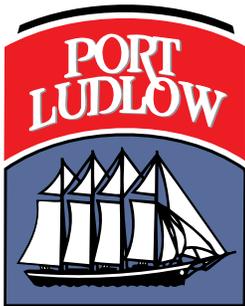


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Liana Forest at the piano.
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Rumors Fly, Ludlow Players Production.
Photo by Amy Girard

Feature Articles

From the Editor's Keyboard

by Beverly Browne, Managing Editor



Back in 2008 it seemed like a long, impossible road, but on **April 1**, the Public Utility District (PUD) will begin distributing power to East Jefferson County. Given that this is April Fool's Day, one might ask, what were they thinking? Wouldn't waiting a day make a more positive statement? Still it is true, and the transfer from Puget

Sound Energy (PSE) to the PUD is amicable according to all reports.

Voters approved severing the nearly 100-year relationship with PSE in 2008. The vote followed a particularly hard winter storm with heavy snowfall and fallen trees. Port Ludlow shivered for a long four days before power was restored to homes and businesses. Questions arose about the vulnerable population, which relies on electrical power for heat and to operate necessary medical equipment. Residents asked why the process took so long and why Port Ludlow was so low on the list of PSE's priorities. A ground swell centered among chilly residents huddled over hot cups of coffee developed. The rest is history.

To PSE's credit, the company stepped up improvement of the system and we haven't had a similar experience since the big snow. Nevertheless, voters were swayed by the promise of lower rates from the Bonneville Power Administration if the public utility was established. PSE will install a new circuit that will run from the Port Ludlow Station to the substation in Shine. They will also be disconnected from the PSE undersea cables at the Hood Canal Bridge.

The rates will depend on the interest levied on the \$115 million loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Representatives of the other PUDs will help the fledgling organization with rate setting. The PUD is hiring. Its staff is expected to increase to about 30 mostly local people to run the system. PSE will receive \$103 million for its electrical system. We are told to expect a seamless transition. Let's hope so.

Any opinions in this editorial are the author's. Send comments to the editor. Letters regarding this or any other article in the Voice will be posted on the website, plvoice.org.

The Easter Chicken

by Mary Kletti, Contributing Writer

As a child, this writer would bounce out of bed on Easter morning and begin searching the house for colored eggs and a basket (hopefully with lots of chocolate and no black jelly beans) left by the Easter Bunny. There were always 12 hard-boiled eggs hidden, and usually only 11 would be found, the last turning up several weeks later when we could find it with our noses!

But wait a minute! How is it that it's a bunny that hides eggs? Does he steal them from the Easter Chicken?

The Easter Hare emerged in Germany in the 1500s. Two hundred years later, the Germans brought the tradition to Pennsylvania. On the night before Easter, little boys and girls would make nests in their caps and bonnets and leave them in protected areas outside, in hopes that the Easter Hare would lay colorful eggs in the nest for them to find in the morning. (So there's the confusion—a rabbit doesn't lay eggs; a chicken lays eggs.)

By the nineteenth century, the Easter Hare transformed into the Easter Rabbit and later into the Easter Bunny. But it wasn't until after the Civil War that Easter was widely adopted in the United States.

If we bring symbolism into it, both the bunny and the egg are potent symbols of fertility, rebirth and regeneration. The emergence of the chick from the egg represents the re-emergence of life after the winter. Spring has finally arrived and it is time to give thanks. In the Christian religion, the hatching of the chick is seen as a metaphor for the resurrection of Jesus. The chick breaking out of its shell is often related to the rolling away of the stone from in front of the tomb of Jesus on Easter morning.

In spite of all this, the Easter Bunny has retained his place as the provider of dyed Easter eggs and chocolate Easter eggs, as well as a host of other delectable treats. In fact, various solid and hollow reproductions of the Easter Bunny himself show up in baskets all over the world—laid there by humans, not chickens. But as a reminder from the Easter Chicken, don't forget the Marshmallow Peeps!

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What's That Growing on the Side of the Road?

by Judy Arnold, Contributing Writer

The answer depends upon the season. Those hearty and early volunteers of spring make that time of the year my favorite. Just about in tandem with the arrival of all those seed catalogs, the first very tiny swelling of future buds begins.

One of the first to appear is the Indian Plum. This medium-tall deciduous shrub forms greenish-white, five-petal flowers usually before the pale green leaves burst forth. The bitter fruit, small and blue-black, is edible. The native people of the Salish Sea enjoyed them fresh with plenty of Oolichan Grease.

Salmonberries with their pink to red blossoms bloom early too. These berries were a part of the May-June diet of these tribes.

The blackberry, including all of its forms, sends out new leaf buds all along the lengthy canes and is more or less evergreen. The non-native Himalayan Berry is prolific, forming dense, impenetrable thickets. Blackberry picking by the side of the road is one of the benefits of living in the Pacific Northwest. The elusive trailing native blackberry is not as easy to spot as it creeps along the ground looking for a sunny spot.

Another roadside star is the six- to seven-foot-tall Ocean Spray or "Iron Wood" as native people called it. It was used for bows and arrows, digging sticks and fish hooks as it was so strong. Flower clusters of this shrub turn brown in winter, but remain on the stems. Huckleberries join blackberries in the season's bounty. The tart berries seek the sun to ripen.

One of my favorite late season shrubs is the Nootka Rose. It buds to life in the spring and, as the weather warms, the sweet and distinct fragrance comes from leaves and dark pink flowers. There is a large patch of these by our totem pole near the harbor. Beautiful red-orange hips form on these roses in the fall.

Other late starters are Queen Anne's Lace, Sea-Watch and Cow Parsnip. These members of the "Carrot" family have flat umbrella-like flower clusters on two-foot stems.

Bracken Ferns and Sword Ferns are prevalent along most of our roads, along with Salal. Bracken fronds become straw colored during the cold months and eventually desiccate. Sword Ferns keep their fronds from year to year. Just by sheer numbers, the variety of grasses growing along the roads is extensive. When colder months arrive, I take joy in the waxy white berries which remain on the Common Snowberry. Birds do nature's bidding and drop seeds of

the brilliant red-berried Cotoneaster here and there. These are a welcome sight in winter.

These are just a few of Mother Nature's miracles growing near our roads. To learn more about the amazing variety, consult *Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast*, compiled and edited by Jim Pojar and Andy MacKinnon.

Telling the Story of Your Life

by Karen Griffith, Guest Writer

As we age and feel the first hints of our own mortality, most of us think of writing our life story for our children and grandchildren. But it seems like such a daunting task. There's so much preparation. We have to locate long-lost documents and dates. And then there are the photos, so many to go through and so many without dates and names. Finally, we must decide where we should start, which events to use and how much detail to include.

It's easy to just put it off. But there are so many resources available to us today. Websites abound with writing tips and outlines. Good ones are: www.yourlifeisyourstory.com and www.tellourlifestories.com. There is also a writer's retreat in April called "Authoring Your Life" (www.wisdomwalkproductions.com) taught by best-selling author Joan Borysenko. For more information, call Valeria Vogt at 437-4055.

Most of our computers have programs, such as Windows Media Player, that allow us to put our photos into a slide show. Many of us have all-in-one printers which enable us to scan our photos and documents and organize them into decades or family groups or vacations and hobbies.

A writing group was recently formed right here in Port Ludlow led by Bev Nelson and Barbara Berthiaume. Open to people who want help and support with their legacy writing efforts, it meets every Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Community Church. Contact Bev Nelson at 437-0762 for details.

Another important part of your legacy is leaving behind your voice. Imagine being able to hear your grandmother's voice, telling stories of her childhood. Working with a memory catcher can make recording your life story an effortless process. It is as easy as sitting down with an old friend, leading you through your life with evocative questions, capturing your voice for the ages on a compact disc. To learn more, call Karen Griffith at 437-2156.

However you choose to tackle your story, remember everyone has a story to tell. If no record is made of it, eventually the story is lost forever.

Local Resources for Older Persons

by Mitzi Sturzu, MA, LMHCA, LMFTA Port Ludlow Counseling

Older people who need assistance locating resources and counseling for themselves or their aging parents can find valuable resources locally in Jefferson and Kitsap Counties.

One place to start is the Department of Aging and Disability Services in Port Townsend, located at 915 Sheridan Street, Suite 202, 385-2552. It can also be accessed on the web. Its Senior Information Service will provide names and addresses of available independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing and memory disorder facilities in the Port Townsend area. There is legal advice available by scheduling a free appointment at the department with an attorney from Port Townsend specializing in Elder Law.

In Kitsap County, the Department of Home and Community Services is located in Port Orchard at 1026 Sydney Ave., Suite 105, 337-5700. It has a specialist in aging and long-term care resources on staff. Kitsap County has a host of living options available at locations on Bainbridge Island, Poulsbo, Silverdale, Bremerton and Port Orchard.

The steps required to decide on the facility that will fit the needs of a particular client are outlined for the client, whether it be independent living, adult family homes, assisted living, skilled nursing or memory disorder facilities. There are different programs available to assist in this process, along with programs available to help seniors stay in their own homes as long as possible.

There is information about guardianships and powers of attorney, which are sometimes needed in the event a person is unable to make decisions on their own. The basic laws about powers of attorney can be found in Chapter 11.94 of the Revised Code of Washington. You can find it on the internet at www.leg.wa.gov by selecting "Laws and Agency Rules."

The Department of Social and Health Services also has a pamphlet entitled *Your Legal Right to Make Decisions about Health Care and Advance Directives in Washington*, available on its web site at www.aasa.dshs.wa.gov/Library/publications.

Information about Medicaid for nursing home residents and about Washington's COPES program for long-term care outside of nursing homes is also available there and at www.WashingtonLawHelp.org. Select "Aging/Elder Law" and then "long-term care assistance."

Food Allergy Awareness

by Autumn Pappas, Contributing Writer

Food can be our fuel or our poison. More people than ever are affected by abdominal pain, bloating, rashes and headaches; all stemming from food allergies. Food allergies, if severe enough, may even be considered a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act in the future.

The Wall Street Journal cites, "An estimated 15 million Americans, including 1 in every 13 children, have at least one food allergy, according to the Food Allergy Initiative. Another three million have celiac disease, an autoimmune reaction to gluten, and millions more avoid gluten for other health reasons."

Why are food allergies and sensitivities rising? The Food and Drug Allergy Care Center at UCLA suggests our allergies are increasing due to our "westernized" culture of sterile environments which interrupt the normal development of our immune systems. Other experts point the finger at GMO's, otherwise known as genetically modified organisms. Many studies attribute the growth to the endless amount of additives, chemicals and hormones being injected into our food and water supply on a daily basis.

Gluten sensitivity is not new; it's been diagnosed as a food allergy problem since 1888. Gluten sensitivity is only now in the spotlight because wheat consumption has risen; therefore gluten allergies have too. Likewise, wheat is drastically different than it was years ago. Modern day wheat is covered with fungicides and herbicides from the start to finish of the growing process.

Allergy related lawsuits have subsequently affected businesses that were once flourishing. To avoid these consequences, schools and restaurants have conscientiously made an effort to make their menus allergy friendly.

Part of the food allergy problem may have to do with misleading food packaging. Wheat products can masquerade on food labels under names such as food starch, stabilizers or emulsifiers. Words like "natural" and "made with organic" don't always mean what they imply. Even the Nutrition Facts Panel, regulated by the FDA, can be deceptive when it comes to ingredients.

It's important to get allergy tested if you don't know what you are allergic to. Research the foods you purchase to avoid problems. Look for foods labeled "100 percent Organic," since they are GMO-free. Many grocery stores use their own labeling systems. Visit their websites to find out what criteria they use.

Protect Your Home from Raccoon Damage

By Linda Karp, Contributing Writer

The arrival of spring melts snow, grows flowers, warms the weather and brings baby animals, including raccoons. You might find adult raccoons and their young cute, until they move from their natural home into yours!

Your home can easily become a substitute den site, a safe place for the young to be born and grow. Your attic and wall spaces provide out-of-the-way nooks and crannies for the mother to hide her babies. Raccoons aren't out to ruin your home; they just need a place to stay. If your house isn't secure against these furry intruders, it may just become that place!

Knowing the signs of raccoons will help you make the best decisions for reclaiming your home. Signs of raccoon damage to your home include:

- Damage most likely in the attic
- Torn soffits under eaves, chewed eave fascia boards, shingles torn away near vents, broken attic vents
- Droppings in a central location on the roof or inside the attic
- Flattened insulation, ripped flexible ducts and chewed wiring in the attic

There are preventative measures to discourage raccoons from choosing your home as a den. Reduce or eliminate food sources:

- Keep garbage in secured cans with a thick lid with a weight or pressure straps on top
- Install baffles on bird feeder poles six inches below the feeder large enough to catch dropped seed
- Locate the feeder away from a tree that a raccoon could use to jump to the feeder
- Take outdoor pet food into the house at night

Also, cut trees back six to eight feet away from your house to prevent access to the roof, and apply metal flashing to wooden beams and house corners to prevent climbing

And check around your home for aging construction and unsecured openings where a raccoon could create an entrance.

A wildlife control professional can:

- Inspect homes for signs of damage
- Trap and remove nuisance animals
- Repair damage to your home

- Answer questions about wildlife biology
- Clean and deodorize your home

While animal control may sound like it would get old over time, it never does. Raccoons can always find a way to surprise a person.

The Homeowner Reserve Fund: How Big Should It Be?

By Beverly Browne, Managing Editor

Reserve funds are monies collected for the repair and replacement of major components of property maintained by a Homeowner's Association (HOA). They differ from operating funds which are collected for expenses that recur annually, such as utilities, landscaping services and regular maintenance. Reserve funds are for the "big stuff" —replacing the roof or siding, replacing common area plantings or structures, adding to existing structures and so on. They should not be co-mingled with other association funds.

The question of how large a reserve fund to maintain is a serious one for most homeowner associations because the reserve account can affect property values, the ability to acquire loans, the desirability of property within an association and the long-term viability of the association. RCW 64.38 specifies that a reserve study should be done for safety "unless doing so would provide unusual hardship." It should be updated every three years.

There are many opinions about the size of the reserve and suggested amounts vary wildly. The State of Washington does not prescribe a set goal although some association documents may contain requirements which dictate the level of funding.

Lacking a statutory requirement to fund reserves at a certain level, HOA boards are only required to have a plan to pay for maintaining or restoring association property that has a remaining useful life of less than 30 years. This gives boards a great deal of flexibility in how it meets its fiduciary obligation. What they choose depends on the specific circumstance. Common funding models include:

- Full funding at a 100 percent level (which the RCW says is ideal)
- Threshold funding which keeps the balance above some predetermined threshold
- Baseline funding which keeps the fund at some amount above 0.

