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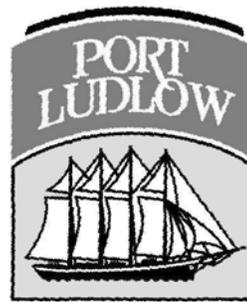
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News & Community

Editorial

by Mary Ronen, Staff Writer

What is special about November? The Farmer's Almanac website lists some November Weather Folklore:

- *If there's ice in November that will bear a duck, there'll be nothing after but sludge and muck.*
- *November take flail; let ships no more sail.*
- *If trees show buds in November, the winter will last until May.*
- *There is no better month in the year to cut wood than November.*
- *Ice in November brings mud in December.*

Some interesting dates to remember in November are, again according to Farmer's Almanac, **November 4**, Will Rogers Day... and also Sadie Hawkins Day. **November 11** is Veterans Day. **November 23** is Thanksgiving Day. If we're fortunate, we may experience an "Indian Summer" in November, but according to the traditional definition, it can only occur between **November 11** and **20**. **November 5**, 2 a.m., is the end of Daylight Saving Time. Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night at bedtime.

November is Banana Pudding Lovers Month—who knew? Here are some more wacky celebrations to look forward to: **November 1**, National Cook for Your Pets Day and **November 6**, Zero-Tasking Day (does that mean we don't have to do anything that day?)

November's traditional birthstone is the topaz, usually a yellow to amber color. The ancient Greeks believed that topaz could make a wearer invisible. A symbol of honor and strength, topaz was also believed to bring longevity and wisdom.

One way to spend the gloomy days of November is to curl up with a nice warm blanket and a cup of something warm and enjoy this issue of the *Port Ludlow Voice*. It is packed with interesting and fun things to do as well as ways to be of service to your community, whether you are donating funds to make Christmas brighter for children or volunteering with the organizations listed in the Helping Hands article on this page.

There are many interesting stories to read. One is about remembering the great depression, a story written by Jim Watson. Do you know about Dragon Boat Racing? Find out on page 13. There are health and safety tips on page 8 and getting prepared for earthquakes and tsunamis, also on page 8.

Read what's new with Martha's Book Group, Dine and Discover, Garden Club, and First Wednesday Luncheon. There is so much more, too much to list here, so just dive right in!

We at the *Port Ludlow Voice* staff would like to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving

Helping Hands

Tri-Area Food Bank: The Port Townsend Food Bank urgently needs a driver and helper to rescue food on Saturday morning. The volunteer will pick up our 24-foot truck in Port Townsend and drive to Sequim to pick up food from a grocery outlet and bring it back to the Food Bank. The driver and helper will help unload the truck.



Volunteer must have a valid, clean driver's license, experience driving a truck, RV, or pulling a boat/trailer, and must be able to lift 25 pounds.

If you are interested and available, please send an email to vp@jcfba.org.

Chimacum Backpacks for Kids: Packers meet once a week on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Tri-Area Food Bank, 760 Chimacum Road, Port Hadlock. Please email chimacumbackpacksforkids.com to get on the schedule.

ECHHO: "As a disabled senior living alone, I have few options for getting to my daily radiation treatments. ECHHO has literally saved my life." ECHHO - the Helping Hands Organization - provides transportation to medical appointments free of charge. Be the difference. Become an ECHHO Volunteer driver. Call 360-379-3246 or email jeffrey@echhojc.org.

Center Valley Animal Rescue: Help us care for animals in need. Volunteers care for over 150 animals daily. They have positions and projects for all skill sets and passions. The center is located at 11900 Center Road, Quilcene. Phone 360-765-0598 for more information.

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Make a Kid in Need Smile This Christmas

With Christmas just around the corner, it's time to start thinking of the many local children in need, and how to make their Christmas shine. Thankfully, Port Ludlow is blessed with two organizations devoted to this cause. Please take a moment to read this over and find it in your heart to donate to one, or both, so more kids will have reason to smile this Christmas.

Toys for Tots:

Toys for Tots is a program sponsored by the United States Marine Corps Reserve. The toy distribution is carried out by several other not-for-profit organizations for the benefit of children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. The National Toys for Tots program has been in operation since 1947. The local program started helping children in East Jefferson County in 2011.

Collection boxes will be available in Port Ludlow beginning **Wednesday, November 22**, at the following locations for your new and unwrapped children's gift through **Friday, December 15**:

- Coldwell Banker, 9522 Oak Bay Road
- Port Ludlow Brokers, 40 Teal Lake Road
- Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue, 7650 Oak Bay Road
- Edward Jones, Financial Advisor, 9526 Oak Bay Road, Unit 300
- The Village Store, 40 Village Way

Cash donations can be made online at toysfortots.org. Go to 'Find local Campaign,' scroll down to 'Select your State' then select Jefferson East as your county. The donation goes into our local account. To request a toy, send an email to: port.townsend.wa@toysfortots.org.

Donation boxes will be picked up on **Friday, December 15**.

Toys for Homeless Families:

Another very worthwhile program comes from the PSO Bluebills who sponsor a toy drive for the children of the OlyCAP homeless families in our area. OlyCAP's Housing Department provides a variety of supportive services including rental assistance, rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, emergency shelter, and the like.

Last year the Bluebills provided Christmas gifts for 28 kids, ages zero to 18 years. This year, the demand is likely to be even higher thanks to the new apartments called 7th Haven. All families in the program are in transition, and the Christmas gifts for kids provide great encouragement.

The PSO Bluebills receive money donations from the Bluebills and the community to purchase gifts. The monies given are divided by the number of kids, and the group has shoppers buy the gifts according to the child's age. Last year the program was able to give \$100 per child. Wrappers wrap up the gifts which are delivered to the OlyCAP offices on **December 15** for distribution to the families.

Please consider this program for your Christmas giving. Checks can be made out to PSO Bluebills and mailed before **December 1** to Laura Paul, 52 Bayside Court, Port Ludlow, WA, 98365. If you have any further questions, email RLPLEP@yahoo.com with OlyCAP in the subject line.

Martha's Book Group—*The Seed Keeper*

by Milt Lum, Staff Writer

A fitting prelude to Thanksgiving is Martha's Book Group selection for November, *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson. Wilson's first novel, winner of the 2022 Minnesota Book Award for fiction, is the painful story of forced assimilation of four generations of Dakota women in Minnesota. Displaced from the land which had nurtured them through the centuries, and forced into unaccustomed lifestyles, these women find a way forward, fortified by the traditions and beliefs which had sustained them through the ages.

All are welcome to join us on **Tuesday, November 14**, at 4 p.m. at the Bay Club to discuss this book. Contact Sarah Schuch at bookclub@plvoice.org for information about obtaining a copy of this book from the Jefferson County Library book club kit or about future selections. December's selection will be *Wild Ride Home* by Christine Hemp.

Polish Your Photo Skills

Port Ludlow Photographers is an old group with a new name but the same objective: To make better photographs. We started out as a part of the Port Ludlow Computer Club, which later became Port Ludlow Digital Life. Then in 2022, because of Covid, no longer a need for a nonprofit status, and declining membership, we dissolved Digital Life. Out of its ashes, a small group of dedicated, mostly local, photographers regrouped as the Port Ludlow Photographers.

We meet every month on the fourth Monday from 10 a.m. until noon in the classroom of the Port Ludlow Bay Club. The group is open to everyone of any level of photographic knowledge and experience and any type of camera (smartphone to DSL mirrorless). For now, there are no dues or officers. Our November meeting will be on **Monday, November 27**. We'll continue exploring how to use smartphones to take better pictures, and one of our members will discuss and demonstrate how to make a photobook from your images. There's always time for your questions and comments.

Every year, we exhibit some of our photographs at the Bay Club. Perhaps you saw our recent exhibit in September? We tried to display not only good photographs our members have taken, but to show you what you can do with some of those images that you store on your smartphone or share on social media. We displayed prints on fabric, which was then quilted; a single image of a Paris skyline printed with three different skies through the magic of photo editing; prints on acrylic and canvas; photo books; and a large poster made from a 57-year-old Kodachrome slide. Capturing the image is just the first step. If you are interested in learning how to take better pictures or what to do with them after you take them, please come to our meetings.

Dine and Discover—Making a Difference for Marine Animals

by Allan and Nancy Kiesler, Guest Writers

Harbor seals are the most commonly sighted marine mammal in the Pacific Northwest. In the summer, a harbor seal pup is occasionally abandoned by its mom on the beach, and it is usually the result of the mom being scared off by a person or a dog getting too close to their pup. When this happens, SR3 or Sealife Response+Rehab+Research (*SR3.org*) will step in and care for the pup until it is healthy and old enough to be released. They can do this thanks to their Sealife Rescue Center in Des Moines, WA, which opened in spring 2021. Since then, over 150 animals have received the care they needed at this facility. Rehab is only part of SR3's mission. They also respond to calls for injured, sick, or entangled marine animals on the Oregon and Washington coast and do research on the health and status of marine mammal populations. The Dine and Discover team is excited to share that our December guest is Casey Mclean, Executive Director and Veterinary Nurse, who will explain the wonderful work that SR3 does for our marine mammals and us humans.

To learn more about SR3's important work, join us on **Monday, December 4**, at the Beach Club. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. (arrive 10 minutes early if you're bringing an appetizer) and remember to bring \$3 per person, your place setting (plates, napkins, eating utensils, glasses), a plastic bag for your dirty dishes, and a beverage if you would like other than coffee/tea/water, which will be provided. Signup sheets will be available at both clubs on **November 1**. Seating is limited so sign up early.

Bluebills Christmas Luncheon

The PSO Bluebills will have their Christmas Luncheon on **Monday, December 4**, at 11 a.m. at the Bay Club. Gary Caven will cater a festive luncheon for us. The cost will be \$20 to cover the meal and the meals of the associates we work with who will be coming to the luncheon. We will be presenting the annual Myron Vogt Volunteer Award. This is also when we collect money for Christmas gifts that we give to the children of OlyCAP homeless families in the area. People will be able to sign up as shoppers and wrappers for the Christmas gifts.

Please RSVP at Bluebillsrsvp@aol.com, and then send a check for \$20 per person made out to "PSO Bluebills" to P.O. Box 65098, Port Ludlow, WA, 98365. The meals need to be paid for by **November 27** so we can plan the meals.

Come celebrate the season with us on **December 4**. Any questions, please contact Laura Paul at RLPLEP@yahoo.com.

First Wednesday Luncheon

Please join us **Wednesday, November 1**, at the Beach Club, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., for a presentation by Jefferson Healthcare Foundation.

Carla Caldwell, Executive Director of Jefferson Healthcare Foundation, welcomes the opportunity to discuss the hospital's new building construction that will create space for additional services, including radiation for oncology patients. Medical providers are finding that many patients currently decline radiation because they don't have the energy or resources to travel for the treatment which can be on a daily or weekly basis. The Foundation is raising funds to purchase a Linear Accelerator which will provide this treatment locally.

