. We've had them all, from the real tree, to the "Charlie Brown" artificial, to the silver aluminum, to the beautifully flocked, real tree. And every year I am torn

between our beautiful artificial tree or getting a real one. Whatever type we choose, I will have the same special feelings for our Christmas tree. I am always that same small child who stared with wonder at the beauty of the twinkling lights and shiny ornaments.

Holiday Giving: More Than the Family

by Barbara Berthiaume, Contributing Writer

Gift-giving has its roots in pagan rituals held during the winter months. With the rise of Christianity, these rituals were redirected to the three wise men who gave gifts to the infant Jesus. Northern Europe has been the historic cradle of many customs and traditions we associate with gift-giving during the holidays. Exchanging gifts has evolved into not only giving gifts to friends and family, but also more recently to those in need in our communities.

The holidays are the biggest season in nonprofit fundraising with almost half of charities receiving 30 to 60 percent of their annual contributions between October and December, according to the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP). Donating money, time, food, and services to people we don't know personally is as central a tradition as giving gifts to family and friends. John F. Kennedy noted that the raising of extraordinarily large sums of money, given voluntarily and freely by millions of our fellow Americans, is a unique American tradition and is truly a jewel of an American tradition.

Ninety-five percent of households give to charities. The average annual household contribution is \$2,974. The largest source of charitable giving comes from individuals at 72 percent, followed by foundations at 15 percent, bequests at 8 percent, and corporations at 5 percent. With the largest percentage of charitable donations coming from individuals, it is important to know which charitable organizations are effectively utilizing your donations.

Charity Navigator is an excellent source to evaluate the effectiveness of your donations. They work to guide and advance a more efficient and responsive philanthropic marketplace in which givers and the charities they support work together to overcome the nation's and the world's most persistent challenges. Their website has tips for donors and a top ten list that identifies charities that meet certain desirable or undesirable patterns of performance. It gives donors intelligent choices of where they want to make a donation.

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A recent trend in gift giving has been to donate money to a charity and then send a card to a friend or family member to let them know you donated a designated amount in their name. Whether donating directly to a charitable organization or on behalf of a friend or family member, the holiday season is a time to give thanks and to give back.

Poinsettia

Compiled from Internet sources



All about the poinsettia.

Submitted photo

The poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) is native to Mexico and Central America. It is particularly well known for its red and green foliage and is widely used in Christmas floral displays. It derives its common English name from Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first United States Minister to Mexico, who introduced the plant into the United States in 1825. There are over 100 varieties of poinsettia.

The plant bears dark green leaves and the colored bracts—which are most often flaming red but can be orange, pale green, cream, pink, white, or marbled—are often mistaken for flower petals because of their groupings and colors. They are actually leaves. The colors of the bracts are created through photoperiodism, meaning that they require darkness (12 hours at a time for at least five days in a row) to change color. At the same time, the plants require abundant light during the day for the brightest color.

The actual flowers are unassuming. They are grouped within small yellow structures found in the center of each leaf bunch, and are called cyathia. The Aztecs used the plants to produce red dye and as fever medication.

The plant's association with Christmas began in 16th-century Mexico, where legend tells of a girl who was too poor to provide a gift for the celebration of Jesus' birthday and was inspired by an angel to gather weeds from

the roadside and place them in front of the church altar. Crimson blossoms sprouted from the weeds and became beautiful poinsettias. From the 17th century, Franciscan friars in Mexico included the plants in their Christmas celebrations. The star-shaped leaf pattern is said to symbolize the Star of Bethlehem, and the red color represents the blood sacrifice through the crucifixion of Jesus.

Poinsettias are popular Christmas decorations in homes, churches, offices, and elsewhere across North America. They are available in large numbers from grocery, drug, and hardware stores. In the United States, December 12 is National Poinsettia Day.

Albert Ecke emigrated from Germany to Los Angeles in 1900, opening a dairy and orchard in the Eagle Rock area. He became intrigued by the plant and sold them from street stands. His son Paul Ecke developed the grafting technique, but Paul Ecke Jr. was responsible for advancing the association between the plant and Christmas. He sent free plants to television stations for them to display on air from Thanksgiving to Christmas and appeared on television programs like *The Tonight Show* and Bob Hope's Christmas specials to promote the plants.

Until the 1990s, the Ecke family, who had moved their operation to Encinitas, California, in 1923, had a virtual monopoly on poinsettias owing to a technique that made their plants much more attractive. They produced a fuller, more compact plant by grafting two varieties of poinsettia together. A poinsettia left to grow on its own will naturally take an open, somewhat weedy look. The Eckes' technique made it possible to get every seedling to branch, resulting in a bushier plant.

In the 1990s, a university researcher discovered the method previously known only to the Eckes and published it, allowing competitors to flourish, particularly those using low-cost labor in Latin America. The Ecke family's business, now led by Paul Ecke III, decided to stop producing plants in the U.S., but as of 2008, they still serve about 70 percent of the domestic market and 50 percent of the worldwide market.

In areas outside its natural environment, it is commonly grown as an indoor plant where it prefers good morning sun, then shade in the hotter part of the day. Contrary to popular belief, flowering poinsettia can be kept outside, even during winter, as long as it is kept frost-free.

With care, the poinsettia can be induced to re-flower after the initial display seen when purchased. After the holiday season has passed, the plant should have its colorful bracts pruned, should be given only minimal water and moderate indoor light, and then moved outdoors after any chance of frost has passed (a frost, even a mild one, will

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usually kill the plant outright). It will grow if not kept too moist in well-drained soil. The leaves are also prone to scorching when first brought outside, so the plant should initially be kept in total shade, gradually relocating it to a sunnier position as the summer approaches. In the fall, before the first frost, it should be moved indoors to a room which can be maintained in continuous *complete* darkness after sunset for a stretch of 13-14 hours each day and with nighttime temperatures no lower than the low 60s. When not in absolute darkness, however, it should be given as much sunlight as can be provided. The plant requires this daily period of uninterrupted long, dark nights followed by bright sunny days for around two months in autumn in order to encourage it to develop colored bracts. Any incidental light during these nights (from a nearby television set, from under a door frame, even from passing cars or street lights) will hamper bract production. When watering, it is important to always allow the plant to drain out any excess water—too much moisture will quickly encourage mold, fungus, and root rot, and is among the most common causes of unintentional death of new plants.

Christmas in Hawaii

by Bernie Robinson, Guest Writer

Christmas in Hawaii is spent like Christmas on the mainland. I live in both worlds and can say that Christmas in Hawaii is a little different because of all the different ethnic foods and customs that have melded through the years. Santa Claus pays us a visit albeit in an outrigger canoe wearing shorts and an Aloha shirt. He is just as big and jolly, but with a tan.

In Waikiki, we like to tour the big hotels and see how they outdo each other with their fantastic Christmas decorations, their elaborate gingerbread villages and (something not found on the mainland) their bigger-than-life Christmas sand sculptures. For the visitors, Santa and his hula dancers entertain us with traditional and contemporary Hawaiian music and dance. With a foot in two worlds, I can enjoy it all.

Honolulu has its own Christmas tree lighting ceremony at city hall. Bigger-than-life decorations adorn the lawn so the citizens can stroll or cruise downtown to ooh and

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Sunset in Hawaii.

Submitted photo

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aah. Homes and condos are lit up with the traditional Christmas lights. Some display awesome Christmas scenes on their lawn, not so different from the mainland. Real, live Christmas trees are brought in from Washington and Oregon. Most of us have artificial trees because the real ones are so expensive and messy (especially if you live in a condo).

Parties are everywhere. Waikiki has tons of Christmas shows. People from all over the world are walking down Kalakaua Avenue enjoying the weather and the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping while the locals are doing the same at the various shopping centers. Shopping centers are decked out in Christmas decorations. The shopping is crazy with not only the locals but the thousands of tourists. No store is sacred. People actually have to wait in line to enter some popular stores. Another crazy part is finding a parking stall. Actual fist fights occur over a parking space.

Another place that is crazy is Costco. Did you know that the Iwilei Costco in Honolulu has the highest sales per square footage in the nation? Between extended families, tailgate parties, tsunamis, and hurricanes, people in Hawaii buy like there's no tomorrow. The holidays bring out even more people. Black Friday at Costco has a line wrapped around the warehouse and down the street. Fortunately, they don't open until 9:00 am so I can hit the other stores first while my husband stands in line.

We usually celebrate Christmas on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day with family and friends and a big dinner. I get to eat all my favorite foods — Chinese noodles, Hawaiian poi with kalua pork, Japanese sushi, Korean potstickers, and American garlic mashed potatoes with prime rib. Desserts are unbelievable. My favorite is the taro malasada (Portuguese doughnuts sometimes filled with chocolate, coconut pudding, or vanilla cream). Auwe!

Family and friends are very important in the islands — just like the mainland. Honolulu is great with its balmy weather to warm up those achy bones but it's just another big city. Nowhere else but in Port Ludlow have I met such good people who have become great friends. We are so grateful that we live in such a supportive community with people who truly care about one another. However, whether it's Christmas in Hawaii or Christmas in Port Ludlow, nothing is more important than the people who touch our lives. Mahalo to all! Mele Kalikimaka me ka Haouli Makahiki Hou!

How Do I Safely Shop Online?

by Gayle Refbord, Contributing Writer

The Christmas shopping season is about to start in earnest. Shopping online has many advantages and shoppers are predicted to log in and check out in droves, as they take advantage of retailers' discounts and give themselves plenty of time for goods to arrive before Christmas. No long lines, no sore feet, no carrying heavy packages to the car. Shopping becomes a pleasure, conducted from your favorite chair and who cares what you have on or if your hair is a mess.

However, you can't trust every site you visit. Under internet sales rules, websites should include the retailer's name, address and an email address, so alarm bells should ring if none of this information is available. You need to make sure there is a padlock symbol in the URL field at the top of your browser when you pay — a padlock symbol that is on the page itself could indicate a fraudulent site. Also ensure the web address begins with https:// — the "s" standing for "secure."

The best way to avoid rogue sites is to do your research. Internet forums are packed with people sharing their stories about bad service and goods that do not appear. Before you buy, do a search on the name of the company.

Many banks now use Verified by Visa to offer an extra level of security if you are paying with a Visa or MasterCard. You are asked for your card's security code and other details, which make it harder for criminals to use your card fraudulently, but doesn't offer any guarantees about the site you are using.

Even if you are shopping on a well-known, legitimate site, be security conscious. Make sure your anti-virus software is up-to-date, do not use communal computers or Wi-Fi, and create the strongest passwords you can. If a site gives you the choice to store your payment details or makes a one-off purchase, opt for the latter.

Regular stores have limits on the bargains they run and online stores are no different. Sometimes they only have a limited number of a given item. Be sure to order quickly because it may not be available for very long. Also pay attention to shipping time estimates. You may be able to find good bargains online, but they will require shipping time to get to their destination. So place your order early or you may find yourself paying more for express shipping. Also keep in mind that with last-minute shopping,

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things you purchase can miss your deadline because delivery services get overwhelmed and bad weather happens.

Still, it is possible to get carried away shopping online. Unbridled shopping can be a real budget-buster. It's important to plan ahead before you start looking for those online Christmas bargains. Make a list of what you would like to order for each person and the sites you trust. Search to make sure you are getting the right thing for the right price from the right place. Beware of bargains that seem too good to be true. You may not get what you wanted, if you get it at all. So try to buy the brands you know from the sites you trust.

Take a deep breath, for now is the time to stretch your fingers, get out the lists, and go for it. Just don't forget that most online stores will also wrap those gifts for you.

What the Port Ludlow Totem Pole Means to Us

by Dorothy Kimble, Guest Writer

On September 11, 2001, a phone call woke up Jeanie Kilmer. Had she heard? Terrorists flew planes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Overwhelming fear gripped Jeanie. Her husband, Brian, who flew for Northwest Airlines, was scheduled for a layover near the Pentagon. It wasn't until late in the afternoon that Jeanie finally heard from Brian. He was safe as he was far enough away.

Kilmer says, "The totem pole vigil happened a week after 9/11 and Brian was home. The shock and sadness was very raw. I heard about a vigil at the club. We met at the marina and walked to the totem pole, singing together. Some had flashlights they pointed to the sky. It was comforting gathering in groups of people at that time to share human emotions."

The totem pole means many things to the community and visitors to Port Ludlow. For some, it is the weekly gathering place to enjoy fellowship. For boaters, it is a landmark welcoming them home to Port Ludlow. Residents and visitors stroll out to the totem pole after dining at The Inn. Folks stop by on their morning walks.

