

PORT LUDLOW VOICE

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2007 Reassessment to Reflect Residential and Land Value Increases

by Kay Standish, Co-Editor-in-Chief

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Jefferson County Assessor Jack Westerman, addressing the attendees at the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) monthly General Meeting, indicated that the 2007 reassessment of the Port Ludlow area could result in some properties doubling in assessed value, especially in North Bay, with others potentially even higher. This is due to increased residential values over the last few years and substantial land value increases.

The reassessment is currently in progress but the revaluation notices showing the old and new values won't be mailed until the beginning of **August**. He stressed that once they are received, anyone having questions about their valuation should contact his office. A request for re-inspection by the Board of Equalization may be made within 30 days from the mailing date of the valuation. Legal representation is not required. Further appeals would go to the State Board of Taxation.

He indicated that an 80 percent increase in assessed value would result in a 40 percent increase in taxes. Westerman stressed that those people with a Senior Citizen Exemption would not see this increase even though their valuation increased. This program applies to people who are 61 years or older with a total income of \$35,000 or less. The increased assessments will affect the 2008 taxes. He estimated that 2007 taxes would remain about the same as last year, since a one percent transportation levy had been approved for the Chimacum School District.

As total assessed value increases, levy rates decrease. Levy rates are calculated by taking the amount of money a taxing entity intends to collect and dividing this amount by the total assessed values of all taxable properties within the taxing entity's jurisdiction. Initiative 747 restricted the amount taxes can increase each year by a 101 percent limit. This is commonly referred to as a one-percent increase. Taxing districts, i.e. Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue (PLF&R) and Jefferson County Library etc., are restricted to this plus new-construction bonuses. The percent of increase being received by these activities has been decreasing each year as the levy rates decrease and new construction has slowed.

PLF&R and the Library have requested lid-lifts. A lid-lift authorizes a taxing district to increase the current levy rate by more than one percent with voter approval. The requirement to pass the measure is fifty percent of the votes, plus one vote. The January *Voice* contained an article outlining the Library's request and discussed its needs.

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From the Editor's Keyboard

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, Managing Editor

Last month we had a front-page article that outlined some issues that should be considered before self-governance for Port Ludlow is addressed. There wasn't much reaction from community members. A few said thanks, and stated that they were grateful to be informed some people were looking at alternative forms of government for us.

Two e-mails were received, one from Bert Loomis, who was mentioned in the article; and another from Ron Gregory, a North Bay resident and developer active in the Jefferson County Republican organization. Mr. Loomis asked that we set the record straight on a number of issues, which we are glad to do. He pointed out that the Peninsula Daily News (PDN) had misstated the name of the commercial center that he developed. I'm happy to acknowledge that fact because the majority of us recognize that Loomis Properties developed what we term "Upper Village Center," which houses American Marine Bank, Snug Harbor Café and the townhomes above the commercial buildings. Loomis also points out he intends to finance the feasibility study mentioned in our lead article once a qualified firm has been selected.

However, I disagree with Mr. Loomis when he says I was taking a "Chicken Little" approach in the article. While "Chicken Little" thought the sky was falling and alerted the barnyard to his misreading of the situation, I firmly believe that once Mr. Loomis provided information to the PDN about self-governance, residents had the right to know what he was advocating, or at the most, investigating. Again, I encourage him to bring his ideas to the people rather than go to the newspaper that serves the entire Olympic Peninsula.

Mr. Gregory's e-mail noted that I hoped to publish information from the proponents of incorporation in forthcoming editions of the *Port Ludlow Voice*. He assumed we would also publish information from the opponents of such a move and asked if we intended to provide equal time. He concluded by saying, "There is no benefit to Port Ludlow as an island nation!"

Since neither Mr. Loomis, Mr. Gregory, nor any other community spokesperson supplied us with arguments pro or con, we can only urge you to "stay informed" by whatever means.

Finally, I must announce the departure of an original *Voice* staff member and a truly good friend. I'm speaking of Bonnie Schoenemann who joined Ralph Thomas from virtually the get-go and has been my assistant and senior proofing editor for my entire tenure. Much more of a diplomat than I have ever been, Bonnie was the one who could somehow say it nicely and keep me out of trouble. She recruited proofers, trained them, and scheduled them on a rotating basis. She also edited "Eating Around" and will be sorely missed by all—most of all by me. Ruth Anne Hansen will now direct and schedule the proofers. My copy editing tasks are being assumed by Ken Cheney. He and Ruth Anne together will ensure that the quality and accuracy of the *Voice* will continue.

As I announced last month, I'm attempting to reorganize the staff so I can have a little life of my own and give others an opportunity to show their talents. To that end, my name will leave the top of the masthead, as will my e-mail address and phone number. Two of our most talented contributing editors, Bev Browne and Kay Standish, will be Co-Editors in Chief. I have assured all of these great people that I will continue to be here for them; together we will see that the *Voice* continues just as before—hopefully even better!

New Judy Courtwright Classes

Judy will hold a drawing workshop on **Saturdays, March 10, 17, and 23**, at the Bay Club from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. These classes are suitable for both beginning and intermediate students.

Students will learn how to develop techniques for creating three-dimensional drawings and for being more observant. Special attention will be given to adding energy and interest to drawings by developing movement and strong lights and darks. For additional information or to register, please call Judy at 360-379-4037 or e-mail: judy@judy-courtwright.com.

The fee for the workshop is \$30 per day or \$75 for all three days.

Community Reacts to Trendwest Recommendation

by Beverly Browne, Co-Editor

On December 20, 2006, Hearing Examiner Stephen K. Causseaux, Jr. recommended that the County Commissioners refuse an amendment to the Port Ludlow Development Agreement to allow a Trendwest development in the old log dump area (Tract E) in Port Ludlow. The lengthy decision concluded that, unless the courts overturn the previous Galt decision, the timeshare should be considered a commercial use requiring a conditional use permit or other review criteria. Attempts to rezone the parcel for commercial use would likely fail because of the proximity to other residential properties.

Randy Verrue of HCV Pacific Partners, Port Ludlow Associates' parent company, expressed disappointment in the recommendation but stated that the company intends to continue to press for an amendment to the Development Agreement. Verrue said that, if the Trendwest project does not go forward, PLA probably would revert to the original plan to construct 50 single family detached town homes on the site. They also would intensify their construction efforts elsewhere in Port Ludlow, building approximately 70 additional homes.

According to Verrue, accepting the recommendation means that plans for the new Golf Course Clubhouse and dining facility will be put on the shelf and other projects, such as replacement of the sprinkler system and repair of the sand traps, will be delayed. Improvements to the Village Center also will be put on hold. These consequences, while understood, were not welcomed by members of the golfing community.

Diana Smeland, PLA Acting President, said that she considers Trendwest a good use of the land because it clusters development, provides stability of retail and residential amenities, involves less construction than single family homes in other neighborhoods, and would provide a needed economic boost to the County. She also worried that commercial development along State 104 would have a negative impact on existing retailers and new retail development in Port Ludlow.

On **Wednesday, February 28**, 2:00 p.m., an additional hearing, where the public may offer comment, will take place at the Beach Club.

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Fire Chief Wilkerson discussed the lid-lifts requested by the Fire and EMS Levies and the reasons they are needed. Reserve funds that have been supplementing tax revenue received have been largely depleted. PLF&R provide all risk fire and emergency and medical services as well as a number of services and programs designed to make our community more prepared and safer. PLF&R has been in a "building" mode for the last ten years:

- Adding Firefighters/EMTs and Medics
- Modernizing facilities and apparatus
- Transitioning from a largely volunteer fire department to a substantially career fire department
- Operating costs have increased four to six percent each year; savings have been used to meet the need
- 80 percent of total budget is salaries and benefits, leaving 20 percent for everything else

Wilkerson indicated that the Fire District receives approximately 17 percent of the total property tax. The combined levies will raise an additional \$680,000 in tax revenues in 2008. In 2009 the 101 percent plus new construction bonus cap would again be in place. The levies would be used to:

- Maintain current levels of service
- Build the reserve fund back to the level that is needed to operate year to year
- Keep pace with inflation and increased service demands
- Provide debt reduction dollars

The Fire Chief indicated that he is concerned that a reduction in service level could possibly result in a change in the Fire District's insurance rating. This would increase homeowners' insurance costs.

Ballots for these requested lid-lifts have been mailed from the County election office and Election Day is **Tuesday, February 6**. Be an informed voter. Read the material sent from the Library and PLF&R. If you have questions, call them and ask. Remember to vote.

CEA Mystery Dinner

Given the start of this year's winter, your Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) thinks you just might be in the mood to treat yourselves to a very special evening on **Wednesday, March 7**. The thing is we can't tell you where we are going. It's a mystery dinner after all.

The Los Angeles Times has listed this restaurant as one of the country's best. This world-class eatery features some of the finest dining in the Pacific Northwest. Entrées will include salad, dessert and coffee and will be priced at \$34 plus tax and gratuity.

You won't even have to drive. There will be a bus to transport you to and from your extraordinary dinner. The cost for this transportation is \$24 per person. Sign up at the CEA table in the Bay Club prior to **Wednesday, February 22**. The CEA table is open every **Wednesday** from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please reserve your place early, as our bus capacity is just 24 people. Prepayment for bus transportation will constitute your reservation. The bus will leave from the Bay Club at 4:30 p.m. and return around 9:30 p.m.

For information, please call Pat Lohrey at 437-7760.

Last Chance: Garden Show Tickets



Garden Club members and residents have only two weeks more to purchase discounted tickets to the annual Northwest Flower and Garden Show which opens **Wednesday, February 14**, and runs through **Sunday, February 18**, at the Convention Center, Seventh Avenue and Pike Street in

Seattle. The theme for this year's show is "The Living Room." Tickets purchased at the show are \$21.

Garden Club members can enjoy a special price of \$15 and should contact Eline Lybarger at 437-7701 for details.

Other residents may wish to take advantage of a reduced price of \$16 by going to the Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) ticket table, any **Wednesday** between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., in the Bay Club.

First Wednesday Luncheon

February's First Wednesday Luncheon will meet at 11:00 a.m. on **Wednesday, February 7**, at the Bay Club. Certified Personal Trainer Brenda Oster will lead an audience participation program in "Fitness in the New Year." Those who attended her presentation last year will remember her cheerful enthusiasm. If possible, please bring light hand weights or a pair of 1 to 2 pound water bottles, and exercise tubing.

Sign up by **February 2** at the Bay or Beach Club or call Nancy Bonderson at 437-7624 or Vicki Tallerico at 437-4065. Invite new friends and neighbors to join you and wear your nametag.

Guests are asked to donate canned soups this month or the cost of a restaurant lunch in cash or check to the Tri-Area Food Bank. Toiletry samples and new or used children's books are also welcome.

Special thanks to January's raffle donor, Tyler Street Coffee House in Port Townsend, for their gift certificate. Money raised at the raffle, after defraying expenses, is donated to the Food Bank.

Looking Ahead

Our **March** luncheon will be held at the Beach Club on **Wednesday, March 7**. Our program, "Stories and Baskets of the Jamestown S'Kallam Tribe," will feature Tribal Elder Elaine Grinnell.

Spring CERT Training Dates Set

Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue is organizing the Spring Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course. Classes will be held **Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 3, 5, 10, 12 and 17**, 9:00 a.m.–noon. The training concludes on **Tuesday, April 24**, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., with an all-day disaster simulation.

The fee for CERT training is \$45 per person. In addition, each participant is expected to purchase a CERT emergency response kit, priced at \$22 or more. The training site is yet to be determined and is dependent upon the size of the class. Prior CERT graduates are encouraged to participate in the day-long disaster simulation in order to practice their learned skills in an annual drill.

For further information or to request a formal registration form, contact Administrative Chief Arlene Obtinario at arlene@plfr.org or phone Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue 437-2236.

Voters Consider Funding for Fire and Emergency Medical Services

The Jefferson County Fire Protection District No. 3 Board of Commissioners asks voters to approve two property tax measures on the **Tuesday, February 6** ballot based on the financial needs of the District. The measures restore the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) levy to fifty cents, up from an anticipated 2008 levy rate of thirty-two cents, and increase the fire levy rate to \$1.30, up from ninety-five cents. Both of the levy rates were authorized by the voters in 2001 and 1998 but were lowered as a result of Initiative 747. The passage of that initiative limited property tax revenue increases to not more than one percent a year.

Fire Commission Board Chairman Dave Wheeler emphasized three basic reasons rates should be increased. These are: the escalating cost of doing business (three to four percent each year), the one percent annual property tax revenues cap, and depletion of the Fire District's emergency reserves to subsidize operations. Emergency reserves will be completely gone in 2008.

Wheeler said that the levy rate increases are necessary to meet the needs of the Fire District for 2008 and following years, even with the expected increase in property values with the 2007 property assessment. The proposed tax funding measures, if approved, would begin in January 2008. For more information you are encouraged to call Fire Chief Ed Wilkerson at 437-2236. The five-member Board is comprised of Commissioners Gene Carmody, William Hansen, Robert Pontius, Mike Porter and David Wheeler.