Many believe that the reserve fund should be 100 percent funded. Unfortunately, 100 percent is very hard to achieve

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without large assessments of the members. Borrowing from reserve funds can make the situation even more difficult. Assessments to increase reserve funds or return borrowed monies almost always meet resistance from association members. On the other hand, maintaining an excessively low level of reserve funding is clearly tempting fate.

Which model a homeowner association will choose depends on its individual circumstance, including the services and amenities it provides. It will also depend on what levels its members are willing to shoulder.

Information for this article came from RCW.64.38.45 and HOA Briefs.

Marines Try Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction

by Mitzi Sturzu, MA, LMHCA, Port Ludlow Counseling

The U.S. Marine Corps is trying out a new method for making its troops tougher through mental exercises. It has turned to the ancient practice of yoga for clues on how to reduce stress in soldiers burdened with years of combat. The system is called Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR). It employs Buddhist methods of active attention to keep the mind in the present rather than dwelling on past stressors. The Marines think it may have the potential of decreasing Post Traumatic Stress and suicide.

MBSR brings together mindfulness meditation and yoga. It can benefit many types of participants and has been used to address a variety of health problems. However, its major use is to alleviate suffering from chronic disorders and diseases. Some research shows that pain medication is reduced among MBSR practitioners. The National Institute of Health's National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine has provided a number of grants to research its efficacy.

The Marines view the exercises as potential mental preparation for handling stress rather than as a religious practice. Practitioners focus their attention on body sensations and breathing. Studies that compare Marines practicing MBSR in stressful situations with those with mental resilience training and a control group are being conducted. Results should be available this spring.

The mind is known to be a factor in stress and stress-related disorders, and meditation has been shown to positively affect a range of autonomic physiological processes, such as blood pressure, overall arousal and emotional reactivity. Marine Corp officials hope that the training will provide a tool Marines can use before stress overwhelms them. Among civilians, MBSR is

currently offered in over 200 medical centers, hospitals and clinics around the world, including some of the leading integrative medical centers, such as the Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine and the Duke Center for Integrative Medicine.

In Port Ludlow, aspects of MBSR are incorporated in the yoga and yogilates classes. Check the Regularly Scheduled Community Activities calendar for times.

Step Back in Time at MOHAI

by Beverly Browne, Managing Editor

There is a new/old institution gracing the shores of Seattle's Lake Union—Seattle's Museum of History and Industry. The new and improved MOHAI opened its doors in December in Lake Union Park at 860 Terry North. It is worth a visit; perhaps more than one. For those who remember North Lake Union as a place with dilapidated warehouses and dingy streets, it will be an incredible experience. For people without those memories, it will be fantastic as well.

The museum documents Seattle's rise from a rough and tumble frontier town to the Emerald City of skyscrapers and transnational business. The journey begins with photos and artifacts of the indigenous population and takes the viewer through major events in Seattle's colorful history. Over 100,000 artifacts are in the permanent collection.

Among the highlights of the museum is a model showing the Denny Hill regrade, the filling of marshes to create downtown Seattle, and the cutting of the shipping canal. Did you know that Lake Washington is lower because of that? Visitors can view the operation of Ballard Locks in miniature. Learn how Seattle coped with the Great Depression and the world wars. Go back in time to the 1962 World's Fair and see what we thought the future would be like. And then there are moments that recall odd Seattle; for example, the pink Big Toe Truck.

Other notable exhibits include "Slo-Mo," the Yesler cable cars, and neon signs from the Bon Marche, the Dog House Bar, the Music Hall Theater and the Rainier Brewery. Models of the *USS Decatur* and the *USS Beaver* are interesting as well. A current exhibit is Celluloid Seattle, on display until **Tuesday, September 10.**

MOHAI is easy to access. Catch a trolley at Westlake Center, 5th and Olive. It stops in front of the museum. If you insist on driving, check the website for best deals on parking.

The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday. Admission is \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors over 65, students and military personnel, and MOHAI members are free.

The State of Real Estate

by Karen Best, Coldwell Banker Best Homes

Good news! The single-family residential real estate market in Jefferson County is improving. Demand is up, inventory is down and the downward slide in home values seems to be at an end. In fact, the median sales price in Jefferson County increased slightly, the first increase since 2007.

County-wide, 378 single-family homes sold in 2012 compared to 289 homes in 2011, a 30.8% increase with a median price of \$240,000. Condo sales volume was also up. There were 26 condominiums sold in 2012 versus 14 in 2011. However, the median condo price went down 13.35 percent.

Sixty single-family homes sold in the Port Ludlow Master Planned Resort (MPR) in 2012 as opposed to 39 sold in 2011. At least 30 percent of the homes sold in the MPR last year were bank-owned homes, short sales or estate sales which skewed the median price downward from \$280,000 in 2011 to \$244,500 in 2012. Only five condos sold in Port Ludlow (down from 2011 by two sales) with the median price falling from \$150,000 to \$119,900.

However, there are other indicators that show the real estate market is improving. Currently, the pending sales to active listings ratio indicates a 10.46 month supply of inventory compared to a 16.67 month supply in 2011. Economists consider a supply of three to six months to be a balanced market, favoring neither buyer nor seller.

Active residential listings are down 25 percent county-wide and 32 percent in the MPR compared to last year. Homes sold within the MPR in 2012 were on the market an average of 312 days. The current average is 145 days. Another indicator that demand is improving is the number of pending sales. There were 24 pending sales in the MPR from October 2012 through January 2013 versus 10 pending sales for the same time period in the previous year.

Buyers are beginning to feel more comfortable with the economy and are eager to find a "good buy" while they are still available. Interest rates are at historic lows. Higher demand together with less inventory (less competition for homes on the market) will start to turn the tide toward more home sales, fewer days on the market and increasing home values. The year 2013 should be a good year in the state of Real Estate!

How Do Lost Pets Find Their Way Home?

Every year there are stories in the newspapers about a long-lost dog or cat unexpectedly returning home by itself. The pet may have been lost on a trip, stolen, spooked or simply wandered off. Still, no manner of searching has been able to locate the animal. It may be in pretty bad shape, but it is there.

In 1962 my neighbor had a cat named Tom. Tom, a grey striped shorthair of indeterminate parentage, had a great personality but it did not extend to tolerating other cats, raccoons or dogs. (He wasn't fond of his mistress' boyfriends either, but that is another story.) His raging battles resulted in frequent trips to the veterinarian. Eventually Tom had to be "put down." Tom's owner mourned for months until magically Tom reappeared, tattered and cranky but alive. How did this happen?

There is very little scientific research on how pets can find their way back to their homes, sometimes traveling long distances to do so. It is known that migratory animals use magnetic fields, olfactory cues or orientation to the sun as navigational aids. Some suspect dogs have inherited wolves' ability to use magnetic clues. Not much is known about cats even though they seem to be better than dogs at reappearing.

Cats do have some abilities that could be helpful. They can sense smells at long distances. They are good at memorizing locations by sight and smell. They are good at figuring out shortcuts. They have been known to hitch rides and sometimes solicit help from unfamiliar people.

In the case of Tom, the veterinarian could not bring himself to do away with the old battler. He was cured and given to another family in Laurelhurst, miles away from his original location in the University District. Tom walked home and did it without a map. Nobody, except Tom, knows how he found the way.

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Arts and Entertainment

This section features news on Port Ludlow arts and entertainment events as well as a performing arts calendar for Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. Submit news and calendar items to Beverly Rothenborg, editor, at bevrothenborg@broadstripe.net by the 10th of the preceding month.

From Russia with Love

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, Guest Writer



Piano virtuoso Liana Forest exhibits passion and poetic surrender at the keyboard.

Submitted photo

Make plans to hear a dynamic musical celebration that merges pianist Liana Forest's Russian virtuoso background with her very own "swinging classics" style. Her show, "From Bach to Broadway," exhibits her dazzling virtuosity in music that resonates with her Russian roots—like her own arrangement of Rachmaninoff's *Paganini Rhapsody* and *Bumble Boogie*, a jazzy version of *Flight of the Bumble Bee*. The Arts Council series "Performing Arts in Port Ludlow" is pleased to present this acclaimed talent **Friday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.** at the Bay Club.

Forest bridges the gap from high art to the popular music arena in an unforgettable musical experience. She combines great classical masterpieces with brilliant styles of jazz and pop, bringing fresh and original interpretations to the stage. From Rachmaninoff and Chopin to modern renditions of Bach and Beethoven, from brilliant

exuberance of *Rhapsody in Blue* to the tuneful gusto of *West Side Story*, Forest brings timeless musical gems closer to today's listener as she dazzles and entertains. She will be accompanied by Seattle-area musicians Clipper Anderson on concert bass and Mark Ivester on drums.

Born in Odessa, Ukraine, Forest grew up a student of renowned professor Ludmila Ginsburg, herself a graduate from Moscow Conservatoire under the tutelage of famous Heinrich Neuhaus. Forest inherited her celebrated teacher's passion and poetic approach, favoring a repertoire from Romantic periods. She has appeared in concerts throughout the world, receiving acclaim for her virtuoso skills, musical insight and warm stage presence. Her international career extends from the concert stage to the recording studio, from summer festivals and cruise ships to Royal command performances.

After coming to the U.S., Forest toured nationwide appearing as a recitalist and soloist with symphony orchestras. Her recent seasons included appearances on National European Television in Holland, as well as orchestral and recital appearances in the U.S., Africa, Europe and Asia. She was a soloist with the San Francisco Midsummer Mozart Festival orchestra, appeared in recitals in Germany and Austria, and performed for Princess Sofia of Romania. Her acclaimed recordings of romantic piano music are distributed worldwide.

The San Jose Mercury News said, "Stellar performer!" while *Wocheblatt* in Germany said, "Liana is a brilliant interpreter who cannot hide her Russian soul. Her music was filled with passion and poetic surrender ... unforgettable moments of highest truth and beauty."

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for seat selection and a wine bar. Season subscribers will be admitted at 6:15 p.m. in order to select their reserved seats.

Pottery by Eleanor Watson-Gove of the Port Ludlow Artists' League will be on display. Watson-Gove began throwing pots in 2003 when she met Lori Bernstein of Froggy Bottom Pottery. She asked to be shown how to

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center clay. The idea was to do something poorly until she could do it well. Watson-Gove centered at the first class and has been throwing ever since! Several classes at Olympic Junior College, workshops, demonstrations and just plain practice are her curriculum vitae. Her work has been shown at Northwind Art Gallery and the cooperative Waterfront Gallery in Port Angeles.

Concert tickets are \$24 each and are available now at the Bay Club. For credit card purchases, go to the Brown Paper Ticket link on our website, www.portludlowartscouncil.com. Six-ticket Flex Passes at \$132 are available at the Bay Club and can be used by three people to attend the two remaining concerts in the 2012-2013 season.

The Arts Council's season finale, "Franc D' Ambrosio's Hollywood—Songs from the Silver Screen" starring the "longest running Phantom" will be presented **Saturday, April 20**. Tickets are available online now or at the Bay Club around **Friday, March 15**.

As Funny As Theater Gets

by Terra Girard, Publicity and Production Coordinator

That's what a South Florida reviewer thinks of Neil Simon's fast-paced farce, *Rumors*, to be presented by the Ludlow Village Players at the Bay Club, 120 Spinnaker Place, on **Thursday, March 21** and **Friday, March 22** at 7:00 p.m., matinee on **Saturday, March 23** at 2:00 p.m. Doors open half an hour before curtain. The ticket price is \$14, on sale at the Bay Club and at brownpapertickets.com.

The comedy begins with a dinner party given at the swank home of a rich and successful couple in suburban New York. The true-to-life situations allow the audience to think, "I can relate to that." But can they?

The first couple arrives only to discover the host and hostess missing with the food laid out, uncooked. What follows is a delicious romp with Simon's rapid-fire quips, cleverly-crafted characters and events spiraling out of control. The invited guests are a couple of high-strung married lawyers, a wisecracking CPA with a sassy wife, a pompous aspiring state senator and his suspicious, belligerent wife, and a sensitive shrink with an accident-prone spouse. The uninvited guests, a police detective and his partner, are perplexed and befuddled by the nonsensical attempts to hide the truth. Be prepared for an evening or afternoon of laughter!

The very talented cast includes Don Clark, Shirley Davies-Owens, Ginny Ford, Jim Gormly, Doug Hubbard, Eve McDougall, Carl Miller, Karen Starling, Wynne Stevens, and Vicki Valley. Vallery Durling directs.

The *Rumors* production team, led by Terra Girard as Production Coordinator, consists of Bob Amarin, Fran Bodman, Dorothy Cox, Walter Davies-Owens, Ken Evans, Amy Girard, Jamie Girard, Jim Gormly, Lenetta Johnson, Cyndi Krumrei, Nancy Kavanagh, Kathleen LaBelle, Eve McDougall, Kathie Peron-Mathews, Frank Murr, Jane Navone, Jack Rigger, Rick Thomas, and Claudia Wicks.

Ludlow Village Players is an all-volunteer, local community theater group, which is enjoying its sixth season of production. There has been a heavy turnout of volunteers this season; however, there is always the need for "extra" hands. For information or to volunteer, contact Jane at 437-0324 or jenpl@olympen.com.

Eric Miller Performs

On **Saturday, March 16**, at 7:30 p.m. Eric Miller and his band will perform his music at the Laurel B. Johnson Community Center, 923 Hazel Point Road in Coyle. Eric is a Seattle-based singer/songwriter heavily rooted in American folk, blues and jazz traditions. With his smooth vocals that are reminiscent of the great crooners of the 1950s, Eric guides his band through a pleasant mixture of traditional and his own original songs. His lyrics develop a mood and are perfect for a "listening room" like the Coyle Community Hall.

"The thing about Eric Miller is that he is so likeable and so uniquely original at the same time. There's not really any other recording artist quite like Eric Miller. Sometimes he will conjure up a certain singer or songwriter, but only for a while. His material has such a wide range of musical style and lyrical subject matter that he pretty much defies comparison," writes James Riordan, author of *The Platinum Rainbow: How to Succeed in the Music Business Without Selling Your Soul*.

Admission is by donation and the performance is appropriate for all ages. For more concert information, contact Norm Johnson at 360-765-3449 or at johnson5485@msn.com.

Dans la montagne (In the Mountains)

On **Friday and Sunday, March 8 and 10**, at 2:00 p.m. the Rawson Duo will present an afternoon of the French countryside, highlighted by the celebrated folk-impressionist Joseph Canteloube's 1907 suite, *Dans la montagne (In the Mountains)*. The suite is a 26-year-old's magical and transporting reflection on his birth home, Annonay, and the absorbing atmosphere of a summer evening in the Auvergne foothills.