There is no charge to attend First Wednesday Luncheon. However, as our mission is primarily to support the Tri-Area Food Bank, attendees are asked to bring donations in the form of cash, checks made payable to the Tri-Area Food Bank, or non-perishable food and hygiene products.

This event will be BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch), so bring whatever you'd like to eat as well as your own place setting. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be provided.

Please RSVP to firstwednesdayluncheon@gmail.com or sign up at either the Bay or Beach Club as soon as possible. This is a courtesy to the club and volunteers so we can have the appropriate number of tables set up in advance. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us in this effort.

The luncheon always includes a raffle with proceeds used to help support the Food Bank during July and August when we are on hiatus.

Take this opportunity to mark your calendars for our holiday luncheon next month on **December 6**. Lunch will be provided while the Choral Belles sing us into the holiday spirit with their lovely voices and musical selections. This lunch is always a favorite.

Short Story Guidelines

Do you have a story you would like to tell? The *Voice* is looking for short stories or poems of 1200 words or less from its readers, either fiction or non-fiction. They should be complete in one issue, no serials, please. Acceptable themes are humor, culture, history, life stories, light sci-fi and nature. No violence, politics, or children's stories please. Submissions need to follow the *Voice* style guide, available on the web at plvoice.org. Stories will be published as needed or timely, at the editors' discretion.

Port Ludlow Garden Club Presents “Wild Mushrooms”

Dr. Aven Andersen, Past President of the Olympic Peninsula Mycological Society, can answer your questions about that beautiful mushroom you saw in your yard or on the trail. Trained as a fisheries scientist, Dr. Andersen has had a long-time interest in wild mushrooms. He will share information about the many mushroom varieties in the Port Ludlow area, including what it is, if it is edible, and anatomy and life cycles. If the weather cooperates, local mushrooms will be displayed.

Hosted by the Port Ludlow Garden Club, the session starts at 11 a.m., **November 8**, at the Beach Club, Port Ludlow. Guests are welcome for a \$5 donation. Sweet treats, coffee, and tea are provided. RSVP to Michelle Pelky, (360) 710-3547 or portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com.

Kevin Long Receives 2023 Eleanor Stopps Environmental Leadership Award

Noted for his work on salmon restoration projects, the North Olympic Salmon Coalition’s (NOSC) Kevin Long has been chosen the recipient of the 2023 Eleanor Stopps Environmental Leadership Award. The award was announced at the annual Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC) Stewardship Breakfast, held at Fort Worden State Park on October 11.

Since graduating from Oregon State University in 1993, Long has worked in biology conducting studies on everything from legless lizards to bald eagles. He was hired by NOSC in 2002. As Senior Project Manager, Long is responsible for project development, permitting, implementation, and the contracting required to implement NOSC’s large scale salmon habitat restoration projects.

“He thinks of himself as an interpreter between the ecosystems we are restoring and the stakeholders, funders, designers, regulatory agencies, and construction contractors involved in getting restoration projects on the ground,” says Al Latham, the 2008 winner of the award and the author of Long’s nomination to the selection committee.

Long has designed, permitted, and managed numerous salmon habitat restoration projects in Jefferson and Clallam counties. For example, the Kilisut Harbor project, the 3 Crabs Nearshore/Estuarine project, the Morse Creek project, and numerous projects on Chimacum Creek.

These projects have many benefits, one of the most visible being the Kilisut Harbor project that replaced a causeway and small culverts with a 440’ bridge on SR116 between Indian and Marrowstone Islands. This project restored natural processes and biological responses to 27 acres of marine intertidal habitat and tidal-fringe salt marsh that have been severely impacted by the construction of the earthen causeway. Many species benefit from this project including salmon, shorebirds, waterfowl, shellfish, and eelgrass.

Another example is the 3 Crabs Nearshore and Estuarine Restoration project which removed infrastructure, fill and armoring at the site of the former 3 Crabs Restaurant. This project restored historic landforms and created public access at a newly established WDFW Wildlife Area along Dungeness Bay and Meadowbrook Creek, the last freshwater tributary to the Dungeness River, providing essential rearing habitat for out-migrating Dungeness River salmon.

At a statewide level, Kevin is one of the most experienced project managers in the Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group Program (a network of 14 nonprofits doing work similar to NOSC). Kevin mentors new project managers and acts as a resource within the project manager forum. He shares best practices and resources with the statewide project managers to help them in their career development. He is also a sought-after speaker at the statewide Salmon Project Conference put on by the WA State Salmon Recovery Board.

Named after Eleanor Stopps, a longtime member of the Pacific Northwest conservation community, the Eleanor Stopps Environmental Leader Award is presented annually to a citizen(s) of the North Olympic Peninsula (Jefferson and Clallam counties) who has led a successful resource conservation effort that benefits the Peninsula and its residents. Stopps, who died in April 2012, founded the Admiralty Audubon Chapter and was a primary driver behind the establishment of the Protection Island National Wildlife Refuge in 1982. The PTMSC has sponsored the annual environmental leadership award since 2009.

Free Estate Planning Seminar

Come join us for a free, informative, one-hour seminar about Wills, Trusts, and Asset Protection through estate planning with Attorney Amanda Wilson with Northwest Estate Planning & Probate, PS. Amanda Wilson has practiced estate planning and elder law for 13 years. Please come meet her and learn more about services she can provide for you and your family.

The event will be held at the Bay Club located at 120 Spinnaker Place, **Wednesday, November 8**, at 2 p.m.

Seats are limited: Contact 360-437-4172, extension 300 or jenni@nwpepp.com to reserve your spot.

Squash Hunt & More

Heads up for a squash and spooky plant walk at the Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island. The event started in mid-October and runs through **November 5**. This is your chance to guess the weight of the Reserve’s largest pumpkin, search for a variety of squash, and venture into the mysterious world of carnivorous plants. In a hauntingly fun experience, you’ll also uncover the wonders of plants pollinated by nocturnal beetles and moths, plus you’ll have a chance to join an all-ages scavenger hunt and win prizes. Timed tickets are required so be sure to visit the website and reserve your adventure today: bloedelreserve.org/tickets.

September 2023 Statistics for East Jefferson Fire Rescue

Effective 01/01/2023 Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue merged with East Jefferson Fire Rescue. Our monthly statistics will now include information for the entire Fire District.

Communities served include: Port Townsend, Cape George, Kala Point, Marrowstone Is., Port Hadlock, Chimacum, Irondale, Port Ludlow MPR (North and South Bay), Paradise Bay, Beaver Valley, Bridgehaven, Mats Mats, Shine, South Point and other areas located within our boundaries.

Alarms

Fires	8
Rescue/Emergency Medical	394
Good Intent	42
Hazardous Conditions	6
False Alarms	22
Service Call	79
Total Alarms	551

Ambulance Transports

911 Transports	221
Hospital Request Transport	2
Total Transports	223

CARES Contacts	111
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BURN BAN UPDATE

In Jefferson County, fire danger has been lowered to Moderate, allowing for recreational wood fires, wood or solid fueled cooking fires to include charcoal BBQ grills, smokers and pellet fed appliances, gas or propane fueled appliances. Land clearing and yard debris fires are still restricted pending a review of current atmospheric and field conditions to occur on Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

Home & Health Safety Tips

The last two months of the year – November and December – traditionally provide opportunities for family members to spend more time together indoors, which requires greater attention to current health issues, among other concerns.

Access to vaccinations for the current Covid variant as well as Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and the flu is becoming more available for Jefferson County residents. Now might be the best time to get needed vaccinations before Thanksgiving and Christmas family gatherings. Call the local pharmacies to find out if the vaccines you want are available.

Something else to consider as the weather gets colder and the likelihood of storms increase is how to safely use a generator to temporarily get power back to your home after a power outage.

Portable generators should only be used outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows, and vents. Don't use a generator in a wet area as this could cause shock or electrocution. Connect appliances to the generator with heavy-duty extension cords. Do not fuel your generator when it is running. Spilling gas on a hot engine can cause a fire. Make sure you have carbon monoxide alarms in your home with new batteries installed.

If you have any questions about the services East Jefferson Fire Rescue provides, you can call 360-437-2236 or visit our webpage at ejfr.org.

Earthquakes and Tsunamis—Get Prepared

by Ron Dawson, Guest Writer

North Bay's Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) hosted an important community program on September 20 focusing on where we are vulnerable to earthquakes and tsunamis, how to prepare, and what to do in the event one happens. Approximately 100 people attending in person and online learned about the likelihood and consequences of various earthquake and tsunami scenarios from Daniel Eungard, Tsunami Hazards Geologist from the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Also on the program, Willie Bence, Director, and David Codier of the JeffCo Department of Emergency Management (DEM) warned that it could be several weeks before we could expect any outside help, and many months before our infrastructure is fully restored.

The bottom lines of this very well received program are:

- Port Ludlow sits in a relatively high risk area for earthquakes and tsunamis. In addition, we are a lower priority for rescue and recovery services than more densely populated areas like Port Townsend.
- All residents living near the water should be prepared to evacuate to high ground with their prepacked "Go Bag" if they experience ground shaking or receive a Tsunami Alert on their smartphones from the NIXLE network. (Nixle keeps you up to date with relevant information from your local public safety departments and schools. For more information go to nixle.com).
- In the event of an earthquake, all residents must be prepared to shelter in place for at least 30 days without any utilities or outside support including from First Responders, rescue workers, or even utility companies.

To be sure you are prepared, you can download the valuable LMC Emergency Preparedness Checklist and DEM's *Think, Plan, Do! Repeat* booklet, as well as the program slides on the LMC website at LMCBeachClub.org.

The Earthquake and Tsunami program was the second in a series of community Emergency Preparedness presentations by the EPC designed to inform and create action in our Port Ludlow community. Last spring's program, *You're on Your Own!*, focused on a major storm/utility outage.

We are already planning our third program for next spring on Wildfires. Stay tuned!

November at the Jefferson County Library District



November is here! As the fall colors begin to fade and winter slowly creeps in around us, it's a time to be thankful for crackling fires, warm drinks, and good books to push the darkness away. Your Library District is a haven of comfort and knowledge, and November is the perfect time to escape the chill and enjoy all

that we have to offer. Explore all the Library District's programs and services by visiting jclibrary.info.

Kick off the season of giving with an all-time favorite tradition – The Library District's Annual Gingerbread House-Making Contest! Bakers and crafters of all ages and abilities can design a delectable edible structure and submit it online at jclibrary.info. You may optionally bring your work of art to the library for public display. Enter the contest as an adult or child or work together and submit a family creation. Need supplies? You can register for a supply kit with graham crackers, frosting, and candy. *There is no need to register if you are using your own supplies.* After you build your tasty masterpiece, get ready to vote for your favorites. The deadline to enter the contest is 5 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 12.**

Our second Saturday Storytime at the Library will take place on **Saturday, November 4**, at 11 a.m. Bring the whole family along and listen to stories, sing along to catchy songs, and engage in active play to nurture your children's love for reading and learning. After the program, swing into the Hagen Building, adjacent to the library for The Friends of the Library Autumn Book Sale. The sale takes place on **Saturday, November 4**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Discover a wide selection of gently used books, audiobooks, DVDs, and music CDs, with all proceeds supporting the Jefferson County Library District. The Friends of the Library enjoy early access at 9:30 a.m.