Watercolor with Joy

There are a limited number of openings in both the beginner and intermediate watercolor classes which start this month. The classes run from **Monday, February 26**, through **Monday, April 2**.

Beginning watercolor is from 9:00 a.m. to noon and the intermediate class is from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. Cost for the six-week series is \$60 for Bay Club members and \$66 for non-members. Sign up at the Bay Club desk. Your check will be your receipt and hold your reservation.

New Yahoo Group for Port Ludlow Parents and Children

With Port Ludlow's geography, population density, high number of retirees, and small number of common areas for chance encounters, meeting playmates for small children can be a real challenge.

If you are a parent of a young child and would like to find other parents and potential playmates for your kids, consider joining the new Yahoo group, Port Ludlow Area Youth (PLAY).

PLAY will follow the lead and structure of the popular PTBabies, a Yahoo group founded in March 2003 by Beth Wilmart of Port Townsend. PTBabies has grown to over 200 members and has developed into a remarkable resource for parents in Port Townsend and for members as far away as Quilcene. The group is a place for open discussions on issues, where members make requests for assistance or advice. Events such as weekly play dates and clothing swaps are planned.

Long time PTBabies member Molly Fahrenschoen has founded PLAY after moving to Port Ludlow with her family in 2006 and feeling the need to foster the same style of community. The focus of PLAY will be the same as PTBabies, but the group is meant to serve Port Ludlow. However, outlying area parents are welcome to participate.

For more information go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PLAY98365>. Or contact Molly at 360-821-1035 or fahrenschoen@gmail.com.

Choral Belles Begin 2007 Season

After a very busy 2006 performance schedule at retirement and nursing homes, as well as at other venues during the holiday season, the Choral Belles of Port Ludlow have started rehearsing for 2007. New music, as well as some familiar numbers, selected by Director Mary Lou Montgomery will expand their repertoire and challenge their ability. Rehearsals are on **Thursday** nights at the Beach Club and they are always looking for additions to their select group. If you like to sing, have basic musical knowledge, and want to have a great time with music, call Annette Koch at 437-0507 or Marian Pace at 437-0744 for details.

Dine and Discover

Dine and Discover will take place **Monday, March 5**, 5:30 p.m. at the Beach Club. Russ Reed, a long time resident of our own Port Ludlow, was a B-17 pilot in WW II. His title, "Death Marches in WW II, other than Bataan" tells a story which he survived and which few have heard.

Sign up at the Beach Club to bring a dish to pass. Please bring your own table service and beverage. A fee of \$2 per person will be collected at the door. If you sign up and then are unable to attend, please call the Club and cancel so that those on the wait list will be able to attend.

Reminder: Dine and Discover in **February** will be at the Bay Club, **Monday, February 5**, 5:30 p.m. Cinamon Moffett, educational director and aquarist for the Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC) will discuss programs which serve to support Puget Sound.

Contact Hilda or Michael Cahn with any questions at 437-8223.

Fourth Annual Crop Walk

Maybe you resolved to get more exercise or spend more time with friends or increase charitable giving in the New Year. On **Saturday, March 3**, supporting the Crop Walk lets you do all of this! Groups or individuals walk the entire route (4.5 miles through Chimacum and Hadlock) or a special "Golden Mile" within H. J. Carroll Park. Walkers seek donations and walk to show support for many of our neighbors who must walk long distances for the basics of life—food, water or fuel.

The Jefferson County Crop Walk is one of many across the United States. Over the last twenty years, five million people have participated. It is an ecumenical effort spearheaded by local churches—ask if yours is participating!

Proceeds from the walk are divided: 25 percent to the local Food Bank and 75 percent to Church World Service or other hunger-fighting agencies. Last year's local Crop Walk raised \$2,094 for the local food bank and \$6,283 for other designated programs. Church World Service is a cooperative ministry of 36 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican denominations providing sustainable self-help development, disaster relief and refugee assistance in more than 80 countries including the U.S.

Registration for the walk begins at 9:30 a.m. at H. J. Carroll Park and the walking begins at 10:00 a.m. If you can organize a group or if you have questions, call 385-1579.

For the last two years, the *Port Ludlow Voice* staff and friends have participated in this worthwhile endeavor by both walking and collecting donations. Call Bev Rothenborg at 437-0505 if you would like to join us. Last year the Port Ludlow Hiking Club also got involved by sponsoring walkers. If you would like to support them in this effort, call Dick Ullmann at 437-5010. See you at Crop Walk!

Local Installed as Realtor Prez

Melanie D. Lewis, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Forrest Aldrich in Port Ludlow, was recently installed as the 2007 President of the Jefferson County Association of Realtors (JCAR).



Currently, Ms. Lewis is organizing a Strategic Planning Leadership Day for all the 2007 Board members to be held in early January. She hopes to inspire the Board to think "out of the box" for future goals, ideas and projects that will involve the realtors in their communities even more.

The installation of JCAR officers was held at the annual Christmas party at the Beach Club. The realtors raised over \$2,842 for the Jefferson County Food Bank.

Other officers and board members include: Vice President, Terry Smith, Coldwell Banker Forrest Aldrich in Port Townsend; Treasurer, Karen Best, Coldwell Banker Forrest Aldrich in Port Ludlow; Secretary, Valerie Schindler, Windermere Hood Canal in Quilcene. Directors include past presidents: John Eissenger, John L. Scott in Port Townsend; Catherine Hendy, John L. Scott in Port Ludlow; Barbara Saunders, John L. Scott in Port Townsend; and Teren MacLeod, RE/MAX First in Port Townsend.

Computer Club News

Have you been trying to figure out that new computer system and connect with your kids and grandchildren? Fortunately, with the Internet, distance is no longer the obstacle that it once was. There are now many ways to interact and communicate with our friends and families, no matter where they live. You can talk in real time by sending each other text messages and save yourself time and postage. If you each have a microphone, you can forgo the typing and just talk to each other. And, if you also have webcams, which is a camera tied into your computer, you can even see each other in real time while you talk. It is even possible to play games such as checkers or chess with your grandchildren.

Port Ludlow Computer Club (PLCC) Board member Dave Pike will be sharing his experience and show how easy it is to make this a reality in your home at the monthly meeting on **Monday, February 12**. You will see what is available for free and you will be amazed! Social time with coffee and cookies is at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. PLCC General Meetings are open to everyone, membership not required.

- Mac SIG meets **Saturday, February 3**, 9:00–10:30 a.m.
- Office SIG meets **Monday, February 5**, 10:30 a.m.–noon.
- Genealogy SIG will meet **Thursday, February 8**, 1:00–3:00 p.m.
- Video SIG is **Thursday, February 15**, 1:00–3:00 p.m.
- Special Topics SIG is **Monday, February 19**, 10:30 a.m.–noon.
- Mac SIG meets **Monday, February 19**, 6:00–7:00 p.m.
- Photography SIG meets **Monday, February 26**, 10:30 a.m.–noon.

Bob Graham is planning a Photo Editing class beginning **Tuesday, February 20**, for PLCC members only. For more information or to register, contact him at bgconsulting@waypt.com. Class size is limited.

Workshops are held every **Saturday** morning 11:00 a.m.–noon. All SIGs and workshops meet at the Bay Club and are for members only.

For information about joining PLCC, contact Homer Evans at 437-2430 or e-mail him at hpevans@cablespeed.com. Check the website at www.pl-cc.com to see the up-to-date Club news.

Jefferson County Fire District #3

December 2006 Alarm Statistics

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| Alarms | |
| Fire | 6 |
| Emergency Medical | 34 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | 0 |
| Rescue | 0 |
| Service | 6 |
| Hazardous Materials | 7 |
| Good Intent Calls | 4 |
| Severe Weather and Natural Disaster | 0 |
| Total Alarms | 57 |
| Ambulance Transports | |
| Jefferson Healthcare | 10 |
| Harrison Medical Center | 12 |
| Olympic Medical Center | 0 |
| Total Transports | 22 |
| Mutual Aid with Neighboring Districts | |
| Provided | 3 |
| Received | 1 |
| Total Mutual Aid | 4 |

Chief Ed Wilkerson's Safety Tip:

As we look forward to spring and the days getting longer, we need to remember winter is not quite over. During the last two months, Port Ludlow has seen multiple windstorms and power outages. This month would be a good time to re-inventory your emergency supplies. Do your flashlights have good batteries?

Hiking Club February Activities

Friday, February 9: Fort Flagler

This is an easy 6-mile walk at our local state park. Enjoy the serenity of the forest and beach. See views of Port Townsend Bay, Rat Island and Admiralty Inlet. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 9:00 a.m. to arrange car pools and get directions to the trailhead. For information, contact Dick or Heather Ullmann at 437-5010.

Friday, February 23: Anderson Lake

Circle this beautiful lake with an easy walk of 5.7 miles. Enjoy views of the Chimacum Valley near the top of the Tamanowas rock. Be prepared for some muddy conditions. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 9:00 a.m. to arrange car pools and get directions to the trailhead. For information, contact Michael or Hilda Cahn at 437-8223.

Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop

Walk the 5-mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains and Mount Rainier. Meet at the trailhead on Timberton Road at 9:00 a.m. For information, contact Doris Monti at 437-0716.

Port Ludlow Book Club

Tuesday, February 13, the Book Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Bay Club to discuss the 2004 winner of The Whitbread Award, an award given for first novels. This stunningly lyrical novel is *The Song of Names* by Norman Lebrecht. It's an engrossing tale of two young Jewish boys brought together by circumstance at the beginning of WWII in London.

These young lads, Davidl and Matthew, form a deeply bonded friendship that prevails beyond the war years. On the eve of Davidl's debut into the world of classical music, he disappears. His dear friend Matthew looks for clues regarding his disappearance for the next forty years, meanwhile moving forward in his life by taking over the family business and marrying. By the time the mystery of Davidl's disappearance is finally resolved, the reader has been privy to a multitude of bristling ideas, feelings and glimpses of life in those tumultuous years.

Please join us as we ponder this rich and multilayered story, with its strains of Jewish history, descriptions of war-torn London, and a peek into the intriguing revelations about the classical music industry.

The book selection for **March** is *Mountains beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder. Questions? Call Martha Dawson at 437-4167. All are welcome!

Singles to Lunch in Port Gamble

All singles are invited to enjoy High Tea at the Tea Room in Port Gamble on **Thursday, February 15**, at noon. Last year we had a great time at the Tea Room, formerly known as LaLa Land Chocolate & Tea, and have heard good reports about the Tea Room under its new ownership.

For \$18.95, a variety of tea sandwiches, scones with Devonshire cream, cookies, truffles, fresh fruit chocolate fondue and tea or coffee are offered.

Please call our hostess, Lorraine DeBartolo, 437-8174, by **Monday, February 12**, for reservations. We encourage carpooling and will leave from the North Bay Bridge Deck parking lot at 11:30 a.m. Please inform Lorraine if you will join the carpool or will drive others. And remember your nametag.

Garden Club Meets at the Beach Club

Pruning Do's and Don'ts

On **Wednesday, February 14**, Bob Hoyle, Master Gardener and owner of the firm, Bob's Lawn and Garden Service in Chimacum, will give a talk to Port Ludlow Garden Club members and their guests at the Beach Club. This schedule change is for the month of February.

Hoyle will discuss and illustrate what, when, and how to prune in Port Ludlow. Having provided gardening services to Port Ludlow residents for years, he is well acquainted with what sorts of plant material grow here and how it should be pruned to maximize plant health, flower and foliage production and attractiveness in your landscape. Ask your questions about tree trimming and view maintenance. Bob will be bringing some plant material to demonstrate pruning techniques. There will also be handouts.

The social hour begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Beach Club, then a brief business meeting followed by the speaker. Members and guests should bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided. Contact Dee McConnell at 437-7648 for any additional information.

Annual membership dues in the Port Ludlow Garden Club (PLGC) of \$12 may be paid at this meeting or by mailing a check to the PLGC, P. O. Box 65235, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. Please note that at least three events a year are for members only—the June Garden Tour, the November Holiday Shopping bus tour, and December's Holiday Tea. Additional charges are made for non-members when an author or nationally recognized garden expert addresses the Club.

Book Signing

Liberty Bay Books, 18881-D Front Street, Poulsbo, will host a presentation and book signing with East Coast author, Ann Hood on **Friday, February 23**, at 1:00 p.m. Her new novel, *The Knitting Circle*, is a story about a mother coping with the loss of her young child. She reluctantly joins a knitting group, which proves to be the therapy, friendship and healing she needs.

Hood is the author of seven novels and a short-story collection. She believes that knitting saved her life after she lost her own daughter to a sudden illness in 2002. For author information, visit www.annhood.us. For Liberty Bay Book information, visit www.libertybaybooks.com.