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Gifted prodigy Lili Boulanger's evocative *Nocturne* and *Cortège* suggests what might have come of a promising career cut short by terminal illness in her early twenties. Also on the program will be music by the remarkable Jean Cras, naval admiral and brilliant composer from Brittany. Cras penned his rustic and capricious *Suite en Duo* for violin and piano in 1927 from aboard the battleship *Provence* while stationed in Toulon.

Sandy's sampling of French pastries and hors d'oeuvres will follow the program.

Seating is limited and arranged through advanced paid reservation for \$25. Please send a note to rawsonduo@gmail.com, or call 360-379-3449 to be placed on the reservation list. Checks should be made payable to Dr. Alan Rawson and mailed to 10318 Rhody Drive, Chimacum, WA 98325.

March Winds at the Gallery



Wanda Mawhinney.

Submitted photo

Blown in by the winds will be new art from your favorite artists as March is the change-out for both the Port Ludlow Artists' League Gallery and The Inn At Port Ludlow. While the Gallery will be displaying the best of Ludlow's finest in all manner of topics and representations, artists displaying at The Inn will meet the challenge of art in *Black & White*. The old joke, "What is black and white and red all over?" will be answered in an amazing display for the months of March and April. Stop by The Inn, have a glass of wine and check out this challenge—black and white has never been so colorful!

The art of the League's February Artist of the Month, Wanda Mawhinney, featured in the lobby of Columbia Bank, Oak Bay Road, will remain up until the end of March. Mawhinney's colorful canvases are strong and bold, hinting at scenes both real and dreamed—all in "the eyes of the beholder."

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The community and League members are invited to view Mawhinney's exhibit and the new gallery art at the Second Wednesday Reception held on **March 13** from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the lobby of Columbia Bank, and from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Art Gallery adjacent to the bank. The Gallery's regular hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Announcing the First "Art Gala"

Tickets are on sale now for this exciting new event. The "Gala," sponsored by the Port Ludlow Artists' League, will take place from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on **Saturday, April 13** at the Bay Club. This new event will replace the former Scholarship Auction and will be unique.

It will consist of a "Silent Auction," a "Buy It Now" sale, a "Price as Marked" sale and a "Quick Draw" sale (of art created during the event).

Tickets are on sale now for \$5. This ticket will get you entry as well as food and one glass of wine. Tickets are on sale from a League member, at the League's Gallery or at the door of the event. Make plans to attend this exciting event.

Venture: to Take a Risk!

Northwind Arts Center in Port Townsend presents "Venture: to take a risk," a juried show starting **Friday, March 1 through Monday, April 1**. The show encourages artists to reach outside their comfort level, whether with medium, materials or subject matter. Landscape artists paint a still life, pastel artists use acrylics and others try assemblage or jewelry. The art may portray a precipice, a balancing challenge or other risky ventures, physical or mental.

"If it comes uninvited— if it does not fit or make sense— Dare it!" (*Life, Paint and Passion*)

Local Artist in RAGS Show

by Barbara Berthiaume, Contributing Writer

For the past six years, Laurie Dokken has participated in the RAGS Wearable Art Sale. RAGS is a juried competition and sale that benefits the Pierce County YWCA's domestic violence and intervention programs. Selected vendors nationwide gain entry by invitation only. The 2013 RAGS Wearable Art Sale and Gallery is open **Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9**, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and **Sunday, March 10**, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Mercedes-Benz dealership at 1701 Alexander Ave. E. in Fife.

The threads of Laurie Dokken's life have always involved fabric. Her practical Swiss mother had a stash of fabric and Laurie's love of textiles grew from playing with it, designing and sewing her own wardrobe.

Laurie started designing unique jackets and vests to sell at a local Farmer's Market. She used leftover material to make purses for fun and profit. After moving to

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Port Ludlow three years ago, she began making purses exclusively. Laurie designed an iPad cover at the request of a friend and these tablet-friendly bags have exploded in popularity. She also designs tote bags. Her patterns involve the mixing and matching of color and fabric in truly distinct designs.

Dokken's work is sold at the Bluewater Artworks Gallery in Poulsbo, Gallery 9 in Port Townsend, Niva Green in Long Beach, Washington, and Erwin's in Roslyn, Washington. Laurie participates in selected arts shows in the Northwest and paces herself by doing only one show a quarter. Visit her workplace by appointment to view her designs. She takes custom orders and can be reached at 360-821-2649 or at eulogia1@msn.com.

RAGS is produced entirely by volunteers, sponsors, and underwriting donations. It offers guests an opportunity to view and acquire fabulous handmade clothing, jewelry, and accessories created by artisans from across the country. A portion of all sales helps the YWCA keep abused women and children safe, healthy and self-sufficient. All vendors donate 33 percent of their sales to RAGS. For additional information, contact RAGS Hotline at 253-272-4181, Ext. 352, or go to www.ywcapierce-county.org/rags.



Kim Thomson and created felt work.

Submitted photo

How Have You Felted Lately?

The Port Ludlow Artists' League's regular March meeting is pleased to have Kim Thomson of Port Townsend presenting the program. For those of you who attend the Port Townsend Saturday Farmers Market during the spring and summer, Thomson is the one with the otherworldly felted creatures, wild dolls and crazy hats all done in felted wool. Another hint: She's usually got perched on her head a felted hat adorned with a ball of yarn and a pair of knitting needles. She's hard to miss!

After the early years of crayons, finger paint and gluing beans onto things, twelve-year-old Thomson began painting in oils. A number of years later, she received a BA in painting from UCSB and an MFA in painting from Columbia University. Settling in Santa Fe, New Mexico, she explored various subjects in a variety of mediums, including oil on linen, acrylic, gouache, serigraph and monotype. She sold her work through galleries in Santa Fe, Scottsdale, Austin, San Diego and Kansas City. In 2001, after becoming chemically sensitive from years of exposure to her art materials and faced with having to give them up, she moved to Washington State and played the fiddle on street corners while living in the forest.

One winter, with the idea of getting warm, Thomson loaded up her bicycle, fiddle and tent and set out for New Zealand to play on corners in a warmer climate. While pedaling from town to town, she couldn't help but notice sheep—a lot of them! She stopped to visit friends near the bottom of the North Island and began knitting with them, and her new career in wool was begun. Thomson returned home to Washington and began selling her wool things (sculptural vessels and wall pieces, as well as hats, gloves, pins, scarves, purses and dolls) at the Port Townsend Farmers Market. She enjoys processing raw fleeces and dyeing, carding and spinning or felting them. Currently, she is working on a series of egg tempera paintings (completely non-toxic) that are related to the sculptural forms she has discovered by working in wool. Thomson and her work can be found at Thomson Art Forms, a studio and gallery on Water Street in Port Townsend.

The League's meeting will be held in the Bay Club on **Wednesday, March 20** at 1:00 p.m. Guests are welcome to attend this monthly meeting and social time. A guest fee of \$5 may be paid for an individual meeting or dues of \$30 will provide a year of inspiring programs for art lovers and artists of all levels. More information can be obtained by contacting President Carol Durbin at 437-0204 or by e-mail at gramcr@aol.com.

Performing Arts Calendar

Friday, March 1

Celebrate the American West with David Walburn's Montana music of prairie sunsets, Native American legends, high-mountain glory and nomadic way of life. His *Life Under the Big Sky* show will be performed at Bremerton's Admiral Theatre, 7:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Saturday, March 2

A troupe of multi-talented performers entertains in an evening of totally improvised comedy and song when The Edge comes to Bainbridge Performing Arts, 7:30 p.m., 206-842-8569, www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org.

Saturday, March 2

The Portable Reality Show is the Jewel Box Theatre's resident comedy improvisation troupe which weaves stories, songs and full-length plays based on your suggestions, 8:00 p.m., brownpapertickets.org, 360-697-3183.

Saturday, March 2

With superlative vocals, musicianship and dynamic enthusiasm, The Bronx Wanderers will deliver an evening of toe-tapping, hand-clapping and dancing in the aisles, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 8:00 p.m. show, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Sunday and Tuesday, March 3 and 5

Ballet in Cinema offers *An Evening with Crystal Pite* of the Nederlands Dans Theater as she strives to reflect in ballets that life indeed is an epic tale, 11:00 a.m., Port Townsend's Rose Theatre, 385-1089, www.rosetheatre.com.

Thursday through Sundays, March 7 through 24

Key City Public Theatre's commitment to emerging local playwrights continues during the 17th Annual Playwrights' Festival. Winning one-act plays from the Port Townsend Arts Commission's competition receive world premiere productions. Other events include workshops by regional playwrights and women playwrights from around the world, various times, 385-0195, www.keycitypublictheatre.org.

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, March 8 through 24

What's wrong with 9-year-old Jesse? He can't sit still; he curses and raps; you can't get him into and out of his pajamas. His teacher thinks it's ADD; his dad says he's just a boy; mama's on a quest for answers. *Distracted* is a witty and thoughtful drama asking us if we're tuned into what really matters, 7:30 p.m. with 3:00 p.m. Sunday matinees, 206-842-8569, www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org. Pay-What-You-Can Preview on **Thursday, March 8**, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 9

The Port Angeles Symphony's Concert #4 will include music by Beethoven, Wagner, J. Strauss, Jr. and Vaughan Williams, 10:00 a.m. dress rehearsal, 6:40 p.m. pre-concert chat, 7:30 p.m. concert, Port Angeles High School Auditorium, 360-457-5579, www.portangelessymphony.org. Enjoy the convenience of riding on a comfortable charter bus from Sequim to the concert!

Sunday, March 10

Voca People, the intergalactic musical theater event that bridges languages, cultures and planets, makes its Bremerton debut. Voca People are powder-white, ruby-lipped aliens with perfect harmony bringing a hilarious musical phenomenon to the Admiral Theatre, 5:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Friday, March 15

Russian born pianist and recording artist Liana Forest has appeared in concerts throughout the world receiving acclaim for her virtuoso skills, joined by a bassist and percussionist for an evening of "Bach to Broadway," 7:30 p.m., tickets at the Bay Club, 437-2208, or on Brown Paper Tickets via the link at www.portludlowartscouncil.com.

Saturday, March 16

The Bremerton Symphony welcomes spring with a concert that includes works by Mahler, Grieg and Strauss with guest soprano Rebekah Kenote, Bremerton Performing Arts Center, 6:30 p.m. pre-concert chat, 7:30 p.m. concert, 360-373-1722, www.bremertonsymphony.org.

Saturday, March 16

With the excitement of world-class Irish dancers, musicians and guest artists, *Beyond Celtic* is a family-friendly, high energy Celtic treat that brings the best of Ireland to the stage, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 8:00 p.m. show, Bremerton's Admiral Theatre, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Sunday, March 17

The Island Music Guild Jazz Series features seven-time Golden Ear Award-winning trumpeter Thomas Marriott with pianist and jazz vocalist Eugenie Jones, 10598 NE Valley Road, Bainbridge Island, 4:00 p.m., 206-780-6911. Tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com.

Sunday and Tuesday, March 17 and 19

Inspired by Victor Hugo's novel, *Notre-Dame de Paris* returns to La Scala with two of the world's brightest dance stars, Ballet in Cinema at Port Townsend's Rose Theatre, 11:00 a.m., 385-1089, www.rosetheatre.com.

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, March 22 – April 21

Bark! follows six canine characters for one day at Deena's Doggy Day Care; presented from a dog's point of view, the music jumps from Andrews Sisters to Broadway, from Latino to church choir, from opera to rap, 8:00 p.m. with 2:00 p.m. Sunday matinees, Poulsbo's Jewel Box Theatre, 360-697-3183, www.poulsbojewelbox.org.

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Annual Spring Sock Hop

The third annual edition of the Port Ludlow Sock Hop benefiting the Tri Area Food Bank is **Saturday, March 16**, 7:00 p.m. at the Beach Club. Once again Steven Gross and Ned Luce are putting together an unforgettable opening vignette. Buy your advance sale tickets for \$15 at the Beach Club or the Bay Club in Port Ludlow. You can also purchase your ticket from Ned Luce, 437-0191, or from Steven Gross, 437-5110. Tickets at the door are \$20.

After the “Extremes” two years ago and the “Village by the Bay People” last year, the bar is set pretty high, but the “BABBAS” are up to the challenge. After entertainment provided by the “BABBAS” (curiously reminiscent of ABBA), the music will be provided by Michael and Leslie, a talented duo who played dance music for a sold-out event for the Yacht Club in December.

Get out your poodle skirt, jeans, or leather jacket and dress to impress. You will hear the 50s and 60s tunes you grew up with. Stay until the dancing ends. Soft drinks and snacks will be provided and you can bring anything else you’d like to drink. You won’t want to miss this terrific event.

Free Tax Preparation Continues at Community Center

AARP TAX-AIDE volunteers are available through April 15 to prepare and electronically file your tax returns at the Tri-Area Community Center. The service is free of charge. The volunteers are available on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. throughout the tax season.

The TAX-AIDE volunteers are IRS-certified to prepare most basic tax returns. They do not prepare returns for taxpayers who have income from rental properties or for taxpayers with complicated business returns. Although the TAX-AIDE program is sponsored by the IRS and the AARP Foundation, you do not have to be an AARP member (or even a senior) to benefit from the TAX-AIDE service.

An appointment is required. Appointments can be made by calling the Community Center staff at 732-4822. Please bring the following information along with you for your TAX-AIDE appointment:

- Photo ID
- Social Security cards for taxpayer, spouse, and dependents
- W-2 from each employer
- All 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-B, 1099-C, 1099-R, 1099-MISC, SSA-1099, 1099-G, etc.). These include interest, dividend, stock sale, cancellation of debt, retirement, self-employment, Social Security, and unemployment compensation.
- Any other documents necessary to complete your return
- Bank routing and account numbers (typically a check), if direct deposit is desired
- Your 2011 tax return

Driver Safety Course Notice

There will be another of the increasingly popular Driver Safety courses at the Beach Club on **Wednesday, April 17 and Friday, April 19**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you have saved your January issue of the *Voice*, you may check out the article on page 17 to obtain all the details of the course. Otherwise, to reserve a place in the class or to ask for further information, call Russ Henry at 437-2250 or email him at russhenry62@gmail.com. There will be another article in the April issue of the *Voice* with all the details, but you still must call or email Russ to sign up for the course.

Person of Interest Sought in Car Prowling

Photographs of a person of interest in a car prowling incident at the Beach Club on the night of February 8 are posted on the *Voice* website, www.plvoice.org.