Our popular Live Online Author Talks series will host four captivating speakers this month! Acclaimed actor John Stamos starts things off on **Wednesday, November 1**, at 5 p.m. with a conversation about his new memoir, *If You Would Have Told Me*. Tiffany "The Budgetnista" Aliche will join us on **Thursday, November 9**, at 11 a.m. for a master class on taking charge of your money. United States Poet Laureate Joy Harjo will discuss her rewarding lifetime as a writer and poet, and her most recent memoir, *Catching the Light* on **Thursday, November 16**, at 1 p.m., and finally, on **Thursday, November 30**, at noon, award-winning author Naomi Alderman will join us to talk about women in science fiction as she shares her newest book, *The Future*.

Join Shirley Williams and Rachel Rutledge from the Hospice Foundation for Jefferson Healthcare on **Wednesday, November 15** at 1:30 p.m. for a presentation about Living Wills (Advance Health Directives). Attendees will learn the steps they need to take to create a Living Will, ask questions and get answers, and begin filling out a Living Will during the class.

For complete program details and our calendar of events, go to jclibrary.info. Visit the Jefferson County Library District at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock. For questions or assistance, call 360-385-6544 or email information@jclibrary.info.

Free Life Care Planning Zoom Seminars

Join Tony Hinson on **Tuesday, November 14**, at 11:30 a.m. as he explores estate and life-care planning solutions that preserve wealth, minimize taxes, and ensure your legacy.

Topics will include estate tax issues and retirement accounts; healthcare, Medicare and Medicaid; long-term care insurance; maintaining quality of life; aging in place; preserving wealth; estate plans, supplemental needs trusts, and more.

The final one for 2023 will be **Tuesday, December 5**, and we will resume these once a month as of January 2024. These seminars will be held live on Zoom. To register, visit sherrardlaw.com/courses, or call 360-779-5551.

Free Workshop: Conflict Resolution

Each person has a unique life story shaped by an array of factors, including their culture, upbringing, age, experiences, and values. These differences, at times, can lead to challenging conversations, conflicts, and even separation. In such scenarios, seeking professional assistance is crucial to resolve any issues and restore harmony to one's life. We are Sharon Brunner Rowe and Wayne Houston, certified conflict resolution specialists, with over 30 years of collective experience. Our expertise lies in assisting individuals, families, businesses, churches, and any group experiencing conflict. We cordially invite you to attend our free workshop, which will be held on **Thursday, November 30**, from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Gallery Room in the Beach Club. During this event, we will introduce our methods and practices to Port Ludlow and surrounding communities. For further information, please contact Sharon at 360-600-6293, sharon@brunner-rg.com or Wayne at 360-745-8049, polarisresolutiongroup@gmail.com

Chimacum Arts and Craft Fair

The 36th Annual Chimacum Arts and Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, December 9, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday, December 10, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be over 100 different vendors with all hand crafted items. Entry fee is \$4. All proceeds go to benefit local schools and students. Santa will be there for photos. Come get into the holiday spirit.

Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, Guest Writer



Meet Terri Ysseldyke-All, who is the Finance Manager for East Jefferson Fire Rescue. She works in the administrative building on Seton Road and is the person who oversees finances for the East Jefferson fire department. Terri joined the department in September 2014. Her most recent position prior to joining EJFR was as a data analyst specialist for the Central Kitsap School District. She also has a real estate license.

Originally from Marietta, Georgia, she graduated with a degree in graphic design, and earned her master's degree in information systems. She married, and as her husband was in the military, moved a number of times, living in Hawaii for twelve years, and then coming to Washington, living in the Silverdale area, Bremerton, and now in Port Ludlow. She has two daughters, one in Townsend, Montana, and the other in Asheville, North Carolina.

When away from work, Terri likes to paddle outrigger canoes and is a member of the Hui Heihei outrigger canoe club in Silverdale. She also likes to ski, hike, and mountain bike.

The thing she likes best about her job is working for the fire service and feeling that she participates in making people feel comfortable in trying situations. She likes her role in managing departmental resources. The hardest part of the job is making sure that her work is complete, accurate, and that she is keeping current in rules, regulations, and changes.

Terri hopes to retire in the next year and wants to leave her job in great shape for her replacement.

Love Box—Can You Be One?

by April Thompson, Guest Writer

Only a few choose to step into being a foster parent—it's up to the rest of us to keep them going.—April Thompson, Olympic Angels

You may not know them, but they need you... There are children living in two different foster homes in the Port Ludlow area, and Olympic Angels is looking for volunteers to give their time, love, and support.

We live in a uniquely difficult place to be a child in foster care. With a consistent lack of available foster homes here, it is not uncommon for kids to be moved hundreds of miles away because there simply is no place for them.

So when a family is referred to Olympic Angels programs, the goal is to support them in the most meaningful ways possible—through intentional monthly giving customized to a family's particular needs and by lifting up the entire family with friendship and support.

The framework is simple: through two programs, Love Box and Dare to Dream, community members change the way kids and families experience foster care.

A small group of volunteers can make all the difference for a foster family caring for children who have been through significant trauma.

Last week a child in our program had a medical emergency—she collapsed at school. Her foster family hopped into action unaware that they would eventually end up spending the weekend at Mary Bridge in Tacoma.

Amid the shuffling logistics, the family's Love Box volunteers also jumped into action before the family was transferred to the children's hospital. One gathered bags of clothes, toothbrushes, and phone chargers and brought them to the local hospital. Another committed to stopping by the house daily to feed and care for the cat.

When the family got back home, there was a meal waiting for them and cards from their Love Box volunteers.

Experiencing this kind of care and support not only makes everyday life easier, but it also makes an extremely stressful event like this more manageable.

Emergencies and the unexpected happen a lot for fostering families, and to have people in their lives that can come alongside them no matter the situation makes all the difference. We are built for connection. People need community. Children and families in the foster care community need support systems.

Visit olympicangels.org to get involved and learn more about becoming a volunteer.

Features & Stories

Surviving The Great Depression

by Jim Watson, Guest Writer

The Great Depression began in the United States with the stock market crash in October 1929 and ended in 1939. The worst years were 1931 to 1933, and the economy hit bottom in the winter of 1933 when 12,830,000 people (24.9 percent of the national workforce) were unemployed. My father was employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company planning line gangs' jobs to install power lines in Colusa County near Sacramento, California. We lived in a company house.

In 1931 my father left the company and bought an electric appliance store. We moved into a bungalow complete with all necessary facilities. The business failed in less than a year, and we moved into a one-bedroom shack that had a family room with kitchen appliances on one wall. There was only cold water, a bathroom with basin and tub. My brother and I slept on a screened porch, my sister in a crib in my parent's bedroom. We used an outhouse in daytime and thunder mugs stored under the beds at night. Rent was \$7 a month.

Six hundred fifty banks failed in 1929 followed by 1,300 in 1930. During the winter of 1932 into 1933, thousands of depositors withdrew their money. A one-week bank holiday was declared in March 1933 suspending all banking transactions. I lost my \$4.11 savings account in the Decker Jewett bank in Marysville, the oldest bank in California. It closed in 1934. I received a check for one and a half cents.

By 1934 my father made enough money doing electrical repairs and maintaining irrigation pumps for farmers that he could rent a three-bedroom house for \$15 a month. It had a living room, dining room, kitchen, hot and cold water, and one bathroom that included an indoor toilet. We were in heaven. A kerosene-fired stove heated the ten-foot-ceiling rooms for \$18 a month in winter if we closed off the living room. The picket fence had collapsed, and the yard was covered a foot high with elm tree leaves. My brother and I were tasked with raking and cleaning the yard.

Thousands of people were not as fortunate. Many unemployed men became Tramps, Bums, or Hobos. Tramps roamed the countryside avoiding work as much as possible. Bums begged for food while avoiding travel and work. Hobos traveled the country looking for work wherever they could find it. Hobos who traveled on foot, carrying a bundle with a bedroll or other gear, were called bindlestiffs. They often camped alongside streams, as they were wary of armed criminals.

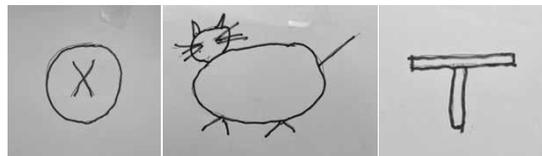
Many hobos rode the rails, jumping on and off moving freight trains. They avoided railroad bulls who would beat them severely and/or throw them off the train. Some hobos hid in cars loaded with freight, risking injury from shifting cargo.

My grandfather worked as a brakeman on a train that traversed the Sacramento Valley. Hobos often boarded his train without

fear of reprisal. As the train approached Roseville, its evening destination near Sacramento, he would ask the men, "Who would like a free meal and a place to sleep?" Those who said no were told, "Get off the train." Those who responded yes were told to stay on the train. On arrival, the sheriff gave hobos that stayed on the train dinner and a bed in jail.

More than once a man would knock on our door and offer to work in exchange for a warm meal. One man worked hard to straighten and make rigid our picket fence. My mother served him a huge breakfast on our screened porch. He was obviously grateful. Enough men came to our house that we speculated there was an X on our house.

Many symbols placed on houses, fence posts, buildings, and trees informed hobos of conditions at those locations. An X inside a circle suggests that a handout could be obtained here. A drawing of a cat indicates that a kind woman lives here. A drawing of a block tee indicates that work for food is possible.



Any one of these symbols might have been a mark at our house.

The Great Depression was a difficult time for millions of Americans. My parents survived and raised three children. I am proud of them for helping those less fortunate.

A Nightmare, Cognitive Impairment and Baseball

by Dave Cunningham, Staff Writer

This is the true story of a man who recently awakened in the middle of the night because of a nightmare that literally left him in tears ... a single man, living alone in Port Ludlow, lying in his bed crying because he thought he would never be able to tell the story of his nightmare.

The reason he feared that was because, at age 70, he has a diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment, which means he suffers from short-term memory loss. He forgets stuff, like the name of the actor who starred in the *Mission Impossible* movies (Tom Cruise), where he left his glasses, what day it is, and what he was supposed to do that day.

He said he wanted us to tell his story so others would understand what's truly important in life.

As these words are being written, the Major League Baseball World Series is about to begin, and the man absolutely loves baseball. He grew up in Southern California, and he says his mother was a big baseball fan who used to listen to every Los Angeles Dodgers game on the radio.

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He's left-handed, like his dad was, and when his parents took him to his first Dodgers game as a small boy, he noticed that the pitcher, Sandy Koufax, was also left-handed. Suddenly, he had a hero to idolize.

The man says that when he was a boy, he spent countless hours throwing a tennis ball against their garage door, mimicking the leg kick and pitching motion of Sandy Koufax, pretending that the bushes and trees around him were fans in the stands cheering for him. For years, his only goal in life was to become a pitcher for the Dodgers.