Grandparents have a special claim on the Port Ludlow Totem Pole. Who hasn't taken a photo of that precious grandchild standing in front of the totem pole with Pope and Talbot smiling down on them? Some grandparents take annual photos of their grandchildren and use the Totem Pole as a growth chart. Other family photos are taken there.



Port Ludlow's totem pole.

Photo by Gob Graham

Weddings are among the happiest of times on Burner Point. Dana, from Dana Pointe Interiors, is not only great at matching fabrics but is also a great matchmaker. Dana was working with both Jeanna Miller and Dick Borsini in decorating their individual homes, and decided they should meet. They met for wine at The Inn. "It was love at first sight," professed Dick, and it must have been for Jeanna as well.

They married on September 25, 2004. Pastor Paul, the former pastor of the Port Ludlow Community Church, married them. As the couple waited inside The Inn before the ceremony, a heavy cloud cover hung over Burner Point. Then just when it was time for the ceremony to begin, the sun broke through welcoming the bride and groom.

Our unique community landmark, the heraldic Port Ludlow Totem Pole, honors our history. It tells our story from the S'Klallam tribe who fished and settled here, through the lumber industry and sawmill of Pope and Talbot, and the building development of Pope Resources. George Folquet, president of Pope Resources in 1995, and the man who commissioned wood carver David Boxley, said, "This totem pole will symbolize a bridge between the past and the future as well as capture the spirit of Port Ludlow as a community."

We want to keep this spirit alive for ourselves and the future residents of Port Ludlow. To donate to the Port Ludlow Totem Pole Preservation Project in order to restore and preserve the totem pole, see the accompanying article on page 20 of this issue of the *Voice*. Donations are tax deductible.

Stay Healthy While Traveling

by Autumn Pappas, Contributing Writer

Keep your immune system in tip-top shape while traveling by being well prepared. Here are some tips for staying healthy during the holiday season.

Get quality sleep and enough of it, especially the night before you leave on vacation. Know how much sleep you need and what you need to get it. Often you cannot choose the kind of bed or mattress you will sleep on but you can bring sleep aids such as a sleep mask, a favorite pillow, comfy pajamas, or a meditation tape to help you sleep soundly. If possible, adjust the room temperature so it is right for you.

Stay hydrated before and during your flight by drinking water. Pressurized cabins dry out mucous membranes. That makes it more difficult to release toxins from our bodies. Pack your own blanket and pillow to avoid getting germs from a previous passenger. Additionally, eat a healthy meal before you fly out.

Reduce stress whenever possible. Take a walk, stick your toes in the sand, read a book or listen to your meditation tape. Notice when you feel stressed while traveling and choose effective ways to relieve your stress.

Bring healthy snacks, supplements, and superfoods with you. Airlines and hotels usually don't have them and grocery stores are inconvenient to get to. Pack nuts, fruits, or trail mix for a quick on-the-go snack. Goji berries are light, travel well, and are loaded with nutrients and vitamins.

Last, stay active while away to keep your immune system strong. Use the stairs, participate in local exercise classes, or use your hotel's gym. Many vacation destinations have bikes for rent.

What is SAD?

by the Physicians at Jefferson Healthcare

Some people are affected by the fall time change, shorter days, and longer period of darkness. Sometimes called winter blues, Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) affects up to 5 percent of the population, especially in northern states. It is twice to three times more likely to affect women than men. According to the Mayo Clinic, SAD is a type of depression. It usually begins and ends about the same time each year. Symptoms of SAD continue into the winter months, sapping energy, causing excessive eating or sleeping, weight gain, and making you feel moody.

Don't brush off this yearly feeling. You can take steps to keep your mood and motivation steady throughout the year. Ways to help yourself include:

- Increasing your daily exposure to as much natural light as possible.
- Take a walk during daylight hours.
- Sit next to a south-facing window at your office or at home.
- Exercise next to a window or outdoors.
- Maintain a regular pattern of sleep including waking at a regular time every morning.
- Light therapy has shown to be an effective treatment for seasonal affective disorder. You can purchase the expensive, specialized light therapy fixtures or try some inexpensive alternatives such as light bulbs with brighter full spectrum (also known as broad spectrum) light bulbs.

While it is normal to feel down on some days, if you have extended periods of several days of feeling depressed and you are not motivated to do anything you enjoy, see your doctor.

If you have questions that you would like addressed in future columns, please submit them via email to kburke@jhg.org or mail them to Kate Burke, Jefferson Healthcare, 834 Sheridan, Port Townsend WA 98368.



Snowy tree in the Olympics

Submitted photo



Early morning on the Port Ludlow Golf Course.
Photo by Jack McKay



Young buck investigates a yard.
Photo by Pat Awisus



Ship Ahoy!
Photo by Jack McKay



Winter at the Bay Club.
Photo by Bob Graham

Happy Holidays
From the
Port Ludlow Voice Staff

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 Beverly Rothenborg, editor, at bevrothenborg@broadstripe.net by the 10th of the preceding month.

A Holiday Tradition and a Musical Event to Remember

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, PLPA



Victoria Robertson will be home for Christmas, both in San Diego and here in her beloved Pacific Northwest.

Provided photo

Victoria Robertson, a part-time Bainbridge Island resident, performs “A Classical Holiday” with accompaniment by Vernon Snyder on piano, **Sunday, December 7**, at 4:00 p.m. in the seasonally-decorated Bay Club. Presented by Port Ludlow Performing Arts (PLPA), this annual holiday event will include a complimentary wassail beverage before the concert with cookies and sweets served during intermission. Of course PLPA’s wine bar will also be open both before the concert and during intermission.

Robertson was introduced to the Pacific Northwest three years ago when she began an intense operatic training

course on the Island with master teacher Michael Trimble. She began performing solos at Grace Episcopal Church and swimming with the Bainbridge Aquatic Masters team as part of her breath training. Regularly commuting to Bainbridge from her other home in San Diego, to train new vocal techniques and repertoire, she finds peace, friendships, and refreshing rain in the Pacific Northwest. She feels it is perfect that she will perform some of her favorite show tunes, Neapolitan songs, opera arias, and holiday songs here in a place so near to her heart.

Doors open for general admission ticket holders at 3:00 p.m., while PLPA subscribers are invited to select seats in the reserved section at 2:45 p.m. The Port Ludlow branch of Sound Community Bank is underwriting the concert and Clinton Webb will exhibit his watercolors, essentially landscapes.

This concert is expected to sell out quickly. Call the Bay Club at 360-437-2208 to check on availability. For credit card purchases, go to portludlowperformingarts.com, the PLPA website.

Annual Play Season Begins for LVP

by Val Durling, Director

Ludlow Village Players (LVP) will be very busy from now through the end of March working to bring Port Ludlow another outstanding production. Auditions are over, except for callbacks, and the casting process is in full swing. That process will not be completed by the next issue of the *Voice*. We may have the announcement of the play chosen for the January issue, but the cast decisions may not be completed. Stay tuned to the *Voice* and LVP websites for up-to-date news.

We are also recruiting for our behind the scenes production team. This is a great way to get to know the LVP family and have fun doing something different or

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donating your talents already honed in publicity, graphics, set building, design, painting sets, makeup, costumes, props, special effects, sound effects, lighting, artwork, greeters, refreshments, and backstage go-fers, too. We have an opening at props this year; maybe two friends might want to do it together. So much to do, but many hands make light work. Join the LVP family and have fun contributing to the success of our next show.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the spring play at the Bay Club on **Thursday, March 26 through Sunday, March 29, 2015**. You snowbirds come back early, you hear?

For more information contact Val at 360-437-2861, email at rkd@waypoint.com, or visit ludlowvillageplayers.org.

Port Townsend Community Orchestra Holiday Concert

The Port Townsend Community Orchestra (PTCO) under the baton of Maestro Dewey Ehling will hold its Holiday Concert on **Saturday, December 6**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chimacum High School Auditorium. The concert will include Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Hodie (This Day)*, pronounced ho-dee-ay, as well as our annual *Carol Sing-a-long*, and will end with *White Christmas*.

According to Ehling, "This is a rare opportunity to hear one of the finest compositions I have ever been privileged to perform. The chorus parts are brilliant and the orchestration is superb. Each time I hear it or work to prepare it, I am in such awe. Enjoy! It's a great way to start the Christmas season."

PTCO was formed in 1987. They are musicians who volunteer their time to play together each week, and their goal is to give you beautiful music to enjoy. The orchestra will be joined by the Peninsula Singers, a 40-50 member chamber music ensemble, who have been frequent guest artists at PTCO concerts through the years. The soloists are all members of the Peninsula Singers.

There is no admission fee. The orchestra is supported by contributions from its patrons and local businesses. Donations are also welcome at the door.

Sound Community Bank Underwrites Concert



Julie Hatch (center), Branch Manager of the Port Ludlow Branch of Sound Community Bank, recently presented a check for \$1,000 to underwrite "A Classical Holiday," Port Ludlow Performing Arts' annual holiday matinee, **Sunday, December 7**. Receiving the check on behalf of the Board are Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, president, and Roger Ponto, treasurer.

Northwind Reading Series

Our Annual Readers' Party on **Thursday, December 11** invites this year's featured readers to return to Northwind Arts Center and commemorate the many engaging performances enjoyed throughout 2014 by Northwind audiences.

The writers join together for a year-end evening of poetry and prose. The public is invited to enjoy this feast of voices and bring a poem of their own for an open-mike session.

Wine and nibbles will be served. The readings start at 7:00 p.m. at Northwind Arts Center, 701 Water Street, Port Townsend.

Northwind is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that sponsors visual, literary and musical art events and education on the Olympic Peninsula. Our website is northwindarts.org.

Readings are free; donations are gladly accepted. For more information contact Bill Mawhinney at 360-437-9081.

Monty Python's Spamalot

Bainbridge Performing Arts (BPA), with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management as title sponsor, is thrilled to stage Monty Python's *Spamalot*, playing **Friday, December 5 through Sunday, December 21** with shows Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 3:00 p.m. and a matinee on **Saturday, December 6** at 3:00 p.m.

Monty Python's *Spamalot* is the winner of three Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Lovingly ripped off from the classic film comedy, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, *Spamalot* retells the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table, featuring cows, killer rabbits, and a diva to end all divas. Director Ken Michels says, "*Spamalot* has a rollicking score and a fabulous band that perfectly complements the humor of Monty Python. Paired with Heather Dawson's high-energy choreography, *Spamalot* is sure to have you tapping your toes and humming along."

Opening night reception is **Friday, December 5** at 6:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at bainbridgeperformingarts.org, by phone at 206-842-8569 or in person at BPA, 200 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island.

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Stan Morton of CASH FOR GOLD is returning to Port Ludlow for the third time on Saturday, December 27, 10 AM - 4 PM, at the Port Ludlow Yacht Club's Wreck Room, 55 Heron Drive. Questions? Call Teresa Forrest at 437-1191



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Performing Arts Calendar

Thursday, December 4

Working Image hosts a performance of *Cinderella* at Key City Public Theater in Port Townsend. Proceeds will support Cinderella's Closet to provide prom attire to young women needing appropriate school dance attire. Tickets are \$30, which includes appetizers and sweets; wine is available for sale. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call 360-385-0300 for tickets and further details.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday December 5 - 7

In A Jewel Box Christmas – Naughty or Nice?, children and adults enjoy a showcase of holiday tunes, stories, and voluntary audience sing-alongs featuring some of Poulsbo's Jewel Box Theatre's greatest performers. Have a glass of wine or a cup of cocoa and listen to the crooners and story tellers. Friday and Saturday shows start at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door or online at brownpapertickets.com/events/939459. Please make reservations for your children as well. Children under 12 and season pass holders get in free. (Bring passes.)

Friday, December 5

Lightwire Theater presents A Very Electric Christmas. Performed in complete darkness, this creative storyline features nutcracker soldiers, naughty rats, an electric Christmas tree, glowworms, dancing flowers, and other creatures that light up the stage. A Very Electric Christmas is a wonderful opportunity to bring families together and start a new family tradition. Bremerton's Admiral Theatre, dinner at 5:30 p.m., show at 7:00 p.m., tickets at admiraltheatre.org/events or 360-373-6743.

Saturday, December 6

The EDGE Improv kicks off the holidays at Bainbridge Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at bainbridgeperformingarts.org, by phone at 206-842-8569, or in person at BPA, 200 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island. BPA box office hours are 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and one hour prior to each performance. Visit The EDGE Improv at theedgeimprov.com for video clips from past shows, bios, upcoming performances, and more.