This person used the victim’s credit card at the Port Ludlow Village Store. Jefferson County law enforcement would like to talk with the individual. If anyone recognizes this person, please contact Detective Menday at rmenday@co.jefferson.wa.us or 360-344-9773.

Orthopedic Surgeon David King Joins JHC



Dr. David King.
Submitted photo

Jefferson Healthcare is pleased to welcome Dr. David King as the newest medical professional to join the Jefferson Healthcare Orthopedic Clinic. Dr. King will begin his practice at Jefferson Healthcare's Orthopedic Clinic on March 1. He also intends to see patients at the Port Ludlow Clinic located on Oak Bay Road one to two days a week. Dr. King will be introduced to the Port Ludlow and east Jefferson County community at a special

orthopedic seminar on **Monday, April 15** at 5:30 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Bay Club.

Dr. King received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan in 1984. After completion of his Orthopedic Surgery Residency Program from Michigan State University in Kalamazoo, Michigan, he completed a Fellowship Training Program in Adult Hip and Knee Reconstruction at the Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard University in Boston, MA. Dr. King is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and is Board Certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

Dr. King previously practiced in Montana and more recently in Colorado before making the decision to join the Jefferson Healthcare Orthopedic Clinic in Port Townsend. He has a diverse orthopedic surgery practice with an emphasis on hip and knee replacement surgery and is prepared to work closely with the Jefferson Healthcare medical community to offer patients outstanding care and outcomes.

In addition to enjoying his orthopedic practice, Dr. King and his wife, Jeanne, and their two sons enjoy sailing, fishing, skiing and exploring the outdoors.

Jefferson Healthcare Orthopedic Clinic is located on the second floor of Jefferson Healthcare Hospital with five examination rooms for complete evaluations and consultations. The Clinic offers a full spectrum of orthopedic services using the latest in surgical technologies patients have come to expect. The Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call 360-344-0400 to make an appointment.

Jefferson Healthcare (Jefferson County Public Hospital District No. 2) is the primary healthcare provider for the more than 29,000 residents of Eastern Jefferson County on the Olympic Peninsula. Located in Port Townsend, the 25-bed critical access hospital provides a comprehensive array of services, including acute and emergency care, surgical services, advanced diagnostic imaging, orthopedics, physical therapy and rehabilitation, chemotherapy, and sleep medicine services. In addition, Jefferson Healthcare operates eight primary care clinics including ones in Port Ludlow and in Quilcene as well as a home health and hospice agency. For more information, visit www.jeffersonhealthcare.org.

Learn about Critical Areas and Buffer Management

Do you live on a shoreline, near a bluff, or adjacent to a wetland or creek? If so, you probably live on some of the most wild and beautiful land in Jefferson County. Come to a free workshop on **Thursday, April 4** to explore *Living on the Edge – Protection for People, Property, and Habitat* and learn about ways to care for and protect these special places. The workshop will be from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Conference Center (Grace Christian Center) and will include a local field trip.

Attendees will learn about different types of critical areas and how best to manage the buffers around them. Topics covered include how to use your buffer area without harming it or yourself, the role of native plants, tips on removing noxious weeds, how to enhance or restore a buffer, how to encourage birds and wildlife, and what resources are available to homeowners.

Critical areas have important functions in nature – filtering and cleaning water, delivering sand to the beach, providing fish and wildlife habitat, or supplying our drinking water. Some areas may pose a potential danger including flooded creeks, eroding bluffs and slopes prone to landslides. Areas called “buffers” are designated to ensure everyone's safety, protect property from damage and to keep these important places healthy. Buffers can be enjoyed, maintained, and even enhanced by the people who own them for better function, property values and aesthetics.

The Port Ludlow Conference Center (Grace Christian Center) is located at 200 Olympic Pl. in Port Ludlow. This event is open to the public. Please reserve a space by emailing darcym@wsu.edu or calling 360-379-5610, Ext. 222.

The workshop is hosted by Jefferson County Extension, the Jefferson County Weed Board and the Watershed Stewardship Resource Center.

Umbreit Receives Award

Washington State University (WSU) Emeritus Professor Terry Umbreit received the Founder's Award during the 18th Annual Graduate Education and Graduate Student Research Conference in Hospitality and Tourism. The yearly honor recognizes one world-class scholar in the field of hospitality and tourism.

Dr. Umbreit received the award from Dr. Kaye Chon, Founding Chairman of the Conference, in recognition of his "leadership and contribution to creation of knowledge and development."

The international conference was hosted by the WSU School of Hospitality Business Management at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel in Seattle, January 3-5, 2013.

After his retirement from WSU in 2008, Dr. Umbreit served four years as the Director of the Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management at the University of Memphis. He is now serving on a part-time basis as an Institutional Representative for Florence University of the Arts. He and his wife Julie now reside in Port Ludlow.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Offers Vessel Safety Checks

by Simeon Baldwin, Commander, Coast Guard Flotilla 14

A Vessel Safety Check is performed at your boat, whether it is moored or on a trailer in your driveway. The check usually takes 15 to 30 minutes, depending upon the size of your boat. Kayaks and other paddle craft may also receive an inspection.

What's In It For Me? It's a commonly asked question. Vessels passing safety checks are awarded a U.S. Coast Guard/Auxiliary Decal that informs Coast Guard/Auxiliary, Harbor Patrol, Sheriff and Police and other boating law enforcement and safety agencies that your boat was in full compliance with all Federal and State boating laws during a safety check for that year. Best of all, every Vessel Safety Check is 100 percent free of charge!

What if I Don't Pass? If your boat does not pass, no citation is issued at that time. Instead, you are provided a written report on how to correct any discrepancies.

Why Receive a Vessel Safety Check? The main reasons are safety, the peace of mind that your boat meets Federal safety standards and that in an emergency you will have the necessary equipment to save lives and summon help.

Additionally, you will avoid substantial fines should you ever be boarded by the U.S. Coast Guard or other law enforcement and found to be in violation.

In many cases, boating insurance agencies offer discounts for vessels that undergo a Vessel Safety Check every year. All decals and safety checks are void on December 31 of the year they are inspected. They are also void should the operator/owner fail to maintain the vessel's equipment or the vessel itself to the compliance standard shown at the time of the safety check.

How Do I Find an Examiner? For a Vessel Safety Check, call S. Baldwin at 437-9100 or Kevin Ryan at 437-7996.

Yacht Club Holds Training Day

The Port Ludlow Yacht Club (PLYC) is hosting a "Cruising the Pacific Northwest" Training Day on **Saturday, April 27**. The event will take place at the Beach Club and will include lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on activities to improve participants' knowledge and skills on the water. Informative breakout sessions will also be held at the Beach Club's indoor pool and outside at the Marina docks.

Training Day activities will begin with an interactive "cruise" from Port Ludlow to the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Attendees will learn how to react to near collisions, bad weather and failed equipment, all from the safety and comfort of the Beach Club. After the seminar and demonstrations, participants will move to the PLYC's Wreck Room for a fun charting exhibit and social activities.

You do not have to be a boat owner to benefit from Training Day. If you plan to charter a boat or join friends on their boat, or simply enjoy time near the water, you'll find interesting topics at this event. Non-members are welcome as invited visitors of PLYC, so please join us.

Check next month's *Voice* for more information about the Training Day agenda. For now, please save **Saturday, April 27** on your calendar for this upcoming, informative experience.

Give Blood This Month

Join your neighbors and replenish blood bank supplies. A drive is taking place on **Monday, March 11**, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Community Church. For information contact Sally Hirschmann at 437-1377 or email at sjhirsch98365@yahoo.com. For an appointment, call 800-398-7888.

Diabetes Forum Review

by Autumn Pappas, Contributing Writer

In case you missed it, here is a review of what was discussed during the Diabetes Forum on February 28. Three knowledgeable presenters, Amber Benner, Irene Marble and Wes Schott, all from Jefferson Healthcare, provided brief summaries of their presentations for this article.

Type 1 diabetes is a disorder of the immune system in which the pancreas produces little or no insulin. Insulin allows our body to convert sugar from food into nutrients for cells. Type 2 diabetes is a condition in which the body resists insulin or doesn't make enough insulin to maintain a normal glucose level. Prediabetes is a condition in which a person's blood sugar levels are higher than normal; it is not high enough to be considered type 2 diabetes.

Go to www.cdc.gov/diabetes/prevention/factsheet.htm to take the online screening test available through the CDC Diabetes Prevention Program to find out if you are at risk for diabetes. Early detection can prevent serious problems caused by diabetes such as loss of eyesight, strokes and kidney damage. Untreated, type 1 diabetes and type 2 diabetes can be life threatening. If the test shows you could have prediabetes, make an appointment with your health care provider as soon as possible.

All residents, especially those over 45, should know their numbers for the fasting glucose test and the hemoglobin A1c test. The fasting glucose test measures blood glucose in people who haven't eaten in at least eight hours. Anyone with levels of 100-125 mg/dl indicates prediabetes. They are also at a high risk for developing type 2 diabetes. The hemoglobin A1c test measures the amount of glucose in red blood cells. An A1c value of 5.7-6.4% indicates prediabetes.

Consistent daily low to moderate intensity exercise is our best "insurance" against developing prediabetes and diabetes. High intensity exercise is beneficial also, but don't overexert yourself. Our bodies are more fragile as we age. Stick to a healthy diet. Diet affects weight, blood sugar and hour-to-hour glucose levels. Consume more fruits and veggies and stay away from junk food and sugared beverages. Studies prove that type 2 diabetes can be prevented or delayed by prediabetic patients who lose 5-7% of their weight, eat healthy and increase physical activity.

Doctors learn more about how our bodies regulate blood sugar each year. Exercise and food choices will always be crucial, but we can expect to see new medications and more sophisticated diabetes treatments in the future. Technology will also improve, providing a more convenient and comfortable way of testing blood glucose.

Tour Spring Gardens of Oregon

Reservations are now being taken for the Port Ludlow Garden Club-sponsored May tour. Members, spouses, friends and area residents are invited on a mini, fully-guided getaway departing from the Bay Club **Wednesday, May 15** and returning on **Saturday, May 18**.

You will spend one night in Portland and visit the Chinese and Japanese Gardens. Next you visit Nichol's Garden Nursery in Albany en route to Silverton where you will spend two nights at the beautiful Oregon Garden Resort. The Oregon Garden is a botanical collection of over 20 spectacular garden rooms, vistas and trails. You will enjoy a guided tram ride plus time to wander at leisure. You will also visit Adelman Peony Farm, Cooley's Iris Farm, St. Joseph Winery, Historic Deepwood Estates and Silverton Falls, as time allows.

Back in Washington you will browse the Hulda Klager Lilac Farm. May is the peak season for fragrance and color. Gifts shops and plant and wine purchases are featured at all the stops.

Tour Price is \$549 per person, double occupancy. Single supplement is \$199. A deposit of \$150 per person to Alki Tours confirms your reservation. This includes three breakfasts and dinners plus all admissions. Space is on a first-come basis, so book early.

Please make checks payable to Alki Tours and send to:

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Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Alarm Statistics January 2013

Alarms

Fires	2
Rescue/Emergency Medical	42
Service Call	4
Good Intent	6
Hazardous Conditions	1
False Alarm	2
Total Alarms	57

Ambulance Transports

Jefferson Healthcare	10
Harrison Medical Center - Bremerton	9
Harrison Hospital - Silverdale	3
Total Transports	22

**Mutual/Automatic Aid
with Neighboring Districts**

Provided	9
Received	1
Total Mutual Aid	10

Message from Chief Brad Martin

In light of the exceptionally generous donation the Gammill Family Foundation provided the Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue (PLFR) Foundation in January, I've been asked by a number of community members about making donations. Many people were not aware that the Fire Department has a foundation that provides much to the community.

The PLFR Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization. Donations can be made in cash or check (payable to PLFR Foundation) at the main fire station at 7650 Oak Bay Road, Port Ludlow. We will provide you with a receipt and the funds will go toward projects which benefit Port Ludlow.

With the economy still struggling, the Board of Fire Commissioners, the firefighters and I continue to work to overcome the budget shortfalls by scrutinizing every expense, working through our committees (Finance, Revenue, Labor/Management, etc.) and developing staffing models that provide cost reductions wherever possible. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but rest assured that work continues.

I look forward to moving ahead and finding creative ways to get through these tough times. As always, I welcome any input or suggestions. Please feel free to contact me via email, brad.martin@plfr.org or call 360-437-2236 to make an appointment to meet with me.

Our monthly Board of Fire Commissioners meeting occurs every second Tuesday of the month at Fire Station #31, located at 7650 Oak Bay Road at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Sheriff's Report

For the month of January 2013, there were a total of 96 recorded Port Ludlow events known to the Sheriff's Office. County-wide 1,059 events were reported during the same time period. The parameters defining Port Ludlow are SR 19, Tala Shore Drive, Oak Bay Road, and Olympian Boulevard.

Agency Assist	7
Alarm or Incomplete 911 Call	4
Animal Control	2
Disturbance (unwanted persons, gunshots, etc)	2
Drugs	1
Found Property	0
Malicious Mischief	0
Miscellaneous/Informational	4
Suspicious Vehicle or Person	5
Theft/Burglary	7
Traffic Incident/Complaint	7
Welfare Check	1
Warrant Arrest	2
Traffic Violations	37
Assaults	0
Field Investigations	8
Threats	1
Harassment	0
Patrol Requests	1
Missing Person	0
Civil Assists	7

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



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Community Meetings

DigitalLife Offers Excitement & Education

Port Ludlow DigitalLife (PLDL) strives to bring the world of digital technology to our community. Members enjoy many special interest groups on varied topics that offer a greater understanding of the use of our computers (both Mac and PC) in our daily lives.

DigitalLife members participate in workshops (including the new Women's Workshop), share their interests, expertise and questions on subjects that appeal to them, and can call on one of the Club "experts" for assistance in resolving computer problems. All workshops are held at the Bay Club.

- Office Group, **Monday, March 4**, 10:30 a.m.
- Mac Group, **Monday, March 18**, 6:00 p.m.
- Photography Group, **Monday, March 25**, 10:00 a.m.
- Women's Workshop **Monday, March 25**, 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday Workshop, **Saturdays**, 10:30 a.m. – Noon
- Special Presentations

The benefits of membership are numerous. Why don't you consider joining with us and experience the excitement? Contact Mary Ronen at maryr@olympus.net, 437-0268, or you can go to the club website at www.PLDigitallife.org and download a membership application.

Dine and Discover

On **Monday, March 4** at the Beach Club, hear Skip Denny and Dr. Deb Kelley of the University of Washington present their update on the Underwater Observatory Initiative. Started in 2009, the Initiative is revolutionizing oceanography by using telecom cables to provide power and bandwidth to instruments on the seafloor and above, all day, every day. Come to learn about what goes on under our seas. Sign up at the Beach Club to bring a potluck dish to serve at least 10 people. To cancel or be put on a wait list, call Doris and Milt Lum at 437-5143.