He says he played one game on his high school baseball team, then was cut from the team when another boy who was a much better player came out for the team and took his place. He quickly realized his dream of pitching for the Dodgers would never come true, so he chose a different path. He would become a sportswriter so he could stay close to the game he loved.

And that's exactly what he did. And he eventually was assigned to cover the Los Angeles Dodgers for a major daily newspaper. And many decades later, this is the nightmare that left him in tears in the middle of the night, in his own words:

"In my dream, I had something very important to tell, something that I had to write," he said. "I was searching around an office, like the ones I used to work at as a journalist, and I was trying to find a piece of paper so I could type it up. And every piece of paper fell apart in pieces when I picked it up. I was getting very frustrated. Then finally, I found half a piece of paper that didn't fall apart. I started looking for a typewriter."

He paused the story of his nightmare to mention that a lot of people in 2023 don't know what a typewriter is. He said we could call it a keyboard. And he continued:

"I looked everywhere in the office, but I couldn't find a typewriter anywhere. And I just started crying. And when I awoke, I actually *was* crying."

He said he was crying because, in his dream, he couldn't type what he wanted our readers to know: Dreams really can come true, we should never stop chasing our dreams, and we should live every day like it's our last.

And then he apologized for the hackneyed old sayings.

"Port Ludlow has a lot of old, retired folks," he said, "and I'm sure I'm not the only one diagnosed with cognitive impairment. But when I start feeling sorry for myself, I pause and think about what I was able to do in my life. I have two great kids and six grandkids. I spent most of my adult life getting paid to go to baseball games. I'm comfortably retired and can do pretty much whatever I want every day. And guess what? I got to meet Sandy Koufax."

Finnriver Cidery Opens New Taproom

Finnriver Farm & Cidery is excited to announce the much-anticipated opening of the Finnriver Tumwater Taproom located in the urban Craft District of Tumwater in the South Puget Sound area. According to Finnriver co-founder Crystie Kisler, the new facility offers "an urban community space that is neighborhood oriented and extends our mission to grow connections."



Finnriver's head cidemaker teaches cider making at the South Puget Sound Community College's (SPSCC) Craft Brewing and Distilling program next door to the Craft District.

Submitted photo

Based on the welcoming aesthetic of Finnriver's Chimacum Cider Garden, the new taproom offers 16 taps with an array of Finnriver's farm-crafted ciders on draft and several nonalcoholic options. In addition to cold pours of their diverse lineup of cider styles, the taproom offers a full selection of bottled ciders available for purchase. Finnriver's ciders are made with a foundation of Pacific Northwest Organic apples and pears, often blended with wild-harvested and regionally-sourced botanical ingredients, and finished with various fermenting techniques such as blending, oak-aging, and souring among others.

Finnriver sees the Tumwater Taproom as an opportunity to continue nurturing their core mission: To celebrate the beauty and bounty of the Earth, to reconnect people to the land that sustains us, and to grow community.

The Taproom shares space in Tumwater's new Craft District Building with businesses like Sweetlee's small batch hand-made ice cream, a fellow proponent of sourcing locally and connecting community.

The new space is located at 4200 Capitol Blvd South, Tumwater, WA. Learn more here: finnriver.com/tumwater.

Jefferson County Farmers Markets



The Jefferson County Farmers Markets (JCFM) wants to hear from you!

Community members are invited to help share our local farmers markets for years to come by providing input through the community survey available online at jcfmarkets.org.

The mission of the JCFM is to support local farmers and artisans with vibrant marketplaces that cultivate community and provide access to healthy food for all. Over the last 31 years, JCFM has been leading community farmers markets in Port Townsend and Chimacum that provide access to fresh food, local arts, live music, and community connection nine months out of the year.

The survey asks questions that will help shape planning for future markets. Should the JCFM build a permanent covered home for the PT farmers market? Should the market operate year-round? These questions and more require community input.

Community feedback and vendor feedback will be used to revise the strategic plan of the JCFM Board of Directors and be used to incorporate ideas going into the 2024 market season. This work is part of a three-year USDA-funded grant project designed to bolster local market farms, increase the JCFM marketing reach, and support the Port Townsend and Chimacum farmers markets continued recovery from the impacts of economic downturn and Covid-19.

Everyone who participates in the survey has a chance to win a fabulous prize. Complete the survey and you will be entered into a drawing for a farmers market gift basket or a night's stay at the Resort at Port Ludlow or the Ravenscroft Inn.

Take the survey by **November 30** at bit.ly/JCFM-shopper-survey.

For more information, visit jcfmarkets.org.

Dragon Boat Racing

by Gil Skinner, Guest Writer

“What the hell is a dragon boat?” said my friend. This was in response to my suggesting dragon boat racing as an activity that would be fun, bring some community cohesiveness, and possibly inspire more people to get interested in Port Ludlow. I started to talk to others about this fun-filled event but kept getting either blank stares or that look of “now we know he is crazy.” A little background: Dragon boat teams have 20 paddlers—one person steering, and the drummer to provide the tempo, for a total team complement of 22 people. Dragon boat racing started in China

long ago and is growing in popularity throughout the United States. The boats traditionally have a dragon shaped head on the bow and are very colorful. I have been to events in Sydney, Australia; Victoria, Canada; Singapore; and Lansing, Michigan. Finally, I convinced two friends to join me in Victoria for the Victoria Dragon Boat Festival this past August. We met a dragon boat team from Gig Harbor on the ferry going to Victoria and decided to adopt them as “our team” for the weekend. Great people and very enthusiastic about Dragon Boat racing and the idea of getting some more folks involved. Almost immediately, my friends were “feeling the love” of the sport. Once we started watching the races, with every body size and age represented, my friends saw the possibilities. There were people in their teens, and one boat that had a 90-year-old paddler. In Victoria, teams had to have at least 10 women paddlers per boat. The Victoria Dragon Boat Festival was for breast cancer awareness and included a special race with the paddlers being either breast cancer survivors or friends of those who lost their cancer fight. One very poignant moment was a special race of the survivors and friends which culminated with a moment of silence and a spreading of flowers upon the water. Overall, we had a great time (our “team” took second), and now I had a couple of believers.



In September one of my friends accompanied me to the Portland Dragon Boat Festival. Our “team” was once again entered, and we spent some great time talking with the Gig Harbor folks. They brought four teams to Portland! Again, the race was to honor breast cancer survivors and to remember those who were lost to cancer. The most memorable moment here was after the survivor/friends race, all the other paddlers lined up, formed an arched tunnel of paddles, and the survivors’ friends went through with great music of remembrance and encouragement! Not a dry eye in the house.

So, what now? I really don’t know if Port Ludlow could host an event. I do believe it’s possible to get some paddlers, do some practice, and go to Victoria. What do you think? Are you interested? If you want to help start a Dragon Boat Club, send an email to bonesskinner@gmail.com.

Serendip & Serendipity

by Suyin Karlsen, Guest Writer

What if I told you that on our pater's side, we are descendants of a country named Serendip, a name Arab sea traders gave to our ancestors' country. In Arabic, *seren* means gem and *dwip* means island.

You would ask, "Where on earth is Serendip?" I'd continue, playfully ignoring your question, "And from Serendip came the word 'serendipity'."

As my sister Lyn said, *you had me at Serendip!* She thought that on our father's side, we came from Ceylon, now Sri Lanka, and she wasn't wrong. We did. But Serendip conjures the exotic, an ancient maritime island steeped in myths and legends. Sri Lanka was Serendip.

The word serendipity was coined by Horace Walpole (1717-1797) and committed to paper for posterity on January 28, 1754, in a letter he wrote to Horace Mann, an envoy of King George II stationed in Florence. Walpole informs Mann that he had made a marvelous discovery quite by accident, looking for something else. He writes, "This discovery indeed is almost of that kind which I call *serendipity*. You will understand it better by the derivation than by the definition. I once read a silly fairy tale called *The Three Princes of Serendip*: "as their highnesses traveled, they were always making discoveries by accident and sagacity, of things which they were not in quest of."

And there you have it. *Serendipity: a gift for discovery by accident and sagacity while in pursuit of something else.*

Topping the list for accidental and sagacious discoveries while in pursuit of something else would be Christopher Columbus' discovery of America in 1492; Alfred Nobel's discovery of dynamite in 1867; and Alexander Fleming's discovery of penicillin in 1928.

Serendipity. A marvelous-sounding word. Serene...and dipping into unexpected benefits. So marvelous in its ability to transport, it made the Top 10 Most Beautiful Words of the English Language – just after "petrichor," the pleasant earthy smell after rain. The same grounding scent which evokes memories growing up in British Malaya, now Malaysia. Imagine a little girl admiring newly washed leaves after the rains, dampness still dripping from shining trees. It was wondrously life affirming that the heavens could open up to shower Earth clean, leaving afterwards unobtrusive riches.

But wait. Let's not forget about Serendip, the country. So where on earth is it? It's a smallish island, shaped like a teardrop just south of India. The Pearl of the Indian Ocean is its more endearing sobriquet.

During its history it has been called by many names: Originally, Sinhala in the 6th century BC; Simhala in Pali; then it became Portuguese Ceilao when Portugal ruled it; Spanish Ceilan; French Ceylan, Dutch Zeilan when Holland took over; and lastly, British Ceylon.

English colonialists stayed the longest. They landed in 1796 as the (British) East India Company. However, Britain dissolved the

EIC in 1874 and ruled Ceylon henceforth through Governors and Governors-General until 1972 when Ceylon became a Republic and took the name of Sri Lanka, the name by which it is known today.

One hundred and seventy-six years saw the ebb and flow of English personages, famous and infamous. A famous one coming to mind is Leonard Woolf who married Virginia Stephen, one of my favorite authors. Virginia was the more famous one. Leonard Woolf served in the Ceylon Civil Service from 1904-1911. From 1908-1911, he was Asst. Government Agent of Hambantota district during which time he kept a diary, recording judiciously each workday. It is truly an important historical work describing the economy and culture of Hambantota district at the time. In 1911, he retired from the colonial civil service saying in his own words, he was "sick of being an imperialist."

The most notable English personage and monarch of Ceylon is Queen Victoria aka the Empress of India, under whose rule the British Empire acquired one-fifth of world dominance with impunity. Her 64-year rule (1837-1901) included travel only within Europe, never to any of the other crown colonies. Massive statues represented her instead, to this day.

The most infamous may be Governor Robert Brownrigg, who in 1818 had 19 rebels in Ceylon executed for high treason against British rule. Brownrigg had the unusually shaped, beheaded skull of the rebel leader, Keppetipola Disawe, conveyed to England where it was displayed at a medical museum in Edinburgh for 136 years. It has since been returned for burial in an urn and memorialized under a pillar in Kandy, Sri Lanka. Several leaders of that 1818 rebellion against British rule were related to the royal family of Kandy who had ruled for 350 years.