Saturday, December 6

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Sunday, December 7

The multi-faceted siren soprano Victoria Robertson sings show tunes, Neapolitan songs, opera arias, and holiday songs in "A Classical Holiday," Port Ludlow Performing Arts' annual holiday matinee. Piano accompaniment is by Vernon Snyder. See article in this issue. Concert at 4:00 p.m., seat selection for general admission at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are limited; call Bay Club at 360-437-2208 to check availability, or go online at portludlowperforming-arts.com.

Sunday, December 7 and Tuesday, December 9

The Winter Coffee Concerts at Turtle Bluff III at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday and 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday will be a program of dance music, a two-piano concert with Gwen Moore and Barbara Hinchliff. Turtle Bluff is at 523 Blue Ridge Road in Port Townsend. For more information, call 360-385-3626 or email trtlbluf@olympus.net.

Friday, December 12 and Sunday, December 14

Just for Kicks Dance Studio presents *The Nutcracker* on Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Enjoy Clara's journey with spirited party children, mischievous mice, Clara's marvelous nutcracker doll, and the growing Christmas tree. Bremerton's Admiral Theatre, tickets at admiraltheatre.org/events or 360-373-6743.

Saturday, December 13

The Port Angeles Symphony Orchestra will present its Christmas Concert with guest conductor Richard Sparks at the Port Angeles High School Performing Arts Center, 304 E Park Avenue. The final morning rehearsal will be at 10:00 a.m., the pre-concert chat at 6:40 p.m., and the concert at 7:30 p.m. The program will include Anderson's *Sleigh Ride*, Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*, and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Polonaise* from the *Christmas Eve Suite*. For more information, call the symphony office at 360-457-5579.

Saturday, December 13

The Bremerton Symphony presents The Messiah and Tchaikovsky with the Bremerton Symphony Concert Chorale at the Bremerton Performing Arts Center, 1500 13th Street, Bremerton. Concerts start at 7:30 p.m. The box office opens at 6:00 p.m. The pre-concert chat is held at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The program includes Finnegan's Christmas Sing-Along, Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto with Sasha Starcevich on piano, and Handel's *Messiah*. The sponsor for this performance is Harrison Medical Center. Call the BSA office at 360-373-1722 if you need personal assistance in purchasing your tickets.

Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14

The Wild Rose Chorale plans a "Friends" holiday concert featuring young and old. Joining the nine-voice a cappella group for the chorale are Exact Change, a women's ensemble; Singers in the Rain, a men's ensemble; the Port Townsend Youth Chorus and the Port Townsend Community Bell Choir. Performances are at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, and 2:30 p.m., Sunday. Both take place at First Presbyterian Church, 1111 Franklin Street, Port Townsend. Numbers include *Jingle Bells (Sort Of)*, *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, *Little Drummer Boy*, and *New Dance for the Sugar Plum Fairy*. There is a suggested donation at the door. For information, contact 360-385-1402, or email wildrosechorale@gmail.com, or wildrosechorale.org.

Thursday, December 18

Sounds of the Season, Bremerton's Admiral Theatre's annual tradition is full of song, dance, and a few surprises from the area's most talented performers. The Admiral showcases entertainers in a show that delights audiences year after year. The casual dining menu is available at this event. Bremerton's Admiral Theatre, show at 7:00 p.m., tickets at admiraltheatre.org/events or 360-373-6743.

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Friday, December 19

“Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings.” Bring your entire family to watch the most loved Christmas film of all time. This is a special evening of carolers, holiday treats, beverages, and Frank Capra’s *It’s a Wonderful Life* on the big screen. The casual dining menu is available at this event. Bremerton’s Admiral Theatre, show at 7:00 p.m., tickets at admiraltheatre.org/events or 360-373-6743.

Saturday, December 20

Have Breakfast with Santa at 10:00 a.m. Here’s the perfect chance for the little ones in your life to tell Santa exactly what’s on their Christmas list. You will all enjoy a special pancake breakfast, see holiday entertainment, and meet Santa himself. Families will receive a complimentary photo with Santa. This event will sell out fast. Bremerton’s Admiral Theatre, tickets at admiraltheatre.org/events or 360-373-6743.

Friday and Sunday, December 19 and 21

At 2:00 p.m. Alan and Sandy of the Rawson Duo will present their eighth annual Nordlys (Northern Lights) concert showcasing classical violin and piano works by Scandinavian composers at their Chimacum home. This year features the music of Edvard Grieg, followed by a delightful sweet and savory Norwegian reception researched and prepared by Sandy. Seating is limited and arranged through advanced paid reservation, \$25. Reservations: contact Alan or Sandy Rawson, email rawsonduo@gmail.com or call 360-379-3449 (press 1 when anti-solicitation message begins). Checks should be made payable to: Dr. Alan Rawson, 10318 Rhody Drive, Chimacum WA 98325. For more information visit rawsonduo.com.

Sunday, December 21 and Tuesday, December 23

The Winter Coffee Concerts at Turtle Bluff III at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday and 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday will be the Annual Christmas Program. Barbara Hinchliff and Gwen Moore will play some light two-piano music, and then they will have a sing-along ending with the *Hallelujah Chorus*. Turtle Bluff is at 523 Blue Ridge Road in Port Townsend. For more information call 360-385-3626 or email trtlbluff@olympus.net.

Wednesday, December 31

Laugh until it hurts, at the best of the Seattle Comedy Underground’s “New Year’s Extravaganza.” From 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. laugh at comedy (contains adult material), and then dance your way into 2015 on the Admiral’s stage to timeless classics and the year’s hits. Bremerton’s Admiral Theatre, tickets at admiraltheatre.org/events or 360-373-6743.

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Artists' League Gets Chilly



Colors of Winter, artist-Wanda Mawhinney

How cold does it get on the Olympic Peninsula during the winter? The many artists featured in the group Artist of the Month show at Sound Community Bank on Oak Bay Road, Port Ludlow, are sharing their talents in depicting Winter Impressions. Some of the art pieces are cozy, warm-up-by-the-fire scenes while others just beg the viewer to take a walk through a winter wonderland. All of them will be on display for both the months of December and January in the bank lobby with an opening reception on **Wednesday, December 10** from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Go next door to the Port Ludlow Artists' League Gallery to meet all the artists and have hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine with them from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

And, while you're next door, take a look at all the holiday art to complete your shopping list. Don't know what to get someone who likes art? The Artists' League Gallery has added a new way to shop this year with gift certificates for the holiday season. A gift certificate can be purchased in any amount for that special someone on your list who might enjoy selecting something for her/himself from the gallery Christmas Shoppe. There is a fine selection of one-of-a-kind items including artwork, cards, prints, jewelry, and pottery. The gallery exhibit changes every two months and the gift certificate recipient can spend it down over time just like a gift card.

Friends and fellow artists, please join the league in igniting the holiday spirit right here in Port Ludlow. More information can be obtained by contacting league President Judy Danberg at 360-437-0342 or by email at shortline@cablespeed.com.



We Shop Together, artist-Wanda Mawhinney

Submitted photos

Artists' League Cookie Chefs Exchange Treats

It's that time again, the last meeting of 2014 and a sharing of the best darned cookies on the peninsula baked by members of the Artists' League. Continuing their tradition, December's meeting is a combination cookie exchange and installation of the league's 2015 officers. Each member brings two dozen favorite cookies to sample and exchange, taking home a delicious plate of treats to enhance everyone's holiday table.

As in years past, private donations will be collected from league members for our local food bank. Donations are also being collected for our local animal shelters by way of money and badly needed supplies such as food, towels, and bedding.

The installation of the new board officers will follow a short end-of-the-year business meeting. A heartfelt thank you goes to the 2014 officers who have done a great job in serving the league. The Artists' League, with 109 members, is a very active and vibrant group in Port Ludlow and adds much to the fabric of our community.

The **Wednesday, December 17** meeting will be held at the Beach Club from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. More information can be obtained by contacting President Judy Danberg at 360-437-0342 or by email at shortline@cablespeed.com.

Port Ludlow Artists' League Scholarships

Over the past eight years, the Port Ludlow Artists' League (PLAL) has raised money for scholarships which benefit graduating Chimacum High School students who go on to study the creative arts; visual, drama, and musical. Silent auctions and a grand art gala have brought in over \$20,000 which has been dispersed to very talented and grateful young students. As one student expressed it, "The money is a big help, but the thought that my community believes in me is even more rewarding."

This year, the league is holding a raffle of artwork which changes each month at the league's gallery with the winning ticket drawn at the Second Wednesday Reception. During the annual Holiday Shoppe at the gallery, there will be an offering of several smaller pieces donated by league members: pieces of jewelry from Judy Danberg, Ginny Ford, Mary Lynn Laker, Maggie Smith, and Sharon Zabloutney; a purse by Laurie Dokken; a glass plate by Judy Thomas; a piece of pottery by Susan Yesunas; a collage art piece by Marilyn Sandau; and a floral arrangement by Leslie Leider. Tickets are only \$2 each; this drawing will be held on **Friday, December 19**. Winners do not have to be present to win, and will be notified after the drawing.

Stop by to see the variety of holiday gifts available and purchase a raffle ticket. Your \$2 goes toward helping students pursue their dream of a higher education. Donations are also gladly accepted. More information can be obtained by contacting PLAL President Judy Danberg at 360-437-0342 or by email at shortline@cablespeed.com.

Small Expressions 13

Northwind Arts presents *Small Expressions 13*, a juried show of small format artworks. Open to all media, entries must be original, entirely the work of the entrant, executed within the last three years and without the supervision of an instructor. Entries will be juried from the original works of art. Two and three dimensional works are accepted. No work shall exceed fifteen inches in any dimension including the frame or mount.

The juror, Teresa Verraes, is the former owner of a fine art and jewelry gallery in Port Townsend. A Pacific Northwest native, Verraes has curated over sixty exhibits featuring works by artists from around the globe.

The calendar for the show is:

Sunday, November 30, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Delivery of artwork

Monday, December 1, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Delivery of artwork

Friday, December 5, Noon, Show opens

Saturday, December 6, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., Opening Reception and Art Walk

Sunday, December 7, 1:00 p.m., Art Talk by juror Teresa Verraes

Monday, December 29, 5:00 p.m., Show closes

Tuesday, December 30, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Pick up artwork

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“Poppies for Northwind,” artist Diane Ainsworth painted for Northwind’s campaign and donated to the arts center.

Submitted photo

Northwind Arts Center Buys New Home

by Michael D’Alessandro, Executive Director, Northwind Arts Center

On November 5 Northwind Arts Center closed on the purchase of its new home, the Waterman & Katz Building at 701 Water Street in Port Townsend. The nonprofit arts center raised \$330,000 toward its campaign goal of \$345,000. The remaining \$15,000 needed to be raised will go to essential renovations to link two retail spaces and provide necessary lighting, an ADA bathroom, and a gallery-ready appearance.

Northwind Arts Center plans to move into its new location the first week of December to be open for its annual *Small Expressions* exhibit on **Friday, December 5**. It plans to close the month of January 2015 for renovations

and prepare for its grand opening in February with the first show of its new schedule. Visit the website at northwindarts.org to see a video of the planned renovations.

Northwind Arts Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2001 to strengthen the connection between arts and community.



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Local News

Totem Pole Preservation Goal Reached

by Dorothy Kimble, Guest Writer

As of November 5, The Port Ludlow Totem Pole Preservation Project has raised \$4,590 with pledges from other donors for an additional \$800 which means the primary goal of funding the restoration has been met. With the \$5,000 matching funds from the Port Ludlow Village Master Association, we now have an excellent start on our secondary goal—the maintenance of the totem pole.

When carver David Boxley heard the news, he was very touched and appreciative. He considers the Port Ludlow community to be his team. He is eager to restore the Port Ludlow Totem Pole which has always held a special place in his heart. There will be a potlatch when the project is completed on **June 15, 2015** to celebrate.

According to Boxley, touch-ups and resealing will cost about \$1,000 per year. That's equivalent to a donation of 40 cents per year from each Port Ludlow resident. We now have the opportunity not only to restore a unique community landmark, but also to preserve it for ourselves and future residents of Port Ludlow. If you haven't donated yet, your donation is still very much needed to protect the future of the totem pole.

We thank the community support and the generous donations which ranged from a few dollars to many. We especially thank the following businesses and organizations for their support:

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Checks can be made out to: Ludlow Bay Village Association—Totem Pole Fund. Mail donations to LBVA, 70 Breaker Lane, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. Donations for LBVA nonprofit # 91-1665379 are tax deductible.

Cards for the Troops Project

by Paula Davis, Guest Writer

About seven years ago, the Stamping and Paper Arts group wanted to make sure that our service members overseas and in remote areas were able to keep in touch with their families and friends back home; a big challenge for a small group. We reached out to the community requesting donations of card fronts from holiday and all occasion cards which would be recycled by making new and creative cards for all ages and gender. The designated drawers at the Bay and Beach Clubs were soon filling up with new cards and fronts. One resident graciously donated colorful cardstock and envelopes to keep us busy making cards for a long time. Our mission would become a reality thanks to so many generous and supportive people.