Water/Beach Watchers



Hugh Simpman of the Washington State Department of Ecology leads a field trip at Kala Point.

Submitted photo

Every year, Washington State University (WSU) Jefferson County Extension presents a series of classes designed to help educate County resi-

dents about their watershed and water-related issues.

This year's WSU Water/Beach Watcher program will begin in March. Participants will learn from local and regional experts covering a variety of topics in a mixture of local field trips and classroom presentations. Class topics include: shorelines and coastal bluff processes, marine and near shore environments, stream biology, salmon restoration, estuaries, wetlands and wildlife, groundwater, low-impact development, green gardening, improving water quality, and much more.

Classes will be held in the Spruce Room at the WSU Jefferson County Extension Office in Port Hadlock and begin **Friday, March 2**. The rest will be **Mondays and Thursdays, March 5–March 26**, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Cost is \$45. If you need to miss a class because of your schedule, arrangements can be made for you to receive the class materials.

Upon completion of the eight-session course, graduates are presented with many opportunities to get involved in their local communities through education, research and stewardship projects. Types of projects include salmon counts, creosote log surveys, rain barrels, Watershed Day, marine riparian vegetation plans, tree plantings with North Olympic Salmon Coalition, shrimp projects with the Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC), the Jefferson County Fair, Shore Stewards and more. WSU Water/Beach Watchers are asked to volunteer 50 hours in the coming year.

Water/Beach Watchers come from all walks of life and from all over Jefferson County. Thirteen of the members of the WSU Water/Beach Watchers are from Port Ludlow and are making a difference every day through water-related projects.

Call WSU Jefferson County Extension at 379-5610 for more information on how to join a growing number of people that are getting involved in their local communities. Class size is limited to 22 people.

Scores from the Bridge Deck

by Ian Feltham, Manager

Winners for November 2006:

November 6 North/South
 1st Doris and Ian Feltham
 2nd Bob MacNeal and Bill McKinley
 3rd Marilyn Elgin and Marvin Segar

East/West

1st Darrell Fett and Bruce Schmitz
 2nd Jan Ditmar and Dot St. Onge
 3rd Ralph Phillips and Lois Ruggles

November 13 1st Darrell Fett and Bruce Schmitz
 2nd Doris and Ian Feltham
 3rd Jan Ditmar and Dot St. Onge

November 20 1st Jan Ditmar and Lucy Stone
 2nd Carol Land and Shirley Porter
 3rd Darrell Fett and Sandra Flaherty

November 27 Game cancelled due to weather

Winners for December 2006:

December 4 1st Darrell Fett and Bruce Schmitz
 2nd David Hendrie and Bill Schoemann
 3rd Dick Padilla and Tom Stone

December 11 1st David Hendrie and Bill Schoemann
 2nd Ralph Phillips and Ted Wurtz
 3rd Bob MacNeal and Bill McKinley

December 18 1st Darrell Fett and Ralph Phillips
 2nd Dot St. Onge and Marge Wille
 (Three table game)

December 25 No game (Christmas)

Duplicate Bridge is played at the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Bridge Deck on **Mondays** at noon. If you are interested in playing Duplicate Bridge or need more information, please call Ian or Doris Feltham at 437-9196.

Kevin and Sue Ryan: You Finally Made It!

by Bonnie Schoenemann



Kevin and Sue Ryan

Photo by Peggy Lee Flentie

Kevin and Sue originally bought in Port Ludlow in 1989 while they were living and working in Woodland, CA. They migrated in 1997 half time, and finally full time in 2001, mostly because a son and

his family were living in Lynnwood. But guess what? The family moved to Connecticut a year later.

It's been rather a circuitous journey for the Ryans, starting when Kevin was a youngster growing up in the small rural town of Saddle River, NJ, where he spent eight years attending school in a four-room schoolhouse! His father was a physician in the field of radiology, commuting to New York City when the medical use of X-rays was relatively new. But interestingly enough, that did not affect Kevin's decision to become a radiologist. As a matter of fact, nothing was further from his mind. He wanted to be a neurologist but got hooked by his last and only remaining elective course in radiology. While he was an undergraduate at Dartmouth he met Sue, who was at Skidmore, on a blind date; they married four years later. Kevin went on to Harvard for his M.D. and Radiology specialty and four years after they married their first of two sons was born. (They now have four grandkids.)

During his Harvard schooling, Kevin had an "externship" in Newfoundland where he (and Sue who volunteered in the small cottage hospital) got experience in primary care medicine of all kinds--accidents, illnesses, obstetrics, diagnostics—and often had to take a small boat to outlying islands to attend to these patients. It's probably where he got indoctrinated not only in his medical career but also in his interest in boating!

When the boys were two years old and two months old, respectively, the family spent three years in the U.S. Air Force at Tachikawa Air Base in Japan to fulfill Kevin's deferred service obligation. Sue thought she was in heaven with a full-time maid who cooked, cleaned, and babysat for 75 cents per day.

Back to reality and back to the east coast, this time to Philadelphia for two years of teaching and doing research. Then to their pre-Port Ludlow penultimate destination of Woodland, CA, where Kevin practiced at the oldest clinic in California and taught at University of California at Davis for 29 years.

For a couple of years they moved back and forth, but finally decided they loved it here; after retirement the rest is history. We have all benefited from their community spirit and involvement since then, which especially on Sue's part is a continuation of what she did in Woodland; i.e. President of their condominium association (ditto when they first lived in the North Bay condos), hospital auxiliary involvement, a three-year stint on the General Planning Commission of Woodland, etc. Here she's been active in the Port Ludlow Yacht Club as Property Officer; she has chaired events, contributed to the soon-to-be-published cookbook (as well as the existing Port Ludlow one), been on the Garden Club Board, and is currently working on the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Community Development Committee. And she is an outstanding cook and tennis player!

Kevin was Flotilla Commander in the Port Ludlow Coast Guard Auxiliary in 2005-06. He teaches courses and helps with on-water patrols' land training. He is very involved in the Rotary Club where, among other things, there is a current goal to completely eradicate worldwide polio. They are very close to being successful. He is also the Port Ludlow Yacht Club (PLYC) Vice Commodore, which means he will be Commodore next year. He also finds time to serve as an assistant coordinator for the Port Ludlow Emergency Preparedness group. The Ryans both love their boat and cruising, and actively participate in Dine and Discover and many other committees.

All in all the Ryans are a great asset to Port Ludlow. We're glad you finally made it here!

The Storm That Changed Lives in Port Ludlow

by Peggy L. Schafran

The williwaw of February 13, 1979, downed trees, power lines, and the west half of the Hood Canal Bridge. We could not have imagined how this event would change our lives!

In 1979 retirees, airline pilots and flight attendants primarily inhabited Port Ludlow. There was no Silverdale Mall complex. As a result of the storm, most airline personnel moved to the other side of the Hood Canal. Other workers with more regular schedules, like myself, retained our Port Ludlow residences. For us, attempting to get to our jobs on “the other side” became both a nightmare and comedy of errors.

My experiences getting to work at SUBASE Bangor were interesting:

For the first two weeks, I arose at 3:30 a.m. to drive around the Sound to arrive at work at 9:30 a.m. I arrived back home in the late evening. Then, Washington State Ferries provided a small passenger-only (no tolls charged) vessel, the *African Queen*, to run from Lofall to South Point and return. The *Queen* had one large heater, which everyone tried to huddle around.

After about one year, she was replaced by a barge system. This consisted of a flat-planked surface for cars and two school buses with wheels removed for passengers. A South Point parking lot was created, but dinged fenders and scratched paint were continuing problems. The barge was “kicked off” at the dock and guided by a tugboat. Tragically, one day the tugboat overturned and the pilot was drowned. A girlfriend and I rode all Lofall ferries for two weekends and collected over \$2,000 for the pilot’s medically challenged son.

The morning after the accident, we were elated to see a small, real ferry, even though we had been told none was available. Everything was not wonderful, however, because the ferry was small and did not hold many cars, RVs and boats. I often waited for two or three ferries to get home.

One summer, in order to arrive home earlier, my husband drove me to and from South Point each workday. Upon exiting the morning ferry ride, I rode on the back of a friend’s motorcycle to my car, which was parked in the driveway of another friend, to drive to work. I recall

being admonished at work for wearing trousers unbecoming a Management Analyst. In fact I was advised this harmed my chances for promotion!

For three months one winter, I lived in our RV during the workweek, which we’d moved near the base. Twice, the ferries went on strike and I had to rent a BOQ room on Base for a week.

Three years and eight months later on October 3, 1982, the bridge was usable again. The ferries started charging tolls, gradually increasing the sum to \$1.50 each way. A Port Ludlow retiree, Dave Douglas, knew that the bridge was paid for and that the ferries had no right to charge us. He obtained proof, hired an attorney, and we “chipped in” for the attorney’s fees. Within a short time, the tolls were lifted. A monument was erected in the Port Ludlow Village Park at the Village Center to commemorate Dave’s struggle for us.

My life traveling to and from work became much better when I was invited to join the local Lockheed executives and began to share all the burdens and stories with fellow sufferers. Bob Brodd, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS); Dick Durling (SUBASE); Ken Sanford and John Walker still reside in Port Ludlow.

Benefit for Andy Mackie Music Foundation

Celebrate Valentine’s Day early at Manresa Castle, **Wednesday, February 7**, and benefit the Andy Mackie Music Foundation. Enjoy a champagne reception and silent auction at 6:00 p.m., followed by a sumptuous candlelit seated dinner at 7:00 p.m. prepared by award-winning Chef Walter Santschi of Castle Key Restaurant. Dinner will be paired with fine wines, the romantic music of the Jenny Davis Jazz Trio with Chuck Easton and Ted Enderle, plus a live auction.

The cost is \$85 per person with black tie optional and limited seating. For advance reservations, payment by check is required. All funds raised will benefit the Foundation, which enriches the lives of children in Jefferson County by providing music lessons, instruments, scholarships and opportunities to perform. The program fosters confidence in children through a sense of self via music.

Contact 385-5373 for information. Make checks payable to Emerald Town’s Alliance for Andy Mackie Music Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, and mail to Julie Jablonski, 2101 Redwood Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

From the Jefferson County Administrator's Desk

by John F. Fischbach, Jefferson County Administrator

I hope this communiqué finds you in good spirits and good health. Life at the County is, as always, extremely full and busy! We're involved with several issues effecting Port Ludlow that I'd like to recap for you, providing clarification and bringing you up-to-date.

A public hearing is scheduled for the proposed Holland Amendment on **Monday, February 12**, at 10:45 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) Chambers in the County Courthouse. The amendment originally proposed allowing subdivision of all single-family residences in the Master Planned Resort (MPR), which were not owned by Port Ludlow Associates (PLA), to subdivide. Now it proposes to allow subdivision of only those lots approved and filed before January 1, 1960. The Jefferson County Planning Commission has recommended denial of the proposed amendment based upon public hearings on October 18, 2006 and November 1, 2006. The **Monday, February 12**, hearing is the first time the BoCC will take public testimony and deliberate before making a decision.

On January 22, 2006, a BoCC workshop was held at the Bay Club on the Trendwest proposal. This workshop was an opportunity for staff to present the issues and history of this project to the BoCC. The public was invited to attend, but it was not a time for public testimony. This proposal seeks to develop a 120-unit timeshare project on 14.66 acres along the north shore of Ludlow Bay. The proposed project would include six timeshare buildings; one reception/recreation building; a private road system; and recreational amenities, such as private swimming pool, barbecues, spas, and public and private trails. The proposed project would be located along the western end of the northern shoreline of Ludlow Bay between Paradise Bay Road and Ludlow Bay on a parcel commonly referred to as the "log dump."

Under the 1998 Comprehensive Plan, this site is zoned for single-family residential development, allowing four dwellings per acre. Previously, it had been zoned rural residential and as an interim Urban Growth Area. Following the November 3, 2006, public hearing on this project, Hearing Examiner Steven Causseaux, Jr. issued

a recommendation and report on December 20, 2006, recommending to the BoCC that they deny the proposed amendment to the existing Development Agreement between Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) and the County. A public hearing by the BoCC will be held on this proposal on **Wednesday, February 28**, beginning at 2:00 p.m., at the Beach Club.

In early January, Jefferson County Hearing Examiner Irv Berteig extended the public comment period for the Port Ludlow Resort Build-Out and Marina Expansion Project (also known as Ludlow Bay Village) to Friday, January 12, 2007. Jefferson County staff in the Department of Community Development (DCD) prepared an update to the existing 70-page Staff Report for the original proposal, which is posted on the County's website at www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment.htm. A public hearing was held on the original proposal January 17 and 18, 2006. The record was held open while the applicant participated in mediation and outreach. An open-record hearing for a revised application was held November 30, 2006. We anticipate a decision from Mr. Berteig in **February**. His decision will be the County's final decision.