Sri Lanka's present name has its origins in its original name Sinhala from the 6th century BC. Sinhala means Land of Lions. Because there is little evidence that the *Panthera Leo Persica* or Asiatic lion ever was in Sri Lanka, historians are bewildered by the prolific display of lions across Sri Lankan culture. It's the national animal of the country and it's on the flag. The national cricket team is The Lions. Enormous stone edifices of this fauna boldly grace memorial halls, Buddhist monuments, and Independence Square in capital Colombo, and lions mark ancient kingly throne sites. Most famous of all must be the ancient Lion Rock city of Sigiriya, now a UNESCO World Heritage site. At 660 feet tall, it is so massive that legends tell of aliens or gods as its original builders.

There is a theory that during the Pleistocene period (last Ice Age) when landmasses were locked together, lions may have migrated from India into Sri Lanka walking across Adam's Bridge, naturally engineered limestone shoals which are now below sea level.

Best-loved legend may be Adam's Peak in the central highlands. Locals call that mountain *Sri Pada*, Sanskrit for the Sacred Footprint because of a larger-than-life footprint embedded into the mountain at the summit. Buddhists who constitute 75 percent of Sri Lanka believe it is the left footprint of the Buddha. Sri Lankan Tamils, who are Hindus, say it is the footprint of Lord Shiva. Christians and Muslims say it is the footprint of Adam after he was expelled from the Garden of Eden.

But it wasn't the legends or myths that drew explorers and traders to this little island, half the size of New York. Mark

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Twain describing his visit in 1890 writes, “Dear me, it is beautiful! And most sumptuously tropical, as to character of foliage and opulence of it...an oriental charm and mystery, and tropic deliciousness.” The refrain that Eden was in Ceylon was repeated often. Anthony Trollope, English writer who visited Ceylon in 1875, wrote, “It is a land of loveliness, surrounded by the most perfect scenery which the mind can imagine.”

Conquerors and sea merchants coming to my paternal ancestors’ country, *Serendip*, discovered more than a strategic harbor in south Asia. They found *by accident and sagacity*, spices, gems, pearls, elephants, ivory, textiles, exotic fruits, and a lot more.

By far the best definition of *serendipity* is by John Barth who wrote in his book, *The Last Voyage of Somebody the Sailor*, “You don’t reach Serendip by plotting a course for it. You have to set out in good faith for elsewhere and lose your bearings serendipitously.”

What’s Up, Neighbor?

by Donna Geer, Staff Writer



Mark and Katie Schwendener
Submitted photo

You may have seen the guy in the orange safety vest walking between the Bay Club and the Port Ludlow Marina. Every month, he carries a five-gallon bucket, an extra bag in his back pocket, and a three-foot-long contraption made for snagging garbage. He picks up bottle caps, discarded cans, empty bottles, errant papers, and cigarette butts. With a friendly wave to honking cars cruising by, he cleans up somebody else’s trash, all because he wants to preserve the beauty of Port Ludlow.

Mark Schwendener lived in Redmond when he was a sales rep for New Balance athletic shoes. By 1980, he was responsible for selling New Balance to shoe stores all over Washington state, including from Bremerton to Port Angeles, so he became well-acquainted with the Olympic Peninsula. Mark and his wife Katie, who also worked for New Balance as a corporate meeting planner, loved the community feel of Port Ludlow and found it quite appealing that there wasn’t even a stoplight here. Our golf resort was one of Mark’s favorites, and he’s played at many PGA Tour courses all over the U.S. So they moved to Inner Harbor Village three years ago, where they’re often on their deck enjoying the view, no matter how cool it might be. He tells me they have jackets and blankets to remedy that. And the wine.

As a child, Mark was thrown a curveball most of us never have to face. At the age of nine, his mother gave him away to a couple in Abilene, Kansas, who eventually adopted him four years later. His

mother was on her sixth marriage and her new in-laws were childless, so she sent Mark their way. He wouldn’t see her again for twenty years. Mark had another full brother and five half-siblings scattered across the country, most of them given away too.

It took a long time for Mark to adapt to a 160-acre farm in Kansas, up daily at 4:30 a.m. just to milk the cows and feed over 200 chickens and more than 20 pigs. He worked hard and studied even harder, getting accepted in the mathematics program at the University of Kansas during his senior year at high school, but his adopted parents said they needed him on the farm. So, the day after his graduation, he joined the Navy and left for boot camp just two days later. He never told his parents he was leaving, but he was taking control of his own life for once, even if the Navy would be managing his foreseeable future for the next four years. Mark would become part of a P3 flight crew drawing fire from the ground on runs over Vietnam every 36 hours for seven long months. He would also go on 14-hour radar surveillance missions between the Aleutian Islands and Siberia over concern about Russia’s support of North Vietnam. Four years of duty would turn into four years, three months, and nineteen days of service.

I listened to Mark’s story and marveled at how he’d managed to stay positive, since it would have been easy to go down the wrong road with everything he’d experienced so early in life. “We call that taking the south track,” he said, acknowledging it was sheer determination that spurred him on. “I didn’t ever want to get mad—I saw enough of that as a kid. I couldn’t understand how you could be unhappy about everything, like my natural mother was. I didn’t want to be like that. I wanted a family.” He got exactly that.

He met his future wife in Hong Kong during a five-day R&R trip from the Navy after one of those long surveillance runs. She was from Oak Harbor, WA, and was a college student with the University of the Seven Seas, whose curriculum included traveling to 18 ports of call all over the world. They had only two dates before they parted ways, but they kept in touch by writing. Six months later, he used his leave to travel to San Diego to meet her family. He stayed at her sister’s house and golfed with her father for thirteen days. No one was surprised when Katie and Mark decided to get engaged on the fourth day of his visit. This December, they’ll celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary with their two daughters. Mark told me the best thing he’d ever done was marry Katie.

Years later, he was the commander of a VFW post in Ohio for four years, raising funds for battered women, the police, and the fire department. Now he and Katie volunteer at the pancake breakfast every month helping raise funds for other organizations. They’re both on the activities committee. Mark is on the SBCA Board of Directors, and he helps his community however he can, even if it’s picking up roadside garbage. He walks two – three miles every morning. Even the removal of a brain tumor in August 2022 didn’t slow him down, though he only walked a half mile the next day. He has a passion for family, friends, and community. He’s an avid college football and basketball fan, and he likes NFL football. He works Mensa Level Four Sudoku and loves challenging jigsaw puzzles. He’s “never bored because he’s always doing something,” he said. He’s happy with how things have turned out. Sounds like the recipe for a wonderful life.

Arts & Entertainment

PLPA Concerts Selling Out Fast, Don't Wait If You Want to See the A Cappella Holiday Show

by Dave Cunningham, Staff Writer



Backtrack Vocals.

Submitted photo

In the middle of its 32nd year in existence, it's obvious that Port Ludlow Performing Arts took some bold steps in the kinds of artists it selected for its 2023-24 six-concert series. On **Saturday, November 11**, at 7 p.m., it will be Blue Moon Marquee, a Canadian band that performs songs in a dazzlingly wide range of genres. The next concert will be Backtrack Vocals—all voices, no instruments—in a holiday show at the Bay Club on **Sunday, December 10**, at 2 p.m.

If you're reading this before **November 11**, some tickets may still remain for Blue Moon Marquee (featured in last month's *Voice*), so you might want to order tickets for that show at the same time. Tickets are available online at portludlowperformingarts.com for \$35 each, or you can order by mail to P.O. Box 65210, Port Ludlow, WA, 98365.

Here's why you might not want to wait to order tickets: PLPA's "champagne opener" on October 1 (free champagne to the audience) featured a gifted trio, The Sweet Remains, and not only was it sold out, but it had a waiting list and PLPA had to turn people away. Attendees came from as far away as Connecticut and Las Vegas.

But getting back to the **December 10** holiday show: Backtrack Vocals is a five-person a cappella group from New York City with a versatile repertoire that includes Top 40, Motown, classical, show tunes, original music, and more, but they are

especially well-suited to perform a holiday show: they made their motion-picture debut in *A Ring for Christmas*, a made-for-TV movie released in December 2020.

Backtrack Vocals got its start on YouTube in 2013, where the group has now amassed over 100,000 subscribers and 12 million views across their channel. They appeared on NBC, FOX, PBS, Steve Harvey's daytime show, and Broadway's *Kinky Boots*. They also won *New York's Got Talent* Season 6 in 2019.

While it might seem a challenge to perform without any instrumental backup, the five singers are known for their abilities to infuse heart and humor into every performance, as well as stunning harmonies and the beatboxing abilities of all members.

The group is comprised of Melissa Jordan, a singer, songwriter and managing member of Backtrack; Mike Hinkle, a former musical theater performer who studied at the Stella Adler Studio and the Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute; Chrissy Aloiso, Assistant Music Director and featured soloist of the group; Craig Simonetti, Backtrack's music director, chief arranger, beatboxer, and former voice teacher at Berklee College of Music in Boston; and Xander Teplansky, who has performed with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and New York Philharmonic, among others.

So it looks like PLPA's choices are paying off in highly talented, award-winning musical artists.

The *Voice* asked board member Gregg Patton how Port Ludlow Performing Arts selects the artists they invite to become part of their annual six-concert season. He said it begins with a select committee that attends an annual event called the Arts Northwest Conference. This year's conference was in Tacoma.

"Over three nights, about 30 different acts perform 15-minute sets for musical organizations like PLPA throughout the Pacific Northwest," he said. "There also are numerous other acts who are available during the day to talk about themselves, maybe even give an impromptu sample of their work. Also, during the days, there are agents present to promote their performers, including acts that aren't present at the conference. It's a place where you can make initial contacts, check availability, and even work with nearby venues to block-book an act."

After the conference, the booking committee presents the performers they believe will appeal to Port Ludlow audiences to the PLPA Board of Directors for a final vote. Then the booking committee gets to work to book the performers for the new, six-concert season, beginning almost a year in advance. PLPA's board is a group of volunteers committed to bringing high-quality performers to Port Ludlow and is always looking for volunteers. You may talk to any of the board members or look for a sign-up sheet at any of the concerts.

Port Ludlow Art League

Artist of the Month – Brenda Barceló



Hidden Colors, by Brenda Barceló

Brenda finds drawing, specifically portrait drawing, to be very gratifying. Recently, Brenda’s creativity has been focused on capturing the world of dance, of which she’s a passionate and active participant. To capture shapes, lights, and shadows, Brenda put aside her charcoal and graphite instruments and has delved into silhouette painting using acrylics on black canvas.

During November, you can view Brenda’s artwork at the Sound Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org. A reception for Brenda is set for 4-5 p.m., **Wednesday, November 8**, in the lobby of the bank and 5-6 p.m. at the adjacent Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow.

The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.

Jeweler of the Month – Nancy Aikman

Nancy enjoys creating unique jewelry using beads and cabochons. A cabochon is a gemstone that has been shaped and polished instead of faceted. Nancy creates



Jewelry by Nancy Aikman.