The cards are periodically boxed up and sent to ORCAS (Oregon Coast Avid Stampers), a dispatching center where they are sorted and packaged. They are then sent to Operation Care Package in Ohio for their final destination to troops on land and sea. In 2013 and 2014 a total of 10,622 cards, of which 1,112 were handmade, have been delivered to ORCAS. Your efforts and ours were rewarded with many letters of gratitude from our thankful military service personnel.

With the holidays at hand, we hope you will continue to save those card fronts or unused cards you no longer need and drop them off at the bins located at the Bay and Beach Clubs.

Marrowstone Pottery Holds Open House/Sale

Marrowstone Pottery is hosting a special event on **Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7**. The pottery, owned and operated by George Chechpoulos, will hold a holiday Sale of handmade, high fire functional stoneware and porcelain pottery.

On hand will be specialized flameware (Furneware) pottery suitable for top of burner and oven cooking. Handmade decorative ceramic tiles and murals are also available. No tax added for all purchases during this event. Wine, soft drinks, and chocolate will be served.

The pottery is located at 292 Merry Road, Box 193, Nordland, WA 98358. Call 360- 379-5169 or visit marrowstonepottery.com for additional information.

The Pause That Refreshes

In the midst of all the activity of the Christmas season – pause – and join us at Port Ludlow Community Church (PLCC) for one or both of our special holiday celebrations.

The first is a choir presentation of *His Name is Jesus* on **Sunday, December 21**, at 10:30 a.m. From Gospel Music Hall of Fame composer and arranger, Mosie Lister, this worship celebration for Christmas combines gospel favorites, traditional carols, new gospel songs, and narration to create a truly meaningful Christmas experience.

The second is PLCC's annual 45-minute *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service* from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. This is a sweet, quiet time of Scripture reading and carol singing that will refresh and renew you.

Port Ludlow Community Church is located at 9534 Oak Bay Road in Port Ludlow. Call 360-437-0145 for more information.

Christmas Eve at the Beach Club

This year you won't have to travel far in the darkness to attend a beautiful and meaningful Christmas Eve worship service – complete with festive carols and bright candles. You and your entire family and guests are invited to attend this year's "Christmas Eve at the Beach Club" on **Wednesday morning, December 24** at 11:30 am.

This one-hour, multi-generational service will feature special music, carol singing, activities for children, an inspirational Christmas message, and candlelight as we remember the Nativity Story. The service begins at 11:30 am, which will still allow you and your family to be home or travel to your destination before nightfall.

All are welcome and cordially invited to come and worship the Christ Child with us at Peace Lutheran Fellowship. For more information, please email info@UndemandingGrace.com, call Peace Lutheran at 360-732-0004 or go to the website UndemandingGrace.com.

Cash for Gold

Want a prosperous New Year? Sell your tired and broken gold and silver jewelry or unused silver flatware and get top dollar. Stan Morton of Cash For Gold is returning to Port Ludlow for the third time on **Saturday, December 27**, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Harbormaster Wreck Room, 55 Heron Drive, Port Ludlow. Call Teresa Forrest at 360-437-1191 if you have any questions.

Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair

Holiday shoppers, you won't want to miss the 28th annual Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair which will be held on **Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the commons and gym at Chimacum High School. The fair was created in 1986 by parents of Chimacum students and has raised thousands of dollars for special student projects and educational enhancements for high school students. The entry fee is \$3.

The wares are a mix of articles created by local and regional artists. They include pottery, jewelry, clothing, toys, artwork, glass, garden decorations, and locally made foods, as well as projects created by students. This year, the poster advertising the show was designed by Marsha Slomowitz and is a picture taken by one of the vendors, Keith Lazelle, of the annual return of the Trumpeter Swans to Chimacum Valley. Both artists donated their talents to publicize the event. For more information and to see a list of vendors and their wares, go to chimacumarts.com.

Bluebills Christmas Social

The annual Boeing Bluebills Christmas Social will be held on **Tuesday, December 9**, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. The event will include the traditional turkey dinner and the distribution of the Christmas Giving lists. Decorative piggy banks will decorate each table for cash/check donations to be used for gifts for the domestic violence victims supported by the Bluebills. These donations are especially important this year since the major support for this program has been suspended.

All Bluebill members and guests are invited as well as anyone interested in joining the Bluebills to provide food, clothing, and other assistance for the women and children victims of domestic violence; the labor and material for building ramps, installing guard rails and grab bars for senior fall prevention (free of charge); and pickup and delivery of goods to the local food bank. Some projects extend to Clallam and Kitsap Counties. All members take part in suggesting and developing other projects. These efforts will normally require a few hours of your time per quarter, and create a lot of satisfaction.

A great source of Bluebills' information is bluebills.org/opbb/FLYERS.html.

Please RSVP by contacting Kathy Roden, kroden0408@aol.com, 360-437-7993, or Laura Paul, r1plep@yahoo.com, 360-344-2494, by **Wednesday, December 3**.

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Alarm Statistics October 2014

Alarms

Fires	2
Rescue/Emergency Medical	47
Service Call	1
Good Intent	11
Hazardous Conditions	1
Total Alarms	62

Ambulance Transports

Jefferson Healthcare	10
Harrison Medical Ctr., Bremerton	11
ALNW	1
Total Transports	22

Aid

Aid Given	7
Aid Received	3
Total Aid	10

A Message from Chief Brad Martin

Like it or not, winter is here. We have been spoiled with very mild weather, but the gloves are off now and it's time to do some things that will keep you safe in the event of snow, ice, windstorms, and power outages.

It's always a good idea to have emergency food items with easy-to-prepare meals—things you could fix in a single pot on your wood or propane stove. But NEVER use a camp stove or BBQ inside your house—that includes your garage. And also, if your garage has an automatic door opener, determine where the release to the door is located in case the power goes out.

Extra batteries for your flashlights and portable radio are must-have items, too. Add some walkway de-icer to your winter shopping list. A large number of calls to Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue are for falls. It only takes a minimal covering of ice on a walkway or set of stairs to cause you to lose your footing.

We have been hearing reports about the deer being on the roads in and around our area. If you stop on the road to let a deer cross, be sure to put your blinkers on to warn other vehicles behind you and coming toward you.

If you would like to get additional information about emergency preparedness, visit Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management's website at jeffcoec.org. Call us at Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue (360-437-2236) if you need help changing the batteries in your smoke alarms or installing a new one.

As always, don't hesitate to call your fire department with any questions you have or you can email me directly at Brad.Martin@plfr.org or call and schedule an appointment to meet with me. Happy Holidays!

Sheriff's Report

In the month of October, 2014, there were 101 recorded Port Ludlow events known to the sheriff's office. There were 1,069 events county wide during the same time period. The parameters defining Port Ludlow are SR 19, Tala Shore Drive, Oak Bay Road, and Olympus Boulevard.

Agency Assist	7
Alarm or Incomplete 911 Call	6
Animal Control	6
Assaults	1
Boating Assistance/violations	2
Civil Assist	3
Disturbance (unwanted persons, gunshots, etc.)	16
Field Investigations	6
Found Property	1
Harassment	1
Patrol Requests	3
Suspicious Vehicle or Person	6
Theft/Burglary	7
Traffic Incident/Complaint	30
Traffic Violations	4
Welfare Check	2

Let's keep our neighborhoods safe. Please contact the sheriff's office if you notice any suspicious activity and always call 9-1-1 for an emergency.

Come to the Village Lighting Ceremony

You are cordially invited to celebrate the start of the holiday season on

Tuesday, December 2 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm.

The Village will be festooned with Holiday Lights, to be turned on for the first time this season.

Enjoy cookies and liquid refreshment.

Join us and start the season merry and bright!

Sponsored by the Village Merchants and Port Ludlow Village Council

Ding Dong Merrily on High



The Choral Belles ready to perform at Bay Club tree lighting.
Submitted photo

Come one, come all, to the free concert at the Bay Club, and send the Choral Belles off on their Merry Christmas tour at 4:00 p.m. on **Thursday, December 4.**

The entire community of Port Ludlow is invited to get their “ho-ho-ho’s” started early by attending the Bay Club tree lighting ceremony. Each year the Choral Belles usher in the holiday season at this fun get-together and this year is no different. Get your festive mood started with a selection of upbeat, sassy, and serious music sure to please all listeners. As the Choral Belles sing their way around Jefferson and Kitsap County on some 19 different occasions in December, it is their hope to bring warm feelings and memories to those who are unable to attend musical concerts. It is the Choral Belles’ mission to do community service through music, and now the entire Port Ludlow community, friends, family, and neighbors can be part of their mission at this annual musical event.

Last Free Health Information Counseling Session

The Port Ludlow Village Council Health and Wellness Committee is sponsoring the last one-on-one confidential counseling session for 2014 on **Wednesday, December 3** at the Bay Club from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Volunteers of Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) will provide assistance with Medicare Prescription Coverage Part D and Supplemental Medigap Policies Part B. The open enrollment period ends December 7.

Please bring social security numbers, income, birth dates of individuals on your tax return, information about any current health plans, and a credit or debit card to pay for the first month’s premium. Legal immigrants should bring

a passport or an alien or other immigration number. More information is on plhealth.org. For answers to other questions call 206-605-1957. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Health and Wellness Committee volunteers will explain how to access resources made available by the committee and to help navigate credible medical websites useful for understanding health conditions. There is also help with organizing personal health records.



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Community Meetings

First Wednesday Luncheon

The Holiday Luncheon will be on **Wednesday, December 3** at the Bay Club. Come join us as we set the mood for the holiday season. During the luncheon, Pinky (Nancy) Dale, an accomplished harpist, will delight us with some of our favorite carols and music from different eras.

Our speaker, Reverend Dale Kelley, will share with us information about some of our more popular Christmas and holiday customs and traditions from Ireland, England, and Germany. She served both the Christian Church and the United Methodist Church in Washington and Alaska, including Eskimo and Indian villages and in the "Deadliest Catch Country," Dutch Harbor. Upon retirement, she moved from Alaska to Port Ludlow to be closer to her nearby daughters. There will be a ten dollar limit, wrapped ornament exchange for those wanting to participate. Also, the raffle drawings will take place for the special holiday baskets. Raffle tickets will be available during the luncheon. Dress in your festive attire as we usher in this festive season.

Make your reservations by signing up at either the Bay Club or Beach Club by **Monday, December 1**. For last minute reservations, please contact Marilyn Durand at 360-437-7677.

These luncheons benefit the Tri-Area Food Bank. The luncheon is provided to you by the volunteer food committee. In lieu of paying for lunch, we ask that each of you make a donation of cash and/or foods to the food bank. Personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent are always needed. Donations of cash or check made payable to Tri Area Food Bank are always appreciated.

As this is a special holiday lunch, the committee will provide table service.

Garden Club Holiday Tea

You are invited to attend the Garden Club's annual Holiday Tea at the Bay Club on **Wednesday, December 10** at 11:00 a.m.

Make your reservation by signing up at the Bay Club by **Sunday, December 7**. Space is limited and will go quickly, so reservations are required.

Celebrate the season with fellow garden club members while sipping champagne or cider and enjoy holiday music by the very popular entertainer, Vince Pace.

Tea sandwiches, savories, and holiday sweets provided by garden club members will be served after the social hour. Following the tea, we will hold a brief business meeting to discuss upcoming events.

All are welcome to join our club. If you're not yet a member and would like to attend the tea, you may pay a \$5 guest fee, plus \$20 membership dues for 2015. Member dues of \$20 for 2015 will be collected at the door. If you have questions, contact Garden Club President Rita Clark at 360-437-9104.

Senior Singles Christmas Feast

Roz Greene and Gloria Russell-Baker will host our annual Christmas dinner at 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, December 11**. They will prepare a delicious holiday feast for our group. You may obtain Roz's address by calling 360-437-9870. Seating is limited to 25, so please deliver your \$15 check to Roz as soon as possible so that you will not be left out.

We have helped needy Chimacum school children and their families by providing \$15 QFC gift cards to those who have been identified by their teachers as families that would appreciate extra groceries. If you would like to participate in this effort, please contact Peggy Schafran at 360-437-9935. Your check in any amount would be appreciated. Peggy will deliver the cards to the school on **Friday, December 12**. Please do not bring your checks to the dinner, as we will just celebrate the holiday on that evening.