In **February**, Barbara Nightingale will be moving to Long Range Planning in DCD as their new Assistant Planner. We offer her congratulations on her new position. DCD will now be seeking a new Lead Planner for Port Ludlow. We'll keep you posted on our progress.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact me at 385-9100 or via e-mail at jfischbach@co.jefferson.wa.us if you have questions or comments.

Domestic Abuse Seminar

Often we don't help someone in a domestic abuse situation because we don't know how. **Thursday, February 22**, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Stacey Womack from Abuse Recovery Ministry & Services (ARMS) offers advise on how to lend help. This is an opportunity to learn the best way to help so that you can possibly save a woman's life. For information on this organization, go to www.armsonline.org.

The Women's Ministry at Calvary Community Church near the airport in Port Townsend is sponsoring this event. Please call Liisa Ramsay at 437-8131 to reserve your spot.

Village Activities Calendar

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

February

Thurs., February 1

10:00 a.m. – noon, Knitwits, Beach Club
3:00 – 5:30 p.m., PLVC General Meeting, Bay Club

Fri., February 2

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., SBCA Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
10:00 a.m. – noon, Moviemakers, Inn at Port Hadlock
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Artists' League Reception, American Marine Bank

Sat., February 3

9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Mac SIG (members) Bay Club
5:00 – 10:00 p.m., PLYC Crab Feed, Bay Club

Mon., February 5

9:30 a.m. – noon, LOA Board meeting (members), Beach Club
10:30 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Office SIG, Bay Club
5:30 – 8:00 p.m., Dine and Discover, Bay Club
7:00 – 10:00 p.m., Coast Guard Auxiliary Advanced Coastal Navigation Course, Fire Station

Tues., February 6

9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Trails/Natural Resources Meeting, Beach Club
10:00 a.m. – noon, CEA Meeting, Beach Club
2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Plush Investment Meeting, Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLYC Training Day, Bay Club

Wed., February 7

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., First Wednesday Luncheon, Bay Club
2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Beginning Computer Class (members), Bay Club
6:00 – 10:00 p.m., "How to use the Marine Magnetic Compass", Fire Station

Thurs., February 8

10:00 a.m. – noon, Port Ludlow Drainage District, Beach Club
Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Computer Club Genealogy SIG (members), Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Computer Club Board Meeting (members), Bay Club

Fri., February 9

9:00 a.m., Hiking Club departs for Fort Flagler, Bridge Deck
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Inner Harbor Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
5:00 – 7:00 p.m., SBCA Members' Cocktail party (members), Bay Club
7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Family Movie/Game Night, Bridge Deck

Sat., February 10

8:00 – 10:00 p.m., Performing Arts in Port Ludlow Cabaret Night with bluegrass band, Hungry Hill. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for table selection, Bay Club

Mon., February 12

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Bluebills Meeting, Bay Club
9:00 a.m.-noon, Bayview Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
10:45 a.m., Holland Amendment Public Hearing, Courthouse
4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Ten Karat Women's Investment Club, Beach Club
6:00 – 6:30 p.m., Computer Club Social, Bay Club
6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Computer Club General Meeting, Bay Club
7:00 – 10:00 p.m., Coast Guard Auxiliary Advanced Coastal Navigation Course, Fire Station

Tues., February 13

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., MGA Meeting, Bay Club
6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Book Club, Bay Club

Wed., February 14

10:00 a.m.-noon, Rubber Stamp Art Club, Beach Club
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Garden Club Speaker and Brown Bag Lunch, Beach Club
1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Port Ludlow Artists' League, Bay Club
2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Beginning Computer Class, Bay Club
6:00 p.m., Free Spirits Valentine's Dinner (members), Bay Club
6:00 – 10:00 p.m., Coast Guard Class "Lets go Sailing", Fire Station

Thurs., February 15

Noon, Singles Meet at Port Gamble Tea Room
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Computer Club Video SIG (members), Bay Club
1:00 – 4:00 p.m., LMC Trustee Workshop, Beach Club

Fri., February 16

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., SBCA ARC Review Meeting, Bay Club

Sat., February 17

9:00 a.m. – noon, LMC Meeting (members), Beach Club
6:00 p.m., Homeowners Potluck Dinner, (members) Beach Club

Mon., February 19

10:30 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Special Topics SIG (members), Bay Club
6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Mac SIG (members), Bay Club
7:00 – 10:00 p.m., Coast Guard Auxiliary Advanced Coastal Navigation Course, Fire Station

Tues., February 20

10:00 a.m. – noon, Knitwits, Beach Club
1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Fly Fisher General Meeting, Bay Club
3:00 – 5:30 p.m., PLVC Workshop, Beach Club

Wed., February 21

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Stamp Art, Beach Club
11:30 a.m., Out to Lunch Bunch to Sons of Norway, Poulsbo
2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Beginning Computer Class (members), Bay Club
7:00 p.m., USCG Auxiliary General Meeting, Fire Station

Thurs., February 22

10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., AARP Driver Safety Class, Beach Club
Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club

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Fri., February 23

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 9:00 a.m., Hiking Club departs for Anderson Lake, Bridge Deck
 10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., AARP Driver Safety Class, Beach Club
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Family Movie, Game Night, Bridge Deck

Mon., February 26

9:00 a.m. – noon, Beginning Watercolor w/Joy, Bay Club
 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Computer Club Photography SIG (members), Bay Club
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Intermediate/Advanced Watercolor w/Joy
 3:00 – 4:45 p.m., Teal Lake Board Meeting, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Voice Staff Meeting (members), Bay Club
 7:00 – 10:00 p.m., Coast Guard Auxiliary Advanced Coastal Navigation Course, Fire Station

Wed., February 28

2:00 p.m., BoCC Trendwest Public Hearing, Beach Club

Future Events

CEA Mystery Dinner, March 7
 Joe Trio, March 10
 Courtwright Drawing Workshop, March 10, 17 and 23
 AARP Driver Safety Classes, March 21 and 22
 MovieMakers Mystery Dinner, March 30-31
 CERT Spring Training, April 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 24
 AARP Driver Safety Classes, April 24 and 25
 Final Topel Talk, May 3
 Member-Guest Golf Tournament, August 9–11
 Hiking Club Fall Getaway, September 10 -14

Beware of the Silent Killer

by Arlene Obtinario, Fire District #3 Administrative Chief

Carbon Monoxide (CO), called the silent killer, is an odorless, colorless gas produced by incomplete burning of fuel, such as propane, kerosene, gasoline, oil, natural gas, wood and charcoal. Sources of CO in homes can include malfunctioning gas-fired appliances, space heaters, and chimney flues.

Symptoms of CO poisoning include nausea, fatigue, headaches, dizziness, breathing difficulty, and confusion. The symptoms, however, are general enough to be confused with the flu. A CO alarm is designed to sound before symptoms would occur in an average adult.

Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL) recommends the following steps to help prevent CO poisoning:

- Have a qualified technician inspect fuel-burning appliances and chimneys
- Install a UL-Listed CO alarm according to the manufacturer's instructions at least 10 feet away from the fuel-burning appliances and outside of sleeping areas

- Test CO alarm at least once a month and replace the battery at least once a year
- Never ignore a CO alarm—when it sounds, immediately call 911
- Move to fresh air, either outside or to an open window or door
- Account for all household members
- Do not re-enter the home or move away from the fresh air source until emergency services have arrived, the home is sufficiently aired out, and the CO alarm doesn't reactivate.

When there are power outages, it is crucial to avoid creating a CO poisoned atmosphere. Items designed for outdoor use do not have proper ventilation installed for indoor use. Items designed for outdoor use rely on the fact that use is for the open-air.

- Place generators outside, positioned so that toxic fumes are not sucked into the ventilation or heat vent systems, and are not admitted through open doors or open windows of the home.
- Do not use outdoor camping gear inside the home: gas lanterns, gas cooking stoves, or space heaters.
- Do not bring the barbeque inside the home for use.

CO detector alarms may be purchased at your local hardware store.

Dial 911 immediately should you suspect CO poisoning. Do not guess. Remember, Carbon Monoxide is called the silent killer.

CEA's Chimacum High School Scholarship Fund

Taco Time has selected the Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) to participate in their program called "Ned's Community Fundraising Coupon Book." Taco Time will provide CEA with coupon books, which they will sell to you for \$1. CEA gets to add the dollar to the Chimacum High School Scholarship Fund and you get coupons for \$1 off any menu item, \$1 off on a taco or a tostado, a salad or a wrap plus you get a free crisp beef taco.

This adds up to about a \$10 value for only \$1. Buy several coupon books and treat the grandchildren this summer. There is no expiration date on the coupons, which can be purchased at the CEA ticket table in the Bay Club any **Wednesday** between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Port Ludlow Village Council

Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Report

by Bill Browne, PLVC Secretary

Approximately 55 residents attended the General Meeting held on Thursday, January 11. Bruce Pyles resigned from the PLVC Board due to commitment conflicts. Gene Carmody was appointed by the Board to complete Pyles' term.

Reports from Agencies and Organizations:

Jefferson County Assessor Jack Westerman discussed the 2007 real estate reassessment. One-fourth of the County property is reevaluated every four years. State law requires that property be assessed at 100 percent of market value. Property sales data from 2005 to early May 2007 will be used in the reassessment. (See related story on page 1.)

Fire Commission Chair Dave Wheeler introduced the other Fire Commissioners present, Gene Carmody and Bob Pontius. Completing the Board are Bill Hansen and Mike Porter. Board members serve a staggered six-year term.

District #3 Fire Chief Wilkerson discussed the **February 6, 2007** levies to fund fire and emergency medical services in the 54 square miles of the District. Approved levies would take effect in **2008**. The purpose of the funding measures requests is to provide revenue to maintain current levels of service, comply with state and federal regulations as well as national standards, and to provide improvements to existing staffing and programs.

According to Wilkerson operating costs have increased four to six percent a year while tax revenue, excluding new homes, has increased by only one percent a year. Reserve funds currently used to provide expected level of services are depleted. Port Ludlow population increases will require the addition of career EMT/fire department personnel to maintain the current level of service. Not maintaining service can have a negative impact on property insurance. Wilkerson invited residents to call 437-2236 if they have questions. (See related story, page 5.)

Important Notice

Port Ludlow Village Council New Meeting Times

Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday, February 1
3:00 p.m.
Bay Club

Monthly Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, February 20
3:00 p.m.
Beach Club

Community Reports:

New County Commissioner John Austin thanked the residents for the election results. He can be contacted at 385-9100.

John Fishbach, County Administrator, announced three events:

- County Commissioners Trendwest Proposal Workshop, January 22, 4:00–6:00 p.m., Bay Club.
- Holland Amendment Public Hearing, **Monday, February 12**, 10:45 a.m., County Commissioners' Chambers, Courthouse.
- County Commissioners' Public Hearing on Trendwest Proposal Recommendation, **Wednesday, February 28**, 2:00 p.m., Beach Club.

Barbara Nightingale, Port Ludlow Lead Planner, will be leaving the position to transfer to the Long Range Planning section of the Department of Community Development (DCD). The County is seeking a replacement.

Diana Smeland, Port Ludlow Associates (PLA), indicated that the Hearing Examiner's report on Ludlow Bay Village should arrive approximately 10 days after the Examiner's files are closed. The first phase of the Olympic Terrace II road construction and model home construction has been delayed by weather and should start in **February**.

Arlene Obtinario, Fire District #3 Administrative Chief, commended the Port Ludlow residents on their safe holiday season. She announced a Falls Prevention Class on January 31, 1:00–4:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. She indicated

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that the Spring CERT class schedule would be published in the *Voice*. (See page 4). Homeland Security has funded communication equipment to set up an area command for disaster preparedness.

Committee Reports:

Tom McCay, Chairman of Community Development Committee (CDC), reported that copies of the amendment to the County's Staff Report for the Ludlow Bay Village Hearing have been received. The Committee proposed that the PLVC send a letter supporting the revision with caveats. After hearing arguments both for and against sending the letter, the Board rejected a motion to send the letter.

Larry Scott, Natural Resources/Trails Committee Chair, described its near-term projects as: (1) storm recovery, (2) installation of non skid surfaces on select bridges, (3) completion of the T, (4) developing a spur on the Timberton Loop trail near the beaver dam, (5) continuing the Olympic Trail installation and (6) diverting water from the lower Rainier Trail. Volunteers are needed.

Dave Armitage, Phone Directory Chair, announced 2007-08 phone directory information collection would be finished on January 15.

Regular monthly meetings of the PLVC are normally held on the first **Thursday** of each month, and the next one will be held **Thursday, February 1**, 3:00 p.m., at the Bay Club. Monthly workshop meetings are normally scheduled on the third **Tuesday** of each month, and the next one will be **Tuesday, February 20**, 3:00 p.m., at the Beach Club.

Every regular monthly Council meeting includes agenda time for public input or comment, with each speaker limited to a nominal two minutes. Residents with topics or issues requiring additional time can request/recommend agenda topics through any Council member or via e-mail to BrowneW@bus.oregonstate.edu.