Submitted photos

bezels around the cabochons with glass and semi-precious stones, using only high quality natural elements—nothing dyed or synthetic. Her goal is to complement and magnify the natural patterns and colors of the cabochons.

During November, Nancy’s jewelry will be on display at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery and at the Sound Community Bank. You can also view her jewelry online at portludlowart.org.

The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.

Art at the Bay Club - Cozy Colors



Along the Way, by Pamela Raine.

Submitted photo

During November and December, the Port Ludlow Bay Club’s art exhibit, *Cozy Colors*, will make you feel warm and cozy during the cold, shadowy days of winter.

The art exhibit is sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League. Be sure to stop by the Bay Club and vote for your favorite artwork.

As an added bonus, Ann Arscott’s artwork will be on display in the Bay Club’s lobby through January.

The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Lane in Port Ludlow. For more information on art exhibits at the Bay Club, please email Alan Ahtow at info@portludlowart.org.



Port Ludlow Art League—Get Creative

Share & Explore: Pastels – Friday, November 3, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Discover the vivid colors and forgiving nature of soft pastels. All supplies and instructions are provided so you can see if you'd like to invest in the supplies for this technique. To sign up for this hands-on, try-it session, please send email to info@portludlowart.org.

Acrylic Paint Class – Friday, November 10, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Bridge Deck



Winter Berries, by Shirley Bomgaars.

Submitted photo

Join us for a fun evening of painting with artist Shirley Bomgaars. The class provides all supplies and step-by-step instructions to complete the acrylic painting titled *Winter Berries*. To sign up for this class, please send email to info@portludlowart.org.

Holiday Art Fair at the Beach Club – Saturday, November 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Port Ludlow Beach Club will host the annual Holiday Art Fair sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League on **Saturday, November 25**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Enhance your holiday gift giving this season by selecting unique works of art from local artists. Shop for the perfect gift and avoid the crowds. Shop for jewelry, ceramics, woodwork, photography, paintings, stained glass, textiles, cards, books, and baskets. There will also be the opportunity to help raise funds for the Port Ludlow Art League Scholarship Fund that benefits Jefferson County schools and youth programs. The Beach Club is located at 121 Marina View Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, please visit portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Art League Program Meeting Speaker—Nonie Gaines



Artwork by Nonie Gaines.

Submitted photo

The Port Ludlow Art League is pleased to welcome Nonie Gaines as speaker for the November Program Meeting.

An award-winning groundbreaker in public school art education in Tucson, Arizona, Nonie is a recognized painter of surrealistic desert-inspired landscapes. Since moving to Port Townsend, Nonie has received accolades for her Wearable Art Show pieces, all the while continuing to create art in various media, including oil painting, mixed media assemblage, and pencil drawing.

Nonie currently teaches art classes at the Northwind Art School.

Nonie's fascination with the natural world is reflected in her finely detailed, colorful drawings. She combines both color and graphite pencil to recreate studies from her travels, encompassing them in an antiqued, hand-tooled metal border. This ancient metalworking technique is called Repoussé or repoussage. Malleable metal is shaped by tooling from both the front and the back to create a design in relief.

Nonie will demonstrate the process of Repoussé and provide all the necessary tools and supplies so that attendees will have the opportunity to try the technique.

The program meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 15** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Bay Club. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow. Guests are welcome to attend the meeting for a nominal fee of \$5. For more information, please visit portludlowart.org.

Holidays on the Bay with LVP

by Randy G. Powell, Artistic Director of LVP

Most of the warmest memories we have are of holiday celebrations in our own community. Ludlow Village Players (LVP) invite you to join us for “Holidays on The Bay” on Friday and Saturday, **November 17 and 18**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Beach Club. This is a fundraising Dessert Theater for our Performing Arts Scholarship Program. Local talent will perform Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Eve songs just for you. A holiday favorite reminds us *There’s No Place Like Home for The Holidays*, and we agree! Will Gerry and Kate sing *Baby, It’s Cold Outside?* You bet! An inspirational reading by The General from *White Christmas?* Sure. Maybe the Old Folks from last year’s “Broadway on the Bay” will share with us their New Year’s Eve plans. These and so much more.

This event will take place at the Beach Club at 6:30 p.m. each evening. Tickets are \$25 each and table seating is limited! Tickets go on sale **October 28** at brownpapertickets.com or contact me at LVPtheaternotes@gmail.com and reservations can be made.

We will open our 2024 season with “Nonsense” in April, and “Murdered to Death” in the fall. I would love to hear your thoughts on possible shows, any suggestions you might have, and I invite you to join us in a volunteer capacity, either onstage or backstage. Just email LVPtheaternotes@gmail.com.

RainShadow Chorale Concerts

RainShadow Chorale’s fall concerts, *Choose Something Like a Star*, highlight the music of *Frostiana*, a suite of songs based on the poetry of Robert Frost.

Performances are set for **Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5**, at 3 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 1111 Franklin Street in Port Townsend. Tickets are available at the door for a suggested donation of \$20 for adults, \$10 for students (or pay as able).

Laurie de Leonne, RainShadow’s artistic director who is now in her second season with the group, called *Choose Something Like a Star* by composer Randall Thompson the crown jewel of the program. She has chosen a lineup of American art songs from the early and mid-20th century.

“I have a passion for American music,” she said. “The 20th century was a time when we developed our own choral voice and created a body of repertoire that we own.” For *Frostiana*, the chorale will divide into two choirs and circle the audience from the church’s outer aisles, creating an immersive experience. DeLeonne praised the acoustics at First Presbyterian, which she said will enhance the choral sound.

Thompson’s composition is a collection of songs written in 1959 to celebrate the bicentennial of the town of Amherst, Massachusetts. Frost, a New Englander widely known for his spare verse, was present at the premiere of the work, and after hearing *Choose Something Like a Star*, the final song, he called out and asked that it be repeated.

Rounding out her program, de Leonne has selected a group of songs that illustrate the variety of the American musical canon and the composers who created it. The sprightly spiritual *I Got Shoes*, set for the concert stage as modeled by the Fisk University Jubilee Singers, contrasts with *A Jubilant Song* by Norman Dello Joio and *The Promise of Living* by Aaron Copland. Other selections include pieces by Leonard Bernstein, Libby Larson, and Irving Gifford Fine.

Collaborative pianist Lisa Lanza of Port Townsend is also featured throughout the program. RainShadow Chorale is an auditioned 42-member SATB chorus. For additional information, visit rainshadowchorale.org or call (360) 379-3458.

Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair

The Port Townsend Arts Guild brings back the 31st Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair at the Port Townsend Community Center on **Friday, November 24**, and **Saturday, November 25**. The Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair displays fine quality handmade year-round craftwork from Northwest artists on three floors. The hours of the fair are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

The Port Townsend Community Center is located at 620 Tyler Street at the intersection of Lawrence and Tyler Streets in the Uptown district. Port Townsend Arts Guild, a self-supporting non-profit arts organization for over 50 years, offers arts scholarships to Jefferson County students majoring in the arts. Five percent of every sale is donated to the Jefferson County Food Bank, as we have done for the past 31 years. In 2018, we raised \$3400 for the local food bank, and in 2019, \$3600 was raised. The fair was not held in 2020 or 2021 due to Covid.

Key City Public Theatre

KCPT premieres *What the Dickens?!*, written by Doug Given with additional material by David H. Schroeder. Deck the halls and get into the holiday spirit because we have something truly special in store for you. This hilarious holiday hodgepodge of humbug and huffer-mugger is sure to delight audiences. Shenanigans ensue as infamous business partners Scrooge and Marley now run a vaudeville theatre in this new comedy.



Doug Given.

Submitted photo

The show runs **November 30 - December 23**, Thursdays through Saturdays at 7 p.m., Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

Pay What You Wish performance is November 30. New: A block of pay-what-you-wish seats are now available at EVERY main-stage show, plus special discounted family performances and free tickets for Jefferson County students. Single ticket buyers, visit keycitypublictheatre.org/dickens. Season Tickets are also available to purchase online. More information, call the box office: 360-385-KCPT.

Northwind Art School



Dr. Monica Dixon was a participant in a silk painting course at Northwind Art School earlier this year; two more silk art classes, "Wearable Art: A Silk Journey," and "Make a Zip-it-up Bag," are offered during the coming season.

Photo courtesy of Northwind Art

Northwind Art School in Port Townsend is offering 30 new classes at its Fort Worden State Park campus. All of the offerings are listed with teacher bios on the Courses page at NorthwindArt.org.

Here's a sampling.

- Open Sew and Quilt studio with Barbara Ramsey, first Sunday of the month
- Wreaths and Cards with Emmy Gran and Suzanne Lamon, **Sunday, November 26;**
- Transparency Stars with Meg Kaczyk, **Thursday, November 30;**
- Collage Holiday Cards & Gift Tags with Anne Schneider;
- Itajime Shibori (Japanese fabric dyeing) with Diana Gipson, **Saturday and Sunday, December 9-10;**
- Mindfulness Practices for Artmaking with Meg Kaczyk, **Thursday, January 4.**

Along with the activities at Northwind Art School, downtown Port Townsend's Jeanette Best Gallery promises a fresh exhibition. "Small Expressions," a celebration of small works by

regional artists, opens **Saturday, November 4** and continues through December. It's a show open to all types of media—from photography to jewelry—and is designed to encourage local-art buying throughout the holiday season. Each piece is no larger than 16 inches in any direction. Jeanette Best Gallery, 701 Water Street in Port Townsend, is open noon to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays. The artwork at the gallery can also be explored on the Exhibits page at NorthwindArt.org.

"Small Expressions" is such a dazzling variety of art. In its 22nd year, the show is a Northwind tradition that connects artists and art lovers.

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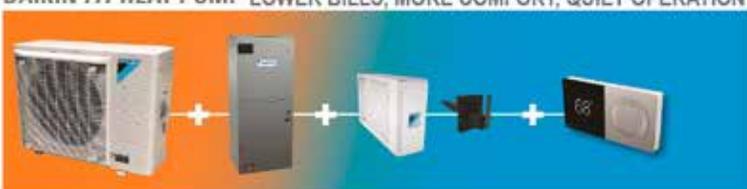


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Bay Club / South Bay

South Bay Community Association Update

by Christine Spagle, President, SBCA Board of Directors

As I sit here typing, I'm momentarily distracted by the trees outside the window—the maples are turning yellow, orange, and red, and I'm suddenly reminded that fall is here (finally!) and the end of the year will be here before I know it. And *that* thought conjures up visions of...turkey and holiday spirit. Speaking of holiday spirit, the SBCA Activities Committee has planned some fun member events for November and December. **November 10** we're planning a Salmon Feast with all the trimmings and **December 8** is the Holiday Gala, both should be fun as well as "spirited" events. Watch for member e-blasts with additional information about those events.