Port Ludlow Book Club

On **Tuesday, December 9** at 6:00 p.m. (please note the earlier start time) at the Bay Club, the Book Club will celebrate this festive season with a discussion of *Kosher Chinese* by Michael Levy. To celebrate the holiday season, please bring hors d'oeuvres and/or beverage to share.

This is a lively memoir of the author's service as an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher with the Peace Corps in Guiyang, China starting in 2005. In this funny and poignant story, Levy becomes the only white native speaker of English at Guizhou University. He soon becomes the center of attention, because of his Jewish identity, which he shares with the Chinese cultural icon Karl Marx. He is also pressed into service as the resident love adviser, a star player on the basketball team, and the leader of Guizhou Jewish Friday Night English and Cooking Corner Club.

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In his sojourn to the center of China, the author discovered the billion or so people living far from the coastal cities covered by the American media, living daily with the darker side of Chinese capitalism and lagging behind China's economic boom. Levy pulls off this memoir with compassion and without condemnation about people in a culture radically different from our own.

The book selection for January is *When It Happens to You* by Molly Ringwald. Everyone is welcome.

January 2015 Dine & Discover

Beauty. Grace. Elegance. Athleticism. Perfection. If you enjoy swimming—especially synchronized swimming, either by observing or participating in it—then you won't want to miss Dine & Discover at 5:30 p.m. on **Monday, January 5.**

If you watch synchronized swimming during the Olympics (an official sport since 1984) and are amazed by the precision, beauty, and athleticism of the swimmers, you probably wonder how on earth they do that. No one is more qualified than our January speaker to tell you.

Lynn Hovde has been known for nearly twenty years as a synchronized swimming coach in Port Ludlow where she led a dedicated group of local swimmers who have competed in local, regional, and national meets. A competitive swimmer since age seven, Hovde is now a master who has earned national honors. She competed in the Masters Synchronized Swimming Nationals in Seattle in 2004, Portland, OR in 2008, and Panama City, FL in September this year, where Hovde finished first in Figures and third in Solo, missing second place by only half a point.

Over a long and successful swimming career, Hovde has done it all: lifeguard, instructor, coach, trainer, choreographer, and judge. She competed in synchronized swimming in college and began coaching the sport in 1972, working with teams in Connecticut, California, and Washington.

Now retired, today Hovde operates a summer swim school in Port Ludlow, and serves as a lifeguard and CPR instructor. She holds two masters degrees, teaches college-level English and is working on her doctorate. As if that isn't enough, she's also written two books, *Coaching the Age Group Swimmer* (1999) and *Simply Synchro* (co-author 2013).

Since the first time she jumped into a pool, Hovde estimates that she has swum about 40,000 miles. That's equal to the distance from San Francisco to Hawaii, 16 times. Today she's slowing down a bit, swimming a mere 14-15

miles a week. That should be sufficient for her to catch a breath during Dine & Discover.

Make your reservations at the Beach Club beginning **Monday, December 1.** Sign up to bring an appetizer, entrée, side dish or dessert for ten people. Remember to bring your table settings of dishes, glasses, utensils, and your favorite beverages; \$2 per person will be collected at the door.

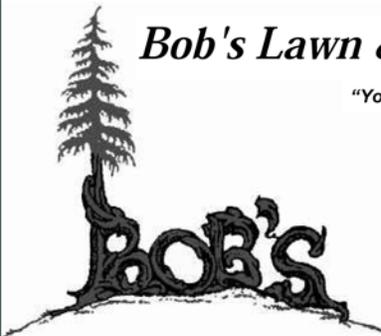
Please call Milt Lum, 360-437-5143, or Don Folsom, 360-437-9251, if you have any questions.

Holiday Social

Port Ludlow DigitalLife invites the community, members, and friends to join in a holiday celebration at the Bay Club on **Monday, December 8** at 5:00 p.m. Bring hors d'œuvres to share, along with your holiday spirit.

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Port Ludlow Village Council

Port Ludlow Village Council Report

by Tamra McDearmid, PLVC Secretary

The meeting of the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) was called to order on November 6 at the Beach Club by President Terry Umbreit. Counsel members present were Bill Dean, Linda Haskin, Rose Hablutzel/Jackson, Tamra McDearmid, Mike Nilssen, Larry Nobles, and Brett Oemichen. Larry Hunt was absent. President Umbreit announced that there was a quorum. The agenda was adopted.

Community Reports

Jefferson County: Phillip Morley, Jefferson County Administrator, discussed the election results. Port Ludlow residents on the ballot were Dan Toepper (County Commissioner), Wendy Davis (Sheriff), and Cheryl Potebnya (District Court Judge). Newly elected officials are sworn in on November 25 when the election is certified. Jeff Chapman has been elected to be the County Assessor, a position he has been occupying on an appointed basis. He has been instrumental in computerizing the county system of doing assessments. Morley commended former commissioner, John Austin, who was present, for his work in that office.

Other announcements were that the county will complete the Paradise Bay Road project in 2015. The project includes overlay of pavement and widening of shoulders between Ludlow Creek and Teal Lake Road.

On **April 18** there will be a hazardous waste collection in Port Ludlow at the recycling area in the Port Ludlow Village Center.

The Pit-to-Pier project is still being evaluated and new studies being conducted. The Department of Community Development continues to work on the environmental impact Statement.

The Ludlow Cove II subdivision is planning a second model home. Plans are being considered and permits have been sought.

A Master Planned Resort in Brinnon is making significant progress. David Wayne Johnson is the lead planner on the project. It is expected to create a number of employment opportunities in construction and staffing.

Port Ludlow Village Council Meetings

General Meeting
Thursday, December 4
3:00 p.m., Bay Club

Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, December 16
3:00 p.m., Bay Club
www.plvc.org

Cutbacks in the 2015 budget will include funding of the Parks and Recreation Department. Some programs, such as the summer camp program, will not be offered. The focus is shifting to maintain the current facilities and manage within the constraints of budget realities. Port Ludlow's Doug Huber was recently appointed to the County Parks and Recreation Advisory Council.

John Austin, former county commissioner, spoke briefly about the important issues on the commissioner's agendas. He listed the November 17 hearing on the enactment of a new sign code, an enforceable noise ordinance, and a hearing and adoption of a new animal control ordinance.

Totem Pole Restoration Project: Dorothy Kimble introduced committee members Sally Hirschmann and Claudia Avicola. Kimble credited Diana Smeland with introducing the committee to the Port Ludlow Master Association that has offered to match donated funds up to \$5000 to restore the totem pole. The pole was first dedicated in June 1995. The original carver, David Boxley, and his two sons will work on the restoration. Work will begin in March or April. The goal for completion is **June 16** at which time there will be a rededication.

Over \$5,000 has been raised from community donations for restoration and maintenance. The estimated cost of maintenance (cleaning and repainting) is \$1,000 per year. When the pole is rededicated, there will be another potlatch. The Port Gamble S'Klallam will be invited.

A motion was made for the PLVC to provide \$250 to support the project. Financial support was tabled and scheduled for further discussion at the workshop.

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Port Ludlow Associates (PLA): Diana Smeland reported that PLA is still working on permits and processes to log 30 acres off Oak Bay Road. Neighbors in the area have sought an opportunity to discuss the project with the developer. PLA can replant the area in one year and cannot build for six years. There are no current plans for building on the site.

The Ludlow Cove II Model Home Open House was successful, with over 550 people, including residents and brokers, attending from Friday through Sunday. Although there was substantial interest, there are no signed contracts at this point. Home permitting for the second model is expected to be finished by November 17. All presales must be free and clear.

Smeland also announced that PLA has employment opportunities in their corporate office. The company needs a comptroller. Details are on the website.

Council Business

Election of Officers: Officers for 2014-2015 were elected as a slate which included President Terry Umbreit, Vice President Mike Nilssen, Treasurer Linda Haskin, and Secretary Tamra McDearmid. Bill Grant was appointed as a write-in candidate. Votes returned in the PLVC election were 361 returned ballots, a 22 percent increase over 2013.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Haskin said that acknowledgements will be sent for all donations received with the Directors Election ballots. She also reported that the PLVC is currently paying monthly expenses from the reserve fund and will end the year in the red. Oemichen/Grant asked if the monies earmarked for the IMQ legal fund can be tapped. Haskin reminded the board that the funds were to be retained in reserve in case other issues came up. Nobles asked for this topic to be put on the workshop agenda.

Holiday Lights: Bob Grant said that the goal of the project is to significantly increase the density of the lights. The committee would like to order 360 strands, 18 per tree. Wave Broadband will provide a bucket truck and manpower to install the lights. He has consulted with an electrician to develop a system to keep the lights glowing. The cost of the project is \$6,000. A sponsorship program for the project, with the aim of acquiring \$4,000, was suggested. The Council was asked to approve a \$2,000 line of credit in advance of completion of the project. The Council agreed to permit the committee to seek financial sponsorship and to provide a \$2,000 advance to be returned post fund-raising.

Utilities Committee: Bill Dean, the Interim Utilities Chair, reported on his interviews of current committee members, OWSI, PLA, and PUD. The committee's goals are in oversight, communication, and advisory areas. He made six recommendations: to continue to have a utility committee, to reduce the size to five members, to develop a relationship with the utility that is collaborative while advocating for the community, to develop a mission statement to be approved by the PLVC, and to encourage representatives of OWSI and the PUD to attend all meetings where their respective utilities are being discussed, yet not as voting members. The PLVC approved these recommendations. Dean was appointed to serve as Utilities Committee Chair.

Larry Nobles and Bill Dean will meet informally with Jeff Chapman, County Assessor, to discuss property tax issues and invite the assessor to a Council general meeting in 2015.

Announcements and Member Comments: It was recommended that the Council set maximum times for agenda items as a method of getting through the agenda. Workshop and general meeting times were announced. The meetings in December are displayed in the accompanying box. Residents are encouraged to attend the meetings and become familiar with PLVC.

Disaster Committee Stresses Basic Protective Measures

by Dave Aho, Disaster Preparedness Chair

Emergency preparedness is not only for Californians, Midwesterners and Gulf Coast residents. Most communities may be impacted by several types of hazards during a lifetime. Americans also travel more than ever before to areas with different hazard risks than at home. Learn what protective measures to take before, during, and after an emergency either from your local disaster committee representative or from ready.gov, the FEMA disaster site.

Knowing what to do before, during, and after an emergency is a critical part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count. Use this site to learn about potential emergencies that can happen and how to prepare for and respond to them.

Some basic protective actions are similar across many different hazards:

- Physical safety is a concern for all hazards and may involve sheltering or evacuating.
- Develop a family communications plan.

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- Make an emergency supply kit to be prepared for any type of disaster.
- Learn about receiving emergency alerts and local emergency plans for shelter and evacuation, local emergency contacts, and local advance alerts and warnings.
- When recovering from a disaster, consider mental and physical well-being as well as safety.