On **Monday, April 8** (Note: the second Monday of the month) at the Bay Club, hear author Carole Dagg tell the story of her mother's adventures, which she chronicled in the book, *The Year We Were Famous*. The true story relates how and why her great grandmother, Helga Estby, and daughter Clara walked from Mica Creek, WA to New York City and back in 1896, surviving numerous dangers to save their family farm from foreclosure. Learn of the surprising ending. The book won many awards and

earned a place on the American Library Association's 2012 Amelia Bloomer list of best feminist fiction. Sign up at the Beach Club to bring a potluck dish to serve at least 10 people. To cancel or be put on a wait list, call Bev and Dean Nelson at 437-0762.

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

Port Ludlow Hikes

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

Friday, March 1: Larry Scott Trail

Hike the newest portion of the Larry Scott Trail in Port Townsend. It should be an easy 5 miles. Afterwards, you may choose to enjoy one of the local restaurants for lunch. For information, please contact Doris Monti at 437-0716.

Friday, March 15: Barnes Creek

Visit Marymere Falls and then make the gradual climb up to Barnes Creek to another set of cascades and spring water flows. The total excursion will be an easy to moderate 8 miles. For information, please contact Jack Rikken at 437-0370.

Friday, March 29: Maple Valley Trails at Dosewallips State Park

Join us for an easy to moderate 5-mile loop hike. The group will explore the Steam Donkey and Maple Valley trails at this park near Brinnon. Note that a Discover Pass is required for parking. For information, please contact Dick or Heather Ullmann at 437-5010.

Wednesday, April 3: Spring Planning Meeting

Mark your calendar and come prepared to plan our spring and summer adventures. The meeting will start at 5:00 p.m. and be followed by a potluck celebration. Watch your emails for details. Sign up at the Bay Club. For information, please contact Jack Rikken at 437-0370.

Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop

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

First Wednesday Luncheon

The speaker for the **Wednesday, March 6** luncheon, 11:00 a.m. at the Beach Club, will be Cheri Van Hoover. Cheri is the feminine half of Milky Way Jewels that has been successfully selling vintage jewelry on eBay since the year 2000 and has been awarded the title of “eBay Power Sellers.” This husband and wife team recently arrived in Port Hadlock from San Francisco. Cheri has had many articles published in the Vintage Fashion and Costume Jewelry magazine and has written several articles for the Jewelry Ring collectors’ group.

To enable us to better understand costume and vintage jewelry, Cheri invites us to bring a piece of vintage jewelry (20 years or older) and she will assist us with pertinent information that will cause us to better appreciate our personal collections.

Please sign up at either the Beach Club or the Bay Club. Lunch will be provided by the Food Committee. Instead of paying for your lunch, we ask that you make a donation to the Food Bank. Items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant and feminine hygiene products are always needed as well as cleaning supplies and laundry soap. Of course, cash or checks are much appreciated.

And remember, we have gone “green” so please remember to bring your own table service (plate, silverware, napkin, cup, etc). The money that we save by not providing these place settings can then be donated to the Food Bank. Next month we will meet on **Wednesday, April 3** at the Bay Club.

Port Ludlow Book Club

On **Tuesday, March 12**, 6:30 p.m. at the Bay Club, the Book Club will discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, a book written in clear prose and without judgment. This book explores the tainted history of experimentation on the black population, while tracing the brief life of Ms. Lacks, her family and the remarkable effect her cells have made in improving and sustaining the medical and scientific breakthroughs we have witnessed and benefited from in our lives today.

In the early 50s, a tissue sample taken without consent from Henrietta Lacks, a poor black woman dying of cervical cancer in the black ward of Johns Hopkins, led to some of the most remarkable medical and scientific breakthroughs known to modern science. These cells were the first “immortal” human cells grown in a culture and they are alive today and paramount in research. These amazing and potent HeLa cells led scientists to make

great strides toward curing polio, uncovering secrets of cancer, viruses and the atom bomb’s effects, and making important advances with in vitro fertilization, cloning and gene mapping. They have been bought and sold by the billions. This mother of five is buried in an unmarked grave in Virginia and her family never benefited from this.

The book selection for April is *She-Wolves: The Women Who Ruled England Before Elizabeth* by Helen Castor. Everyone is welcome. For questions, please call Martha Dawson at 437-4167.

Out to Lunch at the Brickhouse Bistro

Join the Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) at noon on **Thursday, March 14** at the Brickhouse Bistro located at 232 Taylor Street in Port Townsend. The restaurant opened last June and is the recipient of the “Best New Restaurant Award” in 2012. The menu features Panini sandwiches, wood-fired pizza and pasta made from scratch. Feel free to bring your spouse and/or friends to enjoy the great food.

The CEA’s luncheons are planned for the benefit of the whole Port Ludlow community so bring your friends and encourage newcomers to join us.

Separate checks will be available. Sign up at the Beach or Bay Clubs, or online at ceainfo.org or by calling Fran Bodman at 437-5110.

Garden Club Attacks the Weed Culture

Port Ludlow Garden Club will meet at the Beach Club on **Wednesday, March 13** at 11:00 a.m. With the expertise of Eve Dixon, Noxious Weed Control Coordinator for Jefferson County, we will explore the culture of weeds.

Eve is an avid gardener and will share essential hand tools used to eradicate weeds. As Ms. Dixon explains, “Learning more about the plant life cycle is crucial to controlling weeds.” To add a dose of reality, she will present a bouquet of the unsightly!

Join us for a lively discussion. How often have you heard or used the words “culture” and “weeds” in the same sentence? Are weeds controllable? How does one say, “Thank you” if presented with a bouquet of the unsightly?

The program is free for current garden club members and \$5 for guests. Annual membership dues of \$20

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may be paid at the door. Bring your lunch and a friend. Dessert and a beverage will be provided. Contact Mari Stuart, 437-8140, or Susan Shelton, 437-1125, for more information.

Reminder! The Spring Gardens of Oregon Tour is scheduled for **May 15-18**. Don't wait to register. For details about this wonderful tour package organized through Alki Tours, see the "Tour Spring Gardens" article on page 17, or contact Ann Radwick at 437-0318.

Stamping and Paper Arts

It's time to use our imaginations again when Monica Martin demonstrates another "make and take" card for us this month. We will meet at the Beach Club on **Wednesday, March 27** from 10:00 a.m. to noon for another fun card-making session. Monica will provide cutouts with an Asian theme from her Cricut machine and also card samples. Along with your basic tools, please bring any paper or stamps in that same theme to complete the inside of your cards.

Be sure to bring any newly made or received handmade cards to share during the "show and tell" portion of the meeting, as well as your gently used stamps and card-making supplies for sale at bargain prices each meeting. All money from purchases goes into our cards for the troops mailing fund.

The Big Shot/Die Cut machine meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 26** from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Beach Club. For more information, please call Barbara Emerson at 437-7800.

Senior Singles Dinner

Senior Singles, please join us on **Friday, March 22** at 5:00 p.m. at the Khu Larb Thai Restaurant located at 225 Adams Street in Port Townsend.

We haven't been to Khu Larb Thai in years, so I am sure you will enjoy the vast array of foods in this inviting restaurant. The menu offers a wide choice of appetizers, salads and main dishes including noodle, rice, vegetarian and seafood-based entrees. Ginger and coconut ice creams from Elevated Ice Cream Company in Port Townsend are available for dessert. Khu Larb in Thai means a rose, the symbol of perfection and inspiration behind Khu Larb's menu.

Please call our hostess, Peggy, at 437-9935 by noon on **Friday, March 15** to make your reservation. Let her know if you wish to be a passenger or a driver, and please offer your driver a few dollars to help defray expenses.

Come and enjoy your meal along with visiting old friends and making new ones. Be sure to wear your name tag.

Bluebill Spring Social

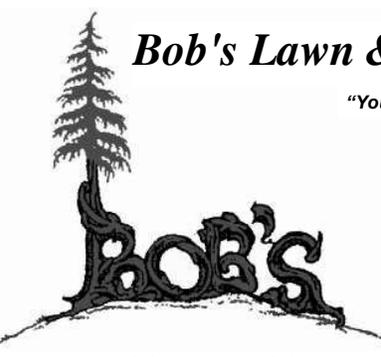
The Olympic Peninsula Spring Social is scheduled for **Friday, April 19**. The event is being held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Sunland Golf and Country Club in Sequim located at 109 Hilltop Drive. The social is being held in Sequim to recognize the efforts of the Clallam County Bluebills and to show our appreciation for all they have accomplished in the greater Port Angeles and Sequim area.

Sunland is catering the luncheon. The menu includes a pasta bar with a choice of sauces, garlic bread, Caesar salad and cookies for dessert. Coffee and tea are provided. There will be a no-host bar.

All Bluebills and spouses, associate members and retired Boeing folk are cordially invited. We also extend a warm and friendly invitation to anyone interested in volunteering their time, energy, skills, knowledge and experience to improve the quality of life in their respective communities and thereby to enhance their own lives.

We look forward to seeing you at this social. It will show the Clallam County crew that we really appreciate their efforts.

Please RSVP to Michael Graham at pljmikey@gmail.com. Since this social is being catered, RSVPs are very important. The cost of the social is based on the headcount we provide to Sunland on **Friday, April 12**.



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Port Ludlow Village Council

PLVC Meeting Report

By Vicki Tallerico, Secretary

President Dave Armitage called to order the Thursday, February 7 meeting of the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) at 3:00 p.m. in the Bay Club. Tony Durham, Linda Haskin, Tamra McDearmid, Jerry Purdy, Lois Ruggles, Sue Oemichen and Terry Umbreit formed a quorum. The meeting was recorded.

Guest Speaker: ORCAA Area Director Fran McNair

Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA) Area Director, Fran McNair, spoke about the agency's mission to educate and monitor. She was assisted by Rita Cirulis, Air Quality Specialist for Jefferson and Clallum counties. The Agency's focus is on air quality and reduction of emissions. Any business with operations that result in emissions must obtain a permit from the agency and must operate within regulations.

About 700 businesses within our six-county region have permits. Large industries must renew their permits every 5 years (there are only 15 in this region). If there are violations, the business can be fined, although there is an attempt to resolve the issues first. If the violations continue and are egregious, a facility can be shut down.

The biggest problems in this area have been from wood burning (including wood stoves). There are nephelometers set up in Clallam, Thurston, Port Angeles and Port Townsend to monitor air quality, and another will soon be placed in Sequim. Air quality is improving. The agency also deals with fuels, asbestos and dust. Due to lack of funds and staff, there is no plan to have a nephelometer in Port Ludlow in the near future; however, if any resident knows of an issue, they are to contact ORCAA and they will respond to them.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding possible pollution from dust when the Iron Mountain Quarry (IMQ) New Shine Quarry begins operations in 2014. The company has been contacted by the agency and is aware that they need to file a permit and comply with regulations which require that they contain their dust to the site. They will be required to wet down the product to ensure there is not particulate matter released into the air. The agency will monitor initial blasting and make periodic visits thereafter.

It is important that anyone having concerns about dust from the operation report their observations immediately

Port Ludlow Village Council Meetings

General Meeting

Thursday, March 7

3:00 p.m., Beach Club

Workshop Meeting

Tuesday, March 19

3:00 p.m., Beach Club

www.plvc.org

with specific information (wind, weather, color, odor, opacity, etc.) so an investigation can be made. The number to call is 800-422-5623.

County Report

Department of Community Development: David Wayne Johnson, Lead Planner and Liaison for Port Ludlow, talked about the status of the interactions between the County and IMQ. They have agreed to settle the issues in Court.

Johnson said the County will work with the PLVC IMQ Monitoring Committee. He will contact a project engineer and develop a detailed list of criteria. Johnson said that noise and traffic were the largest issues to be considered.

Council and Committee Reports

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the January 3 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Total income for the month of January is \$170 from sales of directories. A few directories are still available for sale at the Beach and Bay Clubs. The 2012 final numbers for the Directory show advertising sales to be \$13,413 and Directory sales amounted to \$6,339. Gross profit from the Directory was \$20,012 minus the expense of \$12,994 for a net profit of \$7,018. Donations for 2012 were \$5,081. The Friday Market brought in \$2,750. Total income for 2012 was \$28,234. Total expenditures were \$24,550. Income over expenditures for the year 2012 equaled \$3,684. Total cash in the bank is \$44,498. Current month bank balance is \$20,586. Total cash available is \$19,642.

Natural Resources: Doug Huber spoke on mitigating creosote piling removal. The committee is seeking funding for replacement of the creosoted pilings. Three possible sources for financial support are the Audubon

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Society, Jefferson Marine Resources Committee, and Pacific Joint Venture. They are documenting avian activity on the pilings, particularly the ones used by purple martins. If the martins are using the pilings, those pilings are exempt from removal according to Huber. Lisa Kaufman, a specialist in birds, has provided appropriate documents. If the pilings need to be replaced, a permit will be required. There could be cost savings if the new pilings could go in at the same time the DNR removes the old pilings.

Trails: Larry Scott reported that the Teal Lake trail and the Talbot extension have received approval. The bid on replacing asphalt on the Around the Bay Trail was excessively expensive and Trails proposes replacing the asphalt with finely crushed rock. The material is expected to compact and form a very firm surface at a lower cost. Maintenance of the crushed rock trail will be an ongoing cost and won't last as long as asphalt. However, the removal of the current asphalt, which has been affected by roots of abutting trees, and a new crushed rock trail are not expected to deplete the Trails' reserves. Scott recommended that he take this proposal to the Ludlow Maintenance Commission before making a decision and the Board members concurred with his request.

In response to queries about the washout on the Ludlow Falls Trail, Scott replied that it is an issue for Port Ludlow Associates because it occurred on the access to the water pump station for the golf course.

Friday Market: Vicki Tallerico gave a progress report on developing plans for the Port Ludlow Friday Market. Market day will continue to be Friday, although the location will be changed to be closer to the Marina. There is room for 44 vendors and adequate parking. Vendors are being surveyed and enlisted now. The discussion was deferred to the workshop meeting.

Communications Committee: Tamra McDearmid reported that Communications is revamping the website.

Unfinished and New Business

Status of Contacts with Committees: Tony Durham reported that the project is moving ahead. Some committees will be reporting to the Council more frequently than others. He believes scheduling will be improved by the new procedures and welcomes feedback.

Storage of Records: The topic was deferred to the workshop. Sue Oemichen was tasked with finding out what kind and amount of PLVC records have been stored at the Bay Club over the years. She will bring the findings to the workshop.