We had two terrific and informative presentations in late September and early October that were open to the entire community. September 28 our own Peggy Thuotte and Managing Director Mike Payne gave a talk about the origins and philosophy of the Port Townsend Aero Museum. Peggy and her late husband Jerry founded the museum starting with bare dirt and with perseverance, hard work, bake and rummage sales, and donations from folks who believed in their concept created most of what is there today. Mike as current Managing Director continues the great work started by Peggy and Jerry. The focus on kids—teaching responsibility, commitment, team-work and practical skills—is amazing. Take a short drive to the airport and visit the museum, you'll be glad you did.

On October 6 David Brownell, Executive Director of the North Olympic History Center, was at the Bay Club with a presentation about "Old Patsey's Potlatch" that occurred July 4, 1891, in Port Hadlock. David is incredibly knowledgeable about local First Nations history and is a skilled presenter, bringing history alive for the audience. The North Olympic History Center has an education arm that has interesting events such as tours of historic (and underground) Port Angeles, nature walks at Indian Island, and history of the Dungeness River railroad trestle bridge.

In a prior article I mentioned the Board is continuing to explore improvements to the area behind the Bay Club, including remediation of some drainage issues and expanding event space behind the Great Room to allow for more year-round use. The Facilities Committee is taking the lead on that project, and I've no doubt we will have an additional Town Hall seeking more member input.

SBCA Important Dates

**Monthly Board Meeting
Thursday, November 9, 9:30 a.m.**

Unless there are changes to county requirements, meetings are in-person.
All SBCA members are welcome.

To keep informed of meeting dates and times,
please visit sbca.club/home/schedule-sbca

Committee meetings minutes are posted at
sbca.club, then click on Board Minutes page

The October Communique from the Health and Fitness Committee has interesting information about the Vagus Nerve. And the monthly presentations by Dr. Michael Haberpointner, DPT, on proper use of the various exercise/fitness equipment at the Bay Club continue. Watch your e-blasts for the monthly Communique which will have fitness/health news and dates for Dr. Haberpointner's sessions.

And last, but definitely not least, a big thank you to all those who volunteer for committees and events at SBCA (and the community in general), and to those who have recently stepped forward to serve on SBCA committees. We still need folks to help out, even if just for a specific event (as I mentioned earlier, the holidays are almost upon us, and the Great Room needs decorating!) Contact GM Mark Torres if you'd like to help out.

A Happy Thanksgiving to all.

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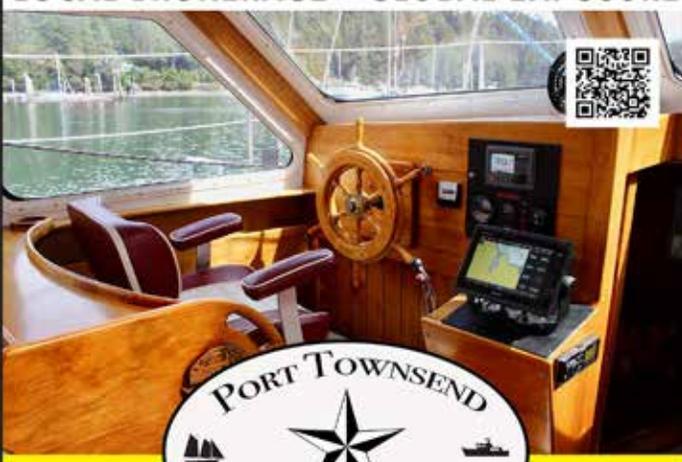
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Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

'Tis the budget season.

The Finance Committee and I have been working on the 2024 budget and will soon be presenting it to the LMC Board of Trustees for their review. Once the Board adopts the budget later this month, our staff will prepare the assessment notice and budget summary that will be mailed to our membership in December. Included in that mailing will be voting information so that LMC members can vote on the Board-adopted budget at the December 21 budget ratification meeting. The actual assessment amount for 2024 has not been set by the LMC Board of Trustees at this time.

In 2024 there will be a couple of changes implemented that we hope will benefit our members. The first change is that our members will be able to use their credit card to pay their LMC assessments beginning in 2024. Our website developer is helping us with this so that our members can start using this feature beginning in January. Eventually we will expand this service to allow groups renting our meeting rooms to pay the room charges using credit cards, but the added feature is still probably several months away from being started.

The other change that our members will see in 2024 is LMC's move from annual assessments to semi-annual assessments. By making this change we hope to lessen the financial pinch that our members experience in January of each year. Under the new structure the annual assessment will be split so that half of the assessment will be due on January 15 and the second half will be due on July 15. We still need to work out some of the logistics on how this will work and when the assessment notices will be sent, but I wanted our members to know in advance that this change is coming.

I would also like to remind our North Bay members that LMC sends out our monthly e-Navigator newsletter electronically on or about the first of each month. If you are an LMC member and haven't been receiving the e-Navigator, send me an email and we will add you to our group list. The newsletter is another way of staying abreast of events and news specific to the LMC and the Beach Club.

As always, if you have questions or comments about this article or the on-going work at the Beach Club, I can be reached at 360-437-9201 or by email at GM@LMCBeachClub.org.

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PLVC Annual Members Meeting Summary

by Adina Rivers, PLVC Secretary

Board members attending the October 5 meeting: Dave McDearmid, Tam McDearmid, Paul Hinton, Jennifer Forsberg, Dave Jurca, Jane Holmes, and Adina Rivers (Interim). Randy Edwards was absent.

Board Business:

Approved Minutes of Members Meeting, October 6, 2022.

The 2023 Members Meeting minutes will be posted to the website and available for review, with approval taken at next year's Members meeting on October 3, 2024.

Financial Report - Paul Hinton, Treasurer, presented the financial report for the FY October 2022 - September 2023 with an ending balance of \$5,473. Reiterated that we need more community donations.

President's Message - Dave McDearmid, President, reported "it has been a challenging but rewarding year. We had financial challenges, experienced personnel turnover, and handled issues of community interest and concern. We resumed in-person meetings and addressed those issues in our committees. We appreciate your participation, which is crucial for our success. Whether it's in hours or dollars, your support matters. We encourage you to engage with the Council and participate in committees or the board. Thank you to all voting members, board members, and committee members for their unwavering support in our mission to protect, preserve, promote, and unify the Port Ludlow community. The council wishes to acknowledge and give thanks to the 172 volunteers on our 2023 Honor Roll."

Committee Reports for the 2022 - 2023 Fiscal Year:

Administration - Tamra McDearmid, Chair, informed us that this committee is responsible to maintain all PLVC legal documents yearly. This year, we have transitioned to Online Voting to save a significant amount of money. The Bylaws were revised and approved by the Board at the June meeting, specifically to add online voting. The voting process started in mid-summer and will officially conclude at this meeting, where the election results will be announced. The reason we opted for online voting is the cost of paper, printing, and postage is relatively high and not feasible to have in the budget. Therefore, this committee and our webmaster diligently ensured that we had the necessary applications for online voting. We are grateful for all the donations received towards this cause.

Communications Committee – Dave McDearmid shared that this committee oversees disseminating information and promoting public interest in our community. The PLVC serves as the main liaison with county agencies and frequently works together to disseminate county notices to the community. The most notable achievement this year was the successful launch of a well-organized and user-friendly website that includes a secure

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting
Thursday, November 2
 3 p.m., Beach Club

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donation feature. E-blasts are distributed to more than 1,000 email addresses and are opened by approximately 50% of the recipients. Monthly board meeting summaries are published in the *Voice*, and on the PLVC website, which provides a link for community members to review.

Community Development Committee - Dave McDearmid, Chair, reported the committee strives to tackle the issues that matter to Port Ludlow residents while fostering positive connections with elected officials, their staff, and neighboring land-owners. The central objective is to ensure the sustainability of our MPR and support the growth of the community.

Community Opportunity Fair Committee - Tamra McDearmid, Board Liaison, shared that during July or August in even-numbered years, the Bay Club in Port Ludlow hosts the Community Opportunity Fair, a highly anticipated event that showcases up to 100 clubs and groups in the community. Although the fair is open to everyone, it is primarily geared towards new residents, with 60% of the 2022 attendees falling into this category. The event takes place both indoors, with booths set up in the auditorium, and outdoors on the terrace. Last year, there were 78 groups in attendance. This committee is responsible for organizing the fair and is aiming to match that number in 2024. During the event, new members are offered passports, while raffle tickets are sold to other attendees. The fair was a resounding success in the previous year, drawing a crowd of over 350 individuals. In hopes of replicating this success, the committee is planning to provide live music and food for attendees to enjoy.

Emergency Management Committee - Bill Dean, Chair, reported during the past year, emergency management has been a significant focus, as demonstrated by the Great Washington Shakeout held in October. This year's event will take place on October 19, and we anticipate a high level of participation from the community. All Block Captains were actively involved last year, and we continue to operate in an outpost situation in Port Ludlow. The county is currently transitioning to the HUB concept for emergency management, which will become a standard program throughout the community. We have been working to strengthen the Block Captain activation program. Furthermore, the LMC has established an emergency preparedness committee to enhance coordination efforts. LMC has continued to deliver

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events that the community relies on. A proposal was made to merge the two organizations, and members of both committees will collaborate on this initiative in the coming year.

Maritime Committee - Phil Otnes, Chair, advised it is essential to prioritize safety while enjoying the amenities at the marina, especially now that we have made it through the Covid pandemic. Thus, it is imperative to follow the anchorage rules and maintain a maximum speed of 5 mph in the No Wake Zone control area. With the increasing number of boats on the water, adhering to these regulations is crucial to ensure everyone's safety.

Trails and Natural Resources Committee - Larry Scott, Chair, presented an overview of the projects completed in 2022-2023. The committee has secured a grant to produce maps, install seating, and erect signs for a new trail. Additionally, the committee is working on the re-identification project for the Port Ludlow Cemetery. The volunteers have diligently worked on the trails and contributed a total of 1,943 hours from October 2022 through September 2023. According to data from *independentsector.org*, volunteer hours in Washington state surpass the national average at 3,180 hours. The total estimated volunteer value is over \$61K and this does not factor in the steward observation or meeting times that they have attended. We recognize the immense value of our volunteers, and their efforts are highly appreciated.

Utilities Committee - Dave Jurca, Interim Chair, said the committee's focus should be on managing electric, water, sewer, and stormwater systems. While some individuals may not be using the recycling facility correctly, the community should prioritize improving the facility rather than solely blaming citizens for leaving the Recycling Center untidy. Recently, Waste and Disposal reported a rate increase, the first in over twelve years. An ad hoc OWSI rate increase committee was formed by the board, and a meeting with the Washington Utilities and Transportation (UTC) Commission was scheduled for April. However, the requested information from OWSI was not provided, and the meeting was postponed until June. The ad hoc committee submitted a Petition to Intervene as a party in the proceedings and provided comments, which were granted by the commission's request.

Election Results:

This year, a total of 1,724 postcards were mailed out to the community. The response of the community decreased from 27.1% in 2021 to 23.4% in 2022 then to 11.8% this year, possibly due to the shift to online voting. Only 2% of the links were opened out of the last ten e-blasts. The Village Council received 211 ballots, and 203 were submitted online, constituting a quorum. Adina Rivers, Jason Wright, and John Goldberg were elected as directors, and Paul Hinton was re-elected to the Port Ludlow Village Council for a term ending in October 2025.