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Village Activities Calendar

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

December

Mon., December 1

9:30 – 11:00 a.m., LOA meeting (members), Beach Club
 10:30 a.m. – noon, Port Ludlow DigitalLife Office SIG,
 Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Timberton Board meeting (members),
 Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., *Voice* meeting, Bay Club
 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., WALI 3, Bay Club
 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., Dine and Discover, Bay Club

Tues., December 2

9:00 a.m. – noon, Trails Committee meeting, Beach Club
 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Decorating Day, Bay Club
 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Village Lighting Ceremony

Wed., December 3

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., First Wednesday Luncheon, Bay Club
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., SHIBA Medicare enrollment, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA's Great Course: *Hitler's Empire*,
 2nd Ed., Beach Club

Thurs., December 4

9:00 a.m. – noon, Bayview Board meeting (members),
 Bay Club
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., KnitWits, Beach Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC meeting, Bay Club
 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Tree Lighting Ceremony with the Choral
 Belles, Bay Club

Fri., December 5

9:30 – 11:30 a.m., SBCA Board meeting (members), Bay Club
 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., SBCA Monthly Social (members), Bay Club

Sun., December 7

3:00 – 4:00 p.m., PLPA Pre-Concert Holiday Wassail, Seat
 Selection and Art Exhibit, Bay Club
 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., PLPA presents Victoria Robertson in
 "A Classical Holiday," with pianist Vernon Snyder

Mon., December 8

3:30 – 5:30 p.m., MGA Board meeting, Bay Club
 5:00 p.m., DigitalLife Holiday Social, Bay Club

Tues., December 9

9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Finance Committee meeting, Bay Club
 Noon – 5:00 p.m., PLUSH Investment Club, Bay Club
 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Bluebills Christmas Social
 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Book Club, Bay Club

Wed., December 10

10:00 a.m. – noon, Inner Harbor Board meeting (members),
 Bay Club
 11:00 a.m., Garden Club Christmas Tea (members), Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA's Great Course: *Hitler's Empire*,
 2nd Ed., Bay Club

4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Artist of the Month (AOM) Display, Sound
 Bank Lobby

4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Reception, Artists' League Gallery
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., USCG Auxiliary General meeting, Fire
 Station

Thurs., December 11

9:30 – 11:30 a.m., MELT, for Upper Body, Bay Club
 10:00 a.m. – noon, Drainage Committee, Beach Club
 Noon – 1:15 p.m., MELT, for Lower Body, Bay Club
 Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Olympic Terrace Christmas Party, Bay Club

Fri., December 12

9:00 a.m., Hiking Club Leaves for Bloedel Reserve,
 Bridge Deck
 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Homeowners' Holiday Luncheon,
 Beach Club

Saturday, December 13

5:30 p.m., SBCA's "The World of Christmas," Bay Club

Mon., December 15

4:00 – 5:00 p.m., WALI 3, Bay Club
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Port Ludlow DigitalLife Mac SIG, Bay Club

Tues., December 16

9:30 – 11:00 a.m., Facilities meeting, Bay Club
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., KnitWits, Beach Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC Workshop, Bay Club
 5:00 – 7:30 p.m., Fly Fishers' Christmas Party, Bay Club
 Readers' Theater will resume in January

Wed., December 17

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Footcare Clinic, Bay Club
 10:00 a.m. – noon, Stamp and Paper Arts Club, Bay Club
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Artists' League meeting, Beach Club

Thurs., December 18

Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., LMC meeting (members), Beach Club
 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., LPV4 Christmas Party, Bay Club

Fri., December 19

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., ARC meeting, Bay Club

Sunday, December 21

2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Christmas Sing-Along, Beach Club

Mon., December 22

10:00 a.m. – noon, DigitalLife Photo/Pro show Gold SIG,
 Bay Club

Wed., December 24

8:00 – 10:00 a.m., Santa Breakfast, Beach Club
 Bay Club Closes at Noon
 Beach Club Closes at 1:00 p.m.

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Thurs., December 25

Both Clubs Closed, Merry Christmas!

Fri., December 26

9:00 a.m., Hiking Club Leaves for Port Ludlow trails, meet at Niblicks Parking Lot

Future Events

New Year's Day, Bay Club Opens at Noon
SBCA meeting, January 2, Bay Club
Dine and Discover, January 5, Beach Club

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LMC Board Meeting Highlights

by Glee Hubbard, LMC Secretary

The monthly business meeting of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board of Trustees was held Thursday, October 16 at the Bay View Room of the Beach Club.

Staff and Committee Reports: Reports were presented by each of the committee chairs and the general manager. Trees and views issues continue to be a major preoccupation of the Architectural Control, Operations, and Greenbelt committees, which is perhaps to be expected given that we are a “village in the woods by the bay.”

The Covenants and Regulations Committee continues their review and revisions of LMC’s Regulations, and the Communications Committee announced the release of the fall issue of the *Navigator*; the quarterly publication of the LMC.

Upon the report and recommendation of the Finance Committee, a motion was made and passed to accept the recently completed update to the reserve study. General Manager Belmont, who chairs the Elections Service Committee, reported that a joint meeting with the Communications Committee was in the works to discuss the format for proxies and ballots, along with other goals, for the Annual Member Meeting in **April 2015**.

The board was informed by Belmont that a replacement treadmill and a second elliptical trainer are being acquired for the exercise room. Because \$6,200 is allocated in this year’s budget for replacement equipment, the purchase price of approximately \$5,000 for both devices was approved.

Announcements and Acknowledgments: The board acknowledged the contributions of Jamie and Bob Bima and Terry O’Brien in contributing money, time, and carpentry skills to refurbish the Bay View room’s rolling bar. The updated bar sports a quartz countertop and four

Important Dates

LOA Meeting

Monday, December 1, 9:30 a.m.

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LMC Board Meeting

Thursday, December 18, 1:00 p.m.

Phone: 437-9201

E-mail: beachclub@olympus.net

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All LMC members are welcome.



removable ice pans. It is a worthy addition to the recently refurbished Bay View room kitchen.

Members are welcome to the regularly scheduled meetings of the LMC Board of Trustees. The workshop is held on the second Thursday of the month and the general board meeting on the third Thursday. Both are held at the Beach Club from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

President’s Perspective

by Ron Racki, V.P., LMC Board of Directors, Guest Writer

In 2007, my wife and I moved to Port Ludlow. We had lived in Southern California for most of our adult lives and had decided that after retiring we would move north away from the traffic and heat.

After a few years of retirement mainly relaxing, I heard that the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Communications Committee was looking for new members; I volunteered and have enjoyed working with the committee members ever since.

Serving on the committee brought me into contact with members of other committees and the Board of Trustees. Meeting these people made me realize just how many Port Ludlow lot-owners volunteer, not only for committees and the board, but for other community functions as well, such as potlucks and Dine and

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Discover get-togethers. These activities could not happen without our friends and neighbors volunteering their time and knowledge.

There is some talk going on in the community association world that there is a general sense of apathy among members of these associations; a sense that members do not really care about the workings of their associations. I do not see apathy within the LMC committees and board. I see a sense of positive thinking, the need to support the LMC community, and to strive to improve the ways they serve. There was no apathy to be seen when the Beach Club's kitchen needed remodeling; no apathy when the community came together to form the Port Ludlow Drainage District; no apathy when the local pickleballers needed more courts. Volunteers came together and made it happen.

You might find you enjoy the camaraderie and feeling of community if like me, you choose to become more involved by volunteering. Don't forget the monthly LMC meetings on the third Thursday at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

At the September board meeting, the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board of Trustees authorized the purchase of a hearing assistance system for the Bay View room of the Beach Club. If a group in the Bay View room is using microphones, attendees can now check out a small receiver and headset from our front desk staff that will greatly improve their ability to hear the amplified sound being broadcast through the room's speakers.

There are five sets of receivers and headsets available at the front desk. The new system works well for people with hearing deficiencies regardless of whether they use hearing aid devices or not. I encourage facility guests to ask our staff about the new equipment and if you would like to test the system privately, call me at the Beach Club and I will setup a personal demonstration for you.

In October, the Bridge Deck building exterior was repainted using a new color scheme. The color change surprised many members, however, the majority of the feedback has been positive.

LMC is in the process of having its reserve study updated in accordance with Washington State law. The study is a budgeting tool for LMC that lists components such as

vehicles, roofing, parking lot asphalt, and major pool equipment, whose eventual replacement will be funded by our reserve account. As part of the study, estimates are made for the life expectancy and estimated replacement cost of each reserve component item. Once the reserve study is finalized, the executive summary will be posted on the LMC website.

I will keep our membership updated as other projects are scheduled and as always if you have questions or comments about this article or the work that is ongoing at the Beach Club, I can be reached at 360-437-9201 or beachclub@olympus.net.

Sixth Annual North Bay Holiday Luncheon Buffet

North Bay members are invited to the Annual Holiday Luncheon Buffet and Musical Program at the Beach Club on **Friday, December 12** at 11:30 a.m.

This year, you will enjoy a gourmet buffet of delicious appetizers, salad, vegetables, wild salmon baked in parchment with artichoke caper aioli or Chicken Dijon, followed by Black Forest Cake. Please address your check to the Belmont Restaurant for \$22 for each person. Beverages are BYOB if you wish (wine glasses are available); coffee and tea are provided. David Weakley's Port Ludlow Choir will truly inspire a holiday spirit in each of us.

A collection bowl will be placed at the entrance table to accept donations for our local food bank, should you care to donate to those less fortunate.

Signup began at the Beach Club on Wednesday, November 12 and closes upon signup of 64 people or no later than **Monday, December 8** at 5:00 p.m. (You select your table upon sign-up, providing an opportunity to invite friends to join you.)

We always have delicious food, beautiful Christmas music, and the opportunity to appreciate enjoying the celebration with our friends during the holiday season — please join us again this year. ☺

Beach Club Breakfast with Santa

The North Bay Lot Owner's Association (NBLOA) is sponsoring the Port Ludlow Kids' Club for their annual Christmas Eve pancake breakfast with Santa on **Wednesday, December 24** from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

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Take the children and grandchildren to the Beach Club and join in the fun. There will be the pancake breakfast, entertainment, and of course, Santa. Santa will arrive promptly at 9:00 a.m. (He has a busy schedule that day.)

Please take a small wrapped gift for your child with your child's name and age clearly written (Santa is old). You may drop off the gift at the Beach Club prior to Wednesday, if you wish.

We look forward to having you join us. Volunteers are always welcome. We can't do it without you. For more information or to volunteer, please call Bryan or Piper Diehl at 360-437-0602. ☼

Here We Come A-Caroling

Join your neighbors, young and not so young, on **Sunday, December 21** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Beach Club to celebrate the holiday season with Christmas carols. Kathie Sharp will be playing the piano to help us stay on key and refreshments will be available to keep your voice well lubricated. (A \$2 donation to cover the refreshments is requested.)

Here is your chance to wear your favorite Christmas sweater. So join in and be ready to sing for a while or just enjoy your friends and neighbors singing.

Money and food donations for the Tri Area Food Bank will be collected. An RSVP to the Beach Club would be appreciated, but is not required. All are welcome for a fun, seasonal, community event.

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SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Friday, December 5, 9:30 a.m.

Monthly Social Date Change
Friday, December 5, 5:30 p.m.

Visit <http://plsbca.org>

All SBCA members are welcome. 

SBCA Meeting Highlights

by Mike Howard, SBCA Secretary

The November board meeting of the South Bay Community Association (SBCA) was called to order by President Brett Oemichen on Friday, November 7 at 9:30 a.m. Board members present included President Brett Oemichen, Vice President Jerry Conover, Secretary Mike Howard, and at-large member Bert Loomis. Steve Shanklin attended via Skype. General Manager Jeremy Bubnick was also present.

Reports and recommendations were received from the treasurer, the Operations, Architectural Review, Finance, Human Relations, Long Range Planning, and Communications Committees, and the Port Ludlow Village Council. The secretary reported no official correspondence, and no meetings of the Facilities Committee were reported.

Board and Committee Reports

Operations: General Manager Bubnick reported that December holiday events will include a pizza lunch with cookies, coffee, and holiday music for volunteers helping to decorate the club on **Tuesday, December 2** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; a tree lighting ceremony on **Thursday, December 4** from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with music provided by the Choral Belles; and the monthly member social on the first **Friday, December 5**, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The SBCA Holiday Event, "The World of Christmas," is on **Saturday, December 13**. Tickets are \$30 per person.

The "members only" section of the website is now active. User names and passwords were printed on fourth quarter statements and are available from the staff if lost or forgotten.

The club copier is being upgraded to a model with additional capability and lower monthly lease cost.

Treasurer's Report. Bubnick, for Dan Quail, presented the Treasurer's report as of November 7, 2014, but

approval was delayed pending reconciliation of conflicting numbers reported for current assets. Bank statements are received after board meetings and balances do not include October interest. Figures are available on request at the Bay Club.

Architectural Review Committee: Bubnick reported for Harlan Whiting that three of five members were present at the October 17 meeting. Four applications were approved at the village level, and the committee reviewed and approved one application for a tree removal.

Communications Committee: Oemichen reported for Liz Healy that the committee is now active and solicited additional at-large members. The first meeting of the committee will be held soon.

Facilities: No meeting was held for November. Oemichen observed that new signage is now in place to enhance speed limit compliance along Spinnaker Place.

Finance: In Treasurer Dan Quail's absence, Kay Cathcart reported on the agenda items for the upcoming Finance Committee meeting.

Human Relations: Oemichen briefed the board and attendees on committee priorities which included the salary range for the general manager, the benefits package for the two full-time employees, end-of-year bonus pay for Bay Club employees, and General Manager Performance reviews.

Long Range Planning Committee: Sue Oemichen reported on the October 14 meeting which reviewed SCBA goals and discussed how to get membership input for the year.

Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC): Oemichen summarized the November PLVC meeting: Hazardous waste pick-up is scheduled for **Saturday, April 18, 2015**. Particularly relevant for South Bay was the Paradise Bay

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widening project which should be completed this year. For other details, see the PLVC report in this issue on page 27.

New Business

Swift Plumbing’s bid of \$5,044.93 for water heater replacement in the attic of the Bay Club was approved.

The board and general manager have completed the annual review of SBCA Policies and Procedures. Nine policies and procedures were reviewed and approved (details available online). They included vacation and leave policies, the tennis court maintenance agreement, the use of the kiln, the consumables account, operating hours, member information policy, and the language in the vendor contract policy.