Announcements

The Port Ludlow Village Council's Wellness Committee will sponsor a Wellness Forum on the prevention of pre-diabetes and diabetes at the Beach Club on February 28. Interviews with the presenters are in this issue of the *Voice* (Features section). More wellness information is at www.plhealth.org. More information about the PLVC can be found at www.plvc.org. Dates for the upcoming meetings appear in the box at the top of the page.

President's Message

by Dave Armitage, PLVC President

For the last four years, the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) has been leading an effort to mitigate the impact of the Iron Mountain Quarry on the adjacent Master Planned Resort. The County has now issued a Stormwater Permit with mitigations. While Iron Mountain has yet to obtain several state agency permits, our ability to impact future mitigation of mining effects is minimal.

Our speakers at the February PLVC meeting, Ms. McNair and Ms. Cirulis, represented the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA). The information they provided was very helpful, but also exposed some limitations in the agency's ability to monitor and/or regulate the dust leaving the quarry site. It illustrates the need for the community to take the initiative and put in place a committee that can monitor the environmental impact of the quarry operation.

While the agency uses sophisticated equipment in urban areas to monitor overall air quality, what will be used in our area is a calibrated set of eyeballs. Not to minimize the importance of those eyes, but I believe this community has a depth of professional knowledge and experience that will allow us to muster a group of volunteers who can monitor the quarry's impact on our environment. David Wayne Johnson, Jefferson County Lead Planner speaking at the same PLVC meeting, encouraged the formation of such a committee, stating that it would be helpful. If you have an interest in being part of the committee, contact Dave Armitage, 437-0347.

Trails

Larry Scott, Trails Committee Chair

As you may know from last month's *Voice*, the Olympic Terrace Loop Trail is open and functioning. As we build additional trails, we always add our signs so those hikers who don't have a map can find their way without getting lost. Our sign maker/installer is Dean Morgan; he enlisted Jack Rikken's help with this placement.

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Once again our four sponsors have met our annual request for funding support. We continue to save as much as possible toward replacement of the asphalt on the west side of the Around-The-Bay Trail (ABT) from marker 3 to marker 5.

However, the two bids we received from the remaining (after the downturn) local asphalt contractors make it clear that our initial estimate was significantly too low. At our present rate of saving, it will take 3-4 more years before we can accumulate the appropriate funds.

As an alternative, we are considering replacing the asphalt in part of the ABT with crushed and compacted small-particle rock. This alternative would be in keeping with what the county is doing with the extension of the Larry Scott Trail (no, it's not mine) from Port Townsend towards Discovery Bay.

The trail is ADA-compliant and while it may be more maintenance intensive in the short term, the maintenance is significantly easier and less expensive. We are soliciting community input; reply to PLVC Trails, or our sponsors (LMC, SBCA, PLVC and PLA). If this is acceptable to the community, it can be done in the very near term.

In mid to late March/early April, we will be beginning work (Fun Days) on the Talbot extension to Upper Rainier. We will be assisted, or more accurately, we will assist one of our local Boy Scouts who will do the planning and provide the leadership as his Eagle Scout project.

As always, if you are interested in helping to improve our community a couple of hours at a time, let me know and I'll add your e-mail to our "Fun Day" announcement group. Contact me at 437-9299 or mclgscott@cablespeed.com. Let's keep improving our trails.



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Village Activities Calendar

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

March

Fri., March 1

8:30 a.m., Hiking Club leaves for Larry Scott Trail, Bridge Deck
 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., SBCA Board Meeting (members), Bay Club

Mon., March 4

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

Tues., March 5

9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Trails Committee Meeting, Bay Club
 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., Facilities Meeting, Bay Club
 10:00 a.m. – noon, CEA Meeting, The Inn
 Noon – 5:00 p.m., PLUSH Investment Meeting, Bay Club

Wed., March 6

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., First Wednesday Luncheon, Beach Club
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Beginning Computer Class, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA Live and Learn, Great Decisions, Beach Club

Thurs., March 7

9:00 a.m. – noon, Bayview Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., KnitWits, Beach Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC Meeting, Beach Club

Fri., March 8

10:00 a.m. – noon, Inner Harbor Board meeting (members), Bay Club
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., SBCA Monthly Social (members), Bay Club

Mon., March 11

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Blood Drive, Port Ludlow Community Church
 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., MGA Board Meeting, Bay Club

Tues., March 12

6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Book Club, Bay Club

Wed., March 13

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Garden Club, Beach Club
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Beginning Computer Class, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA Live and Learn, Great Decisions, Beach Club
 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Artists' League Reception, Columbia Bank lobby
 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Artists' League Reception moves next door to Art Gallery
 7:00 p.m., Flotilla 41, Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting, Fire Station

Thurs., March 14

10:00 a.m. – noon, Drainage District Meeting, Beach Club
 Noon, CEA Out to Lunch at Brickhouse Bistro, Port Townsend
 Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club

Fri., March 15

8:30 a.m., Hiking Club Leaves for Barnes Creek, Bridge Deck
 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., ARC Review Meeting, Bay Club
 6:30 p.m., Pre-concert Social Hour and Art Exhibit featuring Pottery by Eleanor Watson-Gove
 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., Performing Arts in Port Ludlow presents "From Russia with Love," featuring Liana Forest's "Bach to Broadway," Bay Club

Sat., March 16

7:00 – 10:00 p.m., Sock Hop, Beach Club

Sun., March 17

St. Patrick's Day dinner at The Fireside

Mon., March 18

10:30 a.m. – noon, Teal Lake Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., WALI 3 Meeting, Bay Club
 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., DigitalLife Mac SIG (members), Bay Club

Tues., March 19

1:00 – 3:00 p.m., KnitWits, Beach Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC Workshop, Beach Club
 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., Fairwood Homeowners Meeting (members), Bay Club
 Readers' Theater to resume in April
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Fly Fishers' Meeting, Bay Club

Wed., March 20

10:15 a.m. – noon, Long-Range Planning Meeting, Bay Club
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Artists League Meeting, Bay Club
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Beginning Computer Class, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA Live and Learn, Great Decisions, Beach Club

Thurs., March 21

1:00 – 4:00 p.m., LMC Meeting (members), Beach Club
 7:00 – 10:00 p.m., Ludlow Village Players present Neil Simon's *Rumors*, Bay Club

Fri., March 22

5:00 p.m., Singles dine at Khu Larb Thai, Port Townsend
 7:00 – 10:00 p.m., Ludlow Village Players present Neil Simon's *Rumors*, Bay Club

Sat., March 23

10:00 – 11:00 a.m., WALI, Beach Club
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Ludlow Village Players present Neil Simon's *Rumors*, Bay Club
 5:00 p.m., Fly Fishers Auction, Bay Club

Mon., March 25

9:30 – 11:00 a.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Bay Club
 10:00 a.m. – noon, DigitalLife Photography/Pro Show Gold SIG (members), Bay Club

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5:00 – 7:00 p.m., South Bay Potluckers (members), Bay Club
 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., DigitalLife Women’s Workshop, Bay Club

Tues., March 26

10:00 a.m. – noon, Big Shots, Beach Club

Wed., March 27

10:00 a.m. – noon, Stamp and Paper Arts, Beach Club
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Beginning Computer Class, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA Live and Learn, Great Decisions, Beach Club

Thurs., March 28

Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Niners’ Spring Cocktail Party, Bay Club

Fri., March 29

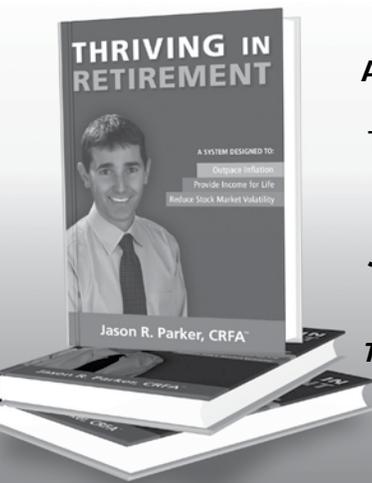
8:30 a.m., Hiking Club Leaves for Dosewallips State Park, Bridge Deck
 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club

Sun., March 31

1:00 p.m., Easter Egg Hunt, Beach Club

Future Events

Hiking Club Spring Planning Meeting, April 3
 Artists’ League Art Gala, April 13
 Arts Council’s season finale, “Franc D’Ambrosio’s Songs from the Silver Screen,” April 20
 British Afternoon Tea, April 24



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LMC January Board Meeting Highlights

by Vaughn Bradshaw, LMC Secretary

The monthly business meeting of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board of Trustees was held January 17 at the Beach Club. The following are highlights of that meeting.

The Port Ludlow Pickleball Association (PLPA) has made a proposal to convert one of the tennis courts located at the Beach Club into three pickleball courts. The PLPA would cover the costs of the conversion. The proposal is under consideration by the LMC board, which hopes to get PLPA representatives to give a presentation at an evening community meeting in order to obtain input from LMC members. More information is available at the PLPA website: www.portludlowpickleball.com.

The Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Trails Committee has proposed an extension of the Upper Rainier Trail to join the Talbot Way Trail. No responses were received from the 21-day letters sent to the neighbors living along the proposed route. The board approved the trail extension.

The next business meeting of the LMC Board of Trustees was scheduled for February 21. The meeting after that is scheduled for **Thursday, March 21** at 1:00 p.m.

Community Associations Present Opportunities to Members

by Teddy Clark, LMC President

Springtime is a perfect time to come out of winter's hibernation, explore our neighborhood and venture out into our world. There are many opportunities to be involved in our community. Each time we go for a walk, visit the Beach Club, attend a class, go to a social event or attend a committee meeting, we have an opportunity to meet and talk with our neighbors.

Important Dates

LOA Meeting
Monday, March 4, 9:30 a.m.

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LMC Board Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 1:00 p.m.

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E-mail: beachclub@olympus.net
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All LMC members are welcome.



Working with other Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) members on one of the seven committees is a great way to learn more about our community association as well as make new friends. Committee meetings are open to all members. Check out the LMC website or bulletin board at the Beach Club for details and the names of the committee chairs. Prepare to be amazed with all the interesting people who live in your community.

The upcoming Annual Meeting will be **Saturday, April 20** in the Bay View Room. We will be voting on candidates for three trustee positions, two Lot Owners Association (LOA) positions and a third condo representative. As defined in a recent Community Association Journal, "Governing boards are the core leadership structure of any community association. A board's wisdom, effectiveness and productivity are directly influenced by the quality of its members' life experiences, professional acumen, management experience, people skills, willingness and commitment to serve." Candidates for the 2013-2014 LMC Board of Trustees may contact the General Manager or Beach Club for an application prior to **Friday, March 15**.

This year's Board of Trustees and Committees have spent numerous hours in committee and board meetings reviewing information and working together to present accurate data and information to all members. They are diligent, knowledgeable and creative volunteers who have stepped forward to accomplish community association work. You may wish to send an email or a card to the

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Board, the committees, or our General Manager and great staff to say Thank you. Better yet, attend the LMC monthly meeting to stay informed and say Thank you in person.

As the president of LMC, I appreciate all the work, time and energy our Board of Trustees, Committee Chairs, committee members, General Manager and staff have provided to our community association in more ways than I can count. They are a great team. I also appreciate the thoughtful concerns and ideas shared by the members. I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting. Catch the spirit!

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

In previous articles, I have written a lot about our two very important Beach Club projects—drainage and electrical repairs, both of which should be under way in March. This month I’m updating our community on some other work that is underway or completed.

The Greenbelt Committee has overseen the trimming of many overhanging trees around our two RV storage lots. Not only does the trimming reduce the possibility of damage to the stored items, but it lessens the amount of debris falling from the trees and, in some cases, provides better air circulation and more sunlight.

In early February our spa circulation pump failed, so our maintenance staff replaced it. Unfortunately, we had to keep the spa closed for five days while we waited for the new pump motor to arrive.

LMC recently purchased a small shed building that has been placed on the south end of the Beach Club. The shed is being used to store some of our grounds maintenance equipment that had previously been stored under an open-sided lean-to at the end of the building. With the new shed in place, our maintenance staff has been working on getting the area outside of our maintenance area tidied up.

Beginning on Sunday, February 3, the Beach Club is open on Sundays. The limited 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. schedule will remain in effect until May, at which time we will expand to our summer Sunday hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

There is a project we could use some help on. For 45 years, LMC has been storing lots of records from LMC’s history. Every year more paper records are boxed up and stored away in our archive storage room downstairs at the Beach Club. We need to start digitizing these records, which will convert them from paper to electronic copies that can be stored on our computer system. We need someone with this kind of expertise to help get us started on the right track. Based on what I’ve learned, it is critical that an accurate filing system be established so that electronic records can be quickly and easily retrieved. So, if you’ve been down this road before and have some time to help us get started, please give me a call at the Beach Club or send me an email.

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

North Bay Easter Egg Hunt

Hippity hop on down to the Beach Club—Easter’s on the way! Come find the golden egg at our annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Easter Sunday, March 31**. The Easter Bunny will start the hunt promptly at 1:00 p.m. for kids ages 1-17 years.

Join your family, friends and neighbors. You don’t even have to have your own kids with you! Hunt for the Easter eggs with the Easter Bunny or just watch the fun!

Following the hunt we will enjoy delicious desserts and coffee. If you have any questions, call Bryan or Piper Diehl at 437-0602. This event is put on by the North Bay Lot Owners Association and Port Ludlow Kids Club. ☼

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SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Friday, March 1, 9:30 a.m.

Visit <http://plsbca.org>

All SBCA members are welcome. 

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

by Sue Oemichen, SBCA President

The South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Board met on February 2, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. This evening meeting was scheduled to better meet the needs of members who have been unable to attend Board meetings during the day. We will continue to try alternate times for meetings every other month. Please review the complete meeting minutes and financial reports on our website at www.plsbca.org.

Seven Board Members were present, Steve Shanklin by Skype. Sixty-nine residents attended. The Board appreciates member attendance and participation in Board meetings. On a trial basis, this meeting was recorded with Board and member approval.

The Board accepted the resignation of Chris Whitehurst from the SBCA Board of Directors effective January 7, 2013. Richard Grieves was appointed to the position of Vice President to replace Chris. The Board appointed Ed Knodle, co-chair of the Facilities Committee, to the Board of Directors as SBCA Director-at-Large to fill the Whitehurst vacancy until July 2014.