Trails

by Larry Scott, Chair, Port Ludlow Trails Committee

New Adventures in Trails, Chapter Two
'The Stewards' or Is My Favorite Trail OK to Walk Today?

With their first meeting of 2007 on January 6 at the Bay Club, the Port Ludlow Trails Committee was energized by new members attending and new volunteers to support our trail system.

One of the keys to maintaining and improving our trails system is our Steward Program. Our stewards keep an eye on a favorite trail section or one that is close to their home. They help maintain the trail with light trail keeping (sweeping, cutting the occasional berry vine, etc.) and call for help from the trails maintenance crews when they need more robust assistance. It could be a downed or leaning tree, very invasive vines, or a need for new chips; small crews come together to fix that section of trail.

I would like to recognize those friends and neighbors of ours that look after the trails for all of us.

Steward Program Coordinator: Doris Monti.

Interpretive Trail (Ludlow Falls): Bobbie and Bill Collins, Bob Skodis

Timberton Loop 1-12 (Parking lot to second bench): John Bonderson

Timberton Loop 12-21 (Second bench to exit): Tom Kingston, Nancy and Tracy Gordy

Timberton Spur (Golf Course to Timberton loop): (currently vacant)

Around the Bay Trail 1-5 (North Bay Condos): Phyllis Matheny Backup, Patty Patterson

Around the Bay Trail 5-8 (North Bay Condos): Darlene Gronehovd

Around the Bay Trail 8-15 (Ebb Tide to South Keel): Janet Force

Around the Bay Trail 15-20 (South Keel to South Bay Lane): Dean Rosenthal

Around the Bay Trail 20-25 (South Bay Lane to Mariner Place): Steve Holmes

Around the Bay Trail 2 Bridges (Near Ludlow Cove): Julia Blakeney-Smith

Ward's Walk (Inner Harbor): Doug and Marianne Barber, Ed Knodle

Montgomery Loop (Montgomery Lane to Libby Court): Lia and Neil Robinson

Ludlow Cove (Around the Bay Trail to Picnic Point): Francis and Andrea Marik

Park (Kehele) Trail (Tennis Courts): Catherine Garrison

Upper Rainier (North Bay Greenbelt): Jack Rigger

Lower Rainier (North Bay Greenbelt): Diane and Jerry Purdy

Rainier Spur (Wells Ridge Court to Around The Bay): Michael and Hilda Cahn

Bay Club Gazebo Trail (Behind Bay Club): Janet Hanz

Olympic Trail (Around Gold Course / Timber): Vacant / Under Development

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The trails are a health benefit and property asset to all. Remember, if you are a Port Ludlow resident, you are a member of the Trails Committee whether you attend the meetings or not; everyone attending has a voice and a vote. The next Trails meeting is **Tuesday, February 6, 9:00 a.m.**, at the Beach Club.

Recent Improvements: Replacing vandalized benches on the Interpretive Trail and just keeping the trails open during this winter's weather have kept the crews busy. Some improvements to the Olympic Trail have put it in "rough usable" condition.

Upcoming Plans: The Committee prioritized the following goals for the upcoming months

1. Recover from storm damage.
2. Provide non-skid materials for bridges.
3. Lower Rainier Loop: Repair bridge and address drainage problem.
4. Timberton Loop: Redirect water flow and create "Beaver Dam Outlook" (which causes the water problem).
5. Olympic Loop: Continue work with Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) and the Golf Course in developing the trail.

On upcoming articles, the Trails Committee will have other members of the Steering Committee as guest authors. Stay tuned for Chapter Three of "New Adventures in Trails" titled '?' or [Who will be the mystery author?]

Let's keep improving our trails.

Cub Scouts Seek Volunteers

Could you spare one day in **July**? Do you have knowledge and skills that could be shared with a bunch of seven-to-eleven-year-old boys? The Cub Scouts are looking for some volunteers to help at their day camp this summer. Day camp will be held at Old Fort Townsend State Park from **Tuesday to Friday, July 10 to 13.**

Adults are needed to instruct small groups of boys (six to eight in a group) on flag etiquette, knot tying, woodworking, cooking, nature walks, crafts, art, drama and many other activities. If you could spare a day to spend with the Cub Scouts, please contact Amy Recht at 437-4069 or e-mail ajrecht@yahoo.com.

MovieMakers

Wow—the reading of *The Case of the Ruby Heart* was something! MovieMakers heard it and now the work for our writers' group begins. That group will write the story around what was heard and create a film that will be fun to watch. To be part of that writers' group, part of the fun group making video movies start to finish, or just to see what we're like, please join us at our next regular meeting **Friday, February 2**. This meeting will run from 10:00 a.m. to noon and be held at the Inn at Port Hadlock.

Also planned for discussion are the results of recent auditions held for *April Fool*, a reading and book signing for Jack Ravage's recently published book. Jack is a published author, college professor, and Hollywood director willing to share his expertise with our group. Also to be discussed are future movie projects and ways to achieve better communication with the entire Peninsula community.

We currently have an opening for a Secretary and a Public Relations Manager. For more information please contact Producers Maureen Poole, 437-2165 (moviemakersvp@AOL.com) or Matt Wallace, 437-2071 (moviemakers@earthlink.net). Be sure to mark your calendars for first **Fridays**—that's when MovieMakers meet.

Blanket Drive a Success

This past November each real estate office in the county had a collection box placed in its office for new or "gently" used blankets. A total of 156 blankets and \$80 was collected by the Jefferson County Association of Realtors (JCAR) and presented to Olympic Community Action Programs (OlyCap), a collection of human service programs serving the Olympic Peninsula. OlyCap was down to their last four blankets and desperately needed more to pass out on these frigid nights.

A special thank you to Realtor Ari Stepp at Windermere Port Townsend for heading up this blanket drive, and to all the realtors and residents who brought in blankets. Working together as a community is always worthwhile. Knowing that you have helped others is rewarding and warms the heart.

Thank you!

Beach Club/North Bay News

Submit your articles to Lenetta Johnson
by e-mail at budandlenetta@gmail.com
no later than the 10th of the preceding month.

☒ Denotes Beach Club Members-Only Activity

LMC Board of Trustees Meeting

Saturday, February 17, 9:00 a.m.

All North Bay residents are welcome. ☒

Beach Club Manager's Report

by Brian Belmont

Beach Club Maintenance employees Phil Eng and Jamie Flitton have kept busy cleaning up after the recent storms. First came the snow and ice around the Beach Club and Bridge Deck buildings and then debris from the winds. During one wind storm a madrona tree was up-rooted next to the Bridge Deck. Phil and Jamie have routinely checked the RV lots for any obvious problems concerning stored property. If any were noted they contacted the effected lot owners. I strongly encourage anyone who has stored property to visit their lots to make sure all covers and tarps are secure.

The Operations Committee discussed contingency plans to deal with snow and ice conditions similar to that experienced at the end of November. For nearly a week we had compact snow and ice in the parking lot that made walking to and from cars a challenge. Our maintenance staff shoveled snow from the Beach Club sidewalk and used a deicer where appropriate. Because we don't have the equipment to push and scrape the snow off the parking lot, the committee agreed that the next best thing would be to stock pile sand somewhere near the Beach Club so that our staff can at least get sand down on the ice patches in an attempt to provide better traction for pedestrians and vehicles.

The Beach Club is a designated emergency shelter by the local chapter of the American Red Cross. The facility is also the North Bay Emergency Communications Center for the Port Ludlow Emergency Response Team. In the event of an extended power outage in our area, which is certainly possible, we currently do not have an alternate source of electricity. Therefore, the consensus of the committee is that the Beach Club should have a portable generator on site. The committee is investigating the needs and requirements of a new generator.

North Bay/Beach Club Editor Sought

by Lenetta Johnson, Beach Club Editor

I would like to find a replacement for myself as Editor of the North Bay/Beach Club News in the *Voice*. It is a very informative job that will fit into most anyone's schedule. You would be responsible for reporting on happenings in the North Bay.

Please contact Barbara Wagner-Jauregg at bwagnerj@olympus.net if you are interested.

Access to North Bay News

by Sally Orsborn, Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC)
Communications Chair

Recently, the Board of Trustees of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) changed monthly Board meetings from the second to the third **Saturday** of the month. Because of the *Voice* deadline prior to that time, the decision was made to include all action items from those meetings in the quarterly LMC publication, *the LOG*. For complete LMC meeting reports, members are referred to the corporation website at lmcbeachclub.com. Minutes of all meetings are posted as soon as the Board approves them. Minutes are also posted on the bulletin board at the Beach Club.

LMC members are encouraged to refer all articles concerning social and other event information to Lenetta Johnson, the present Beach Club Editor, for publication in the *Voice*, our fine and respected Port Ludlow paper for news and information. (See related article on this page.)

North Bay Newcomers

Please welcome these new neighbors!

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| Phyllis Blum | Camano Lane |
| Paul and Diane Courtney | Gamble Lane |
| James and Jennifer Wooley | Goldfinch Lane |

Salute to a Hero

by Lenetta Johnson, Beach Club Editor

Storm damage since November has been severe to houses and vehicles. One of the heroes of the past weeks has been Dean Nelson.

Dean and Beverly were in their car surveying the damage on every street in North Bay the morning after the November windstorm. When they found trees blocking driveways they returned with chain saws and removed them. Dean is the Greenbelt Committee Chairman for the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) and as such is not required to do the needed work himself. But as a friend who looks out for the welfare of his neighborhood, he was "Johnny on the Spot."

Thank you, Dean, from all of us in North Bay.

LMC Contract Memberships Available

Each year, the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) offers a limited number of contract memberships to residents who live within the Master Planned Resort (MPR) and on Ludlow Bay Road. Contract members have the same privileges as LMC owner-members, including use of the Beach Club, pools, tennis courts and park. Spaces in the RV storage lot are also available to contract members on a rental basis by the year. Contract membership does not include voting privileges.

The fee for a contract membership for the year 2007 is \$537.82, which includes state and federal taxes. Contact the Beach Club office at 437-9201 for further information.

HOPL News Will You Be My Valentine?

The North Bay Homeowners Potluck (HOPL) will be **Saturday, February 17**, 6:00 p.m. at the Beach Club.

A Valentine theme will bring special treats and surprises. Potluck cost is \$7 and is open to all North Bay members of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC). Sign up at the Beach Club by **Thursday, February 15** to bring a main dish, salad or dessert for ten. For questions call Helen Schaafsma at 437-7759. ☎



Tides of March Benefit Auction!

Wow! Twenty-five years of education and conservation is a lot to celebrate! The Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC) invites you to join the party **Saturday, March 3**, 5:30 p.m., as it celebrates its 25th Anniversary At the Tides of March Benefit Auction at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.



Last year's auction was a roaring success and this year's should surpass it in every way. There will be a wide array of exciting, unusual, one-of-a-kind items to bid on—everything from unique experiences in travel and adventure to services, art, dinners and a myriad of very cool stuff.

Top it off with an evening of excellent food, drink, entertainment and shopping opportunities you can't find anywhere else, and you've got a great way to celebrate 25 years with the PTMSC!

Save the date and sign up early as pre-registration is \$20 per person or \$25 at the door. Go to www.ptmsc.org for more information or call 385-5582.

Lecture Series Will Enrich Understanding of Puget Sound

In celebration of its 25th anniversary as a premier coastal education and conservation organization in the Pacific Northwest, The Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC) will host an impressive series of educational programs during 2007.

The series will provide a forum to enrich our understanding of Puget Sound—its ecosystems, people and history. In building awareness about the problems Puget Sound, the Northwest Straits and associated watersheds are facing, the series will encourage people to think about and act upon solutions.

PTMSC kicks off its lecture series on **Saturday, February 3**, with Dr. Julie Stein, Director of the Burke Museum of History and Culture in Seattle. The program will coincide with PTMSC's annual meeting and will be held in the Natural History Exhibit at Fort Worden State Park at 2:00 p.m. Stein's topic will be Archaeology in the San Juan Islands. Admission is free for PTMSC members and \$5 for non-members, \$3 for non-member youth.

For more information about the lecture series, go to www.ptmsc.org or call the PTMSC office at 385-5582.

Bay Club/South Bay News

Janet Force, 437-0419, and Judy Thomas, are the Bay Club editors. Submit articles to them by e-mail at jandd@waypoint.com or judythomas2@yahoo.com. For information, call Linda Colasurdo at 437-2208.

 denotes Bay Club members-only activity.

SBCA Board Meeting

Friday, February 2, 9:00 a.m.

All SBCA members are welcome. 

South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Update

by Ed Knodle, Secretary, South Bay Community Association

January Report

The regular monthly meeting of the SBCA was held at the Bay Club on Friday, January 5. Sixteen members representing different South Bay Villages attended. Below are the highlights.

Dave Wheeler, Chair of the Board of Fire Commissioners, addressed the group regarding the up-coming fire and EMS levy. Handouts were provided to aid in our upcoming vote on this tax levy.