Financial Highlights reported in July 2014 and the accountant’s compilation for the fiscal year ending 2014 were reviewed and approved. The accountant has recommended that the club review non-member income in light of tax requirements. It was proposed that a quarterly review be conducted and a report submitted within five days of the end of the fiscal year.

Member Comments

Steve Failla inquired about past contributions from the Port Ludlow Fire Department assisting in stringing holiday lights on the median through the village center. This year, Wave Broadband will help install the lights. Failla also complimented past SBCA Board of Directors on their dedicated service and acknowledged the landmark transition from two club managers to one.

Executive Session and Meeting Announcement

The SBCA Board Meeting met in executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues. Following the executive session, the board reconvened in open meeting to act on several motions. The resulting actions were:

Holiday Appreciation Gifts for full-time and part-time staff members of the Bay Club as proposed by the HR Committee were approved.

The revised salary schedule for the Bay Club General Manager as proposed by the HR Committee was approved.

The SBCA president was authorized to discuss a legal matter with SBCA attorney Shattuck.

The next SBCA Board meeting is on **Friday, December 5**, 9:30 a.m. Residents are encouraged to attend and become involved in the operation of their homeowner’s association.

Correction to the November SBCA Report

The information regarding the appointment of members to a South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Blue Ribbon Committee, as reported in the article entitled “SBCA Meeting Report” (October 3) in the November issue of the *Voice*, was not correct. At its October 3 board meeting, the board approved the formation of a committee to examine the relevance of the Port Ludlow Village Council to SBCA. Committee members were not appointed.

South Bay Members’ Social

Join your South Bay neighbors at 5:30 p.m. on **Friday, December 5** for our holiday members’ hosted social. Note this is a week earlier than usual to accommodate other holiday events.

Our club will be newly decorated, and the appetizers others bring just might inspire us for our own parties. 🍷

South Bay New Members

Please welcome the following new members to our community:

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| David and Jennifer Houten | Bayview Village |
| Frederick Nord | Bayview Village |
| Janet Young | Fairwood |
| Caleb Summerfelt | Olympic Terrace |
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Developer News

by Diana Smeland, Port Ludlow Associates, President



Diana Smeland.

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The response has been overwhelmingly positive,

and if you haven't already, I hope you will stop by soon. The home is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. even during the holiday season if you have friends or family in town who may be interested in seeing the home.

We have loved hearing your comments about the home's design and have found that the most consistent thought is that the home feels so much larger inside than it looks from the outside. Additionally, the wrap-around porch, great room and kitchen design, and the cabinetry were also much admired. So many people remarked at how well the 1866 sq ft of interior space was used, too.

Some of the other aspects that we worked to incorporate into the model home and into each of the other home designs within Ludlow Cove Cottages, include floor plans designed for the way we live today.

While the exterior of our cottages are reminiscent of homes built between the 1920's and 1950's, we worked diligently to ensure that each interior layout was designed for modern day living. Each one offers a flowing open layout in the main living areas and every home offers a master suite on the main floor (even the two-story homes). There are open, eat-in kitchens, walk-in closets, large master baths, more access to outdoor entertaining areas, and additional storage.

As people walked through the model home, many people were amazed to know that all of the lighting, flooring, backsplash, cabinetry, countertops, and millwork were included features in the home. However, today more than ever, we are working to offer our buyers the ability to customize their new home with a vast number of options such as built-in seating, shelving, paint colors, and even landscaping. Lighting, flooring, tile, cabinetry, and

countertops can also all be selected from a wide variety of choices as well. Each home includes an attached or semi-attached single car garage; however, many of the floor plans also have a two-car garage option depending upon which home site they are built.

Utilizing new construction materials and an electric ductless heating system, Ludlow Cove Cottages are designed to be energy efficient — and that means potentially lower utility bills. Not only are these newly-built homes rated higher for insulation, but the effectiveness of a brand new hot water heater and ductless heating system could save you thousands over the course of the years you live in the home. Our new cottages are built with the latest building plans, designs, and materials. The systems (electrical, plumbing, sewage lines, central heating, and air) meet all of today's new codes and standards, eliminating the need for updates for many years to come.

New construction homes are often equipped with the latest technology built right in. Think cable, high-speed wired internet, digital thermostats, and wall outlet USB ports all built right in. Additionally, alarm systems, speaker systems, and other types of new smart home technology can be added in during the construction process, saving you time and money, not to mention holes in the walls.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on our new home designs and neighborhood. My direct line is 360-437-8342 and my email address is dsmeland@portludlowassociates.com.



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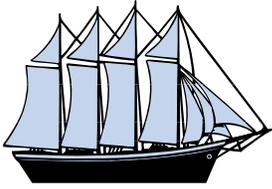
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Toys for the Boys in Your Life

by Gayle Refbord, Contributing Writer



One-strap waders.

My husband, the boy in my life for 38 years, definitely likes his sportsman and outdoor toys. Although there is nothing that is ever too much if it's really cool, some of this year's gear stood out as over the top.

Octomask – Diving Mask with GoPro Mount: Spear gun in hand, the other guiding you over an epic cavernous reef, the mask, comparable to all GoPro models, allows you to film your underwater adventures with absolute ease to share them with others

Kammok Glider: The love child of the tent and the hammock is the Kammok Glider and Weather Relief Shelter. This intelligently designed product makes the perfect sleep spot or rain shelter. The Kammok is designed to be easily packed and installed in a hurry without adding unbearable pounds to your already heavy load.

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GPS watch.

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Smackdown fishing line: Seaguar had long laid claim to manufacturing the finest fluorocarbon fishing line on the market. Seaguar began its collective chest pounding this past summer with the introduction of Smackdown, an 8-strand, micro-weave braid that extends casting distance and provides unparalleled abrasion resistance. Outdoor life testers gave it a thumbs-up. It's available in 10 to 60 pound test and comes in green and yellow.

Frabill Crankbait Net: Who hasn't cussed up a storm when flipping fish into the net only to become hopelessly tangled? Getting the fish is one thing, but unhooking the multi-trebled crankbait is quite another. It took 18 months, but Frabill has come up with a solution in the distinctive shape of the net's six-sided holes. Hooks don't get snagged because a vinyl dip coating helps resist hook snagging. Five sizes are available.

ThermaCELL Heated Insoles: They seem a bit gimmicky, but these heated boot inserts are a great

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present for the hunter in your family. Rechargeable batteries in the insole provide about 5 hours per charge, and they have an off switch. This means you can keep them off while you're walking and turn them on when you sit.

Cabela's Northern Flight One Strap Waders: Waterfowlers love Cabela's one-strap waders, a neoprene take on the Jennifer Beals off-the-shoulder-Flashdance look. They eliminate the traditional two-strap waders big plastic buckle often placed where the gun butt goes when you raise the gun. The single strap (on the right or left) leaves the shooting shoulder unblocked.

Cabela's Special Edition Custom Classic Rifles: Rifles must be accurate and reliable, but above all, a thing of beauty. Cabela's Special Edition Sako 85 Finn Bear, Winchester M1886, M1894, and M70 Lightweight, Sporter, and Safari are all classic guns with proven performance, and are drop-dead gorgeous, with deluxe-grade finishes. Any of these guns will make you feel good all over, every time you look at them.

Camo Marshmallow Shooter: There's little practical application but it's possibly a new Christmas morning tradition related to a hot-cocoa-related game. This model holds 25 "rounds" of miniature marshmallows, which the gun launches up to 30 feet. When 'mallows are flying, it's not so bad to get stuck in the crossfire.

Simms Bulkley Jacket: Whether you need a jacket to keep toasty while walking the dog, or to keep cold rain from soaking you to the skin on an all-day steelhead outing, look no further than Simms Bulkley Jacket. There are no 10,000 pockets, tool holders, or built-in battery packs but it's utilitarian, super-comfy, and keeps you warm and dry thanks to a GORE-TEX two-layer shell and PrimaLoft insulation. Fleece-lined hand-warmer pockets and easy-cinch watertight cuffs are nice touches.

Redington Form Game Rod: In a world of trainers and practice tools, one of the best for fishing is the Redington Form Game Rod. It's a 50-inch graphite rod with a fly line. Believe it or not, it does help you hone the stroke, reminding the caster where to start and stop the rod.

Zamberlan Davos Boots: They aren't cheap, but they are made to last a lifetime and are the most comfortable pair of boots you may ever wear. The height makes them perfect for mucking around the yard, hiking or fishing, without worrying about mud or water soaking your socks. There are no laces to cinch up. Zippers on the inside of the boots let you slip them on and off in a flash, which is great

for wintertime angling. The warm GORE-TEX insulated membranes and synthetic calf insulation keep your toes toasty and trap heat within the boot when you walk.

Abu Garcia REVO SX: Anglers rejoice in this new workhorse spinning reel that doesn't break the bank. Featuring a lightweight carbon body instead of heavier aluminum, you can cast Abu's new REVO SX all day without the wrist ache. The aluminum spool is braid-ready, eliminating monofilament backing, and Abu's unique carbon-matrix drag system is silky smooth. It's tough and guaranteed to last.

If you have hunters, fishermen, or simply outdoor guys on your holiday shopping list, you want to get them what they want or need. You don't want a polite smile and a lukewarm thank you followed by a kind request for the receipt. These gift items will generate nothing but beaming smiles.

Advice for Winter Activities from WGA

by Turney Oswald, 2014 Captain

After a glorious summer and fall, with six months of prime golf, wonderful friendship, and successful tournaments and events, we face the winter months. The hardy ones will be out on the golf course because it's there. Don your fleece and boots, grab a couple of friends, and take in nine holes to keep those muscles healthy. Don't forget to stretch. You will be rewarded in the spring when the new season begins.

The WGA offers active play on Tuesdays although it is less structured than in the regular season. Sign up in the locker room if you would like to play. Also recall that Tuesday is still Ladies Day at Niblicks. Come up for lunch and games. It is an opportunity to stay in touch with everyone and get together on a regular basis. The staff at Niblicks will welcome our company and be ready with soup on those days.

After the holidays it might be wise to start lifting some light weights so you will be ready to shine in the 2015 season.

If you are interested in joining our merry band, contact the golf shop or one of next year's officers. The officers for 2015 are Sheila Schoen, Captain; Diane Germaine, Co-Captain; Barbara Berthiaume, Secretary; and Cyndi Kelly, Treasurer. The WGA wishes everyone a wonderful holiday season and thanks the professional staff for making the 2014 season so successful.

A Bow Hunter's First Christmas

by Rick Refbord, Sports Editor



Autumn in Iowa.

Photo by Rick Refbord

It was late fall 1993 in eastern Iowa. The trees held on to their leaves with unusual tenacity and the temperatures were well above normal. The days were getting shorter and my "hunter's heart" told me to get ready. My shotgun was cleaned and I was ready to go, looking for that elusive rooster pheasant. I knew I'd be going alone as bow hunting season for deer had started and my hunting partner had taken that up last year.

He'd been raving about the upside of hunting with a bow ever since. I couldn't understand how he could go out, return home empty handed, and yet be extremely happy. On a warm November day, my life in the woods would change forever.

He'd asked me to tag along to look for deer or deer sign on the side of the field. The instructions were to be quiet and not to cross the small creek in the middle since he had a stand on the other side. I agreed and as we went our separate ways I said, "good luck," and he nodded. Guys don't talk that much.

I walked around staring at the plentiful tracks. After an hour or so I looked for a comfortable flat spot to sit on. Not finding one I picked the next best thing, a big tree by the creek. As I leaned back enjoying my warm Dr. Pepper, I heard leaves crunching directly behind me. I froze, and wandering past my resting place, literally within arm's reach, were two deer. Both were bucks, one about three years old with a modest six point rack and the other one around six or seven with an impressive ten point rack. I stood motionless as they continued a dozen or more steps until they winded me and left for parts unknown.

It was at that point I was hooked on using a bow for hunting deer. I went home as excited as if I had shot a record buck. I tried unsuccessfully to relate this all to my wife. She called my hunting partner and he told her exactly what I would need to start out bow hunting.

Christmas came early for me as I was presented with my first bow and accessories. I practiced at the indoor range every spare minute I could and even climbed on top of my buddy's house to practice shooting. He taught me how to choose an area for a tree stand, how to wash my outerwear with a scent killing soap, put it in bags, and change into at the last minute possible. I learned to pattern deer and know the difference between a bedding area and feeding area. I took my first deer the next year, but it was three years later that I truly learned what bow hunting was about.

I'd taken extra care applying the camo paint on my face, put my insulated coat and pants in a scent-free heavy bag, and put my bow in the back seat. I made it to my stand in a big 80-year-old oak tree on the corner of a corn field where three different woods came together. I was silent on my approach and climbed into my stand 45 minutes before dawn.