Brian Belmont was welcomed as interim General Manager, a temporary part-time position. Brian will be assisting the SBCA Board in the general management of the Bay Club and the search for a permanent General Manager. The General Manager position was discussed and the General Manager Job Description was approved. The General Manager Job Description is posted on the Bay Club bulletin board and the SBCA website. The position will be advertised in the Peninsula Daily News, Kitsap Sun and Community Association website. The interview process was discussed. We will have three interview teams composed of Board members, staff and community members.

Maintenance and facility updates included problems with the thermostats, heating and cooling system repairs, garbage collection rescheduled for Fridays, scheduled CPR class, repaired pool cover and braking system, replaced hot water heater, installation of new pool and spa heat pump system (outside), replacement of failing spa heater, completion of electrical rebalancing, and completion of a major pool and spa refurbishing.

The Financial report was given. The SBCA's Long Term Assets were changed as recommended by Clarke Whitney in the audit completed for year ending 2011.

The correspondence report was reviewed. The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approved three applications: dangerous tree removal, deck construction and roof replacement, and discussed three view applications. Chris Hashagen was approved as a member of the Facilities Committee replacing Ed Knodle.

The Mess Management initiative continues. There are 33 groups and clubs that use and store items at the facility. All groups are asked to reorganize their inventory and downsize on "stuff" stored. A new storage cabinet to be placed next to the copier was approved. This will bring paper and supplies closer to the point of use.

The Facilities Committee plans to address uneven walkways caused by tree roots, landscaping by the shed and kitchen, drainage issues in the lawn, and is finalizing the landscaping contract. The Finance Committee discussed the process to bring bookkeeping in-house. The Long Range Planning Committee discussed and made a few changes to the SWOT chart.

A policy for check-signing authorization was approved. The Extended Hours and Activities task force will look into a key card system, including bids and all potential implications to the club. Approval was given for the Bay Club to sell tickets for the Sock Hop Community Charity event. The HR committee charter was revised to allow for membership to include two Board members and one

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community member. Richard Grieves and Jim Richards were appointed to serve on this committee.

The next SBCA Board Meeting will be held on **Friday, March 1**, 9:30 a.m. at the Bay Club. Please plan on attending.

Moving Forward

by Sue Oemichen, SBCA President

Exciting things are happening at the Bay Club. The South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Board of Directors, staff and members are in the process of interviewing for a General Manager. As stated before, the Director and Operations/ARC Manager positions were eliminated to be replaced with a General Manager position. This decision will benefit SBCA by redistributing our labor costs from managerial to facility maintenance and service. Our labor costs will be better aligned with the size and responsibilities of our organization.

The Finance Committee is working to improve our bookkeeping and billing processes. The Long Range Planning Committee has completed their SWOT analysis and will be working on updating our mission and developing a vision for the future. The ARC is working with Villages and their members to develop consensus on projects. The HR Committee has begun to review our employment processes.

Exciting things are happening within SBCA, a member-owned association. We need your ideas, thoughts, and involvement as we move forward. The Board will be forming a Nominating Committee at our March meeting. Please consider volunteering for a committee or Board position. Member attendance at Board meetings is encouraged and is an important way to be involved in our association.

Share your thoughts for activities, plan an event, enjoy visiting with neighbors and friends at our monthly social and South Bay Potlucks, or become involved with Free Spirits. We have many opportunities to become or to stay involved in our community.

Mess Management and Storage Committee

by John Walker, SBCA Board Member

An exciting and inspired new program has been approved. The South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Board has approved a sub-committee of the Facilities Committee to survey and improve the use of the many areas around

the Bay Club. This sub-committee will work with the management and membership to identify, sort, organize, consolidate, give away or dispose of the over twenty years of records, belongings, treasures, trappings, stuff and some small bits of, perhaps, junk that has accumulated. There is no intent to dispose of anything needed by any activity. We wish to assist in arranging, consolidating and improving storage.

Besides the basic South Bay Club offices (auditorium, utility, maintenance and storeroom areas), there are many clubs using cupboards, closets, a large portion of the attic and the storage shed to store stuff. Various villages, PLVC, PLA and ARC have some equipment and records stored at the Bay Club.

This condition is much like Fibber McGee's closet needing help.

South Bay Potluckers

by Ann Radwick

Our Potluckers will meet at the Bay Club on **Monday, March 25** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The first party my husband and I ever attended in Port Ludlow some 20 years ago was a potluck. Most were new to the area and organizations were few. It was a casual way to meet each other and share a meal and a fun evening. Sometimes we had a local speaker or short entertainment, e.g., "how to shuck an oyster."

I recall a few gatherings in nice weather where we trekked up to the Gazebo for our drinks, food, the view and the fresh air (we were younger then)! The purpose is still the same—to say "hello." It is not a special holiday, but come celebrate friends and food. Bring a friend, a neighbor or meet someone new. Bring a favorite dish, perhaps a recipe to share or a story to tell.

Bring your own place setting, libation of choice and \$1 each. Tablecloths, decorations, coffee and tea will be provided. Setup and cleanup helping hands are welcome. Sign up in the Bay Club desk activity book by **Saturday March 23**, or call Ann and Bob Radwick at 437-0318. 🍷

South Bay Monthly Social

South Bay Members are invited to attend our Social on **Friday, March 8** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. Appetizers are much appreciated, and beverages are provided. 🍷

Free Spirits Celebrate Spring

Spring will definitely be here by **Saturday, April 27**, the date of the Free Spirits' spring event, "Cherry Blossoms and Jasmine" at the Bay Club. The traditional cocktails and appetizers will open the festivities at 6:00 p.m. followed by an Asian-inspired dinner at 7:00 p.m. Included in the menu will be an Asian Salad, Beef Teriyaki with Pancit Noodles, Sugar Snap Peas and Ice Cream with Toasted Coconut. Music for your dancing or listening pleasure will be presented by Michael and Leslie, who are back by popular demand. The evening promises to be special.

Members will pay \$22, and may sign up beginning **Monday, March 25**. Non-members will pay \$29, and may sign up starting **Monday, April 15**. The last day to sign up will be **Tuesday, April 23**. Celebrate spring! 🌸

South Bay Recent New Members

Please welcome to your Association the following new homeowners:

Dennis and Jerelene Manalili	Edgewood Village
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Kate Brownwood and Ron Thomas	Teal Lake
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Looking Forward

by Diana Smeland, President, Port Ludlow Associates



Early last month, according to “Punxsutawney Phil”, a nationally recognized and weather-predicting groundhog, an early spring is on its way. According to folklore, if Phil the groundhog emerges from his burrow and does not see his shadow, then spring will come early.

Thankfully, on February 2 this year, Phil saw nothing resembling his shadow, and so I find

myself once again focused on what is in front of us.

As a business, looking forward is about having a vision for the future. For Port Ludlow Associates, our vision is typically focused on where we want to be in 3 to 5 years. As I’ve mentioned in the past, our long-term vision is to become “The Northwest’s Best” and so we begin laying the foundation of that right now.

As many of you may have noticed, we have begun preparing the exterior of the inn for a brand new paint job this spring as well as having invested in some new furniture in the Marina room and new carpet in The Fireside dining room. Down at the Marina the pilings were capped to extend their life, the whalers boards were replaced and the electrical is being updated on D dock. Up at the Golf Club we have implemented a renewed plan to improve drainage around the course and to ensure that the landscaping has never looked better.

Each of these changes feels like spring cleaning for our business and clears the way for new and exciting things to come. Although we are focused on the future with the many changes around the Resort, many of the moments we enjoy here each day also set the tone for where we want to be in years to come. Of the many events we have planned this year, March is sure to be particularly enjoyable.

This month we are looking forward to our St. Patrick’s Day Dinner at The Fireside on **Sunday, March 17**, which will feature a three-course, Irish-themed dinner for just \$39 along with a selection of drink specials on wine, beer and whiskey. Also, don’t forget that Easter comes a bit early this year, on **Sunday, March 31**. As many of you have come to enjoy over the years, The Fireside will once again be hosting a decadent “Easter Brunch Buffet” from

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. that day. It is never too early to make reservations, and we look forward to seeing you down at The Fireside soon.

We know that every memory, update, and change that we make sets the tone for our future, and we look forward to fulfilling all that it takes to be “The Northwest’s Best.” I hope that as spring arrives, you too are looking forward and planning your next steps.

Send your questions and comments: I would love to hear from you with questions that can be answered in this column. All of us with Port Ludlow Associates continue to look forward to meeting with groups and residents to share ideas or deal with any expressed concerns about Port Ludlow’s future. If you have questions, my direct line is 360-437-8342, or by e-mail at dsmeland@portludlowassociates.com.



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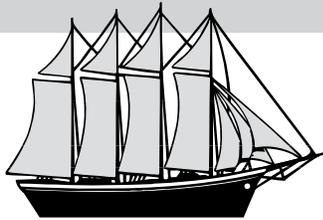
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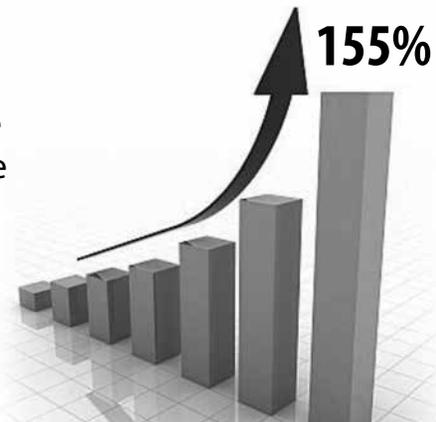
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Sports & Games

Fly Fishermen Schedule Auction

The Port Ludlow Fly Fishermen's Teal Lake benefit auction is scheduled for **Saturday, March 23**, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. This is an opportunity to donate your old or new unused gear and help raise funds for Teal Lake improvements.

Clean out the old stuff and maybe make room for something new. Donate that Spey rod that you never learned how to use. And just how many five-weight rods does any one person really need? Rain gear, waders, float tubes, fly tying tools, flies and lures, and whatever else a fisherman would be interested in buying, could be available for purchase. There will be at least one professionally-guided trip up for bid.

Gear donations should be delivered to: Bill Master, 10 Heron Road, Port Ludlow, 437-7976; Frosty Foust, 81B N. Chandler Court, Port Ludlow, 437-2836; or Ted Teather, 5728 NE See Forever Lane, Poulsbo, 206-601-8141. Or, if more convenient, we can arrange to pick up donations.

We are planning on serving refreshments and look forward to a lot of fun.

Nine-Hole Golf Association Holds Opening Event

The men's and women's Nine Hole Golf Associations begin the 2013 golfing season with an opening social at 5:30 p.m. on **Thursday, March 28** at the Bay Club. The social is hosted by the trustees who will provide appetizers. Beverages are B.Y.O.B.

At the social, members will register for the season, pay dues (\$35 by check) and receive the handbook containing the schedule of games and other vital information. New members are especially encouraged to attend, meet fellow golfers and participate in the festivities.

Games for the Niners are generally held on Thursdays with couples games interspersed with the women's and men's schedules. The first game is on **Thursday, March 28**. The first couples' game is on **Thursday, April 18** on Tide.

The Niners schedule regular events with neighboring golf associations throughout the golfing season. This year the ladies have scheduled exchanges with Sunland (June) and Discovery Bay (August). The men's exchanges will be announced.

Nifty Niners Men's Golf Association

by Tom Stone

The Men's Nifty Niners Golf League has tee times every Thursday morning and plays nine holes of competitive, but "friendly" golf.

We charge a \$3 entrance fee for each game and return it all to the weekly winners. The tournament director normally divides the players into handicap flights to allow all to compete within their own skill set. We even have a "Forward Tee Flight" where players with a nine-hole handicap greater than twelve can also compete with each other.

You have to be a member of the Port Ludlow Golf Course and pay an annual membership fee (\$35) early in the season. We use that to fund awards, social events and our first-class banquet at the end of the year. Members can also sign up to play in the monthly couple's game and attend our monthly socials.

If you have not played with the Men's Nifty Niners before, come to our opening Spring Social on **Thursday, March 28** at 5:30 p.m. at the Bay Club. If you can't attend the Spring Social, sign up (via email) any Thursday morning and start playing. To sign up for Thursday golf, send an email to Jack McKay, Event Chair, jmckay@hmleague.org. For more information about the Men's Nifty Niner Golf League, contact Tom Stone at 437-4108 or email tstone@q.com.

Nine-Hole Golfers Announce Officers

The Men's Niners has announced the officers for the 2013 golfing season. They are: Captain Tom Stone, Co-Captain Ken Avicola, Play Day Chair Jack McKay, Statistics and Handicap Chair Ed Hughes, Social Chair Jack Potter and Greens Representative Ken Avicola.

The Women's Niners officers are: Captain Kathy Traci, Co-Captain Linda Bloemeke, Secretary/Treasurer Gayle Carrier, Play Day Chair is Linda Bloemeke with assistants Linda Haskin, Sue Carlson, Cathie Hampton, Ann Nugent and Carolyn Voss. Couples chairs are Barbara and Ed Berthiaume and Nancy and Bob Reasoner. Cynthia Durham is Membership Chair.

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Other volunteers include Bev Browne (Publicity), Ann Nugent (Rules), Sunshine (Cynthia Lawson), Big Sister (Connie Norman and Carolyn Voss), Social Committee (Lucy Stone, Susie Gruber and Sandy MacDonald), Historian (June Demers), Handbook (Sue Fechner), Handicap and Statistics (Sue Fechner) and Nominating Committee (Barbara Berthiaume and Kathy Snider).

To inquire about joining either the Men's or the Women's Nine Hole Golf Association, contact one of the above persons or ask at the golf course reception desk.

Ladies 18-Hole Golf Coming Up

by Peggy Selby, Scribe

Remember, it wasn't so long ago that we had our opening day of golfing season in March. While we have since wised up and moved the formal opening to April, we still count on many nice days this month to hone our skills to last year's high level.

One of the things that always seems to slow us down at the beginning of the year is trying to work ourselves back into shape. The best form of exercise is still walking. Granted, we may still be in a wet season, but golfers in the northwest have an ample supply of rain gear. If you (like me) haven't shown much interest in exercise since Thanksgiving, now is the time to don that gear and walk out that front door. When trekking up #18, you will be glad you made the effort to get in shape before the season opener.

If it is warm enough for the bulbs to be up and blooming, it should be warm enough for us. So I am grabbing my rain jacket and iPod, and Dex and I are going for a much needed walk.

I will see all of you on **Tuesday, April 2**. Mark your calendars for the opening day brunch followed by nine holes of golf. Again this year, we have a great group of ladies working hard to make this another exciting year on the golf course.