Committee Reports:

Architectural Review Committee (ARC): Linda Colasurdo reported that December was a month of emergency tree removals, reiterating that the Village ARC representatives have the right to issue emergency tree removal permits for dying or dangerous trees that are leaning or uprooted from a storm.

Tennis: Connie Wilkinson reported a flyer outlining the Tennis Club has been prepared and will go into the New Members' Handbook.

Finance and Long-Range Planning: John Cragoe outlined three areas where this committee will focus: financial practices, long-range maintenance and anticipation of and action on any renovations/remodels as the membership grows. He questioned the ability of the current reserve plan to accommodate unexpected "failures" as well as usage over time of various parts of the Club. He showed studies of how renovation reserves can accumulate in three different ways: with Trendwest and Capital Contribution, without Trendwest and Capital Contribution, and a base case. His Committee will prioritize what is needed first and what the Club can logically afford. Minutes of this Committee will be put on the new SBCA website.

Financial Report: Chris Whitehurst presented the financial highlights for November 2006 showing Total Current Assets for the year to be \$335,306 and Total Assets to be \$486,484.

The Income Statement for November 2006 showed total revenues of \$8,146, total operating expenses of \$29,358 with a Net Operating Deficit for the month of \$21,212. She pointed out that Fiscal Year through November 2006 shows a Net Operating Surplus of \$41,087. The Maintenance Reserve is \$103,303 and the newly named Renovation Fund has \$124,531.

Exceptions for the month: Replaced pool and spa covers with \$1,293 coming from the Maintenance Reserve.

Board of Director Reports:

Suzanne Graber reported on recent Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) meeting and the new planning direction the Council is undertaking.

Tom Stone addressed the status on the SBCA Goals. The first four goals are well underway. The fifth goal, "Amend the Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) to provide for attorneys' fees and costs by the losing party whenever SBCA is involved in litigation" is still being studied. Since amending the CC&Rs would require approval of 75 percent of the membership, it was suggested that the agenda for the January Village Presidents' meeting include asking the presidents to survey their residents so the Board can get a sense of how the community feels about this potential CC&R change. It was also reported that we are checking with our lawyer to determine whether this type of change can be accomplished by changing our By-Laws instead.

Membership and Operations Report

Mike Morgan reported there have been 7 resales, resulting in a current total of 531 of which 23 are active Associate members and 2 are on hold.

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A new Touch Screen Sign-In System was activated January 1. Both staff and members will receive on-going training.

New SBCA Website

The Port Ludlow SBCA website www.plsbca.org is up and running thanks to the good work of Richard Grimm. SBCA topics may still be accessed through www.plvc.org and then a link to the SBCA.

New Business:

The Board approved an increase in Associate memberships from 25 to 30.

A new Policies and Practices Committee charter was approved. This Committee will be looking into all policies and practices related to Bay Club operations. Ed Knodle was appointed Chairperson. Other Committee members are Mike Morgan, Bill Schoenemann, Tom Stone, Val Pilmer and Connie Wilkinson. The Committee will meet at least once a month. All meetings are open to SBCA members.

SBCA Members' Cocktail Party

Don't forget the South Bay Members' Cocktail Party at the Bay Club on **Friday, February 9**. Give a new neighbor a Valentine with an invitation to join you at this hosted party. Be sure to bring an appetizer for all to enjoy. These monthly gatherings provide a chance to meet and greet all of your neighbors, particularly any who have recently moved here.

The party runs from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and rarely will you need to go home and cook a meal! 🍷

Hearts and Flowers

Wednesday, February 14, is the day to celebrate with the Free Spirits. The annual Valentine event, *Hearts and Flowers*, will be held at the Bay Club. Cocktail hour begins at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

Now open for member sign-ups, non-SBCA members will be able to sign up **Monday, February 5**. The final day to sign up is **Friday, February 9**. The cost for members is \$16; for non-members it is \$21.

Come with your special someone and have a wonderful evening with friends! 🍷

New South Bay Members

Please welcome the following new members:

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| Leopold and Beverly Boucher | Olympic Terrace |
| Lee and Virginia Kitchel | Timberton |
| Richard and Susan Newcomer | Timberton |
| Anthony and Sally Simpson | Ludlow Point 3 |
| Paul and Kathleen Traci | Ludlow Point 4 |

And one new associate member:

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| Niels and Carol Nielsen | Mats View Terrace |
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Scouts Trained by the Pros

Twenty local area Boy Scouts this past month worked on completing requirements towards the Emergency Preparedness and Fire Safety merit badges, two of the badges necessary for them to become Eagle Scouts. Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue (PLF&R) hosted the training in their facility.

This is the second year that PLF&R, under the guidance and leadership of Fire Fighter/Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Lonnie Reynolds, has provided training to these young men. Reynolds also serves as their local Scout leader.

Training activities included basic rescue and first aid techniques designed to provide the skills necessary to provide assistance to their families, neighbors and communities in the event of a large disaster. In addition, the Scouts were taught how to make their own homes safer by utilizing a home safety survey. At the same time, parents and Scout leaders practiced new CPR guidelines.

For more information on Scouting, phone Reynolds at 360-765-0328. For more information on how PLF&R might partner with your club, phone Administrative Chief Arlene Obtinario at 437-2236 or use her e-mail address arlene@plfr.org.

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@waypoint.com by the 10th of the preceding month.

Bluegrass: North American Roots Music



Hungry Hill plays bluegrass and old-time music.

Submitted photo

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg

Chase away those dark, cold and windy days with a little fun! Dress a little country and plan to kick up your heels! It's cabaret time, **Saturday, February 10**, 8:00 p.m., at the Bay Club. With sold-out houses for every concert this season, the Arts Council's Performing Arts in Port Ludlow series will now present Hungry Hill, a contemporary, acoustic bluegrass group with a focus on original material.

Juno award-winning producer Bob Hamilton guides the knitting of mandolin, fiddle, Dobro, banjo, guitar and doghouse bass to create a believable and honest sound. The synergy of these artists as well as their stories and stage antics are sure to fill the audience with laughter and emotion.

Based in northwestern Canada, Hungry Hill features five seasoned musicians with a desire to create a fresh sound while staying true to the roots of bluegrass and old-time music. Lush vocal harmonies resonate from three singers

around one microphone in the traditional acoustic setting of old-time music. Behind the powerful delivery of voice and instrument is the critically acclaimed song writing of Jenny Lester, Hamilton and Mark Thibeault. Also touring with Hungry Hill is the internationally acclaimed banjo player Ross Nickerson from Baltimore and the band's newest addition, acoustic bass fiddler Nadine Landry from Whitehorse, Yukon.

Old-time and bluegrass music is considered a form of North American folk music. The people who began migrating to America in the early 1600s brought various types of music with them that are considered to be the roots of bluegrass music—including dance music and ballads from Ireland, Scotland and England, as well as African American gospel music and blues. This musical form developed along with various North American folk dances, such as square dance. The genre also encompasses ballads and other types of folk songs. It is played on acoustic instruments, generally centering on a combination of fiddle and banjo. In fact, slaves from Africa brought the design idea for the banjo—an instrument now integral to the bluegrass sound.

As the early Jamestown settlers began to spread out into the Carolinas, Tennessee, Kentucky and the Virginias, they composed new songs about day-to-day life experiences in the new land. Since most of these people lived in rural areas, the songs reflected life on the farm or in the hills. This type of music was called "mountain music" or "country music." The invention of the phonograph and the onset of the radio in the early 1900s brought this old-time music out of the rural Southern mountains to people all over the United States.

Many fans of bluegrass music date the genre back to 1939, when Bill Monroe formed his first Blue Grass Boys band, but most believe that the classic bluegrass sound jelled in 1945, shortly after Earl Scruggs, a 21-year old banjo player from North Carolina, joined the band.

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Scruggs played an innovative three-finger picking style on the banjo that energized enthusiastic audiences, and has since come to be called simply, “Scruggs style” banjo.

When Earl Scruggs and Lester Flatt formed their own group, The Foggy Mountain Boys, they decided to include the resonophonic guitar, or Dobro into their band format, which is often included in bluegrass band formats. The Dopyera Brothers, who were immigrant musicians/inventors originally from the Slovak Republic, invented the Dobro in the United States. By the 1950s, people began referring to this style of music as “bluegrass music.” Bluegrass bands began forming all over the country and Bill Monroe became the acknowledged “Father of Bluegrass Music.” Bluegrass music is now performed and enjoyed around the world.

In cooperation with the Port Ludlow Artists’ League, Wanda Mawhinney, will display abstract paintings in the Bay Club hallway. Mawhinney lived in Arizona for 35 years before moving to Port Ludlow in 2005. She works with vibrant color, unusual design, bold composition and line. Her favorite medium is acrylics, into which she collages hand-made paper and texturing pastes.

Tickets for the Hungry Hill Cabaret Night are \$18 and can be purchased at the Bay Club. Flex Pass owners should be sure to exchange them early for Hungry Hill tickets to be assured of table seats for this popular concert. Purchasers of six-concert Flex Passes at \$99 can save eight percent over the price of individual tickets. To order by mail, send a check and stamped self-addressed envelope to P. O. Box 65210, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. Call 437-2208 to check on concert ticket availability.

Enjoy Pizza and Pi

by Bev Rothenborg, Arts and Entertainment Editor

The Pi String Orchestra at Chimacum Elementary School is a fantastic group of dedicated instructors and aspiring musical students. The teachers are well known musicians in our community: Kristin Smith, orchestra director and violin teacher; Chuck Easton who teaches guitar; and Kyle Campbell, cellist. The children are so very fortunate to have these committed, talented professionals to guide them.

The classes are totally free to any Chimacum student who desires to learn to play these instruments—and many do. The instruction occurs on the school campus before regular classes begin. Students play in ensemble groups

to work on The Suzuki literature as well as other material. The goal is to develop and expand each student’s musical ability while filling his or her life with a variety of musical styles. I have been fortunate to sit in and observe during class sessions. What an experience to see firsthand the youthful enthusiasm of these wonderful kids!

The Pi String Orchestra is supported by donations from The Port Ludlow Arts Council, the Andy Mackie Music Foundation and the Turtle Bluff Orchestra Scholarship Fund.

Now here’s the best part: You, too, can enjoy their enthusiasm and musical talent. The Pi String Orchestra will be appearing on **Saturday, February 3**, beginning about 5:30 p.m. at Ferino’s Pizza in Port Hadlock. There are no tickets to buy and no cover charge, so just go and order a pizza or salad and enjoy the talents of this next generation of musicians. You’ll have a fun evening and come away excited about the future of this terrific program going on in our local school. I promise!

Mark Pearson at Benaroya

Mark Pearson, Port Ludlow resident and member of the popular vocal group The Brothers Four, is hosting a musical retrospective at Benaroya Rehearsal Hall, Seattle, on **Saturday, March 10**, at 7:30 p.m. He will feature his original songs plus a few from The Brothers Four repertoire.

Keyboardist Ted Brancato and Mike McCoy plus other Northwest musicians will be joining Mark. If you attended his concert last year at the Bay Club, you will remember these outstanding musicians.

Festival seating tickets are \$20 and are available at Ticketmaster. Check with Mark to see if tickets are still available by e-mail at pearsonm@cablespeed.com. You may also go to his website, www.MarkPearsonMusic.com.

Theater Seeks Volunteers

Jewel Box Theatre is looking for volunteers for a variety of tasks. A one-hour orientation session to choose how to participate is held on the third **Wednesday** and third **Saturday** of each month. All sessions are at the theatre, 225 NE Iverson Street, Poulsbo. To register for a session call 360-779-9688 or go to jewelboxpoulsbo@hotmail.com.

The next sessions will be on **Saturday, February 17** at 2:00 p.m. and **Wednesday, February 21** at 7:00 p.m.

Northwind's Recycled Materials Show

Some artists can be found sifting through garbage dumpsters and recycle yards in search of interesting items to use in their artistic expressions.

The Northwind Arts Center is hosting "reVisions: Art from Recycled Materials" through **Monday, February 26**. The Artists Reception will be held in conjunction with the Port Townsend Art Walk on **Saturday, February 3**, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. On **Friday, February 16**, 7:00 p.m. there will be a Coffee Talk Lecture regarding the long history and worldwide practice of using recycled materials for art and ornament.

Featured in the exhibit will be beautiful tapestries made by weaver Carolyn Price Dyer, sculptures made with Wonder Bread wrappers by Diane Kurzyna, large scale metal assemblages by Candace Street, sculpture using discarded garden hose by Danielle Bodine, chandeliers of recycled kitchen items and glass by Russ Morgan, fetish masks by Stuart Bullstrand, traveling shrines by Susan Hazard and assemblages by Mary Lynn Maloney.

Northwind is located at 2409 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, behind the Sims Way Visitor's Center. It is open Thursdays through Mondays from noon until 5:00 p.m. More information about exhibits, lectures, workshops, poetry readings, and other events can be found at www.northwindarts.org.