That day I learned a huge lesson in humility as I watched the sunrise and listened to the woods wake up. I listened to the leaves rustle as a raccoon came by and ate acorns. I watched a family of flying squirrels wake up in a hollow maple tree and was stunned as one landed a few feet below me. Eventually, it sat on my lap as he pulled his meal from his cheeks, eating for over ten minutes without knowing I was there.

Not seeing a deer by noon, I had to choose whether to come down or sit until dark. I chose to stay. About mid-afternoon a flock of turkeys came over a small rise and crossed a stream. One by one they stopped and jumped over. I stopped counting at 100. I'd never seen so many in one group.

I felt the creator's hand touch me that day as I became one with the woods. I realized that hunting is not about the kill, but about the time spent in peaceful solitude reflecting on what a wonderful world this truly is. I've been thankful many times over for that year my Christmas came early and those memories will be alive in my heart for as long as I live.

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Port Ludlow Hiking

by Dan Darrow, Scribe

This month only there is a special late meeting time of 9:00 a.m. Hikes are scheduled to be:

Friday, December 12 - Bloedel Reserve

Enjoy nature through a walk through the gardens and woodlands of this 155-acre estate. Admission for non-members is \$15 (\$10 for seniors). Note that there will be a late meeting time at the Bridge Deck at 9:00 a.m. For information call John or Doreen Fillers at 360-215-4049.

Friday, December 26 - Port Ludlow Trails

Celebrate Boxing Day with a tour of some of the Port Ludlow trails. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Niblicks parking lot. The tour will include walking the Niblicks trail and the newly restored bridge. From there, continue on the Olympic Loop and perhaps beyond. Total distance is 5 to 7 miles. For information call Dan Darrow, 360-437-9208.

Every Wednesday - Timberton Loop

Walk the 4.5 mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains and Mt. Rainier. Meet at the trailhead on Timberton Road at 9:00 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge Winners

An American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) sanctioned game is played every Monday at 12:30 p.m. at the Beach Club's Bridge Deck in Port Ludlow. You need not be an ACBL member to play; just bring a partner and come enjoy the game. For more information, call Dan Darrow at 360-437-9028. October winners were as follows:

Oct. 6: Soozie and Dan Darrow, first; Bob Wilkinson and Ted Wurtz, second; Shirley Beppler and Darrell Fett, third.

Oct. 13: Dan and Soozie Darrow, first; Eleanor Roden and Ted Wurtz, second; Shirley Porter and Dorothy Winter, third.

Oct. 20: Ralph Stroy and Nancy McGillis, first; Ted Wurtz and Bob Wilkinson, second; Sandra Flaherty and Dorothy Winter, third.

Oct. 27: Ralph Phillips and Lois Ruggles, first; Dorothy Winter and Shirley Porter, second; Glee Hubbard and Eleanor Roden, third.

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Regional News

This Month on the Peninsula

Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair: Chimacum High School, **Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14**, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Entry fee of \$3. Supports school activities.

Community Tree Lighting and Santa Visit: Downtown Port Townsend, **Saturday, December 6**, 4:30 p.m., ptmainstreet.org.

Farmer's Market: Lawrence and Tyler Streets, Port Townsend, every Saturday through **December 27**, 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., ptfarmersmarket.org.

First Night Celebration: Port Townsend, **Wednesday, December 31**, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Suggested donation \$5 per person, \$10 for a family. jchsmuseum.org.

Gallery Walks/Artists Receptions: First Saturday of the month, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Gateway Visitor Center: Route 19, open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Memorial through Labor Day. After Labor Day open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For information or to volunteer call 360-360-437-0120 or email gatewayvcr@olympus.net.

Holiday Tour of Victorian Homes: Port Townsend, **Saturday, December 13**, vsa-nw.org.

Jefferson Museum of Art and History: 540 Water Street, Port Townsend, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. General admission: \$4, free to Jefferson County residents on the first Saturday of the month. Call 360--385-1003 for information.

Marine Science Center (MSC): 532 Battery Way, Fort Worden State Park. Marine and natural history exhibits, Orca display, hands-on activities. Admission: \$5 adult, \$3 children, members free. Call 360-385-5582 or go to ptmsc.org.

New Year's Eve Cruise to Protection Island: Port Townsend Marine Science Center, **Wednesday, December 31**, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.. Contact 360-385-5582 for reservations.

Northwest Maritime Center: Wooden Boat Chandlery, 431 Water Street, open daily 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call 360-385-3628.

Parks: **Fort Flagler**, Marrowstone Island, beach access, hiking, WWII defenses; **Fort Worden**, Port Townsend, beach access, lighthouse, museums, Centrum; **H.J. Carroll**, Highway 19, Port Hadlock, playing fields, BMX track, disc golf course.

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

Puget Sound Coast Artillery Museum: Fort Worden State Park, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission: \$4 for adults, \$2 for children (ages 6-12), 5 and under free, Military half price. JCHS members free. Harbor defenses in Puget Sound. Call 360-385-0373 or visit coastartillery.org.

Quilcene Fish Hatchery: 281 Fish Hatchery Road, Quilcene, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., call 360-765-3334.

Get Covered Jefferson County

Join Jefferson Healthcare's Financial Services staff Jennifer Tjemsland and Erin Brown on **Tuesday, December 2**, at Jefferson Healthcare Auditorium or **Thursday, December 4**, at Jefferson County Library in Port Hadlock for an informative presentation on enrolling for health insurance coverage through the website, WAHealthPlanFinder.org. Both presentations will be from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Learn, step by step, what you will encounter on the Health Plan Finder website as you work with an In-Person Assister or by yourself online. These free presentations are open to anyone who has questions about health insurance. Learn how to navigate the website and find the information you need to make your choice.

The Washington Health Plan Finder is the online, one-stop shop for health insurance plans. It is a marketplace for individuals, families, and small businesses to compare and enroll in health insurance coverage and gain access to tax credits, reduced cost sharing, and public programs such as Medicaid. The plans will offer comprehensive coverage similar to traditional employer-sponsored plans and are categorized in easily understood tiers. Open enrollment began November 15 and continues through **Tuesday, December 23**. Coverage takes effect on **Thursday, January 1** for plans purchased before **December 23**. The open enrollment period will extend to **Sunday, February 15**.

Jefferson Healthcare, Jefferson County Public Health, and Olympic Area Agency on Aging are the three designated agencies selected to help you find the best health insurance options for you and your family. Jefferson Healthcare In-Person Assisters will be available by appointment Monday through Friday during regular office hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or for drop in (no appointment necessary) on the following Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.:

- **December 6** Jefferson County Library, 620 Cedar Ave, Port Hadlock
- **December 13** Jefferson Healthcare Financial Services
- **December 20** Jefferson County Library, 620 Cedar Ave, Port Hadlock

To help with last minute enrollments on **Monday, December 22**, we have also extended our regular business hours from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. You can call now to set up your appointment at 360-385-2200, x2267.

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In 2015, there will be four issuers of plans in Jefferson County compared to only two issuers in 2014. They are Coordinated Care, Lifewise, Moda Health Plan, and Premera. Also new this year, people do not have to choose a personal navigator to enroll. For more information, visit jeffersonhealthcare.org.

Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce

by Laura Brackenridge, Meetings and Events Coordinator



Visitor Center Volunteers on a "Fam" trip at Jamie Deering's Healing Elements Massage.

Submitted photo

Monday Member Lunch Meetings: 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 555 Otto Street, Port Townsend.

December 1: Chad Pearson, Marketing Manager, Shared Work Program at ESD, speaks on Keeping Momentum When Business Slows. Sponsor Kiwanis.

December 8: Cindy Jayne and Kate Dean will discuss climate change and the climate change preparation project that is just starting in Jefferson and Clallam counties. Sponsor Mermaid Cleaning Company.

December 15: Port Townsend Library Collaborative. Sponsor Finnriver Farm & Cidery.

There are no meetings on **December 22 and 29.**

Other Meetings and Events:

Tuesday, December 2: Ambassador Meeting, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Sirens Pub, 823 Water St., Port Townsend.

Tuesday, December 9: After Hours Mixer, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Fort Worden, 200 Battery Way, Port Townsend.

Tuesday, December 16: Board of Directors Meeting, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., The CoLab, 237 Taylor St., 2nd Floor, Port Townsend.

For more information, visit the Chamber at jeffcountychamber.org.

Jefferson Healthcare Hospital Auxiliary Hosts Santa

Bring the kids, friends, and grandparents for a free and special holiday time at Jefferson Healthcare Hospital Auxiliary's holiday event **Saturday, December 6** from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. The hospital auxiliary invites kids of all ages to stop by and visit Santa.

Santa's elves will greet the children at the Sheridan Street entrance lounge with peppermint candy canes and toys. There will be a photographer station to take pictures with Santa for \$7. Enjoy some delicious cookies while browsing the hospital gift shop's large selection of holiday gifts and stocking stuffers for everyone on your holiday list. Children are encouraged to bring their letters to Santa where they can be dropped off in the special North Pole mailbox.

Your shopping will go towards a good cause. All proceeds from your holiday shopping at the hospital gift shop will support healthcare scholarships, services, and equipment at Jefferson Healthcare, 834 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend. For more information, visit jeffersonhealthcare.org.

JHC Home Health is a HomeCare Elite Top Agency

Jefferson Healthcare today announced that it has been named a Top Agency of the 2014 HomeCare Elite™. Now in its ninth year, HomeCare Elite identifies the top 25 percent of Medicare-certified agencies and highlights the top 100 and top 500 agencies overall. Winners are ranked by an analysis of publicly available performance measures in quality outcomes, best practice (process measure) implementation, patient experience, quality improvement and consistency, and financial performance. In order to be considered, an agency must be Medicare-certified and have data for at least one outcome in Home Health Compare. Out of 9,994 agencies considered, 2,501 are elite.

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The award is sponsored by OCS HomeCare by National Research Corporation, the leading provider of home health metrics and analytics, and DecisionHealth, publisher of the most respected independent newsletter in the home health profession, *Home Health Line*.

“The 2014 HomeCare Elite winners demonstrate a commitment to providing high quality care in their home health communities and we recognize them for their remarkable achievements,” said Mary Oakes, Senior Vice President of Post-Acute at National Research. “We congratulate Jefferson Healthcare on being recognized as a top home care agency.”

Lisa Holt, Executive Director of Jefferson Healthcare Home Health and Hospice, credits a very dedicated team of clinicians who provide exceptional patient care, quality outcomes for the patients, and operational efficiencies with Jefferson Healthcare Home Health’s ability to achieve recognition as one of the HomeCare Elite.

African Relief Effort Seeks Contributions

Walk 4 Water is an overseas relief effort for the West African Country of Burkina Faso. The average African walks five miles a day for water, the majority of which is unclean and spreads disease. In Burkina Faso alone, 20,000 children under 5 years of age die each year of preventable disease. Walk 4 Water raises money to build wells to provide clean drinking water.

The sponsoring charity, Walk in the Light International (WITLI), was founded in 2009 by a local Port Orchard couple, Tom and Katy Cornell. To date, five wells have been dug and two schools have been built by the charity. The complete cost for each well is \$13,000 and provides water to more than 2,000 people.

Walk 4 Water takes place on **Saturday, December 13** at Lions Park in Poulsbo at 9:00 a.m. To register or donate for this upcoming event, please go to witli.com.

When participating in Walk 4 Water, walkers agree to raise or contribute a minimum of \$100. They walk 2.5 miles to get a 5-gallon jug of water and carry it back 2.5 miles. Last year, WITLI raised enough to drill three wells. This year the goal is to more than double the amount.

Having the Last Word: End of Life Planning

The Hospice Foundation, along with Jefferson Healthcare and Compassion and Choices of Washington, will hold a conference on end of life planning on **Saturday, January 17** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration takes place at 8:30 a.m. It will be held at the Fort Worden Commons Building at 200 Battery Way.

The conference is free and open to the public. Topics include Hospice Home Health, the Washington death with dignity law, personal values, having conversations with your doctor and family, and advance directives. Box lunches are available for \$10 or bring your own. To pre-order lunch, call 360-390-4354.

Organizers would appreciate reservations for the conference by **Monday, January 12**. To reserve a spot, contact hospicefoundationjhc.org. Click on conference. The conference contact is Mary Ann Seward, Foundation President, 360-379-4057 or matrseward@olympus.net.

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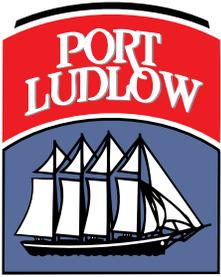
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