Men's Golf Association (PLMGA) Begins a New Season

The Port Ludlow Men's Golf Association begins its 2013 golfing schedule on **Wednesday March 13** with the game, Lone Ranger. The games scheduled for the remainder of the month include Six, Six, Six (**March 20**) and Four-Man Scramble (**March 27**). Games are played on Wednesday mornings. Competition is flighted by handicap. A season-long eclectic tournament will be

available for anyone who chooses to enter. Tournament events include the President's Cup, Ludlow Cup and the PLMGA Championship.

This year the PLMGA will offer a "forward tee" division for those over the age of 70 with a handicap of 25 or above. A minimum of eight participants is needed for competitive golf.

This year's officers for the PLMGA are: President John Cragoe, Vice President Dan Holtz, Secretary Tom Propeck, Treasurer Richard Reichard, Handicaps Chair Jack McKay, Social Chair Mike Maggio, Director at Large Don Carlson and Home and Away Chair Tom Jones.

Those interested in joining the PLMGA should contact one of the officers for details. Membership in the Port Ludlow Golf Course is required. Dues are \$55, \$65 for those who enter the Eclectic, and should be paid any time prior to the start of season play. Entry forms are available on the website or at the Club.

Duplicate Bridge Winners for January

by Tom Stone, Scribe

January 7: Joy Herring/Marilyn Eglin, first; Darrell Fett/Norm Crump, second; Nancy McGillis/Ralph Stroy, third.

January 14: Shirley Porter/Dorothy Winter, first; Sandra Flaherty/Marge Willie, second; Doris and Ian Feltham, third.

January 21: Lucy Stone/Joy Herring, first; Dan and Soozie Darrow, second; Shirley Porter/Dorothy Winter, third.

January 28: Tom Stone/Ted Wurtz, first; Ralph Phillips/Lois Ruggles, second; Dan and Soozie Darrow, third.

Duplicate Bridge is played at the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Bridge Deck on Mondays from noon to 5:00 p.m. For information call Doris or Ian Feltham at 437-9196.

Runners Symposium Announced

Jefferson Healthcare will host the first annual Runners Symposium, the first event of its type in Jefferson County and on the Olympic Peninsula, on **Sunday, April 7** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Healthcare Hospital. It features presentations by medical and health-care professionals specializing in Orthopedics, Nutrition, Cardiology, Physical Therapy and Internal Medicine.

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Kim Jones, one of the best female marathoners in U.S. history and ranked third in the World in 1991, and Jon Mark Sinclair, all-time cumulative men's point leader in the Runners World Road Race rankings since 1979, will deliver keynote presentations. Both will be on hand throughout the event to talk with our local new and experienced running athletes. Presentations by specialists include:

- Keeping the joints healthy while conditioning and running
- Proper functional movements and selective movement screenings
- Heart health for the mature runners

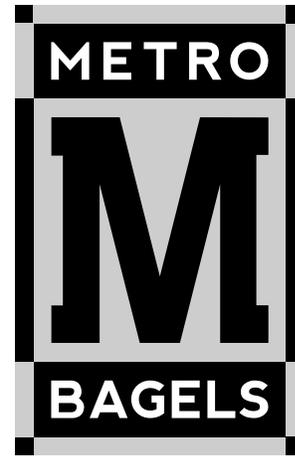
There will be nutritionists and healthy cooking demonstrations as well as vendors, raffles and much more.

The Runners Symposium is being offered as a kick-off to the running season and in conjunction with two Boot Camps or conditioning programs starting on **Monday, April 8** for kids and adults who want to get in top shape for the Rhody Run. The Kids Fit Middle School Boot Camp is being conducted by Jefferson County Parks for young adults, ages 10–14. Go to www.countyrec.com for more information or to register your child. The Adult Boot Camp is being held at Port Townsend Athletic Club and they are accepting registrations now at www.porttownsendathletic.com.

Jefferson Healthcare is a major sponsor of the Rhody Run which is celebrating its 35th Anniversary of the run and will be on hand at the Runners Symposium to register participants or you can go online and register now at www.rhodyrun.org. For more information, visit www.jeffersonhealthcare.org.

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This Month on the Peninsula

First Friday Lectures: March 1, Bill Baccus presents *Olympic Glaciers: Past Present and Future*, Port Townsend City Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Fort Flagler State Park: 10541 Flagler Road, Marrowstone Island, hiking trails and beaches, WWII defenses. Tours are \$5 for adults; \$2 for children. For information, email fofflagler@gmail.com.

Fort Worden State Park: Beach access. Historic buildings and lighthouse. Centrum.

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

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

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

Northwest Maritime Center: Wooden Boat Chandlery, 431 Water Street, Port Townsend. Tours available, 2:00 p.m. **Friday, Saturday and Sunday;** other times by arrangement. Pets not allowed in the building. Free. Call 385-3628 for information.

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

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

PT Shorts, Readings of literary works **Saturday, March 2**, 7:30 p.m., Cotton Building in Port Townsend, keycitypublictheater.org.

Puget Sound Coast Artillery Museum: Fort Worden State Park, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$1 for children, JCHS members free. Harbor defenses in Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Call 385-0373 or visit jchsmuseum.org.

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

Victorian Heritage Days: Port Townsend. Information at victorianfestival.org.

Sale Benefits Center Valley Animal Rescue

It's the New Year and time to clean out your closets, spare rooms and garages of unwanted items. Donate them to Center Valley Animal Rescue for its Annual Garage Sale, starting at 9:00 a.m., **Saturday, March 16**, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. All garage sale proceeds will go to helping the various critters—dogs, cats, llamas, sheep, goats, iguanas, chinchillas, guinea pigs, etc. at the ranch.

Most items will be accepted but please, no clothes, electronics or exercise equipment. Deadline for donations is **Tuesday, March 12**. Contact Cheryl Halverson at 774-6808 or Brighid McCarthy at 379-4749 to arrange delivery or possible pick-up arrangements.

Non-profit Center Valley Animal Rescue is a no-kill ranch where animals get second lives. It is committed to providing safe harbor and rehabilitation to abandoned domestic and wild animals. The philosophy of the organization is that every animal deserves a crack at a humane life. The ranch is located at 11900 Center Road in Quilcene, phone 765-0798. Formerly named Second-Chance Ranch, it also has a website and produces an electronic letter describing its activities. Center Valley Animal Rescue depends on volunteers and contributions for its survival.

Healthy Families

by Eline Lybarger, Contributing Writer

Today one in three women (one in four men) have experienced abuse. Healthy Families in Port Angeles, a refuge for domestic violence, sexual abuse and child abuse victims, is one of the non-profits supported by the Boeing Bluebills. They will sponsor a tournament at Cedars at Dungeness Golf Course on **Saturday, July 27**, with proceeds benefiting Healthy Families.

“Ending sexual violence takes all of us—be the solution” is the motto of Healthy Families. Leslie Bond-Rudd, Program Manager at Healthy Families, and Becca Korby, Executive Director, are aided by four advocates, all working to alleviate suffering and protect victims.

In 2012 Healthy Families provided 5,948 bed nights to 60 adults and 48 children with a total of 466 clients served. Each person receives mental health counseling, legal and medical support, and is made aware of other available support.

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Healthy Families offers clients several valuable options. Instead of a dormitory, transitional housing is provided by the six-bedroom Rose Crumb House, donated in 1994. Clients may remain up to two years while paying rent and utilities and contributing to a savings program. Five apartments provide privacy, reinforce the unity of the family and insulate clients from others' trauma.

A state-of-the-art Children's Advocacy Center has been developed by Korby. Using storerooms and a back door entrance, she has created a child-friendly environment where children can be interviewed. The interview room, opened in April 2012, features a small table with chairs, disguised microphones and cameras, and a safe place for the officer's gun to eliminate distractions. Interviews are viewed in a separate media room. Questions can be electronically transmitted via an ear "bug" to the interviewer.

Domestic trauma victims are worthy of help. Consider participating in the solution to an all too common problem by contributing to the support of Healthy Families. Mark your calendars.

Victorian Fashion Show Benefits Students

A Victorian theme fashion show will again be presented during the annual Victorian Festival held in Port Townsend on **Saturday, March 23** at 2:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 1111 Franklin. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the door with all proceeds benefiting the Jefferson County Historical Society's (JCHS) Scholarship program.

We encourage any interested person who has graduated from high school or home-school and is a resident of Jefferson County to apply for the JCHS scholarship. Continuing education should include: the study of history, historic preservation, or a history-related field. Information and guidelines can be obtained from the JCHS office, 540 Water Street, Port Townsend, 360-385-1003, or by contacting the scholarship committee chair, JoAnn Bussa, 360-301-3628. Donations for the scholarship can also be mailed to the above address.

Attendees will see beautiful Victorian costumes and exquisite vintage period attire from private collections modeled by ladies, gentleman and students from Jefferson County. Particulars on Victorian behavior, social gossip, and activities in historic Port Townsend and Jefferson County will be shared. This year's fashion show will also feature two gowns recreated from two Vintage 1880-81 paper dress patterns that were presented at the Antique Roadshow in Seattle last August.

The fashion show is just one of the many events scheduled during the Victorian Festival. To find a list of all activities and schedules, please go to www.victorianfestival.org.

Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce

by Laura Brakenridge, Media and Events Coordinator

Monday Member Lunch Meetings: 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 555 Otto St., Port Townsend. Lunch served by Subway.

Monday, March 4: Speaker Erica Delma, YMCA.

Monday, March 11: Speaker Port Townsend Mayor David King will give an update on City projects and finances. Sponsored by Lexar Homes.

Monday, March 18: Penelope Partridge, Project Coordinator of the *Felicity Ann* Boat Project, speaks on The Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding. Partnerships with Port Townsend School District, Jefferson County 4H, and Puget Sound Voyaging provide an exciting learning opportunity for local women and girls. Ann Davison sailed *Felicity Ann* across the Atlantic in 1952—the first female solo crossing.

Monday, March 25: Rhody Candidates visit. Christy Spencer queries the new royalty on the process of being a Royalty Candidate, what they feel they gained, and what they are most looking forward to during their year of reign. After each has spoken, the three of them will then ask for questions from their audience as a group. Sponsored by Uptown Nutrition.

Coffee Talks and Socials

Tuesday, March 5: Coffee Talk at The Resort At Port Ludlow (speaker TBD), 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 12: After Hours Mixer, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Puget Sound Express, 227 Jackson St., Port Townsend

Wednesday, March 13: Executive Board Meeting at VIC, 440 12th St. Port Townsend, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 20: Board of Directors Meeting at Peninsula Legal Secretarial Services, 20 Colwell St., Port Hadlock, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 21: Ambassador Meeting at the Uptown Pub and Grill, 1016 Lawrence St., Port Townsend, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27: YPN Meeting (location TBD), 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Jefferson County Chamber Announces Yearly Awards

Will O'Donnell of the Jefferson County Farmer's Market was the recipient of the Young Professional of the Year award. Other nominees were Jordan Eades, Hope Roofing, and Frank DePalma, Toteru Websystems.

Business Leader of the Year went to Dominic Svornich, Chamber Board President. The Citizen of the Year award was shared by Earl and Rena Murman and Kelly and Laurie Liske.

The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce acknowledges excellence in the business community of Jefferson County with its yearly awards program.



Citizen of the Year - Earl and Rena Murman, Kelly and Laurie Liske (Kelly not shown), Shirley Moss (Port Townsend Food Bank & recipient of the award), Gary Kennedy.

Submitted photos



Business Leader of the Year - Dominic Svornich (Chamber Board Pres.), Teresa Verraes (Chamber Ex. Dir.), Charley Kanieski (The Business Guides) recipient of the award, Dana Petrick (Dana Pointe Interiors & Nominee), Steve Rafoth (Enclume Design and nominee).



Young Professional of the Year - Teresa Verraes (Chamber Ex. Director), Will O'Donnell (Jefferson County Farmer's Market) who was the recipient of the award, Jordan Eades (Hope Roofing and nominee), Frank DePalma (Toteru Websystems & nominee), and Dominic Svornich (Chamber Board President).

“And the Winner Is...”

by M.J. McCulloch, Guest Writer

The announcer pauses and a hush falls over the audience as she leans forward to confide into the microphone, “*The One and Only Ivan!*” Cheers erupt as the crowd rises to its feet. Search lights flash and revolve. No, it’s not the Oscars, but rather the announcement of the Newbury Medal, an award for Children’s Literature given by the American Library Association (ALA).

Who knew that when librarians quit hushing people and step from behind their desks, they became so animated. A few weekends ago, I had the opportunity to drop into this unlikely world when I attended the ALA’s Midwinter Meeting at Seattle’s Convention Center. Besides the announcement of many awards for Children’s Literature, there were a myriad of publishers pressing free Advanced Reading Copies into my hands from all sides. Additionally, there were guest speakers such as Caroline Kennedy and a panel discussion moderated by Washington’s own Nancy Pearl, a literary critic and model for the official librarian action figure, whose own books include *Book Lust* and *More Book Lust*.

The ALA meets fairly regularly in Seattle, so if you want an unusual literary experience, take it in next time. In the meantime, go out and buy a Newbury or Caldecott Award book for your grandkids. Not only will they have the treat of a great read, but a portion of the profits go back to the ALA helping this organization continue to foster excellence in literature.

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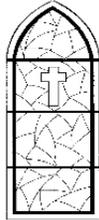
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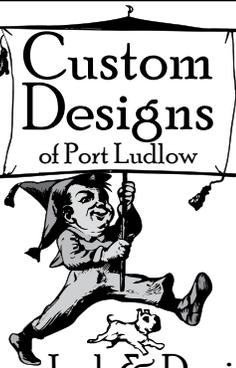
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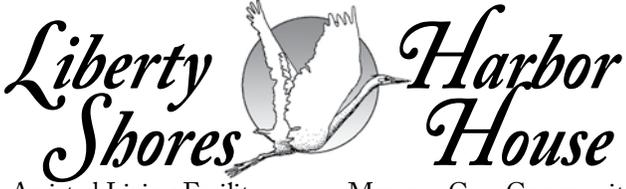
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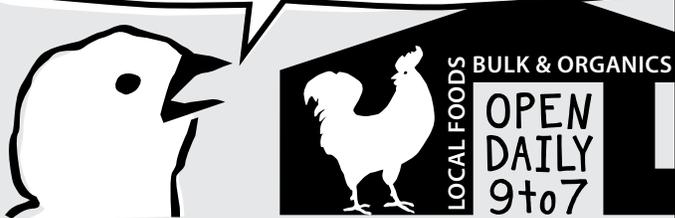


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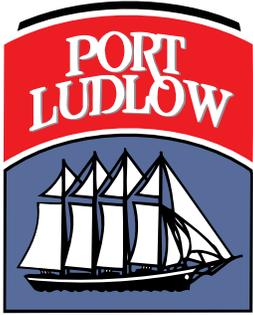
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