Call for Artists

Northwind Arts Center will exhibit the juried show *Vessels* from **Friday, March 2** through **Monday, April 2**. The show is open to all media and the interpretation is up to the artist. Jurying will be done from actual work which will be received at Northwind, 2409 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, on **Sunday, February 25**, from 3:00-5:00 p.m., and on **Monday, February 26**, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. The juror is Eric Swangstu, curator of The Art Mine Gallery. For a prospectus, visit www.northwindarts.org or come to Northwind. For more information, contact Jay Haskins at jhkapotso@olympus.net.

A Totally Unpredictable Piano Trio

Joe Trio is not your average piano trio, but that's the point. The Trio doesn't wish to be neatly categorized. Instead they strive for diversity, versatility and more than a little humor and unpredictability. Their repertoire consists of the classics—from Haydn to Shostakovich—new works by contemporary composers, and their own arrangements of popular, jazz and rock tunes.

Whether you are a classical music devotee or feel it's time to expand your eclectic musical tastes, a concert by the Joe Trio is a comfortable way to "slip into the world of classical music." You can hear them on **Saturday, March 10**, 8:00 p.m., at the Bay Club, as part of the Arts Council's Performing Arts in Port Ludlow series. The members of this trio are not only virtuosi, they are fantastic performers that engage the audience in a way few classical musicians can. Amply witty, charming and tremendously musical, Joe Trio leaves audiences with a new appreciation for classical music.

Since Joe Trio was formed in 1989, this classically trained violin-cello-piano threesome has presented concerts in the United States from Washington to Maine, and throughout Canada from British Columbia to Newfoundland. They also appear regularly in their home city of Vancouver, BC, with the Little Chamber Music Series That Could. Joe Trio has been heard on National Public Radio (NPR) in the United States, RTE Lyric FM in Ireland and on several CBC Radio shows.

Tickets for the Joe Trio concert are \$18 and can be purchased at the Bay Club as of **Saturday, February 10**. Flex Pass owners should be sure to exchange them early for Joe Trio tickets to be assured of seats for this popular concert. Purchasers of six-concert Flex Passes at \$99 can save eight percent over the price of individual tickets. To order by mail, send a check and stamped self-addressed envelope to P. O. Box 65210, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. Call 437-2208 to check on concert ticket availability.

Performing Arts Calendar

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, February 2 through February 18

The Sisters Rosensweig by award-winning playwright Wendy Wasserstein is held together by the richly woven dialogue of three Jewish-American sisters pushing against the boundaries of their own lives in order to define themselves, The Playhouse, Bainbridge, 7:30 p.m. plus Sundays, 3:00 p.m., 206-842-8569, www.theplayhouse.org. Pay-What-You-Can Preview on **Thursday, February 1**, 7:30 p.m. Opening night reception **Friday, February 2**, 6:30 p.m. Public invited to meet the director and share in the festivities.

Fridays and Saturdays, February 2 through March 3

Wit is a 1999 Pulitzer Prize-winning play in which comic interludes alternate with moments of gentle sadness and is layered throughout with enlightenment, The Jewel Box Theatre, Poulsbo, 8:00 p.m., matinee **Sunday, February 25**, 2:00 p.m., 360-779-9688, www.jewelboxpoulsbo.org.

Saturday, February 3

The Bremerton Symphony's Family Series concerts are designed for younger folks and their relatives with pre-concert activities in the lobby that get into the theme to be presented on stage, music by Strauss, Beethoven, John Williams and more, Bremerton Performing Arts Center, 2:00 p.m., 360-373-1722, www.bremertonsymphony.org.

Saturday, February 3

The Port Angeles Symphony offers music by Offenbach, Sibelius, Piazzolla and Dvorak at this concert in the Port Angeles High School Auditorium, dress rehearsal at 10:00 a.m., pre-concert chat at 6:45 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m., 360-457-5579, www.olyphen.com/pasymphony.

Saturday, February 3

One of the most popular and widely recognized country singers of her era, Crystal Gayle encapsulates everything the dazzling qualities of her name imply, The Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, dinner 6:30 pm., show 8:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Saturday, February 3

The Edge Improv has been presented at The Playhouse on Bainbridge Island for more than 12 years. They have audiences of all ages laughing and cheering, but at this late night performance troupe members ratchet things up a notch with a show for mature audiences, 10:00 p.m., 206-842-8569, www.theplayhouse.org.

Monday, February 5

Based on Maurice Sendak's books and the television series, *Little Bear and his stouthearted companions are off to find adventure!* This live theatre production continues the storylines of the book series that celebrate the playful aspects of everyday activities, The Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 6:30 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Friday, February 9

The world renowned saxophonist Branford Marsalis is best known for his jazz recordings, but his career encompasses classical albums and three Grammy Awards, as well, The Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, dinner at 6:30 p.m., show at 8:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraotheatre.org.

Saturday, February 10

It's no secret that in nearly every nursery tale the wolf gets a bum rap! Well, perhaps it's time to let the wolf speak for himself, and that's just what he does in *The Wolf's Tale—Familiar Nursery Stories Told from the Wolf's Point of View*, The Jewel Box Theatre, Poulsbo, 11:00 a.m., 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., 360-769-9688.

Saturday, February 10

Another popular Performing Arts in Port Ludlow Cabaret Night with Hungry Hill, a contemporary, acoustic bluegrass group that create a fresh sound while staying true to the roots of bluegrass and old-time music, 8:00 p.m., doors open at 7:00 p.m. for table selection and beverage purchase, Bay Club, 437-2208.

Sunday, February 11

Jazz in the Olympics is hosting this special Mardi Gras event with the Stardust Big Band playing music from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Eagles Club, Port Angeles, large dance floor, food and bar available, 360-681-0710.

Sunday, February 11

The Bremerton Symphony Youth Orchestra presents Emotive Music by composers Sibelius, Prokofiev and more, The Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 4:00 p.m., 360-373-6743.

Tuesday, February 13

The accomplished musicians of the North Olympic Youth Symphony perform in the Port Angeles High School Auditorium, 7:00 p.m., free admission, 360-457-5579, www.olyphen.com/pasymphony.

Wednesday, February 14

The popular lecture series, *The Inquiring Mind: A Forum in the Humanities*, continues at the Jefferson County Library, Port Hadlock, with Tales from the Times of Lewis and Clark by Karen Haas, 2:30 p.m., 385-1402.

Wednesday, February 14

Pick up your sweetie and head to The Admiral Theatre for a Valentine's night out with flowers, chocolate and romance, cuddle in front of the big screen to the classic Audrey Hepburn film *Roman Holiday*, dinner at 5:30 p.m., movie at 7:00 p.m., Bremerton, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Thursday, February 15

Ed Metzger portrays Einstein, the original absent-minded professor, confused and troubled father, ardent pacifist, womanizer, philosopher and humorist, The Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 7:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Saturday, February 17

Virtuoso juggler, magician, inventor, musician, and physical comedian—all describe The Great Kaplan whose greatest talent lies in his uncanny ability to appeal to a wide cross-section of the audience, The Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 7:00 p.m. 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Sunday, February 18

The Youth Music Fund's benefit concert will feature Johnny Z, a pianist with plenty of pizzazz, 4:00 p.m., First Baptist Church, Port Townsend.

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Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 22, 23 and 24

With a large ensemble cast, *The Vagina Monologues* dives into the mystery, humor, pain, power, wisdom, outrage, and excitement buried in women's experiences. Part of a global movement to stop violence against women and girls, 90 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the YMCA's Domestic Violence Program, The Playhouse, Bainbridge, 7:30 p.m., 206-842-8569, www.theplayhouse.org.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 23, 24 and 25

Emerging Jefferson County playwrights premiere their award-winning plays of the 2006 One Act Play Competition, Key City Players, Port Townsend, 8:00 p.m. with a 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee, 385-2454, www.keycityplayers.org.

Saturday, February 24

Bremerton Symphony Orchestra's Classic Series concert with soloist Amos Yang performing Dvorak's Cello Concerto and including music by Wagner and Saint-Saens, Bremerton Performing Arts Center, pre-concert chat at 6:30 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m., 360-373-1722, www.bremertonsymphony.org.

Saturday, February 24

The Winter Concert of the Port Townsend Community Orchestra features an all-Beethoven program with pianist Sandy Rawson and the Peninsula Singers. The program includes *Choral Fantasy in C minor* and *Hallelujah* from *Mount of Olives*, pre-concert chat at 6:45 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m., Chimacum High School Auditorium, www.olympus.net/community/ptorchestra.

Out to Lunch Bunch

Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) is going back to an old favorite for the Out to Lunch Bunch, **Wednesday, February 21**, at 11:30 a.m. The Son's of Norway Hall, located at 18891 Front Street N.E., Poulsbo is on the corner of King Olav Wei and King Harald Wei.

It's all you can eat for \$8, which includes tax and tip. The menu includes homemade soup, salad, and a variety of open face sandwiches, desserts, coffee or tea. This has been a popular luncheon place for couples offering the option of a movie or shopping in Poulsbo afterwards. You can sign up at the CEA Ticket table on **Wednesdays** between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The deadline for sign up is **Wednesday, February 14**.

Port Ludlow Artists' League

Susan Hazard will explore paintings of brilliant color when she speaks to the Port Ludlow Artists' League on **Wednesday, February 14**, 1:00 p.m., at the Bay Club.

Hazard has traveled extensively, painting plein air landscapes in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the UK. She moved to County Mayo, Ireland in 1991. While there, she was involved in numerous shows and taught both watercolor and oil painting classes. In 1999 she was the Milwaukee, WI Boerner Botanic Garden Artist of the Year. In 2005, she came to the Pacific Northwest.

Guests are welcome at League meetings. A donation of \$3 is suggested. For more information, please contact President Ginny Ford at 437-2298 or bobgin@olympen.com.

The artwork of watercolorist Connie Glaser will be featured during the **February** Artist-of-the-Month program in the lobby of the American Marine Bank in the upper Port Ludlow Village Center.

Glaser's work focuses on nature. She gets her inspiration from the cruises that she and her husband have taken in the Northwest. Come enjoy her work and talk with her about her inspirations at the reception scheduled on **Friday, February 2**, 3:00–5:00 p.m., in the lobby of American Marine Bank.

Artists' League members are also showing their work at local businesses. Through **March**, you can see the watercolors of Phyllis Hansen at Homer Smith Insurance, Phil Kollen's photography at Coldwell Banker Realty, and Gary Griswald's watercolors in the conference room of American Marine Bank.

Members showing work during **February** in the Artists' League Gallery adjacent American Marine Bank include Barbara Adams, Fran Bodman, Ginny Ford, Connie Glaser, Gary Griswald, Judy Johnson, Cynthia Ann Joyner, Phil Kollen, Marti Mathis, Wanda Mawhinney, Beverly Nelson and Davina Parypa. The Gallery is open **Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays** from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Port Ludlow Associates

Developer's Report

by Diana Smeland, PLA Vice President/Chief Financial Officer and Acting President

At the last Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) meeting, Fire District #3 Chief Ed Wilkerson discussed his budget constraints noting that payroll accounted for a majority of his budget. From a business operations perspective, I can understand perfectly where he is coming from.

Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) employs about 75 full-time employees with full benefits year around, and we employ an additional 40–80 part-time employees depending on the season. Minimum wage has now increased by 4 percent and insurance costs have increased on average 15 percent.

What does this mean in real dollars? For every food and beverage dollar earned, we pay out at least 50 percent in payroll costs. When the Harbormaster has two people for lunch, with food costs, utilities, etc., it becomes a very expensive operation to run. When the restaurant is full for lunch, we can begin to cover some of the days when we served two people. However, it's a challenge for a business to be self-sustaining with such seasonal ebbs and flows.

So how do our businesses continue to stay open? We ask our managers and employees to do more with less resources and funds, we adjust hours of operations and we eliminate or decrease benefits. Ultimately, the choice may have to be to close the doors of business units that are not able to be self-sustaining. From a purely operations perspective, the Harbormaster ought to close its doors for lunch during the off-season. However, we have continued to operate the Harbormaster during lunch out of season, because we feel that it is a necessary amenity in the community. This is an example of the type of decisions we make as a business with fiduciary responsibilities while trying to serve the good of the community.

The Resort amenities that caused you to move here can work with more traffic. Unfortunately, at this time we do not have the budget to spend large dollars on marketing to entice more traffic to our area, which in turn would help to support our businesses. For the near-term and the long-term vitality of the Port Ludlow community, we need to

find a source of traffic that will bring in the number of people needed to make the restaurants and all the other Resort amenities profitable.

Right now we believe that Trendwest is that source. By concentrating the density in the proposed Trendwest area, more of Port Ludlow can stay as open space. The influx of tax dollars will support the community from a county level. Local businesses in Port Ludlow, Port Hadlock and Port Townsend will reap the benefits with increased revenue. New jobs will be created, a long-overdue Golf Clubhouse, could finally be built, and Port Ludlow would have a better chance of remaining one of the Pacific Northwest's gems.