Acknowledgements:

Jane Holmes for her many contributions to the Village Council, including bringing the Volkswalk events to Port Ludlow. **Tom Sprandel** for his technical expertise in developing the new website and online voting program. **Bill and Chris Dean** for

their many contributions throughout the years. They are moving to Houston and received a special gift from the Three Amigos. **Dave McDermid** for his many contributions to the community. He has served as PLVC President, chair of the Community Development and Holiday Lights committees, and serves as a member of the Administration committee.

PLVC Executive Board Meeting

The PLVC Executive Board Meeting was held on October 5. Board members attending: Tam McDermid, Paul Hinton, Jennifer Forsberg, Dave Jurca, John Goldwood, Jason Wright, Adina Rivers, and Carol Prisson-Reed. Randy Edwards was absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect PLVC officers for the fiscal year of October 2023 through September 2024.

The elected officers are:

President: Jason Wright

Vice-President: Tam McDermid

Treasurer: Jennifer Forsberg

Secretary: Adina Rivers

Village Council Needs Your Help

by Paul Hinton, PLVC Treasurer

The streets were nearly empty. Many shops closed. A few brave souls huddled outside under tents, marginally warmed by gas heaters, to support local restaurants.

The impacts of Covid are still not resolved even after shedding our masks and returning to public life. Except, we haven't returned to public life.

Across our nation, volunteer organizations like the Port Ludlow Village Council are witnessing a severe decrease in participation and financial support. It seems the virus that damaged tissue also damaged our sense of community.

Our recent election is a prime example. Donations were half of their past levels. Participation in the election and donations were the lowest in our history. This is not sustainable.

Your Village Council monitors all applications to the DNR for timber harvesting permits in the Port Ludlow area as well as applications to the UTC for utility rate increases. The Council maintains the trails throughout our community, including \$1000 in annual support, and the required liability insurance. The Council also maintains an email notification system to provide important information to our community which in turn supports and improves our emergency management response capability. Our elected volunteers also maintain a continuing and constructive relationship with local government and support the *Voice* with annual donations of \$2400, which needs to increase.

These are vital services. We need help! Please go to our website at *plvc.org*, click on the secure donate button, and support this work and your community. You may also donate by check mailed to PO Box 65012, Port Ludlow. Donations made to the Port Ludlow Village Council, a 501(c)(3) organization, may be eligible for Federal tax deduction. Thank you for your support.

Recreation & Sports

Bunker Play 101

by Jim Mancill, PGA Head Professional, Port Ludlow GC



Fall is here and for all of us, getting out to hit balls depends on the weather and sometimes even the wind. One place to head on those less than great practice or play days is the practice bunker. The sand can be raked to create the conditions you want, and you'll be out of the wind as well.

So what is the secret to bunker play? No secret, just using the right club the correct way. Grab your SW and let's get to it. Let's look at the basics:

- Square stance
- Open clubface

- Shaft vertical not leaning at target
- Feet wide
- Ball positions just to the left of middle (for left handers, just right of center)
- Hands LOW
- Weight on front foot

The goal is to impact the sand 1-2 inches behind the ball with a descending strike and an accelerating follow thru. Don't be afraid to hinge the wrists on the backswing and try to create a "V" like swing. Let the bounce of your SW hit first and listen for a thump when done correctly.

As with most shots from around the green, the most common mistakes that lead to inconstant bunker shots are:

- Playing the ball too far back in the stance
- Standing to "tall" with hands to "high"
- De-accelerating at impact
- Leaning back or away from target and trying to "lift" the ball

Go try it out and see how easy it is! See you on the trails.

Niners' News

by Kathy Traci, Niners' Publicity Chairperson

The Niners' Captain Cup winners were announced at the October Awards Banquet. Linda Aho was the ladies' Captain Cup winner and Dave Aho was the men's. The scores on three specific days during the season were accumulated, and the winners turned in the lowest total net scores. Most Improved Niners were Sharon Russell and Mike Burke. Eclectic winners for the 2023 season will be announced in the spring 2024 article because it is too close to call right now.

The following members shot birdies this season: Tim Landess, Linda Bloemeke, Linda Aho, Doug Durasoff, Steve McDaniel, Pat Traci, Ken Avicola, David Aho, Sharon Russell, Ed Berthiaume, Ann Nugent, and Mike Burke. David Aho was the only Niner who got an eagle in the 2023 season.

The end of the season banquet was enjoyed by all. Niners' Captain Barb Burke was presented with a gift of appreciation from the Niners' League members.

Off-season casual play opportunities will be emailed to interested league members via Golf Genius. Members need to contact Linda Haskin to receive these weekly golf invitations. Non-members who wish to play with the Port Ludlow Women's leagues in the off-season need to contact the PLGC pro shop. PLGC membership is not a requirement for casual play.

PLWGA News

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA Publicity Chairperson



Northern Lights Team, winner of the All-Star Cup.

Photo by Grace Allen

The Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association (PLWGA) announced the 2023 Winners at their November awards luncheon. The results for the season's Birdies Tally, as of September 27, were as follows: Lucinda Thompson (9 birdies), Debi Bozanich (7 birdies), Mandy Whipple (4 birdies), Bonnie Vahcic (3 birdies), Sue Fechner (2 birdies), Linda Aho (1 birdie), Meryl Friedman (1 birdie), Peggy Selby (1 birdie), Shayna Worley (1 birdie), Turney Oswald (1 birdie), and Sheila Schoen (1 birdie). There was a total of 31 birdies for the 2023 season.

Sharon Russell was honored for her "Hole in One" on August 21 on hole No. 14. Sharon also received an award for breaking 100. Mandy Whipple was crowned the PLWGA Club Champion and Linda Haskin was crowned the Captain's Cup Club Champion.

The Spring Eclectic winners were as follows: Low Gross winner was Debi Bozanich; Low Net, Flight 1 winner was Sue Fechner; and Low Net, Flight 2 winner was Linda Aho. The Summer Eclectic winners were as follows: Low Gross winner was Lucinda Thompson; Low Net, Flight 1 winner was Caryl Oros; and Low Net, Flight 2 winner was Elaine Raymond. Most Improved PLWGA golfer of the 2023 season was Elaine Raymond.

The Northern Lights won the All-Star Cup Tournament. Better luck to the Shooting Stars next year! The Ryder Cup Tournament was enjoyed by all men and women league members who participated. Lucinda Thompson, Linda Aho, and David Aho were the only participants who won all three of their Ryder Cup matches.

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Port Ludlow Hiking Club

by John Nuereberg, Hiking Club

Unless otherwise noted, hikers meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:15 a.m. to get directions to the trailheads, arrange carpools, and depart at 8:30 a.m. Those on the hiking email roster receive an update the week of a scheduled outing. If you would like to be added to the email roster, send a note to plhikingclub@yahoo.com, or go to the club's website—portludlowhikingclub.com and click on Contact to send a message. Anyone may join in the hikes; you don't have to be a member of the email roster or club.

Friday, November 10 – South Ridge Mt. Zion

Moderate to difficult hike, 5.5 miles roundtrip loop trail, 2,000 feet elevation gain. Trail starts at Deadfall trail #849 (no toilet). After very steep first 5/8 mile of Deadfall trail, grade becomes much more civilized. One mile in, a shortcut has been discovered following a decade's lost trail section. Trail is still primitive to some extent; however, it's clearly marked with gentle hiking. Along the South Ridge loop are three unexpected long-lost views from the old and mostly level trail sections. Beautiful 180-degree views of Mount Townsend, Tyler Peak, but also sweeping South towards Mt Rainier, Hood Canal, and Seattle. National Park Pass required for parking. Hike leader: Ken Nelsen, 206-369-3561.

Friday, November 24 - Local Trails

Walk off a few of those calories before more come on with the holidays! Take advantage of some of the local trails in Port Ludlow by meeting up with fellow hikers to determine which trail(s) would make a great hike. Gather at 8:15 a.m. per usual and start walking/driving to trailhead at 8:30 a.m. Hike leader: Self-led.

Wednesdays: Timberton Loop. Walk the 4.2-mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains. This is a no-leader hike. Meet other walkers at the parking lot trailhead on Timberton Drive at 9 a.m.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday - 8 a.m. Join the "Trail Club Group" that meets at the golf club parking lot for a self-led walk on the abandoned golf cart path trail or other alternative route.

For more hiking information, map of the Port Ludlow Trails and descriptions and pictures of previous hikes and other destinations, go to portludlowhikingclub.com.

Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair



Timberton to ABT crew (L to R) Neil Vroegop, Doug Huber, Denny Schuch, Chris Wheatley.

Photo by Larry Scott

WHAT? Another trail in Port Ludlow? Oh, yeah, just what we need. Well, okay, maybe we don't "NEED" another trail besides the long-promised McCormick Loop and McCormick Rail Trail, but Trails has always had the philosophy of trying to maximize the hiking potential of any green belt available. Hence, the new route I mentioned in last month's *Voice*. Okay, technically it is not a "named" trail; it is what we call a "connector" between two named trails. This Timberton-ABT connector has two access points on Upper Timberton and follows an old road, rounding a retention pond near Paradise Bay Road at Spinnaker, and thus connecting to the ABT (or the Bay Club). This long-existing road was generously approved for Trails' development and inclusion by the Timberton HOA.

On October 5, Trails did its annual report to the PLVC Board. Part of that presentation included a dollar value of hours logged for the year times the national average for volunteer hours as established by *IndependentSector.org* (independentsector.org/resource/value-of-volunteer-time). This reporting year came to \$61,795 worth of volunteer hours by Trails. Not too bad a return on a \$1,000 investment from four entities.

What's next? We will be going back to McCormick Loop and McCormick Rail Trail. In fact, we restarted in October. However, the completion date has drifted into 2024 due to some unforeseen issues.

Like to help? Send me an email at mclgscott@cablespeed.com. "Let's Keep Improving our Trails."

Setting Course for the New Season

by Greg Buscher, PLYC Communication Officer

Summer sailed away, chased by fall, but it's not time to batten down the hatches yet. There is always work to do and fun to be had. Recently, a group of members teamed up for Fall Cleanup Day at the Wreck Room. A half-day of leaf blowing, power washing, cleaning planters, and trimming wayward plants made a terrific difference.

The PLYC Nominating Committee just announced incoming officers and administrators for 2024. Congratulations to incoming Commodore Ken Emmes, Vice Commodore Dale Blackburn, and Rear Commodore Rob Hamilton. We look forward to their leadership and energy!

Still lots going on as we drift toward winter: Sip, Pour, and Paint was a hit, and the Port Gamble Theatre Event is booked solid. Pizza Night sold out, and a full slate of golfers is expected for the club's annual "championship," followed by a burger bash on the deck. As this is written, game nights, a Halloween Party, Friendsgiving, and the Change of Watch Ball are stand-out events in the weeks ahead. Come and join us!

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