The Jefferson County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing is on the Trendwest project on **Wednesday, February 28**, at the Beach Club. We hope that you will attend, speak up and support this project, for the good of the Port Ludlow community and its future. Let's not let Port Ludlow become just another bedroom community for a neighboring community with employment and retail businesses.

We continue to look forward to meeting with groups and residents in order to share ideas or deal with any expressed concerns about Port Ludlow's future. Randy Verrue is in Port Ludlow around the third or fourth week of each month. We are both committed to an outreach program with the members of our community. To arrange a meeting, call me at 437-8342 or e-mail dsmeland@portludlowassociates.com.

Resort Happenings

by Kevin Earl, General Manager, The Resort At Port Ludlow

In writing my first *Voice* article as the Resort General Manager, I would like to pass on a thank you and acknowledge the many well-wishers who have said so many nice things to me.

Our charter and direction is for The Resort management and staff to bring a sense of fun and community back to our wonderful Village. Let's face it, the reputation of Port Ludlow earned by all of us is that we are all very nice people, but we tend to fight a lot. Just ask your friends

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and neighbors. Let's all try and change this in the coming year.

We've had some internal restructuring that I would like to briefly describe:

- Kori Ward will continue to run the Marina and report to our Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Diana Smeland. (When it's not broken, don't break it.)
- Deneb Williams will continue as Executive Chef and take on the Director of Food and Beverage responsibilities.
- P.J. Williams joins us as Food and Beverage Manager, and will oversee and run the front of the house at both the Harbormaster and Fireside restaurants.
- Kathy Arthur continues to run the Café at the Golf Course.
- Jerry Mathews continues to run the Golf Course Maintenance Department.
- Pete Jephcott has been promoted to Golf Manager and takes over the Pro Shop and outside services staff.

I hope to be able to take on issues with a common-sense, non-political approach that has the good of the many in mind.

I would like to understand or discuss any suggestions you may have for continued improvement in our outlets. We are running a business and need to be successful financially, but we also realize the importance of the community in your patronage of our amenities.

Future Dates to Note:

- Valentine's dinner specials on **Saturday, February 10 and Wednesday, February 14.**
- Yacht Club dinner second **Sunday** of each month often held at Niblick's Café.
- **Tuesday for Two Days:** The Fireside is offering, for a limited time, Chateaubriand for two people for only 49.95. Too many details to list here, so give us a call to make reservations!
- **All You Can Eat:** Harbormaster has three different nights featuring all you can eat per person!
Sundays: Prime rib and Dungeness crab, \$24.95
Mondays: Fish and Chips, \$12.95
Wednesdays: Endless pasta, salad and breadsticks, \$12.95

For further information, call The Resort at Port Ludlow, **437-7000**

CEA Supports Working Image Workshops



Timothy Hockett of OlyCAP receives a \$3,500 donation from CEA's Dee McConnell and Eline Lybarger.

Photo by Peggy Lee Flentie

Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) wants to share this success story with everyone in Port Ludlow because the community has been so supportive of all of CEA's fund-raising activities. Recently CEA

presented a check for \$3,500 to Timothy Hockett, Executive Director of Olympic Community Action Programs (OlyCAP) for use in funding its educational program. The check represented proceeds from Une Boutique Unique, which was held last October and chaired by Rebecca Rimbaugh and Dee McConnell. The entire amount will go toward scholarships for Working Image clients. CEA sponsored the fund-raising event in response to a request from OlyCAP for assistance in funding an educational program that Working Image clients were eligible to attend. Bonnie White of OlyCAP wrote the request.

Each three-day workshop costs OlyCAP \$75 and has a profound effect on developing self-confidence and in identifying valuable working skills including resume writing and interviewing. Word has gotten out about developing skills that lead to employment success, so women from three counties have attended these workshops. After skill-building, the next step is to dress these clients for interviewing. When they get a job they are given a week's worth of job-appropriate clothing. Education is only one part of this amazing program, but CEA is proud to partially support the success of the whole program. Once again CEA thanks the community for its continuing support.

Mariners' News

Dock Talk

by Kori I. Ward, Marina Manager

Congratulations to TJ and Lori Hill with their 56-foot M/V *Turtle*. The Hills were the grand prizewinners of the Marina's 11th annual Holiday on the Docks and will receive a free moorage for a month. Honorable mentions include Larry and Buggy Carter with their M/V *Bugsy's Sea Gal*, and Jim and Mary Brannaman with their S/V *Flying J*. I would like to say thank you to Door of Grace Ministries whose carolers strolled the docks and brought much Christmas joy to the occasion.

By popular demand, I was asked to put my annual Christmas poem into this month's *Voice* article.

Well, the vessels were all huddled
Up close to the dock
Nighttime was falling, the boats began to talk.

It's Christmas again, pass it along
Let us wish for things,
or would that be wrong?

I want new canvas
And some new lines
I want an anchor, new paint; a new jib would be fine.

New spotlights, new dinghies, fenders or rudders
All the boats wanted one thing or another
The wishes were floating so high and so clear
They all reached the land of the tiny Reindeer.

I'm sorry, said Santa, that just can't be done
For me to bring you these things that sound like such fun.

My sleigh's already full with some wonderful toys
Made especially for the good girls and boys.

But Santa, the boats plead, you seem so wise,
Couldn't you bring them under
Disguise?

Hmm, said old Santa, I know what to do;
I think I know how to get them for you...

Ask for good health for your captains and crew;
Ask for good weather and skies of blue.

You sailboats could ask for days with a breeze,
But no more high winds, I beg of you please!

Be sound and seaworthy, just do your best,
And your captains will bring you all of the rest.

The goodness in you and all that you do,
Will eventually be coming straight back to you.

By wishing these things it all stands to reason
You'll surely receive something this season

Let's Go Sailing!

The Port Ludlow Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a course for beginning sailors on **Wednesday, February 14**, 6:00–10:00 p.m., at the Port Ludlow Fire Station.

Let's Go Sailing is a course for beginning sailors developed by the American Sailing Association. This four-hour session covers sailing terminology, sailing techniques, sailing safety and rules. The course is ideal for sailors who have trailerable sailboats. The course fee is \$40 and includes an 89-page textbook.

Registration must be received one week prior to class. Send checks to: Flotilla 41, USCG AUX, 181 South Bay Lane, Port Ludlow 98365.

For further information contact David Aho: Cell phone 360-302-0113 or e-mail daho@cablespeed.com.

Speed Limit in Port Ludlow Bay

5 mph

No Wake, It's the Law!



Tide Timber Trail

From the Pro Shop

by *Pete Jephcott, Golf Manager*

Well, we knew summer couldn't last, but it seems to have given way to winter a little quicker than we all were expecting. In any time of year a good warm-up routine seems to help my round, especially when the temps drop. In order to get a little blood flowing before each round, follow this routine:

- **Stretching:** Give yourself at least 20–30 minutes:
 1. Stretch your arms lightly to increase blood flow. I place my arm behind my head approximately at the shoulder blade and pull with opposite hand, first right and then left. I hold for 10–12 seconds on each side. The tension is not a tug, but rather a gradual increased pull. Stop if any pain or abnormal feeling occurs.
 2. Stretch your trunk and increase flexibility. I put a driver behind my back at the lower portion just above my hips and slowly rotate right, then left. This is more of a temporary move to relax the trunk area and should not be held in place. I repeat this for 20–30 seconds or until I get strange looks.
 3. Stretch your legs. I usually pull out a long iron, say a 3 or 4, (or it's okay to use a hybrid) and simply make a stride with my legs and slowly push on the club. I usually repeat this for both legs a couple of times, again holding for 20–30 seconds, or more strange looks.
- **Range Work:** After the above stretching, I try to hit at least a dozen to 20 balls at around half to three quarter intensity. I think it is important to remember you are not trying to uncover the secrets to golf, just simply trying to get blood flowing and muscles moving.

Getting a solid 20–30 minute warm-up routine will help prevent injuries along with keeping your blood flowing throughout your round. Be aware also as you play, a slow stretch of your legs at a bench or a simple arm stretch will be helpful to stay supple. On the Course I prefer to walk in the fall and non-inclement winter days. I really appreciate the beauty that our Course offers and walking also helps with blood flow to muscles. In addition it will help you stay warm. As an author once said, "Golf is a good walk spoiled anyway."

Stay warm and play your best.

2007 Member Guest Golf Tournament

by *Tom Stone, Committee Secretary*

The 2007 Member-Guest Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Thursday through Saturday, August 9 to 11**. This year's Event Committee has set goals and prices to make the 2007 event even more worthwhile and fun. \$150 per golfer will bring over \$600 of value to the team. Lots of golf, carts, range balls, tee and tournament prizes, a gourmet banquet meal plus barbecue dinner, breakfasts and lunches await those 36 golfers (blue, white and gold tees) and their guests who sign up.

Deposits will be accepted starting **Thursday, March 1**, at the Clubhouse. Reserve your place early.

Women's Golf Association (WGA)

by *Carol Katuzny, Captain*

With the hustle and bustle of the holidays behind us, we begin the excitement of a new golf season in beautiful, lush Port Ludlow. Spring is fast approaching and we extend a warm invitation to all women golfers to join our women's 18-hole organization to play the wonderful game of golf. Make new friends and renew old friendships by participating in our weekly play and our social events.

On our opening day, **Tuesday, March 13**, we will begin with golf, followed by a sumptuous luncheon where we can share our best shot of the day stories, and concluding with a General Membership meeting.

We continue organized play through **October** with fun and challenging games each week. A festive awards banquet on **Wednesday, October 10**, will recognize winners and special events of a great year of golf camaraderie.

To join our ladies, please contact any of the following:

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| Arlina Brown, Membership | 437-0920 |
| Carol Katuzny, Captain | 437-1157 |
| Turney Oswald, Co-Captain | 437-9576 |
| Linda Aho, Treasurer | 437-9888 |

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To ensure your name is included in our handbook, annual dues of \$85 must be received by **Wednesday, February 14**. However, you may join at any time.

Our 2006 season was filled with a variety of games, including team events each month and individual competitive events. Our Club Championship was won by Lucinda Thompson, with runner-up Debi Bozanich. Caryl Oros won the Captain's Cup with Turney Oswald as runner up. Linda Aho was the most improved player.

A star in our crown was our 2006 TOP Championship. TOP (Teams of the Olympic Peninsula) is an inter-club team event. Our teams played five participating clubs in Match Play to win this much sought after hard-earned title. Barbara Adams led us to a repeat win of our 2005 TOP Championship.

There were many accolades and awards this past year, but we are all winners for our dedicated participation and support. We look forward to 2007 being a year of fun, competition, and a perfect time to create a book of warm memories, all in the spirit of good fellowship.

Kidney Dialysis Units Sought

Residents with kidney problems requiring dialysis could be in serious trouble if the usual kidney center was without power and they did not have access to a home unit. Hospitals have generators for power outages but, according to Grace Rose, L.I.C.S.W., the hospitals on the Olympic Peninsula do not have dialysis units. Mrs. Rose called hospitals in Jefferson and Clallam Counties and 911 for a friend during the last storm. She came up empty-handed. The friend had to postpone his dialysis until he could get to Bremerton, hoping that the bridge was open and Harrison could serve him.

One solution to the problem is to set up a "bank" of home dialysis units. If you have a home dialysis unit and are willing to lend it to a neighbor in an emergency, please call or e-mail Grace Rose. Her number is 437-0436. The e-mail address is scotiarose@msn.com.

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AARP Driver Safety classes are designed to help drivers understand the effects of aging on driving skills, discuss compensating behaviors for changing abilities and the most common types of crashes caused by older drivers. Talks on assessment of driving skills and identifying signs of unsafe driving help drivers look at their own driving issues and options. Changing patterns on the highway, such as cell phone use and road rage, are also covered.

Car insurance companies in the State of Washington are required to give an "appropriate" discount on car insurance to drivers 55 years and older upon completion of a certified Traffic Safety Course.

The eight-hour AARP course is divided into two four-hour class sessions. The cost is \$10 for materials. Classes will be held at the Beach Club on **Thursday and Friday, February 22 and 23; Wednesday and Thursday, March 21 and 22; and Tuesday and Wednesday, April 24 and 25**. All classes begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 2:30 p.m. To reserve your class, call 360-379-1782.

Classes also are scheduled at the Brinnon, Port Townsend and Tri-Area Community Centers. With prior arrangements, day one of the class can be taken at a different location than day two. For more information, contact Linda Pfaflman, Jefferson County Sheriff's office at 385-3831 ext. 521 or by e-mail lpfaflman@co.jefferson.wa.us.

Jefferson and Clallam County classes are at www.drive-2survive101.com. Just click on "Education and Awareness" and then AARP class schedule.

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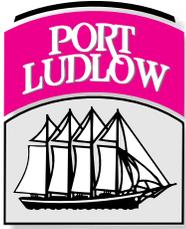
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